



He aha ngā tauira i a Meri Hōhepa? Kua hau kē ōna rongo i te Hāhi Katorika, he wāhine tapu nō te Atua, kua kīa he 'Kahurangi tapu'. He wāhine ngākau atua, e whākatauira mai ana me pēwhea te whai i ngā ākoranga o Hēhu i ūnāianei rangi. Ko ngā kōrero mōna, kua mau i a tātou, he kōrero whakaweawe tonu i a tātou.

Ehara i te mea ko te kimi i tana merikara te pūtake i whakangoto ai a Meri Hōhepa ki ūnāianei rangi, i kaha hoki rānei tōna īnoi mō tātou. Na, ka whakautua tonuhia āna īnoi mō tatou. Kei ngā purutanga kōrero ā ngā Whāea Tapu, ngā taunakitanga e mahia.

Hēoi anō tā tātou ngā pononga o Hēhu, hei tā Meri Hōhepa tauira ki a tātou, me whai i ūna tapuwae Pūaroha, me te tuari i ūna uara, whakaponotanga hoki i ia rā. A tōna wā, ka noho ko tāna aranga hei Hāta, hei whakapaitanga whakamiharo mō tātou, tahi me ngā tini whakapaitanga kua uwhia nei ki runga i a tātou, nānā, nā Meri Hōhepa tonu.

Ināianei, ko te wā i a tātou nō te Atua, he wā īnoi hei whakatutuki tonu i tā te Atua i mea ai kia whakatutuki, hei painga, hei whakatenatenatanga mō ūnāianei rangi, me ngā tāngata o "tēnā whakapono, o tēnā whakapono kore" i Aotearoa nei, i Te Moananui a Kiwa, Ahitereiria me tō tātou ao whānui.

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