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PAPAKŪ MAKAWALU

Aloha e nā Po'e Makawalu,

E makawalu ana 'o Papakū Makawalu iā Māui i Ianuali a me Pepeluali i 2013. E hele mai e hui pū me mākou e kūkākūkā i nā mea huna no kēia kama a Hinaikeahi lāua 'o Akalana. 'O wai lā lāua i hānau i ke keiki kupanaha? We are going to makawalu Māui in January and February in 2013. Come and join us to discuss the mystery of this child of Hinaikeahi and Akalana. Who are they that gave birth to this extraordinary child, we ask?

We are thrilled to present a substantial picture of the oceanic character, known as Māui, sustained throughout generations and through out the Pacific through stories. Māui as presented in stories is an excellent example of makawalu. His stories associate him with the sun, the moon, the stars, and the ocean. He has significant relationships; with his grandmother, the 'alae birds, the pe'ape'a, Kāne and Kanaloa, Kia'iloa, Kia'ipoko and the ocean creature, Pīmo'e and more.

Who is Akalana and what is his relationship to the malo? Yet another topic of discussion. There is also Māui's task of slowing down the sun by way of his grandmother and his relationship to Kāne and Kanaloa. How much of this is political and how much just remnants of childhood frustration? What is his relationship to the luakini type heiau? What are some of the repetitive political cycles known from our dim past? So many other parts to this historic, cultural, political figure!

Māui is much more complicated than is believed in the children stories that we have of him. His mother, Hina, sanctions his relationship with the moon. We all know that Hina is the moon energy what we will find out is the "ahi" part of her name. What does Māui have to do with the lunar calendar? Great discussion and interpretation!

Join us January 19-20 or Feb. 16-17 we promise it will be fun. Please email Leina'ala with your confirmation at leinaala@edithkanakaolefoundation.org as soon as possible. Upon receiving your confirmation we will send you material to read. Mahalo nui! Pualani Kanahēle-Kanaka'ole.