

falls in Battle expects to be eaten,
as it is their universal custom, but
the New Zealanders have not been
known to kill and eat one another
privately, without there had been
some previous injury, meriting that
Punishment, according to their Laws.
Question (10) "What account do the Natives
give of the origin, object & advantages
of eating the flesh of their fellow
Creatures?"

Answer It appears to have originated from
a belief that Mowheeboo, the first
cause of all sacrificed his Son and eat
him. Their object is to satisfy their super-
stitious minds, to appease the Deity
& the ^{manes} names of their departed Friends.
It cannot however be doubted but
that they gratify their appetites & revenge
-ful feelings, at the same time the
custom does not originate in this
gratification, but in superstition.

I am

Dear L. Revd. Sir

Yours faithfully

signed Saml. Marsden

Revd. J. Pratt

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