

his example. The New Zealanders believe that the soul of a Chief when departed from the body becomes a God, and has the power of life and death. They also believe that by eating the flesh, and drinking the blood of the departed Chief his System becomes incorporated into their System and by that means they are secured from all danger from the departed ghost of the dead Chief, and that his Spirit will then take up its residence in their bodies as being part of its former habitation - This is a singular idea and one would be led to think that it had been derived from divine revelation. Our Saviour told the Jews "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him" Their eating human flesh is a part of their religion. The New Zealanders cutting off the heads of the Chiefs their enemies, and collecting them together, is similar to what was done to Ahab's sons when Jehu rebelled against him - They are also very particular in preserving the bones of their Ancestors from generation to generation, to spoil the sepulchre of the dead by carrying away any of their bones, is a very serious crime, and often punished with death, five men were killed when I was in New Zealand in August last for robbing the Sepulchre of a Chief's bones, as already mentioned in my Journal.

The Israelites were very particular about their bones - when Joseph gave commandment concerning his bones before his death, and four hundred years afterwards when the Children of Israel departed from Egypt they took the bones of Joseph with them, that they might perform the oath which Joseph had made them swear unto him before he died.

I now submit the preceding observations to your Candour and Judgment, you will make what use of them you please, I will vouch for their