

As well as a place in the Heavens, the New Zealanders also assign some Mountain at the North Cape for the place of Departed Spirits. Here they say they are engaged in war. Quatera is a Whidooa pi or good spirit. Dahoo is a Whidooa kemo or bad spirit.

The New Zealanders are very much afraid of their Atua. His Attributes are painted out under the most fearful Images. Those natives who have been amongst Englishmen and are acquainted with our Language tell me their Atua is the Devil. It appears they have no notion of the Supreme Being as a God of Good & mercy.

As soon as Quatera was dead the natives called his corpse Atua as they do all other dead people. Whenever we come near a piece of Taboo'd ground and ask the reason why it is Taboo'd, if a person has been buried in it we always receive for an answer Atua lies there.

The remains of Quatera and his wife were laid upon a stage which was erected at a little distance from the spot where they formerly died. The apparel they wore at the time of their decease and the Taboo'd articles were deposited with them. Shungsee enclosed their Tomb with boards & railing. The seven Chiefs who assisted in the above service were all Taboo'd. They durst not to enter in to any of our houses, or to touch any victuals with their hands until the Taboo was taken off.

After the funeral ceremony was over, the two surviving wives of Quatera, his sister, mother in law and uncle were conducted to a hill opposite the door of my Dwelling. They bewailed the loss of Quatera and Dahoo for at least two months. No person was permitted to touch the two wives and sister, Atua would be angry.