

diseases upon the lungs, such as a violent cold which I believe was the cure with Quatana. The natives believe that Atua enters into them ⁱⁿ in the form of a voracious reptile and through unseen prey upon the vitals until the breath is gone. As the Atua descends like a falling star so in time the soul of the deceased ascends and becomes a star in the firmament. Quatana and his wife are to be seen amongst those bright luminaries by and by. The latter reported before she hanged herself that her husband had requested her to come to him. It is common for women to destroy themselves for the sake of their husbands.

As soon as Quatana was dead the natives called his corpse Atua as they do all other dead people. Whenever you come near a piece of Taboo'd ground and ask ~~if~~ ^{of} ~~them~~ 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 Quatana and his wife were laid

(as the natives say one eye of a dead person becomes a star, the other a spirit on Earth)