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man. He too was stubbard but he with'd me to speak  
to him and ventured to take hold of my hand.  
He said he was very much afraid Atua would  
kill him. I endeavoured to explain to him that  
there was one Great Atua who made the universe.  
I could tell him in his own language that all  
men had offended this great Atua and therefore  
all men died. That I should soon die myself  
as well as him, but that the Great Atua had  
so great love for men that he sent his son  
Jesus Christ to save their souls. It was for this  
reason that I and my colleagues spoke so  
much about Jesus Christ. He loved us and if we  
loved him we need never be afraid to die. I added  
that Jesus Christ lived once upon earth. That he  
rose from the dead the third day after his death  
and that he is now in heaven where he will  
receive the spirits of those who love him as  
soon as they die. I also endeavoured to convince  
him of the absurdity of one eye becoming a  
star in the firmament and the other assuming  
a human shape and fighting at the Trayonga  
of Atua or cavern which is at the Three Kings  
which are rocks at the northern extremity of  
New Zealand. Moore listened with attention to  
all I said but could not overcome the prejudice,