

I then remarked that "Tomare" King of Otaheite, at one time, taboed every thing as they did, but he had lately laid aside this absurd, and injurious Custom; and now acted, in this respect, like the white people - yet, God was not angry with him, nor has he caused him, or his people, to die, on that account. - neither will God be angry with the New Zealanders, if they now do the same.

They heard me with apparent surprise, and asked me a number of pertinent questions; which, I answered generally, by stating, what God wished them to do; and what he had forbidden; - That he would be angry with them for stealing, potatoes, pork or any other article, from each other, or from strangers; - for murdering and eating one another; and for seducing wives from their husbands, &c. - There were some of the crimes which would cause God to be angry, and <sup>to</sup> punish them.

They readily admitted the criminality of such acts; - but, believed that our God and their God were very different Beings saying that I might violate their taboos by eating in their houses, cooking at their fires &c. and their God would not punish me; but, He would kill them for my offence. - I then asked them if they knew any thing of the God of Kiperia, or had any direct communication with him? - They replied that they often heard him whistle, in a low note. - I also asked Moodeokow if he, as their priest, had any immediate communication, with their Deity; and he likewise said, that he had heard him whistle; and he, had tried to imitate the note he had heard. -