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Koinei te rongoā!

Kei te mōhio koe i mea a Ihu kāore e tae mai te mutunga kia tae rā anō ka whakapaohohia te rangatiratanga o te Atua ki te ao hei taunakitanga?



"Ka noho tahi hoki te wuruhi me te reme … Kāore rātou e whara, kāore hoki e whakangaro i runga i taku maunga tapu katoa, Nā te mea ka kī te whenua i te mōhiotanga o te Ariki, pēnei i te kapi o ngā wai i te moana." (Ihaia 11:6,9)

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He aha e kore ai e taea e te tangata te whakaoti i āna raruraru?

Kei te mōhio koe ko ngā mea tuatahi me ngā mea whakamutunga i whakaaturia e te Paipera i whakapuaki a Ihu e pā ana ki te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua?

Kei te mōhio koe ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua te kaupapa matua i whakakahaia e ngā āpōtoro me te hunga tuatahi i whai i a rātou?

Ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua te tangata o Ihu? Ko te rangatiratanga o te Atua, ko Ihu e ora ana i tōna oranga i roto i a tātouināianei? He rangatiratanga tūturu ā muri ake nei te Rangatiratanga o te Atua? Ka whakapono koe ki ngā mea e whakaakona ana e te Paipera?

He aha te rangatiratanga? He aha rānei te Rangatiratanga o te Atua? He aha ngā akoranga a te Paipera? He aha ngā akoranga a te hāhi Karaitiana tuatahi?

Kei te mōhio koe kāore e taea te taenga mai o te mutunga kia tae rā anō kia whakapaohotia te Rangatiratanga o te Atua ki te ao hei taunakitanga?

Ko te whakaahua kei te uhi o mua e whakaatu ana i tētahi reme e takoto ana me tētahi wuruhi, i whakaritea e Burdine Printing and Graphics. Ko te whakaahua kei te uhi o muri he wāhanga nō te whare taketake o te Hāhi o te Atua i Ierusalema, i tangohia i te tau 2013 e Dr. Bob Thiel.

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1. He whai rongoā ā te tangata?

Kei te aroaro o te ao ngā raruraru maha.

He nui ngā tāngata e hiakai ana. He nui ngā tāngata e pēhia ana. He nui ngā tāngata e noho rawakore ana. He nui ngā iwi kei te nama taumaha. E pāngia ana ngā tamariki, tae atu ki ngā tamariki kāore anō kia whānau, e te tūkino. E āwangawanga ana ngā tākuta mō ngā mate e aukati ana i ngā rongoā. He tino paru te hau o ngā tāone ahumahi nui, ā, kāore e hauora. E whakatumatuma ana ngā tōrangapū mō te pakanga. Kei te haere tonu ngā whakaeke whakamataku.

Ka taea e ngā kaiārahi o te ao te whakatika i ngā raruraru e pā ana ki te tangata?

He maha e whakaaro ana pēnei.

Mahere Hou mō te Ao Whānui

I te 25 o Hepetema 2015, i muri i te whaikōrero matua a Pōpere Parani nō te Wātikani, ka pōti ngā whenua e 193 o te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu (UN) kia whakatinanahia ngā "17 Whāinga Whanaketanga Toitū" o tētahi kaupapa i tapaina i ētahi wā ko te *Kaupapa Hou ā-Ao*. Anei ngā 17 whāinga a te UN:

> Whāinga 1. Whakamutua te rawakore i ngā āhua katoa puta noa i te ao
>
> Whāinga 2. Whakamutu i te hiakai, whakatutuki i te haumaru kai, whakapai ake i te kai hauora, me te whakatairanga i te ahuwhenua toitū
>
> Whāinga 3. Whakarite kia ora ngā tangata, kia whakatairanga i te oranga mō te katoa i ngā tau katoa
>
> Whāinga 4. Whakarite i te mātauranga kounga, whai wāhi, me te tika, ā, whakatairanga i ngā whai wāhitanga ako mō ake tonu atu mō te katoa

Whāinga 5. Whakatutuki i te ōritetanga ira tāne-wāhine, me te whakamanatanga o ngā wāhine me ngā kōtiro katoa

Whāinga 6. Whakaritea te wātea me te whakahaere toitū o te wai me te haumaru wai mō te katoa

Whāinga 7. Whakarite kia wātea te pūngao utu-iti, pono, toitū, hou hoki mō te katoa

Whāinga 8. Whakatairanga i te tipu ōhanga mau tonu, whakauru, toitū hoki, te mahi whai hua, whai wāhi hoki mō te katoa

Whāinga 9. Whakawhanake hanganga pakari, whakatairanga i te ahumahi whakauru, toitū hoki, me te whakatairanga auahatanga

Whāinga 10. Whakaiti i te kore ōritetanga i roto i ngā whenua me waenga i ngā whenua

Whāinga 11. Hangaia ngā tāone me ngā nohoanga tangata kia whakauru, kia haumaru, kia pakari, kia toitū

Whāinga 12. Whakarite kia toitū ngā tauira whakamahi me te whakaputa

Whāinga 13. Whakahaerehia ngā mahi ohorere hei whawhai i te panonitanga āhuarangi me ōna pānga

Whāinga 14. Tiaki, whakamahia toitū hoki ngā moana, ngā tai me ngā rauemi moana mō te whanaketanga toitū

Whāinga 15. Tiaki, whakahou, whakatairanga hoki i te whakamahinga toitū o ngā pūnaha taiao whenua; whakahaere toitū i ngā ngahere; whawhai i te huringa o te whenua hei koraha; me te aukati, te huri hoki i te pakaru o te whenua, me te aukati i te ngaronga o te kanorau koiora

Whāinga 16. Whakatairanga i ngā hapori rangimārie, whakauru hoki mō te whanaketanga toitū, whakarato i te uru ki te tika mō te katoa, me te hanga i ngā whakahaere whai hua, whai kawenga, whai whakauru hoki i ngā taumata katoa

> Whāinga 17. Whakakaha i ngā huarahi whakatinana, me te whakahou i te hononga ā-ao mō te whanaketanga toitū

Me whakatinanahia katoatia tēnei mahere ā te tau 2030, ā, e kīia ana hoki *ko te Mahere 2030 mō te Whanaketanga Toitū*. Ko tōna whāinga kia whakatau i ngā mate e pā ana ki te tangata mā te whakahaere ture, mā te mātauranga, me te mahi ngātahi ā-ao, ā-whakapono hoki. Ahakoa he pai ngā whāinga maha, he kino ētahi o āna tikanga me ōna whāinga (titiro ki Genesa 3:5). I hāngai hoki tēnei mahere ki te pukapuka whakapono *Laudato Si* a te Pōpere Parani kua mate. I whakaputa hoki a Pōpere Leo XIV i ngā kōrero tautoko i tēnei kaupapa 2030.

Ka taea te kī ko te "Rautaki Ao Hou" te "Rautaki Katorika Hou", nā te mea ko te kupu "catholic" e tohu ana i te "ao whānui". I kī a Pōpere Parani ko te whakaae
o tēnei kaupapa hei "tohu tūmanako nui."

Hei whai ake i te whakaaetanga a te UN, i tū he hui ki Pārihi i Tihema 2015 (i tapaina ā-ture ko *te 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change*). I whakanuia hoki e Pōpere Parani taua whakaaetanga ā-ao, ā, i tohutohu ia i ngā whenua kia āta whai i te ara kei mua, me te kaha haere tonu o te kotahitanga.

I whakaae tata katoa ngā whenua o te ao ki ngā Whakaaetanga o Pārihi, i whai whāinga taiao motuhake me ngā oati pūtea. (I hainatia e te Perehitini o Amerika, a Barack Obama, tētahi tuhinga hei whakapau kaha a Amerika ki tēnei i te tau 2016, engari i te tau 2017, i kī te Perehitini o Amerika, a Donald Trump, kāore a Amerika e whakaae ki ngā whakaaetanga o Pārihi, ā, i tangohia a Amerika i waho. Nā tēnei i puta te riri ā-ao, ā, kua āwhina ki te wehe i a Amerika i a Īropi me ētahi atu wāhanga o te ao.) I kī a Pōpere Parani ka "heke iho" te tangata mēnā kāore ia e whakatinana i āna panonitanga e pā ana ki te āhuarangi.

Ahakoa kāore he tangata e hiahia kia manawa i te hau paru, kia hiakai, kia rawakore, kia mōrearea rānei, ā, pērā atu, ka taea e ngā whakamātau a te tangata ki te whakatutuki i ngā whāinga o te rautaki 2030 a te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu me ngā whakaaetanga o Pārihi te whakaoti i ngā raruraru e pā

ana ki te tangata?

Te Hītori Mahi a te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu

I whakatūria te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu i te 24 o Oketopa 1945, i muri i te Pakanga Tuarua o te Ao, hei aukati i tētahi atu pakanga pēnei, ā, hei whakatairanga i te rangimārie i te ao. I tōna whakatūnga, e 51 ngā whenua mema o te Kotahitanga; ināianei, e 193.

Kua puta ngā rau, mēnā kāore ngā mano, o ngā pakanga puta noa i te ao mai i te whakatūnga o te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu, engari kāore anō kia puta he mea e kīia ana ko te Pakanga o te Ao Tuatoru.

E whakapono ana ētahi, mā te mahi ngātahi ā-ao pērā i tā Te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu e whakatairanga ana, ā, mā te kaupapa whakawhanaungatanga whakapono me te kaupapa kotahitanga ā-hāhi e whakatairangahia ana e te Pōpere Leo XIV me ētahi atu rangatira whakapono, ka kawea mai te rangimārie me te oranga.

Heoi, kāore i pai te hītori o te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu ki te whakatutuki i tēnei. I tua atu i ngā pakanga hōia maha mai i te whakatūnga o te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu, he miriona tāngata e hiakai ana, he manene, ā, he tino rawakore rānei.

I ngā tekau tau ki muri, i whakatūria e te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu *ngā Whāinga Whanaketanga o te Mano Tau*. E waru ngā whāinga whanaketanga, engari kāore i tutuki, ahakoa i runga i ngā kōrero a te Kotahitanga anō. Nō reira, i te tau 2015, i whakaaetia ngā "17 Whāinga Whanaketanga Toitū". E tūmanako ana ētahi. E whakaaro ana ētahi he moemoeā utopia.

Mo te ao tino pai, i te 6 o Mei 2016, i mea a Pōpere Parani i moemoeā ia mō tētahi ao tino pai ā-tangata o Īropi, ā, ka taea e tōna hāhi te āwhina i taua whenua kia eke ki reira. Heoi, ka huri taua moemoeā a te Pōpere hei moemoeā pōuri (titiro ki Te Whakakitenga 18).

Tērā pea ka puta he mahi ngātahi me te angitu, engari …

E ai ki *te Merriam Webster's Dictionary*, ko te utopia he "wāhi whakaaroaro e tino pai ana te kāwanatanga, ngā ture, me ngā āhuatanga pāpori." E whakaako ana te Paipera kāore e taea e te tangata te whakaoti i āna ake raru māna anō:

> [23]E te Ariki, e mōhio ana au ehara i te tangata e whakahaere i tōna ake ara; ehara i te tangata e hikoi ana kia ārahi i ōna ake hikoinga. (Ieremia 10:23, NKJV puta noa mēnā kāore he tohu kē)

E whakaako ana te Paipera ka rahua te mahi ngātahi ā-ao:

> [16] Kei roto i ā rātou ara te whakangaromanga me te pōraruraru; [17] Kāore hoki rātou i mōhio ki te ara o te rangimārie; [18] Kāore he mataku ki te Atua i mua i ō rātou kanohi. (Roma 3:16-18)

Heoi, e tokomaha ana ngā tāngata e whakapau kaha ana ki te whai i tō rātou ake tirohanga mō tētahi hapori tino pai, ā, i ētahi wā ka ngana rātou ki te whakauru i te whakapono. Engari, kāore e hiahiatia ana e te nuinga kia whai i ngā huarahi o te Atua kotahi, o te Atua pono. Ehara i te mea kāore he ahunga whakamua ki ngā whāinga a Te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu, o te Wātikani rānei. Ka puta ētahi ahunga whakamua (ā, he pai hoki ētahi o ngā whāinga), me ētahi hinga anō hoki.

Tūturu ana, ā, tērā pea i muri i tētahi pakanga nui, ka whakaaetia, ka whakapumautia tētahi momo kirimana rangimārie ā-ao (Rāniera 9:27). Ka pērā ana, ka whakapono hē te tokomaha, ka whakapono rātou mā te tangata e whakatū tētahi hapori rangimārie, ā, he ao tino pai.

Ka mauhia te tokomaha e tēnei 'ahunga whakamua utopia' ā-ao (titiro Ehekiera 13:10), me ngā tohu maha me ngā mea whakamīharo (2 Tehalonika 2:9-12). Engari e kī ana te Paipera kāore tērā rangimārie e roa (Rāniera 9:27; 11:31-44), ahakoa ngā kōrero a ngā rangatira (1 Tehalonika 5:3; Ihaia 59:8).

Ko te whakaaro, me kore a Ihu (titiro ki Hoani 15:5; Mataio 24:21-22), ka taea e te tangata te kawe mai i te ao tino pai i roto i tēnei 'ao kino o nāianei', he rongopai teka (Galatia 1:3-10).

Ki te mea kāore te tangata anake e tino āhei ki te whakatū i tētahi ao tino pai, kei te taea rānei tētahi momo ao tino pai?

Āe.

Ka whakapai rawa te rangatiratanga o te Atua i tēnei ao, ā muri ake nei, i te ao mutunga kore.

2. He aha te Rongopai i kauwhautia e Ihu?

E whakaako ana te Paipera ka whakakapi tētahi hapori utopia, e kīia nei ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, i ngā kāwanatanga a te tangata (Rāniera 2:44; Whakakitenga 11:15; 19:1-21).

I te tīmatanga o tana mahi tūmatanui a Ihu, ka tīmata ia ki te kauwhau i te ***rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua***. Anei tā Mareko i pūrongo ai:

> [14]Inaianei, i muri i te mau a Hoani ki te whare herehere, ka tae mai a Ihu ki Kariri, ka kauwhau i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua, [15]ā, ka kī ia, "Kua tutuki te wā, ā, kua tata mai te rangatiratanga o te Atua. Huri mai, whakapono hoki ki te rongopai." (Mareko 1:14-15)

Ko te kupu "gospel" i ahu mai i te kupu Kariki i whakamāoritia hei *euangelion*, ā, ko tōna tikanga ko "karere pai" rānei "rongo pai." I roto i te Kawenata Hou, ka whakahuatia te kupu Ingarihi "kingdom," e pā ana ki te rangatiratanga a te Atua, tata ki te 149 ngā wā i te NKJV, ā, 151 ngā wā i te *Paipera Douay Rheims*. Nō te kupu Kariki i whakamāoritia hei *basileia*, e tohu ana i te mana whakahaere, i te rangatiratanga rānei.

He rangatira ā ngā rangatiratanga ā-tangata, ā, he rangatira hoki ā te rangatiratanga o te Atua (Whakakitenga 17:14), he rohe ā-tinana ā rātou (Whakakitenga 11:15), he ture ā rātou (Ihaia 2:3-4; 30:9), ā, he tangata nō rātou (Ruka 13:29).

Anei te akoranga tuatahi a Ihu i tuhia e Mataio:

> [23] Ka huri a Ihu puta noa i Kariri, e whakaako ana i roto i ā rātou whare karakia, e kauwhau ana i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga, (Mataio 4:23)

Ka tuhi hoki a Mataio:

> [35] Ka huri a Ihu i ngā tāone katoa me ngā kāinga, e whakaako ana i roto i ā rātou whare karakia, e kauwhau ana i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga, (Mataio 9:35)

E whakaatu ana te Kawenata Hou ka rangatira a Ihu mō ake tonu atu:

> [33] Ka rangatira ia ki te whare o Hākopa mō ake tonu atu, ā, kāore he mutunga o tōna rangatiratanga. (Ruka 1:33)

Ka tuhi a Ruka ko te kaupapa i tukuna ai a Ihu he whakapuaki i te rangatiratanga o te Atua. Tirohia ngā mea i whakaakona e Ihu:

> [43] Ka mea ia ki a rātou, "Me kauwhau hoki au i te rangatiratanga o te Atua ki ērā atu tāone; nā te mea i tukuna mai au mō tēnei kaupapa." (Ruka 4:43)

Kua rongo koe i tērā kōrero i te kauwhau? I mōhio rānei koe ko te kaupapa i tukuna ai a Ihu kia kauwhau i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua?

Ka tuhi hoki a Ruka i te haere *a* Ihu ki te kauwhau i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [10] Ka hoki mai ngā apōtoro, ka kōrero atu ki a ia mō ngā mea katoa i mahia e rātou. Ka tango ia i a rātou, ka wehe motuhake ki tētahi wāhi mokemoke nō te tāone e kīia nei ko Petāirā. [11] Engari i te mōhio o te hunga maha, ka whai i a ia; ka whiwhi ia i a rātou, ka kōrero atu ki a rātou mō te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ruka 9:10-11)

I whakaako a Ihu me waiho te Rangatiratanga o te Atua hei mea matua mō te hunga e whai ana i a Ia:

> [33]Engari rapua tuatahi te rangatiratanga o te Atua me tana tika, (Mataio 6:33)

> [31]Engari rapua te rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, ka tāpiritia ēnei mea katoa ki a koutou. [32]Kaua e mataku, e te rōpū iti, nō te mea kua pai ki tō koutou Matua kia hoatu ki a koutou te rangatiratanga. (Ruka 12:31-32)

Me rapu tuatahi e ngā Karaitiana te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Ka mahia tēnei mā te whakarite i tēnei hei mea matua, mā te noho pēnei i te hiahia a te Karaiti kia noho ai rātou, ā, mā te titiro whakamua ki tōna hokinga mai

me tōna rangatiratanga. Heoi, kāore te nuinga o te hunga e kī ana he Karaitiana e rapu tuatahi ana i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua; kāore hoki rātou e mōhio he aha tērā. He tokomaha hoki e whakapono hē ana ko te whai wāhi ki ngā tōrangapū o te ao he mea e hiahiatia ana e te Atua i ngā Karaitiana. Mā te kore e mārama ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua, kāore rātou

e ora ināianei i te huarahi e tika ana, kāore rānei e mārama he aha te take i tino hē ai te tangata.

Me mōhio hoki ka hoatu te rangatiratanga ki tētahi ropū iti (titiro ki Roma 11:5). Me whai whakaiti kia hiahia koe kia wāhanga o te ropū iti tūturu.

Kāore anō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua kia whakatūria ki runga i te whenua

I whakaako a Ihu kia inoi āna kaiwhai kia tae mai te rangatiratanga, nō reira kāore anō kia riro mā rātou:

> [9] E tō mātou Matua kei te rangi, kia tapu tō ingoa. 10 Kia tae mai tō rangatiratanga. Kia tutuki tō hiahia (Mataio 6:9-10)

I tukuna e Ihu āna ākonga kia kauwhau i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [1] Nāna i karanga ōna tekau mā rua ākonga, ā, i hoatu ki a rātou te mana me te mana whakahaere ki ngā wairua kino katoa, me te whakaora i ngā mate. [2] I tukuna rātou kia kauwhau i te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ruka 9:1-2)

I whakaako a Ihu ehara i tōna noho anake i te rangatiratanga, nā te mea kāore i whakatūria te rangatiratanga ki runga i te whenua i taua wā, ā, koia hoki te take i kore ai ia i whakakore i ngā wairua kino i runga i tōna ingoa i taua wā:

> [28]Engari, ki te pana atu ahau i ngā wairua kino mā te Wairua o te Atua, kua tae mai rā te rangatiratanga o te Atua ki a koutou. (Mataio 12:28)

Kei te heke mai te rangatiratanga tūturu—ehara i te mea ināianei, pēnei i whakaaturia e Mareko:

> [47] Ā, mehemea mā tō kanohi koe e whakaraerae, tangohia atu. He pai ake māu kia tomo ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua me tētahi kanohi, kaua e rua ngā kanohi, kia whiua … (Mareko 9:47)

> [23] Ka titiro a Ihu huri noa, ka mea ki āna ākonga, "He uaua rawa mō te hunga whai rawa kia uru ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua!" [24] Ka mīharo ngā ākonga ki āna kupu. Engari ka whakahoki anō a Ihu ki a rātou, ka mea, "E aku tamariki, he uaua rawa mō te hunga e whakawhirinaki ana ki ngā rawa kia uru ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua! [25]He māmā ake mō tētahi kamela te haere i te kohao o te ngira, i tētahi tangata whai rawa kia uru ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua." (Mareko 10:23-25)

> [25] Ka mea pono atu ahau ki a koutou, kāore au e inu anō i te hua o te waina kia tae rā anō ki te rā ka inu hou au i taua mea i roto i te rangatiratanga o te Atua." (Mareko 14:25)

> [43] Ka tae mai a Hōsepa nō Arimathea, he rangatira o te kaunihera, e tatari ana hoki ia mō te rangatiratanga a te Atua, ā, ka kaha tōna māia … (Mareko 15:43)

I whakaako a Ihu kāore te rangatiratanga i tēnei aoināianei:

> [36]Ka whakahoki a Ihu, "Ehara taku rangatiratanga i tēnei ao. Ki te mea nō tēnei ao taku rangatiratanga, ka whawhai aku kaimahi, kia kore ai ahau e tukuna ki ngā Hurai; engariināianei, ehara taku rangatiratanga i konei." (Hoani 18:36)

I whakaako a Ihu ka tae mai te rangatiratanga i muri i tōna hokinga mai hei Kingi:

> [31]Ka tae mai te Tama a te Tangata i roto i tōna korōria, ā, ka tae mai ngā anahera tapu katoa me ia; ā, ka noho ia ki runga i te torona o tōna korōria. [32]Ka kohia ngā iwi katoa ki mua i a ia, ā, ka wehe ia i a rātou, pērā i te kaiwhēkere e wehe ana i āna hipi i ngā koti. [33]Ka whakatūria e ia ngā hipi ki tōna ringa matau, engari ka whakatūria ngā koti ki tōna ringa mauī. [34] Ka mea te Kīngi ki ērā kei tōna ringa matau, 'Haere mai, e koutou kua manaakitia e taku Matua, tuku

> iho i te rangatiratanga i whakaritea mō koutou i te tīmatanga o te ao.' (Mataio 25:31-34)

Kāore te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i konei, nō reira kāore tātou e kite i tētahi ao tino pai kia oti ra ano tōna whakatū. Nā te mea kāore te nuinga e mārama ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua, kāore rātou e mōhio me pēhea te mahi a tōna kāwanatanga aroha.

E kore te Rangatiratanga o te Atua e tae mai "kia kī katoa te hunga nō ngā iwi kē" (Roma 11:25)—ā, kāore anō tēnei kia puta.

He aha tā Ihu i kī ai mō te āhua o te rangatiratanga?

I whakarato a Ihu i ētahi whakamārama mō te āhua o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [26]Ka mea ia, "Ko te rangatiratanga o te Atua he rite ki tētahi tangata e rui ana i ngā kākano ki te whenua, [27]e moe ana ia i te pō, e ara ana ia i te ao, ā, ka pua, ka tipu ngā kākano, kāore ia e mōhio ana me pēhea. [28] Nā te mea ka hua a-aunoa te whenua: tuatahi te pū, katahi te upoko, ā muri ake ko te kākano katoa i te upoko. [29] Engari ka pakeke te kākano , ka whakanoho tonu ia i te toronaihi, nā te mea kua tae te wā o te kohi." (Mareko 4:26-29)

> [18]Ka mea anō ia, "He pēhea te rangatiratanga o te Atua? Ā, ki hea rānei ka whakatairite au i a ia? [19]He rite ia ki tētahi kākano pua nani, i tangohia e tētahi tangata, ka whakatō ki tōna māra; ā, ka tupu hei rākau nui, ka noho ngā manu o te rangi i ōna peka." [20] Ka mea anō ia, "He aha te āhua o te rangatiratanga o te Atua? Ka whakataurite au ki te aha? [21] He rite ki te rēwena, i tangohia e tētahi wahine, ā, i huna ki roto i ngā mehua paraoa e toru, kia rēwenatia katoa." (Ruka 13:18-21)

E tohu ana ēnei kōrero whakatairite, i te tuatahi he iti rawa te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, engari ka tipu hei nui—ā, ka whakahaere i te ao mutunga kore.

I tuhi anō a Ruka:

> [29]Ka haere mai rātou i te rawhiti, i te uru, i te raki, i te tonga, ā, ka noho i te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ruka 13:29)

Nā reira, ka whai tangata te Rangatiratanga o te Atua nō ngā pito katoa o te ao. Kāore e herea ki te hunga nō te uri Iharaira, ki ētahi rōpū iwi rānei. Ka noho ngā tāngata nō ngā pito katoa ki roto i tēnei rangatiratanga.

Ruka 17 me te Rangatiratanga

Ka whakararuraru i ētahi te Ruka 17:20-21. Engari i mua i tō tātou haere ki reira, tirohia ka kai tūturu ngā tāngata i roto i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [15] "Ka hari te tangata ka kai parāoa i te rangatiratanga o te Atua!" (Ruka 14:15)

Nā te mea ka kai ngā tāngata (ā muri ake nei) i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, ehara tēnei i te mea kua waiho hei mea motuhake i roto i ō rātou ngākauināianei, ahakoa ngā whakamāoritanga hē me ngā māharatanga hē o Ruka 17:21 e tohu ana i tētahi atu āhua.

Ka āwhina pea te whakamāoritanga AFV o Ruka 17:20-21 i ētahi kia mārama:

> [20] Ina pātai a ngā Parīhi ki a Ia mō te wā ka tae mai ai te rangatiratanga o te Atua, ka whakahoki Ia ki a rātou, ka mea, "Ehara i te mea ka tae mai te rangatiratanga o te Atua mā te tirohanga; [21] Kāore hoki rātou e kī, 'Nā, kei konei!' rānei, 'Nā, kei reira!' rānei. Nā, kei waenganui i a koutou te rangatiratanga o te Atua." (Ruka 17:20-21, AFV; tirohia hoki ngā whakamāoritanga NASB me ESV)

Titiro, i kōrero a Ihu ki ngā Parīhi kāore i huri, he tangata ā-tinana, he teka hoki. Ka "whakautu atu a Ihu ki a rātou" — nā ngā Parīhi i ui i te pātai ki a Ihu. Kāore rātou i whakaae ki a Ia.

I roto rānei rātou i te HĀHI? Kāo!

Ehara hoki i te mea i kōrero a Ihu mō tētahi hāhi ka whakatūria ākuanei. Kāore hoki ia i kōrero mō ngā kare ā-roto i roto i te hinengaro, i te ngākau rānei.

I kōrero a Ihu mō tana rangatiratanga! Kāore ngā Parīhi i ui atu ki a ia mō tētahi hāhi. Kāore rātou i mōhio ki tētahi hāhi o te Kawenata Hou e tīmata wawe ana. Kāore rātou i ui mō tētahi momo kare ā-roto ātaahua.

Ki te whakaaro tētahi he HĀHI te Rangatiratanga o te Atua — ā, i roto i ngā Parīhi te Rangatiratanga o te Atua — i roto rānei te HĀHI i ngā Parīhi? Kāore rawa!

He tino pōrangi tērā whakatau, nē rā? Ahakoa ka whakamāoritia e ētahi whakamāoritanga Protestanata tētahi wāhanga o Ruka 17:21 hei "kei roto i a koutou te rangatiratanga o te Atua" (NKJV/KJV), ka whakamāoritia tika e te *Paipera* o Roma Katorika *o Ierusalema Hou* hei "kei waenganui i a koutou te rangatiratanga o te Atua."

Ko Ihu te tangata i waenganui i ngā Parīhi—ko Ia te mea ka riro hei Kingi mō taua Rangatiratanga. Ināianei, i whakaaro ngā Parīhi e tatari ana rātou ki te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Engari i hē tō rātou mārama ki taua mea. I whakamārama a Ihu kāore taua Rangatiratanga e noho hei rangatiratanga ā-rohe, hei rangatiratanga herea mō ngā Iharaira anake, pēnei i tō rātou whakaaro (kāore hoki hei hāhi, pēnei i te whakapono a ētahi i ēnei rā). Ehara i te mea ka noho anake te Rangatiratanga a te Atua hei kotahi o ngā rangatiratanga maha a te tangata, e kitea ana e te kanohi, ā, ka taea e te tangata te tohu, te kī rānei, "Anei rā, kei konei" rānei "ko tērā te Rangatiratanga, kei tua atu."

Ko Ihu anō i whānau hei KINGI o taua Rangatiratanga, pēnei i tana kī mārama ki a Pirato (Hoani 18:36-37). Me mōhio, he maha ngā wā ka whakamahia ngā kupu 'kingi' me 'rangatiratanga' e te Paipera hei whakakapi i tētahi ki tētahi (hei tauira, Rāniera 7:17-18, 23). Ko te KINGI o te rangatiratanga a te Atua ā muri ake nei i tū i reira i te taha o ngā Parīhi o Perea. Engari kāore rātou i mōhio ki a Ia hei kingi mā rātou (Hoani 19:21). Ka hoki mai Ia, ka whakakahore te ao i a Ia (Te Whakakitenga 19:19).

Ka haere tonu a Ihu, i ngā rerenga e whai ake nei i roto i Ruka 17, ki te whakamārama i tōna hokinga mai tuarua, ā, ka rangatira te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i te ao katoa (e whakamahi ana i te whakamāoritanga a Moffatt):

> [22]Ka mea ia ki āna ākonga, 'Ka tae ngā rā ka hiahia nui koutou kia kite i tētahi rā o te Tama a te tangata, engari kāore e taea.' [(23)]Ka mea ngā tāngata, 'Anei ia!' 'Tirohia, kei konei!' 'Tirohia, kei reira!' engari kaua e puta, kaua hoki e oma ki muri i a rātou. [(24)] nō te mea, pēnei i te uira e whiti ana i tētahi pito o te rangi ki tētahi atu pito, ka pēnei hoki te Tama a te Tangata i tōna ake rā. [25] Engari me mamae nui ia i mua, ā, me whakakahore ia e tēnei whakatupuranga. (Ruka 17:22-25, Moffatt)

I kōrero a Ihu mō te whiti o te uira, pērā i roto i Mataio 24:27-31, e whakaahua ana i tōna hokinga tuarua hei rangatira i te ao katoa. Ehara i te mea e kī ana a Ihu kāore āna tāngata e kite i a ia ina hoki mai ia—ka kite rātou (titiro ki Ngā Mahi 1:11).

Heoi, kāore te nuinga o te tangata e mōhio ki a Ia hei KINGI mā rātou (Whakakitenga 11:15) ā, ka whawhai ki a Ia (Whakakitenga 19:19)! Ka whakaaro te tokomaha he Antikaraiti a Ihu. Ehara i te mea i kī a Ihu kei roto i aua Parīhi te Rangatiratanga o te Atua—i kī atu ia ki a rātou i ētahi atu wā kāore rātou e uru ki te Rangatiratanga nā tō rātou teka (Mataio 23:13-14). Ehara hoki i te mea i kī a Ihu ko te Hāhi te Rangatiratanga.

Ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua he mea ka taea e te tangata te uru ki reira ā tētahi rā — pērā i te aranga o te hunga tika! Heoi, kāore anō a Āperehama me ērā atu kaumātua i tae atu ki reira (titiro ki Hiperu 11:13-40).

I mōhio ngā ākonga kāore te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i roto i a rātou ake i taua wā, ā, me puta mai i runga i ngā āhuatanga e whai ake nei, e whakaatu ana i muri i Ruka 17:21:

> [11] Ina rongo rātou i ēnei kōrero, ka kōrero anō ia i tētahi kōrero whakatairite, nā te mea i tata ia ki Ierusalema, ā, i whakaaro rātou ka puta wawe te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ruka 19:11)

I te ao kei te heke mai te Rangatiratanga

Me pēhea koe e mōhio ai kei te tata te Rangatiratanga? Hei wāhanga o te whakautu i taua pātai, i rārangi a Ihu i ngā kaupapa matakite (Ruka 21:8-28), ā, ka whakaako ia:

> [29] Tirohia te rākau piki, me ngā rākau katoa. [30] Ka pua ake rānei, ka kite koutou, ka mōhio māu anō kua tata te raumati. [31] Waihoki, **ka kite koutou i ēnei mea e puta ana, kia mōhio koutou kua tata te rangatiratanga o te Atua.** (Ruka 21:29-31)

I hiahia a Ihu kia whai āna tāngata i ngā kaupapa matakite kia mōhio ai rātou āhea ka tae mai te Rangatiratanga a te Atua. I ētahi atu wā, i mea a Ihu ki āna tāngata kia mataara, kia aro hoki ki ngā kaupapa matakite (Ruka 21:36; Mareko 13:33-37). Ahakoa ngā kupu a Ihu, he tokomaha kāore e aro ana ki ngā kaupapa matakite e hono ana ki ngā āhuatanga o te ao.

I roto i Ruka 22 me 23, i whakaatu anō a Ihu ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua he mea ka tutuki ā muri ake nei i a ia e whakaako ana:

> [15] "Nāku nei i tino hiahia kia kai tēnei Kapenga me koutou i mua i taku mamae; [16] nōku nei e kī ana ki a koutou, kāore au e kai anō i tēnei kia tutuki ai i te rangatiratanga o te Atua." [17] Ka tango ia i te kapu, ka whakawhetai, ka mea, "Tangohia tēnei, ā, wehea ki a koutou; [18] nōku nei te kī atu ki a koutou, kāore au e inu i te hua o te waina kia tae rā anō te rangatiratanga o te Atua." (Ruka 22:15-18)

> [39] Engari ko tētahi o ngā tangata kino i whakakīngia ki te rīpeka i tōna taha i whakaparahako ki a ia, ā, ka mea, "Ki te mea ko koe te Karaiti, whakaora i a koe anō, ā, whakaora hoki i a mātou." [40]Ka whakahē tōna hoa i a ia, ka mea ki a ia, "Kāore rānei koe e mataku ki te Atua? Kei roto hoki koe i te whakawā tahi me ia. [41]Ko mātou nei, e tika ana mō mātou, nā te mea ka whakahokia ki a mātou ngā hua o ā mātou mahi; engari kāore he hē i mahia e tēnei tangata." [42]Ka mea ia ki a Ihu, "E tōku Ariki, kia mahara mai ki ahau ina tae koe ki tō rangatiratanga." [43]Ka mea atu a Ihu ki a ia, "Amen, ka mea atu au ki a koe, i tēnei rā ka noho koe ki Pararaiha me au." (Ruka 23:39–43, Aramaic in Plain English)

Kāore i tae mai te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i te wā tonu i patua ai a Ihu, pērā i tā Mareko me Ruka e whakaatu mai ana:

> [43] Ka haere mai a Hohepa nō Arimathea, he rangatira o te kaunihera, e tatari ana hoki ia mō te rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, ka kaha tōna ngākau … (Mareko 15:43)

> [51] Nō Arimathea ia, he tāone o ngā Hurai, ā, ia anō hoki e tatari ana mō te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ruka 23:51)

He muri i te aranga ake (1 Koriniti 15:50-55) ka whānau anō ngā Karaitiana kia uru ki te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, pēnei i tuhia e Hoani:

> [3]Ka whakahoki a Ihu ki a ia, "Tūturu, tūturu, e mea ana au ki a koe, mehemea kāore tētahi tangata i whānau anō, kāore ia e kite i te rangatiratanga o te Atua." [4] Ka mea atu a Nikodemo ki a ia, "Ka pēhea te tangata, kua pakeke, e whānau anō ai? Ka taea anō e ia te tomo ki roto i te kopu o tōna whaea kia whānau ai?" [5] Ka whakahoki a Ihu, "E mea pono ana ahau ki a koe, mehemea kāore tētahi e whānau i te wai, i te Wairua hoki, kāore ia e taea te tomo ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Hoani 3:3-5)

Ko te hunga a te Atua anake ka kite i te rangatiratanga whakamutunga o te Atua i muri i te mano tau.

Nāianei, kia mārama hoki koutou, i muri i te aranga ake o Ihu, i whakaako anō ia mō te rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [3]I whakaatu anō ia i a ia e ora ana i muri i tana mamae mā ngā taunakitanga maha kāore e taea te whakakē, i kitea ai ia e rātou i roto i ngā rā e whā tekau, ā, i kōrero mō ngā mea e pā ana ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ngā Mahi 1:3)

Ko ngā kauwhau tuatahi me ngā kauwhau whakamutunga i tukuna e Ihu e pā ana ki te Rangatiratanga o te Atua! I tae mai a Ihu hei karere ki te whakaako mō taua Rangatiratanga.

I whakahau hoki a Ihu i te Apotoro Hoani kia tuhi mō te rangatiratanga mano tau a te Atua e noho ai ki runga i te whenua. Tirohia ngā mea i whakahau ai ia kia tuhia e Hoani:

> [4] I kite ahau i ngā wairua o te hunga i tapahia ō rātou upoko mō tō rātou whakapuaki i a Ihu, mō te kupu a te Atua hoki; kāore rātou i whakamoemiti ki te kararehe, ki tōna whakairo rānei, kāore hoki i whiwhi i tana tohu ki ō rātou uru, ki ō rātou ringa rānei. Ka ora rātou, ka rangatira tahi me te Karaiti mō te mano tau. (Te Whakakitenga 20:4)

I whakaako ngā Karaitiana tuatahi ka noho te Rangatiratanga o te Atua mō te mano tau ki runga i te whenua, ā, ka whakakapi i ngā kāwanatanga o te ao, pēnei i ngā akoranga o te Paipera (titiro ki Te Whakakitenga 5:10, 11:15).

He aha, mēnā he tino hira te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, kāore te nuinga i rongo nui mōna?

He wāhanga nā te mea i kī a Ihu he mea ngaro:

> [11]Ka mea atu ia ki a rātou, 'Kua hoatu ki a koutou te mōhio ki te mea huna o te rangatiratanga o te Atua; engari ki te hunga ke, ka puta ngā mea katoa i roto i ngā whakataukī. (Mareko 4:11)

Ahakoa i ēnei rā, he mea ngaro tonu te Rangatiratanga tūturu a te Atua ki te nuinga, pērā hoki i te nuinga o te mahere a te Atua (tirohia hoki tā mātou pukapuka kore utu, kei te ipurangi i www.ccog.org, e kīia nei: Te MEA NGARO o te MAHERE A TE ATUA He aha i waihanga ai te Atua i ngā mea katoa? He aha i hanga ai e te Atua koe?).

Me whakaaro hoki, i mea a Ihu ka tae mai te mutunga (o te ao) i muri tata iho i te whakapaoho i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga puta noa i te ao hei taunakitanga:

> [14] Ka kauwhautia tēnei rongopai o te rangatiratanga puta noa i te ao hei taunakitanga ki ngā iwi katoa, ā, ka mutu, ka tae mai te mutunga. (Mataio 24:14)

He mea nui te whakapuaki i te rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, me tutuki **i ēnei rā whakamutunga**. He "rongopai" tēnei, nā te mea e tuku ana i te tūmanako tūturu mō ngā kino o te tangata, ahakoa ngā mea e whakaakona ana e ngā rangatira tōrangapū.

Ki te whakaaroaro koe ki ngā kupu a Ihu, ka mārama he tika kia whakapuakina e te hāhi Karaitiana tūturu te rongopai o te rangatiratanga ināianei. Me tū tēnei hei kaupapa matua mō te Hāhi. Ā, kia tika ai tēnei mahi, me whakamahi i ngā reo maha. Koinei te whāinga a te Hāhi o te Atua e Haere Tonu Ana. Koia hoki te take i whakamāoritia ai tēnei pukapuka ki ngā reo maha.

I whakaako a Ihu kāore te nuinga e whakaae ki tōna huarahi:

> [13] "Haere mā te kuaha whaiti; nō te mea he whānui te kuaha, he whānui hoki te ara e arahi ana ki te whakangaromanga, he tokomaha hoki ngā tāngata e haere ana mā reira. [14] Nō te mea he whaiti te kuaha, he uaua hoki te ara e arahi ana ki te ora, he tokoiti hoki ngā tāngata e kite ana i taua ara." (Mataio 7:13-14)

Ko te rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua e arahi ana ki te ora!

He mea whakamīharo pea kia mōhio, ahakoa kāore te nuinga o ngā Karaitiana e whakapono ana e mōhio ana ki te whakaaro i aro nui a Karaiti ki te kauwhau i te rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, kua mārama ngā tohunga whakapono kore-hāhi me ngā kaihītori i te nuinga o te wā koinei tonu te mea e whakaakona ana e te Paipera.

Heoi, i tūmanako a Ihu anō kia whakaako āna ākonga i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua (Ruka 9:2,60). Nā te mea ka tū te rangatiratanga ā muri ake nei i runga i ngā ture a te Atua, ka kawe mai i te rangimārie me te oranga—ā, mā te whakarongo ki ēnei ture i tēnei ao e arahi ana ki te rangimārie tūturu (Waiata 119:165,172; Ēpēha 2:15).

Ā, i mōhiotia tēnei rongo pai o te rangatiratanga i roto i ngā tuhinga o te Kawenata Tawhito.

3. I mōhiotia te Rangatiratanga i roto i te Kawenata Tawhito?

Ko te kauwhau tuatahi, ko te kauwhau whakamutunga hoki i tuhia mō Ihu, he pāpāho i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua (Mareko 1:14-15; Ngā Mahi 1:3).

Ko te rangatiratanga a te Atua he mea i tika kia mōhio ai ngā Hurai i te wā o Ihu, nā te mea i whakahuatia i roto i ā rātou tuhinga tapu, arā ko te Kawenata Tawhito e kīia nei e tātou ināianei.

I akona e Rāniera mō te Rangatiratanga

I tuhi te poropiti Rāniera:

> [40] Ā, ko te rangatiratanga tuawhā ka kaha pērā i te rino, nā te mea ka pakaru te rino, ka whakangaro i ngā mea katoa; ā, pērā i te rino e whakangaro ana, ka pakaru taua rangatiratanga, ka whakangaro i ngā rangatiratanga katoa. [41] I a koe i kite ai i ngā waewae me ngā maihao, he wāhanga nō te onepu kohua, he wāhanga nō te rino; ka wehea te rangatiratanga; heoi anō, ka mau tonu te kaha o te rino ki roto i a ia, pēnei i tō kitenga i te rino e whakauru ana ki te onepu kohua. [42] Ā, pēnei i ngā maihao o ngā waewae, he wāhanga nō te rino, he wāhanga nō te onepu kohua, ka pērā hoki te rangatiratanga: he wāhanga kaha, he wāhanga ngoikore. [43] I a koe i kite ai i te rino e whakauru ana ki te onepu paraoa, ka whakauru rātou ki te kākano o te tangata; engari kāore rātou e piri tahi, pēnei i te kore e whakauru ana te rino ki te onepu paraoa. [44] Ā, i ngā rā o ēnei rangatira, ka whakatū te Atua o te rangi i tētahi rangatiratanga kāore e whakangaromia; ā, kāore taua rangatiratanga e waiho ki ētahi atu iwi; ka pakaru, ka ngau i ēnei rangatiratanga katoa, ā, ka tū mō ake tonu atu. (Rāniera 2:40-44)

> [18] Engari ka riro i ngā tapu o te Runga Rawa te rangatiratanga, ā, ka puritia e rātou te rangatiratanga ake tonu atu, āke tonu atu.' (Rāniera 7:18)

> [21] "I aroturuki au; ā, ko taua pūwai kotahi i whawhai ki ngā tapu, ā, i toa ki a rātou, [22] kia tae rā anō ki te taenga mai o te Tawhito o ngā Rā, ā, ka whakawāhia mō ngā tapu o te Runga Rawa, ā, ka tae te wā kia riro i a rātou te rangatiratanga." (Rāniera 7:21-22)

Mai i a Rāniera, ka ako tātou ka tae te wā ka whakangaro te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i ngā rangatiratanga o tēnei ao, ā, ka mau tonu mō ake tonu atu. Ka ako hoki tātou ka whai wāhi ngā tapu ki te whiwhi i tēnei rangatiratanga.

He maha ngā wāhanga o ngā matakite a Rāniera hei mō tō tātou wā i te rautau rua tekau mā tahi.

Tirohia ētahi wāhanga nō te Kawenata Hou:

> [12] "Ko ngā haona tekau i kitea e koe he tekau ngā kingi kāore anō kia whiwhi rangatiratanga, engari ka whiwhi mana mō tētahi haora hei kingi me te kararehe. [13]He kotahi te hinengaro o ēnei, ā, ka hoatu e rātou tō rātou mana me tō rātou mana ki te kararehe. [14]Ka whawhai ēnei ki te Reme, ā, ka toa te Reme ki a rātou; nō te mea ko Ia te Ariki o ngā ariki, ko te Kingi o ngā kingi; ā, ko te hunga kei a Ia, kua karangahia, kua tīpakohia, kua pono." (Te Whakakitenga 17:12-14)

Nā reira, ka kitea e tātou i roto i te Kawenata Tawhito me te Kawenata Hou te ariā ka whai he rangatiratanga ā-ao i te mutunga o te wā, he tekau ngā wāhanga, ā, ka whakangaro a te Atua i taua rangatiratanga, ka whakatū i tōna ake rangatiratanga.

Ngā Akoranga a Ihaia mō te Rangatiratanga

I whakahihiko a te Atua i a Ihaia ki te tuhi mō te wāhanga tuatahi o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, te rangatiratanga mano tau e mōhiotia ana ko te mano tau, pēnei:

> [1]Ka puta mai he rākau i te pakiaka o Iese, ā, ka tupu mai he peka i ōna pakiaka. [2]Ka tau te Wairua o te Ariki ki runga i a ia; te Wairua o te mātauranga me te mōhio, te Wairua o te tohutohu me te kaha, te Wairua o te mātauranga me te wehi ki te Ariki.

[3] Ko te mataku ki te Ariki tōna harikoa, ā, kāore ia e whakawā i runga i te tirohanga o ōna whatu, kāore hoki ia e whakatau i runga i te whakarongo o ōna taringa; [4] Engari mā te tika ia e whakawā i te hunga rawakore, ā, mā te pono ia e whakatau

mō te hunga māhaki o te whenua; ka patu ia i te whenua ki te tokotoko o tōna waha, ā, mā te manawa o ōna ngutu ka whakamate ia i te hunga kino. [5]Ko te tika hei pae hope māna, ā, ko te pono hei pae puku māna.

[6]Ka noho tahi hoki te wuruhi me te reme; ka takoto tahi te reparo me te koti; ka noho tahi te pēpi kau me te raiona taitamariki me te pēpi hipi; ā, ka ārahi i a rātou tētahi tamaiti iti. [7]Ka kai ngatahi te kau me te pea; ka takoto tahi ā rātou pēpi; ā, ka kai raupō te raiona, pēnei i te kau. [8]Ka tākaro te pēpi e whāngai ana i te kohao o te ahipi, ā, ka whakauru te tamaiti kua wehe i te u ki tōna ringa ki roto i te rua o te nakahi paitini. [9]Kāore rātou e whara, e whakangaro rānei i runga i taku maunga tapu katoa, nō te mea ka kī te whenua i te mōhiotanga o te Ariki, pēnei i te kapi o ngā wai i te moana.

[10] "Ā, i taua rā ka puta he pakiaka nō Iese, hei haki mā ngā iwi; nō te mea ka rapu ngā Tauiwi i a Ia, ā, he kororia tōna wāhi noho." (Ihaia 11:1-10)

Ko te take i kī ai au he wāhanga tuatahi, he wāhanga tuatahi rānei tēnei o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, nā te mea he wā ā-tinana tēnei (i mua i te heke mai o te tāone tapu, o Ierusalema Hou, i te rangi, Whakakitenga 21) ā, ka roa kia kotahi mano tau. I whakau a Ihaia i te āhua ā-tinana o tēnei wāhanga i a ia e kī ana:

[11]Ka puta i taua rā, ka toro anō te Ariki i tōna ringa hei tuarua, kia whakahokia mai te toenga o tana iwi kua mahue, nō Ahia me Īhipa, nō Pātoro me Kūha, nō Ērāma me Shinara, nō Hamata me ngā moutere o te moana.

[12]Ka whakatū ia i tētahi haki mō ngā iwi, ā, ka kohi ia i ngā tāngata i whakawātea o Iharaira, ā, ka whakakotahi i ngā tāngata i whakawātea o Hura mai i ngā pito e whā o te ao. [13]Ka ngaro hoki

te hiahia kino o Eparaima, ā, ka tapahia ngā hoariri o Hura; kāore a Eparaima e hiahia kino ki a Hura, ā, kāore a Hura e whakawhiu ki a Eparaima. [14]Engari ka rere iho rātou ki runga i te pokohiwi o ngā Pirihitini ki te uru; ka rūrū tahi rātou i ngā tāngata o te Rāwhiti; ka whakanoho rātou i ō rātou ringa ki runga i a Ētoma me Moāpi; ā, ka whakarongo ki a rātou ngā tāngata o Āmona. [15]Ka whakangaro tūturu te Ariki i te arero o te Moana o Īhipa; Mā tōna hau kaha ka wiri ia i tōna ringa ki runga i te awa, ā, ka patu ia i ngā awa e whitu, ā, ka whakawhiti ngā tāngata i runga i te whenua maroke. [16]Ka puta he huarahi mō te toenga o tōna iwi, ko te hunga ka toe mai i Ahia, pēnei i puta mō Iharaira i te rā i piki ake ai ia i te whenua o Īhipa. (Ihaia 11:11-16)

I whakahihiko hoki a Ihaia ki te tuhi:

[2] Ka puta i ngā rā whakamutunga, ka tū te maunga o te whare o te Ariki ki runga rawa i ngā maunga, ka hiki ake i ngā puke; ā, ka rere ngā iwi katoa ki reira. [3] Ka haere mai te tokomaha, ka mea, "Haere mai, kia eke tātou ki te maunga o te Ariki, ki te whare o te Atua o Ihaka; ka whakaako ia i āna huarahi, ā, ka hīkoi tātou i āna ara." **Nā, ka puta mai i Siona te ture**, ā, **ka puta** mai i Ierusalema te kupu a te Ariki. [4] Ka whakawā ia i waenga i ngā iwi, ā, ka whakatūpato ia i te tokomaha o ngā tāngata; Ka patua e rātou ā rātou hoari hei hea parau, ā rātou tao hei toronaihi; **kāore he iwi e hiki hoari ki tētahi iwi, ā, kāore hoki rātou e ako pakanga anō**. ... [11]Ka whakaitia te whakapehapeha o te tangata, ka whakaitia te whakahī o ngā tāngata, ā, ko te Ariki anake ka whakanuia i taua rā. (Ihaia 2:2-4,11)

Nā reira, ka noho he wā rangimārie utōpia i runga i te whenua. Hei whakamutunga, ka mau tonu tēnei mō ake tonu atu, ā, ko Ihu te rangatira. I runga i ngā tuhinga tapu maha (Waiata 90:4; 92:1; Ihaia 2:11; Hohea 6:2), e whakaako ana te Talmud o ngā Hurai ka roa tēnei mō te 1,000 tau (Talmud o Papurona: Tractate Sanhedrin Folio 97a).

I whakahihiko a Ihaia kia tuhi hoki i ēnei kupu e whai ake nei:

[6] Nā, kua whānau mai he Tamaiti mō tātou, kua hoatu mai he Tama mō tātou; ā, ka noho te rangatiratanga ki runga i tōna pokohiwi. Ka

> kīia tōna ingoa ko Te Mīharo, Te Kaitohutohu, Te Atua Kaha, Te Matua Ake Tonu, Te Ariki o te Rangimārie. [7] Kāore e mutu te whanaketanga o tōna rangatiratanga me tōna rangimārie, i runga i te torona o Rawiri, me tōna rangatiratanga, hei whakarite, hei whakapūmau i te whakawa me te tika, mai i tēnei wā, āke tonu. Ka whakatutukihia tēnei e te hihiri o te Ariki o ngā ope. (Ihaia 9:6-7)

Titiro, i kī a Ihaia ka tae mai a Ihu, ka whakatū i tētahi rangatiratanga me tētahi kāwanatanga. Ahakoa he tokomaha ngā hunga e whakapono ana ki a Karaiti e kī ana i tēnei wāhanga, otirā i te marama o Tīhema ia tau, he mea auau ka wareware rātou he matakite nō te rangatiratanga ā-muri ake tēnei, ehara i te mea anake he matakite mō te whanautanga o Ihu. E whakaatu ana te Paipera he kāwanatanga tō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, he ture hei whakahaere i ngā tangata, ā, ko Ihu tōna kīngi. I matakite a Ihaia, a Rāniera, me ētahi atu.

Ko ngā ture a te Atua he ara aroha (Mataio 22:37-40; Hoani 15:10), ā, ka whakahaerehia te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i runga i ēnei ture. Nō reira, ahakoa ngā tirohanga a te ao, ka tū te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i runga i te aroha.

Ngā Waiata me ētahi atu

Ehara i a Rāniera rāua ko Ihaia anake i whakahihiko a te Atua kia tuhi mō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua e heke mai nei.

I whakahihiko a Ehekiera kia tuhi e ia ka kohia tahi ngā tāngata nō ngā *iwi katoa* o Iharaira (ehara i ngā Hurai anake) i whakamararatia i te wā o te Whakapawera Nui ki te rangatiratanga mano tau:

> [17] Nō reira, kī atu, 'E ai ki te Ariki, te Atua: Ka kohi ahau i a koutou i waenga i ngā iwi, ka huihui i a koutou i ngā whenua i whakawātea ai koutou, ā, ka hoatu e au ki a koutou te whenua o Iharaira.' [18] Ka haere rātou ki reira, ā, ka tango i ngā mea whakama, me ngā mea whakateatea katoa i reira. [19]Ka hoatu e au ki a rātou he ngākau kotahi, ā, ka whakatakoto e au he wairua hou ki roto i a rātou; ka tango i te ngākau toka i roto i ō rātou kikokiko, ā, ka hoatu he ngākau kikokiko ki a rātou, [20]kia hikoi rātou i āku ture, kia tiaki i āku

whakataunga, kia mahia; ā, ka noho rātou hei iwi māku, ā, ka noho au hei Atua mā rātou. [21]Engari, ko te hunga e whai ana i te hiahia o ō rātou mea whakama, me ō rātou mea whakateatea, ka whakahokia e au ō rātou mahi ki runga i ō rātou upoko," e ai ana te Ariki, te Atua. (Ehekiera 11:17-21)

Kaore e whakawhānuitia anō ngā uri o ngā iwi o Iharaira, engari ka whakarongo rātou ki ngā ture a te Atua, ā, ka mutu te kai i ngā mea whakaparahako (Rēhitiko 11; Deuteronomio 14).

Tirohia ngā mea e whai ake nei i roto i ngā Waiata mō ngā rongo pai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua:

[27] Ka maumahara ngā pito katoa o te ao, ā, ka huri ki te Ariki, ā, ka whakamoemiti ki a Ia ngā whakapapa katoa o ngā iwi. [28] Nō te mea nō te Ariki te rangatiratanga, ā, e rangatira ana Ia i ngā iwi. (Waiata 22:27-28)

[6] Ko tō tūru rangatira, e te Atua, mō ake tonu atu; he tokotoko rangatiratanga o te tika, ko te tokotoko rangatiratanga o tō rangatiratanga. (Waiata 45:6)

[1] A, waiatatia ki te Ariki he waiata hou! Waiatatia ki te Ariki, e te whenua katoa. [2] Waiatatia ki te Ariki, whakapaingia tōna ingoa; whakamōhiohia te rongo pai o tōna whakaoranga i ia rā. [3] Whakapuakihia tōna korōria ki waenga i ngā iwi, ōna mīharo ki waenga i ngā tāngata katoa. (Waiata 96:1-3; tirohia hoki 1 Whakapapa 16:23-24)

[10]Ka whakanuia koe e ō mahi katoa, e te Ariki, ā, ka whakapaingia koe e ōu tapu. [11]Ka kōrero rātou mō te korōria o tō rangatiratanga, ā, ka whakamārama i tō mana, [12]kia mōhiotia e ngā tama a te tangata ōna mahi whakamīharo, me te korōria whakahirahira o tō rangatiratanga. [13]He rangatiratanga tūturu tō rangatiratanga, ā, ka mau tonu tō rangatiratanga ki ngā whakatupuranga katoa. (Waiata 145:10-13)

I tuhi hoki ētahi kaituhi o te Kawenata Tawhito mō ētahi āhuatanga o te rangatiratanga (hei tauira, Ehekiera 20:33; Ōpāia 21; Mīka 4:7).

Nā reira, i te tīmatanga o Ihu ki te whakaako i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua, i mōhio kē ōna kaiwhakarongo tuatahi ki te ariā taketake.

4. I whakaako rānei ngā Āpōtoro i te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga?

Ahakoa e whakaaro ana te tokomaha he rongo pai mō te tangata o Ihu anake te rongopai, ko te mea pono, i whakaako ngā kaiwhai a Ihu i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua. Koinei te karere i kawea mai e Ihu.

I whakaako a Pāora mō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua me Ihu:

> [8] Ka tomo ia ki te whare karakia, ka kōrero māia mō ngā marama e toru, e whakawhitiwhiti kōrero ana, e whakatenatena ana mō ngā mea o te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ngā Mahi 19:8)
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> [25] Āe rānei, ināianei ka mōhio au, kua kore koutou katoa e kite i taku kanohi, ki ngā tāone i haere ai au e kauwhau ana i te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ngā Mahi 20:25)
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> [23] Nā, i whakaritea e rātou he rā māna, ka haere mai te tokomaha ki tōna whare noho ki a ia; ka whakamārama ia ki a rātou, ā, ka whakapūmau i te rangatiratanga o te Atua ki a rātou, e akiaki ana i a rātou mō Ihu, i runga i te Ture a Mōse me ngā poropiti, mai i te ata tae noa ki te ahiahi. … [31] e kauwhau ana i te rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, e whakaako ana i ngā mea e pā ana ki te Ariki Ihu Karaiti, me te māia katoa, kāore he tangata e aukati i a ia. (Ngā Mahi 28:23,31)

Me mōhio, ehara te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i te mea mō Ihu anake (ahakoa he wāhanga matua ia), nā te mea i whakaako a Pāora mō Ihu motuhake i ngā mea i whakaakohia e ia mō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

I kī anō a Pāora ko te rongopai a te Atua, engari koia tonu te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [9]… i kauwhau mātou ki a koutou i te rongopai a te Atua … [12]kia hikoi koutou i runga i te tika e hāngai ana ki te Atua, nāna nei i karanga ki a koutou kia uru ki tōna rangatiratanga me tōna korōria. (1 Tehalonika 2:9,12)

I karangahia hoki e Pāora hei rongopai a te Karaiti (Roma 1:16). Ko te "rongopai" a Ihu, te karere i whakaakona e Ia.

Me whakaaro ehara i te rongopai mō te tangata o Ihu Karaiti anake, mō te whakaoranga whaiaro anake rānei. I mea a Paora, kei roto i te rongopai o te Karaiti te whakarongo ki a Ihu, tōna hokinga mai, me te whakawa a te Atua:

> [6]… kia whakahokia e te Atua ki a rātou he taumahatanga ki te hunga e whakararuraru ana i a koutou, [7]ā, kia hoatu ki a koutou e taumaha ana he okiokinga me mātou i te wā ka puta mai te Ariki Ihu i te rangi me ōna anahera kaha, [8]i roto i te ahi e mura ana, e utu riri ana ki te hunga kāore e mōhio ana ki te Atua, me te hunga kāore e whakarongo ana ki te rongopai o tō mātou Ariki Ihu Karaiti. [9]Ka whiua ēnei ki te whakangaro āke tonu i te aroaro o te Ariki, i te korōria o tōna mana, [10]i te rā ka tae mai ia, i taua rā, kia korōriatia ia i roto i āna tapu, kia whakamīharo hoki ia i waenga i te hunga katoa e whakapono ana, nā te mea i whakapono ki tā mātou whakapuaki i a koutou. (2 Tehalonika 1:6-10)

E whakaatu ana te Kawenata Hou he mea ka whiwhi tātou i te rangatiratanga, ehara i te mea kua tino rangatira tātou i a ia ināianei:

> [28] e whiwhi ana tātou i tētahi rangatiratanga kāore e taea te whakararu. (Hiperu 12:28)

Ka taea e tātou te mōhio, te titiro whakamua hoki kia wāhanga o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i tēnei wā, engari kāore anō tātou kia uru katoa ki reira.

I whakamana motuhake a Pāora kāore te tangata e mate nei e uru katoa ki te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, ka puta tēnei *i muri* i te aranga:

> [50] Ināianei, e kī ana ahau, e aku tuākana, kāore te kikokiko me te toto e taea te whiwhi i te rangatiratanga o te Atua; ā, kāore hoki te pirau e whiwhi i te kore pirau. [51] Titiro, ka whakamōhio atu ahau ki a koutou i tētahi mea huna: Kāore tātou katoa e moe, engari ka huri katoa tātou— [52] i te hēkona kotahi, i te kanapanapa o te kanohi, i te putanga o te putorino whakamutunga. Ka tangi te

putorino, ka whakaohoa ngā mate kia kore e pakaru, ā, ka huri tātou katoa (1 Koriniti 15:50-52)

1 Ka whakahau atu ahau ki a koe i mua i te Atua me te Ariki o Ihu Karaiti, ko ia ka whakawā i te hunga ora me te hunga mate i tōna puta mai me tōna rangatiratanga.

(2 Timotio 4:1)

Ehara i te mea i whakaako noa a Pāora i tēnei, engari i whakaako hoki ia ka tuku a Ihu i te Rangatiratanga ki te Atua, te Matua:

20Engari kua ara ake a Karaiti i te mate, ā, kua riro ia hei hua tuatahi mō te hunga kua moe. 21Nā te tangata i puta mai ai te mate, nā te tangata anō hoki i puta mai ai te aranga o te hunga mate. 22Nā te mea, pēnei i mate ai te katoa i roto i a Ātama, ka ora anō hoki te katoa i roto i a Karaiti. 23 Engari ia tangata i tōna ake raupapa: ko Karaiti te hua tuatahi; ā muri ake nei, ko te hunga o Karaiti i tōna taenga mai. 24 Katahi ka tae te mutunga, i te wā ka tuku ia i te rangatiratanga ki te Atua, ki te Matua, i te wā ka whakamutua e ia ngā rangatiratanga katoa, ngā mana katoa, me te kaha katoa. 25 Me rangatira ia kia whakanohoia e ia ōna hoariri katoa ki raro i ōna waewae. (1 Koriniti 15:20-25)

I whakaako hoki a Pāora kāore ngā hunga hē (ngā kaiwhāwhā ture) e riro i a rātou te rangatiratanga o te Atua:

9Kāore rānei koutou i te mōhio, kāore e riro i te hunga hē te rangatiratanga o te Atua? Kei whakapohehetia koutou. Ehara i te mea ka riro i te hunga kaikairau, i te hunga whakawhēro, i te hunga kaipuremu, i te hunga takatāpui,i te hunga hēhē, (10)i te hunga tāhae, i te hunga apo, i te hunga pōtare, i te hunga kaikōhukohu, i te hunga tūkino rānei te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (1 Koriniti 6:9-10)

19 Nāianei, e mārama ana ngā mahi a te kikokiko, arā: te whērea, te moepuku, te paruparu, te hē; 20 te whakawhērea ki ngā atua, te makutu, te riri, ngā tautohetohe, ngā hōhā, ngā pahūtanga riri, ngā hiahia whaiaro, ngā wehewehenga, ngā whakapono hē, 21 te hae, ngā

patunga tangata, te waipiro, ngā hākari haurangi, me ērā atu mea; kua whakatūpato atu au ki a koutou i mua, pēnei i taku kī atu i mua, kāore e riro mā te hunga e mahi ana i ēnei mea te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Galatia 5:19-21)

> 5 Mō tēnei, e mōhio ana koutou, kāore he tangata hēkē, he tangata paruparu, he tangata hiahia rawa, he tangata whakawhē, e whai wāhi ana ki te rangatiratanga o te Karaiti me te Atua. (Epeha 5:5)

He paerewa ā te Atua, ā, e tono ana kia huri i ngā hara kia taea ai te uru ki tōna rangatiratanga. Me whakarongo ki te Atua kia whiwhi ai i te Wairua Tapu, kia whiwhi ai hoki i te whakaoranga:

> 29…Ka mea a Pita raua ko ngā apotoro, 'Me whakarongo mātou ki te Atua, kaua ki ngā tangata. … 32Ko mātou hoki ngā kaiwhakaatu mō ēnei mea, me te Wairua Tapu hoki, i hoatu e te Atua ki te hunga e whakarongo ana ki a Ia.' (Ngā Mahi 5:29,32, AFV)

> 5 Karaiti … 8 ahakoa he Tama ia, i ako ia i te whakarongo mā ngā mea i pangia ai ia. 9 A, i tōna oti, ka noho ia hei kaihanga o te whakaoranga āke tonu mō te hunga katoa e whakarongo ana ki a ia, (Hiperu 5:5,8-9)

I whakatūpato a te Āpōtoro Pāora kāore ētahi e whakaako ko te rongopai a Ihu te whakautu, engari he huarahi kē e whakaaetia ana:

> 3 Kia riro ki a koutou te atawhai me te rangimārie, nā te Atua te Matua, me tō tātou Ariki a Ihu Karaiti, 4 nāna i tuku i a ia anō mō ā tātou hara, kia whakaora ai ia i a tātou i tēnei ao kino o nāianei, e ai ki te hiahia o tō tātou Atua, tō tātou Matua, 5 ko ia e whakanuia ana mō ake tonu atu. Āmine. 6Ka miharo ahau kua huri koutou i tō koutou aro i te mea tere rawa atu i a Ia i karanga ai i a koutou ki roto i te aroha noa o te Karaiti, ki tētahi atu rongopai, 7ehara i tētahi atu; engari kei reira ētahi e whakararuraru ana i a koutou, e hiahia ana ki te whakarereke i te rongopai o te Karaiti. 8 Engari ahakoa mātou, ahakoa he anahera nō te rangi, me kauhau atu ki a koutou i tētahi rongopai kē atu i tā mātou i kauhau atu nei ki a koutou, kia kanga ia. 9 E ai ki tā mātou i kī ai i mua, ā, nāianei ka kī

anō au, mehemea ka kauhau atu tētahi ki a koutou i tētahi rongopai kē atu i tā koutou i whiwhi nei, kia kanga ia. (Galatia 1:3-9)

[3]Engari e mataku ana ahau, kia kore ai, pērā i te whakapohehe a te nākahi i a Hāwa i tōna mātau, kia whakararu ō koutou hinengaro i te māmā o roto i a Karaiti. [4]Mēnā ka haere mai tētahi, ā, ka kauwhau i tētahi Ihu kē kāore mātou i kauwhau, kia whiua rānei e koutou tētahi wairua kē kāore koutou i whiua, kia whiua rānei e koutou tētahi rongopai kē kāore koutou i whakaae — ka manawanui kē koutou ki tērā! (2 Koriniti 11:3-4)

He aha te rongopai "kē" me te "rerekē", he mea teka?

He wāhanga maha tō te rongopai teka.

I te nuinga, ko te rongopai teka he whakapono kāore koe e tika ana kia whakarongo ki te Atua, kia whakapau kaha rānei ki te noho pono ki tōna huarahi, ahakoa e kī ana koe e mōhio ana koe ki a Ia (titiro ki Mataio 7:21-23). He mea āhua whaiaro.

I whakapohehe te nākahi i a Hāwa kia hinga ki tētahi rongopai teka tata ki te ono mano tau ki muri (Genesis 3) — ā, mai i taua wā, kua whakapono ngā tāngata he nui ake ā rātou mōhio i te Atua, ā, me whakatau e rātou anō te pai me te kino. Āe, i muri i te taenga mai o Ihu, i hono tōna ingoa ki ngā rongopai teka maha — ā, kei te haere tonu tēnei, ā, ka haere tonu ki te wā o te Antikaraiti whakamutunga.

I te wā o te Āpōtoro Pāora, he whakakotahitanga Gnostic/Mystic o te pono me te hē te rongopai teka. I whakapono ngā Gnostic ko te mātauranga motuhake te mea e hiahiatia ana kia whiwhi i te māramatanga wairua, tae atu ki te whakaoranga. I whakapono ngā Gnostic kāore he hua nui o ngā mahi a te tinana, ā, i whakahē rātou i te whakarongo ki a te Atua i ngā take pērā i te Rāhoroi o te rā tuawhitu. Ko tētahi o ēnei kaiārahi teka ko Haimona Magus, i whakahēhia, i whakatūpatohia e te Āpōtoro Pita (Ngā Mahi 8:18-21).

Engari ehara i te mea māmā

E whakaatu ana te Kawenata Hou i whakaako a Piripi i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [5] Ka heke iho a Piripi ki te tāone o Samaria, ā, ka kauwhau i a Karaiti ki a rātou. … [12] ka whakapono rātou ki a Piripi i a ia e kauwhau ana i ngā mea e pā ana ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua … (Ngā Mahi 8:5,12)

Ahakoa tērā, i whakaako a Ihu, a Pāora, me ngā ākonga, ehara i te mea māmā te uru ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [24] Ka kite a Ihu i tōna pōuri, ka mea ia, "He uaua rawa mō te hunga whai rawa kia uru ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua!" [25] He māmā ake mō te kāmela te haere i te kohao o te nīra, i te tangata whai rawa kia uru ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua.
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> [26] Ka mea hoki te hunga i whakarongo, "Ko wai rānei e taea te whakaora?"
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> [27] Engari ka mea ia, "Ko ngā mea e kore e taea e te tangata, ka taea e te Atua." (Ruka 18:24-27)
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> [22]Me puta mā roto i ngā whakamātautau maha kia uru ai ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Ngā Mahi 14:22)
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> [3] Me whakawhetai tonu mātou ki te Atua mō koutou, e te whanaunga, he mea tika hoki, nā te mea e tupu nui ana tō koutou whakapono, ā, e nui ana te aroha o ia tangata ki tōna hoa; [4] nō reira ka whakapehapeha mātou mō koutou ki ngā hāhi a te Atua, mō tō koutou manawanui me tō koutou whakapono i roto i ngā whakatoi me ngā mamae katoa e manawanuitia ana e koutou, [5]he tohu mārama tēnei o te whakataunga tika a te Atua, kia whakaarotia ai koutou hei hunga tika mō te rangatiratanga o te Atua, mō tēnei rangatiratanga e mamae ana hoki koutou; [6]he mea tika hoki ki te Atua kia whakahokia he mamae ki te hunga e whakararuraru ana i a koutou, [7]ā, kia hoatu he okiokinga ki a koutou e mamae ana, me mātou anō, i te wā ka puta mai ai te Ariki Ihu i te rangi me ōna anahera kaha, (2 Tehalonika 1:3-7)

Nā ngā uauatanga o ēnei rā, he tokoiti anake ngā tāngata e karangahia ana, e tīpakohia ana i tēnei ao hei wāhanga o taua rangatiratanga (Mataio 22:1-14; Hoani 6:44; Hiperu 6:4-6). Ka karangahia ētahi atu ā muri ake nei, pēnei i te whakaatu a te Paipera, ko "ērā i hē i roto i te wairua ka tae ki te mōhio, ā, ko ērā i amuamu ka ako i te akoranga" (Ihaia 29:24).

I whakaako a Pita te Āpōtoro he mau tonu te rangatiratanga, ā, me ū kaha ki te whai i te rongopai a te Atua, ki te kore ka whakawāhia:

> [10]Nō reira, e ōku tuākana, kia kaha ake koutou ki te whakapūmau i tō koutou karanga me tō koutou kōwhiringa; ki te mahia e koutou ēnei mea, kāore rawa koutou e taka; [11]kia whakawhiwhia koutou ki te urunga whānui ki te rangatiratanga āke tonu o tō tātou Ariki, o tō tātou Kaiwhakaora, o Ihu Karaiti. (2 Pita 1:10-11)

> [17] Kua tae te wā kia tīmata te whakawa i te whare o te Atua; ā, ki te tīmata mai i a tātou tuatahi, he aha te mutunga o te hunga kāore e whakarongo ki te rongopai a te Atua? (1 Pētera 4:17)

Ngā Pukapuka Whakamutunga o te Paipera me te Rangatiratanga

E whakaako ana te Paipera, "Ko te Atua te aroha" (1 Hoani 4:8, 16) ā, ko Ihu te Atua (Hoani 1:1, 14) — ka whai Kīngi te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, he Kīngi aroha, ā, ko āna ture e tautoko ana i te aroha, ehara i te riri (titiro ki Te Whakakitenga 22:14-15).

E whakaatu ana hoki te Paipera ka tukuna e te Atua tētahi anahera hei pānui i te rongopai āke tonu mō te rangatiratanga o te Atua (Te Whakakitenga 14:6-7), ā, ka whai ake tētahi atu anahera hei tohu, ahakoa tōna nui, kua hinga a Papurona (Te Whakakitenga 14:8-9). Ko ēnei karere he whakau whakamīharo o te rongopai i riro i te ao i mua hei taunakitanga, ā, ka titiro ki ēnei hei take mō te "huihuinga nui" e haere mai ana ki te Atua i te mutunga (Whakakitenga 7:9-14). Ehara i te pērā ki te mana o Papurona whakamutunga ka ara ake, ka hinga (titiro Whakakitenga 18:1-18), engari ka mau tonu te wāhanga whakamutunga o te rangatiratanga a te Atua mō ake tonu atu:

> [15] Ka tangi te anahera tuawhitu i tana putorino: ā, ka rongo i te rangi he reo nui e kī ana, "Kua riro ngā rangatiratanga o tēnei ao

> hei rangatiratanga mō tō tātou Ariki, mō tōna Karaiti hoki; ā, ka rangatira ia mō ake tonu atu!" (Te Whakakitenga 11:15)

Ka rangatira a Ihu i te rangatiratanga! Ka whakaatu hoki te Paipera i āna taitara e rua:

> [16] Ā, kei runga i tana kākahu me tana hope he ingoa kua tuhia: KINGI O NGĀ KINGI, ARIKI O NGĀ ARIKI. (Te Whakakitenga 19:16)

Engari ko Ihu anake te tangata ka rangatira? Tirohia tēnei wāhanga:

> [4] Ka kite hoki au i ngā torona, ā, ka noho rātou ki runga, ā, i whakawhiwhia ki a rātou te whakawā. Ka kite hoki au i ngā wairua o te hunga i whakakorehia ō rātou upoko mō tō rātou whakapuaki i a Ihu, mō te kupu a te Atua hoki; kāore rātou i whakamoemiti ki te kararehe, ki tōna whakairo rānei; kāore hoki rātou i whiwhi i tana tohu ki ō rātou rae, ki ō rātou ringa rānei. Ka ora rātou, ka rangatira tahi me te Karaiti mō te mano tau . . . [6] Ka koa, ka tapu te tangata e whai wāhi ana ki te aranga tuatahi. Kāore te mate tuarua e whai mana ki a rātou; engari ka noho rātou hei tohunga tapu mō te Atua, mō te Karaiti, ā, ka rangatira rātou me ia mō te mano tau. (Te Whakakitenga 20:4,6)

Ka whakahokia mai ngā Karaitiana pono kia rangatira tahi me Karaiti mō te mano tau! Ka mau tonu te rangatiratanga mō ake tonu atu (Whakakitenga 11:15), engari ko te rangatiratanga me ngā tapu tuatahi i whakahokia mai, i whakahuatia i Whakakitenga 20:6, he mea mō te mano tau anake. Koia nei te take i kī ai au i mua koinei te wāhanga tuatahi o te rangatiratanga—te wāhanga ā-tinana, te wāhanga mano tau, hei wehe i te wāhanga whakamutunga, he mea wairua ake.

He maha ngā kaupapa i rārangi i roto i te Pukapuka o te Whakakitenga hei puta i waenga i te wāhanga mano tau me te wāhanga whakamutunga o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [7] Ina oti ngā mano tau, ka tukuna a Hātana i tōna whare herehere [8] ā, ka puta ia ki waho ki te whakapohehe i ngā iwi o ngā pito e whā o te ao, a Kōki rāua ko Mōkōki, kia huihui ai rātou mō te pakanga, ā, he tokomaha rātou pēnei i te one o te moana. … [11] Nā,

ka kite au i tētahi torona mā nui, me te tangata i noho ai; i tōna kanohi ka rere atu te whenua me te rangi. Kāore i kitea he wāhi mā rātou. [12]Ka kite hoki au i ngā mate, ngā iti, ngā nui rānei, e tū ana i mua i te Atua; ā, ka huaki ngā pukapuka. Ka huaki anō tētahi pukapuka, arā, te Pukapuka o te Ora. Ka whakawāhia ngā mate i runga i ā rātou mahi, i ngā mea i tuhia ki roto i ngā pukapuka. [13]Ka tuku mai te moana i ngā mate i roto i a ia; ā, ka tuku mai a Mate me Hēra i ngā mate i roto i a rāua. Ā, i whakawāhia rātou, ia tangata i runga i āna mahi. [14] Nā, i tukuna a Mate me Hēra ki roto i te roto ahi. Koinei te mate tuarua. [15] Ā, ko te hunga kāore i kitea kua tuhia ki te Pukapuka o te Ora, i tukuna ki roto i te roto ahi. (Te Whakakitenga 20:7-8, 11-15)

E whakaatu ana te Pukapuka o te Whakakitenga ka whai wāhanga anō o te rangatiratanga ka whai ake i muri i te rangatiratanga o te mano tau, me i muri i te mate tuarua o te hunga e whakakahore ana i te huringa ngākau me ngā huarahi a te Atua mō ake tonu atu:

[1]Ināianei i kite au i te rangi hou me te whenua hou, nā te mea kua ngaro atu te rangi tuatahi me te whenua tuatahi. Kāore anō he moana. [2]Ka kite au, ko Hoani, i te tāone tapu, ko Ierusalema Hou, e heke mai ana i te rangi, nā te Atua, kua whakaritea pērā i tētahi wahine marena kua whakapaipaihia mō tana tāne. [3]Ka rongo hoki au i tētahi reo kaha i te rangi e kī ana, "Anei, kei waenganui i te tangata te whare tapu o te Atua, ā, ka noho ia ki a rātou, ā, ka noho rātou hei iwi māna." Ka noho a te Atua ki a rātou,ā, ko Ia hei Atua mā rātou. [4]Ka muku e te Atua ngā roimata katoa i ō rātou whatu; kāore he mate, kāore he pōuritanga, kāore he tangi. Kāore he mamae anō; kua pahure ngā mea o mua." (Te Whakakitenga 21:1-4)

[1]Ka whakaatu mai ia ki ahau i tētahi awa mā o te wai ora, he mārama pērā i te karaihe, e puta ana i te torona o te Atua me te Reme. [2]I waenganui tonu i te huarahi o te tāone, ā, i ngā taha e rua o te awa, i reira te rākau o te ora, e hua ana i ngā hua tekau mā rua, ia marama e hua ana tētahi hua. Ko ngā rau o te rākau hei whakaora mō ngā iwi katoa. [3] Kāore anō hei kanga; engari ko te

torona o te Atua me te Reme ka noho i roto i reira, ā, ka mahi āna tāngata ki a Ia. [4] Ka kite rātou i tōna kanohi, ā, ko tōna ingoa kei runga i ō rātou rae. 5 Kāore he pō i reira; kāore rātou e hiahia ana ki te rama, ki te marama rānei o te rā, nā te mea ko te Ariki, te Atua, e whakamarama ana i a rātou. Ka rangatira rātou mō ake tonu atu. (Te Whakakitenga 22:1-5)

Tirohia, ko tēnei rangatiratanga, *i muri* i ngā tau mano, e kapi ana i ngā kaimahi a te Atua, ā, ka mau tonu mō ake tonu atu. Ko te Tāone Tapu, i whakaritea i te rangi, ka wehe i te rangi, ka heke ki te whenua. Koinei te tīmatanga o te wāhanga whakamutunga o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. He wā kāore he mamae, kāore he pōuritanga!

Ka riro i te hunga māhaki te whenua (Mataio 5:5) me ngā mea katoa (Whakakitenga 21:7). Ka pai ake te whenua, tae atu ki te Tāone Tapu ka noho ai, nā te mea ka whakatinanahia ngā huarahi a te Atua. Me mōhio:

> [7] Ka kore e mutu te pikinga o tōna kāwanatanga me tōna rangimārie, (Ihaia 9:7)

Ka mārama ka puta te tipu i muri i te tīmatanga o te wāhanga whakamutunga o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, nā te mea ka whakarongo katoa ki te kāwanatanga a te Atua.

Ka tino whakamīharo tēnei wā:

> [9] Engari, pēnei i te mea i tuhia: "Kāore i kitea e te whatu, kāore hoki i rangona e te taringa, ā, kāore hoki i uru ki roto i te ngākau o te tangata ngā mea kua whakaritea e te Atua mō te hunga e aroha ana ki a Ia." [10] Engari, kua whakapuaki mai te Atua ki a mātou mā tōna Wairua. (1 Koriniti 2:9-10)

He wā aroha, he wā hari, he wā whakamarie mō ake tonu atu. He wā whakamīharo tēnei! Mā te Rangatiratanga o te Atua e hanga ai he ao mutunga ake tino pai ake. E hiahia ana koe kia whai wāhi ki reira?

5. I whakaako ngā puna i waho o te Kawenata Hou i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua?

I whakaaro rānei te hunga tuatahi i kī he Karaitiana rātou me kauwhau rātou i te rongopai mō tētahi rangatiratanga ā-tinana a te Atua?

Āe.

I ngā tau kua pahure, i roto i tētahi kauhau nā te Pōrohitara Bart Ehrman nō Te Whare Wānanga o North Carolina, i whakakaha ia, ā, he tika hoki, kāore i pērā ki te nuinga o ngā Karaitiana e kī ana i ēnei rā, i whakapuaki a Ihu me ōna kaiwhai tuatahi i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Ahakoa he tino rerekē te māramatanga whānui a Dr Ehrman ki te Karaitianatanga i tērā o te Hāhi o te Atua *e Haere Tonu Ana*, ka whakaae mātou ko te rongopai o te rangatiratanga te mea i whakapuaki e Ihu anō, ā, i whakapono hoki ōna kaiwhai ki taua mea. Ka whakaae hoki mātou kāore te nuinga o te hunga e kī ana he Karaitiana i ēnei rā e mārama ana ki tērā.

Te Tuhinga me te Kōrero Tawhito Rawa Kua Tiakina i muri i te Kawenata Hou

Ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua he wāhanga nui o tērā e kīia nei ko "te kauwhau Karaitiana tawhito rawa kua ora" (Holmes M.W. Ancient Christian Sermon. The Apostolic Fathers: Greek Texts and English Translations, 2nd ed. Baker Books, Grand Rapids, 2004, p. 102). Kei roto i tēnei *Kauwhau Karaitiana Tawhito* ēnei kōrero mō te rangatiratanga:

> 5:5 Āpiti atu, e mōhio ana koutou, e ōku tuākana, he iti, he wā poto hoki tō tātou noho i te ao tinana; engari he nui, he mīharo hoki te oati a te Karaiti: kia okioki i te rangatiratanga e heke mai ana, kia whai oranga āke tonu.

E whakaatu ana te kōrero i runga ake nei kāore te rangatiratanga i tēnei wā, engari ka tae mai, ā, ka noho mō ake tonu atu. Waihoki, e kī ana tēnei kauwhau tawhito:

> 6:9 Inā rā, ahakoa he tangata tika pēnei i ēnei, kāore rātou e āhei, mā ā rātou ake mahi tika, ki te whakaora i ā rātou tamariki; he aha

> rā te whakapūmau kei a tātou kia uru ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua, mēnā kāore tātou e tiaki kia ma, kia kore e poke tō tātou iriiringa? Nō wai rā hoki tō tātou kaitautoko, mēnā kāore tātou i kitea he mahi tapu, he mahi tika? [9:6] Nō reira, me aroha tātou ki a tātou anō, kia uru ai tātou katoa ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua mā te aroha me te tika. [11:7]Nō reira, mēnā ka mōhio tātou ki te mea e tika ana i te aroaro o te Atua, ka uru tātou ki tōna rangatiratanga, ā, ka whiwhi i ngā oati kāore anō i rongo e tō taringa, kāore anō i kite e tō karu, kāore hoki i whakaaro e te ngākau o te tangata.
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> [12:1]Nō reira, me tatari tātou haora i muri i te haora mō te rangatiratanga o te Atua i roto i te aroha me te tika, nā te mea kāore tātou e mōhio ana ki te rā o te puta mai o te Atua. [12:6]Ka mea ia, ka tae mai te rangatiratanga o tōku Matua.

E whakaatu ana ngā kōrero o runga nei me hiahiatia te aroha mā te noho tika, kāore anō tātou kia uru ki te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, ka puta tēnei i muri i te rā o te puta mai o te Atua—arā, i muri i te hokinga mai anō o Ihu. Ko te rangatiratanga nō te Matua, ehara i te mea ko Ihu anake te rangatiratanga.

He mea whakamīharo, ko te kauwhau Karaitiana tawhito rawa atu kua ora ake nei e whakaako ana i taua Rangatiratanga o te Atua e whakaakohia ana e te Kawenata Hou, ā, e whakaakohia ana ināianei e te Hāhi o te Atua *e Haere Tonu Ana* (ahakoa pea nō tētahi Hāhi o te Atua tūturu, engari nā taku mōhiotanga iti ki te reo Kariki, kāore au e taea te whakapuaki kaha ake).

Ngā Rangatira Hāhi o te Rautau Tuarua me te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga

Me mōhio i te tīmatanga o te rautau tuarua i ako ai a Papias, he kaiwhakarongo ki a Hoani, he hoa ki a Polikarapa, ā, e whakaarohia ana he tapu ia e ngā Katorika Roma, i te rangatiratanga mano tau. I tuhi a Eusebius i ngā mea i ako a Papias:

> ... ka whai mano tau i muri i te aranga ake o te hunga mate, ā, ka whakatūria te rangatiratanga whaiaro o te Karaiti ki runga i tēnei

whenua. (Ngā wāhanga o Papias, VI. Tirohia hoki Eusebius, Hītori o te Hāhi, Pukapuka 3, XXXIX, 12)

I whakaako a Papias ka nui rawa te wā nei:

> I te āhua ano, [i mea ia] ka hua te kākano witi i te tekau mano
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> ngā puku witi, ā, ia puku ka whai tekau mano kākano, ā, ia kākano ka hua tekau pauna o te paraoa mārama, maeneene; ā, ka hua ngā āporo, ngā kākano, me te tarutaru i ngā tatauranga ōrite; ā, ka noho rangimārie, ka whakaaetia ngā kararehe katoa, e kai ana i ngā hua o te whenua, ā, ka tino whakarongo ki te tangata." [Ka whakapuaki a Papias, he tangata nō mua, he kaiwhakarongo ki a Hoani, he hoa hoki ki a Polikarapa, i ēnei mea i roto i te tuhi i te pukapuka tuawhā o āna pukapuka; nāna i tuhi e rima ngā pukapuka...] (Ngā Wāhanga o Papias, IV)

Ko te Reta ki ngā Koriniti, i tuhia i muri i te Kawenata Hou, e kī ana:

> [42:1-3]I whiwhi ngā Āpōtoro i te Rongopai mā mātou i te Ariki Ihu Karaiti; i tukuna a Ihu Karaiti e te Atua. Nō reira, nō te Atua a Karaiti, ā, nō Karaiti ngā Āpōtoro. Nō te hiahia o te Atua rāua i puta i roto i te raupapa kua whakaritea. Nā reira, i whiwhi rātou i tētahi kawenga, ā, i tino whakapūmauhia rātou mā te aranga ake o tō tātou Ariki a Ihu Karaiti, ā, i whakapūmauhia hoki rātou i roto i te kupu a te Atua me te tino whakapūmau a te Wairua Tapu; ka puta rātou me te rongo harikoa, arā, kia tae mai te rangatiratanga o te Atua.

Ko Polikarapa nō Smirna tētahi rangatira Karaitiana tuatahi, he ākonga hoki ia nō Hoani, ko ia te whakamutunga o ngā āpōtoro taketake i mate. I ako a Polikarapa (c. 120–135 A.D.):

> Ka hari ngā rawakore, me te hunga e whakatoia ana mō te tika; nō rātou te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Polycarp. Reta ki ngā Piripai, Wāhanga II. Nō *Ante-Nicene Fathers, Pukapuka 1*, i whakatikahia e Alexander Roberts rāua ko James Donaldson. Putanga Amerikana, 1885)

> Nā reira, i te mōhio nei "kāore e whakakatakataia a te Atua," me hīkoi tātou i runga i te tika kia hāngai ki āna whakahau me tōna korōria ...He mea pai kia wehe atu rātou i ngā hiahia o te ao, nā te mea "e whawhai ana te hiahia katoa ki te wairua;" ā, "kāore ngā tāne moe, ngā tāne ngoikore rānei, ngā tāne e whakaparahako ana i a rātou anō ki te tangata, e riro mā rātou te rangatiratanga o te Atua," me ngā hunga e mahi ana i ngā mea hē, kāore e tika ana. (ibid, Wāhanga V)
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> Nā reira, me mahi tātou ki a Ia i roto i te mataku, me te tapu katoa, pēnei i ā Ia ake i whakahau ai ki a tātou, me ngā āpōtoro i kauwhau mai i te Rongopai ki a tātou, me ngā poropiti i whakamōhio i mua i te haerenga mai o te Ariki. (ibid, Wāhanga VI)

Pērā i ētahi atu i roto i te Kawenata Hou, i whakaako a Polikarapa, ehara i te hunga whakawāwā ture, engari ko te hunga tika ka riro mā rātou te rangatiratanga o te Atua.

I mea hoki i akona ēnei e Polikarapa:

> Ā, i te Rāhoroi i muri mai, ka mea ia: 'Whakarongo ki taku whakahau, e ngā tamariki aroha o te Atua.' I whakahau atu ahau i a koutou i te aroaro o ngā pīhopa, ā,ināianei ka akiaki anō ahau i a koutou katoa kia hikoi whakaute, kia tika hoki i te ara o te Ariki... *Kia mataara koutou,* ā*, kia rite* anō*; kaua e taumaha ō koutou ngākau;* ko te ture hou mō te aroha ki a koutou anō, ka puta ohorere tōna taenga mai, pēnei i te uira tere, te whakawa nui mā te ahi, te oranga āke tonu, tōna rangatiratanga kore mate. Ā, ngā mea katoa i akona e te Atua, e mōhio ana koutou, i a koutou e rapu ana i ngā Paipera Whakaaweawe, whakakīkīa ki ngā ngākau o koutou e te pene o te Wairua Tapu, kia mau tonu ai ngā whakahau ki a koutou, kāore e ngaro.' (Te Ora o Polikarapa, Wāhanga 24. J. B. Lightfoot, Ngā Matua Āpōtoro, pukapuka 3.2, 1889, whārangi 488-506)

Ko Melito o Sardis, he rangatira o te Hāhi o te Atua i te tau 170 A.D., i whakaako:

> Nā, i puta te ture i roto i te rongopai – ko te tawhito i roto i te hou, e puta tahi ana rāua i Hiona me Ierusalema; ā, i puta te whakahau i roto i te aroha, me te tauira i roto i te mea kua oti, me te hipi i roto i te Tama, me te hipi i roto i te tangata, me te tangata i roto i te Atua ...
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> Engari i riro te rongopai hei whakamārama i te ture me tana
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> whakatutukitanga, ā, i noho te hāhi hei whare putunga o te pono...
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> Ko ia tēnei i whakaora i a tātou i te mahi taurekareka ki te herekore, i te pōuri hei mārama, i te mate hei ora, i te tūkino hei rangatiratanga āke tonu. (Melito. Homilia mō te Kapenga. Wāhanga 7, 40, 68. Whakamāoritanga i ahu mai i Kerux: Te Pukapuka Rangahau Tikanga Karaitiana ā-Ipurangi. http://www.kerux.com/documents/KeruxV4N1A1.asp)

Nā reira, i mōhiotia te Rangatiratanga o te Atua hei mea mau tonu, ehara i te Hāhi Karaitiana o nāianei, o te Hāhi Katorika Roma rānei anake, ā, i whakauru hoki i te ture a te Atua.

He tuhinga anō nō te waenganui ki te mutunga o te rautau tuarua e akiaki ana i te tangata kia titiro ki te rangatiratanga:

> Nō reira, kaua tētahi o koutou e huna, e titiro whakamuri rānei, engari kia hihiko koutou ki te tata ki te Rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Roman Clement. Recognitions, Pukapuka X, Wāhanga XLV. Nā Ante-Nicene Fathers, Pukapuka 8. I whakatikahia e Alexander Roberts rāua ko James Donaldson. Putanga Amerikana, 1886)

Hei tāpiri, ahakoa kāore i tuhia e tētahi nō te hāhi pono, tekau mā whā ngā wā ka whakamahia te kī "rangatiratanga o te Atua" i roto i te tuhinga o te waenganui o te rautau tuarua e kīia nei ko *Te Hepara o Hermas*, i te whakamāoritanga a Roberts rāua ko Donaldson.

I mōhio ngā Karaitiana pono, tae noa atu ki te tokomaha i whakapuaki noa i a Karaiti, ki tētahi mea mō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i te rautau tuarua.

Ahakoa i mārama te tapu Irenaeus o te Hāhi Katorika Rōmana me te Hāhi Ortodoksi o te Rāwhiti, i muri i te aranga ake, ka uru ngā Karaitiana ki te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Tirohia tāna i tuhi ai, tata ki te tau 180 A.D.:

> Nō te mea koia tēnei te āhua o te hunga kua whakapono, i roto i a rātou e noho tonu ana te Wairua Tapu, i hoatu e Ia i te iriiringa, ā, ka puritia e te kaiwhiwhi, mēnā ka haere ia i roto i te pono, te tapu, te tika me te manawanui. Nō te mea he aranga tō tēnei wairua ki roto i te hunga e whakapono ana, ka whiwhi anō te tinana i te wairua, ā, me ia, mā te mana o te Wairua Tapu, ka whakatūria, ka tomo ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua. (Irenaeus, te Tapu, Pīhopa o Lyon. I whakamāoritia mai i te reo Āmenia e Armitage Robinson. Te Whakaaturanga o te Akoranga ā-Apostolika, Wāhanga 42. Wells, Somerset, Oketopa 1879. I whakaputaina i roto i te SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE. NEW YORK: THE MACMILLAN CO, 1920)

I whakaako a Teofilo o Antiohia:

> Ka whakahua noa iho ahau i tōna atawhai; mēnā ka kī atu ahau ko te Rangatiratanga ia, ka whakahua noa iho ahau i tōna korōria … Nā, mēnā i hanga ia kia kore mate i te tīmatanga, kua hanga ia hei Atua. … Ehara hoki i te mea i hanga ia e Ia hei kore-mate, hei mate rānei, engari, pēnei i tā mātou i kī ai i runga ake nei, he āhei ki ēnei e rua; kia huri ia ki ngā mea o te kore-mate, mā te pupuri i te whakahau a te Atua, kia whiwhi ia hei utu i te kore-mate i a Ia, ā, kia riro ia hei Atua. (Theophilus, Ki a Autolycus, 1:3, 2:27)

Ko Hippolytus, he tapu o te Hāhi Katorika Roma, i te tīmatanga o te rautau tuatoru, i tuhi:

> Ka whiwhi hoki koe i te rangatiratanga o te rangi, koe i mōhio ki te Kingi o te Rangi i a koe e noho ana i tēnei ao. Ka noho hoki koe hei hoa mā te Atua, hei hoa-taunga rānei ki a Karaiti, kāore koe e herea anō e ngā hiahia kino, e ngā kare ā-roto kino rānei, ā, kāore koe e pau anō e te mate. Nō te mea kua riro koe hei Atua: ko ngā mamae katoa i pā ki a koe i a koe e tangata ana, nāna ēnei i hoatu ki a koe, nā te mea he tangata mate koe; engari ko ngā mea katoa e hāngai

> ana ki te Atua kia tukuna, kua oati te Atua ki te hoatu ki a koe, nā te mea kua whakateatua koe, ā, kua whānau koe ki te kore mate. (Hippolytus. Te Whakakahoretanga o ngā Whakapono Hē Katoa, Pukapuka X, Wāhanga 30)

Ko te whāinga mō te tangata kia whakateatanga (hei tamariki tūturu a te Atua, titiro ki Waiata 82:6) i roto i te rangatiratanga e heke mai nei a te Atua.

Ko te rangatiratanga o te Atua e heke mai nei he akoranga nō te hāhi Katorika taketake (tirohia hoki tā mātou pukapuka hiko kore utu, kei ccog.org, e kīia nei Ko ngā Whakapono o te Hāhi Katorika Taketake: Ka taea e tētahi rōpū toenga te whai i te tuku iho āpōtoro tonutanga?).

Ngā raruraru i ngā rautau tuarua me te tuatoru

Ahakoa i whānuitia te whakaae ki te rangatiratanga, i te rautau tuarua, ka ara ake tētahi rangatira hē, he kaiwhakatete ki te ture, ko Marcion tōna ingoa. I whakaako a Marcion kia kaua e whai i te ture a te Atua, i te Rāhoroi, me te rangatiratanga tūturu a te Atua. Ahakoa i whakahē a Polycarp me ētahi atu i a ia, i whai hononga ia ki te Hāhi o Rōma mō tētahi wā roa, ā, i kitea he nui tōna pānga ki te hāhi Rōmana.

I ngā rautau tuarua me te tuatoru, i tīmata te whakatūnga o ngā kaiwhakamāori āhua i Āleksāndria (Īhipa). He tokomaha o rātou i whakahē i te akoranga mō te rangatiratanga tūturu a te Atua. Tirohia te pūrongo mō ētahi o aua kaiwhakamāori āhua:

> I whānau a Dionysius i roto i tētahi whānau rangatira, whai rawa hoki, nō te hunga kāore i te whakapono ki Alexandria, ā, i ako ia i tō rātou mātauranga whakaaro. I wehe ia i ngā kura kāore i te whakapono kia riro hei ākonga a Origen, ā, nāna i whai i te mana whakahaere o te kura whakapono o Alexandria…
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> Ko Clement, ko Origen, me te kura Gnostic i whakaparuparu i ngā akoranga o ngā matakite tapu mā ā rātou whakamāramatanga whai-hinengaro, whakatairite rānei… nā rātou i whiwhi ai te ingoa "Ngā Kaiwhakatairite." I whawhai a Nepos ki ngā Kaiwhakatairite i

te marea, ā, i whakapūmau ia ka noho rangatira a Karaiti ki runga i te whenua…

I whawhai a Dionysius ki ngā kaiwhai a Nepos, ā, i runga i tāna kōrero… "he āhua pēnei o ngā mea e tū nei ināianei i roto i te rangatiratanga o te Atua." Koinei te tuatahi i whakahuatia ai te rangatiratanga o te Atua e tū ana i te āhua o nāianei o ngā hāhi…

Ka whakatūpato a Nepos i tō rātou hē, e whakaatu ana ehara te rangatiratanga o te rangi i te whakatairite, engari ko te rangatiratanga tūturu e haere mai ana o tō tātou Ariki i roto i te aranga ki te ora mō ake tonu atu...

Nā reira, i puta te whakaaro kua tae kē mai te rangatiratanga i roto i te āhua o ngā mea o nāianei i te kura Gnōstika o ngā Allegorist i Ihipa, i waenga i te tau 200 ki te 250 A.D., kotahi rau tau katoa i mua i te kitenga i ngā pīhopa o te emepaea hei kai noho i te torona…

I whakaaro a Kereimete i te rangatiratanga o te Atua hei āhua o te mōhiotanga pono ā-hinengaro ki te Atua. I whakatakoto a Origen i tēnei hei tikanga wairua huna i roto i te reta mārama o ngā Paipera. (Ward, Henry Dana. Te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga: He Rangatiratanga Ehara i te Ao nei; Ehara i roto i te Ao nei; Engari ka Haere mai ki te Whenua o te Rangi, o te Aranga ake i te Mate me te Whakahoki mai i ngā Mea Katoa. I whakaputaina e Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, 1870, whārangi 124-125)

Nā reira, i te wā i whakaako ai a Pīhopa Nepos i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua, i ngana ngā kaiwhakamārama āhua ki te whakaputa i tētahi māramatanga teka, kāore i te tino ā-tuhi, mō taua rangatiratanga. I ngana hoki a Pīhopa Apollinaris o Hieraepōtisi ki te whawhai ki ngā hē o ngā kaiwhakamārama āhua i taua wā anō. Ko te hunga pono i roto i te Hāhi o te Atua i tū mō te pono o te rangatiratanga ā-tuhi o te Atua puta noa i ngā hītori.

Herbert W. Armstrong i whakaako i te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga, me ētahi atu

I te rautau rua tekau, i tuhi a Herbert W. Armstrong (kua mate nei), te rangatira tuatahi o te ao Filadelfia hou o te Hāhi o te Atua (Whakakitenga 3:7-13):

> Nā te mea *i whakakahore* rātou *i* te rongopai a Karaiti …, me whakakapi e te ao tētahi atu mea hei whakakapi i tōna wāhi. Me waihanga rātou i tētahi *tārua teka!* Nā reira, kua rongo tātou i te rangatiratanga o te Atua e kōrerotia ana hei kōrero ātaahua noa iho—he whakaaro pai i roto i ngā ngākau o te tangata—ka whakaitihia ki te kore āhua, ki te kore tūturu! Kua hē hoki ētahi i te whakaatu ko te "HĀHI" te rangatiratanga … I mōhio te poropiti Rāniera, i ora i te ono rau tau i mua i a Karaiti, he rangatiratanga tūturu te rangatiratanga o te Atua—he kāwanatanga e rangatira ana i ngā tāngata tūturu i runga i te whenua …
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> Anei … te whakamārama a te Atua mō te aha te rangatiratanga o te Atua: "Ā, i ngā rā o ēnei kingi..."—kei konei e kōrero ana mō ngā maihao waewae tekau, he wāhanga rino, he wāhanga paru pakaru. Mā te hono i tēnei poropititanga ki Rāniera 7, me te Whakakitenga 13 me te 17, e tohu ana ki te Kotahitanga o ngā Whenua o Europi hou e hanga ana ināianei… i mua tonu i ō kanohi! Ka whakamārama a Whakakitenga 17:12 i te taipitopito ka noho he kotahitanga o NGĀ KINGI, o NGĀ KINGITANGA tekau rānei (Whakakitenga 17:8) hei whakahou i te EMEPAEA O RŌMA tawhito …
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> Ka tae mai a Karaiti, ka tae mai ia hei KINGI o ngā kingi, e rangatira ana i te ao katoa (Whak. 19:11-16); ā, ko tōna *rangatiratanga—ko te RANGATIRATANGA O TE* ATUA—i mea a Rāniera, hei whakamutu i ēnei rangatiratanga katoa o te ao. Ka kī a Whakakitenga 11:15 i ēnei kupu: "*Kua riro* ngā rangatiratanga o tēnei ao hei rangatiratanga o tō tātou Ariki, o tōna Karaiti hoki; ā, ka rangatira ia mō ake tonu atu!" Koinei te KINGITANGA O TE ATUA. Koinei te mutunga o ngā kāwanatanga o nāianei—āe, tae noa atu ki te United States me ngā iwi Piritene. Ka huri rātou hei kingitanga—hei KĀWANATANGA—o te Ariki Ihu Karaiti, ko ia te KINGI o ngā kingi i runga i te whenua katoa. Mā konei ka tino mārama he KĀWANATANGA tūturu te KINGITANGA O TE ATUA.

Pērā i te Emepaea o Karari, he rangatiratanga—ahakoa he rangatiratanga hoki te Emepaea Roma—he KĀWANATANGA hoki te RANGATIRATANGA O TE ATUA. Ka riro māna te whakahaere i ngā kāwanatanga o ngā iwi o te ao. I whānau mai a Ihu Karaiti hei KINGI—he rangatira! …

Ko taua Ihu Karaiti anō i hikoi i ngā puke me ngā awaawa o te Whenua Tapu, me ngā tiriti o Ierusalema, neke atu i te 1,900 tau ki muri, kei te hoki mai anō. I mea ia ka hoki mai anō ia. I muri i tana whakamatenga ki runga i te rīpeka, i whakahokia mai e te Atua ia i te mate i muri i ngā toru rā me ngā toru pō (Mataio 12:40; Ngā Mahi 2:32; I Koriniti 15:3-4). I piki ia ki te Torona o te Atua. Te Tari Matua o te Kāwanatanga o te Ao (Ngā Mahi 1:9-11; Hiperu 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; Whakakitenga 3:21).

Ko ia te "rangatira" o te whakataukī, i haere ki te Torona o te Atua—te "whenua tawhiti"—kia whakakīngia hei Kingi o ngā kingi ki runga i ngā iwi katoa, ā, ka hoki anō ki te whenua (Ruka 19:12-27).

Anō, kei te rangi ia kia tae rā anō ki ngā "wā whakahoki i ngā mea katoa" (Ngā Mahi 3:19-21). Ko te tikanga o *te kupu whakahoki,* he whakahoki ki tētahi āhua, ki tētahi āhuatanga rānei i mua. I tēnei horopaki, ko te whakahoki i te kāwanatanga a te Atua ki runga i te whenua, ā, nā reira, ko te whakahoki i te rangimārie o te ao, me ngā āhuatanga o te ao tino pai.

Ka piki haere ngā raruraru o te ao, ngā pakanga me ngā tautohetohe, ā, ka tae ki te taumata o te raruraru nui rawa atu o te ao, kia kore ai e ora he tangata, mēnā kāore a Atua e whakauru atu (Mataio 24:22). I te taumata tiketike rawa atu, i te wā ka puta te whakaroa ka whakangaro i ngā mea ora katoa i runga i tēnei ao, ka hoki mai a Ihu Karaiti. I tēnei wā, ka tae mai ia hei Atua tapu. Ka tae mai ia me te mana katoa me te korōria o te Kaihanga e rangatira ana i te ao whānui. (Mataio 24:30; 25:31.) Ka haere mai ia hei "Kīngi o ngā kīngi, hei Ariki o ngā ariki" (Whakakitenga 19:16), ki te whakatū i tētahi kāwanatanga matua o te ao, ā, ki te rangatira i ngā iwi katoa "ki te tokotoko rino" (Whakakitenga 19:15; 12:5) …

Kāore a Karaiti i te Pōwhiritia?

> Engari ka karanga te tangata i te harikoa, ka pōwhiri ia i a ia i roto i te hihiri me te ngākau nui—ka pērā anō hoki ngā hāhi o te Karaitiana tuku iho?
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> Kāore rātou e pērā! Ka whakapono rātou, nā te mea kua whakapohehea rātou e ngā minita teka a Hātana (II Kor. 11:13-15), ko ia te Antikaraiti. Ka riri ngā hāhi me ngā iwi i tōna taenga mai (Apo. 11:15 me 11:18), ā, ka ngana ngā ope taua ki te whawhai ki a ia kia whakangaro i a ia (Apo. 17:14)!
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> Ka whai wāhi ngā iwi ki te pakanga whakamutunga o te Pakanga Tuatoru o te Ao e heke mai ana, ā, ko Ierusalema te pae pakanga (Zek. 14:1-2), ā, ka hoki mai a Karaiti. I roto i te mana whakamīharo, ka "whawhai ia ki ēnei iwi" e whawhai ana ki a ia (whiti 3). Ka tino patua e ia rātou (Apo. 17:14)! "Ka tū ōna waewae i taua rā ki runga i te maunga ōliwa," he tawhiti poto rawa ki te rāwhiti o Ierusalema (Hak. 14:4). (Armstrong HW. The Mystery of the Ages, 1984)

Ka whakapuaki te Paipera ka hoki mai a Ihu, ā, ka toa ia, engari he tokomaha ka whawhai ki a Ia i tōna hokinga mai (Te Whakakitenga 19:19). He tokomaha ka mea (nā te kore mārama ki ngā matakite o te Paipera, ā, he wāhanga nā ngā poropiti teka me ngā tangata ngaro hinengaro) ko te Ihu e hoki mai ana te Antikaraiti whakamutunga!

Ko te whai ake nei nō Herbert Armstrong anō hoki:

> Ko te hāhi pono—ko te pono o te Atua kua whakakahaia e te aroha o te Atua mā te Wairua Tapu... HE HARIKOA KĀORE E TAEA TE WHAKAPUAKI o te mōhio ki te Atua me Ihu Karaiti—o te mōhio ki te Pono—me te mahana o te AROHA TAPU o te Atua! ...
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> Ko ngā akoranga o te Hāhi pono a te Atua he mea noa iho, arā, ko te "noho i runga i ia kupu" o te Paipera Tapu ...
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> Ka huri ngā tāngata i te huarahi o te "tiki" ki te huarahi o te "hoatu" – te huarahi aroha a te Atua.

Ka mau ināianei he AHUREA HOU ki te whenua! (ibid)

Ko te AHUREA HOU ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. He wāhanga nui o te rongopai pono o te rangatiratanga i akona e Ihu me ōna kaiwhai kia whakapuakihia, kia puta mai, kia tū hoki i runga i te aroha. Ko tērā tētahi mea e kauwhautia ana e mātou i roto i te Hāhi o te Atua e Haere Tonu Ana.

I mōhio a Herbert Armstrong i whakaako a Ihu e whakahē ana te hapori tangata, ahakoa e whakaaro ana rātou e hiahia ana ki te whakarongo, i te huarahi 'hoatu' o te ora, arā, te huarahi o te aroha. Kāore e kitea ana he tokomaha e tino mārama ana ki te hiranga o ngā mea i whakaakohia e Ihu.

Ko te whakaoranga mā Ihu he wāhanga o te Rongopai

Ināianei, tērā pea e pātai ana ētahi kua pānui mai ki konei mō te tū o te mate o Ihu i roto i te whakaoranga. Āe, he wāhanga tōna mate i te rongopai i tuhia e te Kawenata Hou me Herbert W. Armstrong.

E whakaatu ana te Kawenata Hou kei roto i te rongopai te whakaoranga mā Ihu:

> 16 Kāore au e whakamā ki te rongopai o te Karaiti; he mana a te Atua tēnei hei whakaoranga mō te hunga katoa e whakapono ana, tuatahi mō te Hurai, ā, mō te Kariki hoki (Roma 1:16).

> 4 Nō reira, ko te hunga i whakawātea i haere puta noa i te whenua e kauwhau ana i te kupu. 5 Ka heke iho a Piripi ki te tāone o Samaria, ā, ka kauwhau i a Karaiti ki a rātou. … 12 Engari i te whakapono ki a Piripi i āna kauwhau mō te rangatiratanga o te Atua me te ingoa o Ihu Karaiti, ka ū te wai ki ngā tāne, ki ngā wāhine hoki. … 25Nā, i muri i tō rātou whakapuaki me te kauwhau i te kupu a te Ariki, ka hoki rātou ki Ierusalema, ā, ka kauwhau i te rongopai ki ngā kāinga maha o ngā Samaria. 26Ināianei, ka kōrero tētahi anahera a te Ariki ki a Piripi … 40I kitea a Piripi i Arotōsa. Ā, i tōna haere, ka kauwhau ia i ngā tāone katoa, tae noa ki Kēsaia. (Ngā Mahi 8:4,5,12,25,26,40)

> 18 i kauwhau ia ki a rātou mō Ihu me te aranga. (Ngā Mahi 17:18)

> [30] Nā, i noho a Pāora i tōna ake whare rēti mō ngā tau e rua katoa, ā, i whiwhi ia i te hunga katoa i haere mai ki a ia, [31] **e kauwhau ana i te rangatiratanga o te Atua, e whakaako ana i ngā mea e pā ana ki te Ariki Ihu Karaiti**, me te māia katoa, kāore he tangata i aukati i a ia. (Ngā Mahi 28:30-31)

Tirohia, i roto i te kauwhau i whakaurua a Ihu me te rangatiratanga. He pouri, kāore i te kitea i ngā akoranga o ngā hāhi Kariki-Roma he mārama tika ki te rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

Tūturu, kia āwhina i a tātou kia uru ki taua rangatiratanga, i tino aroha te Atua ki te tangata, nāna i tukuna a Ihu kia mate mō tātou (Hoani 3:16-17), ā, ka whakaora hoki ia i a tātou mā tōna atawhai (Epeha 2:8). Ā, he wāhanga tēnei o te rongo pai (Ngā Mahi 20:24).

Ko te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga te mea e hiahiatia ana e te ao, engari …

He whai take ngā whāinga mō te mahi mō te rangimārie (Mataio 5:9) me te mahi i te pai (tirohia Galatia 6:10). Heoi, e whakapono ana te tokomaha o ngā kaiārahi o te ao, tae atu ki ērā o te whakapono, ko te mahi ngātahi ā-ao a te tangata anake ka kawe mai i te rangimārie me te oranga, ehara i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Ā, ahakoa ka whai angitū ā-wā poto rātou, ehara i te mea ka rahua noa iho rātou, engari mā ētahi o ā rātou mahi a te tangata ka whakamutu i te ao ki te taumata ka kore ai e toitū te oranga, mēnā kāore a Ihu i hoki mai ki te whakatū i tōna Rangatiratanga (Mataio 24:21-22). He rongopai hē, he whakamaumahara hoki te whakatika a te tangata i te whenua me te kore a te Atua (Waiata 127:1).

He tokomaha i te ao e ngana ana ki te whakakotahi i tētahi mahere ā-ao Papurona, he āhua whakapono, hei whakatū i tētahi raupapa hou o te ao i te rautau rua tekau mā tahi. He mea kua whakahēhia e te Hāhi o te Atua *e Haere Tonu ana* mai i tōna tīmatanga, ā, e whakamahere ana kia haere tonu ki te whakahē. Mai i te wā i whakapohehe ai a Hātana i a Hāwa kia whakapono ki tētahi putanga o tana rongopai tata ki te ono mano tau ki muri (Genesis 3), kua whakapono te tokomaha o te tangata e mōhio ana rātou he pai ake i a te Atua mō ngā mea ka whakapai ake i a rātou me te ao.

E ai ki te Paipera, ka hiahiatia he hononga o tētahi rangatira hōia i Uropi (e kīia ana ko te Kingi o te Raki, ko te Kararehe o te Whakakitenga 13:1-10 anō hoki) me tētahi rangatira whakapono (e kīia ana ko te poropiti teka, ko te Antikaraiti whakamutunga anō hoki, ko te Kararehe rua-pū o te Whakakitenga 13:11-17) nō te tāone e whitu ngā puke (Te Whakakitenga 17:9,18) hei whakatū i tētahi raupapa ao 'Papurona' (Te Whakakitenga 17 me 18). Ahakoa e hiahiatia ana e te tangata te hokinga mai o te Karaiti me te whakatū i tōna rangatiratanga, kāore te tokomaha o te ao e aro ki tēnei karere i te rautau 21—ka haere tonu rātou ki te whakapono ki ngā momo rerekē o te rongopai teka a Hātana. Engari ka whiwhi te ao i tētahi taunakitanga.

Kia maumahara ki ngā akoranga a Ihu:

> [14]Ka kauwhautia tēnei rongopai o te rangatiratanga puta noa i te ao hei taunakitanga ki ngā iwi katoa, ā, ka tae mai te mutunga. (Mataio 24:14)

Arohia ka tae atu te rongopai o te rangatiratanga ki te ao hei taunakitanga, ā, ka tae mai te mutunga. Ko taua "mutunga" te tīmatanga o te "Whakapawera Nui."

He maha ngā take mō tēnei.

Ko tētahi take, e hiahia ana a te Atua kia rongo te ao i te rongopai pono i mua i te tīmatanga o te Whakapawera Nui (e whakaaturia ana ka tīmata i roto i Mataio 24:21). Nā reira, he taunakitanga, he whakatūpato hoki te karere o te rongopai (titiro ki Ehekiera 3; Āmō 3:7). Ka puta ake he tokomaha ake o ngā huringa a ngā Tauiwi (Roma 11:25) me ngā huringa a ngā tāngata o Iharaira (Roma 9:27) i mua i te hokinga mai o Ihu.

Ko tētahi atu take, ko te kaupapa matua o te karere ka whakahē i ngā tirohanga o te mana o te Kararehe o te Raki e ara ake ana, me te Poropiti Teka, te Antikaraiti whakamutunga. Ka tohu rāua i te rangimārie mā te kaha a te tangata me te whakawhē i ngā tikanga whakapono, engari ka arahi tēnei ki te mutunga (Mataio 24:14-22) me te whakangaromanga (titiro ki 1 Tehalonika 5:3).

Ahakoa e kī ana te Paipera kia whawhai mō te whakapono pono taketake (Huda 3), he pono te kupu a te Atua (Hoani 17:17), ā, me wehe ngā Karaitiana pono i te hunga e whakawhēkau ana ki ngā tikanga pāhā (2 Koriniti 6:14-17), ka kī te tokomaha kei roto i tā rātou "rongopai" (rongo pai) he whakawhēkau kia tau ai te rangimārie me te kotahitanga. He mea pouri, ka whakaarohia e te tokomaha o te hunga e whakatairanga ana i ngā kaupapa ekūmenika me ngā whakawhanaungatanga whakapono a te Kararehe me te Poropiti Teka (te Antikaraiti whakamutunga) hei rongopai teka te rongopai pono o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

Nā ngā tohu me ngā mea whakamīharo teka e pā ana ki a rātou (2 Tehalonika 2:9), ka whiriwhiri te nuinga o te ao ki te whakapono ki tētahi teka (2 Tehalonika 2:9-12) hei utu mō te karere o te rongopai. Nā ngā whakapae hē a ngā Katorika Rōmana, ngā Ortodoksi o te Rāwhiti, ngā Lutera, me ētahi atu mō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua mō te mano tau, ka kī hē te tokomaha ko te karere o te rongopai mō te mano tau o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua he rongopai teka e hono ana ki te Kararehe me te Antikaraiti.

I mua i te tīmatanga o te Whakapawera Nui, ka tae atu ngā Karaitiana pono o Filadelfia (Te Whakakitenga 3:7-13) ki te ao (Mataio 24:14), e whakapuaki ana i te rongopai mano-tau o te rangatiratanga, ā, e kōrero ana ki te ao mō ngā mahi a ētahi rangatira o te ao (tae atu ki te Kararehe me te Poropiti Teka).

Ka tautoko rātou i te whakamōhio ki te ao i te karere e mea ana ko Te Kararehe, te mana o te Kingi o te Raki, me te Poropiti Teka, te Antikaraiti whakamutunga, ka whakangaro mutunga iho (me ētahi o ā rātou hoa piri) i te USA me ngā whenua Anga-Pākehā o te United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, me Aotearoa (Rāniera 11:24,39) ā, ka whakangaro hoki rātou i muri tata iho i tētahi kotahitanga Arapi/Islam (Rāniera 11:40-43), ka mahi hei taputapu a ngā wairua kino (Whakakitenga 16:13-14), ā, ka whawhai whakamutunga ki a Ihu Karaiti i tōna hokinga mai (Whakakitenga 16:14; 19:19-20). Ka pānui ngā Filadelfia pono (Whakakitenga 3:7-13) e tata ana te taenga mai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua mō te mano tau.

Ka tino puta pea he nui ngā pūrongo pāpāho, ā, ka āwhina hoki ki te whakatutuki i a Mataio 24:14. Kei te whakarite mātou i Te Hāhi a te Atua *e*

Haere Tonu Ana i ngā tuhinga (i roto i ngā reo maha), e tāpiri ana ki ngā paetukutuku, ā, e whai ana i ētahi atu huarahi hei whakarite mō te 'mahi poto' (titiro Roma 9:28) hei āwhina i te whakatau a te Atua kua oti pai te whakarite i a Mataio 24:14 hei taunakitanga mō te mutunga e heke mai nei.

E kore ngā rangatira o te ao e kauwhau ana i te 'rongopai teka' (tērā pea he momo rangatira hou nō Īropi me tētahi pōpere kua whakarerekē, *ka kī ia* he momo Katorika) e rata ki taua kauwhau—kāore rātou e hiahia kia mōhio te ao ki ngā mahi ka mahia e rātou (ā, tērā pea kāore rātou e whakapono i te tuatahi, titiro ki Ihaia 10:5-7). Ka whakaako hē hoki rātou, me ō rātou kaitautoko, e mea ana ka tautoko ngā Karaitiana pono o Filadelfia i tētahi akoranga tino kaha (te whakapono mano tau) mō te Antikaraiti e heke mai ana. Ahakoa ngā whakapae hē ka tukuna e rātou, e ō rātou kaitautoko rānei ki ngā Karaitiana pono o Filadelfia me te Hāhi o te Atua *e Haere Tonu Ana,* ka arahi tēnei ki te whakatoihara (Rāniera 11:29-35; Whakakitenga 12:13-15). Ka arahi hoki tēnei ki te mutunga—te tīmatanga o te Whakapawera Nui (Mataio 24:21; Rāniera 11:39; titiro hoki ki Mataio 24:14-15; Rāniera 11:31) me te wā tiaki toru tau me te haurua mō ngā Karaitiana pono o Filadelfia (Whakakitenga 3:10; 12:14-16).

Ka whakamātau te Kararehe me te Poropiti Teka i te kaha, te whakatumatuma ā-pūtea, ngā tohu, ngā mea whakamīharo teka, te patunga tangata, me ētahi atu pēhanga (Whakakitenga 13:10-17; 16:14; Rāniera 7:25; 2 Tehalonika 2:9-10) kia whai mana ai rātou. Ka pātai ngā Karaitiana:

> [10]"E hia te roa, e te Ariki, e tapu, e pono, kia whakawā, kia utu rānei koe i tō mātou toto i runga i te hunga e noho ana i te whenua?" (Te Whakakitenga 6:10)

I ngā reanga katoa, kua pīrangi, kua pātai hoki ngā tāngata a te Atua, "E hia te roa kia hoki mai a Ihu?"

Ahakoa kāore tātou e mōhio ki te rā, ki te haora rānei, e tūmanako ana mātou ka hoki mai a Ihu (me te whakatūnga o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua mō te mano tau) i te rautau rua tekau mā tahi, i runga i ngā karaipiture maha (hei tauira: Mataio 24:4-34; Waiata 90:4; Hohea 6:2; Ruka 21:7-36;

Hiperu 1:1-2; 4:4,11; 2 Pētera 3:3-8; 1 Tehalonika 5:4), ā, kei te kite tātou ināianei i ētahi wāhanga e whakatutukihia ana.

Ki te kore a Ihu e whakauru, ka whakangaro te tangata i ngā mea ora katoa:

> [21] Ka puta he Whakapawera Nui i taua wā, kāore i puta mai i te tīmatanga o te ao, ā, kāore e puta anō. [22] Ki te kore e whakaitia aua rā, kāore he kikokiko e ora; engari, mō te take o te hunga kua tīpakohia, ka whakaitia aua rā. (Mataio 24:21-22)

> [29] Ka mutu tonu te raruraru o ēnei rā, ka pōuri te rā, kāore hoki te marama e whiti; ka taka ngā whetū i te rangi, ā, ka wiri ngā mana o te rangi. [30] Ka puta i te rangi te tohu o te Tama a te Tangata, ā, ka tangi ngā iwi katoa o te whenua, ā, ka kite rātou i te Tama a te Tangata e haere mai ana i runga i ngā kapua o te rangi, me te mana, me te korōria nui. [31]Ka tukuna e Ia āna anahera me te tangi nui o te putorino, ā, ka kohia e rātou ōna kōwhiria mai i ngā hau e whā, mai i tētahi pito o te rangi ki tētahi atu pito. (Mataio 24:29-31)

Ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua te mea e hiahiatia ana e te ao.

Ngā Amepā mō te Rangatiratanga

He aha tō tūranga i te Rangatiratanga?

Ināianei, mēnā he Karaitiana pono koe, me noho koe hei amepā mō Ihu me te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Tirohia tā te Āpōtoro Pāora i tuhi:

> [20]Nō reira, he māngai mātou mō te Karaiti, pēnei i te mea e akiaki ana a te Atua mā mātou: e inoi ana mātou i a koutou i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti, kia whakakotahitia anō ki te Atua. (2 Koriniti 5:20)

> [14] Noho tū koutou, kua herea ō koutou hope ki te pono, kua mau ki te pare o te tika, [15] kua whakakakahu hoki i ō koutou waewae ki te whakarite o te rongopai o te rangimārie; [16] ā, i runga ake i ngā mea katoa, tangohia te pare o te whakapono, mā reira e taea ai e koutou te whakaweto i ngā pere ahi katoa a te kino. [17] Tangohia hoki te potae o te whakaoranga, me te hoari o te Wairua, arā, te

kupu a te Atua; [18] inoi tonu ai ki te Atua i roto i te Wairua, mā ngā inoi katoa, me ngā whakawhetai katoa, kia mataara ai ki tēnei whāinga, me te manawanui katoa, me ngā inoi mō ngā tapu katoa— [19] ā, mōku anō, kia whakawhiwhia mai ki ahau te kupu, kia tuwhera ai tōku waha kia māia ki te whakamōhio i te mea huna o te rongopai, [20] koia nei ahau hei amepā i roto i ngā here mōna; kia kaha ai ahau ki te kōrero mōna, kia tika ai taku kōrero. (Epeha 6:14-20)

He aha te amepā? Anei te whakamārama a *Merriam-Webster*:

1**:** he māngai ā-ture; *otirā***:** he māngai tōrangapū o te taumata teitei rawa kua whakamanahia ki tētahi kāwanatanga, ki tētahi rangatira rānei o tāwāhi hei māngai noho mō tōna ake kāwanatanga, mō tōna rangatira rānei, i tohua rānei mō tētahi mahi tōrangapū motuhake, ā, he wā poto pea.

2 *a***:** he māngai mana, he karere rānei

Mēnā he Karaitiana tūturu koe, he māngai ā-ture koe mō te Karaiti! Tirohia ngā kupu i tuhia e te Āpōtoro Pita:

[9] Engari he uri kua tīpakohia koutou, he tohunga tapu rangatira, he iwi tapu, he iwi motuhake nāna, kia whakapuaki ai koutou i ngā whakamoemiti o ia i karanga i a koutou i te pōuri ki tōna mārama whakamīharo; [10] i mua kāore koutou i te iwi, engari ināianei he iwi nā te Atua koutou; i mua kāore koutou i whiwhi i te aroha, engari ināianei kua whiwhi koutou i te aroha. (1 Pētera 2:9-10)

Hei Karaitiana, me noho tātou hei wāhanga o tētahi iwi tapu.

Ko tēhea iwi kua tapu ināianei?

Āe rā, kāore he rangatiratanga o tēnei ao e tapu ana—engari ka noho rātou hei wāhanga o te Rangatiratanga o te Karaiti ā te mutunga (Te Whakakitenga 11:15). Ko te iwi a te Atua, ko tōna Rangatiratanga, koia te mea tapu.

Hei māngai, kāore mātou i te nuinga o te wā e uru ki ngā tōrangapū tūturu o ngā iwi o tēnei ao. Engari me noho mātou i te ara o te Atua ināianei (titiro hoki ki te pukapuka hiko kore utu kei te wātea i www.ccog.org, e kīia nei: *Ngā Karaitiana: He Māngai mō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, Ngā tohutohu ā-Paipera mō te noho hei Karaitiana*). Mā te noho i te ara o te Atua i tēnei wā, ka mārama ake tātou he aha i tino pai ai ngā huarahi a te Atua, kia taea ai e tātou te noho hei rangatira, hei tohunga tapu i tōna rangatiratanga, ā, kia rangatira tahi ai tātou me Karaiti ki runga i te whenua:

> 5 Ki a Ia i aroha mai ki a mātou, i horoi hoki i a mātou i ō mātou hara i roto i tōna ake toto, 6 ā, i hanga mātou hei rangatira, hei tohunga tapu mā tōna Atua, tōna Matua; kia nui te korōria me te rangatiratanga ki a Ia ake ake. Āmine. (Whakakitenga 1:5-6)

> 10 Nāna hoki i hanga mātou hei rangatira, hei tohunga tapu mō tō mātou Atua; ā, ka rangatira mātou i runga i te whenua. (Te Whakakitenga 5:10)

Ko tētahi āhuatanga ā muri ake o te noho hei rangatira me te tohunga tapu, ko te whakaako i te hunga e mate tonu ana i taua wā kia hikoi i ngā ara a te Atua:

> 19 Ka noho hoki te iwi ki Siona i Hiruhārama; kāore koutou e tangi anō. Ka tino aroha ia ki a koutou i te tangi a koutou; ka rongo ia, ka whakautu mai ia ki a koutou. 20 Ahakoa ka hoatu e te Ariki ki a koutou te taro o te taumaha me te wai o te pōuritanga, kāore anō ō koutou kaiako e neke ki tētahi kokonga; engari ka kite ō koutou whatu i ō koutou kaiako. 21Ka rongo ō taringa i tētahi kupu i muri i a koe, e kī ana, "Ko tēnei te huarahi; haere i roto i tēnei," ahakoa ka huri koe ki te taha matau, ahakoa ka huri koe ki te taha mauī. (Ihaia 30:19-21)

Ahakoa he matakite tēnei mō te rangatiratanga mano tau, i tēnei ao me whakarite ngā Karaitiana kia whakaako:

> 12… ināianei me kaiako koutou, (Hiperu 5:12)

> 15Engari whakatapua te Ariki, te Atua, i roto i ō ngākau; ā, kia rite tonu koutou ki te whakautu ki te tangata katoa e pātai ana ki a

> koutou mō te take o te tūmanako kei roto i a koutou, me māhaki, me wehi hoki: (1 Pētera 3:15, KJV)

E whakaatu ana te Paipera ka whakaako te tokomaha o ngā Karaitiana pono i mua tata i te tīmatanga o te Whakapawera Nui:

> [33] Ā, ko te hunga o te iwi e mārama ana ka whakaako i te tokomaha (Rāniera 11:33;)

Nā reira, ko te ako me te tipu i roto i te atawhai me te mātauranga (2 Pētera 3:18) he mea e tika ana kia mahia e tātou ināianei. I mea a Ihu, "Ka noho koutou hei taunaki māku i Ierusalema, i te katoa o Iuda, o Samaria hoki, tae noa ki te pito o te whenua" (Ngā Mahi 1:8). He wāhanga o tō tūranga i roto i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua ko te āhei ki te whakaako.

Ā, mō ngā Karaitiana o Filadelfia e pono ake ana (Te Whakakitenga 3:7-13), ka whakauru hoki tēnei i te tautoko i te taunakitanga nui o te rongopai i mua i te tīmatanga o te rangatiratanga mano tau a te Atua (titiro ki Mataio 24:14).

I muri i te whakatū i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, ka whakamahia ngā tāngata a te Atua hei āwhina ki te whakahou i te ao kua pakaru:

> [12] Ko ērā nō roto i a koutou ka hanga i ngā wāhi tawhito kua para; Ka whakatū ake koe i ngā tūāpapa o ngā whakatipuranga maha; ā, ka karangahia koe ko te Kaiwhakatika i te Pakaru, ko te Kaiwhakahou i ngā Tiriti hei Nohoanga. (Ihaia 58:12)

Nā reira, mā te hunga o te Atua i ora ai i runga i te huarahi a te Atua i tēnei ao, ka māmā ake te noho a te tangata ki ngā tāone (me ērā atu wāhi) i te wā o te whakahou i te mano tau.

Ka tino pai ake te ao. Me noho tātou hei māngai mō te Karaiti ināianei, kia taea hoki e tātou te mahi i roto i tōna rangatiratanga.

Ko te Rongopai Tūturu he mea whakarerekē

Ka mea a Ihu, "Ki te noho koutou i roto i taku kupu, ka noho koutou hei ākonga tūturu māku. 32 Ka mōhio koutou ki te pono, ā, mā te pono ka

herekore koutou" (Hoani 8:31-32). Ko te mōhio ki te pono mō te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua ka herekore i a tātou i te mauhere i ngā tūmanako teka o tēnei ao. Ka taea e tātou te tautoko māia i tētahi mahere e whai hua ana—te mahere a te Atua! Kua whakapohehe a Hātana i te ao katoa (Whakakitenga 12:9), ā, ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua te otinga tūturu. Me tū tātou mō te pono, me tautoko hoki i te pono (titiro ki Hoani 18:37).

He nui ake te karere o te rongopai i te whakaora whaiaro anake. Me huri i te tangata i tēnei ao te rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua:

> [2]Kaua hoki e rite ki tēnei ao, engari kia huri koutou mā te whakahou i tō koutou hinengaro, kia kitea ai e koutou te pai, te whakaaetanga, me te tino pai o te hiahia a te Atua. (Roma 12:2)

Ka huri ngā Karaitiana pono kia mahi mō te Atua me ētahi atu:

> [22]E ngā kaimahi here, kia ū ki ngā mea katoa e whakahaua ana e ō rangatira ā-tinana; ehara i te mahi ā-kanohi hei whakapaipai i te tangata, engari i te ngākau pono, e mataku ana ki te Atua. [23] Ā, ahakoa he aha tā koutou mahi, mahia ngā mahi katoa me te ngākau katoa, pēnei i te mahi mā te Ariki, ehara i te mahi mā te tangata; [(24)]e mōhio ana koutou ka whiwhi koutou i te utu o te tuku iho i te Ariki; nō te mea kei te mahi koutou mō te Ariki Karaiti. (Kolosa 3:22-24)

> [28]Nā reira, i te mea e whiwhi ana tātou i tētahi rangatiratanga kāore e taea te whakararu, kia whai tātou i te atawhai, kia mahi ai tātou ki te Atua i runga i te whakaute me te mataku ki te Atua. (Iberia 12:28)

Ka noho rerekē ngā Karaitiana tūturu i te ao. Ka whakaae mātou ki ngā paerewa a te Atua, he tiketike ake i ngā paerewa a te ao, mō te tika me te hē. Ka ora ngā tangata tika i runga i te whakapono (Hiperu 10:38), nā te mea me whakapono kia ora ai i te ara a te Atua i tēnei ao. I titirohia ngā Karaitiana hei hunga tino rerekē i te ao i noho ai rātou, ā, i tapaina tō rātou āhua noho ko "Te Ara" i roto i te Kawenata Hou (Ngā Mahi 9:2; 19:9;

24:14,22). E noho ana te ao i runga i te hiahia ake, kua pōrearea i raro i te mana o Hātana, i roto i tētahi mea i tapaina ko "te ara o Kaina" (Huda 11).

Ko te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua he karere mō te tika, te hari, me te rangimārie (Roma 14:17). Ko te kupu matakite, mēnā ka mārama tika, he whakamarie (titiro ki 1 Koriniti 14:3; 1 Tehalonika 4:18), otirā i a tātou e mātakitaki ana i te ao e pakaru ana (titiro ki Ruka 21:8-36). Ka arahi te ara noho pono a te Karaitiana ki te nui o te wairua me ngā manaakitanga ā-tinana (Mareko 10:29-30). He wāhanga tēnei o te take e mōhio ai te hunga e whai ana i tēnei ara, me hiahiatia e te ao te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. He māngai te hunga Karaitiana mō te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

Ka whakanoho ngā Karaitiana i tō mātou tūmanako ki ngā mea wairua, ehara i ngā mea ā-tinana, ahakoa e noho ana mātou i roto i te ao ā-tinana (Roma 8:5-8). He "tūmanako o te rongopai" tā mātou (Kolosa 1:23). He mea i mārama ai ngā Karaitiana tuatahi, engari kāore e tino mārama ana te tokomaha o te hunga e whakapuaki ana i a Ihu i ēnei rā.

6. E whakaako ana ngā hāhi Kariki-Roma he mea nui te Rangatiratanga, engari...

E whakapono ana ngā hāhi Kariki-Roma e whakaako ana rātou i ētahi āhuatanga o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, engari he uaua ki a rātou te tino mārama he aha tūturu ia. Hei tauira, ko tā *The Catholic Encyclopedia* e whakaako ana mō te rangatiratanga:

> … a Karaiti … I ia wāhanga o āna akoranga mō te taenga mai o tēnei rangatiratanga, ōna āhuatanga maha, tōna tikanga tika, me te huarahi hei whakatutuki i a ia, koirā ngā kaupapa matua o āna kauwhau, ā, nā konei i tapaina ai tōna kauwhau ko "te rongopai o te rangatiratanga"...ka tīmata rātou ki te kōrero mō te Hāhi hei "te rangatiratanga o te Atua"; tirohia Col., I, 13; I Thess., ii, 12; Apoc., I, 6, 9; v, 10, me ērā atu. ...e tohu ana tēnei i te Hāhi hei whakahaere ā-Atua … (Pope H. Rangatiratanga o te Atua. The Catholic Encyclopedia, Rōpū VIII. 1910)

Ahakoa i tohu ake i runga ki "Col., I, 13; I Thess., ii, 12; Apoc., I, 6, 9; v, 10," mēnā ka rapu koe i ēnei, ka kitea e koe kāore tētahi o aua rerenga e kōrero ana mō ***te Hāhi*** hei Rangatiratanga o te Atua. E whakaako ana ēnei rerenga ka noho ngā kaiwhakapono hei wāhanga o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, nō Ihu rānei taua rangatiratanga. E whakatūpato ana te Paipera ka huri te tokomaha i te rongopai, ka huri rānei ki tētahi atu, ki tētahi kāore i te pono (Galatia 1:3-9). Aroha mai, kua pērā ētahi.

I whakaako a Ihu, "Ko au te ara, te pono, me te ora. Kāore he tangata e tae ki te Matua, me kore māku" (Hoani 14:6). I whakaako a Pita, "Kāore hoki he whakaoranga i tētahi atu; kāore hoki he ingoa kē i raro i te rangi, kua hoatu ki ngā tāngata, hei whakaora ai tātou" (Ngā Mahi 4:12). I mea a Pita ki ngā Hurai me whakapono katoa rātou kia huri, kia whakaae ki a Ihu kia ora ai (Ngā Mahi 2:38).

Hei whakarerekē i tēnei, i whakaako a Pōpere Parani kua mate, ka taea e te hunga whakakore Atua te whakaora mā ngā mahi pai! E whakaako ana hoki ia ka taea e ngā Hurai te whakaora me te kore e whakaae ki a Ihu! Hei tāpiri, ia me ētahi o ngā Greko-Roma e whakaaro ana he putanga kore-

Paipera o 'Meri' hei kī mō te rongopai, ā, hei kī hoki mō te kotahitanga ekūmenika me te kotahitanga whakapono. He mea pouri, kāore rātou me ētahi atu i te mōhio ki te hiranga o Ihu, me te Hiranga Pono o te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. He tokomaha e whakatairanga ana i ngā rongopai teka.

He tokomaha e hiahia ana kia hikoi mā te tirohanga, kia whakapono ki te ao. E whakaako ana te Kawenata Hou me titiro ngā Karaitiana ki runga:

> [2]Whakatūria ōu hinengaro ki ngā mea kei runga, kaua ki ngā mea kei te whenua. (Kolosa 3:2)
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> [7] Nā te mea e hīkoi ana mātou i runga i te whakapono, ehara i te mea i runga i te kitenga. (2 Koriniti 5:7)

Heoi, i whakaako a Pōpere Pius XI kia hikoi mā tōna tirohanga ki tōna hāhi:

> ... ko te Hāhi Katorika ... te rangatiratanga o te Karaiti i runga i te whenua. (Te pānui ā-ao a Pius, *Quas Primas*).

E ai ki te paetukutuku *CatholicBible101*, "i whakatūria te Rangatiratanga o te Atua ki runga i te whenua e Ihu Karaiti i te tau 33 AD, i roto i te āhua o tōna Hāhi, i ārahi a Pita... te Hāhi Katorika." Engari, kāore te Rangatiratanga o te Atua o te mano tau i konei, ā, ehara hoki i te Hāhi o Rōma. Ka tae mai ana, ka noho ki runga i te whenua. Ahakoa kei te Hāhi pono o te Atua ngā "kī o te rangatiratanga" (Mataio 16:19), kua "tangohia e rātou te kī o te mātauranga" (Ruka 11:52) e te hunga e kī ana he rangatiratanga te hāhi.

E whakaako kaha ana te Hāhi o Rōma kia kaua e whakapono ki tētahi rangatiratanga mano tau o te Atua e tata mai ana ki te ao, ā, koia tonu tērā te anake o ngā "mātauranga o te Antikaraiti" kua whakarārangihia i roto i te *Kātekinisimia* ā-ture *o te Hāhi Katorika*:

> **676** Ka tīmata kē te teka a te Antikaraiti ki te āhua i te ao ia wā ka mea ana ka taea te whakatutuki i roto i te hītori i te tūmanako Mīhaia, ā, kāore e taea te whakatutuki i waho atu i te hītori mā te whakawa whakamutunga anake. Kua whakakahore te Hāhi i ngā āhua kua whakarerekētia o tēnei whakaparahako i te rangatiratanga e heke mai ana i raro i te ingoa o te mano tau …

(Kātekinisima o te Hāhi Katorika. Imprimatur Potest +Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. Doubleday, NY 1995, wh. 194)

He mea pouri, ka raru nui te hunga e whakaae ana ki taua tūnga i te whakapuaki i te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i te mutunga. Ka whakatū hē ētahi ki te whawhai ki te hunga e whakapuaki ana i taua Rongopai (Rāniera 7:25; 11:30-36). Engari, tērā pea ka whakaaro koe, kāore rānei e uru ki te rangatiratanga te hunga katoa e whakapuaki ana i a Ihu hei Ariki? Kāo, kāore rātou e uru. Tirohia ngā kupu a Ihu:

> 21 "Ehara i te mea ka uru ki te rangatiratanga o te rangi te hunga katoa e kī ana ki ahau, 'E te Ariki, e te Ariki,' engari ko te hunga e mahi ana i te hiahia o taku Matua i te rangi. 22 He tokomaha ka mea ki ahau i taua rā, 'E te Ariki, e te Ariki, kāore rānei mātou i poropiti i tō ingoa, i pei i ngā wairua kino i tō ingoa, ā, i mahi mīharo maha i tō ingoa?' 23Ka mea atu au ki a rātou, 'Kāore au i mōhio ki a koutou; wehe atu i ahau, e hunga e mahi ana i te hē!' (Mataio 7:21-23)

I tohu a Pāora, te Āpōtoro, i te "mea ngaro o te kore ture" e "tīmata kē ana te mahi" (2 Tehalonika 2:7) i tōna wā. E pā ana hoki tēnei hē ki tētahi mea e whakatūpato ana te Paipera kia kaua e mahia i ngā rā whakamutunga, e kīia nei ko "Mea Ngaro, Papurona te Nui" (Te Whakakitenga 17:3-5).

Ko te "mea ngaro o te kore ture" e pā ana ki ngā Karaitiana e whakapono ana kāore rātou e hiahia kia whakapau kaha ki te pupuri i te ture o ngā Whakahau Tekau a te Atua, me ērā atu, ā, kāore rānei he tino take kia whai i taua ture, ā, he maha rānei ngā huarahi whakaae hei whakakore i taua ture, ā, he tika rānei ētahi momo whakapae hara hei whakakore i te ture a te Atua. Nō reira, ahakoa e whakapono ana rātou kei a rātou tētahi āhua o te ture a te Atua, kāore rātou e pupuri ana i tētahi āhua o te Karaitianatanga ka mōhiotia e Ihu, e ōna āpōtoro rānei hei mea tika.

He tokomaha e kī ana he Karaitiana rātou, he rite ki ngā Parīhi i takahi i ngā whakahau a te Atua, engari i mea rātou nā ō rātou tikanga i whakaae ai tēnei—i whakahē a Ihu i taua huarahi (Mataio 15:3-9)! I whakatūpato hoki a Ihaia, ka whakahē ngā tāngata e kī ana he nō te Atua rātou i tana ture

(Ihaia 30:9). Aroha mai, he mea e kitea tonu ana tēnei whakahē ture tae noa ki ēnei rā.

Ko tētahi atu "mīharo" ko te mea e whakapono ana te Hāhi o Rōma ka arahi āna kaupapa whakakotahitanga ā-hāhi me ngā whakawhitinga whakapono hōia ki te rangimārie me tētahi putanga kāore i te Paipera o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua ki runga i te whenua. E whakatūpato ana ngā Karaipiture mō tētahi kotahitanga ā-hāhi e heke mai nei, ā, e whakaako ana ka angitu mō ētahi tau (tuhipoka: kei te whakaatu i te *New Jerusalem Bible*, he whakamāoritanga i whakamanahia e te Hāhi Katorika Rōmana):

> 4 Ka whakawhēkau rātou ki mua i te tarakona, nā te mea i hoatu e
> ia tōna mana ki te kararehe; ā, ka whakawhēkau hoki rātou ki mua
> i te kararehe, e kī ana, 'Ko wai e rite ana ki te kararehe?' Ko wai e
> taea te whawhai ki a ia?' 5I whakaaetia te kararehe kia whakaputa
> i āna whakahīhī me āna whakaparahako, ā, kia mahi mō te whā
> tekau mā rua marama; 6ā,i whakaputa e ia āna whakaparahako ki
> te Atua, ki tōna ingoa, ki tōna Tente rangi, me te hunga katoa e
> noho haumaru ana i reira. 7I whakaaetia kia whawhai ki ngā tapu,
> kia wini hoki i a rātou, ā, i hoatu ki a ia te mana ki runga i ngā ira
> katoa, i ngā iwi katoa, i ngā reo katoa, i ngā whenua katoa; 8ā, ka
> whakamoemiti ki a ia ngā tāngata katoa o te ao, arā, ko te hunga
> kāore ō rātou ingoa i tuhia i te pukapuka ora a te Reme i patua mai
> i te tīmatanga o te ao. 9Me whakarongo te hunga e whakarongo
> ana: 10Ko te hunga mō te mauhere ki te mauhere; ko te hunga mō
> te mate ki te hoari ki te mate ki te hoari. Koia nei te take me
> manawanui, me whakapono hoki ngā tapu. (Te Whakakitenga
> 13:4-10, NJB)

Ka whakatūpato te Paipera kia kaua e whai wāhi ki te kotahitanga o Papurona i te mutunga o te ao:

> 1 Ka haere mai tētahi o ngā anahera e whitu i mau i ngā ipu e whitu
> ki ahau, ā, ka mea mai, 'Haere mai ki konei, ā, ka whakaatu atu au
> ki a koe i te whiu o te wahine hēhē nui e noho ana i te taha o ngā
> wai maha, 2 ko ia i hēhē ai ngā rangatira katoa o te ao, ā, nāna i
> whakahaurangi te ao katoa ki te waina o tōna hēhē.' 3 Ka kawea
> ahau e ia i roto i te wairua ki te koraha, ā, i reira ka kite au i tētahi

wahine e eke ana ki runga i tētahi kararehe whero-karakara, he whitu ōna upoko, he tekau ōna haona, ā, he taitara whakaparahako kua tuhia puta noa i a ia. [4] I mau te wahine i te kākahu papura me te whero-karakara, ā, i whiti ia i te koura, i ngā taonga whakapaipai me ngā pēra; ā, i mau ia i tētahi kapu waina koura i kī ki te paru whakaparahako o tōna whērea; [5] **i tuhia ki tōna rae he ingoa, he ingoa huna: 'Ko Papurona te Nui, te whaea o ngā kaihoko ā-tinana katoa, me ngā mahi paruparu katoa o te ao**.' [6] ka kite au kua waipiro ia, kua waipiro i te toto o ngā tapu, me te toto o ngā kaiwhakaatu o Ihu i whakamatea; ā, i taku kitenga i a ia, ka tino ohorere ahau. (Te Whakakitenga 17:1-6, NJB)

[9] 'E karanga ana tēnei kia mātau. **Ko** ngā **upoko e whitu he maunga e whitu**, kei runga i ēnei e noho ana te wahine . . . [18] Ko te wahine i kitea e koe, ko **te tāone nui** e rangatira ana ki ngā rangatira katoa o te ao.' (Whakakitenga 17:9,18, NJB)

[1] I muri i tēnei, i kite au i tētahi atu anahera e heke mai ana i te rangi, he mana nui i hoatu ki a ia; ka whiti te whenua i tōna korōria. [2] I te tihi o tōna reo ka karanga ia, 'Kua hinga a Papurona, kua hinga a **Papurona**, **te Nui**! Kua riro hei nohoanga mō ngā wairua kino, hei whare mō ia wairua paruparu, mō ia manu paruparu, whakaparahako hoki.' [3]Kua inu hohonu ngā iwi katoa i te waina o tōna whērea; kua whērea hoki ia e ia ngā rangatira katoa o te ao, ā, kua whai rawa ngā kaihokohoko katoa i āna mahi whērea.' [4]Ka rongo anō au i tētahi reo i te rangi e kī ana, **'Haere mai, e taku iwi, kia wehe atu i a ia, kia kaua koutou e whai wāhanga ki āna hara, kia kaua hoki e kawe i āna mate pērā**. [5]Kua eke ōna hara ki te rangi, ā, kei te mahara a te Atua ki āna hara: me utu ki a ia pēnei i āna i utu ai ki ētahi atu. [6]Me utua ia kia rua ngā wā o te nui i tangohia e ia; me hoatu ki a ia he kapu kaha rawa o tōna ake whakaranu. [7]Ia o āna whakapaipai me āna whakangahau hē, me whakakapia ki tētahi whakamātau mamae, ki tētahi mamae rānei. E whakaaro ana ia, 'Kua noho ahau hei kuīni; ehara ahau i te wahine mokemoke, ā, kāore au e mōhio ki te pōuri.' [8]Nō reira, i roto i tētahi rā kotahi, ka taka ngā mate ki runga i a ia: mate, tangi, me te hiakai. Ka tahuna ia kia kore rawa he toenga. Ko te Ariki, te

> Atua i whakapae i a ia, he kaha rawa.' [9]'Ka tangi, ka ururua mōna e ngā kingi o te ao i moe tahi ki a ia, i whakahaere hoki i ngā orōhi me ia. Ka kite rātou i te auahi i a ia e mura ana, (Whakakitenga 18:1-9, NJB)

I roto i a Zekaria, e whakatūpato ana te Paipera mō te taenga mai o Papurona, ā, e whakaatu ana kāore e puta te kotahitanga tika *kia* hoki mai a Ihu:

> [10]Kia tupato! Kia tupato! Haere atu i te whenua o te raki — e kī ana a Yahweh — i te mea kua whakawhānuitia koutou e au ki ngā hau e whā o te rangi — e kī ana a Yahweh. [11]Kia tupato! Haere atu, **e Siona, e noho ana ināianei ki te tamāhine o Papurona!**
>
> [12] Nā te mea e kī ana a Yahweh Sabaoth, i te mea i whakahaua e te Korōria
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> ki ahau, mō ngā iwi i whakangaro i a koutou, 'Ko te tangata e pa ana ki a koutou, e pa ana ki te pōkākā o tōku kanohi.' [(13)] Ināianei, titiro, ka wiri ahau i taku ringa ki runga i a rātou, ā, ka riro rātou hei rawa mō te hunga i herea e rātou hei taurekareka.' Ka mōhio koutou kua tukuna mai ahau e Yahweh Sabaoth! [14] Himene, kia hari, e te tamāhine o Siona, nō te mea kei te haere mai au ki te noho i waenganui i a koutou – e kī ana a Yahweh! [15] Ā, i taua rā ka huri mai ngā iwi maha ki a Yahweh. Āe, ka noho rātou hei iwi māna, ā, ka noho rātou i waenganui i a koutou. Ka mōhio koutou kua tukuna mai ahau ki a koutou e Yahweh Sabaoth ! [16]Ka riro mā Yahweh te rangatiratanga o Hura, tana wāhanga i te Whenua Tapu, ā, ka whiriwhiria anō a Ierusalema e ia. (Zekaria 2:10-16, NJB; hei tuhipoka, i ngā putanga KJV/NKJV ka rārangi ngā rerenga hei Zekaria 2:6-12)

Ahakoa he pai te mahi ngātahi i ētahi take, kua whakataua e te Paipera ngā āhuatanga o ngā nekehanga whakakotahitanga hāhi me ngā nekehanga whakawhānaungatanga whakapono e whakatairangahia ana e Te Kotahitanga o Ngā Motu, e te Wātikani, e te tokomaha o ngā Porotetani, me ngā rangatira Ortodoksi o te Rāwhiti, ā, kāore e tika kia whakatenatena. I whakatūpato a Ihu mō ētahi *e mea ana* kei te whai i a Ia, ā, ka

"whakapohehe i te tokomaha" (Mataio 24:4-5). He nui te hononga o te nuinga o ngā nekehanga kotahitanga hāhi ki te whakatuwheratanga o te hīri tuatahi o te Whakakitenga 6:1-2, e mōhiotia ana ko te "kaiwhakatere hoiho mā" o te Whakakitenga (ehara ia i a Ihu), me te wahine hē o te Whakakitenga 17.

Pērā ki a Zekaria, i whakaako hoki a Pāora te Āpōtoro kāore e puta te kotahitanga pono o te whakapono kia hoki mai *anō* a Ihu:

> [13]kia tae tātou katoa ki te kotahitanga o te whakapono me te mōhiotanga ki te Tama a te Atua, kia hanga ai te tangata kua oti, kua pakeke, kua whakakīa ki te kī o te Karaiti anō. (Epeha 4:13, NJB)

Ko te hunga e whakapono ana ka tae mai tēnei kotahitanga i mua i te hokinga mai o Ihu, kei te hē. Inā hoki, ka hoki mai a Ihu, me whakangaro e Ia te kotahitanga o ngā iwi ka whakakotahi ki te whawhai ki a Ia:

> [11:15] Ka puoro te anahera tuawhitu i tana putorino, ā, ka rongo i ngā reo e karanga ana i te rangi, e kī ana, 'Kua riro te rangatiratanga o te ao hei rangatiratanga o tō tātou Ariki, o tōna Karaiti hoki, ā, ka rangatira ia mō ake tonu atu.' [16] Ka whakawhēwē ngā kaumātua e rua tekau mā whā, e noho ana i te aroaro o te Atua, ka whakawhēwē ki te whenua, ka paoho ō rātou upoko ki te whenua, e whakamoemiti ana ki te Atua [17] me ēnei kupu, 'Ka whakawhetai mātou ki a koe, e te Ariki Atua Kaha Rawa, ko ia e ora ana, ko ia i ora ake, nā tō whakakī i tō mana nui, ā, nā tō tīmatanga i tō rangatiratanga.' [18] I whakararuraru ngā iwi, ā, kua taeināianei te wā mō tō utu, mō te whakawa i ngā mate, mō te utu i ōu kaimahi, ngā poropiti, ngā tapu, me te hunga e mataku ana ki tō ingoa, te iti, te nui rānei; kia whakangaromia hoki e te te hunga e whakangaromia ana i te whenua.' (Whakakitenga 11:15-18, NJB)

> [19:6] Ka rongo hoki au i te tangi pēnei i te tangi o te mano tangata, pēnei i te tangi o te moana, pēnei i te haruru nui o te whatitiri, e mea ana, 'Alleluia! Kua tīmata te rangatiratanga o te Ariki, o tō tātou Atua Kaha Rawa atu; . . .[(19)] Ka kite hoki au i te kararehe, me ngā rangatira katoa o te ao, me ō rātou ope hōia, kua huihui ki te whawhai ki te Kaiwhakatere me tōna ope hōia. [20] Engari i

mauherea te kararehe, me te poropiti teka i mahi i ngā mīharo mō te kararehe, ā, mā ēnei i whakapohehe ai i te hunga i whakaae ki te tohu a te kararehe, me te hunga i whakamoemiti ki tōna whakairo. Ka tukuna ēnei tokorua kia ora ki roto i te roto ahi o te whanariki e mura ana. [21]Ko te toenga katoa i patua e te hoari o te Eke, i puta mai i tōna waha; ā, i kī katoa ngā manu i tō rātou kikokiko… [20:4]Ka kite hoki au i ngā torona, ka noho rātou ki reira; ā, i hoatu ki a rātou te mana ki te whakawā. Ka kite ahau i ngā wairua o te hunga i whakakorehia ō rātou upoko nā te mea i whakapuaki rātou mō Ihu, ā, i kauwhau i te kupu a te Atua; me te hunga kāore i whakakororia i te kararehe, kāore hoki i whakakororia i tōna whakairo, ā, kāore hoki i whakaae ki te tohu i runga i ō rātou rae, i ō rātou ringa rānei; ka ora anō rātou, ā, ka rangatira tahi me te Karaiti mō te mano tau. (Te Whakakitenga 19:6,19-21; 20:4, NJB)

Me mōhio, me whakangaro e Ihu ngā ope taua o te ao kua kotahi ki te whawhai ki a Ia. Ka rangatira Ia me ngā tapu o te aranga tuatahi. Ko tērā te wā ka tau te kotahitanga tika o te whakapono. He mea pouri, he tokomaha ka whakarongo ki ngā minita teka e āhua pai ana, engari ehara i te mea pērā, pēnei i whakatūpato ai a Pāora (2 Koriniti 11:14-15). Mēnā ka tino mārama ake te tokomaha ki te Paipera me te rongopai o te rangatiratanga o te Atua, ka iti ake te hunga ka whawhai ki a Ihu i tōna hokinga mai.

7. He aha te take o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua?

Ahakoa e hiahia ana te tangata ki te whakaaro he tino mātau tātou, he here tō tātou mōhio, engari he "mōhio mutunga kore" tō te Atua (Waiata 147:5).

Koia rā te take ka hiahiatia ai te whakauru a te Atua kia whakatika i tēnei ao.

Ahakoa e whakapono ana te tokomaha *ki* te Atua, kāore te nuinga o te tangata e hiahia ki te mahi i āna kōrero, ki te noho hoki i runga i *āna* tohutohu pono. Tirohia ngā mea e whai ake nei:

> [8]Kua whakaaturia e ia ki a koe, e te tangata, te mea pai; ā, he aha tā te Ariki e tono ana ki a koe, hei mahi tika, hei aroha ki te atawhai, ā, hei haere whakaiti iho i roto i tō Atua? (Mika 6:8)

Ehara i te mea kua tino hiahia te tangata ki te hīkoi whakaiti *ki* te Atua. Mai i te wā o Ātama rāua ko Hāwa (Genesis 3:1-6), kua kōwhiri te tangata ki te whakawhirinaki ki a rātou anō me ō rātou ake mea nui ake i ngā mea a te Atua, ahakoa ōna whakahau (Exodus 20:3-17).

Ka whakaako te Pukapuka o ngā Whakataukī:

> [5] Whakawhirinaki ki te Ariki ki tō ngākau katoa, kaua hoki e ū ki tōu ake māramatanga; [6] I ōu ara katoa me whakamōhio ki a Ia, ā, ka whakatika ia i ōu huarahi. [7] Kaua e whakaaro nui ki a koe anō; wehi i te Ariki, ā, huri atu i te kino. (Ngā Whakataukī 3:5-7)

Heoi, kāore te nuinga o te tangata e whakawhirinaki pono ki te Atua ki tō rātou ngākau katoa, kāore hoki e tatari kia ārahi ia i ō rātou hikoinga. He tokomaha e kī ana ka mahia e rātou ngā mea e hiahia ana te Atua, engari kāore rātou e mahi. Kua teka te tangata katoa e Hātana (Whakakitenga 12:9), ā, kua hinga ki ngā hiahia o te ao me te 'whakapehapeha o te ao' (1 Hoani 2:16).

Nō reira, kua waihangatia e te tokomaha ō rātou ake tikanga whakapono me ngā kāwanatanga kore-wairua, nā te mea e whakaaro ana rātou kei a rātou te mōhiotanga pai rawa. Heoi, kāore rātou e mōhio (titiro ki Ieremia 10:23), ā, kāore hoki te nuinga e huri pono.

Koia te take e hiahiatia ana e te tangata te Rangatiratanga o te Atua (titiro ki Mataio 24:21-22).

Whakaarohia ngā Manaakitanga

Ko tētahi o ngā raupapa kōrero tino rongonui i tukuna e Ihu ko ngā Manaakitanga, i tukuna e Ia i tana *Kōrero i runga i te Maunga*.

Tirohia ētahi o āna kōrero:

> [3] "Ka koa te hunga rawakore i roto i te wairua, nō rātou te rangatiratanga o te rangi. [4] Ka koa te hunga e tangi ana, ka whakamarie rātou. [5] Ka koa te hunga māhaki, ka riro mā rātou te whenua. [6] Ka koa te hunga e hiakai ana, e hiainu ana mō te tika, ka kī rātou. [7] Ka koa te hunga aroha, nō rātou te aroha. [8] Ka koa te hunga ngākau mā, ka kite rātou i te Atua. [9] Ka koa te hunga kaihanga rangimārie, ka kīia rātou he tamariki a te Atua. [10] Ka koa te hunga e whakatoia ana mō te tika, nō rātou te rangatiratanga o te rangi. (Mataio 5:3-10)

Kei roto i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua (titiro ki Mareko 4:30-31), e maha ana te kī a Mataio ko te Rangatiratanga o te rangi (titiro ki Mataio 13:31), ka whakatutukihia ai ēnei oati whakapaingia. Kei roto i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua ka whakatutukihia te oati kia riro i te hunga māhaki te whenua, kia kite hoki i te Atua e te hunga ngākau mā. Titiro whakamua ki ngā rongo pai o ngā manaakitanga i roto i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua!

He tika ngā huarahi a te Atua

Ko te mea pono, ko te Atua he aroha (1 Hoani 4:8,16) ā, ehara ia i te tangata whaiaro. E whakaatu ana ngā ture a te Atua i te aroha ki te Atua me te aroha ki tō tātou hoa tata (Mareko 12:29-31; Iako 2:8-11). He huarahi whaiaro ngā huarahi o te ao, ā, ka mutu ki te mate (Roma 8:6).

Tirohia, e whakaatu ana te Paipera e ū ana ngā Karaitiana tūturu ki ngā whakahau:

> [1]Ko te tangata e whakapono ana ko Ihu te Karaiti, kua whānau ia i te Atua; ā, ko te tangata e aroha ana ki a ia i whānau ai, e aroha

> ana hoki ki te tangata i whānau mai i a ia. [2]Nā konei ka mōhio tātou e aroha ana tātou ki ngā tamariki a te Atua, ina aroha tātou ki te Atua, ā, ka mau tonu tātou i āna whakahau. [3]Koinei te aroha ki te Atua, kia mau tonu tātou i āna whakahau; ā, kāore āna whakahau e taumaha. (1 Hoani 5:1-3)

Ko ngā whakahau katoa a te Atua he tika (Waiata 119:172). He mā ōna huarahi (Taituha 1:15). He pouri, kua whakaae te tokomaha ki ngā momo rerekē o te "kore ture", ā, kāore rātou i te mōhio kāore a Ihu i haere mai ki te whakangaro i te ture, i ngā poropiti rānei, engari kia whakatutuki i a rātou (Mataio 5:17), mā te whakamārama i tō rātou tikanga tūturu, ā, mā te whakawhānui ake i a rātou ki tua atu i ngā whakaaro a te tokomaha (hei tauira, Mataio 5:21–28). I whakaako a Ihu, "ko te tangata e mahi ana, e whakaako ana hoki i ēnei mea, ka kīia ia he nui i roto i te rangatiratanga o te rangi" (Mataio 5:19) (he rite tonu ngā kupu 'Rangatiratanga o te Atua' me 'rangatiratanga o te rangi').

E whakaako ana te Paipera, he mate te whakapono kāore he mahi (Iako 2:17). He tokomaha e kī ana e whai ana i a Ihu, engari kāore rātou e whakapono pono ki āna akoranga (Mataio 7:21-23) ā, kāore hoki rātou e whai tauira i a Ia pēnei i te tika (titiro ki 1 Koriniti 11:1). "Ko te hara he takahi i te ture" (1 Hoani 3:4, KJV) ā, kua hara katoa (Roma 3:23). Heoi, e whakaatu ana te Paipera ka toa te aroha i te whakawa (Iako 2:13), nā te mea he mahere tūturu tō te Atua mō te katoa (titiro ki Ruka 3:6).

E kore e whai hua ngā rongoā a te tangata, i waho atu i ngā huarahi a te Atua. I roto i te rangatiratanga mano tau, ka rangatira a Ihu me te "rākau rino" (Te Whakakitenga 19:15), ā, ka toa te pai i te mea ka noho ngā tāngata i runga i ngā huarahi a te Atua. **E tū ana ngā raruraru katoa o te ao nā te mea kāore ngā hapori o tēnei ao e whakarongo ki te Atua me tana ture**. E whakaatu ana te hītori kāore te tangata e āhei ki te whakatau i ngā raruraru o te hapori:

> [6]Nā te mea, ko te hinengaro ā-tinana he mate; engari ko te hinengaro ā-wairua he ora, he rangimārie. [7]Nā te mea, ko te hinengaro ā-tinana he riri ki te Atua; kāore hoki e ū ki te ture a te Atua, ā, kāore hoki e taea. [8]Nō reira, kāore e taea e te hunga e noho ana i roto i te tinana te whakamanawareka i te Atua. (Roma 8:6-8)

Me arotahi ngā Karaitiana ki ngā mea wairua, ā, i muri i te huringa me te iriiringa, ka whakawhiwhia te Wairua o te Atua kia taea ai tēnei i tēnei ao (Roma 8:9), ahakoa ā tātou ngoikoretanga ake:

> [26] Nā, e kite ana koutou i tō koutou karanga, e aku tuākana, ehara i te mea he tokomaha ngā mātau i runga i te kiko, ehara i te mea he tokomaha ngā kaha, ehara i te mea he tokomaha ngā rangatira i karangahia. [27] Engari, kua tīpako a te Atua i ngā mea pōrangi o te ao hei whakamā i ngā mātau; kua tīpako hoki a te Atua i ngā mea ngoikore o te ao hei whakamā i ngā mea kaha; [28] ā, kua tīpako hoki a te Atua i ngā mea whakaiti o te ao, me ngā mea whakakahore, me ngā mea kāore, kia whakangaro i ngā mea e whai ana; [29] kia kaua he kikokiko e whakapehapeha i tōna aroaro. [30] Engari nōna koutou kei roto i a Karaiti Ihu, ko ia nei i riro mā mātou hei mātauranga nō te Atua—he tika , he whakatapunga, he whakaora hoki— [31] kia rite ki te mea i tuhia: "Ko te tangata e whakahīhī ana, kia whakahīhī ia i te Ariki." (1 Koriniti 1:26-31)

Me whakahīhī ngā Karaitiana ki te mahere a te Atua! E hīkoi ana tātou i runga i te whakaponoināianei (2 Koriniti 5:7), e titiro ana ki runga (Kolosa 3:2) i roto i te whakapono (Hiperu 11:6). Ka manaakitia tātou mō te pupuri i ngā whakahau a te Atua (Whakakitenga 22:14).

He aha te take o te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua?

Ko te āhua o ngā Protestanata, ka whakaaro rātou, i te wā ka whakaae rātou ki a Ihu hei Kaiwhakaora, kua rapu rātou i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Ko te whakapono a ngā Katorika Roma kua uru ki tō rātou hāhi hei rangatiratanga te hunga i iriiria, ahakoa he pēpi. Ko te hiahia a ngā Katorika Roma me ngā Katorika Ortodoksa o te Rawhiti, mā ngā hākarameta, me ērā atu, e rapu ana rātou i te rangatiratanga o te Atua. Ahakoa me iriiria ngā Karaitiana, ko te hiahia a ngā Protestana Greko-Roma ka titiro ki te ao hei whakaoti i ngā raruraru a te tangata. He aro ki te ao ā rātou (titiro ki Roma 8:6-8).

Ko te rapu tuatahi i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua (Mataio 6:33) he whāinga mō te oranga katoa o te hunga Karaitiana. He whāinga tēnei kia kaua e

titiro ki te ao mō ngā rongoā, engari ki te Atua me ōna huarahi. Ka huri i ō tātou oranga te rongo pai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

E ai ki te Paipera, ka rangatira ngā Karaitiana me Ihu, engari kua mōhio koe he tikanga tēnei ka rangatira tūturu ngā Karaitiana ki ngā tāone? I whakaako a Ihu:

> [12] "I haere tētahi rangatira ki tētahi whenua tawhiti kia whiwhi i tētahi rangatiratanga māna, ā, kia hoki mai ia. [13] Nā, ka karanga ia i ōna kaimahi tekau, ka hoatu e ia ki a rātou tekau mina, ā, ka mea atu ki a rātou, 'Me whakahaere pakihi koutou kia tae mai au.' [14] Engari i riri ōna tāngata ki a ia, ā, ka tukuna e rātou he rōpū māngai ki muri i a ia, e kī ana, 'Kāore mātou e hiahia kia rangatira tēnei tangata ki a mātou.'
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> [15] "Nā, i tōna hokinga mai, kua whiwhi ia i te
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> rangatiratanga, ka whakahau ia i ēnei kaimanaaki, ki ērā i hoatu ai e ia te moni, kia karangahia mai ki a ia, kia mōhio ai ia ki te nui i whiwhi ai ia ia tangata mā te hokohoko. [16]Ka tae mai te tuatahi, ka mea, 'E te rangatira, kua whiwhi tekau mina tō mina.' [17]Ka mea atu ia ki a ia, 'He pai rawa atu, e te kaimanaaki pai; i tō pono ki te mea iti, ka whakawhiwhia koe ki te mana ki runga i ngā tāone tekau.' [18]Ka tae mai te tuarua, e kī ana, 'E te Ariki, kua whiwhi tō mina i ngā mina e rima.' [19]Ka mea anō ia ki a ia, 'Ka noho hoki koe ki runga i ngā tāone e rima.' (Ruka 19:12-19)

Me pono koe ki ngā mea iti kei a koe ināianei. Ka whai wāhi ngā Karaitiana ki te rangatira i ngā tāone tūturu, i roto i tētahi rangatiratanga tūturu. I mea anō a Ihu, "Kei a au taku utu, kia hoatu e au ki ia tangata i runga i āna mahi" (Te Whakakitenga 22:12). He mahere tō te Atua (Ioba 14:15) me tētahi wāhi (Hoani 14:2) mō te hunga ka whakautu pono ki a Ia (Hoani 6:44; Whakakitenga 17:14). He mea tūturu te Rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, ka taea e koe te whai wāhi ki reira!

I te tīmatanga o te tau 2016, i whakaputaina e te pukapuka rangahau *Science* tētahi tuhinga i taitara "Te mana o te hunga maha" e tohu ana ka taea e te atamai hangahanga me te kohi ā-iwi te whakaoti i ngā "raruraru

kino" e pā ana ki te tangata. Heoi, kāore taua tuhinga i mārama he aha te kino, kaua e kōrero mō te huarahi hei whakaoti i taua kino. Kāore ngā hōtaka atamai hangahanga i muri mai i whakaoti i ngā raruraru o te ao.

Ko te mahi ngātahi, mehemea kāore e whai i ngā huarahi pono a te Atua, ka hinga tonu i te rautau rua tekau mā tahi, pērā i muri i te Waipuke Nui i mahi ngātahi ai te tangata ki te hanga i te Pourewa o Pāpēra i hinga (Genesis 11:1-9).

Kaore e taea e te tangata te whakaoti i ngā raruraru o te ao, pērā i ngā wāhi o te Rawhiti Waenganui (ahakoa ngā painga wā e tūmanakohia ana, hei tauira, Rāniera 9:27a; 1 Tehalonika 5:3)—me hiahiatia e tātou te rangimārie o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua (Roma 14:17).

Kaore e whakatau i ngā raruraru o te whakatumatuma ā-ao, ahakoa ngā painga e tūmanakotia ana (titiro ki Ehekiera 21:12), e te hunga kua pōraruraru i roto i te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu (titiro ki te Whakakitenga 12:9)—me hiahiatia e tātou te hari me te whakamarie o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

E kore e whakatau i ngā raruraru o te taiao mā te mahi ngātahi ā-ao, nā te mea ka āwhina ngā iwi o te ao ki te whakangaro i te whenua (Whakakitenga 11:18), engari mā te Rangatiratanga o te Atua e whakatau.

E kore e whakatau i ngā take o te hē ā-tinana, te whakakore hapūtanga, me te hoko wāhanga tinana tangata e te USA (titiro ki te Whakakitenga 18:13), engari mā te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

E kore e whakatau i te nama nui kei runga i a Amerika, Ingarangi me ētahi atu whenua mā te whakawhitinga ā-ao, engari ā te mutunga (i muri i te whakangaromanga, e ai ki Habakuku 2:6-8) mā te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

E kore e whakatau i te māharahara me te mātauranga hē e te Kotahitanga o ngā Motu—me te Rangatiratanga o te Atua tātou. E kore e tino whakatau i ngā riri whakapono e tētahi nekehanga whakakotahitanga whakapono e whakaae ana ki te whakaora i waho atu i a Ihu pono o te Paipera. Ko te hara te raru nui i te ao, ā, mō tērā, me te patunga tapu a Ihu me tōna hokinga mai ki te Rangatiratanga o te Atua tātou. Kāore ngā whakautu katoa mō te

hauora tangata i roto i te pūtaiao rongoā o nāianei—me te Rangatiratanga o te Atua tātou.

Kaore e whakatau i ngā raruraru hiakai mā ngā kararehe me ngā otaota kua whakarerekētia ā-ira, e whakatakoto ana i ētahi wāhanga o te ao ki te mōrearea o te mate hiakai nā te tūponotanga o ngā ngoikoretanga nui o ngā hua ahuwhenua—me te Rangatiratanga o te Atua tātou.

Ehara i te mea ka whakatau i te raruraru o te rawakore te rawakore nui i ētahi wāhanga o Āwherika, Ahia, me ētahi atu wāhi, ahakoa ka whai painga mō tētahi wā i te 'Papurona' o te mutunga rā (titiro ki Te Whakakitenga 18:1-19)—me te Rangatiratanga o te Atua tātou e hiahia ana. He rongopai teka te whakaaro, arā, ka taea e te tangata, i waho atu i a Ihu, te kawe mai i te ao tino pai i roto i tēnei 'ao kino o nāianei' (Galatia 1:3-10). Me whai i te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

Ko te wā mano tau o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua he rangatiratanga tūturu ka whakatūria ki runga i te whenua. Ka ū ki ngā ture aroha a te Atua, ā, ko te Atua aroha tōna rangatira. Ka rangatira ngā tapu me Karaiti mō te mano tau (Whakakitenga 5:10; 20:4-6). Ka whakauru tēnei rangatiratanga i te hunga tūturu kei roto i te Hāhi o te Atua, engari kāore he tuhinga e kī ana ko te Hāhi (Katorika Roma rānei) tūturu te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Kua whakahē te Hāhi o Roma i te akoranga o te mano tau, ā, ā muri ake nei ka kaha ake tana whakahē i te rongo o te Paipera i a tātou e tata ana ki te mutunga. Tērā pea ka whiwhi tēnei i te nui o te pānui pāpāho, ā, tērā pea ka āwhina ki te whakatutuki i a Mataio 24:14.

I tōna wāhanga whakamutunga, ka whakauru te Rangatiratanga o te Atua i te "Ierusalema Hou, e heke iho ana i te rangi, nō te Atua" (Te Whakakitenga 21:2), ā, kāore he mutunga o tōna pikinga ake. Kāore he hē, he pōuritanga, he mate rānei e toe ana.

Ko te kauwhau me te mārama ki te rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua he kaupapa nui o te Paipera. I ako ngā kaituhi o te Kawenata Tawhito mō tēnei. I ako a Ihu, a Pāora, me Hoani mō tēnei. I ako hoki te kauwhau Karaitiana tawhito rawa kua ora ake i waho o te Kawenata Hou mō tēnei. I ako ngā rangatira Karaitiana o te tīmatanga o te rautau tuarua, pērā i a Polikarapa rāua ko Melito, mō tēnei. Ko mātou i roto i te Hāhi o te Atua e

Haere Tonu Ana e whakaako ana mō tēnei i ēnei rā. Kia maumahara, ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua te kaupapa tuatahi i whakaaturia e te Paipera i whakapaoho ai a Ihu (Mareko 1:14-15). Koinei hoki te kaupapa i whakapaoho ai ia i muri i tōna aranga ake (Ngā Mahi 1:3)—ā, he mea e rapu tuatahi ana e ngā Karaitiana (Mataio 6:33).

Ehara te rongopai i te mea mō te oranga me te mate o Ihu anake. Ko te aronga matua o te rongopai i whakaakona e Ihu me ōna kaiwhai ko te taenga mai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua. Kei roto i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga te whakaoranga mā te Karaiti, engari kei roto hoki te whakaako mō te mutunga o ngā kāwanatanga tangata (Whakakitenga 11:15).

Me maumahara, i whakaako a Ihu kāore te mutunga e tae mai kia oti te kauwhau i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga ki te ao hei taunakitanga ki ngā iwi katoa (Mataio 24:14). Ā, kei te tupu ināianei taua kauwhau. E hiahia ana koe kia whai wāhi ki te tautoko i taua mahi whakamutunga o te wā whakamutunga?

Ko te rongo pai, **ko te Rangatiratanga o te Atua te rongoā mō ngā raruraru e pā ana ki te tangata**. Heoi, kāore te nuinga e hiahia ki te tautoko, ki te whakarongo, ki te whakapono rānei ki tōna pono. He rangatiratanga āke tonu te Rangatiratanga o te Atua (Mataio 6:13), engari "kei te ngaro haere tēnei ao" (1 Koriniti 7:31).

Ko te whakapuaki i te rongopai tūturu o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua he mea tino nui ki a mātou i roto i te Hāhi o te Atua *e Haere Tonu Ana*. Ka whakapau kaha mātou ki te whakaako i ngā mea katoa e whakaakohia ana e te Paipera (Mataio 28:19-20), tae atu ki te Rangatiratanga o te Atua (Mataio 24:14). I a mātou e tatari ana mō taua rangatiratanga, me ako, me whai i ngā huarahi a te Atua, ā, me whakamarie hoki i ērā e hiahia ana ki te whakapono ki te pono.

Ehara rānei i te mea me tautoko koutou i te whakapuaki i te rongopai o te rangatiratanga a te Atua e heke mai nei? Ka whakapono koutou ki te rongopai o te rangatiratanga a te Atua?

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E whakapono ana tēnei he wāhi pea nō te whare karakia Karaitiana tuatahi rawa atu. He whare i kauwhautia ai pea te 'Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua' a Ihu. He whare i Ierusalema i whakaako ai i te Rongopai o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.

Nō tēnei take, e whakawhetai ana mātou ki te Atua i ngā wā katoa, nā te mea… kua whai koutou, e ōku tuākana, i ngā hāhi a te Atua i Iudaea, e noho ana ki roto i a Karaiti Ihu. (1 Tehalonika 2:13-14)

Me whawhai kaha mō te whakapono i tukuna kotahi ki ngā tapu i mua. (Huda 3)

Ka mea ia (Ihu) ki a rātou, "Me kauwhau hoki au i te rangatiratanga o te Atua ki ērā atu tāone; nā te mea i tukuna mai au mō tēnei take." (Ruka 4:43)

Engari rapua te rangatiratanga o te Atua, ā, ka tāpiritia ēnei mea katoa ki a koutou. Kaua e mataku, e te ropū iti, nā te mea kua pai ki tō koutou Matua kia hoatu ki a koutou te rangatiratanga. (Ruka 12:31-32)

Ā, ka kauwhautia tēnei rongopai o te rangatiratanga puta noa i te ao hei taunakitanga ki ngā iwi katoa; ā, ka tae mai te mutunga. (Mataio 24:14)