



Puka Whakamārama o te Pepe Nui Te Tuakoko



Te Takenga mai o te Pepe

I pikī ake a Tāne, te Atua o te ngahere, ki ngā Rangi Tūhāhā, kia toro atu ki tōna tuakana a Rēhua. Nā Rēhua he ahi tunu kai, he hue hoki i tono. Ko tā Tāne, 'He aha tā tāua kai e te tuakana?' Ka rūrū e Rēhua tōna upoko kia taku atu kia rua ngā tū ī ōna makawea. Tūmeke atu a Tāne, kīhai ia i te pirangi kai i ngā manu tapu nō te upoko o tōna tuakana. Ka uia kē e ia, 'Me whakahoki ēnei manu ki a Papatūānuku?' I whakaae a Rēhua, ā, ko tā Rēhua ka noho ngā manu ki ngā rākau, ka kai i ngā hua o te ngahere. I a Rēhua e rūrū ana i tōna upoko i puta atu hoki ētahi atu 'manu' o Rēhua, arā a Pepe, a Tātarakihi, a Pihereinga, a Kēkerewai. Ko ēnei pēpeke kua tapaina ko 'Ngā Manu a Rēhua', ā, he manu e puta mai i te raumati.

Ngā Whetū

Ko te kōero o pepe kua kawea e te whetū o Rēhua te mātāmua o Rangi rāua ko Papa. Ko ia te whetū whero, te ariki o ngā whetū.

Wairua Tangata

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He mea whakahirahira te pepe ki te rerenga rauropi (biodiversity) o Aotearoa

He whānau rahi te Lepidoptera, arā ko ngā pepe me ngā pūrerehua. Ko rātou te tuatoru o ngā pēpeke katoa i Aotearoa. 1750 nui ake ngā momo pepe kua tapaina. E ai ki ngā kaipūtaiao kia 300 anō kāore anō kia huraina.

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He riha rāwaho nō inātata nei ko te pepe codling (*Cydia pomonella*) i kawea mai i Uropi, ā, ka kāinga ngā āporo, ngā pea, ngā wōronati me ētahi atu hua rākau.

He aha me mātai ai ngā pepe?

He ngāngara māpua te pepe. He nui ngā momo pepe e whai mahi ana, e whai wāhi ana i te rauropi. He hononga anō tō te pepe ki ērā atu momo koiora (arā, otaota, manu, momo riha rāwaho, ērā atu pēpeke).

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