# Appendix

## Words of a World in Motion

# States of the Tides and the Sea

Tau 'a e tahi High tide; the sea is attached to/joined with

land

Mahu'i ke mamaha: Ebb tide:

Tau mahu'i High tide that has turned

Takapau 'uluaki First dependable sign of ebb tide

Takapau ua Second dependable sign of ebb tide

Loto'one 'a e tahi The sea is in the middle of the sand

Mamaha mahu'i 'a e tahi Low tide that has not yet turned; the sea is almost empty but still becoming detached

Low tide; the sea is almost empty

Hu'a mai 'a e tahi: Flow tide:

Mamaha 'a e tahi

Mamaha hu'a mai 'a e tahi The sea is empty and flowing here

Puli 'a e pala The pala ('soggy seaweed') has disappeared

Puli 'a e toukilikili The pebbles have disappeared

Lotoʻone huʻa mai ʻa e tahi The sea flowing here is in the middle of the

sand

Tau hu'a mai 'a e tahi The sea has arrived/connected but is still

flowing here

Occasional Tidal Qualities

Tahi lahi Big sea; spring high tide

Ngata 'i 'uta 'aupito 'a e tahi The sea ends inland; extreme high tide

Maha 'aupito 'a e tahi The sea is very empty; spring low tide

Pakupaku 'a e namo The lagoon is absolutely dry; extreme low

tide

Tahi si'i Small sea; neap high tide

*Ngata he lotoʻone ʻa e tahi* The sea ends/turns in the middle of the sand;

extreme neap tide high

'Oku 'ikai ke fu'u mamaha

'a e tahi

The sea is not very empty; neap tide low

Loka 'a e namo The lagoon is on the move/astir; turbulent

sea/strong current in the lagoon

Loka fakatokelau 'a e namo The north of the lagoon is on the move;

turbulent sea/strong current in the northern

part of the lagoon;

Loka fakatonga 'a e namo The south of the lagoon is on the move;

turbulent sea/strong current in the southern

part of the lagoon

Loka takai 'a e namo Lagoon on the move all around; rough sea

and strong current throughout the lagoon

### States of Night and Day

Pō: Night:

Tu'uapō Deep night

Longoʻaho: The feeling of day; late night:

Mokomokoʻaho The coolness of (the coming) day

Tangi 'a Teiko The call of the Teiko bird

'U'ua 'a e Moamu'a First cockcrow

Kauata (Phenomena) belonging to dawn
Lea fakamuimui 'a e Teiko The last speech of the Teiko bird
Ata 'a fa'ahikehe Twilight of the other side/kind

Tataki 'aho Leading the day Kio 'a manumu'a First bird call

'Aho: Day:

Hengihengi/Uhu: Early morning:
'U'ua tu'o ua 'a e moa Second cockcrow
Kiokio tu'o ua 'a e manu Second bird call
Ata 'a puaka Dawn of the pig

Kio 'a e Fuleheu Call of the Honeysucker bird

'U'ua fakaholo koe 'uhi Cockcrows all around

Manu tala'aho Birds announcing the day

Kuo mafoa 'a e ata The twilight has shattered

Ata 'a tangata Twilight of man

Kuo ma'a 'a e 'aho Day has become clean

Pongipongi: Bright morning:

Halani 'o e la'āThe road/path of the sunMofisi 'a la'āThe sparks of the sun

Hopo 'a la'ā Sunrise

Maluafonua Hidden by the land

Funga'ulufonua The surface of the head of the land Fanga'ilupe Favourite place of the pigeon

Hoʻatā: Midday:

Hoʻatā pongipongi Bright midday; midday morning

Hoʻatā mālie Exact midday
Hoʻatā efiafi Midday afternoon

Kuo pale efiafi Decline towards afternoon

Fakalulunga The first move west/first descent

Efiafi: The lighting of cooking fires; afternoon:

Ko e malu efiafi The shade of afternoon

*Ko e hohole ke tō ʻa laʿā* The lowering of the sun to set

*Ko e taitai tō ʿa laʿā* The sinking of the sun to set in the sea

Tō ʻa laā Sunset

Efiafi poʻuli: Darkening afternoon: Tapalika The narrow flash of light

Ataata efiafi poʻuli The twilight of the darkening afternoon

*'U'uli kelekele* The darkness of the soil/ground

Fe'ilo'ilongaki Mutual recognition

Hopo 'a e moa The roosting of the hen

Efiafi fakapoʻuli Dark evening

Mamalu poʻuli The shade of night

Keiefiafi:Still afternoon; evening:TūmaamaThe lighting of the lampsHopo ʻa e kaveingaRise of the steering starsTamate maamaPutting out the lamp/lightVaeua pōThe night is divided in twoMafuli ʻa e KanivaThe turning of the Milky Way

### States of the Moon

Māhina fo'ou: New moon; first quarter:

Fua tu'u 'a e māhina (1) First standing of the moon (or supporting

the standing of the moon)

'Iloa 'e he fa'ahikehe Known by the other side/kind

Pō fa'ahikehe Night of the other side/kind

Fakaua (2) The second

'Iloa 'e he toutai Known by the fishermen/navigators

Pō toutai Night of the navigators/fishermen

*Fakatolu* (3) The third

'Iloa 'e he maama Known by the world/light

'Iloa 'e he tangata Known by man

Fakafā(4)The fourthFakanima(5)The fifthFakaono(6)The sixthFakafitu(7)The seventh

	The moon stands in the early evening; second quarter:
(8)	The eighth
	The moon stands in the evening
(9)	The ninth
(10)	The tenth
(11)	Carrying/supporting day
	The two sides facing one another
(12)	Incomplete/incompetent shape
	Exposed to the twilight of dawn/moving toward dawn
(13)	Unimportant shape/shape of no account
	Whole/complete moon; third quarter:
(14)	Complete moon (14)
	Reciprocal day
	The moon lights very much
	First moonrise
(15)	Corresponding with moonrise
(16)	Corresponding with moonrise
(17)	Corresponding with moonrise
(18)	The dark ones
(19)	The dark ones/cut, hacked off/cuttings
(20)	Peeling the cuttings
(21)	Fish day
(22)	The day of running water
	The moon is divided in two equal parts
	Fourth quarter
(23)	V-shaped moon
(24)	Weak moon
(25)	
(26)	The surface/top of the twilight of dawn
	Small, low (of growing/living things)
(27)	Small, low and dying
	(9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26)

Māhina 'asi vaivai (28) A weakly appearing moon

Mate 'a e Māhina (29) The moon is dead

#### Words of the Seasons

Lihamuʻa¹ (1) The first/leading child of the louse; 'The crop of the tokamuʻa (early planted yam crop) is small (like the child of the louse).

All growing things of nature are still small' (Hafoka n.d)

(2) The following child of the louse; 'The crop of the *tokamui/ta'u lahi* (late planted/large yam crop) is small (like the child of the louse)' (ibid.)

(3) Early water; 'Rain falling to cause the first yam crop to have tubers. The first rain of the growing crops' (ibid.)

(4) Late water; 'If there has been no rain during the moon of early water the farmer would hope for rain in this month' (ibid.)

(5) The living foliage of the yam crop; 'The green leaves of the yam crop appear above ground bearing witness to the vitality of the crop' (ibid.)

(6) The dying of the hair of the yam; 'The leaves of the yam crop dry out as a normal part of the process of growth toward maturation' (ibid.)

(7) Placing on a mound of earth; 'This is the time for uprooting the seed yams of the early crop to place them on a mound of earth covering the pit in which they grew. The last month of the 'harvesting season' (utu ta'u). This is the moon where the parts of the year called *Utu ta'u* and *Tō ta'u* collide. All growing things awaken in this month when the Seven Sisters (Mataliki) rise just before sunrise as the moon of Hilingakelekele is divided in two equal parts ('i he vaeua 'o e Hilingakelekele²)' (ibid.)

Lihamui

Vaimu'a

Vaimui

Fakaofomoʻui/ Fakahulimoʻui

Fakaafumate

Hilingakelekele

Hilingameʻa/ Hilingameaʻa (8) Placing the clean yam; 'This is the time to place the yam on the platform after the earth that sticks to it when it is dug out of the ground has dried and fallen off by itself so that there is no risk of ripping the skin of the yam while cleaning it' (ibid.)

'Ao'ao

(9) Multiplying the heads; 'This is the time to cut in several pieces the late seed yams (for planting)' (ibid.)

Fuʻufuʻunekinanga/ Fufunekinanga (10) The continual gathering and heaping; 'This is the time to collect the rubbish and waste of the garden and heap it up, as it can no longer be burned because the first yam has started to grow. It is also the time to clear away rubble in preparation for the planting of the 'late/large crop' tokamui/ta'ulahi' (ibid.)

Uluenga

(11) 'The yellow head; 'This is the time when the top of a small portion of the early yam crop may become exposed as the rain wears down the mound of earth covering the pits in which the seed yams were planted. Exposure to the sun causes these yams to get a yellowish taint on the top' (ibid.)

Tanumanga

(12) Buried together; 'This is the time to "house" (*fakafale*) the seed yams to delay their giving birth or sprouting until there is time to plant them' (ibid.)

'Oaakifangongo

(13) Making baskets for the gathering of empty shells of dried-out green coconuts; 'This is the time to collect the empty shells of green coconuts that were discarded with-out scraping out the meat of the coconut after drinking it. This must be done to add to the meagre diet of the final part of the planting season in times of famine. The next month is the first month of the 'Harvesting/ Eating season' (*Utu/Kai Ta'u*)' (ibid.) 'This moon is the end of the year, when you have come there you must stop planting the crop' (*Ngata ai 'a e ta'u*, 'osi ha'u ki ai 'oua te ke toe tō ta'u<sup>3</sup>)

#### **Notes**

- 1. These words and the elaborations of the phenomena to which they refer are from the section *Ko e ta'u* of the typescript *Ko e lau taimi moe kuonga* held by the Tongan Tradition Committee, Palace Office, Nuku'alofa (Hafoka, n.d.).
- 2. Two interpretations of the description 'i he vaeua 'o e Hilingakelekele seem possible. Thus, it may refer either to the night described as vaeua mālie 'a e māhina, when the moon enters the final quarter, or to the night referred to as Kātoa 'a e māhina, when the moon is full and thus divides (vaeua) the lunation of Hilingakelekele in two. If the second interpretation is chosen, then the Mataliki rising 'just before sunrise' may also be described to be rising in the east just as the full moon sets in the west. The second interpretation also seems the more likely because of the stronger association between the final quarter of the moon with lack of vitality rather than the awakening and strength of plant life.
- 3. Description of the same moon of transition between planting and harvesting seasons made by Heamasi Koloa of Kotu Island in 1991.

# Glossary

ʻaho day

'Aho fakamuimui The Last Day, Judgement Day

*'aho faka'osi* last day, final moment

'ahoia to make it through the night

*'aho ika* fish days; term of reference for days when the

Yellowstripe Goatfish form large schools of fish

'aho loloa long day; quality of the day close to the

December solstice

*'aho nonou* short day; quality of the day close to the June

solstice

aka roots

akafia abounding in roots, root penetration; Tongan

illness caused by roots

penetrating the bones of dead relatives

*ā kolo* village fence; barkcloth encircling the grave at

burials

ala to collect shellfish

alea pau dependable agreement, binding contract,

covenant

*'alofi* supreme circuit at kava ceremony

ama uku night-diving with torch

*ʿāmio* to be crooked, to twist and turn; to shirk, to try

and escape one's Obligations

ʻanga shark

anga disposition, mode of behaving anga faka'apa'apa matters of respect, protocol

ataata efiafi poʻuli

anga fakapālangi the Western way of life, European custom anga fakatonga the Tongan way of life, Tongan custom

anga ki tahi affinity with the sea, predisposed to deal with

the sea

anga 'o e la'ā the manner of the sun

anga 'o e tupu manner of growth, mode of growing
 'Ao'ao July; multiplying the heads (of seed yams)
 aoniu encircling coconut; row of beams running around the exterior perimeter of the lower part

of the roof of a Tongan house

'aonga suitable, useful

apai interior; rows of beams running around the

interior perimeter of the lower part of the roof

of a Tongan house

*ʻapi* home/homestead *ʻapi kolo* town allotment

*'asi* to appear, to be visible

*'asi vaivai* to appear weakly; quality of the moon towards

the end of the fourth quarter

ata to be slightly clear, to be dimly perceived, dawn,

to dawn, twilight,

*ʿatā* free, unencumbered, unrestricted, vacant, spa-

cious, space between earth and sky, freedom

ataata to grasp slightly, to barely perceive, dim light

the dimness of darkening evening; a phase of

evening; phase of the

evening

ata 'a fa'ahikehe twilight of the other side/kind; phase of the

early morning

ata 'a puakatwilight of the pigs; phase of the early morningata 'a tangatatwilight of man; phase of the early morningata 'a tevolotwilight of the spirits, devils; phase of the early

morning

*'atamai* mind; lit. appearing to me

'atamai 'i tangata of human mind, of human responsiveness; third stage of a baby's cognitive development

when it expresses clear recognition of its

mother

'atamai manu of animal mind, of animal responsiveness; sec-

ond stage of a baby's cognitive development

'atamai noa of a confused mind, of a mind unable to dis-

criminate, haphazard responsiveness; first stage

of a baby's cognitive development

*'ā tangata* enclosure of people (standing shoulder to

shoulder around a grave)

ato roof

*ʻatu* Skipjack Tuna

au cane thatching; house-building material

*'au* current

'au lahi strong current

ava opening, gap, passage

Ava lahi great passage; place name referring to the wid-

est passage in the outer reefs of the Kotu lagoon

*'āvanga* sickness caused by a 'spirit' (*faʿahikehe/tevolo*) *Ava pipiko* reluctant passage: place name for passage into

the Kotu lagoon

ave 'o pusiaki to send away for adoption

efi 'a e afi to light the cooking fire

efiafi afternoon, early evening

*'eiki fakanofo* appointed chief

*'eiki palisiteni* noble president, church president fa'ahikehe spirits, beings of the other side/kind

fa'ahinga ika family of fishes fa'ahi 'o tamai father's side

fa'ē mother and mother's sister

fa'ētangata mother's brother

fa'ētangata pule leading mother's brother; elder brother of

mother

fahu position of supreme ceremonial rank

fai'ahocelebration of first and twenty first birthdayfai fatongiato do one's duty, to pay tribute, fulfil obligation

faifekau church minister

faifekau pule leading church minister, district church minister

faifekau tokoni assistant church minister

faihala to do wrong, to sin

faimavae to wean

fa'iteliha to please oneself, to be unrestrained

fa'itoka cemetery

fakaʻafu make hot and steamy; light up the fuel of an

earth oven

Fakaafumate April; the dying of the foliage

faka'apa'apa respectfulness, to

show respect

fakafeta'i to give thanks, gratitude

fakafiefia to behave joyfully, to celebrate

fakafonua pertaining to/in the manner of the homeland/

island

fakahela exhausting, taxing

fakahingoa to name

fakahoko to transmit, to attach, to make into one Fakaholofononga Day Star; star rising in the early morning

fakahuhu to inject, to

suckle, to cause to suck

fakakāinga in the manner of kinsmen

Fakakaufue place name for coral formation in the Kotu

lagoon

fakakelekele menstruation

fakalahi 'a e 'apito make the household largerfakalahi fonuato extend/make the land larger

fakalau 'a e ata twilight begins to come on, quality of illumina-

tion in the late night

fakalotu in the manner of fellow Christians

fakamāhinaaccording to the moon, pertaining to the moonfakamāhina hopocorresponding with moonrise; reference to anumber of moon nights of the third quarter

fakamotu to come away from an island, break isolation,

join in a task of cooperation

fakamuimui last, final fakanofo to appoint

fakaʻofa moving, stirring (to pity)
Fakaofimoʻui March; the living foliage

fakaʻofoʻofa beautiful, aesthetically moving

Fakapapanga without projecting features, smooth; place

name referring to a place of passage into the

Kotu lagoon

fakapikopikolazinessfakapoisham thrust

fakapoʻuli darkness, night-time, unenlightened

fakasio to watch or examine intensely or for a long time

fakasio 'e tahi to examine the sea fakataha ika school of fish

fakatatau to compare, to make a parallel, to make a

replica, copy

fakatauata leading to twilight; name of moon night in the

third quarter

fakatele to troll for fish

fakatōkilalo to be humble, self-abasing

fakatolu the third; name of moon night in the first quar-

ter (the first night that the new moon may be

seen low on the western horizon)

fakaua the second; name of a moon night in the first

quarter

fakaʻuluaki the first; name of moon night in the beginning

of the first quarter

fakavalu the eighth; name of moon night in the begin-

ning of the second quarter

fala plaited pandanus mat

fale tonga Tongan house

faletu'a beams running lengthwise to which the loft

beams of a Tongan house are attached

faliki floor

falikiaki using something to make floor mats

fāmili fakatonga the Tongan family

Fanga lahi great landing place; place name for a part of the

waterfront of Kotu Island

fanofano'i to wash the hands with someone in order to

transfer special power/knowledge

fata loft or rack supporting the roof of a Tongan

house

fa'u/fatu maau to create, build, construct order/orderliness; to

compose poetry

fēʻahoʻaki reciprocal/mutual day; name of moon nightar-

ound full moon

fefeka hard, enduring

feilaulau to offer a sacrifice, to make a conciliatory

offering

fe'ilo'aki to know one another

fē'ilo'ilongaki mutual recognition, phase of the evening

feitama pregnancy, being pregnant

fei'umu the cooked food of an earth oven fēliuliu'aki 'a e 'ea changing weather, climate change

femahinoʻaki to understand one another

fē'ofa'aki mutual love, mutual kindness, to act with kind-

ness/compassion to one another

fe'ofa'ofani acts of mutual love

feohi companionship, communion, to have

fellowship

fesiofaki to face one another, to see one another fetokoniaki mutual help, to help one another

fetu'u 'aho the morning star

fiefia to be happy, happiness

fie lahi to want to appear large; to be conceited to want to appear competent; conceited,

pretentious

foaki to give, to present, to donate

fo'i ava a single passage

fo'i hakau a single unit of coral formation

fo'i limua patch/field of seaweedfo'i lotodeep spot/area, marine poolfo'i makaa single (coral) boulderfohatuber, bulb, son (of a man)fonomonthly village meeting

fonu turtle

fonua homeland, island, territory, placenta

Fonuae'a place name for partly exposed coral formation

close to the widest passage into the Kotu lagoon

fonualotovault, chiefly stone graveFotuʻaseveral Sweetlips fishfua kavengacarry the burdens

fua tu'u 'a e māhina the moon prepares to stand; name of moon

night in the beginning of the first quarter

Fufunekinanga August; heaping the rubbish fuke 'a e 'umu to open up the earth oven

fungaata the upper part of twilight, name of moon night

towards the end of the fourth quarter

funga fonua surface of the land ha'a people, race, tribe

hā 'a e pala the drenched seaweed has appeared; tidal phase

of ebb tide

Hafukinamo drifting before the wind to the lagoon; title of

subchief (motu'a tauhi fonua) of Kotu

hakau reef

Hakau fakapapanga smooth reef; place name for part of the outer

reefs of the Kotu lagoon

hakau kahifi brittle tabulate corals

Hakau mavahe separated reef; place name for a part of the

outer reefs of the Kotu lagoon

Hakau pupunu filled/stopped up reef; place name for a part of

the outer reefs of the Kotu lagoon

hako loa to grow to become long and narrow of shape

halani 'a e la'ā the road (here) of the sun; phase of the morn-

ing just before sunrise

Halia the graze; place name for a shallow place of

passage into the Kotu lagoon

Hefau the haul; place name for a shallow and sandy

part of the Kotu lagoon

heliaki to say one thing and mean another, to speak

ironically

hengihengi early morning before sunrise

hiapo Paper mulberry tree
hiki hake to uplift/raise, to praise

hiku 'i niu tail of the coconut, the top crown of the coco-

nut tree

hiku 'i puaka lower back of the pig

Hilingakelekele May; placing on a mound of earth

Hilingamea'a June; placing the clean yam

hingoa fakamatāpule talking-chief title

hoʻatā midday hoʻatā mālie noon

hokohoko to join one after another, to be/happen in suc-

cession one after another

hoko mai to come from, to occur before

holisi wall

holisiaki to make wallshopo to rise, to embark

hopo 'a e fetu'u 'aho rise of the day star, occurrence in the early

morning

hopo'anga la'ā the place of the sunrise

hopoki first embarking, inauguration

hou'eiki chiefs

houhau laa Red Firefish huʻa mai ke tau ʻa e tahi flood tide

hu mei mui to enter by way of the back door huo to weed, to clear, a digging stick huufi fale to officially open a building

ika fakafonua fish belonging to a place, land, island, territory

ika fuoloa fish from the days of old

*ʻikai ke fuʻu* neap low tide

mamaha 'a e tahi

ika tupuʻa ʻi Kotuni fish originating in Kotu

*'ilamutu* sister's child

'iloa known, recognizable, famous

*'iloa 'e he fa'ahikehe* known by the other side/kind/spirits; moon

night in the beginning of the first quarter

*'iloa 'e he tangata* known by man; moon night in the first quarter 'iloa 'e he toutai known by the fishermen/sailors; moon night in

the first quarter

*ʻilokava* chiefly kava ceremony

*'i loto mala'e* inside the place of the funeral; central area

during the ceremonial process of the funeral

*'inasi* share, presentation of first fruit to the Tu'i

Tonga

*'inasi 'ufimotu'a* tribute of first mature yams

*'i tu'a mala'e* outside the place of the funeral; peripheral area

during the ceremonial process of a funeral

ivi strength, energy

kafa fonu turtle net

*kaho* reeds used in house building

kahokaho chiefly yam, early planted yam, first crop

kahoki rafters extending from the circumference to the

summit of a Tongan house

kai efiafi afternoon/evening meal

kai fakaafe feast to which the participants are specifically

invited

kai fakamavae food/eating of separation; farewell meal

kai hoʻatā midday meal kāinga ofi close kin

kaipola board of food, food presentation

kai pongipongi morning meal

kai talitali food/feast of welcome

kai 'umu to eat the food prepared in an earth oven

kakaha red hot stones of the earth oven

kakapu thick mist, fog

kake'i to wrap the food to be cooked in an earth oven

in leaves

kālia large sailing canoe

kali lei whale-tooth neckrest/headrest

kalipa waning half moon; name of first moon night of

the fourth quarter

kape giant taro: Alocasia macrorrhiza

kata'i kava limb of kava root, section of kava from one

joint to another

*kātoa* 'a *e māhina* the moon is full

kato 'o Taufatōfua ki Loto ā Taufatōfua's basket: tribute to the Royal House

kauata belonging to the twilight; phase of the late night

Kauhakau fakatonga southern reefs; place name for the southern

part of the outer reefs of the Kotu lagoon

kau lotu fellow worshippers, congregation

kaungā'api neighbours

kau ngāue workers, working people

kau poto the educated/knowledgeable ones

kaupoʻuli the dark ones; reference to several nights in the

third and fourth quarters of the moon

kautā lalo the lower curved ones; beams making up the

lower curve of the curved ends of the roof of a

Tongan house

kautā loto the inner ones; beams making up the upper

curve of the curved ends of the roof of a

Tongan house

kautehina group of younger brothers (relative to the

*ta'okete*: oldest brother)

kautevolo spirits, ghosts

kautu'a the outsiders; persons of low rank relative to

the deceased at a funeral

kava piper methysticum, root of the kava plant, kava

powder mixed with water

Kava tokoua twin kava; place name for pools by the sand-

stone barrier in the Kotu lagoon

kavenga duty, obligation, burden

kei mui still young/later kei si'i still small/young

kei talavou still young and handsome

kei vale still incompetent, ignorant, unknowing

kele mud, dirt, clay

kelekeleland, soil, dirt, earth, groundkili ma'aclean light bark, inner barkkili 'ulidark/dirty bark, outer bark

kio 'a e manumu'a first bird call; sequenced occurrence in the early

morning

kio 'a fuleheu call of the Honeysucker bird; sequenced occur-

rence in the early morning

kio fakaholo bird calls all around; sequenced occurrence in

the early morning

kio fe'ilo bird calls of mutual recognition; sequenced

occurrence in the early morning

kiokio tu'u ua 'a e manu second bird calls, sequenced occurrence in the

early morning

koango Emperor fish (probably Thumbprint and Grass

Emperor)

kofukofu he ngatu vala to wrap in a piece of barkcloth for burial

kole solicitation, to request, to beg

koloa fakatonga Tongan goods, wealth

kolo tangata village of people; persons encircling the grave at

burials

konfelenisi 'o siasi annual church conference

kongaloto middle part

kongamu'aforemost part/topkongamuianterior part/bottomkonga po'ulipartly night/dark

kuata quarterly church district meeting

kuitangata grandfather

kumala sweet potato

kumete wooden bowl, container

kuo ma'a 'a e 'aho day has become clean, phase of the morning

kuo mafoa 'a e ata twilight has shattered; phase of the early

morning

kuongaperiod of timekupenganet, fishing net

la'ā the sun

lalava rope latching, latchwork

lalo down, below; part of Kotu village

langa to build

langi sky, burial place of persons of royal descent Langi tuʻu lilo the hidden burial mound; place name for

chiefly grave on Kotu Island

lanu colour

laulalo lower layer, underside of bark cloth

*lau māhina fakatonga* the reckoning of the moons in the Tongan way

launoa nonsense, silly, idle talk

lau'olunga upper layer, surface of barkcloth

laupisi (to talk) rubbish, twaddlelau pō the reckoning of moon nights

lausi'i fo'ou new moon sicle lausi'i motu'a old moon sickle

lau taimi reckoning of the passage of time lea fakamuimui last cry of the bird spreading the day;

sequenced occurrence in the

'a e manu tataki 'aho late night

le'oto keep watch, to guardle'ohito shelter, to protect

*lepo'i* to cover the earth oven with leaves

li'aki to abandon, to neglect, to sacrifice, to devote

*lī pa'anga* monthly collect of money

lohu loa the long harvesting stick; mode of defining

relatedness and relative rank by tracing geneal-

ogies far back in time

loka on the move, astir

loka 'a e namo the lagoon is on the move; strong currents in

the lagoon

loka fakatokelau the north is on the move; strong currents in the

northern part of the lagoon

loka fakatonga the south is on the move; strong currents in the

southern part of the lagoon

loka takai the lagoon is on the move all around; strong

currents in all of the lagoon

lolo tonga Tongan scented coconut oil

longo silence, a vague feeling that something is about

to happen

late night, a feeling that day is coming; phase of

the early morning

longolongo a feeling that something is about to happen

longolongoʻuha it feels like rain

loto inside, personal disposition, wish, desire, heart

loto fale inside the house

loto lahiconfidence, courage, to be braveloto māfanawarm inside, commitment

loto mamahi to hurt inside, to suffer lotonamo sea inside the lagoon

loto'one 'a e tahi sea in the middle of the sand; tidal phase

loto'one hu'a mai flood tide on the middle of the beach; phase of

flood tide

loto'one mahu'i ebb tide on the middle of the beach; phase of

ebb tide

loto si'i timid disposition

*lotu* worship, prayer, to pray

lotu kākādeceitful prayinglotu loifalse praying

lotu mālohi powerful/forceful praying

Luapunga place name of permanently submerged reef

formation of the Kotu lagoon

Lula lalo lower ruler; place name for the deep end of a

field of seaweed in the Kotu lagoon

Lula 'uta higher ruler; place name for the shallow end of

a field of seaweed in the Kotu lagoon

Luo the hole; place name for deep area/pool in the

Kotu lagoon

luo fonua pit, earth grave

mā shame, shamefulness

ma'a clean, clear, free of dirt and impurity

maama light, lamp

maau well ordered, properly arranged, tidy, poem,

poetry

Maau lahi the large tidy; place name for coral formation

in the Kotu lagoon

Maau si'i the small tidy; place name for coral formation

in the Kotu lagoon

mafoa to shatter, to be shattered

mafoa 'a e ata twilight has shattered, phase of the early

morning

maha 'aupito 'a e tahi the sea is completely empty; spring low tide

mahaki fakafefine the sickness of women; menstruation mahaki fakamāhina the moon sickness; menstruation

mahaki fakatonga Tongan illness

mahaki'ia 'a e huhu breast inflammation

*māhina* the moon

māhina foʻounew moon; first quarter of the moonmāhina kātoafull moon; name of moon night

māhina lekeleka tiny moon; name of moon night towards the

end of the fourth quarter

māhina motu'a old moon

māhina tu'u efiafi moon standing in the evening; waxing half

moon

māhina vai weak moon; quality of the moon towards the

end of the fourth quarter

mahino to understand, to know, to recognize, to deduct,

understandable, recognizable

māhoa'a arrowroot

mahu'i to tear from, to separate forcefully, to wean

away from

mahu'i ke mamaha The sea is separating/detaching to become

'a e tahi almost empty; ebb tide mahuʻinga important, importance

makafale tabulate corals

maka feke catching octopus with lure, octopus lure

maka feo staghorn coral

Maka he afe Boulder of the bend; place name in the Kotu

lagoon

Maka ngatala coral cod rock; place name for coral boulder

within the Kotu lagoon

maka papa stone barrier

Maka tangafa giant maori wrasse rock; place name for coral

boulder within the Kotu lagoon

mala misfortune

mala'ei 'a e la'ā the sun moves a little to one side; phase of the

late part of midday

malaʻia unlucky, unfortunate, cursed

malanga public speech, sermon Yellowfin Goatfish malili

malimali smiling face, responsive looks

mālohi strong, power, powerful, force, forceful,

strength

malu efiafi shady afternoon; phase of the late afternoon

mamaha almost empty mamaha 'a e tahi

low tide

mamaha hu'a mai low tide that has turned; tidal phase

mamaha kaha'u next low tide

mamalu 'a e po'uli shade of the night; phase of the evening

mamalu efiafi evening of deep shades; phase of the evening

miracle, wonder, sign mana

manu tala'aho birds announcing day; sequenced occurrence in

the early morning

māʻolunga high mata face, eye, interface, top, front, edge, projection,

point

matāfonua coast/front of the land from the perspective of

the sea

matahakau front of the reef from the perspective of the

deep sea

mata hele knife edge mataʻihuhu teat, nipple

mata'iniu sprouting point of a coconut

mata'italotop of the taro tuber used for plantingmata'itofuasuckers/slips used for pandanus planting

mata lavea/mata 'i lavea wound

Mataliki the seven sisters; the Pleiades star constellation

mata moʻui lively face/eyes

Matangi taulau favourable wind (from SE towards NW);

talking chief title on Kotu

mata nifothe biting edge of the teethmata 'o e fingotathe eye/opening of the clam

matapā 'i mu'a frontal doorway

matapā 'i mui posterior doorway; back door

matapā ki hala door leading to the road; front door

matāpule talking chief

matātahi beach, waterfront

mata tao spearpoint matapā door, doorway

matatau battlefront, vanguard

mate to die, dead, death, to be unconscious, to be

extinguished

mate 'a e māhina the moon is dead; name of moon night at the

end of the fourth quarter

matengata'a hard to kill, not dying easily

matengofua vulnerable, easy to kill, dying easily

matofi 'a e māhina the moon is chopped up; name of moon night

towards the end of the third quarter

ma'u to have, to take

māʻulalo low

*māʻuli* midwife

maumau 'a e 'atamai to destroy the mind

mavae farewell, to be separated, to be weaned, weaning

mavahe mei divided off, separated from

mavaheuadivided into twomavahevaheto place separately

me'a thing, matter, affair, substance

me'a faka'eiki corpse at a funeral me'a fakafafangu wake-up call, warning

me'akaistarchy foodme'akikinon-starchy foodme'a 'ofathing of love; giftme'a paudependable thingmehekitangafather's sister

misinale annual money collection in church

moana deep sea

mohenga 'o e kafa fonu site for placing a turtle net

mokomoko 'aho coolness of the (approaching) day; phase of late

night

mokopuna grandchild monū success, luck

monūʻia lucky, abounding with fortune, blessed

motu'a old, mature

motu'a tauhi fonua old man taking care of the land; subchief

motumotu worn and torn; large and coarse woven matting

covering most of the body; appropriate attire for persons of low relative rank at a funeral

Moʻunga 'e ua twin peaks; talking-chief title on Kotu

Moʻunga Tōfua the mountain of Tōfua; place name for deep

area in the Kotu lagoon

mu'a front, anterior, before, preceding

mu'a mai to lead the way here, to precede, to occur before

mu'a 'o e pola the anterior/preceding end of a food

presentation

muiposterior, after, followingmui maito follow after, to occur latermuimui maifollowing someone heremuimui mai 'a e 'ahoday following in the wake

mui 'o e pola the posterior/following end of a food

presentation

mui'ulu 'i puaka upper back of the pig

namo lagoon

Namolahi large lagoon; term of reference to the Kotu

lagoon

namu lelei nice smell

namu palakū putrid smell, bad smell

nenefu haze

'ofa love, compassion

ohi to adopt, an adopted child, banana plant or

fruit resulting from transplantation

omi ke pusiaki'i to bring a child to be adopted

ngakau intestines

ngaohi to build, to construct, to create, to compose, to

assemble

ngaohi fanau to build/put together children, to raise, educate,

form children

ngaohi lea to assemble words, compose a speech

ngaohi mata lelei to build, compose a good face

ngaohi pola to build a board of food; to compose a food

presentation

ngaohi 'umu to make an earth oven

ngata to end, to last, to reach full extension

Ngata'angaend, turning pointNgata'anga 'o e  $p\bar{o}$ the end of night

*Ngata'anga 'o e tahi* the turning point of the tide

Ngata'anga 'o e ta'u the end/turning point of the year crop

ngata he loto'one

ngata 'i 'uta 'a e tahi spring high tide

ngatala term of reference for numerous rock cod, coral

trout, groupers

ngata 'o e tahi the turning of the tide
ngatu painted barkcloth

ngotoʻumu volcanic crater, earth oven (synonymous with

'umu)

nimahomo hand from which things slip; open handedness,

generosity

niu coconut palm tree, coconut, coconut creamnoa of no account, of no consequence, haphazard,

dumb, futile

noa'ia pē whimsical, aimless, without consideration,

unimportant, worthless

nofoʻanga ika haunt, dwelling place of fish

'Oaakifangongo October/November; making baskets to collect

empty shells of used green coconuts

*'ofa* to love, to be fond of, to have compassion, to be

kind to

*'ofa mo'oni* sincere love, true compassion

*'oho* sudden appearance

*'ohovale* startled by a sudden occurrence

ongo vai the pair of pools

'Otua God

pakupaku 'a e namo the lagoon is completely dry; spring low tide

pala soggy, drenched, rotting

pale 'a e la'ā the sun beginning to decline; phase of the early

afternoon

pale efiafi beginning of the sun's decline

Papa term of reference to rock barrier along the

weather coast of Kotu

papaka to flinch

pau certain, dependable, predictable

pau'u naughty, naughtiness

pō night

pō 'a e maama night of the world/light; name of moon night in

the first quarter

pō fa'ahikehe night of the other side/kind/spirits; name of

moon night in the beginning of the first quarter

quarter

pola 'table'/board of food

pongipongi morning from immediately before sunrise

pongipongi mamaha low tide in the morning

pō 'o e tu'u 'a e māhina night of the standing moon; name of moon

night in the first quarter

popongi dazzling brightness

popotu small crab

poto competent, competence, knowledge

pō toutai the night of fishermen/sailors; name of moon

night in the first

pou posts supporting the toka 'o e fale or foundation

of a Tongan house

poʻuli night, darkness, to be night, to be dark

pule ngāue work leader

puke nima miserliness greed, greedy, lit. to grasp, hold

pule toutai fishing leaderpuli disappear, vanish

puli 'a e pala the drenched seaweed has disappeared; phase

of flood tide

puli 'a e toukilikili the pebbles have disappeared; phase of flood

tide

pulu'i he ngatu to encase in a sheet of bark cloth for burial

punga brain coral, head coral

Punifanga filling out to get two sides; name of moon night

in the second quarter (also Fua'aho)

pupunu to fill up, to plug, to stop up

pusiaki adopted child, to adopt, to give up in adoption

setuata church steward sīlī casting net

sino lelei full-bodied, well-built, well-proportioned,

healthy

sino 'o e putu the substance/body of the funeral; persons of

high rank relative to the deceased

siu birds flying to catch fish, men going out in

boats to catch sharks, chiefs going out in boats

to catch fish

ta'eako uneducated

ta'efaka'apa'apa lack of respect, without respect

ta'e feohi uncompanionable, without companionship

ta'elata homesick, dissatisfied

ta'engaohi badly composed/raised, lack of manners ta'e'ofa without love, without compassion, unkind

ta'eole no fun, boring

ta'epau unpredictable, uncertain, not to be depended on

tafa'aki 'o e ngatu the two sides of a piece of barkcloth tafa puaka fakakioa carving up the pig along the throat

tafe flow of running liquid, stream tahi sea as opposed to land ('uta)

tahi lahi spring high tide tahi si'i neap high tide

taimi fakapoʻuli pre-Christian era, time of darkness, night-time

taimi mafana warm season taimi momoko cool season taimi 'uha rainy season

takapau green palm leaf mattings, young coconut leaves

used for making floor mats

taka pau ua second dependable sign; phase of ebb tide

taka pau 'uluaki first reliable sign; phase of ebb tide

talangata'a insubordinate talangofua obedient

tali 'a e kole to respond (positively) to solicitation

talinga waiting place, place of welcome

Talinga vete Goatfish waiting place; place name for a part of

Kotu Island affording a good view of the lagoon

and a part of the beach of Kotu

talo taro

tamahā eldest daughter of Tu'i Tonga's eldest sister; the

position of supreme rank in former system of

Tongan ranking

tamai father and father's brothers tamate maama to put out the lamp/light

tāmu'aanterior curved end of a Tongan housetāmuiposterior curved end of a Tongan house

tangi 'a Teiko the cry of the Teiko bird, sequenced occurrence

in the early morning

Tanumanga October; buried together in one place tanutanu term of reference for some Emperor fishes

(probably Pink-eared or Orange-striped

Emperor)

*ta'o* to place the food in the earth oven to be cooked

*tā 'ofa* to strike/punish out of love/compassion

ta'okete eldest brother (of a man)

ta'olunga Tongan dance performance, to perform a

Tongan dance

ta'ovala woven matting worn around the waist

tapalangi the edge of the sky, the sky side

tapalika the slim edge (of the disk of the sun); final mo-

ment of sunset

tapu restriction, forbidden, constrained, sacred

tataki to spread

ta'u year, yam crop

ta'u lahi big yam crop; late yam crop

tau layer of leaves covering the food in the earth

oven

to be joined with, to copulate, to come all the

way to, to reach

tau 'a e tahi high tide

tau 'a e tahi mo e 'uta sea and land unite taufa rainstorm, squall

tauhi to maintain, to nurture, to care for, to look

after, to foster, fostered/adopted child

tauhi vaha'a to nurture/feed the space/gap (between people)

tau huʻa/tau huʻa mai high tide that has not yet turned

tau kaha'u next high tide

big anchorage; place name in the Kotu lagoon Taulanga lahi Taulanga si'i

small anchorage; place name in the Kotu

lagoon

tau mahu'i high tide that has turned taumataʻu to fish with hook and angle

essential, fundamental, cardinal, principle, tefito'i

cause/reason of existence

family head in the extended sense of the term tefitoʻi fāmili

fāmili (synonymous with 'ulumotu'a)

base of the coconut tree tefitoʻi niu

tehina a younger brother (relative to the ta'okete: eldest

brother)

teungahina white clothes; appropriate attire for persons of

high rank relative to the deceased at a funeral

teunga'uli black clothes; appropriate attire for persons of

low rank relative to the deceased at a funeral

decoration, to decorate, to prepare teuteu tō sugar cane, to plant, to set, to fall

toa species of hardwood tree

tō 'a e la'ā sunset

tōʻanga laʻā the place of the sunset tofi ke tō cut up seed yam to plant

**Tofuke** place name for coral formation in the Kotu

lagoon

tō he ta'u to plant with the crop/year/season

the Bible, the Holy Book Tohi tapu

toka 'o e fale the foundation of the house; beams resting on

the posts of the Tongan house to support the

roof

tokamu'a early yam crop (*kahokaho*-yam crop)

tokamui late yam crop; a variety of yams planted later

than the early crop of kahokaho-yams and ma-

turing more slowly

*Tōkilangi* dedicated to the chiefly burial mound; place

name for freshwater pool on Kotu Island

tokonaki bring together, collect food, Saturday

tokoni to help, food

tokotu'u standing studs; smaller posts to which the walls

of the Tongan house are attached

tokoua same-sex siblings

tongo mangrove

tongo lei a variety of mangrove toʻotoʻonga ʻo e puaka entrails of the pig

tō ta'u to plant the yam crop, planting season

to'u generation

tou- prefix often denoting a prolonged, productive

or procreative union between constituent parts

tou'a group of kava-makers, kava girl

tou'aki to feed, nurture so as to build up the strength

gradually

to ufufu inner ridge beam running along the interior of

the apex of a Tongan house

tou'ia to be with foal, animal pregnancy

to'u kai generation of food, crop

to'u kai mo hono lohu the crop and its harvesting stick; idiom; each

generation has its own leaders

toukilikili 'a e tahi the sea is at the pebbles; phase of ebb tide tou-mohomoho limp and softened leaf covering (tau) over the

cooked food in an earth oven

toutai fishing, marine activity

toutama to suckle a child

tu'a fonua the other side of an island from where one is

facing (matāfonua)

tu'a 'i puaka mid-back of the pig tu'a namo sea outside the lagoon

tu'a 'o e putu the outsiders of the funeral; persons of low rank

relative to the deceased

tufa he kakai to distribute food and wealth to the participants

at a funeral

tuhutuhu'i threaten; lit. shake the index fingertuku

to place, to set aside, to hand over, to entrust, to

devote, to abandon, to neglect, to desist

tuku kelekele to place/hand over/devote/entrust land/soil

tuku moʻui to place/hand over/devote/entrust life

Tukulalo low-lying land near the coast; term of reference

to Kotu Island

tuku'uta interior

tumaama to light the lamp; evening after dark

tumu'aki summit, outer ridge beam running along the

exterior summit of a Tongan house

tuofefinesister (to a man)tuonga'anebrother (to a woman)

tupugrow, grow up, to originate, to rise, to swelltupu ki lototo grow, spring from the middle part

tupu ki mu'ato grow, spring from the foremost parttupu ki muito grow, spring from the posterior parttupu noa 'ia pēto crop up all around, wild growthtututo burn, to put something on a fire

tu'uapō deep night

tu'u efiafi 'a e māhina the moon stands in the evening; name of moon

night in the beginning of the second quarter

tu'u lilo hidden, secret, isolated

tu'unga pedestal, perch, standing place

Tu'unga kupenga place of net fishing; place name for passage into

the Kotu lagoon

Tu'ungatala the perch of the Tala bird; place name for rock

on the outer reefs of the Kotu lagoon

Tu'u peau ala standing in the waves collecting shellfish; place

name in the Kotu lagoon

tu'u tonu 'a e la'ā the sun stands straight up; quality of illumina-

tion/heat at midday

tu'u tonu 'a e māhina the moon at its zenith
tu'utu'uni 'o e putu leader of the funeral
tu'utu'uni 'o e 'umu master of the earth oven

ʻufi yam

*'ūfia* to cover, to be covered, to veil, to be veiled

ʻufi ʻeiki chiefly yam

'ufi motu'a mature yam, seed yam

ʻuha rain

uike lotu week of devotion; reference to first week of

January

'uli'i to make dirty, to soil, to work in the garden (of

chiefs)

'uli'uli black, dirty

ʻulu head

'uluaki hopo 'a e māhina first moonrise after full moon on the eastern

horizon; name of a moon night in the third

quarter

*'Uluenga* September; the yellow head (of the yam)

'ulu 'i puaka head and neck of the pig 'ulumotu'a family head, ancestor

uta garden land as opposed to village (kolo) or

uncultivated bush (vao)

*'uta* dry land as opposed to sea (tahi)

'Uta place name for one side of Kotu village as op-

posed to the *Lalo* side of the village

utu taʻu to harvest the yam crop, harvesting season ʻuʻua ʻa e moamuʻa

first cockcrow; sequenced occurrence in the

early morning

crowing all around, sequenced occurrence in ʻuʻua fakaholo

the early morning

u'ua tu'o ua 'a e moa second cockcrow, sequenced occurrence in the

early morning

'u'uli soiling, darkening

'u'uli kelekele the darkness of the ground, phase of the

evening

*'u'ulu* booming sound, rumbling, outer reefs

ʻumu earth oven, stone oven

'Utu popotu small crab rockface; place name for a part of

the outer reefs of the Kotu lagoon

*vā* space

vaeua mālie 'a e māhina the moon is divided in two; half moon

vaeua mālie

*'a e matātahi* the beach divided in two equal parts; tidal

phase

vaha'a gap, space between

vahe 'o e māhina part/quarter of the moon

Vai fefine women's water; place name for pool on Kotu

vai māhanga twin waters/pools
 vai melie fresh sweet water
 Vaimu'a January; 'first water'
 Vaimui February; 'late water'

vaiola water of life vai tahi sea/salt water

Vai tangata men's water; place name for pool on Kotu

vai tongaTongan medical watervaitupuwell/spring of water

vaivai weak

vale incompetent, ignorant

*vā lelei* a good space/harmonious relations

valevale unable to think for oneself, baby (synonymous

with pepe)

*Vāsia* food made from taro leaves, coconut cream

and arrowroot; term of reference to pool by the sandstone barrier along the weather coast of

Kotu Island

Veifua first food to be eaten by a woman who has

married or given birth; men who have been out shark fishing; place name for pool on Kotu

Island

vete Yellowstripe Goatfish

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