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Africa in Oceania

Māui and Legba

Hone Taare Tikao, an Ngāi Tahu scholar involved in Te Kotahitanga, the Māori Parliament movement of the late nineteenth century, puts the pieces together: Māui must have visited Africa in one of his epic journeys.¹ For once upon a time Māui had turned a thief called Irawaru into a dog, and since then some Māori have considered the dog to be their *tuākana* (elder sibling). In the 1830s a trading ship from South Africa arrives at Otago harbour. On board is a strange animal that the sailors call a monkey but that the local *rangatira* (chiefs) recognize to be, in fact, Irawaru. They make speeches of welcome to their elder brother.

It is 1924 and the prophet Rātana visits the land that Māui had trodden on so long ago. He finds a Zulu chief driving a rickshaw. He brings the evidence of this debasement back to the children of Tāne/Māui as a timely warning as to their own standing in the settler state of New Zealand. It is 1969 and Henderson Tapela, president of the African Student's Association in Aotearoa NZ, reminds the children of Tāne/Māui about their deep-seated relationship with the children of Legba. On a country-wide tour opposing sporting relations with an apartheid state, Tapela addresses the people of Mataatua marae thus: 'your [funeral] customs are very similar to ours. So you will understand what I mean when I say, don't go to South Africa to play the white team for if you do, you will be dancing on our bones!'² How could Māori

refuse? After all, they have been reacquainted with their elder brother Irawaru by virtue of a trading ship that has arrived from South Africa. Are some of those bones their own relatives?

Ras Messengers ground with their hosts during the Keskidēe Aroha tour. And occasionally some *kuia* (elder women) will *whakapapa* back to Africa to make the connection between host (*tangata whenua*) and guest (*manuhiri*). The basic principles of *whakapapa* impel acknowledgement of the seniority of African lineages within the human fabric.³ And then there is Māui and Irawaru. So the *kuia* are not providing a convenient artifice but following an exacting science. A long-standing knowledge, skilfully retrieved and enunciated as living, deep relation.

Māui visits Africa on an epic journey. But Legba, that old African man, also visits Oceania in one of his epic journeys. Marcus Garvey recalls this visit as he speaks at Menelik Hall, Nova Scotia, on 1 October 1937. There, Garvey shakes the colonial world with his redemptive wordsound: 'We are going to emancipate ourselves from mental slavery because while others might free the body, none but ourselves can free the mind.'⁴ But just prior to this, Garvey dispenses with the racist idea that African peoples are the 'missing link' between beasts and humanity. Rather than missing links, Africans, Garvey proposes, have woven the fundamental lattice of humanity:

[N]ow they realize that the Negro is the oldest man [woman] in creation ... The North American Indian, the Australian Aboriginal, the Aztecs of South America were all people who became what they were through the contact of Africans who had travelled across the continents ... [B]efore modern history was written and produced in the different continents there were different shades of colour, each had their original civilization.⁵

It is the early 1990s. A grounation in Jamaica. And Ras Sam Brown, notable RasTafari elder, still claims this shared humanity and promotes an ethos for its restitution:

Australia, New Zealand, the island of the East, all those lands, the lands of the long White Cloud [Aotearoa], all those lands are African

lands. When we shall free Africa from Cape to Cairo and from Timbuktu to the Nile, our job is not yet finished, for we shall free the sub-continent of Australia, and we shall free all the lands of the Pacific that bear the pigmentation of Black Humanity.⁶

In 1970 a future New Zealand Prime Minister writes an essay on Marcus Garvey and the Black Muslims. In 1989 Nation of Islam organizer Abdul Akbar Muhammad and his wife Maryam visit Aotearoa NZ to see for themselves. The Auckland branch of the Black Power gang hosts the couple. And Syd Jackson, that old *tamatoa*, invites them to stay with his family. Through these grounding sessions Muhammad notices that although many Māori have an appearance similar to whites they are nonetheless oppressed in similar ways to African Americans. Maryam reflects on their sojourn: 'I didn't feel any trends of racism ... The Māori people have a habit of hugging and kissing. I got the feeling that we were finally meeting people the same as us.' Maryam shares with the Māori peoples a sense of being a 'distant relative'.⁷ Less than ten years later Minister Louis Farakhan visits Aotearoa NZ to follow up on this relation. He is curious about the Rātana faith, its emblem of the moon and star, and the practice of women wearing headscarves. For there is a rumour that the Nation of Islam had been brought to Great Turtle Island by a Māori.⁸

Rātana adherent Ruia Aperahama stands in Bob Marley's mausoleum, St Anne's Bay, the Jamaican parish that birthed Marcus Garvey. He has given the Marley family a *taonga* (gift) from the children of Tāne/Māui that has inscribed on it the phrase 'it was Māui who changed our world forever, little by little'. Aperahama performs a *mihimihi* (greeting) to this great ancestor, a relative of Māui, and breathes in the air of the house in order to touch someone great in his life. Hauora, that great spiritual agent of reciprocity and balance, is at work. Marley intercedes with Aperahama and tells him that it is enough to be himself.⁹

Famous Jamaican author Erna Brodber writes a short story, a 'prince charming' for the Continent of Black Consciousness.¹⁰ Two sojourners meet in the spiritual hinterlands, a woman and a man. They discuss

how they have been travelling to significant sites across the continent, charting out a path for repatriation. Prince reveals to princess that he has been acting as a 'sort of ambassador for the return.' And that he was 'trying to make it to the Māori' when the two met. I ask Ms Brodber why she includes Māori in this Pan-African fairy tale? She replies to me, matter-of-factly, 'it came from considering the Māori part of us'.

Arcadian Hermes

Back in nineteenth-century England an amateur Egyptologist, Gerald Massey, makes a similar claim to that of Garvey, seeking to bind the origin of human civilization back to Africa through Egypt. Comparing Egyptian language and cosmology, Massey determines that Māori culture must have had African origins.¹¹ The roads no longer lead back to Britannica, the *faux* mother of civilization. Here, a child of Arcadian Hermes makes an early and hesitant foray into the decolonial science of deep relation. Waiting, perhaps, for an 'African tribesman,' 'smelling of mud and ochre,' to take charge of his mind and teach him what he never knew.

The coming of colonial science

Colonial science has never been concerned with deep relations. It is only concerned with cutting the ties that bind for the sake of endless accumulation. Dispossession of indigenous peoples to make way for the enslavement of other peoples; extraction of life force itself (*mauri ora*) from out of the soil, evaporating the blood. In the dispensation of European colonialism, the children of Legba arrive in Oceania once more, but this time bonded to – or fleeing from bondage to – European slavemasters, the children of Homeric Hermes.

In the late 1500s Spaniards meet the peoples of the Marquesas Islands who, when 'seeing a negro with the Spaniards, [make] signs

toward the south, that there were such.¹² At the turn of the seventeenth century Spanish sailors meet a Moor in New Guinea who bears the Spanish mark of enslavement – an S branded on the cheek. The Moor has been captured by Christians at the Battle of Lepanto, taken to Seville, sold and transported to Manila where he then steals a boat and heads south.¹³

The British enter the same region in the late 1500s. Francis Drake leaves on an island near Sulawesi ‘two negro men and a woman whom he had carried off from the Spanish settlements on the west coast of America.’¹⁴ The idea, according to Drake’s nephew, is to form a colony of Africans that could feed English sojourners. The colonial science of extraction is implemented.

It is 1769 and Thomas Forrest, an English navigator employed by the East India Company, writes a pamphlet addressing the prospect of war against Spain in South America. Food, again, emerges as an issue of imperial administration. Concerned with providing a base for supplies in the broader region, Forrest suggests that a good location might be found at Dusky Bay in the extreme South West of the South Island of Aotearoa NZ. At Benkulen in Sumatra, notes Forrest, ‘the Company has got a super abundance of Caffre [Africa] slaves, who speak the Malay tongue, may speak English, and are familiarized to our manners and customs.’¹⁵ Forrest suggests that some slaves could be sent to far-off Dusky Bay, there to live free but on condition of supplying the English navy with agricultural products such as legumes, wildfowl and fish.

At Benkulen the East India Company operates a fort and, following its general policy for the Indian Ocean region, has established a pepper plantation. As early as 1704 a Caribbean planter by the name of Nathaniel Cox travels to Benkulen there to introduce sugar canes.¹⁶ Enslaved Africans from or routed through Madagascar, as well as Africans forcibly routed through St Helena in the Atlantic Ocean and Madras in India, build the fort, guard the outpost and work the plantation. In this endeavour, members of the Company learn colonial sciences from fellow Portuguese and Dutch colonizers.¹⁷ Forrest suggests the expansion of the enterprise into Oceania.

William Bligh enters Oceania in 1787 to transport and transplant breadfruit from Tahiti into Britain's Caribbean plantations. Bligh's mutinous missions are in large part funded by the Caribbean plantocracy: able to grow on marginal land, and yielding a high calorific crop, breadfruit is the planters' answer to the growing abolitionist calls for 'humane' treatment of the enslaved.¹⁸

The extractive and segregational principles of colonial science have been sharpened in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Forrest's pamphlet announces their application to Oceania. An inequitable current. Coming full circle with the mutiny on the *Bounty*.

Bondage

In the nineteenth century more Africans from the United States and the Caribbean are travelling the islands of Oceania. Around 1809, Captain Brown sails out of Boston with an intention to annex one of the Mariana Islands from Spain and there to build a colony. Among the men Brown deposits on Saipan (the island that he has landed upon due to poor navigation) are 'a couple of negroes'. Brown's motley crew are eventually taken by the Spanish to Guam and subsequently deported to Hawai'i.¹⁹ There, in Honolulu, a Black community has congealed as early as 1833, and almost half of the whalers in the docks are Africans from the Americas.²⁰ Most likely they are a combination of freed, indentured and enslaved. Regardless, they ultimately attract a Ku Klux Klan branch.

But it is not always the case that the children of Legba are powerless in their Oceanic sojourns. In 1849 at Nukulau, New Caledonia, a US consular agent and an English sea slug trader named Fitzgerald leave 20 Fijian workers under the command of an 'American man of colour' while they sojourn in Fiji and Sydney.²¹

On another occasion an African American operates as recruitment agent for a schooner, built in Auckland, and used for 'blackbirding', the

colloquial phrase for the Pacific slave-trade.²² The civil war waging in the United States has created openings for 'entrepreneurs' in the cotton and sugar markets, and they proceed to open up plantations in Fiji and Queensland.²³ Former planters from Jamaica, Guiana and St Kitts swoop like vultures to settle around Brisbane.²⁴ This time, though, the captive plantation labour force are not 'negroes' but 'kanaka', that is, indigenous peoples of Oceania and especially those who Europeans define through their race science as Melanesian – more 'negroid' in character as opposed to the more 'Asiatic' Polynesian.²⁵ Kanaka bondage is further complemented by indentured servants from South Asia. 'I and I come to the Pacific in the ships of Babylon', laments a natty dread in 1980s Auckland. 'I and I suffer at the hands of Babylon. I and I moving out. To New Zealand. To Ethiopia.'²⁶

It is not only the British that create imperial world maps. Dumont d'Urville, naval officer, botanist and cartographer, produces the French map of 'the [subaltern] islands of the great ocean.'²⁷ He divides Oceania into racial zones that exhibit more or less savagery: Polynesia might be saved; Melanesia is damned; Micronesia is between. Other colonial scientists replicate these hierarchies and segregations. Some suggest that as Māori migrate from Asia into Oceania they 'degenerate into barbarism, from a high state of civilization, the consequence most probably of their seclusion from the continent.'²⁸ Others comment at length on the miscegenation of Negroid, Malayan and other races,²⁹ suggesting that most Māori are 'Asiatic' yet 'betray evident marks of a Negro extraction.'³⁰ Segregated into new races by colonial science, some of these children are made to work the plantations on account of their melanin. Bondage segregates the children of Tāne/Māui among themselves.

In the Oceanic world, the epithet 'nigger' is used more for Kanaka than for Africans.³¹ Later, in the inner cities of Auckland, groups of Nigs will attempt to redeem the segregated family of Tāne/Māui. They will rebaptize themselves as Polynesian Panthers. As Panthers they will defend their own, and refuse to let the category of Polynesian segregate themselves from their 'Melanesian' siblings. In order to cultivate the

ground for this reunion they will use Black matter. A Blackness otherwise to colonial science. Some will then realize that RasTafari is an 'inborn concept', one that sutures the hacking of the sanctified root of Kanaka by colonial machetes. At some point in his life Tigilau Ness, Niuean Panther and RasTafari, realizes that the Christ of the Bible is not white after all. The 23 July (the birthday of Haile Selassie I) is the 'birth of Christ', and Christ, proclaims Ness as he points to himself, 'is like me'.³²

Plantations

The plantation system consolidates itself in Oceania, uprooting the soil, evaporating the blood. All for the sake of sugar in the Islands and pine in the land of the long white cloud. There, swathes of expropriated and/or disputed land are turned over to commercial forestry concerns, many of which are foreign run. But pines tend to make soil acidic and, once cleared of indigenous bush, little else will grow back upon the land, even after the pine has been harvested. The Caribbean poets of Legba wax lyrical of plantation landscapes turned over to extraction and death.³³ So, too, do Māori. Veteran activist Titewhai Harawira demands 'people on our land, not pines!'³⁴ Hone Heeney, Ruatoria Dread, provides his cosmology of Babylon:

The Baldheads decided to plant all our *whenua* [land] in pine trees, plantation work. Cutting down all our native trees, making our lands desolate ... They, the Baldheads, set it up so we are the 'niggers' working their 'cotton picking pine plantation' ... We laid our hands down on the table for the War-God-Jah-Tumatauenga, colonization, western imperialism, them all be Baldhead words of slavery, standover tactics.³⁵

Hemi Baxter, the poet of Arcadian Hermes, also writes in cognate cosmological terms: 'below the pines nothing can grow. One finds only pine needles and dog manure ... The pines are an image of deism. The

broad-leaves are an image of humanism. Was the lord Jesus a pine or a broad leaf?³⁶

Tāne/Māui and Legba. Cook and Columbus. Pine and sugar. Shem and Ham. But fear not. Te Ua has found his way into the spiritual hinterlands.

Legba bears witness

The children of Legba bear witness to key moments that bring forth the pan-Māori struggle for *mana motuhake*. That old emissary of colonial science, Captain Cook, brings two African ‘servants’ on board his first voyage to Oceania. They do not survive past Cape Horn.³⁷ But for his second voyage Cook is accompanied by Tobias Furneaux, captain of the ship, *Adventure*. James Swilley, the ‘Capt’n’s Man’ of this vessel, is a child of Legba. When anchored in Charlotte Sound, Swilley apparently catches a Māori in the act of theft and beats him. Later the crew find Swilley’s cooked body on an adjacent beach.³⁸ Grounding can be bitter-sweet. There is something to redeem here, too.

In 1839 agents of the New Zealand Company sail from London on board the *Tory*, intent on undertaking the first systematic colonization of the islands. En route to Port Nicholson (present-day Wellington) the *Tory* stops at Queen Charlotte Sound, there picking up an English whaler, Dicky Barrett, along with his charge, ‘a powerful negro who had escaped from an American ship, and went by the name of Sippy or Scipio’.³⁹ Barrett, presumably with Scipio in tow, immediately makes his way to Te Whanganui-a-Tara, the natural harbour of Port Nicholson, and there helps to negotiate the occupation of land that would ultimately become the colony capital, Wellington.

It is 25 May 1978 and over 500 police have been sent to arrest 200 people who protest against the expropriation of Ngāti Whatua tribal land at Bastion Point. In the temporary *marae* set up to cater for the

people, Marley's redemption songs are regularly played. The songs of Legba's children bear witness too.

Race science versus decolonial science

What does any of this matter for European sojourners? The children of Legba cannot bear witness, they are mute. And they must be defined. Categorically. Segregationally. What is more, with the aid of race science Māori will be placed on a comparative spectrum of complexion between white (European) and black (African).

It is 1833 and, enslaved at Kawhai, Te Ua studies the Bible, seeking agents of intercession. He will find them in the uncolonized spiritual hinterlands where Tāne/Māui and Legba, as Ham and Shem, await his arrival. But meanwhile, Richard Hodgskin pursues a colonial science experiment. He notes the variance of Māori colour, pointing out that 'none approach the Negro hue'. In fact, 'owing to their being so dirty ... they appear much darker than they really are'. Hodgskin's racial comparison is made in the physical presence of both Māori and Africans: 'we [have] a black seaman on board, and many jests they [indulge] in at darkey's expense'.⁴⁰ Meanwhile, William Swainson judges Māori in the negative as having 'nothing of the gentle, loving nature, the affectionate disposition, and the child-like docility of the negro race'.⁴¹

Māori do not consider their *tuākana* (elder siblings) to be child-like and docile but rather exemplars of revolution. Wait a little, suggests Wiremu Pātara Te Tuhi of the Kīngitanga, and this island shall be like Haiti; perhaps God will protect his black-skinned children who are living in Aotearoa. Objects sanctified in Blackness are worn upon the rebellious children of Legba and protect them against the bullets of the Caribbean Pākehā.⁴² Thirty years after the proclamation of the free empire of Haiti, the Māori prophet Papahurihia assures Hone Heke that in battle he can divert all bullets away from him by holding up

printed texts of the Bible.⁴³ Thirty years later still, Te Ua's flock will shout 'E riki kaweā' as they ambush colonial troops, requesting a divine diversion of bullets.⁴⁴

And 30 years after Te Ua's capture, the Paremata Māori o te Kotahitanga (the Māori Parliament) will acknowledge the manifest power of Blackness in the pursuit of kingly *mana motuhake* in a newspaper article entitled 'Te Kīngi o Etiopia'. As a gift of the gods, *mana* is stronger than bullets. 'An uprising, that's how it began', recalls Hone Heeney, Ruatoria Dread: 'the spirit from Ethiopia, Bob sent it to us through the ray of sunlight.'⁴⁵ Sanctified Blackness is given the name of Ethiopianism; and dreadlocked *kowhaiwhai* adorn the cherub who guards the gates of Eden.

Black Power in the hinterlands

It is 1772 and in between Cook's two voyages Marion du Fresne embarks on a trading and exploration voyage of Oceania. Anchoring in Aotearoa at the Bay of Islands a 'negro belonging to Marion' deserts the ship.⁴⁶ Across Oceania, Africans working in commercial ventures, often whaling, occasionally jump ship upon landfall and take their chances inland with indigenous inhabitants. Sometimes they are forced to.

It is 1831 and at the estuary of the Whanganui river estuary, Joe Rowe, a Kapiti-based trader in dried human heads, arrives in a whaling boat and promptly comes into conflict with local Māori.⁴⁷ The contention is most probably due to the fact that some of the heads that Rowe carries are *rangatira* (chiefs) from Taupo whom the Māori at Whanganui are related to. Rowe and his crew are killed except for a white man, Andrew Powers, and 'a negro ... who, being a man of colour, [is] spared'.⁴⁸ Powers is subsequently taken to Taupo.⁴⁹ At Taupo, Powers is bartered for by a Danish trader called Hans Homman Felk, popularly known as Philip Tapsell, a resident of Maketu (a small village in the Bay of Plenty).⁵⁰

The Black sailor is also taken to chief Te Heuheu Tukino in Taupo. Identified as 'an American negro' he is also called, probably after his white downpressor, 'Powers'.⁵¹ Tapsell barter for the white and Black Powers, as well as for a captive Lascar. While resident in Maketu, Tapsell utilizes the Black Powers as a 'special messenger'.⁵² He is, after all, a child of Legba. After some time, both of the Powers depart Maketu in a ship arriving from Sydney.

It is the 1980s. A few individuals have travelled to the countryside surrounding Whakatane, not far from Maketu. They have also run into the interior, to escape from Babylon. There they survive for a time by raiding orchards, cultivating their own Black powers as 'Nyahbinghis in the Ureweras'.⁵³

Black redemption

Ethiopians arrive in Aotearoa NZ at the *fin de siècle*, followed later by African-American soldiers, billeted in Paekakariki as part of the world war in Oceania, themselves followed by African university students taking part in the Colombo Plan. A certain casual racism meets these African arrivants, as it always has.

Account books of the 1870s held by Messrs Jones and Morrison of Greymouth contain random, untitled racial caricatures of a Chinese and African man.⁵⁴ A sketch of 'George', a crew member of the *Duke of Portland* arriving in Lyttelton, Christchurch in 1851 from London, is accompanied by the aliases of 'jumbo, sambo, snowball darkie, blackie, cootes'.⁵⁵ That is down south. Up north, a couple of years later, Edward Crewe is told a story on Queen Street, Auckland, of a canoe accident in the nearby area. The only sober passenger, 'a black fellow – a nigger', drowns, and in suffering this fate the 'African' is 'washed white'.⁵⁶

Further down river, though, at precisely this time, the Kīngitanga resistance is gathering pace. And Hōri Ngātai-rākaunui refuses to be whitewashed: 'my skin is black skin, my canoe is a Māori canoe'. Over

100 years later, Black Women chant the same; only 'the blanket of black skin' can act as 'a *whāriki* – a cloak of dignity'. The Stormtroopers: front-liners in the colonial fatal impact. They might not hold university degrees but they know enough of their ancestry to raise clenched fists in the Black Power salute.

Shem, Ham, Father Glory, verily, Hau!

After the departure of Black Powers, another schooner arrives from Sydney carrying merchandise for Tapsell. It is beached in a storm at Maketu. On board is a 'black cook, a big Jamaican man'.⁵⁷ Between 1821 and 1837 approximately 150 mostly Black convicts are deported to New South Wales from the British Caribbean colonies.⁵⁸ The crime of some is to have taken part in rebellions against colonial rule. Those deported from Jamaica might even have been fighting in the Baptist War of 1830/31 led by the preacher Sam Sharpe. This Jamaican cook: perhaps he is one of those riotous subjects?

Now it is 1860, and Māori are being told in Pākehā-written propaganda newspapers that the formerly licentious Jamaicans have, thankfully, given up their '*mahi māori*' – native work, uncivilized pursuits – for a new devoutness to Christian revivalism.⁵⁹ The Pākehā have fooled themselves. Five years later Edward Eyre, an ex-Lieutenant Governor of New Munster Province in New Zealand, will preside as Governor of Jamaica over the massacres that punish the participants of the Morant Bay uprising led by Paul Bogle, another Baptist deacon and revivalist.⁶⁰

I am discussing two very different tours with Merata Mita: *Keskidee Aroha* and the *Springboks*.⁶¹ A seminal figure in indigenous film making, Merata has taken part in directing the documentaries of both tours. I ask Merata where her politics comes from. And she starts by talking about her father. Merata explains that, during his day, Black men – especially African Americans – were heroes to many Māori

men. Her father and his friends adored Joe Lewis; they would sing the lines of Black vocalists rather than their white dualists; and her father once drove through the night so that they could see Louis Armstrong perform in Hamilton in 1963. By the early 1970s, in the new era of Black Powers, Merata is a member of Ngā Tamatoa. In retrospect Merata realizes that while her father was not explicitly political he was, nonetheless, attempting to demonstrate to her that it was not just white people who could possess world-class skills and perform notable feats.

I ask Merata where she thinks her father got his compass and energy store of social justice from. She replies, 'no idea'. But Merata also speaks of her treasured ancestor. His name is Tame Haika, which literally translates as Tommy Anchor. This child of Legba had been caught in a storm and forced to jump ship. He was found by Merata's people, who took him in. Merata tells me that, when she was growing up, elderly Māori called her people 'the niggers of Maketu'. Yet this name 'was whispered in awe more than [as an] insult'.

The *whakapapa* of the children of Tāne/Māui and Legba begins not in the laboratories of colonial race science but in the invisible institutions and *whare wānanga* that teach the sciences of deep relation. Therein, the manifest and spiritual domains are bound together with the present and past and with peoples and peoples – *tātou tātou*, I and I. The material is material-and-spiritual. It is luminous. Potent. Shem and Ham stand together in the spiritual hinterlands. Before they were *tāngata whenua/manuhiri* (peoples of the land and guests) they knew each other as *tēina/tuākana* (younger and elder siblings). As the sky is separated from the earth, Tāne/Māui and Legba walk together across Africa and Oceania to inaugurate the manifest domain of human being. All the relations between their children cultivate from this ground. No human hand could uproot.