

Cook Islands - staff god

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Atua Rakau:

1. What is a staff god?

- a) Name for our kitchen
- b) a stick in form of a god
- c) Movie on netflix
- d) a religion

2. What material is the staff god made from?

- a) ice
- b) wood
- c) diamonds
- d) iron

3. What does elaborately mean?

- a) intricate
- b) tiny
- c) disgusting
- d) detailed

4. How did the European missionaries view staff gods?

- a) secular
- b) American idol
- c) idols
- d) demonic

5. How long is the surviving staff god ?

- a) 6 metres
- b) 2 metres
- c) one third of the length
- d) 19 metres

7. Which best describes this staff god?

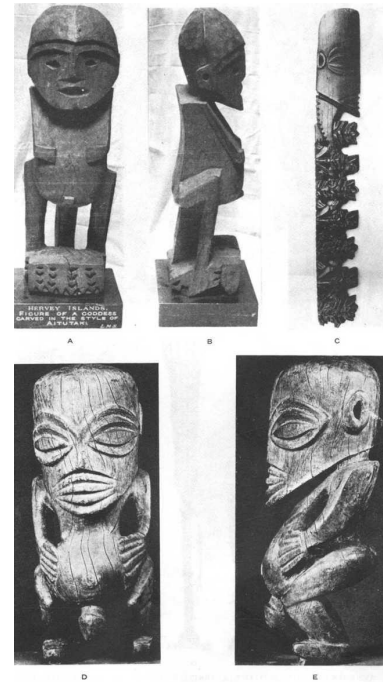
- a) Smooth green eyes with stylised head, mouth, ears; a curved back with notches on the ear side
- b) Smooth eyes with stylised ears; a curved ankle with notches on the shoulder sides
- c) Smooth head with stylised ankles, mouth, nose; a curved neck with notches on the back sides
- d) Smooth head with stylised eyes, mouth, ears; a curved neck with notches on the back sides

8. How did William Ellis described the staff gods?

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9. When was Christianity introduced to Cook Islands?

- a) 2020
- b) 19th Century
- c) 2019
- d) 1900



WOODEN IMAGES OF GODS: A, B, GODDESS, AITUTAKI (BRITISH MUS., L. M. 83); C, STAFF GOD, RAROTONGA (CAMBRIDGE UNIV. MUS., 1011); D, E, FISHERMAN'S GOD RAROTONGA (MUNICH MUS., 191).

