

## Consciousness, Language, Maori, and Faces

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*Here is "Mr. Māori". I title this face by way of the feedback given to me by a recent collector. Sometimes I have feedback given from collectors with interesting takes on my work. Recently I exchanged emails with a collector in California who likened this face jug to the Māori people living off the coast of New Zealand. Traditionally speaking and worldwide, most exaggerations of facial expressions were used to evoke fear, scare away warring tribes, and evil spirits, or evoke submission to followers of various spiritual traditions. In the Māori tribes, "Pūkana (facial expressions) is an important facet of Kapa haka." These ancestral war cries were performed on battlefields.*

*Additionally, Māori are known for facial tattoos, which in essence were a language used to communicate spiritual power, ancestry, social status, etc. Māori possessed no written language, thus the face was emphasized for communication.*

*To consider the face as a language before there was language, we can say that the face is humanity's first "interface" with the pattern reality of space-time. The face as a language of the pattern is causal to evoking conscious play with itself as known within symmetries of space-time. With humans, this conscious play takes form in emotions with fear being the most special transcendental rule (Wolfram Ruliad) for the projection and survival of the human species. What transcendent rules (Wolfram Ruliads) might govern other species within the variations of sentience? Is emotion universal among the fundamental realms of consciousness as it projects itself into the structure of space-time? Might emotion place in the mid to lower range on a scale of the universal, dimensional, and evolutionary growth of sentience? Is evolutionary earthly human existence destined to evolve beyond the boundaries of emotion and the split system in which it interfaces with existence? By placing consciousness as fundamental in some sort of Cartesian, Leibnizian, or Donald Hoffman (Hoffmanian) way, what other iconic interfaces exist for the growth of consciousness's quest for self-awareness? Is it possible to break the looping of question/answer interplay and polarized awareness within consciousness?*

*There is too much to say and no current language with the scope to say it.*