

# *Tihei Mauri Ora!*

## *The Power of Three*

***Kotahi te kohao o te ngira e kuhuna ai te miro ma, te miro pango, te miro whero.***

***I muri, kia mau ki te aroha, ki te ture, ki te whakapono***

*Through the eye of the needle pass the white threads, the black threads, and the red threads.  
Afterwards, looking to the past as you progress, hold firmly to your love, the law, and your faith*



*This whakatauki originated with Potatau Te Wherowhero, the first Maori King, who, at the birth of the Kingitanga movement, spoke about how individual threads are weak, but the process of weaving three threads together makes for not only a strong fabric but they become beautiful, and tell a story.*

In his signature song, *Whakaaria Mai*, the late Sir Howard Morrison, one of NZ's celebrated entertainers referred to the three great christian virtues of faith, hope and charity: ***I ngá iwi ma whakapono ma te tumanako me te aroha o énei taonga ko te mea nui ko te aroha.***

*The power of three is considered the highest connection to the source. Using the power of three is a connection to the highest level of spiritual advancement and acceptance that we all need to achieve when we come together. But, it can only be done by actual living and walking the path, not in words, but in action and deeds. Kia pai tó wiki!*



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