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Tutu and

Joshua

Informant's name "Qáwanéca."

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Tcēinēe story of Creation

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At 1st no people, no animals, no lights
but ^{fog, no wind, no rain} darkness & plenty of water, only a small
piece of land on wh were 2 men /
was Gáwanéca (Nalthuné's name) who kept
still seated by his fire, inhaling odors of
smoke from cedar (1) instead of eating
the other person was sent outside to look
and see if indications were favorable.

1 tree at north (ash), 1 at south (redwood)
first seen - Something red seen in SW.

"It must be land coming." By dry land
came touched that on wh the 2 beings sat
but trembled. Gáwanéca pressed his
hands over it E. + W. & it became firm.
Tried to make more land. Sickness not
wanted. "Where many die I will make much
water & little land. Where few die I will
make much land & little water."

3 rocks + 2 pieces of dish thrown down
into the deep water; listened after they
sank 5th ^{1/2} waves dashed vs land

then receded - Tides thus made
Then ^{more} land came, but was muddy. Man
ed not step on it - Tracks seen
"Sickness!" Land covered again
with water by Kawanea. Then he blew
at waters & made land appear again.
Dove 5/6 x Kawanea threw 2 of his
hairs on land - Then tried to make
light - called on all birds - 1 bird knew
told him when the sun was in the
per north - only 2 white geese had
been there. Kawanea promised certain
gifts to all birds for this information.
Q. called the sun, who came
from the north & stopped a little
south of the zenith. Q. fixed his course
southward northward
(in winter) (in summer)
The 2 hairs became snakes ^{who had 100 young} - the 1st
animals made - Lots of snakes at N.V. -
in ocean & on land, made temples

✓ blowing with their mouths

venomous snake wrapped itself
5 1/2 around the whole world,
thus keeps it tight.

2 more hairs pulled out dogs
made (100 born at once)

Woman came from the South -
wanted to marry Kawaneea;

but the other man came to her
and from them descended these
Indians. This "mother" never dies.

All Indians return to her at death
(she sends them back to this
world as children)

Her husband never leaves this
world, but Kawaneea lives in
the sun now & looks down on his
children. No one who dies can
go to live with him.



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