

PROPOSITIONAL CONTENT of Tongan CM of NATURE

FROM (type of analysis)

- *Nature is ruled by its internal laws and it includes humans;* GA
- *Humans are related to all other components;* GA
- *Weather is related to physical environment, plants, and humans;* GA
- *Sun/moon/soil are related to plants via transfer of energy;* GA and CRA
- *Supernatural/God is separated from nature, it masters nature;* GA and CRA
- *Supernatural/God is not separated from nature, it is everywhere;* GA and CRA
- *Plants (weeds), people, sun/moon, weather, and animals (pigs) are agents;* SRA
- *Plants (trees), power, soil, nature, water, and sea are patients;* SRA
- *Ontological metaphors are 51% (of which personification are 80%);* MA
- *Structural metaphors (concrete to explain abstract) are 45%;* MA
- *Animate things are known and used to explain inanimate things;* MA (source/target)
- *Humans are salient/central and are related/affect nature;* CRA
- *Plants are related to time and weather;* CRA
- *Internal growth (essence) of seeds, fish, shellfish, plants;* CRA
- *Fish are related to plants and weather;* CRA
- *Humans are related to plants because they are useful;* GA
- *Humans know birds very well (features, place) and are related to them because they predict weather and are dead people/spirits reincarnation;* CRA
- *Humans know fish very well (features, place) and are related to them because of their fishing/eating activities;* CRA
- *Humans acknowledge God and evil, but they also know old Tongans deities/spirits and rank them.* GA

Key:

GA = Gist Analysis; CRA = Causal/Reasoning Analysis;
SRA = Semantic Role Analysis; MA = Metaphor Analysis.