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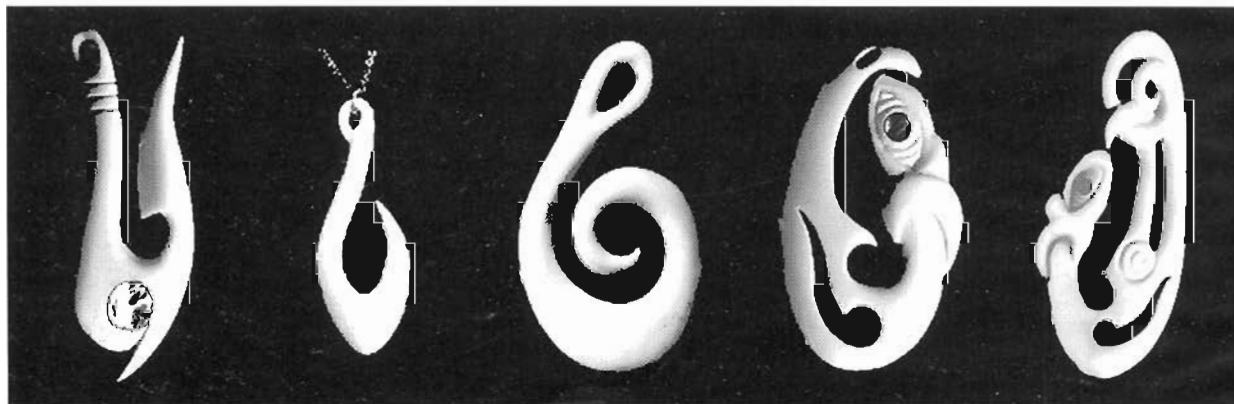
It is a thrill to have a *Pacific Health Dialog* issue on the health of the Maori in Aotearoa. For the very first time we have an embodiment of the journal policy that papers in any of the Pacific languages will be acceptable. My heartfelt thanks to Dr David Tipene-Leach and Emma Mihaere for making this issue happen. Like the issue on the Hawaiians, this one has brought together the research and soul of many Maori to bear on the tangata whenua and health in Maoridom. Never before between the same covers have these indigenous thinkers and writers strut their wares. They bring their realities together to forge a future of their making.

As a medium, *Pacific Health Dialog* will continue to provide an opportunity for Pacificans to state their realities and express their direction for the future. Therefore issues on health in Guam, Palau, Samoa and again Hawaii are pending. A thematic issue on health and medicine during times of emergency is also being prepared. Others are being nudged to put issues together and not to continue to depend on the oral traditions. The latter increases the vulnerability to whims of the peoples of letters.

Welcome all, including the Maori of Aotearoa, to the world of Pacificans. Let's be Pacificans together and make *Pacific Health Dialog* matter.

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FROM THE EDITOR



The history of medicine is a story of amazing foolishness and amazing intelligence.

Jerome Tarshis