

**The movement of the Polynesians and the change of their cosmology  
(including myths)**

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The Polynesians were moving along the tropical-equator zone, but when they expanded both toward Hawaii in the northern hemisphere and toward New Zealand in the southern hemisphere, they found different movements of stars (e.g., in New Zealand you cannot see the Polar Star). Although the Polynesians are said to be highly homogeneous, I suspect there occurred a substantial differentiation in cosmology between those who went to the north and those who went to the south (e.g., winter solstice and summer solstice are in reverse). The same must have happened when mankind passed the Bering Strait and moved south crossing the equator. I wish to talk about the structural change in cosmology and myths that resulted from such north-south movements.