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Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,
Excellencies, Ia ora na in the name of
Taaroa, the Almighty.

**A quest for Being Mäòhi, under the
colonial empire such as France.**

WHO AM I?

Nothing, not yet, tomorrow maybe. But
tomorrow, already started yesterday.

My name is written with letters of the
Latin alphabet, **but my life** will be
written **with my breath and the breath** of
all those who suffer from the lack of
being.

We are definitely not yet.

They call me Tahitian, but I refuse. **I am not Tahitian.**

This name essentially has a demagogic, touristic, snobbish and trashy purpose. It even deprives myself to be Mäòhi.

Anyone, outside the territorial boundaries is proud to endorse it, and this is indeed what it is, the name Tahitian: An assimilation concept that impedes my real identity.

However, no one wants to see what is painful about this name.

Like worms invited to a wretch's feast, we grow in rot and corruption.

An entire people are dying silently, because others speak on their behalf.

From a personal standpoint, our tragedy today is the confinement developed by this sense of difference, perpetuated by schools and all institutions in place.

From now on, we will find Tahitian specimens in museum, with labels and bank notes, stuffed in their mouths, to ensure that, they really would no longer speak.

This is the result of colonization.

We are Mäòhi, specific to our land and culture.

**This is the calling of my entire life:
To restore and to affirm our dignity as
a nation.**

We have a culture, a language, a vision of the world, a model of relationships between mankind and creation, and an island way of life.

In fact, the response of, Who Am I question is: It is not about possessing. It is about Being.

Today, tomorrow, and with the new generation that will rise, our quest for Being Mäòhi will grow.

I have faith in life. We will not die. We will be.

This is the pathway that the Mäòhi Protestant Church has chosen freely, for the liberation of our people's consciousness.

One day, with God's will, we will get our full sovereignty and independence.

That was the pathway already traced by our Ancestors: **The pathway of the Sun.**

There is a famous saying that says this: Life is not about, achievement. Life is about, alignment.

Long Life to Mäòhi Nui. Ia ora Mäòhi
Nui. Ua maitai roa ia.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and God bless.

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