Mauna Kea as the highest portal to the Hawaiian Universe is the pillar of Hawaiian consciousness. The mountain altar of Wākea, the celestial father and progenitor of the Hawaiian race is the ancestral and cultural connection of the Hawaiian people to the mountain. This mountain is the piko, or the place of connection where earth and sky meet and where the Hawaiians connect to their origins in the cosmos.

Look to the creation stories of indigenous people. They are all the same: we come from the stars. Mauna Kea is the gateway for all beings, our link back to our ancestral homes. Placing the TMT on Mauna Kea will forever break the connection back to the ancestral homelands of all peoples, and will mark the end of an era. We will be forever disconnected. The telescope desecrates the kapu, the end of an era, the start of our own demise.

Building the telescope breaks the kapu, nothing mortal was intended to be up there. We’re allowed up there now to fight for the mauna.

Being that our connections to our gods were lost, neglected, for so long, the lake began drying up. Now that they (we who are up at Maunakea honoring the akua of Maunakea) the water is now coming back. This is a physical, real life reflection, of the gods responding to the prayers of our people. The more we pray there, the more the water will come back, and the more that the gods will be able to see their reflections in this ipu that is Waiau. Waiau is the Mauna, it is the makahiapo kapu a Wākea.

Our ‘aumakua tell us that the existing telescopes are leaking toxic materials, polluting Lake Waiau. Mo’oinanea, the head of all Mo’o, can no longer reside there because of this.

The very water of Lake Waiau is a sacred being, unique from all the other waters inside the mauna. It is a reflecting pool for all akua, not only Hawaiian akua, to show them their true selves.

“Does (man) have to desecrate everything? Can you not allow one place to be sacred?” - Poli‘ahu

"Why do you need to keep looking out when all your answers are within? For all this time I have stood up to protect people (from the storms). Who is going to stand for me now?" - Mo’oinanea

All the fish are going belly up in Hilo because when you desecrate the mountain, the water becomes tainted and kills the fish that gave us all life.

Mahalo nui loa for your time,
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