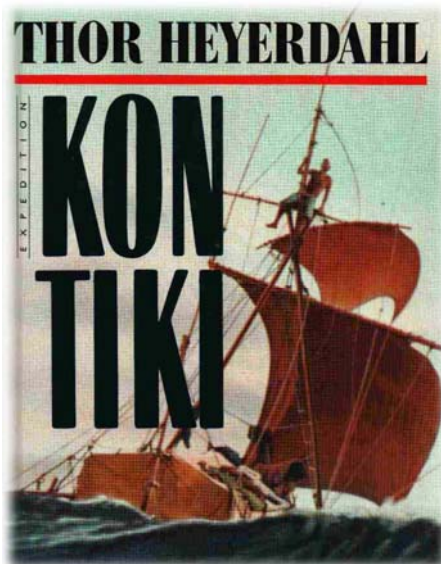


Thor Heyerdahl och gudsnamnet



När upptäcktsresande Thor Heyerdahl var i Polynesien träffade han vicehövdingen Tupuhoe, som berättade om Tiki, befolkningen förste kung och förfader. I sin bok Kon-Tiki återgav Heyerdahl berättelsen där gudsnamnet Jehova användes (1952 års upplaga, sida 278 och 279).

Tupuhoe had said that his father and grandfather, and his fathers before him, had told of Tiki and had said that Tiki was their first chief who was now in heaven. But then the white men came and said that the traditions of their ancestors were lies. Tiki had never existed. He was not in heaven at all, for **Jehovah** was there. Tiki was a heathen god, and they must not believe in him any longer. But now we six had come to them across the sea on a *pae-pae*. We were the first whites who had admitted that their fathers had spoken the truth. Tiki had

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lived, he had been real, but now he was dead and in heaven. Horrified at the thought of upsetting the missionaries' work, I had to hurry forward and explain that Tiki had lived, that was sure and certain, and now he was dead. But whether he was in heaven or in hell today only **Jehovah** knew, for **Jehovah** was in heaven while Tiki himself had been a mortal man, a great chief like Teka and Tupuhoe, perhaps still greater.