



## Hina

The goddess Hina represents motherhood and is goddess of the ocean and the moon. Her name means "silver or gray," like the color of moonlight. She is the goddess of fishing and food plants, and is associated with the Hawaiian practice of kuku kapa. In Hawaiian myths and chants Hina is a prominent goddess. Hawai'i's female gods are just as important as the four male gods Kāne, Kanaloa, Kū, and Lono. There are many forms of Hina. Hina-ʻai-a-ka-malama (Hina-feeding-on-the-moon) is one form, and her moʻolelo shows these connections and their importance to ʻohana.

Many Hawaiian genealogies trace back to the first male god Kū and female goddess Hina. The moʻokūʻauhau below describes Hina-ʻai-a-ka-malama's grandparents, parents, siblings, and their connection to the Hawaiian universe.

ʻO Kaiuli me Kaikea  
The Deep Blue Sea paired with The White Fair Sea  
ʻO Hinaluaʻiakoʻa me Kūkeʻapua  
Hina-who-expels-coral paired with Ku-the-male-procreator  
Noho i kahikihonuuakele  
Living in Kahiki-of-the-submerged-world  
Hānau ʻo Hinaakeahi, ʻo Hinapalehoana  
Born were Hina-of-fire,  
and Hina-who-fends-off-assault  
Hānau ʻo Hinalūaʻimoa, ʻo Iheihe  
Born were Hina-who-expels-the-chicken,  
and the Halfbeak-fish  
Hānau ʻo Moahalehaku, ʻo Kīʻimaluhaku  
Born were Moa-lord-of-the-house,  
and Kīʻi-who-protects-the-lord  
Hānau ʻo Kanikawā, Luaʻehu  
Born were The-noise-maker, and The-colorful-one  
Hānau ʻo Hinaʻaiakamalama, ʻo Kīpapalauʻulu  
Born were Hina-feeding-on-the-moon,  
and Kīpapa-of-multiple-growths  
ʻO Hina ka mōhai, ʻO Kīpapa ka ʻike  
Hina is the sacrifice,  
Kīpapa is the holder of knowledge  
ʻO Hinaʻaiakamalama nona ka moʻolelo  
This story is for Hinaʻaiakamalama

