

*According to Samoan mythologies KO'OA was a goddess of love and fertility and a sun worshiper. She was a descendant of the notable paramount family of the Sa Malieto of Sapapalii Savaii.*

*I carved out the internal organs to symbolise the destruction of Samoan culture by christianity and colonisation. They say the women were left with only the eyes to cry their tears.*

*But KO'OA will always rise up from the ashes like a phoenix to inspire all and give hope to her own people.*

*Since the arrival of christianity the name KO'OA is today spelt with a T, thus TO'OA, and the aiga (family unit of Samoan society) still use this name on certain young women of substance.*

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