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MAUI ISLANDS
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IT'S ABOUT TIME



HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU SAID, OR HEARD SOMEONE ELSE SAY, "There's just not enough time in a day...I need more time!" Based on traditional Hawaiian sources, the tale of the young demigod, Maui relates how he meets fishermen and farmers who complain that the days are too short for work. Maui's mother complains that there is no time to dry tapa cloths. He is disturbed that the days are too short and wonders why the Sun god crosses the sky so quickly. Maui hides in the mountain with his lasso until Sun rises. Then he ropes Sun's legs (rays) and asks him to promise to slow down. When Sun refuses he breaks his legs (rays), one at a time. This confrontation continues until Sun finally relents. After that, for part of the year Sun traveled at his usual speed. The days were short and night came quickly. The rest of the year, Sun slowed down as he had promised. The days were long and filled with sunshine, and Hina was able to dry her kapa cloth . . .and that is why we have longer days in the summer.

FULL VERSION: <http://library.thinkquest.org/C0114964/sun.htm>

"Oh Maui,
Sun is a
great god!
No one has
gone near him
and lived,"
Hina warned.
"Then, I shall
be the first!"
Maui boasted.
"I shall make
him promise
to go more
slowly."

~ Maui,
Hawaiian demigod
speaking with his
mother, the goddess
Hina

WHICH CULTURAL SITE DID YOU LAST VISIT and WHEN?



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