LŌKAHI READING

Where does this Hawaiian word come from, & what does it mean?

Lō = to obtain, to get  +  Kahi = one unit; togetherness; to make one
So, LŌKAHI means to get or obtain UNITY and BALANCE

This happens through inter-connectedness & interdependence.

In ancient times, Hawaiians valued lōkahi and always tried to achieve it. To them, there must be harmony among nā kānaka (humans), nā akua (gods) and ka ‘āina (nature).

But today, many kūpuna think we are losing this ancient Hawaiian value. In 1998, a famous kupuna, Aunty Malia Craver, gave a speech about the Hawaiian ancestors’ wisdom in all areas of life. She said lōkahi used to be a spiritual value that was lived every day of their lives. But now, we are out of balance. She said …

"Today you and I live in a confused, troubled and crazy world, disconnected from the valuable teachings of our po‘e (people), kūpuna (elders) of Hawai‘i.

Today in our modern society, we read the newspaper, or listen to the news on TV or radio, and we know that all is not well in this great world.

Great strides have been made in many areas, such as in science, in medicine, in technologies, and in space. But as a society, we have not really achieved lōkahi, harmony, with Ke Akua, our fellow man, or even with nature."