

When I graduated from BYU, one of my geology professors, Myron G. Best, encouraged me to publish any of my research findings that would benefit others.

During my childhood I lived in the Tongan Islands. My father, Ermel J. Morton, was the principal of the Liahona High School.

Being a curious child, I loved to learn about geology and astronomy. I even had a small rock collection I showed to others.

While there, I saw a large rock that I thought might be a meteorite. When I returned in 1997, I described this stone to other Tongans hoping they could lead me to it.

When I asked Lini Havea if she had seen this rock, she offered to take me to see a huge boulder near the town of Fahefa.

Upon seeing this rock, I was convinced it had been placed there by a large tsunami. Only trouble was, no Tongans I asked believed they had tsunami there.

Realizing their danger, I published my findings in 2003. This eventually helped Tongans believe tsunami could happen there. When the great tsunami of 2022 struck, very few lost their lives.



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