Today in science, we name all things and organize them into groups – this is called a taxonomy.
Compare the Kumulipo to what the Taxonomy of Modern Science says about how life began (see column on right side):

The Hawaiian Kumulipo	Scientific Taxonomy
In the *Wa Akahi* (The First Age) many Marine Invertebrates first appear: Corals (Phylum Coelenterata) Worms (Phylum Annelida) Starfish, Sea Cucumbers, Sea Urchins (Phylum Echinodermata) Barnacles (Phylum Arthropoda) Oysters, Mussels, Clams, Limpets, Cowries, Conches, Snails (Phylum Mollusca) **In *Ka Wa Elua* (The Second Age) come Marine Vertebrates (Phylum Chordata):** Rays and Sharks (Class Chondrichthyes) Bony Fishes (Class Osteichthyes) Porpoise (Class Mammalia) **In *Ka Wa Ekolu* The "Winged Creatures" appear:** Birds (Phylum Chordata, Class Aves) **In *Ka Wa Eha* come "The Crawlers":** Turtles (Phylum Chordata, Class Reptilia) Geckos (Phylum Chordata, Class Reptilia) Lobsters (Phylum Crustacea, Class Malacostraca) **In *Ka Wa Elima* "The Night Diggers" come forth:** Pigs (Phylum Chordata, Class Mammalia, Order Artiodactyla) Certain classes of people (Phylum Chordata, Class Mammalia, Order Primates) **In *Ka Wa Eono* "The Nibblers" appear:** Rats (Phylum Chordata, Class Mammalia, Order Rodentia) **In *Ka Wa Ehiku* comes "The Dog Child"** Dog (Phylum Chordata, Class Mammalia, Order Carnivora) **In *Ka Wa Ewalu* "The Dawn of the Day"**	**570 Million Years Ago (The Cambrian) Sea Life Develops:** Marine Invertebrates and Shell-Bearing Animals (Phylum Arthropoda) **500 Million Years Ago (The Ordovician) Life in the Sea Continues:** Early Vertebrates: The Jawless Fish (Phylum Chordata) **395 Million Years Ago (The Devonian) Life on Land and Sea Diversifies:** First Amphibians: Ancestors of Frogs (Phylum Chordata, Class Amphibia) First Insects (Phylum Arthropoda) First Bony Fish (Phylum Chordata, Class Osteichthyes) **345 Million Years Ago (The Carboniferous) Adaptation Continues:** First Reptiles: Ancestors to Snakes and Dinosaurs (Class Vertebra, Class Reptilia) Amphibians (Phylum Chordata, Class Amphibia) Diversify Insects (Phylum Arthropoda, Class Insecta) Diversify **180 Million Years Ago (The Jurassic) Reptiles Rule Land, Air, and Sea:** First Birds (Phylum Chordata, Class Aves) First Mammals (Phylum Chordata, Class Mammalia) **50 Million Years Ago (The Late Eocene) Mammals Adapt and Diversify:** Ancestor to Dog Appears (Class Mammalia, Order Carnivora, Family Canidae) **37 Million Years Ago (The Oligocene) Mammals Adapt and Diversify:** Ancestor to Pig Appears (Class Mammalia, Order Artiodactyla, Family Suidae) **10 Million Years Ago (The Late Miocene)**

In this Wa large numbers of people (Phylum Chordata, Class Mammalia, Order Primates)		**Mammals Adapt and Diversify:** Ancestor to Rat Appears (Class Mammalia, Order Rodentia, Family Muridae) **5.5 Million Years Ago (The Pliocene) People Make Their Debut:** Ancestor to Human Appears (Class Mammalia, Order Primates, Family Homonidae)

We can see these two ways of understanding evolution aren't identical, but they do share some interesting similarities.