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Indigenous

Intellectuals Gabriela Ramos, Yanna Yannakakis, 2014-04-30 Via military conquest Catholic evangelization and intercultural engagement and struggle a vast array of knowledge circulated through the Spanish viceroyalties in Mexico and the Andes This collection highlights the critical role that indigenous intellectuals played in this cultural ferment Scholars of history anthropology literature and art history reveal new facets of the colonial experience by emphasizing the wide range of indigenous individuals who used knowledge to subvert undermine critique and sometimes enhance colonial power Seeking to understand the political social and cultural impact of indigenous intellectuals the contributors examine both ideological and practical forms of knowledge Their understanding of intellectual encompasses the creators of written texts and visual representations functionaries and bureaucrats who interacted with colonial agents and institutions and organic intellectuals

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Perspectives on Science and Religion Ignacio Silva, 2015-10-06 Latin America plays an increasingly important role in the development of modern Christianity yet it has been underrepresented in current scholarship on religion and science In this first book on the subject contributors explore the different ways that religion and science relate to each other

Re-Creating Primordial Time Gabrielle Vail, Christine Hernández, 2013-10-15 Re Creating Primordial Time offers a new perspective on the Maya codices documenting the extensive use of creation mythology and foundational rituals in the hieroglyphic texts and iconography of these important manuscripts Focusing on both pre Columbian codices and early colonial creation accounts Vail and Hernández show that in spite of significant cultural change during the Postclassic and Colonial periods the mythological traditions reveal significant continuity beginning as far back as the Classic period Remarkable similarities exist within the Maya tradition even as new mythologies were introduced through contact with the Gulf Coast region and highland central Mexico Vail and Hernández analyze the extant Maya codices within the context of later literary sources such as the Books of Chilam Balam the Popol Vuh and the C dice Chimalpopoca to present numerous examples highlighting the relationship among creation mythology rituals and lore Compiling and comparing Maya creation mythology with that of the Borgia codices from highland central Mexico Re Creating Primordial Time is a significant contribution to the field of Mesoamerican studies and will be of interest to scholars of archaeology linguistics epigraphy and comparative religions alike **Heart of Creation** Andrea Joyce Stone, 2002 This accessible state of the art review of Mayan hieroglyphics and cosmology also serves as a tribute to one of the field s most noted pioneers The core of this book focuses

on the current study of Mayan hieroglyphics as inspired by the recently deceased Mayanist Linda Schele As author or coauthor of more than 200 books or articles on the Maya Schele served as the chief disseminator of knowledge to the general public about this ancient Mesoamerican culture similar to the way in which Margaret Mead introduced anthropology and the people of Borneo to the English speaking world Twenty five contributors offer scholarly writings on subjects ranging from the ritual function of public space at the Olmec site and the gardens of the Great Goddess at Teotihuacan to the understanding of Jupiter in Maya astronomy and the meaning of the water throne of Quirigua Zoomorph P The workshops on Maya history and writing that Schele conducted in Guatemala and Mexico for the highland people modern descendants of the Mayan civilization are thoroughly addressed as is the phenomenon termed Maya mania the explosive growth of interest in Maya epigraphy iconography astronomy and cosmology that Schele stimulated An appendix provides a bibliography of Schele s publications and a collection of Scheleana written memories of the Rabbit Woman by some of her colleagues and students Of interest to professionals as well as generalists this collection will stand as a marker of the state of Mayan studies at the turn of the 21st century and as a tribute to the remarkable personality who guided a large part of that archaeological research for

more than two decades **MATHKNOW** Alfio Quarteroni,2009-12-24 Mathematics forms bridges between knowledge tradition and contemporary life The continuous development and growth of its many branches both classical and modern permeates and fertilizes all aspects of applied science and technology and so has a vital impact on our modern society The book will focus on these aspects and will benefit from the contribution of several world famous scientists from mathematics and related sciences such as Ralph Abraham Andrew Crumey Peter Markowich Claudio Procesi Clive Ruggles Ismail Serageldin Amin Shokrollahi Tobias Wallisser *Códice Maya de México* Andrew D. Turner,2022-11-22 An in depth exploration of the history authentication and modern relevance of C dice Maya de M xico the oldest surviving book of the Americas Ancient Maya scribes recorded prophecies and astronomical observations on the pages of painted books Although most were lost to decay or destruction three pre Hispanic Maya codices were known to have survived when in the 1960s a fourth book that differed from the others appeared in Mexico under mysterious circumstances After fifty years of debate over its authenticity recent investigations using cutting edge scientific and art historical analyses determined that C dice Maya de M xico formerly known as Grolier Codex is in fact the oldest surviving book of the Americas predating all others by at least two hundred years This volume provides a multifaceted introduction to the creation discovery interpretation and scientific authentication of C dice Maya de M xico In addition a full color facsimile and a page by page guide to the iconography make the codex accessible to a wide audience Additional topics include the uses and importance of sacred books in Mesoamerica the role of astronomy in ancient Maya societies and the codex s continued relevance to contemporary Maya communities This volume is published to accompany an exhibition on view at the J Paul Getty Museum at the Getty Center from October 18 2022 to January 15 2023 **Maya E Groups** David A. Freidel,Arlen F. Chase,Anne S. Dowd,Jerry Murdock,2017-08-08 E groups are not the fifth element but a group of structures in the temple complexes of Classic Maya City centers In this volume from distinguished researchers of the Classic period the E groups prove to be more than just records of the sun s passages through the years **An Unholy Rebellion, Killing the Gods** Sharonah Esther Fredrick,2024-08-20 This groundbreaking work in literature cultural studies and history compares the two greatest epics of the Indigenous peoples of Latin America the Popul Vuh of the Quich Maya of Guatemala and the Huarochiri Manuscript of Peru s lower Andean regions

Astronomy , *The New Catalog of Maya Hieroglyphs: The Classic period inscriptions* Martha J. Macri,Matthew GeorgeLooper,2003 For hundreds of years Maya artists and scholars used hieroglyphs to record their history and culture In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries archaeologists photographers and artists recorded the Maya carvings that remained often by transporting box cameras and plaster casts through the jungle on muleback The New Catalog of Maya Hieroglyphs Volume I The Classic Period Inscriptions is a guide to all the known hieroglyphic symbols of the Classic Maya script In the New Catalog Martha J Macri and Matthew G Looper have produced a valuable research tool based on the latest Mesoamerican scholarship An essential resource for all students of Maya texts the New Catalog is also accessible to

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Aztec Philosophy James Maffie, 2014-03-15 In *Aztec Philosophy* James Maffie shows the Aztecs advanced a highly sophisticated and internally coherent systematic philosophy worthy of consideration alongside other philosophies from around the world Bringing together the fields of comparative world philosophy and Mesoamerican studies Maffie excavates the distinctly philosophical aspects of Aztec thought Aztec Philosophy focuses on the ways Aztec metaphysics the Aztecs understanding of the nature structure and constitution of reality underpinned Aztec thinking about wisdom ethics politics and aesthetics and served as a backdrop for Aztec religious practices as well as everyday activities such as weaving farming and warfare Aztec metaphysicians conceived reality and cosmos as a grand ongoing process of weaving theirs was a world in motion Drawing upon linguistic ethnohistorical archaeological historical and contemporary ethnographic evidence Maffie argues that Aztec metaphysics maintained a processive transformational and non hierarchical view of reality time and existence along with a pantheistic theology Aztec Philosophy will be of great interest to Mesoamericanists philosophers religionists folklorists and Latin Americanists as well as students of indigenous philosophy religion and art of the Americas

Reconsidering Olmec Visual Culture Carolyn E. Tate, 2012-01-18 Recently scholars of Olmec visual culture have identified symbols for umbilical cords bundles and cave wombs as well as a significant number of women portrayed on monuments and as figurines In this groundbreaking study Carolyn Tate demonstrates that these subjects were part of a major emphasis on gestational imagery in Formative Period Mesoamerica In *Reconsidering Olmec Visual Culture* she identifies the presence of women human embryos and fetuses in monuments and portable objects dating from 1400 to 400 BC and originating throughout much of Mesoamerica This highly original study sheds new light on the prominent roles that women and gestational beings played in Early Formative societies revealing female shamanic practices the generative concepts that motivated caching and bundling and the expression of feminine knowledge in the 260 day cycle and related divinatory and ritual activities *Reconsidering Olmec Visual Culture* is the first study that situates the unique hollow babies of Formative Mesoamerica within the context of prominent females and the prevalent imagery of gestation and birth It is also the first major art historical study of La Venta and the first to identify

Mesoamerica's earliest creation narrative. It provides a more nuanced understanding of how later societies including Teotihuacan and West Mexico as well as the Maya either rejected certain Formative Period visual forms, rituals, social roles, and concepts or adopted and transformed them into the enduring themes of Mesoamerican symbol systems.

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