

## Inca Civilization

If the Spanish explorers did not arrive in Peru 100 years after 1532, not too many if any changes would have made towards this society.

The Inca hierarchy consists of absolute power- 1) The Emperor or descendant of the sun god. 2) Minister and High Priest. 3) Nobles and Governor 4) Commoners.

This civilization had a complex society of the Chimu, Tiwanaku and Wari Kingdoms.

These kingdoms build a sustainable agriculture system, stone structures, canals, cisterns, and highways. The highways were high enough to pass over mountains. The Stone structures were leakproof and earthquake sustainable. In our society now who have all sought of high-powered tools and machinery, we experienced plenty of buildings that buckled under earthquakes and rainstorms. This empire also built highways surpass mountain tops without having access to our modern-day technology.

Their landscape had to be transformed for agricultural purposes to support their mass population. Various crops were planted in different areas of the ecological zones and altitudes to overcome climatic changes. The governor stored harvested food such their freeze dried potatoes called Chuno, in the food warehouses to have just in case they should face famine or a season of drought. There were warehouses that stored additional weapons and cloths. Theses warehouses were constructed along the highways which made it easy for the people to access.

The Incas were an agriculture society. Some crops and produces which they had known for were beans, corns, quinoa, potatoes, squashes, ceviche, wheat, Rye, cattle, Bananas and coca. Llamas and Alpacas were domesticated animals known to their region. These large, domesticated animals were used to carry products, provide wool and served as an additional source of protein. Farming was done manually by the people. Mass farming isn't done manually by people nowadays. To set up an agriculture system especially in the urban area would not be beneficial but it worked very well for the Inca society. If we indeed could afford a system as such, maybe we wouldn't be such a wasteful society and experience food insecurities today. Quite upsetting and disheartening.

Every able-bodied member had to contribute to their society with food, clothing, and tools. The Government positioned people to work on things in the society that needed attention or repairing. They did not have a currency system like money. The governor collected by the Mit'a system which is basically human labor. The people were also sent to do mining, construction and sewing. Well made clothing were a source of ranking and used as gifts. In our society, we experience money counterfeit and people being underpaid so I do believe that their system works best. Also, it's my belief that every able person should work. Especially meaningful work where it contributes to someone's else welfare as well as yourself. We have been living in a welfare society where that is unbalanced and abused. At the end, the hardworking people paying into the systems with their work credit and history most likely won't have anything to retire off of because people who have never worked, able and disabled are allowed to collect from our systems set up for retirement and the truly disabled population. The government saw to it that

food and cloths were provided to all people especially the elderly, widows and the sick. They however used plenty of bronze, silver, and gold.

This Empire was said to have had an organized military system. All able men of the ages of 25 and 50 had military training. Their Fighters were made up of Bowmen, Sling Throwers and Dart Throwers. Their military wore thick cotton armor which the Spanish Soldiers later incorporate in their battle against the Incas. Their shields were made of wood. They also used Spears, Clubs and, Maces, halbert, Bowlers and Axes. Not just in the ancient Inca empire but other countries today have system set up where their natives must perform some sought of free civic duties from being military trained, providing health services to the community, etc. I think it would impact the crime rate we are facing in this country especially the gun violence. They weren't big on trading and did not see the need to build up their port system or build boats and ships or the need to incorporate heavier military weaponry or armor. So, what they had were effective enough.

The Incas were originally pagans and they incorporated corps into their political system. They believed the dead had influences in the world of the living. During times of difficulties, the Incas sought the advice of the dead. The Inca participated in mummifying the bodies of noble descendants and influential families. Food and clothing were set out for these mummies in exchange for protection and fertility assistance for the land. They treated the dead as if they were still amongst the living. They had a group called Panaca who were selected to deal with the mummies. This system might need to be revised. The wealth of a dead emperor would be overseen by the mummy caretakers. New emperors had to begin from scratch building their own wealth and empire. Eventually most of the

land began being managed by the mummy overseers. I can foresee this being a dying society sooner than later. The Spaniard used the competing political systems against the people which resulted to the weaken empire along with the smallpox disease, civil war and opposing empires of the new world and Inca Spaniard alliance.

They did not communicate with a written language. The Incas communicated orally or by the knots system called Khipu. The knots allowed the Incas to capture data, taxes and record other things like their census. When the Khipu system was no longer being used, the society recorded their events orally. Most of their history was told through Historians. As people ages, their memories do also. And the Orator can spin stories to suit their own reasons. For these reasons and much more, if they continued in this same manner for 100 more years, I do believe what we now know would have been a different tail. I also believe that the Spaniard or Spanish Historian could be corruptible as well. They were an isolated empire who were invaded by the Spaniard. I think they would have sustained their empire without the invasion longer if they did away with their mummification or the weight it held. No one can take the wealth with them. Their religion or belief would have eventually cripple them if they didn't change.

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