

# INCA RELIGION

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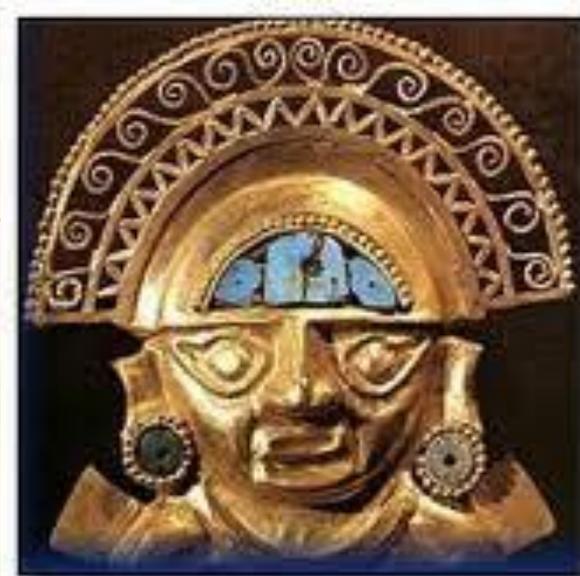
# INCA WORSHIPPING

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- ✘ Polytheistic beliefs
- ✘ Sun god, Inti, was most important
- ✘ Worshiped the dead, founding culture heroes, the king, ancestors, and nature and its cycles
- ✘ The king was considered divine
- ✘ Space and time were sacred

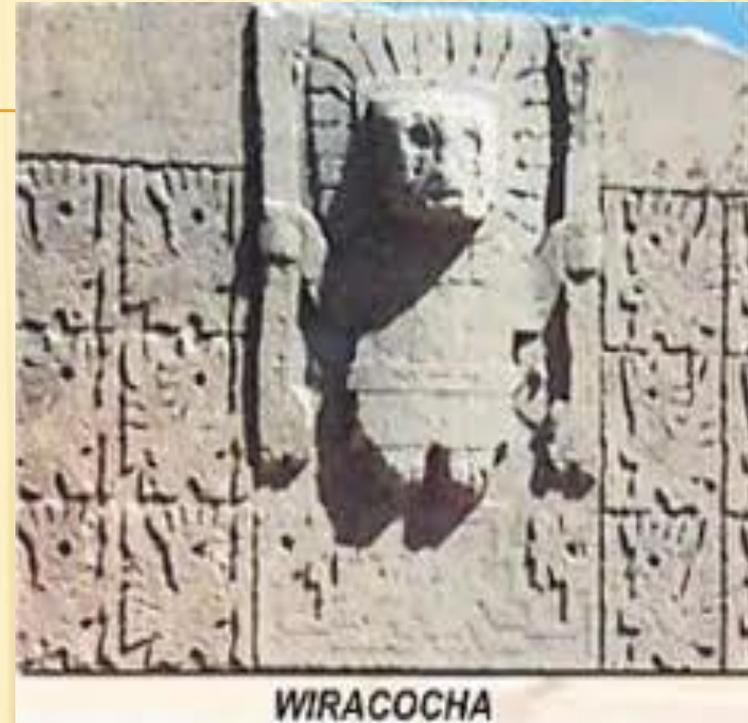
# INTI: THE SUN GOD

- ✘ His cult was the most important
- ✘ nourished mankind and Earth with his rays
- ✘ IntipRaimi was a feast dedicated to him
  - Opened by the emperor
  - Emperor made libation to the sun and drank chicha (a maize drink)
  - People follow him into the temple
  - Made offerings of precious vessels or images to the god
  - Read omens and sacrificed llamas



# OTHER GODS

- ✘ Pachama who was the mother of the earth
- ✘ Wiracocha was also a very important god
  - some scholars may explain his importance due to the Christian influence
  - others emphasize his importance as a culture hero that transformed, and as a god that created
  - his full name was "Con Ticci Wiracocha-pachaya" means: the Lord and Instructor of the world



# HANAN AND HURIN

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- ✘ The Incas believed in the notion of polarity that was expressed by the words hanan and hurin
- ✘ Hanan expressed the high, superior, right, masculine
- ✘ Hurin expressed the low, inferior, left, feminine

# THREE ASPECTS OF THE WORLD

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- ✘ UKU PACHA (the past and the interior world),
- ✘ KAY PACHA (the world of present and of here),
- ✘ HANAN PACHA (the future and the supra world).
- ✘ Each of these worlds are inhabited by spiritual beings

- ✘ Everything, from illness, to the investigation of crimes, or the definition of what sacrifices should be made to what gods, was all done by consulting the oracles
- ✘ observing in a dish the meandering of a spider, or the disposition of coca leaves, by drinking a hallucinogen, or even by examining the markings on the lungs of a sacrificed llama.



# AFTER DEATH

- ✘ after death, the two souls which inhabit each person would go separate ways
- ✘ One would return to its place of origin
- ✘ The other soul remained in the body which was preserved intact and mummified
- ✘ It is probably this belief that led the Incas to bury personal belongings with the dead



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