

Quotables

Quote	Is this quote from a European or American perspective?	How does this quote represent the causes or effects of conquest?
<p>“Their reason for killing and destroying such an infinite number of souls is...to acquire gold, and to swell themselves with riches in a very brief time and thus rise to a high estate disproportionate to their merits.” <i>–Father Bartolome de las Casas, Spanish priest</i></p>		
<p>“We Spaniards know a sickness of the heart that only gold can cure.” <i>–Hernan Cortés, Spanish conquistador</i></p>		
<p>"Even if the snows of the Andes turned to gold, still they would not be satisfied." <i>–Manco Inca Yupanqui (pictured), the last Inca emperor</i></p>		
<p>“When has it ever happened, either in ancient or modern times, that such amazing exploits have been achieved? Over so many climes, across so many seas, over such distances by land, to subdue the unseen and unknown? Whose deeds can be compared with those of Spain? Not even the ancient Greeks and Romans.” <i>–Francisco Jerez, 16th century Spanish explorer and historian</i></p>		
<p>Broken spears lie in the roads; we have torn our hair in grief. The houses are roofless now, and their walls are reddened with blood. We have pounded our hands in despair against the adobe walls, for our inheritance, our city, is lost and dead. The shields of our warriors were its defense, but they could not save it. <i>–From an Aztec lament, recorded circa 1528</i></p>		