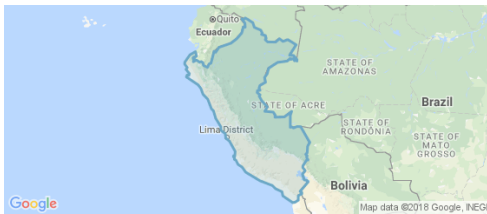


Inca

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Inca empire in pre-Columbian South America



Date Range: 1300 CE - 1550 CE

Region: Peru

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Peru

Status of Participants:

- ✓ Elite
- ✓ Religious Specialists

Sources

Print sources for understanding this subject:

- Source 1: Cobo, Bernabe. Inca Religion and Customs.

General Variables

Membership/Group Interactions

Are other religious groups in cultural contact with target religion:

- Yes

Does the religious group have a general process/system for assigning religious affiliation:

- No

Does the religious group actively proselytize and recruit new members:

- No

Does the religion have official political support

- Yes

↳ Are the priests paid by polity:

- Yes

- ↳ Is religious infrastructure paid for by the polity:
 - Yes
- ↳ Are the head of the polity and the head of the religion the same figure:
 - Yes
- ↳ Are political officials equivalent to religious officials:
 - Yes
- ↳ Is religious observance enforced by the polity:
 - Yes
- ↳ Polity legal code is roughly coterminous with religious code:
 - Field doesn't know

Is there a conception of apostasy in the religious group:

– No

Size and Structure

Number of adherents of religious group within sample region (estimated population, numerical):

– Field doesn't know

Number of adherents of religious group within sample region (% of sample region population, numerical):

– Field doesn't know

Scripture

Does the religious group have scriptures:

Scripture is a generic term used to designate revered texts that are considered particularly authoritative and sacred relative to other texts. Strictly speaking, it refers to written texts, but there are also “oral scriptures” (e.g. the Vedas of India).

– No

Architecture, Geography

Is monumental religious architecture present:

– Yes

Are there different types of religious monumental architecture:

– Yes

↳ Tombs:
– Yes

↳ Cemeteries:
– Yes

↳ Temples:
– Yes

↳ Altars:
– No

↳ Devotional markers:
– No

↳ Mass gathering point [plazas, courtyard, square. Places permanently demarcated using visible objects or structures]:
– Yes

Is iconography present:

– No

Beliefs

Burial and Afterlife

Is a spirit-body distinction present:

Answer “no” only if personhood (or consciousness) is extinguished with death of the physical body. Answering yes does not necessarily imply the existence of Cartesian mind/body dualism, merely that some element of personhood (or consciousness) survives the death of the body.

– Field doesn't know

Belief in afterlife:

– Yes

Reincarnation in this world:

– No

Are there special treatments for adherents' corpses:

– Yes

↳ Cremation:

– No

↳ Mummification:

– Yes

↳ Interment:

– Yes

↳ Cannibalism:

– No

↳ Exposure to elements (e.g. air drying):

– Yes

↳ Feeding to animals:

– No

↳ Secondary burial:

– Yes

↳ Re-treatment of corpse:

– Yes

↳ Other intensive (in terms of time or resources expended) treatment of corpse :

– Yes [specify]: display of mummies

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Are co-sacrifices present in tomb/burial:

– Yes

↳ Human sacrifices present:

– Yes

↳ Animal co-sacrifices present:

– Yes

Are grave goods present:

– Yes

Are formal burials present:

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Status of Participants: ✓ Religious Specialists

– No

– Yes

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Status of Participants: ✓ Elite

↳ As cenotaphs:

– No

↳ In cemetery:

– Yes

↳ Family tomb-crypt:

– Yes

↳ Domestic (individuals interred beneath house, or in areas used for normal domestic activities):

– Field doesn't know

– Yes

↳ Other formal burial type:

– No

Supernatural Beings

Are supernatural beings present:

– Yes

Supernatural Monitoring

Is supernatural monitoring present:

This refers to surveillance by supernatural beings of humans' behaviour and/or thought particularly as it relates to social norms or potential norm violations.

– No

Do supernatural beings mete out punishment:

– No

Do supernatural beings bestow rewards:

– Yes

Messianism/Eschatology

Are messianic beliefs present:

– No

Norms and Moral Realism

Are general social norms prescribed by the religious group:

– No

Is there a conventional vs. moral distinction in the religious group:

– No