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REQUERIMIENTO 1492 - Written by Palencia Bujos of the Council of Castile.

The *Requerimiento* (Requirement) was written in 1492 by the Council of Castile to be read aloud as an ultimatum to conquered natives in the Americas. It proclaimed the religious authority of the Roman Catholic people over the entire world, and the political authority of Spain over the Americas (except Brazil). It demanded that the conquered peoples accept Spanish rule and Christian preaching or risk subjugation, enslavement, and death. (Often the *Requerimiento* was read in Latin to the natives with no interpreters present, or even delivered from a shipboard to an empty beach, claiming to prime purpose as self-justification for the Spanish invasion.)



On the part of the King, Don Fernando, and of Doña Juana, his daughter, Queen of Castile and León, subduers of the barbarous nations, we their servants, notify and make known to you, as best we can, that the Lord our God, living and eternal, created the Heaven and the Earth, and one man and one woman, of whom you and we, all the men of the world, were and are descendants, and all those who came after us, wherefore, as best we can, we ask and require that you consider what we have said to you, and that you take the time that shall be necessary to understand and deliberate upon it, and that you acknowledge the Church as the Ruler and Superior of the whole world, and the high priest called Pope, and in his name the King and Queen Doña Juana our lords, in his place, as superiors and lords and lords of these islands and things that flow by virtue of the said donation, and that you consent and give place that these religious fathers should declare and preach to you the aforesaid.

If you do so, you will do well, and that which you are obliged to do to their Highnesses, and we in their name shall reward you in all love and charity, and shall save you, your wives, and your children, and your lands, free without tribute, that you may do with them and with yourselves freely that which you like and think best, and they shall not compel you to turn Christians, unless you yourselves, when informed of the truth, should wish to be converted to our Holy Catholic Faith, as almost all the inhabitants of the rest of the lands have done. And, besides this, their Highnesses award you many privileges and exemptions and will grant you many benefits. (continued)

...I solemnly make this to you, with the help of God, our Lord, and shall make war against you in all ways and manners that we can, and shall make slaves of them, and as such shall sell and deliver to whomever who do not obey, and return to receive their land, and we request the history here present to give us his testimony in that they should be witnesses of this Requirement.

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