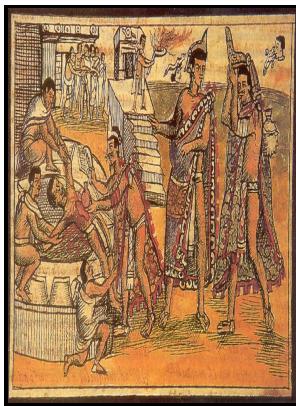


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### Aztec Priests

This arrangement is another instance of the simultaneous representation of the triple and quadruple partitions of the universe, while the numbers four and nine and their combination thirteen represent the numbers for the earth, the underworld, and heaven. Without this community it would have been much harder for families to cope and understand what had happened. According to Aztec cosmology, the sun god Huitzilopochtli was waging a constant war against darkness, and if the darkness won, the world would end.

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. The god Tezcatlipoca ruled over the telpochcalli. The relations between people and their gods were governed by the principle of reciprocity.

### Ancient Aztecs

Tezcatlipoca was, however, unable to attain a certain level of brilliance and was only a half-sun.

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At the very top of Aztec society stood the ruler, or Tlatoani, of each city-state, and his family. Elevated paved roads connected Tenochtitlan to the mainland; and bridges, dikes, and aqueducts regulated water level and flow in the lakes, enabling the separation of fresh from salt water, and providing fresh, drinkable water to the city.

### Top 10 Things to Know About the Aztecs and Their Empire

From Christianity to Buddhism, to indigenous religions such as the Native Americans, or Igbo tribes of Africa, while studying religion what components will be deemed critical to the composition of a religion, and what issues will be faced while studying what a religion does, and how. Soon after the prayer the name of the child was announced.

### Top 10 Things to Know About the Aztecs and Their Empire

Main article: The concept of teotl is central to the Aztecs. It had two temples dedicated to gods Huitzilopochtli and Tlaloc.

## **Religious Beliefs During the Aztec Empire**

The first group considered Huitzilopochtli to be their principal god; most members of the second group worshipped especially Quetzalcoatl, the Toltec god who was most concerned with cultural matters and to whom they often also attributed messianic qualities. All Maya peoples indeed shared the same religious background, but this was largely also shared by the Nahuas and other Central American tribes.

### **Aztec Religion**

After death, the soul of the Aztec went to one of three places: the sun, Mictlan, or Tlalocan. Thousands of prisoners of war were sacrificed annually at the Templo Mayor, and in times when there were not enough prisoners even local residents of Tenochtitlan were sacrificed by the Aztec priests Pennock 286.

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