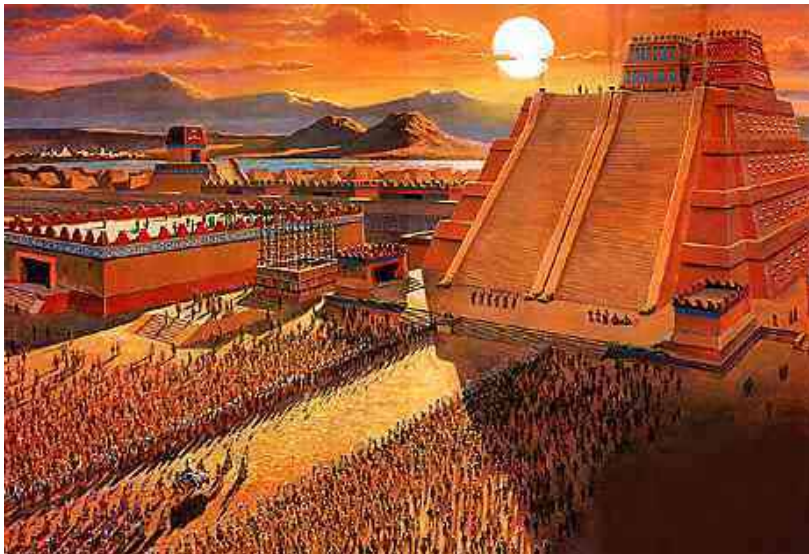


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...Spanish administrators established two main centers of authority in the Americas—Mexico (which they called New Spain) and Peru (known as New Castile)—each governed by a viceroy who was responsible to the king in Spain. In Mexico they built a new capital, Mexico City, on top of Tenochtitlán. In Peru they originally hoped to rule from the Inca capital of Cuzco, but they considered the high altitude unpleasant and also found the Andean city too inaccessible for their purposes. In 1535 they founded [the city of] Lima and transferred the government to the coast where it was accessible to Spanish shipping....

Source: Bentley and Ziegler, *Traditions & Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past*, 3rd edition, McGraw-Hill (adapted)



Aztec Pyramid in Tenochtitlán



**Catholic Cathedral in Mexico City
(Formerly Tenochtitlán)**