

Spain was the ruler of this area, and they couldn't let him go, and Apahaulpa said, "Well, he saw how interested they were in getting gold, how they grabbed every bit of gold they could find, and Apahaulpa said, "supposing that I take this room here--it was a fair sized room--and I fill it this high with gold, then I'll give you that gold--then you let me go." And the Spaniards were amazed. They'd never heard or seen of so much gold in all their life before as that--as he signaled there would represent more than the whole possessions of the Spanish empire, and the Spanish looked utterly amazed. When they looked so amazed Apahaulpa thought they were amazed that he would think that he, the great emperor wasn't worth any more gold than that, and so he said, "Well, suppose I give you this much up to here, which was three times the amount he had first named, and what he had first named was far beyond what they had ever dreamed, and they said, "Oh, if you give us the gold up to there, why of course we'll let you go then." And then Apahualypa's messengers went out and pretty soon the different messengers began to come in bringing gold, all they could carry; and they came, some of them from way up in Ecuador, and way down here in Chile, and way over in Bolivia; and these men began coming in bringing great amounts of gold; and as they brought that and the Spaniards began to see all that gold and the pile was beginning to come up, then they began to think--how does he send word, all this distance and get these people to do what he wants for this tremendous area. They said that this was very fine for him to give us this gold, but if he has this much power, how do we know that he won't send out a message for us to be waylaid and killed or something. So they said that they'd better be careful that he wouldn't do anything like that; so they put him on trial, on all kinds of charges, which really amounted to the difference between his civilization and theirs, and they convicted him of being an infidel, of being a relapsed infidel, because they claimed that he had pretended to become a Christian and now he had relapsed. So he said that he must be burned as a relapsed infidel, following the custom of the Spanish inquisition, which had burned tens of thousands of moors and jews in Spain previous to this time. And Apahaulpa of course didn't like the idea of being burned at all, and they persuaded him that if he'd sign certain papers, and make certain statements, that they wouldn't burn him but would just burn him otherwise. So he did what they wanted. And then they gave out the word that he had died like a true Christian; then they killed him and figured that