

# The Spanish Missions

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of those Spanish centuries. While Indians back the Spanish Government mission settlements, seeking to lead life. At these settlements stately churches were built and these were taught to do the work. Printing, engineering and architectural were characteristic of these mission settlements. At best, their were crude. Even in this present age such buildings would be notable

That the Indians did not readily give up their care-free life and the religion of their fathers for the cloistered life of these missions and settlements does not lessen the nobility of these Spanish civilizing efforts.

It is possible to recall the original mission policies with the stories of the conquests was the Spanish-American history. The period of the conquests was the period of the mission building period in the present United States was two centuries later. Spanish New World Government and policies traveled far in those two centuries.

In that first half century of conquest Spanish rule was extended over the West Indies, Mexico, Central America, and South America except Portuguese Brazil. Spanish ships had circumnavigated the globe and they had explored and mapped the long coast lines of the Americas. Those amazing land expeditions had explored the continents; on this northern continent they had explored to the Carolinas, Tennessee and Kansas. The English did not found Jamestown until 1607 and that little colony failed. The Pilgrims came to New England Plymouth in 1620. The English ventures were coastal settlements only.

The Spanish conquests were war and all war is brutal. Spanish kings, queen and governing powers commanded humanity. Even in this day governments command, and racketeers do somewhat as they please. Spanish rulers condemned and prohibited the slavery of the Indians yet Indians went to their death in droves because of enforced slavery. Human slavery was not new; it had existed among all races from time immemorial. Slavery was abolished in the Spanish-American States before it was in the United States.

When America was discovered Europe was in the depths of the Dark Ages. Religion was a superstition. The oppressions of the inquisition were prevalent over Europe. Printing had been invented but was held under strict censorship. Reading and freedom of understanding hardly existed. Few could even write. Luther's Reformation was just beginning when Cortés was conquering Mexico; one hundred years later when the Puritans and the Pilgrims were settling New England that struggle for personal liberty and intellectual understanding was still in its infancy.

This was the state of the world when Spain was conquering America and