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South American Emperors

Question by Ethan Gelber

The Question:

By the late 15th century, the emperors of Tawantinsuyu reigned over a great empire that covered all of present-day Ecuador, half of Chile and portions of Argentina and Bolivia. The domain may have included more than 12 million people. As legend would have it, this empire was founded by Manqo Qhapaq, worshipper of the creator-god Viracocha. This same empire's two greatest leaders, both from the 15th century, have been compared to ancient Macedon's Philip II and his son, Alexander the Great.

What is the modern-day name of this empire and who were its two greatest emperors?

The Answer:

Cusa Inca Yupanqui, also known as Pachacuti Inca Yupanqui, may be one of the greatest conquerors (and men) in the history of the Americas. His son and successor, Topa Inca Yupanqui, was no less an able leader. During the thoroughly and accurately documented thirty years of their rule, from

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1463 to 1493, they oversaw the rapid and competent expansion of the Inca Empire from a regional, warring, tribal group centered around their capital city of Cuzco into a massive continental powerhouse with control over an area roughly equal in size to France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Italy. Pachacuti Inca Yupanqui is most notable for his civic planning abilities and foresight in the management of a large empire. Through social stratification forced resettlement of conquered peoples, taxation, and local governance, he established a politically stable system that discouraged infighting, allowed for the development of public works projects, and increased agricultural yield. Francisco Pizarro's Spanish forces conquered the Inca in 1533. The Inca ruler was killed, the city sacked, and the people decimated.

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