



## Past and Present: From Aztlan to New York

Before the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors to Middle America, several strange portents had already given word of their existence: comets, flashes of lightning, fires, idols that conveyed ill-fated messages, demons that warned of an imminent tragedy, two-headed men, people who spoke in trance, rare multicolored bird specimens, and mirrors hidden in mysterious caves. Thus, to understand the catastrophe of the present, Montezuma and his priests turned to history to find the explanation to what was happening. But, as Tzvetan Todorov suggests in *The Conquest of America*:

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## The Unthinkable



*New York, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001*

The New World Trade Center, 2005  
Fuck You, Bin Laden



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