

"[Fray Diego de Béjar said:] ... I have come to tell you, to explain, that the one single God is three in one person – God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit – who created the invisible heaven." I wish you all to come and show me your devils"... [All the statues of gods] were brought before fray Diego de Béjar – who burned them. Then he began to teach them to recite and sing the Paternoster [and] the Ave Maria.... Then they were given their names. The ruler was named don Pedro Paxtun... And thus they became Christians. The devils which had been buried in secret places by the people... were sought out in all the towns.... The guardians of the devils went to fetch them to be burned, for those men who kept them were imprisoned and beaten before the eyes of all the people...."

-A Chontal Maya Account of the Conquest, Excerpted from the Title of
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