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Since the publication of our first Latest News page, we have completed a total of thirteen E Books in a variety of disciplines reflecting a number of different cultures. These can be perused in the Bookstore List which includes a description of the contents, author, ISBN number, length and price. Also available in print is a reference work in paper back form that examines all of the literary and artistic genres during the flourishing period of the forties in Mexico. (El Hijo Pródigo: A Critical Index of Twentieth Century Mexican Thought). Completed recently, is the expanded version in Spanish as an E book. See *Bookstore List* for details. For the first time, a translation of the novel La cueva de Naltzátlan is now available in English as The Cave of Naltzátlan. This historical Magic-Realist novel is translated by the author. It presents the flip side of the coin regarding the Conquest, this time from the Aztec perspective. Similarly, another historical magic-realist novel is presented in its first edition in Spanish is likewise, available (En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo). This work concerns the First Christian Crusades in all of its splendor and barbarism. It is an important work that probes deeply into the politics, philosophy and motives of the Church and its participants. It questions the morality and ethics as well as the motives, in part, via the historical character of Pierre l'hermite or Peter the Hermit. Also of interest is the in depth comparative study between the Native American Worldview and the Western-Greco-Roman Worldview (Two Worlds in Collision: Native American and Western Worldviews). It is penetrating analysis of the philosophies, cultures, and spiritualities of these two opposing cultural forces. A must read. The classic work Mestizo: The History, Culture and Politics of the Mexican and Chicano is now available in its expanded second edition. It concerns the cultural evolution of the Mestizo from the Pre-Columbian roots to the Euro-American connection and subsequent tie with the United States through the XX Century. This is an important text from an insider's perspective. Adela Sloss-Vento's book on the civil rights struggles of Mexican Americans and on the founder of the prototype and current national LULAC, Alonso S. Perales, is also reproduced as an E Book (*Alonso S. Perales: His Struggle for the Rights of Mexican Americans*). This work is considered a rare book in the University libraries of the University of Texas-Austin. It is the memoirs of the first Mexican-American woman activist in Civil Rights in the Southwest and possibly the United States. There are a few copies in print in hardbound form by this Research Institute which can be made available to Special University Collections and/or Collectors of rare books (Contact us). See the *Bookstore List* for details on the E book version.

Future projects include

- a seminal work on Aztec Culture, Cosmology and Society (in English),
- an inside look at the first Mexican-American activist in Texas(in English),
- an insiders view of the formation of the national artistic and literary festival, *El Canto al Pueblo*(in English),
- a translation into Spanish of the Two Worlds in Collision book,
- the mind and thoughts of *Yakanini Meztli Kuautemok*, an Aztec descendent and elder (in English)
- Video tapes of interviews of Dr. Juan Luna Cárdenas enacted during the eighties at the University of Texas-Austin (in Spanish), and
- An Anthology of Aztec Thought (in Spanish).

Finally, we look forward to hearing from scholars who are featured in our Web page with respect to future contributions in their scholarly areas.

Thank You.

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