DANIEL W. GADE, Lightning in the Folklife and Religion of the Central Andes



- a) Together with an array of other santos, a statue of Santiago Matamoros is carried in procession every year through the streets of Cuzco during the Corpus Christi festival.
- b) The snake design on an Inca stone facing in Cuzco was a pre-Columbian apotropaic against lightning.
- c) A home-made cross designed to thwart lightning stands atop a building at Macusani, 4,300 meters above sea level in the Department of Puno.
- d) In preparation for an oncoming thunderstorm, Santiago is propitiated at a pago on the Peruvian Altiplano near Ayaviri to spare the maturing chenopod crop from the threat of hail and to avert dangerous flashes of lightning.

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