

Very little, if anything, remains of the ^{great} ~~former~~ sacred precinct of Tenochtitlan. What the conquerors themselves did not destroy subsequent generations of religious and secular ^{authority} accomplished, ^{approximately} obliterating every visible vestige of the old order.

It seems curious that I should spend

What we see today when we view the archeological remains of the great temple near the Zocalo in Mexico City are phases of construction which preceded that last one the Spaniards saw when they ^{first} entered Tenochtitlan in Nov. 1520. In the subsequent siege of the city, ~~and~~ its fall, and the establishment of the new religious and secular government, the Spanish knowing full well the influences of the images and sacred spaces of the old city systematically obliterated every visible vestige of ~~the~~

It is Because of the native custom of rebuilding their religious structures upon the same sacred ground enclosing the previous constructions, ^{and thereby} preserving, and thus increasing the magical powers of the places, ~~and~~ that we ~~have~~ can view at least the vestiges of