

word of the ruler. The messenger was told: "Although the very ruler could not come, it is thou who comest, thou who art the eye, the ear, the listener for the ruler, thou who art his spy."

#### ONE'S DEPUTY, ONE'S VICAR

This saying was said of the messenger of the ruler, or of the son of the ruler when his father died, for he had departed deputizing his son, who was acting as his vicar.

#### THAT WHICH CAN BE CARRIED, THAT WHICH CAN BE SHOULDERED, THAT WHICH GOETH ON ONE'S LAP, IN THE CRADLE OF THE ARMS

This saying was said of the common folk, the governable, the leadable. It was said: "The common folk, who cannot lead themselves, are put on one's lap, are borne, are shouldered, are led, are governed; they go in the cradle of one's arms."

#### HE HATH COME FORTH FROM ONE'S WOMB, FROM ONE'S THROAT<sup>4</sup>

This saying was said of him who issued from the lineage of the rulers.

#### HIS BREATH, HIS WORD

Precisely this saying was said of the words of the rulers. It was said: "The breath, the word of the ruler"; not [just] anyone's word; precisely the word, the breath of our lord.

#### I LAY BEFORE THEE THE LIGHT, THE TORCH, THE MODEL, THE MEASURE, THE WIDE MIRROR<sup>5</sup>

This saying was said of one who spoke as a nobleman to the common folk. He placed a very good discourse before the common folk. He said to them: "Before you I set up that which is like a torch, like a light. And I place before you that which is like a mirror. Or I give thee thy model, which is like thy measure; from it thou art to take

titlantli. Maço nel ivi in amo vel iehoatl ovalla tlatoanj: ca in tehoatl otioalla, ca tix, ca tinacaz, ca titlacaccauh in tlatoanj, ca titlachixcauh

señores y donde lleuã la embaxada hazenles la mjsma honrra que harian al mjsmo señor y dizenle. Ca yx ca ynacaz.

#### TEIXIPTLA, TEPATILLO.

Injn tlatolli: itechpa mjtoaia in tlatocatitlantli: anoço in jpiltzin tlatoanj, in omjc itatzin: ca oqujmjxitlatiteoac in jpiltzin, ca ipatillo muchiuhtica.

Esta letra quiere decir. Retrato y ymagin de alguno. Y por methaphora quiere decir. El que succedio a otro en el oficio o el que en nombre de otro haze algo o el embaxador que va con embaxada o el hijo que succedio en el oficio a su padre y en las costubres.

#### IN JTCONJ, IN MAMALONJ, IN TECUEXANCO, IN TEMAMALOAZCO IETIUH:

Injn tlatolli intechpa mjtoaia in maceoalti, in pacholonj, in iacanalonj: mjtoaia: cuexanalo, itco, mamalo, iacanalo, pacholo, temamalvazco ietiuh in maceoalli: amo monomaiacana.

Esta letra quiere decir. Carga que se a de lleuar a cuestas. Y por methaphora quiere decir. La republica que se a de regir como qujen los lleua a cuestas.

#### TEXILLAN, TETOZCATLAN OQUJZ.

Injn tlatolli itechpa mjtoaia yn aqujn itech oquiz tlatoatlacamecaotl

Esta letra quiere decir. Salio de las entrañas y de la garganta. Y por methaphora quiere decir. Persona generosa que viene de personas ylustres: quiere dezir tambien. La platica o oracion que haze el orador que le sale de las entrañas y de la garganta.

#### IHIJO, ITLATOL.

Injn tlatolli, vel itech mjtoaia in tlatoque intlatol: mjtoaia. Ihijotzin, itlatoltzin in tlatoanj, aiac ytlatal, vel totecujo itlatoltzin, ihijotzin.

Esta letra quiere dezir. Su resuello o esp[irit]u o su palabra. Y dizesse por methaphora del razonamiento que haze el señor a sus principales o el predicador a sus oyentes.

#### IN TLAVILLI, IN OCOTL, IN MACHIOTL, IN OCTACATL, IN COIAOAC TEZCATL: MJXPAN NJCMANA.

Injn tlatolli itechpa mjtoaia: in aqujn tecutlatoaia, in jvicpa maceoalli, in cencu qualli tlatolli ijxpan qujtlaliaia maceoalli: qujmlviaia. Amjxpan njcquetza in juhquj ocutl, in juhquj tlavilli, ioan yn juhquj tezcatl mjxpan njcmana, | anoço njmjtzmaca in mochi machiouh, in juhquj moctacauh, in jtech timomachiotiz, in jtech timjxcuj

Esta letra quiere dezir. lübre y hacha encendida y dechado y modelo y espejo ancho. Por methaphora quiere dezir. Razonamiento que los principales hablan a los maceoales: y el sermon que el predicador predica y el bué exemplo de buena vida que alguno da.

4. In "Huehuetlatolli," pp. 45, 50, Garibay, for these terms, paired *seno* with *regazo* or *útero*; *entrañas* with *garganta*.

5. Cf. also León-Portilla, *op. cit.*, pp. 63ff.

thyself a model, thou art to take thyself an example, in order to live well, or in order to speak well."

#### THE COFFER, THE REED CHEST

This saying was said of one who guarded well the secrets, the entrusted words, or something evil which had occurred in his presence. To no one could he disclose it; he was indeed like a coffer, a reed chest. It was said he guarded well the words, or one's conduct.

#### HE BECOMETH A BEE; HE BECOMETH A WILD BEE

This saying was said of those who ate, who drank by the grace of the noblemen or of the city, or they were helped perhaps in that which they ate. Here they were told: "Brag not therefor; be not proud therefor, for thou merely becomest a wild bee, for thou merely becomest a bee. Thou dost suck the nectar by the grace of the city or of the ruler."

#### I MAKE THE ASH HEAP, THE CROSSROADS MY MOTHER, MY FATHER

This saying was said of the women, or of the men, who only remained somewhere on the road. Their mothers,<sup>6</sup> their fathers advised them in nothing. Just of their own accord they remained somewhere along the road, just of their own accord they betook themselves there.

#### I HEED NO MOTHER, I HEED NO FATHER

This saying was said of him who was admonished many times. He heeded not, he disregarded the discourse. So it was said: "He esteemeth not his mother, his father; he wisheth only to live for himself."

#### HIS FACE IS CAST DOWN; HIS TEETH ARE CAST DOWN

This saying was said of the ruler, or of the nobleman, who spoke not forthrightly, who said that which offended one exceedingly, that which it was not necessary to say. He was told: "Cease! Be prudent. Thou castest thy face down in public." It means: "Thou shamest thyself." And he was told: "Thou

tiz: injc vel tinemjz, anoço injc vel titlatoz.

#### TOPTLI, PETLACALLI:

Injn tlatolli itech mjtoia: in aqujn vel quipia in jchzacatlalotti, piatlalotti: anoço in jtl aqualli ijxpan muchioia: aiac vel qujnxtiliaia, vel toptli, vel petlacalli: mjtoia. Vel quipia in tlatolli, anoço tenemjliz.

Esta letra qujere decir Cofre Arca. Y por methaphora qujere decir. Persona que guarda bien el secreto que le esta encomendado o persona muy callada.

#### XICOTI, PIPHOOLTI.

Injn tlatolli: intech mjtoia in aquique inpallaqua, atli pipilti, anoço altepetl: aço motlauhtia, anoço in tlein quiqua: njcan ilviloia. Macamo ic ximopoa, macamo ic xatlamati: ca çan tipipiolti, ca çan txicoti titlachichina ipaltzinco in altepetl, anoço in tlatanoj.

Esta letra qujere decir Aueja o avexon que coge mjel de las flores. Y por methaphora dizese: del que es combidado muchas veces para comer con los principales.

#### NEXTEPEOALLI, OTLAMAXALLI

#### NJCNONANTIA, NJCNOTATIA.

Injn tlatolli intechpa mjtoia in cioa, anoço oquijchi: i çan canjn oti ipan manaia, in amo tle qujmjlviaia in jnanooan, in jntaoan: çan monomavia in campa vtlica manaia, çan monomaiaca-nia.

Esta letra qujere decir. Es mj madre y mj padre el muladar y camjno horcajado. Por methaphora se dezia esto de las malas mugeres que se dauan por a qujenquera, o de los hombre [sic] viciosos con muchas mugeres dezian de los tales que eran muladar camjno horcajado.

#### ANJTLANAMMATTI, ANJTLATAMATTI.

Injn tlatolli itechpa mjtoia: in aqujn nonotzalo mjiecpa, amo tlatlacamatii, atle ipan quijta in tlatolli: iuh mjtoia. Aiac inan, aiac ita ipan qujmati: çan ijollotlama nemjznequj.

Esta letra qujere decir. Ni haze caso de su madre nj de su padre como si no los tuujesse. Y por methaphora se dice, de los que no obedecen nj reuerencian a los que rigen el pueblo o republica.

#### MIXTLAÇA, MOTLANTLAÇA.

Injn tlatolli: itechpa mjtoia: in tla-toanj, in anoço pilli, in amo mellaoacatlatoa: in tlein cenza tepinauhti qujtoa, in amo monequj qujtoz: iluiloia. Ximocaoa, ximjmati: teixpan timjxtlaça: qujtoznequj: timopinauhtia: ioan ilviloia: timocatzaoa, timçoloa, tiqujtlacoa in monemjliz, in motlatol.

Esta letra qujere decir. Arrojar en el suelo la cara y los diëtes. Y por methaphora se dice. De las personas venerables que dizé o hazen alguna cosa yndigna de sus personas dezianla mijxtlaça motlantlaça. Qujere decir. Confundese y averguençase a si mjsmo.

6. Read *innanuan*.

dirtiest thyself, thou dishonorest thyself; thou harmest thy life, thy speech."

HE BRINGETH FAME UPON HIMSELF;  
HE BRINGETH RENOWN UPON HIMSELF

This saying was said of him who did that which was very estimable, perhaps [in] warfare, or that which is well made. Thus it was said: "He hath brought fame upon himself, he hath brought renown upon himself. Already he goeth making illustrious his fame, his renown, his esteem, his glory."

HE ESTEEMETH HIMSELF;  
HE HONORETH HIMSELF

This saying was said of him who was not much in making friends by talking, and who treasured his words exceedingly. He did not demean himself with others either by laughter or by joking. Hence it was said: "He esteemeth himself greatly; he honoreth himself exceedingly."

[CAN SHE BE PLACED] PERCHANCE  
IN A COFFER, IN A REED CHEST?

This saying was said of women who could not be well guarded. Perhaps they had done evil, or perhaps they did no evil. Hence it was said: "Perhaps they have done evil; perhaps not. [Can they be placed] perchance in a coffer, in a reed chest? What is like gold is in its reed chest; it is in its coffer; it is that which can be guarded. But the woman is not comparable; she is not that which can be well guarded."

LIKE A PRECIOUS GREEN STONE, LIKE  
A PRECIOUS TURQUOISE, PERFECTLY  
CYLINDRICAL, WELL ROUNDED

This saying was said of one who made pronouncements, who admonished one very well. It was said: "He spoke very wonderfully; it was like a precious green stone, like a precious turquoise." The discourse which was heard was like a perfectly cylindrical, well-rounded precious green stone.

[PRECIOUS STONES] ARE SPREAD,  
SCATTERED

This saying was said of him who admonished one very well, who made pronouncements. And when he admonished one, then it was said of the admonisher, in order that he be thanked

MOTEIOTIA, MJTAUHCAIOTIA.

Injn tlatolli, itechpa mjtoia: in aqujn tlein quijchoa cenza maviztic: aço iaoiotl, anoço in tlein qualli tlachioalli: ic mjtoia. Onmoteioti, onmjtauhcaioti: ie cacaoantiuh in jteio, in jtauhca, in jmavizio, in jtleio.

MIXTILIA, MOMAVIZTILIA.

Injn tlatolli, itechpa mjtoia: in aqujn aic cenza moteicnjuhtia tlatoltica: ioan cenza quijtlaçotla in jtlatol, amo tetlan mavilqujxtia: aço vetzqujztica, anoço camanaloliztica: ic ilviloia. Cenza mjxtilia, cenza momaviztilia.

CUJX TOPIO, CUJX PETLACALLO.

Injn tlatolli, intechpa mjtoia in cioa, in amo vel mopia: in aço otlatlaco, acanoçomo tlatlacoa: ic mjtoia. Aço otlatlaco, acanoçomo: cujx topio, cujx petlacalio: ca in juhquj teocujtlatl, ca vna ipetlacalio, oncatquj itopio, vel pialonj: auh in cioatl camo iuhquj, camo vel cenza pialonj.

VEL CHALCHIUHTIC, VEL TEUXIUHTIC,  
VEL ACATIC, VEL OLOLIUHQIJ.

Injn tlatolli, itechpa mjtoia: in aqujn cenza vel tecutlatoa, tenonotza: mjtoia. Cenza maviztic injc otlato: iuhquj chalchivitl, iuhquj teuxivitl: in juhquj chalchivitl, vel acatic, vel ololiuhquj, in omocac tlatolli.

ONTETEPEOAC, ONCHACHAIAOAC.

Injn tlatolli, intechpa mjtoia: in aqujn cenza vel tenonotza, tecutlatoa: auh in jquac ontenonotz: njman ilhviloia in tenonotzanj, injc icnelilmachoia, in jquac ontenonotz. Onmotlamachti

Qujere dezir esta letra. gana honrra y fama para si mjsmo. Dizese de los que hazen valentias en la guerra y obras loables entre le gente que viue.

Esta letra qujere dezir. Estimase honrrase. Dizese de aquellos que mjan mucho por su honrra asi en las palabras como en las obras que nj dizen cosa de dôde les venga deshonrra o verguença.

Esta letra qujere dezir. No es cosa que se pueda guardar en cofre o en arca. Por methaphora se dize. De las moças que por no estar en casa encerradas cayen en manos de qujen las deshonrra: y diciendo a sus padres: esto a hecho vuestra hija Responde. Cujx topio cujx petlacalio Qujere dezir: ella se tiene la culpa que yo no la puedo meter en arca o en cofre.

Esta letra qujere dezir. Finos chalchijutes finos safiros muy bien labrados, vnos largos otros redôdos. Por methaphora qujere dezir. hizo vna platica o vn sermon como finas piedras preciosas muy primamente labradas.

Esta letra qujere dezir. Derramaronse esparcieronse piedras preciosas. Por methaphora se dize, del que predico muy bien, o del que oro entre los senadores y señores disen del. Ontetepeoac onchachaiaoc. Piedras preciosas hecho por aquella boca.

when he had admonished one: "The common folk have rejoiced; they have become rich; that which is much like precious green stones hath been spread, hath been scattered,"<sup>7</sup> etc.

**THOU HAST REJOICED, THOU HAST  
BECOME WEALTHY. IT HATH BEEN PAID;  
THE DEBT HATH BEEN PAID BY MEANS  
OF THY MOTHER, THY FATHER**

This saying was said of many of the common folk; also it could be said of a single person. When they had been admonished, they were told: "Thou hast rejoiced, thou hast become wealthy, thou who art a common person. It hath been paid; the debt hath been paid by means of thy mother, thy father, the city." Or: "Thou hast heard the justice, that is, the discourse."

**HE STRIKETH OFF OBSIDIAN [POINTS];  
HE STRAIGHTENETH ARROW SHAFTS**

This saying was said of him who went about hating one, fighting against one; who went about saying: "In what way can I do harm to him?" Diligently he went about seeking, doing that which would cause evil to one.

**HE HATH SPREAD, HE HATH SCATTERED  
THINGS ON THE REED MAT,  
ON THE REED SEAT**

It means, when someone complained of injustice before the ruler, perhaps merely because of something the ruler was offended by the commoner. It was said: "The commoner hath spread, hath scattered things before the ruler." It means that he had offended, he had troubled the ruler.

**SHE SHATTERED IT; SHE BROKE IT**

This saying was said of a nursemaid or of a midwife. If at some time some nobleman gave his child to a qualified woman to suckle and the baby just died, it was thus said: "She shattered it; she broke it." Or of a midwife, when she would cure [the child], if it just died in her care, it was said: "Thou hast shattered it;<sup>8</sup> thou hast broken it."

onmocujltono in maceoalli: ontetepeac, onchachaoac in vel chalchiuhctic. etc.

**OTONMOTLAMACHTI, OTONMOCUJLTONO:  
ONPOPOUH, ONJXTLAUH INJC  
MONANTZIN, INJC MOTATZIN.**

Injn tlatolli, intechpa mjtoaia in maceoalti in mjequintin: no uel itechpa mjtoaia in ca ce tlacatl: in jquac onnonotzaloque, ilviloia. Otonmotlamachi, otonmocujltono in timaceoalli: onpo pouh, onjxtlauh injc monantzin, injc motatzin in altepetl, anoço in iusticia otoconcac, qujtoznequj, tlatolli.

Dize esta letra. Aste gozado aste enriquecido, a pagado a hecho el deuer tu madre y tu padre el pueblo, o regimjento o senado. Por methaphora se dize. En la conclusion de alguna oñon que auja hecho algun orador al pueblo deziédo. Otonmotlamachi otonmocujltono etc. Qujere dezir. Todos los que aqujstays aveys oydo cosas preciosas y cosas ricas para vña consolacion porque el pueblo o los senadores o regimjeto por ser vña madre y vño padre a hecho su deuer para con vosotros a pagado lo que concierne a padre y madre.

Qujere dezir esta letra. Labra casquillos de saetas de piedras de nauajas endereça cañas de saetas para tirar. Por methaphora se dize: del que aborresce a alguno y busca maneras para le dañar o le matar.

**ITZVITEQUJ, ACAMELAOA.**

Injn tlatolli, itechpa mjtoaia: in aqujn tecocolitinemj, teveiiecotinemj: in quijtotinemj. Quenjn njcchioaz in tlaueliloc: cencu tlatemotinemj, tetlachichiviltinemj in tlein tetechcopa, tevicpa muchioaz amo qualli.

**ONTLATEPEUH, ONTLACHAIAUH  
IN PETLAPAN, IN JCPALPAN:**

qujtoznequj: in jquac aca moteilvia ijxpan tlatoanj, aço çan itla ic omoiolitlaco in tlatoanj, itechpa maceoalli: mjtoaia. Ontlatepeuh, ontlachaiauh in maceoalli, in jxpan tlatoanj, qujtoznequj: oqujmoiolitlacalvi, oqujtequjapacho in tlatoanj.

**ONTLAXAMANJ, ONTLAPOZTEC.**

Injn tlatolli, itechpa mjtoaia: in chichioa, anoço ticitl, in jquac tla aca pilli ipiltzin qujchichtia ce tlacatl cioatl: auh çan oommjc in piltontli: ic mjtoaia. Ontlaxamanj, ontlapuztec: anoço ticitl, in çan jmac ommjquj, in jquac qujpatiznequa: ilviloia. Otontlaxamj, ontlapuztec.

Dize esta letra. derramo y derroco en los estrados. Por methaphora se dize: del que hizo alguna iniuria o desacato al señor o a los senadores en juyzio por donde el señor y los senadores se enojarõ del: y disen Ontlatepeuh ontlachaiauh in petlapan in jcpalpan qujere dezir. Este majadero enojo a los señores con sus palabras mal mjradas.

Esta letra qujere dezir: quebrato o hizo pedaços o rraxo cosa preciosa. Y por methaphora se dize: del medico que curaua algun hijo o hija de persona notable y murio por no le curar bien. Tambien se dize: de la ama que criaua a algú njño hijo de alguna persona notable y por su descuido se le murio: entonce disen ontlaxamj.

7. Read *ontetepeuac*.

8. Read *otontlaxamani*.

THOU GOEST ABOUT PANTING,  
BEATING THE BREAST, AS IF  
THOU HADST DRUNK JIMSON WEED

It was said of him who no longer wished to listen to admonition, who was as if drunk, as if he had eaten Jimson weed. In his living, no longer did he remember that of which he had been admonished. Because of this, the imprudent one was chidden; he was told: "Why hast thou eaten it? Why hast thou tasted it? No longer can it abandon thee. No more will it leave thy heart. No more dost thou take, grasp the words."

THOU GOEST DRIVEN BY THE WAVES;  
THOU GOEST CARRIED BY THE WINDS

This saying was said of him who just went about here and there, who could nowhere settle down, nowhere found a home; he only went from house to house. He was told: "What dost thou? What makest thou? It is as if thou goest carried by the winds, driven by the waves. Settle down just by thyself. Do not go about here and there."

THOU HAST MADE THYSELF INTO A RABBIT; THOU HAST MADE THYSELF INTO A DEER

This saying was said of him who no longer lived at home, who no longer obeyed his father, his mother. He just fled when they found it necessary to admonish him. He just went wandering about somewhere; he no longer settled at his home; he just passed the days somewhere else; he just went to sleep somewhere. He became like a rabbit; he became like a deer. Hence such a one was told: "Thou hast made thyself into a rabbit; thou hast made thyself into a deer. Thou hast made thyself a fugitive; thou hast hardened thyself. Thou hast taken to the road of the rabbit, the road of the deer."

FOR PERHAPS A MOMENT, FOR PERHAPS A DAY [ONE LIVETH] BY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD

This saying was said of him who governed, who ruled. Thus was he besought, encouraged, animated. He was told: "Show yet honor to our lord. Perhaps there is still a day, still a moment on our lord's earth. But perhaps already there come here the stones, the clubs, that is to say, sickness, or

IN TIMELTZOTZONTI-MJXITL, IN JUHQUJ OTIQUIC.

in aqujn aiocmo otzaliztli: ca iuhma tlapatl oqujio qujlnamquj ipampa injc ilviloia. Tlein oticpapalo: qujtlalcavia i, ticana in

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Injn tlá aqujn çan latzicoa, aca cacalactinemj: ticchioa: in jí mamoaauhtinen macamo xiqujqu

in vel-an in

Esta letra quijere decir. Andas aziendo y dandote palmadas en el pecho como hombre que a comido beleños. Por metaphora se dice: de aquel que siendo traujesso y desbaratado en su viujo, siendo coregido no se quijere emendar: y a este tal dizenle, que as beujdo que as comido que njngun bien cosejo [sic] rescibe tu coraçon.

Quijere decir esta letra andas hondeando en el agua o a las ondas del agua te traen daca paralla y el viento te lleua de aca para alla. Por methaphora se dice esto, de qualquera persona desassosegada que anda de casa en casa o de tianquez en tiäquez o de calle en calle reprehendiendole o por uja de reprehension.

IN OTITOCHTIAC,  
IN OTIMAÇATIAC:

Injn tlatolli, itechpa mjtoia: in aqujn aiocmo ichan nemj, aiocmo qujtlacamati in jtatzin, in jnanztin: ca choloa, in jquac qujnonotzaznequj: ca campa qujqujzinemj, aiocmo ichan motlalias ca canpan çecemjlvitja: ca canpan cocochtinemj: iuhqujin tochtli omuchiuh, maçatl omuchiuh: ic ilviloia in aqujn. Otitochtiac, otimaçatiac, otimochocholti, otimoquaquaquaauhti: oticnamjc in tochtli iovi, in maçatl iovi.

Quijere decir esta letra: aste hecho conejo aste hecho cieruo. Por methaphora se dice: de aquel o de aquella que se van de casa de su padre, y andan de pueblo en pueblo o de tianquez en tianquez, nj quieren obedecer a sus padres nj estar en su casa, y reprehendiendoles disen: otitochtiac otimaçatiac: aste hecho como conejo y como Cieruo, que a nadie obedeces.

AÇO CUEL ACHIC, AÇOC  
CEMJLHVITL IN JPALTZINCO  
IN TOTECUJO.

Injn tlatolli itechpa mjtoia in aqujn tlatocati, tepachoa: ic tlatahuiloia, ic chichaoaloia, ellaquaoalo: ilviloia. Oc xocontlamaviçalhvi in totecupo: açoc cemjlvit, açoc cuel achic in jlalticpac-tzinco in totecupo: auh anoço ie njz vitz in tetl in quavitl: qujtoznequj: cocoliztli, anoço temuxtli, in ehecatl, anoço

Esta letra quijere decir. Por uentura vn dia o algun poco de tiempo te dara de vida nuestro señor: goza della. Tambien por methaphora se dice, del señor que possee en paz su señorío y esta rrico y sano los que le visitan: dizéle. Se agradecido a nuestro señor por el beneficio que te a hecho y para que le puedas gozar muchos dias: porque si fueres ingrato qujtarle a dios la vida y lo que te a dado.