

3. For what did they trade enough gold to make three golden coins?  
*A shoe strap.*
4. To what does Columbus compare the natives' bargaining power?  
*That of animals.*
5. What does he himself offer?  
*Beautiful and pleasing things.*
6. What does Columbus provide as his threefold reason for his attitude toward the natives?  
*He wants them to become Christians, he wants them to love the monarchs and nobles of Spain, and he wants them to supply him with things they have which he needs.*
7. What kind of religion do they not practice?  
*Idolatry.*
8. What do we now learn about their beliefs?  
*They believe that all strength and goodness is in the sky, and that the Spaniards have descended from it.*
9. What light does that throw on their behavior toward Columbus and his men?  
*They consider them heavenly beings; so they offer freely whatever the Spaniards want.*
10. Could the islanders have known the legend of Quetzalcoatl, who was tall, fair, and bearded? If so, how could his legend have contributed to this idea?  
*The Indians were short, dark, and generally did not have facial hair. The Spaniards looked much more like the legendary king/god.*

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