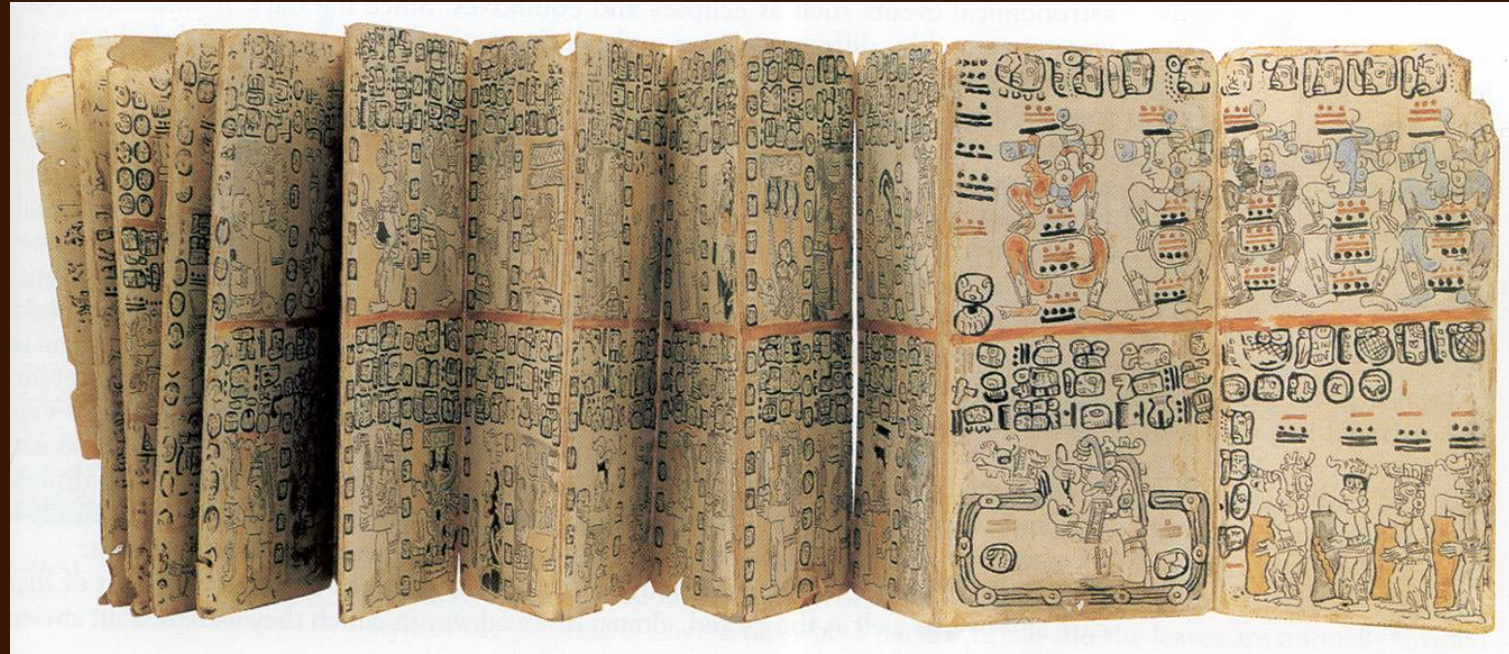


The Madrid Codex

The Madrid Codex apparently originated from the area that is associated with the Pasion River Model. These writings were in existence prior to the coming of the Spaniards, however they were written after Book of Mormon times. However, these writings are similar to the wall writings that are located at San Bartolo that date back to 400 BC. This is at a location that is in the middle of Pasion River country .

The language used in the document is Yucatecan, a group of Mayan languages that includes Yucatec, Itza, Lacandon, and Mopan; these languages are distributed across the Yucatán Peninsula, including Chiapas, Belize, and the Guatemalan department of Petén.



Eric Thompson was of the opinion that the Madrid Codex came from western Yucatán . Other scholars also suggest that the codex may have originated from the Petén region of Guatemala

The images in the Madrid Codex depict rituals such as human sacrifice and invoking rainfall, as well as everyday activities such as beekeeping, hunting, warfare, and weaving.