

On reconciliation

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I first met Dr. Miguel León-Portilla in California, Orange County, Corona del Mar, in April of 1973, less than 2 months after I had come to the US. The neighbor of Benjamin Nick Colby (UCI, with whom I stayed) invited us one day to her house – it was a meeting of the Historic Society of Lower California and she was a member of that society. Miguel León-Portilla and Wigberto Jiménez Moreno were present visiting that party of B. N. Colby's neighbor.

B. N. Colby introduced me to Miguel León-Portilla and – “mi enemigo” as Don Miguel said at the beginning – we started to like each other and got involved in deep conversation.

M. L-P: ‘Former provinces like Ostpreußen, Pommern, Schlesien etc. still German?’

E. H.: ‘No, definitely not.’

This became the beginning of a new praxis of reconciliation.

I later visited Miguel León-Portilla and his family in Mexico City and shared very nice dinner with them. Friendship was established. I think that an unexpected and new concept or idea of reconciliation started.

Thomas Barthel, later in 1975, proposed Miguel León-Portilla as a member for my *Docteur d'État* committee (‘Habilitationssausschuss’).

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Obras des Miguel León-Portilla, tomo III: Herencia Cultural en México, Band 3, S. 152 [a very sympathetic view of my ethnographic research in the Q'anjob'al area].