

# CHE GUEVARA

POETRY

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# THE PALACE OF HAPPINESS AND SUFFERING

The palace of Happiness and Suffering has two doors.

One is on the Right and the other one is on the Left;

Both doors can be opened with one celestial key;

Humans lost it and locked themselves in hate rift;

Like hostile crabs humans pulled one another into abyss,
A few prophets of directions brought ladders and light,
When they saw face to face sickness, old age and death,
They left the comforts, entered the wilderness depth.



# Suffering

Is it pain, sorrow, unpleasantness or threat of harm?
In the land of sentience do you measure it with tear storm?
Is pain inevitable and suffering an optional qualia quality?
If the mirror is in smoke how to bring back its lucidity?

Can the mental tranquility be brought to everybody in strife? How can one develop wintriness to the vicissitudes of life? Where is the road link to cross from aponia to ataraxia zone? What Noble truths shall deliver one from the suffering cone?

Instead of key, humans found violence as the chosen eye,
The architects of money bled the innocents and poor dry;
It is said for every five hundred years a prophet is born,
Humanity looks at them with awe and bewildered concern;

Near the altar of persecution the prophets are put to test, Under a tree or on cross or biting bullets they do the best.





**Parmenides** 

# 1. WHY IS THERE ANYTHING AT ALL?

Some fourteen billion years ago they say
At extremely high density and in lofty heat
A big-bang sang a song of uni- verse
Heralding an ever expanding Universe

On a plank scale quarks, hadrons, neutrinos And leptons, evolved into photons, neutrons, Plasma with nuclei and electrons and atoms, Darkness was there like pitch black bottoms;

Milky Way and constellations and the making Of stars and galaxies, planets and solar system Four and half billion years ago a raw Sun smiled, On earth, moon and on other grim wanderers;

May be when meteors roared and hit the earth, Life sprang up with a whimper in primordial hearth



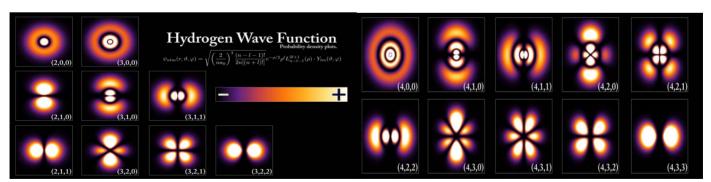
# 2. THE GRAND DESIGN

Atoms and living cells and in between virion, Is it Nature's design or God's grandeur vision? How can a docile chemical acquire a living vehicle? And run amuck in a killing spree in a cell's cubicle?

From virus to plants, animals, birds and humans, Evolution did it play a definite role on time lawns? When continents started drifting to present stage, Did ice-ages dictate the laws of dominant page?

Ten thousand years of human history is known, In parts and rest is anybody's guess or overblown; Migration to greener pastures is so common Like fish, birds and butterflies in annual marathon;

From Africa did humans spread all over the world? Or big-bang made them scatter like fireflies hurled?



Hydrogen Density Plots



# 3. IN THE TRACK OF CIVILIZATION

In the egalitarian mode they gathered and hunted, In the pastoral fields they had a chief to be anointed, In the evolved chiefdoms kings and nobles troubled, Whereas freemen and slaves served the ennobled;

With complex hierarchies distant societies evolved, To protect their boundaries often violence involved; Boats, fire, wheel changed the perspectives and hold, Might is right when strength and weapons scurry bold;

Religions did try to create boundaries of morality, Diseases and natural disasters aggravated mortality, Population and pollution provoked dissent and crime, Language and writing codified poetry and laws in rhyme;

From the Axial Age to the Age of Discovery in this world Key thinkers evolved and cultures rushed in colors curled



Egypt - Giza - Sphinx.



Lascar Avenue of the Dead and the Pyramid of the Sun in the background



# 4. WHERE THE CRADLES WERE ROCKED...

Naturians in Levant, and people of Fertile Crescent, In the Indo- Gangetic plain, in North China precinct, At Andean shore and the Mesoamerican Gulf coast, Civilizations rocked and rolled with riches to boast;

Egypt, Sindhu, China, Sumerian, Akkad, Babylonian, Hittites, Pueblo people, Assyrians, Greek and Roman, Achaemenid, Helenian, Maurya and Gupta empires, Ups and downs of thrones and crowns in ice and fires;

Zarathustra, Mahavir Jina, Gautama Buddha, Confucius, Tao, Mozi, Zou yan, Shen Nong, Longzi, Thales, Anaximander, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Empedocles, Sophists, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle;

Then came a child, walking on the sea to a cross, And after him the last prophet of the God in a flash;



Medes and Persians at eastern stairs of the Apadana, Persepolis



Acropolis Athens



Forum Romanum Buildings



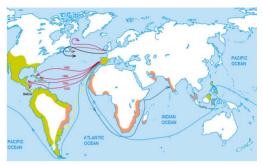
#### 5. THE GAZE OF EXPLORERS

Again all eyes of Europe were on Indian subcontinent, The mysteries and spice, philosophy and riches fount; Silk route was dangerous with killers waiting on mount, The alternate route was sea with hazards so imminent;

Kings showing interest in naval trade and probing strain, Portuguese and Spanish explorers searched in acceleration, Vasco da Gama, Columbus, Magellan compassed in elation, Treaty of Tordesillas marked a line for Portuguese and Spain

Instead of the elusive India they rediscovered new world, Columbian Exchange brought people and pestilence whirl, Natives were almost eliminated in superior fire power twirl, The surfaced conquistadors set South America unfurled;

Spanish Empire took over alien land for God, glory and gold, Two Empires- Aztecs and Incas perished under Spanish hold



Age of Discovery explorations in English



Silk route



Magellan's ship Victoria



# 6. THE LAND OF SILVER MOUNTAINS

Habsburg Spain was in its golden age of expansion, Americas, East Indies, Belgium, Germany, France, Africa's Ceuta and Oran and Portuguese in trance All were subdued in the glory of Spanish mansion.

There in the land of silver mountains –Argentina, lived Natives- Selknam, Yaghan, Puelche, Querandi, Ser ranos, Tehulche, Mapuche, Kom, Wichie, Charrua, Minuane, Guarani, Diaguita, Toconote, Henia, Kamiare, and Huarpe;

Amerigo Vespucci's New World was christened -America A Spanish navigator Juan Diaz de Solis confronted Charrua, A fierce race of Rio de Plata attacked his group of ten, Guarani people killed them, legends say, they were eaten;

Francisco del Puerto an youth was spared by the Charruas, Rescued by Sebastian Cabot, in his search for silver areas;

Buenos Aires shortly after its foundation 1536



#### 7. RIO DE LA PLATA

The Silver River in the confluence was shining hoary, Somewhere the soul of Juan Diaz de Solis was hovering, Aleixo Garcia looted sizeable silver booty from Incas, His Guarani soldiers killed him, spared his mestizo son;

Inspired by Garcia, Sebastian Cabot was on the lookout, He abandoned his mutinied officers on a deserted island, Went on exploring the White King legend in the estuary, He failed but established curio in the legendary territory;

In Cerro Rico de Potosi in Bolivia is the silver mountain, Eight million miners died in the shining hill that eats men, The Spanish Empire got its Royal Fifth to rise and shine, Mercury used to extract Silver from ore killed men in mine;

Latin Argentum became the name of Terra Argentina, The silver river sang melodies of a mystic concertina.



Rio de la plata



# 8. THE FLUCTUATING FORTUNES

Spanish Armada lost its glory in the Protestant Wind, Queen Elizabeth the virgin queen rallied Britain around; European powers fought for North American landmass Spain supported the American war of independence

The Empire on which the sun never sets got established, Slowly colonial powers faced revolutionary bloodshed, Inglorious slavery markets started shrinking in the world, Science and technology changed the living styles unfurled;

The Age of Enlightenment or Reason dominated Europe, The new ideas challenged the age old dogmas with hope; Liberty, fraternity, progress, toleration, Dare to know, The sparks of thought process ignited inner fire and snow;

From reforms, revolutions, repressions and restorations, New alliances formed to show primacy on other nations;



Invincible Armada



Spanish Armada fireships



# 9. THE FIRST WORLD WAR

The war to end all wars in fact generated more wars, One of the deadliest conflicts in history left many scars, Millions of people died from the war and its aftermath, Spanish Flu decimated multitudes swelling death math.

Once the greatest empires, then, ceased to exist, Revolutions and uprisings broke the dictators' fist, Big Four began their Big Brothers dominant attitude, Hurt in the defeated nations, changed their altitude;

Latin America was neutral except Brazil in its support, In the European Theatre America joined the British fort, Mexican Revolution was to divert America's attention, Thunderstorms and lightning were seen in the horizon;

Aliadofilos and germanofilos studied the war with care, Many sensed the growing tentacles of America, in scare.







# 10. THE TIME OF THE SWORD

A thousand % profit if you sell Jamaica banana in Boston, If two apples cost as much as bananas dozen what a turn! United fruit companies acquired lands for a Chiquita song, Honduras, Guatemala experienced many a political wrong

One hundred years of solitude O Gabriel Garcia Marquez! Over the sleeping dead, over the restless heroes O Neruda! The capitalistic octopus glides with its interminable suckers, The slippery banana peel is for the aphrodisiac dollar lickers

The southern cone went into recession after First World War, After the opening of Panama Canal the investors looked far, The Great Depression stalled the beef exports to Great Britain, Agricultural labor migrated to cities in search of jobs uncertain;

From independence to civil wars, liberals and the radical word, Argentina entered the phase of the Lugones 'time of the sword'









# OCTOBER 9, 1967- MONDAY

A fierce cyclone struck the Orissa shores of India, An American ship near Alaska sank in freezing sea, At the schoolhouse in the village of La Higuera, A Bolivian sergeant raised his semi-automatic rifle;

The squall arrived sans caveat shortly before noon, Twenty foot-high waves hit the Panoceanic Faith, The heart of Sergeant Mario Teran was fortified, To enact a scene of battle on a wheezing tower

Before and after storm there walks weird silence; After swallowing a few ships the sea looks placid; There a man faced death- -'I know you have come To kill me; Shoot, coward! You are going to kill a man!'-

Bullets are mere instruments; cut hands are mute alibis, Hasta la Victoria Siempre! Patria o Muerte, Venceremos!





# 1. JUNE 14, 1928 -THURSDAY

Always shrouded in mystery their birth dates Do not reveal themselves to Fates or in spates; Zoroaster, Buddha, Mahavir, Jesus of Nazareth, Muhammad and many other prophets of worth;

They saw suffering all-round mainly man made, They saw greed and fatality in the webs shade, They saw endless tears and fear in the down side, They saw ravenous hunger and thirst in death ride;

To protect innocents and to censure the wicked The common goodness incarnates in seer hood, They bear the bluntness of the traditional rood, Either like warriors or sages, preach truth naked

Ernestito was born in the port city of Rosario, In the province of Santa fe in Argentina patio;



Rosario



# 2. THE LAND OF MATE DRINK

Ernesto Guevara Lynch and Celia de la Serna Y Liosa The proud parents with Spanish -Irish descent causa; Their Mate plantation in the precincts of Parana ribera, In the jungles of Argentina that has rich fauna and flora;

Marsh deer, monkeys, armadillos, yaguarete, onzas, otters, Yacare caimans, parrots, macaws, snakes, iguanas and tapirs, Lived among quebracho, samuu, caatinga, lapachos, curupay Carandy palms, palo santo holy wood, tacuaras, and urunday;

Especially the yerba mate plant of holly family rink, Guarani, Tupi tribal drink that became national drink Served in calabash vessel with dried leaves in hot water, A nice mate plantation was the estate of Guevara master.

In Puerto Caraguatay they lived in the house la calesita, Mbarigui, gnats, uras, and piques disturbed their siesta.



Dr. Francia



Mate Plant



Mate en calabaza



# 3. DEADLY ASTHMA DEFINES DEATH

It is like pushing air through thin slimy passages, Like fighting with the cold monsters in rib cages, Rhonchi resonating in restless ravines of ravages, A child's agony oscillating amid blue- pink visages;

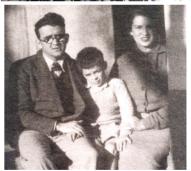
Tired mother and father looking pale in misery, Doctors' advice to move to warmer nursery, From Misiones to San Isidro of Buenos Aires And to Cordoba to Alta Gracia to get fresh airs

A child's imagination centered on choking, Like the perspectives of a trapped starling, That wished to streamline the life's song Echoing the shades of life and death all along;

Asthma an unwanted companion with panting, You can take it with you like a sticky oil painting.











# 4. DECADA INFAME

The U.S stock market crashed on Black Friday,
The economy earth trembled like huge stack hay,
The rumblings were felt in remote Latin lofty sky,
Made Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, Argentina cry

In the land of Silver, electoral fraud shook the nation,
Mass migration to cities created villas miseria notion,
'Propaganda by the deed' ignited bombings, shootouts,
U.S President Herbert Hoover and Yrigoyen felt its bouts;

Hipolito Yrigoyen was replaced by Jose Felix Uriburu,
The execution of Severino Di Giovanni gave capability,
To Agustin P. Justo with infamous Roca-Runciman Treaty,
Led to Enzo Bordabehere's murder and De la Terre's suicide:

While Right wing fascists and leftist radicals clashed in grouse, Guevara senior's Accion Argentina supported the Allied house.











# 5. INTERWAR PERIOD

In between the two internecine World Wars
The Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression
Reshaped the world class order like Tsunami
The rise of the middle class was like ninth wave;

Communism, fascism electrifying the intelligentsia, Imperialism retreated into the museums and palaces; Civil wars and independence movements in all places, Ignited the nationalism in young blood with fantasia;

Spain had its piece of civil war fuelled by neighbors, Nationalists won the fixture with the fascist harbors; The battle ground for ideologies flourished in Spain The land where metals were forged, reeled in pain;

The political situation reflected in the silver mirror, Guevara gave asylum to Spaniards on run in terror



Europe in 1923



# 6. GROOMING A BOY CALLED GUEVARA

Sleep was luxury
Especially when the choking devil attacks..
All of a sudden you wheeze for a mouthful of air
The room reverberates with screeches
And the pillow, mattress, bed, blanket shudders
Like a fragile plant in the grip of a fierce storm,
You pant for breath with mouth open,
An unholy prayer rips theology into shreds,
You realize, nobody can rescue you except yourself..

Mother's tears, father's palpitation,
Inhalers, and crouching into all four
Takes time to calm the flapping chest,
When words fail whole body becomes a sign language
With superhuman effort when you spit out
A thick sticky piece of phlegm
The warmth returns and the facial blue disappears
It is the victory of red!

There is an infinite sigh that is palpable In the worried faces all around And the sweet sleep smiles And hugs like a cherished dream;



Guevara



On the slippery road of childhood, Mother and father stand on both sides To see the child reaches the next milestone. Anxiety is like that yaguarete jaguar It can split open a bull's head

Like a celestial angel, His mother was always by his side, Shooing the night demons away With her tender care Especially the wheezing wolf;

Cordoba city was better,
A potent inhaler was there at his bedside;
But to travel from vulnerability to invulnerability,
Ernestito embraced indistinctness,
And vanguished the fear of death

Am I restless?
I am Ernesto Guevara de la Serna/ Lynch
With Irish blood bubbling in my veins every inch,
I am from Basque Diaspora
With Spanish valentia and chivalry to the core
I am Argentine, here I am born
I am Spanish and I am native,
Otherwise who am I?
I feel happy when I move with the natives,
An unknown affinity draws me nearer to the poor,



For a child with severe asthma,
The world shrinks,
Cold water and weather are forbidden zones,
Yet I enjoyed swimming, golf, shooting and football,
Of course chess and cycling..

And when you shift places and houses so often You feel like a gypsy
And you own the whole world,
Villa Nydias become 'vive como quieras'
When parents are wonderful thinkers,
You can 'do as you please'.

Birthday parties, guitar, canasta plays, ping pong, Swimming, barbeques, riding, excursions.... When your house is like youth club And you don't have a penchant for music or dance You get two left feet at the right step.. But Horse riders have their ways of impressing girls.. All charms obey the sweet indolent chat...

Between the four walls, in a room of warmth, One can read million pages, Chess, poetry and football, Loneliness chases imagination and hones you into a 'Fuser' Neruda's surrealistic but passionate love lines, Keats sensual odes, Machado's poetic verses,



Lorca's gypsy songs, Cesar Vallejo's Human poems Gabriela Mistral's lyrical emotions, Walt Whitman's transcendental realism, When you read them you sail in a speed boat Traversing the infinite blue waters....

You argue with them under their blessed trees,
Then you may find your own tree, and some light
After a crippling bout of asthmatic attack
You see the native plants withering
Under white banyan treesSeparated branches developed their own roots
Basking on founder's glory...



Che Guevara Family



# 7. DRESS REHEARSAL FOR THE WORLD WAR II

Once the world leader

The conqueror of the seas and the new world,
Lost its regal shine with the rise of peasants and poor,
Republicans with anarchists fought against nationalists
Soviet Union and Mexico rooted for the Republicans,
Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany supported Nationalists.
The King Alfonso XIII with defunct throne
From exile he supported nationalists of Francoise Franco;

The Whole Spain was split into two rival factions,
Five hundred thousand people died in this civil war,
Dubbed variously as class struggle, a war of religion,
A struggle between revolution and counter revolution,
A fight between dictatorship and republican democracy,
A war between fascism and communism,
Where Spain was the stage for the dress rehearsal
Exhibiting the signs of Second World War in clear vision;

Its repercussions can be heard in the distant Argentine. Guevara house gave asylum to many refugees from Spain Senior Guevara supported Allies and worked for them, Argentina President Castillo was pro- German in his theme.





#### 8. WHOSE LAND IS THIS ANYWAY?

The heydays of the native tribes were over When Topa Inca Yupangui conquered the land of silver, Then came the Spaniards in waves crossing the seas, The colonial era of Viceroyalty of Peru, Government of the Rio de la Plata, and Viceroyalty, Then the May Revolution that ousted the Viceroy, Eight years of War of Independence and freedom, Primera Junta, Junta Grande, First and Second Triumvirate Argentine civil wars and Argentine Confederation, Constitution, Conquest of the Desert, Generation of Eighty, South American dreadnought race, naval arms race, Etapa Radical (Radical phase) of Hipolito Yrigoyen, Ending the conservative politics in a sudden turn; After him the Alvear administration, then, Yrigoyen's second term and the first military coup d'état, The arrival of Jose Felix Uriburu and the infamous Decade. Rural exodus and import substitution industrialization, All leading to anarchy, Persecution of Radical civic union, The pressures from America, Briton, Germany and Russia Another fraudulent election; the rule of Agustin P. Justo, Much hated Roca- Runciman Treaty, and two deaths, Roberto Ortiz handing powers over to Ramon Castillo

A lot of unrest among groups with varied ideologies, Immigrants from Europe instilling new thought eulogies, Argentina was a bubbling cauldron about to explode, Guevara was in his learning period gaining skills load.



De mayo por F. Fortuny



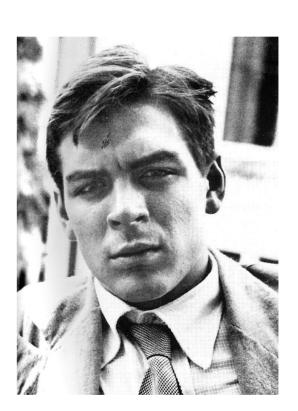
#### 9. THOSE SCHOOL DAYS

At the age of nine he attended the school, With a poor attendance record but he was cool, Hyperactive, restless, always in his own world, Good at history, geography and natural sciences, But no interest in drawing, music and gymnastics;

To have the children's higher education in comfort, Family moved from Alta Gracia to Nueva Cordoba town, With the arrival of the fifth and last child Juan Martin, The Guevara family was complete and happy in its port.

The death of his paternal grandmother moved him, May be it was the surgery for his mother's breast cancer Guevara enrolled in faculty of Medicine in Buenos Aires, With Dr. Pisani an allergy specialist he did some research,

Exempted from compulsory National Military Service, He said- 'my shitty lungs have done a thing useful for me'-In those days of Peronism there roamed descamisados, Our Ernesto Guevara was in the company of medicos.





# 10. DISSECTING THE HUMAN BODY

It was like travelling in a town,
A town with nine gates up and down,
The land marks, dried up streams,
Wires like electrical connections, bony frames,

The tough calvarium with a convoluted mountain, Two orbits with dried, lack luster eyes
Teeth hanging loose on twin plates
The neck with vocal box and big pipes,
And the chest with emerald-pink lungs
The diamond heart now defunct,
And the leafy diaphragm, like a boundary wall,
Between regal palaces and villa misera;

A factory, two filters and a cemetery,
And a food tube with varying shapes,
Below, a water reservoir, a waste store,
And the organs that produce next generation,
And many more inns and islets,
The human body is like a temple
Where life stays and leaves like a wandering gypsy;

The corpses come from lunatic asylum, None to claim them, except the morgue, Students used to carry a part or two to home, To dissect it at leisure and study;





When Guevara one day picked up a leg, Wrapped up in newspapers but its toes were visible, That made the other passengers jump in their seats, A few laughs it created in his young medico gallery;

He looked at the lungs and the air tubes,
He studied the dead body,
If this was a body that belonged to a lunatic,
How different his brain it is from a sane person's brain?
If this was a body of an asthmatic patient,
Can I find any clue in his airfields?

I don't find mind, emotions or feelings here, May be they go die and dry along with the life's vitality; Medical sciences made me realize the dynamics of life, Can I understand these inequities in the society?

If dissecting a dead body gives a road map of life, Why not I go dissecting a land, filled with people And observe the permutations and combinations That makes a society with so many hidden intrigues!

Why poverty chokes people like asthma in winter cold? Like a medic or farmer who removes the diseased clod, To protect the rest, can I find the root cause in this society? Yes. Studying a cadaver is like studying a dying human moiety.









# 11. A BICYCLE RECONNAISSANCE -1

A dandy horse or velocipede, time transforming Into a chain driven, pushbike or bicycle charming, A road runner with ball bearings and pneumatic tires, With tension spoke wheels to withstand speed fires;

Ernesto Guevara equipped his bicycle journey worth, A small Micron motor fitted to it with careful breath, A cap, a leather jacket, a spare tyre across his chest, With well fitted sunglasses on his face to thwart dust,

Started with kick off with all the blessings from family, On the first morning to Pilar and San Antonio de Areco With the company of another cyclist in weather lovely, From there alone he cruised to Rosario via Pergamino;

In early morning downpour he recited Ernesto Sabato,
-'Was our life nothing more than a sequence
Of anonymous screams in a desert of indifferent stars?
Pondering over these thoughts he propelled further-



Che on Bike - 1950



Che Motorcycle



# 12. A BICYCLE RECONNAISSANCE -2

Hanging onto Lorries to save energy and often pedaling, Sometimes with engine working, at times hitch-hiking, Reached Leones and near Villa Maria his bicycle broke, Tired to core, he slept by the roadside like a log bloke,

At Cordoba, he spent time with Granado brethren, After effectively facing a racy stream in downpour rain, He took leave and reached San Francosco del Chanar, Where Alberto Granado was working in a hospital near,

Greeted by the six meters sky-scraping candelabra cacti, On the way to Santiago del Estero, admired their beauty, Staying in police stations and hospitals to save peso dew, He enjoyed the warmth of people and his first interview;

May be he was planning his destiny in his mind diary, Every minute he was on the road, was beyond any theory; At Tucuman he was greeted by one Alfred Jingle line tramp, Keeping the naive Guevara upfront the hobo walked on ramp-





# 13. A BICYCLE RECONNAISSANCE-3

Stirring up the emotions of the gullible public, The vagabond collected funds in emotional click, And boasted in a nearby bar about his booty quick, That brought police to check him and the alcoholic;

He found peace and serenity in the rural side, And the wrong side of quests that end in fatal ride, In the exotic settings of Loberia his mind was wild, Burning youth ignited a few sparks strong and mild;

When he removed worms from a native child's scalp, The child's mother was in his dreams of erotic warp, Overcoming the temptations of wilderness worms, Like Buddha, Jesus and others he rebuked Lilith's charms

At Salta, at Jujuly hospitals he found a few answers, To know the people, the best places are the clinics, On road, you dispel myths; in hospitals, you see panics; Then, from Mendoza he reached home in Buenos Aires;

That four thousand and seven hundred kilometers journey, Taught him things that books fail to teach of life's tourney;







# 14. PERONARGENTINA

Juan Peron hoisted three flags on a Justicial pole, Social justice, economic independence And political sovereignty as the ultimate goal, Rejecting both capitalism and communism, But respected the rise of corporatism as a whole;

Like the engineer bird that makes a mud house, From the scratch he wished to build the nation, Eva Peron his charming wife was by his side, She campaigned for the rights of migrant workers, With populism the love birds built Peronism nest,

With Rainbow Tour she upheld peronism worldwide, Evita! Evita! La Santa Peronista! roared descamisados, La Gran Puta- a manipulative harlot – groaned enemies, A crab was consuming her inside, at thirty three she died; As a Spiritual leader she lives in people's hearts sanctified;

During these Rainbow times
Another love story was brewing,
Ernesto Guevara a medico met
The affluent Chichina Ferreyra;
Two different worldsA rainbow bridge of love?



Peronargentina



# 15. ANGUISH- THE ONLY CERTAINTY

When you place fear, distress, anxiety and pain, In a mortar and grind them with a heavy pestle, Adding tears sweat and blood in an endless rain, The surrealistic anguish flows with infinite rustle;

When mortar was his heart and mind was the pestle, Guevara looked for guidance in no thistle and rustle, Ibsen, Pascal, Sartre, Gandhi, Nehru's discovery bustle, He found some certainties in the vast uncertainty whistle

-'To live is to battle the demons in the heart and brain, To write is to preside at judgment day over one's terrain'-With Ibsen and Pascal he pondered over certainty train, -'As our reason is upset by the fickleness of facade drain'-

Sartre said- the prisoner's dream is guard's spirituality',
-'Non-violence is the first article of my faith'- said Gandhi,
-'Great causes and little men go ill together'- wrote Nehru,
Guevara reflected them in his Angustia story in sense true;



August Friedrich Albrecht Schenck - Anguish



# 16. LOVE IS CHICHINA FRAGRANCE

Ferreyras may be from the areas of Spain's iron mines, Rich and famous in the Land of Silver as Cordoba shines, Race car drivers, Trans Amazon travelers, pilots and riders, Farm house with polo ground, swimming pool and horses, Highly cultured and they were a cut above the Guevaras, In that comfy household Chichina grew up as a princess;

With fluctuating fortunes and Bohemian style of living, Lower middle class family with free thinkers in surviving, A Mate farm, frequent shifting of towns and residence, For the sake of children's health with small providence, Highly cultured and considered natives as their equals, In that tranquil home Ernesto grew up as a traveler prince.

When fragrance meets sincerity fire-works are natural,
Two young hearts when synchronize their beats univocal,
Love was in the air, dreams took them to mysterious lands,
In a deserted beach the wind was writing tunes on the sands,
His head on her lap was saying be a part of her warm world,
But the inner voice was like a roaring sea with depth unfurled;



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# 17. LA PODEROSA II

( MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- I)

A 1939 Norton 500 cc model motorcycle, Loaded with tents, parrilla and utensils, Ready for the international trekking, And two dreamers Alberto and Guevara, On 29<sup>th</sup> December 1951 the odyssey started, Like old time princes going incognito In search of the ancient tunes in wilderness And to answer the inner voices with diligence

The mighty one in reality was a rheumatic machine,
The frame, suspension, front fork and cough engine,
Wheels and tires of a tired warrior in his very last leg,
A Don Quixotic affair of Quixano and Sancho Panza gig,
From Cordoba they started and reached Ballesteros,
Having spent the first night, camping in a farmhouse,
The duo reached Rosario, the nieces Of Alberto Granado
Side-glanced them in between soap operas with less ado;

Not much encouragement flowed in Buenos Aires, But Ernesto's parents did warn them about dust mires, The Medical degree he yet to conquer and the asthma, They reminded him to beat, also the society's anathema



A Don Quijote and Sancho Panza



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# 18. TWO TRAMPS, A DOG AND A LOVE AFFAIR

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- II)

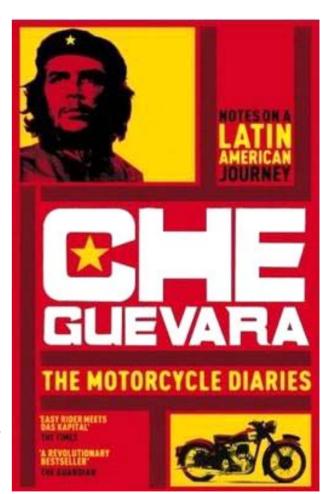
From Buenos Aires they glided through Palermo, Ernesto found a puppy in a pet shop with charm, Named it —Come Back- to present it as a souvenir, To his heart-throb Chichina, as a mark with veneer;

And the dog was uncomfortable and sick in the trip, With cat's whiskers it saved its life on dusty road strip, It is a miracle it reached Chichina in Miramar still alive, And its new mistress welcomed Come Back to the hive;

Under the starry sky, in the warmth of her lap, A deserted beach replays the songs of ancient lovers, The entire universe drifts rhythmically by, nonstop, Tying the wanderer to a love nest, then the ocean roars;

Leaving the heart with Chichina and Come Back for sure, His feet moved in a dynamic passion away from allure; The duo reached Necochea, where Tamargo, a colleague, Of Alberto, practicing in the style of neo bourgeois league;

Marriages changes men, housewives shuns the drifter folk, Travelers experience crashes; after rejuvenating the bike, From Bahia Blanca they were cruising on Medanos dunes, Ernesto at the helm the mighty one crashed in nine tunes;





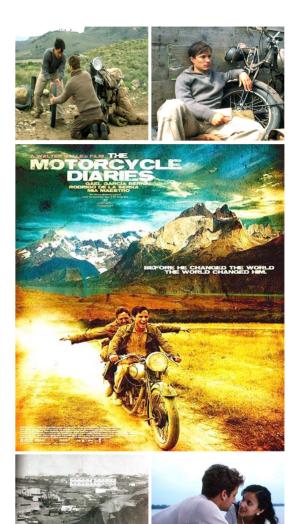
# 19. THE FLU, THE REST AND THE REVOLVER (MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- III)

With a scorched wound on his foot,
And a down pour drenching them en route,
They took shelter at a ranch that night,
And proceeded to Choele Choel in twilight;

At Benjamin Zorilla railway station,
The flu knocked Ernesto with moderation,
A course of penicillin and several days stay
And the doctor's orders made him fit for the way;

On the way to Piedra del Aguila,
The mighty one's handle bar broke at a pothole,
After a few needed repairs
They were on the way to San Martin de los Andes;

On the way they were having crackers and Mate, When a curious man stealthily mentioned robbers, Ernesto took his revolver and shot a duck dead, And that man left in a hurry, briskly shaking his head;



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# 20. A LOVING HUG FROM YOUR SON (MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- IV)

En route to Bariloche, in the foothills of Andes, Mama I write you this letter of my travel's bliss, I had flu and penicillin, a few problems on road, And a few thoughts about Chichina's love load;

Write me soon to allay my fears about home, please And I can pass through the unknown lands in peace; On the seven lakes road the duo traveled further, The monotonous journey irritated them a bit rather;

At the northern shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi, A rumor was on float about a puma on prowl, Ernesto's revolver by mistake shot a house dog, That approached them in the sinister night bog;

There was a sudden storm that stalled their ride, Ernesto received an incredible letter from Chichina, -Now, I feel my great roots unearth, free and wide,-A swirl of thoughts and emotions ended with no pain;

At crossroads a dilemma often stalls a tearful dream, At foothills a mountain caresses a running stream, Rest stops are necessary to go yonder into future, A dream or stream needs time to run with nature;



Che Guevara Granado - Mapa 1er viaje - 1952



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# 21. CHILE- WHERE THE LAND ENDS...

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- V)

It is the land of Mapuche the brave warriors,
Who resisted the mighty Sapa Inca Tupac yupanqui,
It is the land where Ferdinand Magellan
The first European set foot on Chile,
It is the land of Patagonians with big feet
The six foot height Tehuelches near Calle- Calle river

It is the land conquered by Pedro de Valdivia,
And claimed it to the Spanish Empire;
It is the land where Mapuche warriors,
Claimed more Spanish lives in the Flandes Indiano
It is the land Jose de San Martin led an army,
And brought independence to Argentina, Peru and Chile;

It is the land with four thousand miles coast line, And won the War of the Pacific by defeating Peru and Bolivia, It is the land where Republican, Conservative, Liberal, Parliamentary and presidential eras followed in succession; It is the land, after the Seguro Obrero massacre, Carlos Ibanez del Campo came to power by Radical Party,

It is the land of poets where Gabriela Mistral and Pablo Neruda enchanted the world with their poetry; It is the land Chile, the trekkers Alberto and Ernesto, Entered with their La Poderosa II with a punctured tyre;





#### 22. CHILEAN HOT AND COLD CHILL OUT

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- VI)

From San Martin de los Andes
They hitchhiked to Temuco in Chile,
The mighty one was a pale shadow of its past,
With a few gurgles and chokes,
It threw the duo on road and about to explode,
The chassis was in four pieces,
And they reached Lautaro to get the bike fixed;

The two went for Tango,
A few drinks and dances ignited the inner urges,
Ernesto took a lead of misguided flirt,
The Indian lady's husband lunged with a missile,
A disaster was averted when Alberto intervened
And both ran away from the ruckus scene.

After another accident on the downhill road, It was the ascent to Malleco La Poderosa did quit; From Cullipulli to the town of Los Angeles They carried the body of the bike on a lorry. While they were resting at a fire station, They assisted the firemen in extinguishing a fire Ernesto saved a kitten from the burning house And was applauded by all for his daring act;

At Santiago they said good bye to the mighty one, Alberto was heartbroken; sang elegy in silent tone;



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#### 23. ON FOOT AND WATER

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- VII)

-On foot we can walk with the poorest of poor,-Said Ernesto consoling the sad Alberto for his bike, When they reached Valparaiso a beautiful city, With pastel colored houses and funicular railways, Their tiredness was gone and continued their hike;

Chilean's hospitality matched that of Argentines,
The La Gioconda fish shack owner gave them free food,
At his request Ernesto visited an old woman with asthma,
He understood how poverty decimates the dignity hood;
For a few tablets of kindness, her gratitude was enormous;

To avoid crossing the desert they decided on sea route, Clandestinely they entered a cargo ship and hid in toilets, At mid-day the ship started and they were in the boot, Chastised by the captain but allowed to work for passage, A few canasta games and work, the ship docked at a port.



#### 24. UNDER THE TALLEST CHIMNEY

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- VIII)

From Antofagasta port to Chuquicamata they hitched a ride, At Baquedano they met an impoverished communist couple, The plights of the Chilean miners melt their young hearts, The hospitality of the police superintendent was memorable, The open pit copper mine at Chuquicamata was the largest;

A metal tipped wooden spear one can threw to claim copper, Or it was the limit of the land of the Chucos- Chuquicamata, American managers treated the Araucanian miners shabbily, When Ernesto climbed the tallest chimney in South America, He understood the paradoxes of life in the civilization simile;

At Empresa Salitrera de Toco, played football with navies; After visiting Rica Aventura and Prosperidad nitrate plants, They hitched a ride on a lorry with alfalfa load to Laguna, From Iquique to Arica they traveled on Seven Pampas road, Thirty eight days they enjoyed Chilean bounty at every stop.



Mina de Chuquicamata, Calama, Chile, 2016-02-01 43





# 25. PERU, THE COUNTRY OF BIRU

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES-IX)

Here rocked one of the five cradles of civilization,
Here clocked the Inca Empire in its opulence station,
Here shined the Spanish viceroyalty in much passion,
Here honed Cesar Vallejo the poet, his poetry mission;

From Chacalluta Chile's northernmost point, Alberto and Ernesto entered Tacna in Peru; Then to Puno, on the banks of Lake Titicaca, And from there to Cuzco was a marvelous trip.

But, what they saw in the eyes of the natives, The royalty and tyranny of the white motives, The visible fear, the indifference about life, Tells many tales of the ways of conquistadors;

Here the politics and borders were rapidly changing, Here the President Manuel A. Odria was establishing, Here Odria's Ochenio was in a populist course, Here at Cuzco the duo anchored their travel horse;





### 26. THE VENGEANCE OF VIRACOCHA

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- X)

On May 21, 1950 a terrible earthquake rattled Peru,
The Roman Catholic Cathedral near Viracocha temple,
The Jesuit church on the Temple of the Serpent,
The convent on the House of the Sun virgins,
Santo Domingo Monastery on Sun and Moon temples,
Lost their towers like a pack of cards in that trembles,
Natives looked at it as the curse of the mighty Viracocha!

Francisco Franco Bahamonde was a Caudillo in action, In the days of Red Terror and White Terror's reaction, The tidal waves were evident in the colonial section, Though Latin American countries got their sovereignty, Native population was reduced to minimal quantity, In countries like Peru the fear of white race was reality, And the oppression was evident in the sinews of society.

With General Franco's assistance the Cathedral was up, One of the largest cathedral bells rang again in makeup, Ernesto and Alberto attended the inaugural ceremony, Spanish Ambassador expected Spanish National Anthem, But the band played the anthem of Spanish Republic, The Ambassador was aghast; it was fun to see his visage, Ernesto laughed- It is the vengeance of Tupac Amaru





#### 27. ALBERTO - THE DOCTOR WITH DREAMS

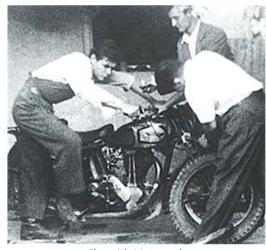
(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- XI)

Six years older than Ernesto Guevara,
A kind hearted biochemist with social aura,
With penchant for treating leprosy sufferers,
Not bothered about the social stigma it carried,
Alberto Granado Jimenez was a doctor and writer;

Alberto and Ernesto shared many interests like rugby, Especially the romantic enthusiasm for foreign travel, A mischievous sense of humor, intellectual turbulence And a fine habit of keeping diaries of travels in details; The adventures along the way taught them many tales

With their own eyes witnessed the poverty of natives, The paradoxical state of Chuquicamata copper miners, Where they work for a few pesos in their motherland, Under the dictate of the American managers on hand,

In Cuzco they visited museums; a visit to Machu Picchu Alberto had a brief crush with one Maria Magdalena, He dreamt to be Manco Capac III after marrying her, To start the Tupac Amaru American Indian Revolution; Later took the hospital job of treating leprosy patients;



Che with Motorcycle



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## 28. ON THE WAY TO LEPROSARIUM

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- XII)

Scaly disease, leprosy, or Hansen's disease, An age old ailment even mentioned in scriptures, G.H. Armauer Hansen's discovery of mycobacterium, The first bacterium to be identified as causing disease, Associated with social stigma as the scourge from gods;

Greeks called it elephantiasis graecorum and washed it, With children or virgins blood; some used snake venom, Scorpions, frogs, arsenic, hellebore, Anabas fish excreta, Chaulmoogra oil with or without camphor on pro rata, In asylums, colonies, slums leprosarias or leper hospitals,

Then came promin or dapsone that worked but toxic, It was that area Alberto was doing his work for the sick, From Cuzco they went to Abancay and stayed in a hospital, They gave lectures on leprosy and asthma to the nurses, And in that night Ernesto had a bout of severe asthma;

On the way to Huambo at Huancarama at early morning, Ernesto had another attack, with no adrenaline at hand, Alberto gave him calcium chloride; but the winter snake, Like Anaconda constricted his lung tubes with life at stake, After some heavy jiffies Ernesto got his breath at sunrise;



Leprosy



#### 29. LEPROSARIUM AT HUAMBO

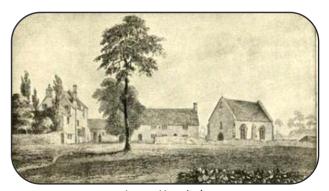
(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES-XIII)

On horseback Alberto and Ernesto resumed their trip, Two tiny, skinny horses carried them up and down hills, With ease along the precipices and narrow lane strip, Easter Eve was marked with drunkards in chicha chills,

Three hours ride brought them to the outer reaches, An old woman and boy were following them on foot, When asked they revealed that they are the owners, So to retrieve their horses and it is a routine for them; Moved by their plight they paid them generously;

Walking in the ankle deep muddy path cautiously, They reached the leprosarium in that remote place, Where Mr. Montejo, Vivanco, Montoya and Valdivia, Welcomed them, with heaps of smiles and grace, The kind and warm team that treated the patients

They found how local landlords exploit the natives, With heavy hearts they returned back to Huancarama, Amidst carnival dances and Andean quena flute sings, And repeated bouts of Asthma Alberto and Ernesto, Reached Lima the capital of Peru; the city of Viceroys



Leper Hospital



#### 30. LIMA THE CITY OF KINGS AND COMMUNICATOR

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES-XIV)

Lima the ancient city of oracle- Limaq, Founded by Francisco Pizarro in 1535, After vanquishing the Inca king Atahulpa, Grew into a big city near river Rimaq;

In that great city Alberto and Ernesto,
Met the leprologist Dr. Hugo Pesce,
The author of 'Latitudes of Silence'-and
A communist and a follower of Mariategui,
Punished for political views by President Odria

Staying at the Hospital de Guia as his guests, Under the angelic care of Zoraida Boluarte, Dr. Pesce often discussing politics, philosophy, Physiology and poetry- Cesar Vallejo with them;

Arranged them letters, Dr. Pesce El Maestro Of introduction to leprosarium at San Pablo, Some clothes and money and a farewell dinner, But when asked about—'Latitudes of Silence'-Ernesto blurted out his negative opinion That stunned his friend Alberto with much pain. A trait that stuck to him — never to compromise'-And it followed him to the end, without disguise.



Dr. Hugo Pesce Pesceto



# 31. MAMBO- TANGO

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- XV)

From Lima to Pucallpa a town on the Ucayli River, And on board of La Cenepa launch to Amazon, Braving the swarms of mosquitoes for a week, They reached Iquitos medical centre in a shiver;

At San Pablo leprosarium it was a happy stay, Dr. Pesce's letters were honored by Dr. Bresciani, The patients liked the medicos very much, As they moved with them as one of them;

On the eve of Ernesto's twenty fourth birthday, Ernesto spoke his heart-'one single Mestizo race, We are; I propose a toast to Peru and Pan America'-And he thanked all for their compassion and bounty;

The monkey hunt with a local Indian chief in a village, And the farewell by the hospital staff and patients, The gift of a raft Mambo- Tango built by them, Filled with provisions; with gratitude, they took leave;





# 32. COLOMBIA, VENEZULA, AND MIAMI

(MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES- XVI)

Mambo- Tango went past Leticia like Noah's Ark, Hauling it back against current was a heavy task, A local gentleman pulled it with his canoe back, At Leticia of Colombia there was Police check walk;

Named after Christopher Columbus as Colombia, The most ethnically, linguistically diverse country, Its southern most city is Leticia at Tres Fronteras, And Bogota the capital of Colombia often in chaos;

As the visiting scientists their fame preceded them, After a gratifying football match they left to Bogota, A brief argument with police escalated into arrest, From Bogota to Cucuta, San Cristobal, Barquisimeto, Valencia they reached the Caracas city of Venezuela.

Alberto was offered a job at La Guira leprosarium, He accepted it bursting with joy and enthusiasm, And Ernesto longed to go home, in a cargo plane, That stopped at Miami for a month in a repair lane. With minimum funds he managed his stay there, Safe and sound he returned home in Buenos Aires;



Miami Avenue 1896



A Miami River



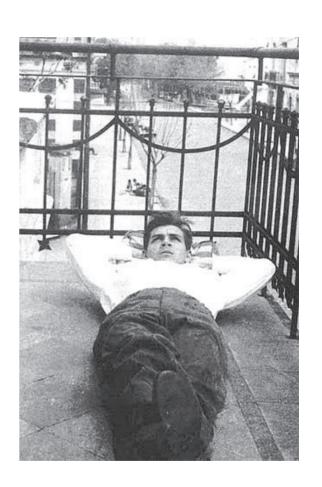
#### 33. MOTOR CYCLE DIARIES

What do you see in a five thousand mile journey? Like tourists one can see the well fixed itinerary, And explore the past and present in ideal harmony; But when you go like a traveler it is a different story;

You hear the deprived voices, throttled native songs, You see the persecuted thinkers, ostracized lepers, You smell blood, sweat and tears, imposed wrongs, You taste the acrid injustices and lashes on workers;

Was it- Das Capital meets Easy Rider or a story teller?
Was it a process of self- discovery or a dream speller?
Was it a fixation that sidelined love with no Come Back?
Was it a quixotic journey that had many ports and dock?

After the lone Argentine Ride on a motorized bicycle, The long trip was on La Poderosa, the mighty motorcycle, At Caracas, Venezuela, Alberto and Ernesto parted ways Ernesto's personality was getting honed without sways;





#### 34. HERE GOES A SOLDIER OF THE AMERICAS

Ernesto completed his backlog in a short time,
-'This is Doctor Guevara de la Serna speaking'A phone call to his mother was a thrilling mime,
With Calica Ferrer he said-'get ready for hiking'.

At the railway station it was a sort of big farewell, Ernesto looked like a soldier of the Latin America, Calica was in his best demeanor with regal spell, Their destination was north Argentina's La Quiaca;

It was fun travelling with native Indian- cholos, Sharing stews, chicken, empanadas on board, And offering pastries, bonbons au chocolates, Time flew in festive moods with that hoard;

Mario Salduna, Raul Tisera at Cordoba, were waiting, With one roast chicken and a few bottles of wine; The joy was infinite; the bye byes are exhilarating, With relaxed minds they reached La Quaica at sunshine;

At an altitude of 3442 meters, desert looked stunning, Near Bolivia border, Ernesto's lungs went screeching, Calica carried him to a nearby lodging; kept him warm, After recovery Ernesto taught him the adrenalin charm;



Cholo 1770



### 35. THE COLOR GREEN HAS BEEN BANNED

Such monotonous scenery in the shades of grey, La Paz- our lady of peace -was depressing in a way, Native Indians were scared of whites it seemed, The pale color of fear was palpable and seamed;

Aymaras called it Chuqi Yapu or Chuquiago, The highest capital city in the world -La Paz, Founded by Alfonso de Mendoza at Incan Laza, Revolution changed its colonial heritage at a go;

The fight was between latifundios and campesinos, Large estates gunning against the peasant farmers, Bolivian rulers supporting the workers with piripiri guns, Local land lords pointed their machine guns at villagers

In the hospitality of the exiled Argentines Nougues, Calica and Guevara extended their stay at La Paza, The night club of El Gallo de Oro was the nerve centre, Where politicians, land lords, mine owners hobnobbed

With heads of revolution – a second seat of government; Then Calica met this Venezuelan colonel Ramirez in a bar, Putting a stop to their celibacy- boys met girls- frequent, Their chastity belt began to shrink with voice eloquent



La Paz Photomontage



#### **36. THE SCHIZOPHRENIC EXISTENCE**

In between reality and fantasy,
The life's pendulum oscillates,
In between silence and violence,
The panic sparks and scintillates,
In between Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
The strange shadow proliferates,
In between the voices and tears,
The road to utopia evaporates;

Calica Ferrer and Ernesto Guevara, Standing at the reality cross roads, Looked at society's highs and lows, The one who works gets all the blows Where the children of the native soil, Reduced to low grade and have to toil, Whereas the conquerors descendents, Live like gods forgetting antecedents;

With Dr. Molina's fine recommendation,
They visited Bolsa Negra tungsten mine,
The air was still chill in the reforms drill,
Fruits of revolution yet to reach the people;
During the twilight zones of changing guards,
People walk to and fro in sane and insane worlds



**Bolsagra Mines** 



#### 37. A STORM IN LAKE TITICACA CUP

After a casual meeting with Nuflo Chavez,
The minister for indigenous affairs, an Indian,
They saw his native visitors getting fumigated,
With DDT; it did smoke the streets of liberated;
Ernesto looked at the statue of Simon Bolivar,
-'What needed is the uplift of the native Indians,
And a thorough shake of the spiritual isolation-'
His eyes were wet when he saw the real situation;

After the farewell party given by Nougues, On the way to Copacabana and Lake Titicaca, Ernesto went back to retrieve his camera, Calica got a room in a humble guest house; He stuck friendship with one Argentine lady, The manager of a five-star hotel nearby; When Ernesto came back the next day She packed them a picnic basket to enjoy;

In the ruins of Isla del Sol, Ernesto saw sunset, When they reached the Temple of Sun it was late, Ernesto found a statue —an idol of his aspirations, Not caring the boatman's advise they started back, Half the way a storm broke and they rowed fast, Defying freezing cold and death they landed in a bay,



Roins Isla Del Sol



#### 38. THE CHURCH OF COPACABANA

During that dreadful experience in Lake Titicaca, The boatman prayed Pacha Mama to have mercy, And our Father and the Virgin Mary for clemency, While they were struggling in storm for safety;

People were searching for them frantically, Most of them thought they were gone forever, When like stowaways they reached a small bay, Ernesto and Calica were scolded in a tone severe:

After a much needed rest they visited the church, There a long queue of Aymara or Quechua Indians, Purchasing places in Heaven from the fat priest, Who was promising places and cures to all problems;

All around the church of the Virgin of Copacabana, There were hoards of lepers, beggars and devotees, On a one string violin a blind man was playing a tune, Of melancholy, reflecting their life in a gloomy tone;

On the timeline new people displaced the old natives, New gods replaced the old guards in divinity motives, Over and upon the pagan temples new towers of myth, People and gods perished or flourished with victors faith



Church



# 39. AUTOCRATS, DICTATORS, TYRANTS

Vozhd, Chief, El Supremo, Perpetuo Dictator, Fuhrer, El Jefe. Guide, Duce, Vodca, conducator, Marsal, El Caudillo, Naczeinik Panstwa, Adipati, Forer, Poglavnik, Nemzetvezeto, Arighos, Udheheqsi, Leider;

What's in a name? They are all new Cesars and Czars, With prosaic speaking, manipulate the crowd bazaars, Often building a cult personality around their position, With iron grip they choke the media and any opposition;

After the collapse of the great empires and kingdoms, New prophets and preachers stirred the mind domes, After the demise of Colonialism came freedom hands, Local warriors became the rulers of the liberated lands;

But, natives of the soil and slaves from distant sands, Reduced to the animal lives, began to rebel in bands, After the Second World War It was Cold War schism, America's corporatism vied with Russia's communism;

Under Big Brother's umbrella, bananas were republics, Governments collapsed like a pack of cards in quick clicks, In Latin and Central America, puppets were dumb rulers, Revolutionaries walked with alacrity in the way of martyrs;



Historical Totalitarian Leaders



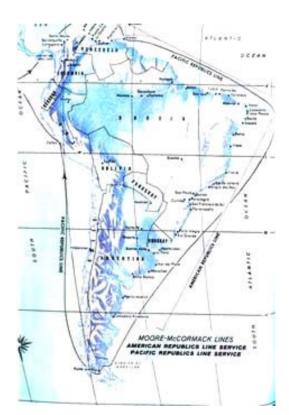
#### **40. THE BORDERS OF POLITICS**

Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario won in Bolivia, Yet Latin America was controlled by the Big Brother USA, Gustao Rojas Pinilla in Columbia, Fulgencio Batista in Cuba Alfredo in Paraguay, Marcos Perez- Jiminez in Venezuela,

Papa Doc in Haiti, Anastasio Tacho Somoza in Nicaragua, Manuel Odria in Peru, Juan Domingo Peron in Argentina, Started carriers in humble ways but power is aphrodisiac, United Fruits or Dollars speak many things in greed mosaic;

Life is a bipolar existence in between birth and death, Lake Titicaca's experience was telling them some truth, Ernesto's brief romances with Chichina and Martha Pinilla, Taught him the ways of Aristocrat and oligarch women;

Calica and Ernesto started from the Lake to Old Mountain, In the frontier from Bolivia to Peru the guards were a pain, Confiscating the communist literature, they let them pass, From Puno to Cuzco they got the tickets in second class;



Banana Republics



#### 41. THE PERUVIAN EPISODE

And they purchased second class tickets,
Against the advice of the station clerk,
Arguments raise the heat in the body,
And they were sulking on the platform,
Two Peruvian detectives made a deal,
They can replace the escaped prisoners,
And can travel in first class but in handcuffs,
Then the policemen sold the tickets
And gave half the money to the boys;

The journey was fun and educative,
People were sympathetic to the prisoners,
And the police heard their well knit story,
As the touring doctors to leprosarium,
Policemen removed the handcuffs
And even gave them their badges;
Ernesto lost a few soles in gambling

One of the detectives came fully drunk, In the rush boys returned one badge And the other one remained with them. Next morning in the police station They returned it after a funny scene;





#### 42. MACHU PICCHU- THE OLD MOUNTAIN

The policeman invited them to a picanteria, Where the hottest chilies numb the taste-buds, Even the leftover soups return to the hotpot, And comeback fresh in the fiery red scoops;

In the museums they found the little statue, Ernesto collected at Isla de Sol was genuine, To that Tunyan image Ernesto named Martha, The Bolivian girl who stole his fluttering heart;

An Argentine woman helped with camp gear, But exchanged their pesos at unfavorable rate, With that money they reached Machu Picchu, And the scenery was just amazingly spectacular Dubbed by some as the 'Lost city of the Incas' Hiram Bingham brought it into the lime-light;

Calica and Ernesto saw the polished stone walls, Intihuatana, Sun Temple, Three windows room, A snake like Urubamba River winding on three sides, The old mountain with dancing stones in earthquakes, Ernesto wrote- 'A symbol of the past holding out Its hand to the future- people! Reclaim your history!'-



Machu Picchu, Peru



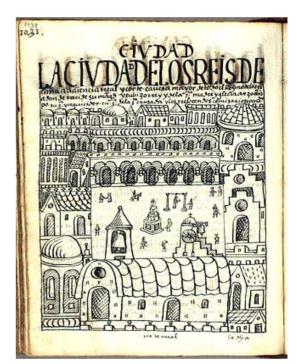
#### 43. CUZCO TO LIMA

From Machu Picchu along the Apurimac River,
To Cuzco was hilarious and tedious journey ever;
Single file traffic on the constant landslide threat,
The skill of the drivers was amazing to say the least;

A glass of chicha, a piece of tamal and a sip of pisco, A naked swim in the Apurimac and a bout of asthma, The funny episode of a fallen passenger from the bus, The presence of military as the eyes of Odria all over;

A brief encounter with the police in Lima and release, The hospitality of Dr. Pesco and his wife Soraya Sheier, The happy arrival of Gogo Nougues and Ricardo Rojo, The revisit and the reunion with Dr. Pesce's patients,

After the farewell tears and the shake hands of affection,
They moved on to Ecuador to soothe Ernesto's affliction;
At Guayaquil they met Ricardo Rojo, Eduardo Garcia- Gualo,
Andro Herrero and Oscar Valdovinos- Valdo with funds low!



Lima



#### 44. ON THE SEA AND POLITICAL WAVES

The funds may be low but the spirits were high, With the company of rats and mosquitoes sly, Calica was tired of penury, hoped them good luck, The debts were on ascent and their luck was bleak;

When their attempt to meet the President failed, They sold their possessions and revised the plans, Rojo and Valdovinos left for Panama in a cargo ship, Calica to Quito, Ernesto and Gualo to Panama trip, Andro stayed there to pay the debts and then slip.

On the ship Guayo of United Fruit company, Ernesto in his spirits and Gualo with seasickness, Reached Panama and spent some time in that city, Then to Costa Rica's Golfita port to board Rio Grande; Ernesto's brief flirt with Socorro, the sexy black girl In lust alert—mas puta que las gallinas'- in a fast whirl

In San Jose of Costa Rica Ernesto met Mora- Valverde, Juan Bosch, Romulo Betancourt, and two novelists, Carlos Fallas (Mamita Unai); Jorge Icaza(Huasipungo); Bosch of Dominican Republic, Romulo of Venezuela, Became presidents of their countries in later history;



Lima Foundation



#### 45. THE GUATEMALA EXPERIMENT

-'The place of many trees'- the Guatemala, A highly civilized Mayan culture in its land, Weakened by persistent droughts many, Later succumbed to Spanish hegemony,

The War of Independence and civil wars, Criollos, Ladinos, mozos colonos- jornaleros Jorge Ubico's rule with American support, United Fruits Company and serving his fort,

After October Revolution of nineteen forty four, Arevalo's accident, and Colonel Arana's murder, Paved the way to Arbenz to become President, Arevalo's spiritual socialism was anti-communism

With Decree-900 Agrarian reform law came, A hundred million families got benefitted, That made United Fruit Company unhappy, A coup was brewing in the horizon un-sloppy;

Ernesto, Gualo reached Nicaragua, on the road They met Ricardo Rojo and Beveraggi brothers, With Gualo and Domingo Beveraggi, Ernesto, Reached Guatemala via Honduras and El Salvador



Localisation de l'ile de Clipperton



Poas crater



Tikal mayan ruins



### **46. THE GATHERING OF POLITICAL EXILES**

Amidst of political and populist reforms, Guatemala was like united fruits divided, Miners, farmers and natives are in benefit, But Big Brother was watching from his pit;

Exiles from Venezuela, Peru, Nicaragua, Chile, Gathered there observing the hot political chili; Ernesto was in the company of Luzmilla and Hilda, Chinese and indigenous mixed girl was Hilda Gadea;

A Peruvian exile, she, was an economist, Ricardo Rojo introduced her to Ernesto, The fast learner who was getting lessons, Marxism from Professor Harold White, Chinese Revolution from Edelberto Torres, In a New Year's party he met Cuban exiles, Armando Arancibia, Mario Dalmau, Antonio Dario Lopez and Nico Lopez, The players in Moncada Barracks attack, In Santiago, Cuba under the leadership Of Fidel and Raul Castro against Batista rule;



Hilda Gadea 1955



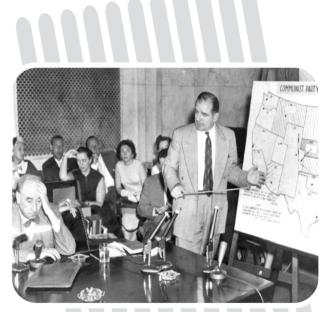
# **47. NOW TELL ME ONE ABOUT COWBOYS!**

Second Red Scare or McCarthyism was on prowl, The clashes between capitalism and communism, Reached the proportions of Cold War with growl, Decolonization in Asia and Africa to humanism, World was succeeding in scientific ideas and goal.

Central America was a big boiling cauldron Of ideologies from far and near in a squadron, May be violence is the inherent human nature, When profit is the object, prophets get torture, Only weapons changed but killing, the future?

When Cuban exiles talked about their action, Ernesto used to interrupt them with disbelief! There were rumors about American invasion, Guatemala was going back to the Fruit's basket, When all his friends dispersed during the unrest, Ernesto was offered to stay in Embassy as guest,

And he was sure counter violence is the only way, To liberate people from foreign power and stay!



Welch McCarthy Hearings



### 48. CUBA – A GREAT PLACE OF FERTILE LAND

The land of ancient Ciboney Taino people, A Spanish colony from fifteenth century, Under America, after Spanish-American War, As United States Protectorate; and a coup And the Dictator Fulgencio Batista's rule;

Named after the General Guillermon Moncada, A hero of the Cuban war of Independence The Moncada barracks at Santiago de Cuba; A group of 135 revolutionaries led by Fidel Castro, Marched into the death knell on 26 July 1953;

The Dictator Batista was livid with anger,
-'For each dead soldier ten rebels must die'Nineteen soldiers and sixty one rebels
And the blood bath stained Cuba history pages;
-'History will absolve me'- Said Castro in the court,
Court gave him a fifteen years sentence for a start;

At Guatemala Ernesto was leaving to Mexico, A fellow traveler Julio Roberto Caceres Valle, Called as Patojo-a young man followed his path, And they visited the ruins at Mitla, near Oaxcaca;



COLDWAR



#### 49. THE HEART LAND OF THE AZTECS- MEXIHCO

One of the six cradles of civilization,
The land of Olmecs, Mayans and Zapotecs,
The site of taming wild maize, tomato and beans,
The Spanish conquest against Aztec Triple Alliance,
With the alliance of Hernan Cortes and Malinche;
The Smallpox and measles brought by Spaniards,
Decimated the native population by ninety percent,
Three hundred years reign of Viceroyalty of New Spain
Mexican War of Independence by Miguel Hidalgo,
Empires, liberals, reforms, porfiriato, and Revolution,
The memories of Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata,
Political consolidation and one party rule.
World War II and the Mexican Miracle;

In Mexico City, Ernesto looked for work,
He photographed children and
Patajo sold the photos to the willing parents;
At Hospital General he worked
With Professor Salazar- Mallen, an allergy specialist;
There he met again Nico Lopez, the Cuban rebel;
Meanwhile Hilda Gadea was detained in Guatemala,
From jail she escaped and crossed the Mexican border;
To Ernesto Guevara Hilda was a loyal companera;





#### 50. WE WILL BE FREE OR WE WILL BE MARTYRS

A published paper on allergy, Rojo's arrival, A meeting with Jose Manuel Fortuny of Guatemala, The move in relationship with Hilda Gadea, And a part time job for Agencia Latina de Noticias, Ernesto was on the road to revolution:

In Cuba on the occasion of general amnesty,
Raul and Fidel Castro were released under surveillance,
Batista's plan was to kill them in the streets of Havana,
But the revolutionaries slowly trickled to Mexico,
Raul Castro met Ernesto at the house of Maria Gonzalez,
A few days later Fidel Castro joined them in secret,
And a doctor joined the league of a lawyer's army.

A simple marriage with Hilda, a new home;
Meanwhile in Argentina,
Juan Peron was ousted by a military coup;
Ernesto's hatred for American imperialism
Confirmed his travels on Marxist path;
On the top of Popocatepeti, Mexico's highest volcano,
Ernesto planted small Argentine flag,
Ernesto became 'Che' in his friends circle,
On his return from United States Fidel Castro said-'In 1956 we will be free or we will be martyrs'-



Hilda Gadeay Che Guevara - Luna de miel - Yucatán 1955



#### 51. THE DEVOTED CONVERT OF St. CHARLES

After the birth of Hilda Beatriz,
Che Guevara continued his training,
Both in medical field; and warfare training
With Fidel Castro and the future guerrillas;
Arms were procured and kept in secret places;
Colonel Alberto Bayo trained the recruits,
A house was rented in the name of Ernesto;

The Mexican Secret Service apprehended them, Arrests and detentions led them to jail coercion, Che decided to share the fate of the Cubans, -'I am on the right path, and I have a daughter To perpetuate me; and I will take with me To the grave the sorrow of an unfinished song'-Wrote Ernesto to his parents and clarified-Your clandestine son,- O Mother! St. Charles (Karl Marx) had acquired a devoted convert!'-

By the timely intervention of General Cardenas, The ex-president of Mexico, enabled the release, Of the last three first Fidel, then Calixto and Che Within three months the expedition was ready,

Asthmatic attacks were frequent like police raids, Then at a distance in Tuxpan they saw Granma!



Fidel Castro under arrest after the Moncada attack





Granma route



#### 52. GRANMA CARRIES DEADWEIGHT

A 1943 eleven and half meter launch Granma, With twenty four capacity carried eighty two, El Norte was in anger and the sea looked sick, Che's asthma surfaced and took two days trek,

From the early hours of- 1956, 25<sup>th</sup> November Seven days to reach Cuba on second December, -'It was a shipwreck, rather than landing'- in cover, And the enemy was waiting with more fire power;

In a sugarcane field the army fired its first shots,
-' If you surrender better for you'- Army announced,
-Aqui no se rinde nadie, carajo!'- Shouted back Camilo,
Leaving the medicines Che took cartridges box and ran,
A bullet pierced his neck and he was bleeding like rain;

Three combatants died in that encounter, Captured, surrendered men were tortured and killed, One of them, Nico Lopez was Che Guevara's friend, Out of eighty two men only twenty two survived;

Batista announced the death of all the revolutionaries, Guevara's household in Argentina was in silent tears; On a muted New Year's Eve they received a message, -' Dios es argentine, A big hug to you all, Tete'-



Raul - Che





## 53. GUAJIROS, GUNS AND HAVANA CIGARS

Fidel Castro's great determination and sagacity, And the revolutionaries' undaunted fortitude, Rekindled the hope and the troupe surged ahead, And Sierra Maestra barracks were razed to ground;

Batista was furious and procured more bombers, Army suspected the farmer-guajiros as informers, Poor peasants bore the blunt of army andrebels; And the repression backfired often on both sides, When one Eutimio Guerra erred more than twice, Che raised his gun and shot the guajiro point blank;

He wrote to Hilda-' I write on a field mess-plate, Gun by my side and a Havana cigar between my lips, Inspired by Jose Marti the Cuban National hero'-In the Cuban jungle guns and gnats speak volumes And Malaria and diarrhea are the frequent visitors;

Fidel Castro's Interviews with Herbert Matthews, And Bob Taber- Wendell Hoffman's film and news, Gave the much needed fillip to revolutionary forces;

Fidel made Che Comandante with a star and resources At Bueyecito Ramiro Valdes won a victory for him, The battle of El Hombrito brought him credit, At Mar Verde Che saved Joel Iglesias in a rain of bullets But at Altos de Conrado a bullet pierced Che's left foot;



**Revolution Map of progress** 



#### 54. PEOPLE HAVE THE LAST WORD

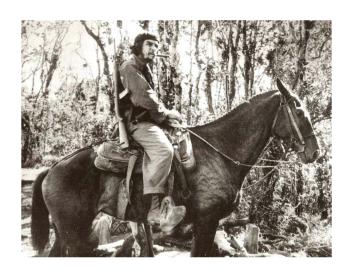
And the bullet was removed with a razor blade, On the razor's edge they were moving in glade, El Cuban Libre and Radio Rebelde were in upgrade, Communication countered government's tirade;

Carlos Maria Gutierrez a reporter from Uruguay, Interviewed Che and Fidel and published the news, And visited the Guevara household all the way, He saw six years of separation in their tearful views;

Masetti, from Radio El Mundo of Buenos Aires, With so much hardship he met the lion in its lair, Che reiterated-' I am for Pan America, I give myself'-The Che Guevara legend began from the news shelf;

The kidnap of five times world champion racing driver, Juan Fangio by Faustino brought government to cover, Che set up a school for the guerrillas at Minas del Frio, Influenced by Mao Tse-tung's book on Guerrilla warfare;

They sang -' Quitate de la acera/mira que te tombo, Que aqui viene el Che Guevara/ acabando con el mundo; Here comes Che / on his way to change the world; And the song was there in the air like a flag unfurled;





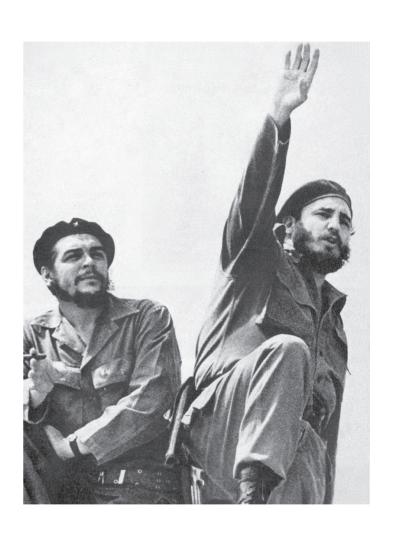
# 55. YES TO REVOLUTION, NO TO MILITARY COUP

The Great Summer Offensive by Batista, Ten thousand soldiers armed to teeth, An all-out campaign to crush the rebels, Set out to encircle the Sierra Maestra;

The victory at El Jigue boosted the morale, Major Jose Quevedo a classmate of Fidel, Changed sides and joined the rebels, The army lost many men and morale;

Commandante Che of column eight,
Faced enemy fires and cyclone might,
And air force bombing on vanguard,
Left them as an army of shadows,
Finally reached Escambray Mountains;
With a remarkable tour de force and
El peloton suicida- the suicide squad,
Che captured Santa Clara- Las Villas;

With 300 million dollars in his kitty
Batista flew away to Dominion Republic,
Che and Camilo were to Havana; Castro said- 'Yes to Revolution, No to military coup'-





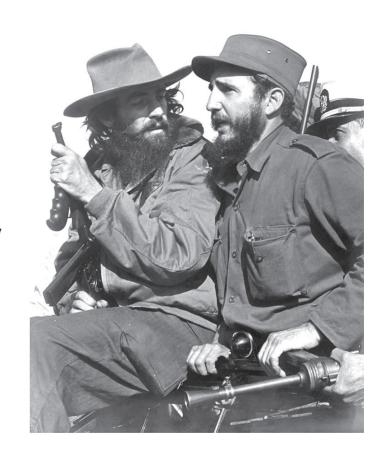
## **56. TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO HAVANA**

When Santa Clara fell, Batista took to flight,
The President and his men fled in twilight,
On New Year's Eve General Cantillo proclaimed
The Supreme Court Judge Piedra as president,
But Fidel Castro vehemently opposed it,
And ordered the arrest of General Cantillo

Che and Camilo reached Havana on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, Manuel Urrutia a liberal, assumed presidency, On 8<sup>th</sup> January 1959 Castro arrived in Havana, Amidst the cheers of crowd in a triumphal entry

A great one man show from the beginning, Highest level of self-confidence in war inning, A Marxist- Leninist and Cuban nationalist, -'The evergreen man in CIA assassination list'-

Fidel Castro Ruz who defied North Colossus, Survived eight USA Presidents and their plots, Innovative attempts, 638 ways to kill Castro,-Made Cuba a small island into a red fortress;





## 57. A DIVORCE, A MARRIAGE AND WORLD TOUR

On 21<sup>st</sup> January Hilda arrived with their Hildita, The three year old daughter was a little bonita, Che informed Hilda about his recent love affair, On 22<sup>nd</sup> May the divorce was finalized in peace, On 2<sup>nd</sup> June Che married Aleida March in grace;

Proclaimed Guevara as —a Cuban citizen by birth-In Tarara, Che began his book Guerilla Warfare, Law of the Sierra was extended to all over Cuba, To deal war criminals with revolutionary justice; Hundreds were executed by the war tribunal, To avoid the future rebellions and turbulence;

The Agrarian reform law, crafted by Guevara, Limited the size of forms to one thousand acres, On 12 June Castro sent Che to attend Bandung pact; A three months whirlwind tour; From Madrid- Cairo-New Delhi- Burma-Thailand, Hong Kong- Japan-Jakarta- Ceylon- Pakistan-Belgrade- Rome- Madrid-Seville- Casablanca – Madrid to Havana back home;



**Che Driving** 



#### 58. THE FADING OF THE HUNDRED FIRES

Camilo Cienfuegos Gorriaran, a joie de vivre, With hundred fires in him flowed in reverie, A fearsome member of 1956 Granma expedition, 'Hero of Yaguajay' a key battle of Cuban revolution; Born in a working class family, a tailor's apprentice, Spent several months in search of a job in America Extradited by immigration officials for his overstay, Returned to his native place to continue studies;

Influenced by the Cuban hero Antonio Maceo, He pledged to liberate Cuba from the dictator, Again traveled to America and then to Mexico, Joined the rebels and sailed in Granma boat; Camilo and Che Forces captured Yaguajay, A decisive victory for the revolutionaries, A catch phrase was taken up by the people -'Voy bien, Camilo? Vas bien, Fidel!-Hero of Yaguajay became the Army chief,

On Fidel Castro's instructions he arrested, Huber Matos military chief of Camaguey, His return flight on 1959, 2 October, disappeared Cienfuegos the hundred fires got extinguished; Many fingers pointed towards Fidel Castro, Che named his son Camilo in his honor And Cuba remembers the hero forever!



Camilo Cienfuegos



#### 59. THE BRAIN DRAIN AND THE SOCIALIST RAIN

Cuba no longer a casino or a whorehouse, Cuba no more an American stooge to douse, Cuba no less than any country with moral pride, Cuba no way leaves the path of revolutionary tide;

A massive exodus of elite people Brought Cuban economy to standstill, Agrarian reforms and literacy drive were the priority, American companies moved out with alacrity;

USSR took the opportunity, The Communist Block responded in unity, USA was angry and CIA was vigorous, A blast in Havana harbor claimed 81 lives;

And the sword and dagger game began, USA imposed a partial trade embargo on Cuba, Cuba nationalized all the banks and companies, Che began his trip to socialist block,

In the Great Hall of the people
The Cuban delegation was waiting for Mao Tse Tung,
Che Guevara had a serious Asthmatic attack,
He fell on the floor with a brief cardiac arrest;





CIA



#### 60. INVASION OF THE BAY OF PIGS

-'A man cannot be a commodity,- said Che Guevara, Wealth is the people's patrimony, to be distributed, Unity between the individual and the mass comes By volunteering to work without any type of stress-

While he was in Peking, Aleida gave birth to Aliusha, May be Che expected a boy child but he was happy; After a nice meeting with Mao, Che visited North Korea, Then to Moscow, to Berlin where he met Tamara Bunk;

Castro and Che reached the top of the list of CIA, President Kennedy met the leaders of Latin America, The efforts to isolate Cuba was on full swing, Better dead than Red was the motto of the wing;

But CIA had better bitter plans, Arming 1500 Cuban exiles with refined weaponry, Who invaded Playa Giron, the Bay of Pigs, And surrendered to Castro within three days, That gave a permanent dent to the CIA gigs;

Che was at Pinar del Rio away from the battle scene, An unexpected injury to cheek from his dropped gun, A severe allergic reaction to anti —Tetanus vaccine, But what mattered was the victory in the Playa Giron;



Attack near Playa Giron. April 19, 1961. Panoramio



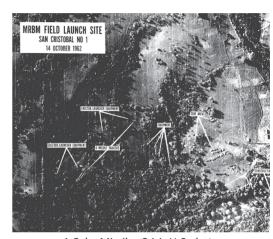
#### **61. CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS**

When two giant rams collide with locked horns, A lamb what it can do in a cold war dump? The Bay of Pigs was crimson with Cuban blood, And the warriors of Cuba were singing triumph!

Cuba requested the deployment of nuclear missiles, USSR agreed and supplied the missiles and aircraft, US responded by total naval blockade around Cuba, But there were 162 missiles already on Cuban soil;

On October 27, 1962 US navy fired depth charges, On a Soviet submarine having nuclear torpedo heads, Captain Vasily Arkhipov saved the world with restraint, While Khrushchev and Kennedy mopped the war paint;

Castro was not happy with Khrushchev's decision, The tactical nuclear heads with the explosive power Of 100 Hiroshima sized bombs were returned to USSR; Che realized in big brothers' game Cuba was a pawn;



A Cuba Missiles Crisis U-2 photo



Soviet-R-12-Nuclear-Ballistic Missile



#### 62. DAVID AND GOLIATH

-'Castro was a thorn in the flesh,
Not a dagger at the heart'- said Fulbright;
But the Colossus of North's injury was fresh,
The invasion of the Bay of Pigs was a disaster,
That led to Cuban Missiles crisis,
Over all 42 attempts were made
To liquidate Castro in Kennedy's rule;
When Kennedy was assassinated in day light,
Many suspected the invisible hand of Castro;

A few sugarcane islands
With a population of eleven million,
In an area of a 109 thousand square kilometers,
One party socialist republic- on Marxist Leninist line,
Cuba became the bugbear of A Super Power;
A conglomeration of 50 states,
With a population of 328 million,
In an area of 9.8 million square kilometers,
A Federal presidential constitutional Republic
America became the colossal Cuban enemy of North;

David in his sling put the USSR missile clones, Goliath had his atomic sword and embargo tones; The little boy rejected the package offer- Whoever Speaks of economic union speaks of political union'-The fat man said- We Americans are one people, In origin, in hope and in danger-' in a sugar coated tone;



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#### **63. THE MASETTI EXPERIMENT**

To chase an eluded dream The five men army entered Argentina, A journalist's transformation into a guerrilla leader, Jorge Masetti walked into Argentine jungles, As Commander Segundo in charge of Operation Sombra, In a blatant military, political mistake, Che was Martin Fierro the number one, In his absence Masetti was hypersensitive, Two Jewish recruits were executed for minor issues, Hunger and thirst haunted the rebels; The Gendarmerie was efficient and ready, Without mercy they finished their job; The dry ravines and uncomfortable woods, Swallowed many guerrillas without trace; With Masetti's disappearance, A Guevarist experiment failed in the entrance;

After visiting Moscow, Che returned to Cuba, And heard about the Masetti expedition; He felt like a lethargic bureaucrat While his men were dying in unknown lands; After the UN meeting in Newyork, Che visited Algeria, Mali, Congo- Brazzaville, Ghana, Guinea, Dahomey, Tanzania and Egypt;



Che Guevara



#### 64. HASTA LA VICTORIA SIEMPRE!

Che Guevara's last public appearance, On the international stage was in Algiers, On 24 February 1965, he criticized both, The Western block and the Soviet Union;

Many Vietnams they may create in future, Soviets had forgotten the Marxist nurture; Unless the law of value is abolished in Toto, Communism slowly ends in state capitalism;

When he returned to Cuba on 14<sup>th</sup> March, Fidel, Raul, Osvaldo, Rodriguez were at Airport, Two weeks after his return to Cuba, Guevara dropped out of public life and comfort;

May be to chase death he went incognito?
May be to liberate Africans from colonialism?
May be extending a Cuban dream to the world?
May be he was weary of human greed for power?

Here I leave my powers, citizenship and rank, Here I leave my wife and children to this great land; Here I take leave from you my comrades in arms; Hasta la Victoria Siempre! Ever on to victory!



Che Guevara incognito



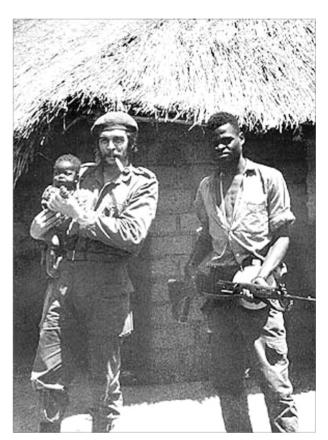
#### 65. THIS IS THE STORY OF A FAILURE

Africa was not America and Congo no Cuba, When one enters the countryside of poverty, That still entertains medicine man muganga, And cannibalism or eat the heart of the enemy, Practiced with religious sanctity and fervor, Recruiting natives as soldiers was a nightmare;

On 24 April 1965, Che, Dreke and twelve Cubans, Entered Congo in disguise and pseudo names, Laurent Kabila a Patricia Lumumba supporter Provided logistics but not a regular visitor;

Local anti-Mobutu Simba fighters were inept, Infighting and intransigence was the norm; Dysentry, asthma and seven months of defeats, Demoralized even the defiant Che to detest them;

With six survivors they reached Dar es Salaam, Six months he stayed underground at embassy, Aleida came there to enjoy the Tanzanian interlude And later at a safe house in Prague they both stayed;



Che in Congo 1965



# 66. THE LAST TRAP CALLED BOLIVIA

The persuasive powers of Fidel Castro,
Brought Che back to Cuba in secret for a brief stay
After selecting his followers the new Che
Said good bye to his family and friends;
As Adolfo Mena- Gonzalez he revisited La Paz
Thirteen years passed in between
The romance with a girl and marriage with revolution,
The memories of hotel Copacabana were still fresh,

Che was again Ramon in Bolivian jungles,
Mario Monje-Molina the Bolivian Communist leader,
When he demanded the leadership,
Che Guevara said no and they fell apart;
In his lone campaign with his fellow Cubans,
Only a few Bolivians joined the campaign,
Big Brother with his CIA eye was monitoring as a spy;
On 23 March the guerrillas tasted the first victory,

Che sent a message to the Tricontinental conference,
-'Wherever death may surprise us, let it be welcome,
Our very action is a battle cry against imperialism,
Other men will take up our weapons when we fall
To intone our funeral dirge with the staccato sounds,
Of machine guns and new battle cries of war and victory.'-



Che in Bolivia



#### 67. DEATH

From the first base camp in the montane dry forest, To the Yuro ravine it was the journey of fifty rebels; Tania-aka- Tamara Bunk was Che's agent in La Paz, Rest of them was Cubans and a few Bolivian recruits;

A few initial victories were eclipsed by the losses, Coming by invitation gives upper hand in alien lands, Without local support one travels in lanes of suspicion, If both sides know guerrilla warfare the best gun wins

On 8<sup>th</sup> October 1967, death stalked the Guevara's unit, One hundred eighty soldiers encircled eighteen men, A twice wounded Guevara, with a ruined gun shouted, -' Do not shoot! I am Che Guevara and I am worth more To you alive than dead!- and the next day came Death;

To make it appear that Guevara had been killed in action, Mario Teran a sergeant, who volunteered to aim the gun; Che shouted -' I know you have come to kill me. Shoot Coward! You are only going to kill a man'- the M2 roared,

A rain of bullets pierced the arms and legs and Che fell, Writhing on ground, biting his wrist to avoid crying out, Another burst of bullets hit him in the chest and throat, And there was a brief silence and the blood was flowing



Death



#### **68. THOSE DISMEMBERED HANDS**

Before and after executing a man of repute, Captors love to take photos and keep mementos, Dead men tell no tales or argue and refute. Guevara was a body that needed to be identified;

Lashed to the rails of a helicopter, Che's body Reached Vallegrande- Nuestra senora de Malta, From the school floor to a hospital concrete slab, It was like ascension and the slab was like cross;

A military doctor dismembered Che's hands, Sent them for finger prints to Buenos Aires, And his body along with six other bodies Were buried in two mass graves near airstrip;

The hands that wielded pen and gun with equal skill, The face that mesmerized young and old into raw thrill, The conduct and action that lacked any blemish or ill, The Che myth survived as a wakeup call to all with shrill;

A Guerilla had no grave, death is a promise Of rebirth and ritual of renewal cannot miss; And Che Guevara is alive beyond borders, With those hands to quiver the imperialistic horders





#### 69. WHERE SWORDS AND BULLETS FAIL...

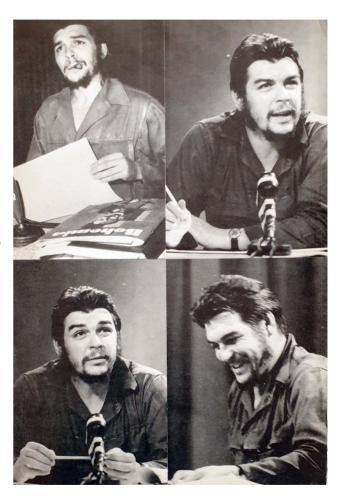
There legends and myths grow like sacred fires, There young hearts emulate them in secret spires, There face becomes the symbol of emancipation, There, hands become the carriers of the revolution;

On a motor cycle a student chases life as it was, On uphill walk a man chooses revolution as it was, On Granma boat a mercenary travels as it was, On a power horse a radical thinker changes as it was;

What images he saw in the ruins of Machu Picchu? What hurts he sensed in the leprosariums of isolation? What pains he suffered in the miseries of the miners? What cries he heard in the poor huts of the peasants?

Endless stories end up with emotional etiquette, Ever cherishing memories chase one in sobriquet, Enemies revel in endless laughter gets exhausted, Efforts they put to suppress truth get them ousted;

Resolutions that change the world remembers you, Red saint or red beast the titles reverberate for you, Raised pylons, memorials and diaries resurrect you; Revolution that transforms man to a New Man is You!





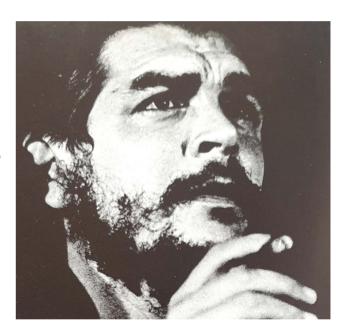
#### 70. CHE GUEVARA! CHE GUEVARA!

Chivalrous, cheerful, charming, hot and cold macho man, Heavy built with a lit Havana cigar between his hot lips, Ernesto Guevara an epitome of violent rebellion,

Galahad of the beggars or Robespierre of Revolution,
Utopian philosopher and Don Quixote of Communism,
Extreme radical and a head-strong Messiah like figure,
Vile cold blooded killer, new Garibaldi or Bolshevik devil,
Anti-capitalist with commoditized images and intellectual,
Red Robin Hood, or butcher of La Cabana, Who were you?
A man full of hatred, or the archetypal fanatical terrorist!

Chasing a dream with chastity belt on a motor cycle,
Holding his head high even in asthmatic death oracle,
El Che was a chaser and purchaser of life in death;

Gradating graciously from doctor to gaucho soldier,
Unique ubiquitous utopian ultra mundane thinker,
Ernestito to Ernesto to everlasting enchanting fighter,
Vivacious, vibrant, virile, virtuoso, victor and visionary,
Arch enemy of oppressive imperialism and slavery,
Radical thinker with raw anger against the enemy race,
A guiding star in the path of the revolutionary space!





#### **POST SCRIPTUM**

#### 1. THE CUT HANDS MYTH

They sent the cut hands to Buenos Aires
For identification and confirmation wires,
And buried the body in a pit of silence,
To let the world forget a martyr of defiance;

They wrote about his cruelty and murder instincts, They talked about his immaturity and hate tints, They theorized his expeditions as ineffectual stints; They dissected every second of his life for any tincts;

They wrote about his escapades with women, They talked about his inadequacies in warfront, They theorized his Foco idea as a phantasmal chant, They dissected every legend of his life for any omen;

To let the world denounce cold-hearted executioners, They deciphered his diaries with tinted glasses, And to warn the other revolutionaries in masses, They sent the cut hands to Buenos Aires and Cuban heirs;



#### 2. WHO NEEDS CHE GUEVARA IN 2020s?

After the Capitol Hill violence,
America looked vulnerable in future lens;
There seems to be an invisible vertical rift,
Between light and dark with crimson drift;
The eagle with stars and stripes,
Hops between liberty and oppression gripes;
Do the oppressed there,
Dare to wear the olive green gear?

And the dragon with its spit fire
Advancing on the belt and road pyre,
Keeping red flags everywhere,
If the vanguard takes up the torch,
Can the old reign extinguish the youth march?

The bear has its own bugbears,
When its daughters go beyond borders,
In search of livelihood with tears,
What purpose those cold missiles
With atomic war heads, offer to its young boarders?



The lion left the Brexit, Its past colonial sins were catching up fast; Rest of the Europe has its own worries, The Spanish pride is at low ebb;

Latin America still smarts,
Indian subcontinent has birth defects,
Africa the dictators' paradise is playing dice,
The distant Kangaroo and kiwi
Maintain the usual distress and distance;

Every country has its own Che Guevaras, Their national heroes with bigger auras, How he is different and relevant? What makes him an idol and significant?

Because he propagated his ideology Beyond borders and beyond eulogy; He came to the world like the naked truth And left, giving whatever he is worth!

For some he joined the pantheon of Ologun,
Some named him as the violent Buddha,
Some revered him as Jesus on the cross,
In modern temples they remember him every day.



We all know, that Che comes alive; where ever There is oppression and indiscrimination, He was 39 years old when he was shot We adore his stills, unmindful his principles hot;

The violence may not be the answer or salve,
To solve the problems of the world's different zones;
But people must understand it erupts like a volcano
When human measures fail to bring the equality canoe,

Whether it is Noah's Ark or scientific spark, Let humanity enjoy the fruits of nature, In equal measures, otherwise the capitalist ark Boarders, do certainly face infinite Che Guevaras!





#### 3. THE PILGRIMAGE AND THE GUIDED TOUR

This is the boulder, behind which Che sheltered,
Those are the bullet marks, here rebels fell down,
Here Che walked in rags, bleeding from wounds,
It is the school house where Che was executed,
This is the ravine with citrus, avocado trees, you see,
Where Che fought his last battle, near La Higuera,
This is the Vallegrande hospital laundry slab,
Where his body was displayed to the journalists,

This is where his hands were dismembered, These are the graves that kept the rebels bodies, After thirty years of silence they opened the tombs, Here found was his body remains without hands And a blue jacket with tobacco pouch still intact;

Do you think Che's violent route is out dated? After 53 years of relentless struggle in peace, Colombian rebels handed in their weapons; Mexico's Zapatistas renounced violence, The 'pink tide' leaders of Argentina, Ecuador, The guerrilla leaders Brazil and Uruguay, Bolivia and even Cuba are in moderate way! But, you know, he is a hero and a legend!

Viva Che! Hasta la Victoria Siempre! Viva Che!



#### 4. CHE AND HIS FAMILY

Ernesto Guevara Lynch had a mate form, An architect, entrepreneur and biographer, The moral supporter, he was the family provider;

Celia de la Serna- Che's red mother,
As a communist mamma she nurtured her son well,
While Che Guevara was in Cuba
Her speeches evoked riots in Brazil or Buenos Aires;
After her separation from Senior Guevara,
Celia stayed with Susana and cherished her dream
Of visiting Paris, Rome and Florence,
Her breast cancer recurred and took her life
And her prodigal son was somewhere in Africa;

Hilda Gadea Acosta was Che's first wife, Their girl child was Hildita With mutual consent they divorced without strife;

Aleida March was Che's cherished love, and wife, They had four children together Aleida, Camilo, Celia and Ernesto;

While leaving Cuba in search of unknown destiny, 'I am not ashamed that I leave nothing material To my children and my wife; it is that way I am happy, I ask nothing for them. The state will provide them With enough to live and have an education.'- Hasta la Victoria Siempre! Patria o muerte!



## **5. CHE GUEVARA**

The exalted Metaphor among the simile tops, The exclamation beyond commas and full stops, The question mark that explodes the veiled spars, The interjection that guides one to the red stars;

An embodiment of Revolution
A quintessence of a burning soul,
A symbol of people's resistance,
A lamp post of emancipation

When enemy guns cough smoke, Asthma constricts breath, Viva Che!



# **HAPPINESS**

Life satisfaction, eudaimonia, subjective wellbeing, What one experience here and now- joyous feeling, An emotion of fortunate, blessedness and flourishing, Buddhist teachings essence- freedom from suffering;

Happiness of virtue shifted to the virtue of happiness, Realizing oneself to be the self in all, the ultimate bliss, Celebrating the practice of the greater virtues in piety, Worshipping the Lord with cheer, gladness and gaiety;

The Alchemy of Happiness is in giving and blessing, The flow of passions in the needs fulfillment chasing, Create imbalance necessitates remedial correction, Humanity looks for the saviors for the resurrection;

Near the altar of love the New Man is put to test, His honesty absolves him from the violence quest.



# THE PALACE OF SUFFERING AND HAPPINESS

The palace of Suffering and happiness has two doors.

One is on the Right and the other one is on the Left;

Both doors can be opened with one celestial key;

Humans found it and with love saved humanity;

Like faithful birds humans pulled one another from abyss,

A few prophets of directions brought ladders and light flood,

When they saw face to face love, mercy and brotherhood

They shared the skills and treasures in equal measures



# ERNESTO 'CHE' GUEVARA (1928-1967)

For all those children of revolution
The world history is 'before him and after him'
The staccato sounds of machine guns
The wheeze of Asthmatic grumbling and a poet
He wrote the truth of the day with pen and gun.

For all those who step on the unmapped road of revolution A guide, a lamp, a star, a martyr and a secular saint Is guerilla warfare a romantic myth? Or a transit to be a legend? Five thousand dollars for his eyes and hands A fair reward probably for the rangers but what a price!

For all those who practice unconditional renunciation
The home is where they can fight the revolution
The path is where fire and blood floods the battle-line
Like an underground current when they explode into a great geyser
Caesars of imperialism shiver in their boots!

For all those who understood and walked with him
'El Che' the Argentine, he is, the revolutionary doctor and soldier
Eighty-two men and the fiery prophet of the dawn Fidel Castro
When they marched as 'Granma' into the sugarcane fields
Fifteen survived the fierce battle and in defeat they saw victory
Pessimism, mazamorra and perseverance and a lot of guerilla victories
After the fall of Santa Clara, Batista fled and Cuba liberated





For all those who thought they understood him
The possibilities and improbabilities of an Argentine fighting for Cuba
A doctor soldier with dreaded asthma winning war and becoming a Cuban
A Cuban minister's sudden disappearance into the jungles of Latin America
New battle cries of war and victory and many imageries of a revolutionary

For all those who bare their chests against bullets
The hole in his heart, the Bolivian rangers made to bleed the revolution
The strapped hands that were chopped later to gain reward
The open eyes that illuminate the path to the future revolutionaries to tread
The still photos and images of Ramon or Ernesto 'Che' Guevara
And the ashes of his incinerated body scattered all over are the totems
Fear trembles before them for they understood him as their guide and leader.





# CHE GUEVARA (Timeline)

(14-6-1928 to 9-10-1967)

Born - 14th June 1928

Died - 9th October 1967

Father - Ernesto Guevara Lynch

Mother – Celia de la Serna y Llosa

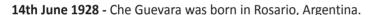
Spouses - m. 1955, div 1959 - Hilda Gadea (1925 - 1974); m. 1959 - Aleida March (b. 1936)

Children – by Hilda Gadea – Hilda (1956 – 1995),

by Aleida March - Aleida (b. 1960), Camilo (b. 1962),

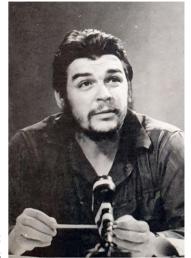
Celia (b. 1963), Ernesto (b. 1965)

(Che is an interjection commonly used in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Spain - signifying hey!; fellow; guy. Che is a vocative to call someone's attention. It is also used as filler. Guevara earned his nickname from his frequent use of the expression, which was perceived as foreign by his Cuban Comrades.)



- 1948 Guevara entered the University of Buenos Aires to study medicine.
- 1950 Summer Che made a 4,500 km tour of rural Argentina.
- **1952** Che with Alberto Granado, made an 8,000 km tour of much of South America. Visited Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama and Florida in the United States.
- **1953 -** June- Che completed his medical degree and was a fully qualified doctor.
- 1953 July- Motor cycle diaries- visited Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador.
- 1954 Peruvian economist, Hilda Gadea Acosta, a member of the left wing American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA).
- 1955 Che Guevara and Hilda Gadea left Guatemala and went to Mexico. Che found a job as a doctor in a hospital in Mexico City.

  Nico Lopez introduced Guevara to Raul and Fidel Castro, leaders of the Cuban revolutionary movement known as the July 26 Movement.
- 1955 September- Guevara married Hilda Gadea who was pregnant.
- 1956 February A daughter, Hilda Beatriz Guevara Gadea, known as Hildita, in Mexico.
- 25 November 1956 Che Guevara was one of eighty-two men who left Mexico in Granma





2 December 1956 - attacked by Batista's forces soon after landing. Many men were killed

February 1958 - Che Guevara set up a radio station, 'Rebel Radio'

29 July 1958 - Battle of Las Mercedes

1958 - autumn-Che began a relationship with Aleida March, a Cuban revolutionary.

**1958 December -** Che Guevara had successfully taken much of Las Villas province. On hearing the news Batista fled to the Dominican Republic.

**8 January 1959 -** The rebels entered the Cuban capital, Havana and began setting up a new government. Che's wife, Hilda Gadea arrived in Cuba to learn that Guevara was seeing another woman. She agreed that they should divorce.

1959 February - Che Guevara was made a Cuban citizen.

1959 May - Che Guevara's divorce was finalized.

17 May 1959 - Agrarian Reform Law

2 June 1959 - Che and Aleida March were married.

**12 June 1959 -** Che visited Morocco, Sudan, Egypt, Syria, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Burma (Myanmar), Thailand, Indonesia, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Yugoslavia and Greece.

Che Guevara was appointed head of the Department of Industry of the National Institute of Agrarian Reform (INRA) in Castro's new government.

26 November 1959 - Che Guevara was appointed President of the National Bank of Cuba.

1960 - Guevara completed his first book 'Guerrilla Warfare'.

A French freighter, La Coubre, with a cargo of munitions, exploded in the harbour at Havana.

In retaliation for the seizure of American-owned land in Cuba, the United States reduced its imports of Cuban sugar. Che Guevara spoke against the 'economic aggression' of the United States.

**26 July 1960 -** Guevara spoke at the First Latin America Youth Congress where he declared that the Cuban revolution was a Marxist Revolution

**21 October 1960** - a tour of other socialist countries including China, Russia and Czechoslovakia.

24 November 1960 - A daughter, Aleida Guevara, was born.

**1961 -** Guevara organized - building more schools and training more teachers.

Che Guevara wrote 'Cuba exceptional case or avant-garde in struggle against imperialism'



- 17 April 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion
- 1962 A son, Camilo Guevara, was born to Che Guevara and his wife, Aleida March.
- **16-28 October 1962 -** Cuban Missile Crisis -. The Soviets would remove the missiles from Cuba and in return the United States would remove missiles from Italy and Turkey. Che Guevara saw the Soviet back down as a betrayal.
- 1963 A daughter, Celia Guevara, was born
- **1963 June -** Che sent a revolutionary group to support Nationalists in Argentina who were trying to topple the government. Che Guevara wrote 'Revolutionary war passages'
- **1964 -** travelling around the world speaking about socialism and armed revolution.
- **11 December 1964 -** Che Guevara made a speech at the United Nations Assembly. A three-month tour visiting Communist China and North Korea as well as Arabia, Ireland and a number of African countries.
- 1965 A son, Ernesto Guevara, was born to Che Guevara and his wife, Aleida March.
  - Che Guevara returned to Cuba and resigned from government; left Cuba for Africa and visited a number of countries including the Congo and Zaire; In Africa Guevara had earned the reputation as a dangerous revolutionary. Congo failure; After visiting countries in Europe, Guevara returned to Cuba to visit Castro, his wife and children.
- **1966** Che left Cuba and returned to South America travelling through Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil and finally Bolivia where he joined a revolutionary group.
- 1967 March Che Guevara led a successful attack on the Bolivian army.
- 1967 August The Bolivian government managed to destroy a number of revolutionary groups
- **8 October 1967 -** Guevara was injured and taken prisoner.
- **9 October 1967-** Che Guevara was executed.





# **CHE GUEVARA QUOTES**

- 1. "In a revolution, one triumphs or dies."
- 2. "To accomplish much, you must first lose everything."
- 3. "We have no right to believe that freedom can be won without a struggle."
- 4. "I don't care if I fall, as long as someone else picks up my gun and keeps on shooting."
- 5. "If you tremble with indignation at every injustice, then you are a comrade of mine."
- 6. "Words that do not match deeds are unimportant."
- 7. "One must endure without losing tenderness."
- 8. "Above all, try to be able to feel deeply any injustice committed against any person in any part of the world."
- 9. "Let the world change you, and you can change the world."
- 10. "If you can find ways without any obstacles, it probably leads nowhere."
- 11. "The life of a single human being is worth a million times more than all the property of the richest man on earth."
- 12. "Be realistic, demand the impossible!"
- 13. "The only passion that guides me is for the truth. I look at everything from this point of view."
- 14. "You can live by your own rules."
- 15. "The best form of saying is being."
- 16. "Study hard so that you can master technology, which allows us to master nature."
- 17. "Every person has the truth in his heart.
- 18. "The revolution is not an apple that falls when it is ripe. You have to make it fall."
- 19. "Silence is argument carried out by other means."
- 20. "At the risk of seeming ridiculous, let me say that a great feeling of love guides a true revolutionary."
- 21. "Cruel leaders are replaced only to have new leaders turn cruel."
- 22. "The first duty of a revolutionary is to be educated."
- 23. "Remember that the revolution is what is important, and each one of us, alone, is worth nothing."
- 24. "Real revolutionaries adorn themselves on the inside, not on the surface."
- 25. "I am not a liberator. Liberators do not exist. The people liberate themselves."
- 26. "The revolution is made through human beings, but individuals must forge their revolutionary spirit day by day."
- 27. "Passion is needed for any great work, and for the revolution, passion and audacity are required in big doses.





- 28. "If I lose, it will not mean that it was impossible to win."
- 29. "Peaceful coexistence cannot be limited to powerful countries if we want to ensure world peace."
- 30. "The world must not only be interpreted, but it must also be transformed. Man ceases to be the slave and tool of his environment and converts himself into the architect of his own destiny."
- 31. "I now know, by almost fatalistic conformity with the facts, that my destiny is to travel."
- 32. "The walls of the educational system must come down. Education should not be a privilege so the children of those who have money can study."
- 33. "Many will call me an adventurer and that I am only one of a different sort one who risks his skin to prove his truths."
- 34. "What do we leave behind when we cross each frontier? Each moment seems split in two melancholy for what was left behind and the excitement of entering a new land."
- 35. "Better to die standing than to live on your knees."
- 36. "You got to fight for every breath and tell death to go to hell."
- 37. "I have a wish. It is a fear as well that in my end will be my beginning."
- 38. "We cannot be sure of having something to live for unless we are willing to die for it."
- 39. "I will fight with all the weapons within my reach rather than let myself be nailed to a cross."
- 40. "I know you are here to kill me. Shoot, coward! You are only going to kill one man."

#### **CHE GUEVARA BOOKS**

- 1. The Motorcycle Diaries: Notes on a Latin American Journey
- 2. Guerrilla Warfare
- 3. The Bolivian Diary: Authorized Edition
- 4. Reminiscences of the Cuban Revolutionary War:
- 5. Back on the Road (Otra Vez): A Journey Through Latin America
- 6. The African Dream: The Diaries of the Revolutionary War in the Congo
- 7. Che Guevara Reader: Writings on Politics & Revolution
- 8. Self Portrait Che Guevara
- 9. Che Guevara Speaks: Selected Speeches and Writings
- 10. Socialism and Man in Cuba
- 11. Manifesto: Three Classic Essays on How to Change the World
- 12. Che: The Diaries of Ernesto Che Guevara





- 13. Che Guevara on Global Justice
- 14. Che Guevara Talks to Young People
- 15. The Argentine: The Book of the Movie "The Argentine" Steven Soderbergh; \*ing Benicio del Toro as Che
- 16. Marx & Engels: A Biographical Introduction
- 17. Gerçekçi Ol Ýmkansýzý Ýste
- 18. Venceremos! The Speeches and Writings of Ernesto Che Guevara
- 19. Escritos revolucionarios
- 20. Che Guevara and the Cuban Revolution: Writings and Speeches of Ernesto Che Guevara
- 21. The Awakening of Latin America: A Classic Anthology of Che Guevara's Writing on Latin America
- 22. NOTAS DE VIAJE
- 23. Our America and Theirs: Kennedy and the Alliance for Progress The Debate on Free Trade
- 24. Reminiscences of the Cuban Revolutionary War: The Authorised Edition
- 25. Ernesto "Che" Guevara: Escritos y Discursos
- 26. The Diary of Che Guevara

"It would take a thousand years and a million pages to write Che's biography."

- Gabriel García Márquez

#### Books by others-

Best-sellers -3, Memoirs / accounts by Che's contemporaries- 19, Biographical- 32, Analysis / commentary -64, Comic books / graphic novels-9, Fictional novels -15, Photography -14, Travelogues- 10.

Media- Documentaries -34, Theatrical films-5, Avant-garde films-3, Musicals/plays- 11, Audio CDs-12;

**Academia**- Journal articles-24, Presented papers-4, Master Theses and Doctoral Dissertations-2.





# **NOTES (Wiki)**

- 1. The questions pertaining to "why there is anything at all?", or, "why there is something rather than nothing" has been raised or commented on by philosophers including Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Martin Heidegger who called it "the fundamental question of metaphysics". The question is posed comprehensively, rather than concerning the existence of anything specific such as the universe or multiverse, the Big Bang, mathematical laws, physical laws, time, consciousness, or God. It can be seen as an open metaphysical question.
- 2. The Grand Design is a popular-science book written by physicists Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow and published by Bantam Books in 2010. The book examines the history of scientific knowledge about the universe and explains eleven-dimensional M-theory. The authors of the book point out that a Unified Field Theory (a theory, based on an early model of the universe, proposed by Albert Einstein and other physicists) may not exist. It argues that invoking God is not necessary to explain the origins of the universe, and that the Big Bang is a consequence of the laws of physics alone.
- 3. The English word \*\*ivilization\* comes from the 16th-century French \*\*ivilized\*\* ("civilized\*"), from Latin \*\*Latin \*\*ivilized\*\* ("civilized\*), from Latin \*\*Latin \*\*ivilized\*\* ("civilized\*), from Latin \*\*Latin \*\*
- 4. A cradle of civilization is a location where civilization is understood to have independently emerged. The Fertile Crescent (Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt) and Ancient India are believed to be the earliest, while Ancient China emerged somewhat later. The extent to which there was significant influence between the early civilizations of the Near East and those of East Asia (Far East) is disputed. Scholars accept the fact that the civilizations of Mesoamerica, those that mainly existed in modern-day Mexico, and the civilization in Norte Chico, a region in the north-central coastal region of Peru, emerged independently from those in the Old World.
- 5. The Age of Discovery, or the Age of Exploration (sometimes also, particularly regionally, Age of Contact or Contact Period), is an informal and loosely defined term for the early modern period approximately from the beginning of the 15th century until the middle of the 17th century in European history. In this period which extensive overseas exploration, led by the Portuguese, emerged as a powerful factor in European culture, most notably the European rediscovery of the Americas. It also marks an increased adoption of colonialism as a national policy in Europe. Several lands previously unknown to Europeans were discovered by them during this period, though most were already inhabited. European exploration outside the Mediterranean started with the Portuguese discoveries of the Atlantic archipelagos of Madeira and Azores in 1419 and 1427 respectively, then the coast of West Africa after 1434 until the establishment of the sea route to India in 1498 by Vasco da Gama.
- 6. The **Sierra de la Plata** ("Silver Mountains") was a mythical source of silver in the interior of South America. The legend began in the early 16th century when castaways from the Juan Díaz de Solís expedition heard indigenous stories of a mountain of silver in an inland region ruled by the so-called White King. The first European to lead an expedition in search of it was the castaway Aleixo Garcia, who crossed nearly the entire continent to reach the Andean altiplano. On his way back to the coast, Garcia died in an ambush by indigenous tribespeople in Paraguay, but survivors brought precious metals back to corroborate their story.



- 7. The Río de la Plata ("river of silver")—named River Plate in British English and the Commonwealth and La Plata River (occasionally Plata River) in other English-speaking countries—is the estuary formed by the confluence of the Uruguay and the Paraná rivers at Punta Gorda. It empties into the Atlantic Ocean, forming a funnel-shaped indentation on the southeastern coastline of South AmericaThe coasts of the river are the most densely populated areas of Uruguay and Argentina.
- 8. Age of Enlightenment (also known as the Age of Reason or simply the Enlightenment) was an intellectual and philosophical movement that dominated the world of ideas in Europe during the 17th and 18th centuries. French historians traditionally date its beginning with the death of Louis XIV of France in 1715 until the 1789 outbreak of the French Revolution. The ideas of the Enlightenment undermined the authority of the monarchy and the Catholic Church and paved the way for the political revolutions of the 18th and 19th centuries.
- 9. World War I (or the First World War, often abbreviated as WWI or WW1) was a global war originating in Europe that lasted from 28 July 1914 to 11 November 1918. Contemporaneously known as the Great War or "the war to end all wars", it led to the mobilization of more than 70 million military personnel, including 60 million Europeans, making it one of the largest wars in history. It is also one of the deadliest conflicts in history, with an estimated 9 million combatant deaths and 13 million civilian deaths as a direct result of the war, while resulting genocides and the related 1918 Spanish flu pandemic caused another 17–100 million deaths worldwide, including an estimated 2.64 million Spanish flu deaths in Europe and as many as 675,000 Spanish flu deaths in the United States.
- 10. Leopoldo Antonio Lugones Argüello (13 June 1874 18 February 1938) was an Argentine poet, essayist, novelist, playwright, historian, professor, translator, biographer, philologist, theologian, diplomat, politician and journalist. His poetic writings are often considered to be the founding works of Spanish-language modern poetry. His short stories made him a crucial precursor and also a pioneer of both the fantastic and science fiction literature in Argentina.

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- 1. Ernesto "Che" Guevara (14 June, 1928 9 October, 1967) was an Argentine Marxist revolutionary, physician, author, guerrilla leader, diplomat, and military theorist. A major figure of the Cuban Revolution, his stylized visage has become a ubiquitous countercultural symbol of rebellion and global insignia in popular culture
- 2. (Mate or maté also known as *chimarrão* or *cimarrón*, is a traditional South American caffeine-rich infused drink. It is made by soaking dried leaves of the yerba mate plant in hot water and is served with a metal straw in a container typically made from calabash gourd. *Mate* was consumed by the Guaraní and Tupí peoples. It is the national beverage of Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay and is also consumed in the Bolivian Chaco, Southern Chile, Southern Brazil, Syria (the largest importer in the world) and Lebanon, where it was brought from Argentina by immigrants. The metal straw is known as a *bombilla* and is traditionally made of silver. A modern *bombilla* design uses a straight tube with holes, or a spring sleeve to act as a sieve. The container the *mate* is served in is also known as *mate*. It is commonly made from calabash gourd.)
- 3. (Asthma is characterized by recurrent episodes of wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and coughing. Sputum may be produced from the lung by coughing but is often hard to bring up. During recovery from an asthma attack (exacerbation), it may appear pus-like due to high levels of white blood cells called eosinophils. Symptoms are usually worse at night and in the early morning or in response to exercise or cold air.)
- 4. (The Infamous Decade ( Década Infame) was a period in Argentinian history that began with the 1930 coup d'état against President Hipólito Yrigoyen. This decade was marked by significant rural exodus, many small rural landowners ruined by the Great Depression, which in turn pushed the country towards import substitution industrialization. The poor results of economic policies



and popular discontent led to another coup in 1943, the Revolution of 1943, by the Grupo de Oficiales Unidos (GOU), a nationalist faction of the Armed Forces, which began the rise to power of Juan Perón.)

- 5. (The interwar period was the period between the end of the First World War on November 11, 1918 and the beginning of the Second World War on September 1, 1939. This period is also colloquially referred to as **Between the Wars**. Despite the relatively-short period of time, the period represented an era of significant changes worldwide. Petroleum-based energy production and associated mechanization expanded dramatically leading to the Roaring Twenties, a period of economic prosperity and growth for the middle class in North America, Europe, Asia and many other parts of the world. Automobiles, electric lighting, radio broadcasts and more became common among populations in the developed world. The indulgences of the era subsequently were followed by the Great Depression, an unprecedented worldwide economic downturn that severely damaged many of the world's largest economies.)
- 6. Ernesto Guevara was born to Ernesto Guevara Lynch and Celia de la Serna y Llosa, on 14 June 1928, in Rosario, Argentina. He was the eldest of five children in a upper-class Argentine family of Spanish (including Basque, Cantabrian) and Irish descent by the ancestor of his mother, Patrick Lynch. Through his father, he was a descendant of Luis María Peralta, an early 19th century Mayor of San Jose, California and prominent landowner in the Bay Area. Although Guevara's legal name on his birth certificate was "Ernesto Guevara", his name sometimes appears with "de la Serna" and/or "Lynch" accompanying it. Referring to Che's "restless" nature, his father declared "the first thing to note is that in my son's veins flowed the blood of the Irish rebels".
- 7. World War II (WWII or WW2), also known as the Second World War, was a global war that lasted from 1939 to 1945. It involved the vast majority of the world's countries—including all the great powers—forming two opposing military alliances: the Allies and the Axis. In a state of total war, directly involving more than 100 million personnel from more than 30 countries, the major participants threw their entire economic, industrial, and scientific capabilities behind the war effort, blurring the distinction between civilian and military resources. World War II was the deadliest conflict in human history, resulting in 70 to 85 million fatalities, with more civilians than military personnel killed. Tens of millions of people died due to genocides (including the Holocaust), premeditated death from starvation, massacres, and disease. Aircraft played a major role in the conflict, including in strategic bombing of population centres, the development of nuclear weapons, and the only two uses of such in war.
- 8. In 1912, President Roque Sáenz Peña enacted universal and secret male suffrage, which allowed Hipólito Yrigoyen, leader of the Radical Civic Union (or UCR), to win the 1916 election. He enacted social and economic reforms and extended assistance to small farms and businesses. Argentina stayed neutral during World War I. The second administration of Yrigoyen faced an economic crisis, precipitated by the Great Depression. In 1930, Yrigoyen was ousted from power by the military led by José Félix Uriburu. Although Argentina remained among the fifteen richest countries until mid-century, this coup d'état marks the start of the steady economic and social decline that pushed the country back into underdevelopment. Uriburu ruled for two years; then Agustín Pedro Justo was elected in a fraudulent election, and signed a controversial treaty with the United Kingdom. Argentina stayed neutral during World War II, a decision that had full British support but was rejected by the United States after the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1943 a military coup d'état, lead by General Arturo Rawson toppled the democratically elected government of Ramón Castillo. Under pressure from the United States, later Argentina declared war on the Axis Powers (on 27 March 1945, roughly a month before the end of World War II in Europe).
- **9. Peronism**, also called **justicialism** is an Argentine political movement based on the ideas and legacy of Argentine president Juan Perón (1895–1974). the general ideology has been described as "a vague blend of nationalism and labourism" or populism.
- 10. In 1948, Guevara entered the University of Buenos Aires to study medicine. His "hunger to explore the world" led him to intersperse his collegiate pursuits with two long introspective journeys that fundamentally changed the way he viewed himself and the



contemporary economic conditions in Latin America. The first expedition in 1950 was a 4,500-kilometer (2,800 mi) solo trip through the rural provinces of northern Argentina on a bicycle on which he installed a small engine. This was followed in 1951 by a ninemonth, 8,000-kilometer (5,000 mi) continental motorcycle trek through part of South America. For the latter, he took a year off from his studies to embark with his friend Alberto Granado, with the final goal of spending a few weeks volunteering at the San Pablo leper colony in Peru, on the banks of the Amazon River

- 11. Ernesto Sabato (June 24, 1911 April 30, 2011) was an Argentine novelist, essayist, painter and physicist. According to the BBC he "won some of the most prestigious prizes in Hispanic literature" and "became very influential in the literary world throughout Latin America". Upon his death El@país dubbed him the "last classic writer in Argentine literature"
- 12. Alberto Granado Jiménez (August 8, 1922 March 5, 2011) was an Argentine–Cuban biochemist, doctor, writer, and scientist. He was also the youthful friend and traveling companion of Che Guevara during their 1952 motorcycle tour in Latin America. Granado later founded the University of Santiago de Cuba School of Medicine. He authored the memoir *Traveling@with@Che@Guevara:@The Making@f@@evolutionary*, which served as a reference for the 2004 film *The@Motorcycle@iaries*, in which he was played by Rodrigo de la Serna. An elderly Alberto Granado makes a short appearance at the end of the film.
- 13. Lobería is a town in Buenos Aires Province, Argentina. It is the administrative centre for Lobería Partido.
- 14. Perón became Argentina's labour secretary after participating in the 1943 military coup and was elected president of Argentina in 1946. Perón was hugely popular and gained even more admiration through his wife Eva, who championed for the rights of migrant workers and was beloved by the people. Eva was so beloved that in 1949 Juan Perón formed the Female Peronist Party, a new wing within his own party under her leadership. Due to rising inflation and other economic problems, the military overthrew Perón in 1955. The Peronist party was banned and it was not until 1973 that open elections were held again in which Perón was again elected president.
- 15. Guevara learned chess from his father, and began participating in local tournaments by the age of 12. During adolescence and throughout his life he was passionate about poetry, especially that of Pablo Neruda, John Keats, Antonio Machado, Federico García Lorca, Gabriela Mistral, César Vallejo, and Walt Whitman. Rudyard Kipling's "If—" and José Hernández's Martín ierro by heart. The Guevara home contained more than 3,000 books, which allowed Guevara to be an enthusiastic and eclectic reader, with interests including Karl Marx, William Faulkner, André Gide, Emilio Salgari and Jules Verne. Additionally, he enjoyed the works of Jawaharlal Nehru, Franz Kafka, Albert Camus, Vladimir Lenin and Jean-Paul Sartre; as well as Anatole France, Friedrich Engels, H. G. Wells and Robert Frost
- **16.** Guevara's girlfriend, Chichina, was spending the summer with her upper-class family. Two days stretched into eight, and upon leaving, Chichina gave Guevara a gold bracelet.
- 17. In January 1952, Guevara's older friend, Alberto Granado, a biochemist, and Guevara, decided to take a year off from their medical studies to embark on a trip they had spoken of making for years: traversing South America on a motorcycle, which has metaphorically been compared to carbureted version of Don Quixote's Rocinante. Guevara and the 29-year-old Granado soon set off from Buenos Aires, Argentina, astride a 1939 Norton 500 cc motorcycle they named Larenderosall ("The Mighty II") with the idea of eventually spending a few weeks volunteering at the San Pablo Leper colony in Peru on the banks of the Amazon River. In total, the journey took Guevara through Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, and to Miami, before returning home to Buenos Aires
- **18.** The first stop: Miramar, Argentina, a small resort where Guevara's girlfriend, Chichina, was spending the summer with her upper-class family. Two days stretched into eight, and upon leaving, Chichina gave Guevara a gold bracelet. The two men crossed into Chile on



- February 14. At one point they introduced themselves as internationally renowned leprosy experts to a local newspaper, which wrote a glowing story about them. The travelers later used the press clipping as a way to score meals and other favors with locals along the way.
- 19. In reference to his experience in Chile, Guevara also writes: "The most important effort that needs to be done is to get rid of the uncomfortable 'Yankee-friend'. It is especially at this moment an immense task, because of the great amount of dollars they have invested here and the convenience of using economical pressure whenever they believe their interests are being threatened."
- **20. Nahuel Huapi Lake** (*Lago®Nahuel®Huapi*) is a lake in the lake region of northern Patagonia between the provinces of Río Negro and Neuquén, in Argentina. The tourist center of Bariloche is on the southern shore of the lake. The June 2011 eruption of the Puyehue-Cordón Caulle volcanic complex, in neighboring Chile, caused parts of the lake's surface to be blanketed in volcanic ash.
- 21. The Mapuche- are a group of indigenous inhabitants of present-day south-central Chile and southwestern Argentina, including parts of present-day Patagonia. The collective term refers to a wide-ranging ethnicity composed of various groups who shared a common social, religious, and economic structure, as well as a common linguistic heritage as Mapudungun speakers. Their influence once extended from Aconcagua Valley to Chiloé Archipelago and later spread eastward to Puelmapu, a land compromising part of the Argentine pampa and Patagonia. Today the collective group makes up over 80% of the indigenous peoples in Chile, and about 9% of the total Chilean population. The Mapuche are particularly concentrated in the Araucanía region. Many have migrated from rural areas to the cities of Santiago and Buenos Aires for economic opportunities.
- 22. Shortly before dawn, we came across a couple of drunks and did our brilliant "anniversary" routine. It goes like this: (1) One of us says something in a loud voice immediately identifying us as Argentine, something with a che in it and other typical expressions and pronounciation. The victim asks where we're from and we strike up a conversation. (2) We begin our tale of woe but don't make too much of it. (3) Then I butt in and ask what the date is. Someone says it and Alberto sighs and says: "What a coincidence, it was exactly a year ago." The victim asks what was a year ago, and we reply that that was when we started out on our trip. (4) Alberto then heaves a tremendous sigh and says, "Shame we're in such dire straits, we won't be able to celebrate." The victim immediately offers to pay, we pretend to refuse for a while saying we can't possibly pay him back, etc, then finally we accept. (5) After the first drink, I adamantly refuse another and Alberto makes fun of me. Our host gets annoyed and insists, I keep refusing but I won't say why. The victim keeps asking until I confess, rather shamefacedly, that in Argentina it's the custom to eat when we drink. Just how much we eat depends on what we think we can get away with, but the technique never fails.
- 23. Canasta (Spanish for "basket") is a card game of the rummy family of games believed to be a variant of 500 Rum. Although many variations exist for two, three, five or six players, it is most commonly played by four in two partnerships with two standard decks of cards. Players attempt to make melds of seven cards of the same rank and "go out" by playing all cards in their hand. It is "the most recent card game to have achieved worldwide status as a classic". The game of Canasta was devised by Segundo Santos and Alberto Serrato in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1939. In the 1940s the game quickly spread in myriad variations to Chile, Peru, Brazil and Argentina, where its rules were further refined before being introduced to the United States in 1949 by Josefina Artayeta de Viel (New York), where it was then referred to as the Argentine Rummy game by Ottilie H. Reilly in 1949 and Michael Scully of Coronet magazine in 1953, In 1949/51 the New York Regency Club wrote the Official Canasta Laws, which were published together with game experts from South America by the National Canasta Laws Commissions of the USA and Argentina.
- **24. Chuquicamata** is the largest open pit copper mine by excavated volume in the world. It is located in the north of Chile, just outside Calama at 2,850 m (9,350 ft) above sea level, 215 km (134 mi) northeast of Antofagasta and 1,240 km (770 mi) north of the capital, Santiago. It is the second deepest open-pit mine in the world after Bingham Canyon Mine in Utah, United States.



- 25. Peru officially the Republic of Peru is a country in western South America. It is bordered in the north by Ecuador and Colombia, in the east by Brazil, in the southeast by Bolivia, in the south by Chile, and in the south and west by the Pacific Ocean. Peru is a mega diverse country with habitats ranging from the arid plains of the Pacific coastal region in the west to the peaks of the Andes mountains extending from the north to the southeast of the country to the tropical Amazon Basin rainforest in the east with the Amazon river. At 1.28 million km² (0.5 million mi²), Peru is the 19th largest country in the world, and the third largest in South America.
- **26. Viracocha** is the great creator deity in the pre-Inca and Inca mythology in the Andes region of South America. Full name and some spelling alternatives are **Wiracocha**, **Apu Qun Tiqsi Wiraqutra**, and **Con-Tici**! (also spelled **Kon-Tiki**, the source of the name of Thor Heyerdahl's raft). Viracocha was one of the most important deities in the Inca pantheon and seen as the creator of all things, or the substance from which all things are created, and intimately associated with the sea.
- 27. Viracocha created the universe, sun, moon, and stars, time (by commanding the sun to move over the sky) and civilization itself. Viracocha was worshipped as god of the sun and of storms. He was represented as wearing the sun for a crown, with thunderbolts in his hands, and tears descending from his eyes as rain. In accord with the Inca cosmogony, Viracocha may be assimilated to Saturn, the "old god", the maker of time or "deus faber" (god maker), corresponding to the visible planet with the longest revolution around the sun.
- 28. Cusco, often spelled Cuzco -[EqTsqT]), is a city in southeastern Peru near the Urubamba Valley of the Andes mountain range. It is the capital of the Cusco Region and of the Cusco Province. The city is the seventh most populous in Peru, and, in 2017, it had a population of 428,450. Its elevation is around 3,400 m (11,200 ft). The city was the historic capital of the Inca Empire from the 13th century until the 16th-century Spanish conquest. In 1983, Cusco was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO with the title "City of Cuzco". It has become a major tourist destination, hosting nearly 2 million visitors a year. The Constitution of Peru (1993) designates it as the Historical Capital of Peru.
- 29. Hugo Pesce (17 June 1900 26 July 1969) was a Peruvian physician and left-wing activist.
- **30.** Iquitos- also known as City of Iquitos, is the capital city of Peru's Maynas Province and Loreto Region. The largest metropolis in the Peruvian Amazon, east of the Andes, it is the ninth-most populous city of Peru. It is known as the "capital of the Peruvian Amazon". The city is located in the Great Plains of the Amazon Basin, fed by the Amazon, Nanay, and Itaya rivers.
- **31.** Leticia is the southernmost city in the Republic of Colombia, capital of the department of Amazonas, Colombia's southernmost town (4.09° south 69.57° west) and one of the major ports on the Amazon river. It has an elevation of 96 meters (315') above sea level and an average temperature of 27 °C (80.6 °F). Leticia has long been Colombia's shipping point for tropical fish for the aquarium trade. Leticia has approximately 48,144 inhabitants on the left bank of the Amazon river, and is located at the point where Colombia, Brazil and Peru come together in an area called Tres Fronteras. A long-standing border dispute involving Leticia, between Colombia and Peru, was decided in 1934 by the League of Nations after these two nations were engulfed in an armed conflict known as the Colombia-Peru War.
- 32. Guevara's experience of the South American continent also helped to shape his revolutionary sensibilities. When discussing the plight of the downtrodden Indians of Peru, Granado discussed the formation of an Indian political party to begin a Túpac Amaru Indian Revolution. Guevara allegedly replied, "Revolution without firing a shot? You're crazy?. The journey was also formative in his political beliefs; for example, historian Paulo Drinot notes that the journey stimulated his sentiments of Pan-Americanism that would later shape his revolutionary behaviors.
- **33. Córdoba** is a city in central Argentina, in the foothills of the Sierras Chicas on the Suquía River, about 700 km (435 mi) northwest of the Buenos Aires. It is the capital of Córdoba Province and the second most populous city in Argentina after Buenos Aires, with



- about 1.3 million inhabitants according to the 2010 census. It was founded on 6 July 1573 by Jerónimo Luis de Cabrera, who named it after Córdoba, Spain.
- **34.** La Quiaca is a small city in the north of the province of Jujuy, Argentina, on the southern bank of the La Quiaca River, opposite the town of Villazón, Bolivia.
- 35. La Paz officially known as Nuestra Señora de La Paz "Our Lady of Peace"), also named Chugi Yapu
- **36.** On 7 July 1953, Guevara set out again, this time to Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. On 10 December 1953, before leaving for Guatemala, Guevara sent an update to his Aunt Beatriz from San José, Costa Rica. In the letter Guevara speaks of traversing the dominion of the United Fruit Company, a journey which convinced him that the Company's capitalist system was a terrible one.
- 37. Isla del Sol (Island™f™hetSun) is an island in the southern part of Lake Titicaca. It is part of Bolivia, and specifically part of the La Paz Department.
- **38.** Lake **Titicaca** -is a large, deep, freshwater lake in the Andes on the border of Bolivia and Peru, often called the "highest navigable lake" in the world. By volume of water and by surface area, it is the largest lake in South America.
- **39.** A **dictator** is a political leader who possesses absolute power. A dictatorship is a state ruled by one dictator or by a small clique. The word originated as the title of a magistrate in the Roman Republic appointed by the Senate to rule the republic in times of emergency (see Roman dictator and *justitium*). Like the term "tyrant" (which was originally a non-pejorative Ancient Greek title), and to a lesser degree "autocrat", "dictator" came to be used almost exclusively as a non-titular term for oppressive rule.
- **40. Bolivia** is a landlocked country located in western-central South America. The constitutional capital is Sucre, while the seat of government and executive capital is La Paz. The largest city and principal industrial center is Santa Cruz de la Sierra, located on the Llanos Orientales (tropical lowlands), a mostly flat region in the east of the country.
- **41. Peru** is the 19th largest country in the world, and the third largest in South America. Peruvian territory was home to several ancient cultures. Ranging from the Norte Chico civilization starting in 3500 BCE, the oldest civilization in the Americas and one of the five cradles of civilization, to the Inca Empire, the largest state in the pre-Columbian Americas, the territory now including Peru has one of the longest histories of civilization of any country, tracing its heritage back to the 4th millennia BCE.
- **42. Machu Picchu** is a 15th-century Inca citadel, located in the Eastern Cordillera of southern Peru, on a 2,430-metre (7,970 ft) mountain ridge. It is located in the Machupicchu District within Urubamba Province above the Sacred Valley, which is 80 kilometres (50 mi) northwest of Cuzco. The Urubamba River flows past it, cutting through the Cordillera and creating a canyon with a tropical mountain climate.
- 43. Ecuador officially the Republic of Ecuador (Spanish: República le Ecuador, which literally translates as "Republic of the Equator";
- **44.** Central America consists of seven countries: El Salvador, Costa Rica, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. Central America is a part of the Mesoamerican biodiversity hotspot, which extends from northern Guatemala to central Panama. Due to the presence of several active geologic faults and the Central America Volcanic Arc, there is a great deal of seismic activity in the region, such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, which has resulted in death, injury and property damage.
- 45. Guatemala officially the Republic of Guatemala (Spanish: República de Guatemala), is a country in Central America bordered by Mexico to the north and west, Belize and the Caribbean to the northeast, Honduras to the east, El Salvador to the southeast and the Pacific Ocean to the south. With an estimated population of around 17.2 million, it is the most populous country in Central America and has the 11th largest national population in the Americas. Guatemala is a representative democracy; its capital and



largest city is Nueva Guatemala de la Asunción, also known as Guatemala City. The core of the Maya civilization, which extended across Mesoamerica, was historically based in the territory of modern Guatemala. In the 16th century, most of this area was conquered by the Spanish and claimed as part of the viceroyalty of New Spain. Guatemala attained independence in 1821 as part of the Federal Republic of Central America, which dissolved by 1841

- **46. Hilda Gadea Acosta** (21 March 1925 11 February 1974) was a Peruvian economist, Communist leader, and author. She was Che Guevara's first wife. Gadea Acosta was Secretary of the Economy of the Executive National Committee for Alianza Popular Revolucionaria Americana (APRA, American Popular Revolutionary Alliance). Her activities in Peru led to her exile in 1948. She first met Guevara in Guatemala in December 1953. Gadea and Guevara moved to Mexico due to pressure from their politics. She introduced Guevara to several Cuban rebels. Gadea married Guevara in Mexico in September 1955, after learning she was pregnant. The marriage ended in a divorce in May 1959. They had a daughter named Hilda Beatriz "Hildita" Guevara Gadea, born February 1956 died (of cancer) 1995
- 47. McCarthyism is the practice of making accusations of subversion or treason, especially when related to communism, without any proper regard for evidence. The term refers to U.S. senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wisconsin) and has its origins in the period in the United States known as the Second Red Scare, lasting from the late 1940s through the 1950s. It was characterized by heightened political repression and a campaign spreading fear of communist influence on American institutions and of espionage by Soviet agents. After the mid-1950s, McCarthyism began to decline, mainly due to the gradual loss of public popularity and opposition from the U.S. Supreme Court led by Chief Justice Earl Warren. The Warren Court made a series of rulings that helped bring an end to McCarthyism
- 48. Cuba was inhabited by the Ciboney Taíno people from the 4th millennium BC until Spanish colonization in the 15th century. From the 15th century, it was a colony of Spain until the Spanish–American War of 1898, when Cuba was occupied by the United States and gained nominal independence as a *degacto* United States protectorate in 1902. As a fragile republic, in 1940 Cuba attempted to strengthen its democratic system, but mounting political radicalization and social strife culminated in a coup and subsequent dictatorship under Fulgencio Batista in 1952. Open corruption and oppression under Batista's rule led to his ousting in January 1959 by the 26th of July Movement, which afterwards established communist rule under the leadership of Fidel Castro.
- 49. Pre-Columbian Mexico traces its origins to 8,000 BC and is identified as one of six cradles of civilization; it was home to many advanced Mesoamerican civilizations, most well known among them the Maya and the Aztecs. In 1521, the Spanish Empire conquered and colonized the territory from its base in Mexico City, which then became known as New Spain. The Catholic Church played an important role as millions of indigenous inhabitants converted. These populations were heavily exploited to mine rich deposits of precious material, which became a major source of wealth for the Spanish. Mexico became an independent nation state after the successful Mexican War of Independence against Spain in 1821. The War of Texas Independence in 1836 and the Mexican—American War led to huge territorial losses in Mexico's sparsely populated north, contiguous to the United States. The newly instituted reforms that granted protection to indigenous communities, and curtailed the power of the military and the church, were enshrined in the Constitution of 1857. This triggered the War of the Reform and French intervention. Maximilian Habsburg was installed as emperor by France and Benito Juárez kept an opposing republican government in exile. The following decades were marked by instability and dictatorship of Porfirio Díaz, who sought to modernize Mexico and restore order. The Porfiriato ended with the Mexican Revolution in 1910 and the winning Constitutionalist faction drafted a new 1917 Constitution. The revolutionary generals of the winning northern faction dominated the 1920s and served as presidents, but the 1928 assassination of Alvaro Obregón led to the formation of the Institutional Revolutionary Party in 1929, under which Mexico was a de facto one-party state until 2000.



- **50. Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz** (-; 13 August 1926 25 November 2016) was a Cuban revolutionary and politician who served as Prime Minister of Cuba from 1959 to 1976 and president from 1976 to 2008. Ideologically a Marxist–Leninist and Cuban nationalist, he also served as the First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba from 1961 until 2011. Under his administration the Republic of Cuba became a one-party communist state; industry and business were nationalized, and state socialist reforms were implemented throughout society.
- 51. Karl Heinrich Marx (5 May 1818 14 March 1883) was a German philosopher, economist, historian, sociologist, political theorist, journalist and socialist revolutionary. Born in Trier, Germany, Marx studied law and philosophy at university. He married Jenny von Westphalen in 1843. Due to his political publications, Marx became stateless and lived in exile with his wife and children in London for decades, where he continued to develop his thought in collaboration with German thinker Friedrich Engels and publish his writings, researching in the reading room of the British Museum. His best-known titles are the 1848 pamphlet *The®Communist Manifesto* and the three-volume *Das®Kapital* (1867–1883). Marx's political and philosophical thought had enormous influence on subsequent intellectual, economic and political history. His name has been used as an adjective, a noun and a school of social theory.
- **52. Granma** is the yacht that was used to transport 82 fighters of the Cuban Revolution from Mexico to Cuba in November 1956 for the purpose of overthrowing the regime of Fulgencio Batista. The 60-foot (18 m) diesel-powered cabin cruiser was built in 1943 by Wheeler Shipbuilding of Brooklyn NY as a light armored target practice boat, US Navy C-1994 and modified postwar to accommodate 12 people. "Granma", in English, is an affectionate term for a grandmother; the yacht is said to have been named for the previous owner's grandmother.
- **53. José Julián Martí Pérez** January 28, 1853 May 19, 1895) was a Cuban poet, philosopher, essayist, journalist, translator, professor, and publisher, who is considered a Cuban national hero because of his role in the liberation of his country, and he was an important figure in Latin American literature. He was very politically active, and is considered an important revolutionary philosopher and political theorist. Through his writings and political activity, he became a symbol of Cuba's bid for independence from the Spanish Empire in the 19th century, and is referred to as the "Apostle of Cuban Independence".
- **54.** Mao Zedong December 26, 1893 September 9, 1976), also known as Chairman Mao, was a Chinese communist revolutionary who was the founder of the People's Republic of China (PRC), which he ruled as the chairman of the Communist Party of China from its establishment in 1949 until his death in 1976. Ideologically a Marxist–Leninist, his theories, military strategies, and political policies are collectively known as Maoism.
- **55. Fulgencio Batista y Zaldívar** born **Rubén Zaldívar**, January 16, 1901 August 6, 1973) was a Cuban military officer and politician who served as the elected President of Cuba from 1940 to 1944 and as its U.S.-backed dictator from 1952 to 1959, before being overthrown during the Cuban Revolution.
- **56. Cuban Revolution** was an armed revolt conducted by Fidel Castro's revolutionary 26th of July Movement and its allies against the military dictatorship of Cuban President Fulgencio Batista. The revolution began in July 1953, and continued sporadically until the rebels finally ousted Batista on 31 December 1958, replacing his government. 26 July 1953 is celebrated in Cuba as the *Dayanfahe Revolution Diadle and Revolución*). The 26th of July Movement later reformed along Marxist—Leninist lines, becoming the Communist Party of Cuba in October 1965
- 57. Aleida March Torres (born 19 October 1936) is a Cuban revolutionary who was Ernesto "Che" Guevara's second wife, and a member of Fidel Castro's Cuban army. Aleida March was an active combatant in Che Guevara's Lightning Campaign in December 1958. She was present at the battle for Las Villas in which Column 8 of the 26th of July Movement was ordered by Fidel Castro to paralyze the



occupying military forces of President Fulgencio Batista in the province. Her marriage with Che Guevara is reported to have happened both on 23 March 1959 and 2 June 1959, after his divorce from Hilda Gadea. A civil ceremony was held at La Cabaña military fortress. After the 2 June marriage, Guevara and Aleida went to Tarara, a seaside resort town 20 kilometers from Havana for their honeymoon. The couple had four children together: Aleida, Camilo, Celia, and Ernesto. She is the author of the book *Evocation* which is about her falling in love with and marrying Che Guevara, and raising their four children after his death. She also wrote *Remembering Che:@My@life@with@Che@Guevara*, published in 2012.

- 58. Camilo Cienfuegos Gorriarán -; 6 February 1932 28 October 1959) was a Cuban revolutionary born in Havana. Along with Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Juan Almeida Bosque, and Raúl Castro, he was a member of the 1956 *Granma* expedition, which launched Fidel Castro's armed insurgency against the government of Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista. He became one of Castro's top guerilla commanders, known as the "Hero of Yaguajay" after winning a key battle of the Cuban Revolution. His signature weapons were a M1921 AC Thompson and a modified M2 carbine. He was appointed head of Cuba's armed forces shortly after the victory of Castro's rebel army in 1959. He was presumed dead when a small plane he was traveling in disappeared during a night flight from Camagüey to Havana later that year. Many have speculated and conspiracies have arisen concerning his mysterious disappearance. Cienfuegos, whose name translates in English to "a hundred fires," is revered in Cuba as a hero of the Revolution, with monuments, memorials, and an annual celebration in his honor.
- 59. Cuba—United States relations are bilateral relations between the Republic of Cuba and the United States of America. Cuba and the United States restored diplomatic relations on 20 July 2015, relations which had been severed in 1961 during the Cold War. U.S. diplomatic representation in Cuba is handled by the United States Embassy in Havana, and there is a similar Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C. The United States, however, continues to maintain its commercial, economic, and financial embargo, making it illegal for U.S. corporations to do business with Cuba. The hold of the Spanish Empire on possessions in the Americas was reduced in the 1820s as a result of the Spanish American wars of independence; only Cuba and Puerto Rico remained under Spanish rule until the Spanish—American War (1898) that resulted from the Cuban War of Independence. Under the Treaty of Paris, Cuba became a U.S. protectorate from 1898–1902; the U.S. gained a position of economic and political dominance over the island, which persisted after it became formally independent in 1902. Following the Cuban Revolution of 1959, bilateral relations deteriorated substantially. In October 1960, the U.S. imposed and subsequently tightened a comprehensive set of restrictions and bans against the Cuban government, ostensibly in retaliation for the nationalization of U.S. corporations' property by Cuba. In 1961, the U.S. severed diplomatic ties with Cuba and engaged in a campaign of terrorist attacks and covert operations in an attempt to bring down the Cuban government. The 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion, the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, and American efforts to stand up to Fidel Castro's attempts to spread communism throughout Latin America and Africa, are main highlights of U.S. antagonism towards Cuba during the Cold War, although Nixon, Ford, Kennedy, and Johnson resorted to back-channel talks with the Cuban government during the Cold War
- 60. The Cuban Missile Crisis, also known as the October Crisis of 1962 (Spanish: Crisis@e@ctubre), the Caribbean Crisis -or the Missile Scare, was a 1 month, 4 days (16 October 20 November 1962) confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union which escalated into an international crisis when American deployments of missiles in Italy and Turkey were matched by Soviet deployments of similar ballistic missiles in Cuba. The confrontation is often considered the closest the Cold War came to escalating into a full-scale nuclear war.
- 61. After several days of tense negotiations, an agreement was reached between Kennedy and Khrushchev. Publicly, the Soviets would dismantle their offensive weapons in Cuba and return them to the Soviet Union, subject to United Nations verification, in exchange for a US public declaration and agreement to not invade Cuba again. Secretly, the United States agreed that it would dismantle all of the Jupiter MRBMs, which had been deployed in Turkey against the Soviet Union. There has been debate on whether or not Italy was



included in the agreement as well. When all offensive missiles and the Ilyushin II-28 light bombers had been withdrawn from Cuba, the blockade was formally ended on November 20, 1962. The negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union pointed out the necessity of a quick, clear, and direct communication line between the two Superpowers. As a result, the Moscow–Washington hotline was established. A series of agreements later reduced US–Soviet tensions for several years until both parties eventually resumed expanding their nuclear arsenals.

- **62. Jorge José Ricardo Masetti Blanco** (31 May 1929 ?), also known as "Commander Segundo", was an Argentinean journalist and guerrilla leader. Born in Avellaneda, Masetti entered the jungle at Salta and after 21 April 1964 was not heard from again. He was the founder and the first director of the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina, and became the leader of one of Argentina's first guerrilla organizations, the Guevarist People's Guerrilla Army.
- 63. "Hasta Siempre, Comandante," ("Until Forever, Commander" in English) or simply "Hasta Siempre," is a 1965 song by Cuban composer Carlos Puebla. The song's lyrics are a reply to revolutionary Che Guevara's farewell letter when he left Cuba, in order to foster revolution in the Congo and later Bolivia, where he was captured and killed. The lyrics recount key moments of the Cuban Revolution, describing Che Guevara and his role as a revolutionary commander. The song became iconic after Guevara's death, and many left-leaning artists did their own cover versions of the song afterwards. The title is a part of Guevara's well known saying "¡Hasta ala victoria in the Cuban Revolution artists did their own cover versions of the song afterwards. The title is a part of Guevara's well known saying "¡Hasta ala victoria in the Cuban Revolution are revolutionary commander. The song became iconic after Guevara's well known saying "¡Hasta ala victoria in the Cuban Revolution in the Congo and later Bolivia, where he was captured and killed. The lyrics recount key moments of the Cuban Revolution, describing Che Guevara and his role as a revolutionary commander. The song became iconic after Guevara's death, and many left-leaning artists did their own cover versions of the song afterwards. The title is a part of Guevara's well known saying "¡Hasta ala victoria in the Cuban Revolution in the Congo and later Bolivia, where he was captured and killed. The lyrics recount key moments of the Cuban Revolution in the Congo and later Bolivia, where he was captured and killed. The lyrics recount key moments of the Cuban Revolution in the Congo and later Bolivia, where he was captured and killed. The lyrics recount key moments of the Cuban Revolution in the Congo and later Bolivia, where he was captured and killed. The lyrics recount key moments of the Cuban Revolution in the Congo and later Bolivia, where he was captured and killed. The lyrics recount key moments of the Cuban Revolution in the Cuban Revolution in the Cuban Revolution in th
- 64. Che wrote a letter to Fidel Castro- Congo, 5/10/65- Dear Fidel- I received your letter, which has aroused contradictory feelings in me for in the name of proletarian internationalism, we are committing mistakes that may prove very costly. I am also personally worried that, either because I have failed to write with sufficient seriousness or because you do not fully understand me, I may be thought to be suffering from the terrible disease of groundless pessimism. When your Greek gift [Emilio Aragones, a member of the Cuban central committee] arrived here, he told me that one of my letters had given the impression of a condemned gladiator, and the [Cuban health] minister [Jose Ramon Machado Ventura], in passing on your optimistic message, confirmed the opinion that you were forming.
- Guevara's first base camp was located in the montane dry forest in the remote Nancahuazú region. Training at the camp in the Nancahuazú valley proved to be hazardous, and little was accomplished in way of building a guerrilla army. The Argentine-born East German operative Haydée Tamara Bunke Bider, better known by her nom@de@guerre "Tania", had been installed as Che's primary agent in La Paz. Guevara's guerrilla force, numbering about 50 men and operating as the ELN (Ejército@de@liberación@Nacional@de Bolivia, "National Liberation Army of Bolivia"), was well equipped and scored a number of early successes against Bolivian army regulars in the difficult terrain of the mountainous Camiri region during the early months of 1967. As a result of Guevara's units' winning several skirmishes against Bolivian troops in the spring and summer of 1967, the Bolivian government began to overestimate the true size of the guerrilla force.
- 66. Félix Rodríguez, a Cuban exile turned CIA Special Activities Division operative, advised Bolivian troops during the hunt for Guevara in Bolivia. In addition, the 2007 documentary MyEnemy'sEnemy alleges that Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie advised and possibly helped the CIA orchestrate Guevara's eventual capture. On 7 October 1967, an informant apprised the Bolivian Special Forces of the location of Guevara's guerrilla encampment in the Yuro ravine. On the morning of 8 October, they encircled the area with two companies numbering 180 soldiers and advanced into the ravine triggering a battle where Guevara was wounded and taken prisoner while leading a detachment with Simeón Cuba Sarabia. Che's biographer Jon Lee Anderson reports Bolivian Sergeant Bernardino Huanca's account: that as the Bolivian Rangers approached, a twice-wounded Guevara, his gun rendered useless, threw up his arms in surrender and shouted to the soldiers: "Do not shoot! I am Che Guevara and I am worth more to you alive than dead



- 67. Sergeant Terán entered the hut to shoot him, whereupon Guevara reportedly stood up and spoke to Terán what were his last words: "I know you've come to kill me. Shoot, coward! You are only going to kill a man!" Terán hesitated, then pointed his self-loading M2 carbine at Guevara and opened fire, hitting him in the arms and legs. Then, as Guevara writhed on the ground, apparently biting one of his wrists to avoid crying out, Terán fired another burst, fatally wounding him in the chest. Guevara was pronounced dead at 1:10 pm local time according to Rodríguez. In all, Guevara was shot nine times by Terán. This included five times in his legs, once in the right shoulder and arm, and once in the chest and throat
- 68. A declassified memorandum dated 11 October 1967 to United States President Lyndon B. Johnson from his National Security Advisor Walt Whitman Rostow, called the decision to kill Guevara "stupid" but "understandable from a Bolivian standpoint". After the execution, Rodríguez took several of Guevara's personal items, including a watch which he continued to wear many years later, often showing them to reporters during the ensuing years. Today, some of these belongings, including his flashlight, are on display at the CIA. After a military doctor dismembered his hands, Bolivian army officers transferred Guevara's body to an undisclosed location and refused to reveal whether his remains had been buried or cremated. The hands were sent to Buenos Aires for fingerprint identification. They were later sent to Cuba.
- Guevara's corpse lay near a Vallegrande airstrip. The result was a multi-national search for the remains, which lasted more than a year. In July 1997 a team of Cuban geologists and Argentine forensic anthropologists discovered the remnants of seven bodies in two mass graves, including one man without hands (as Guevara would have been). Bolivian government officials with the Ministry of Interior later identified the body as Guevara when the excavated teeth "perfectly matched" a plaster mold of Che's teeth made in Cuba prior to his Congolese expedition. The "clincher" then arrived when Argentine forensic anthropologist Alejandro Inchaurregui inspected the inside hidden pocket of a blue jacket dug up next to the handless cadaver and found a small bag of pipe tobacco. Nino de Guzman, the Bolivian helicopter pilot who had given Che a small bag of tobacco, later remarked that he "had serious doubts" at first and "thought the Cubans would just find any old bones and call it Che"; but "after hearing about the tobacco pouch, I have no doubts."
- 70. Guevara has been sanctified by some Bolivian campesinos as "Saint Ernesto", who pray to him for assistance. In contrast, Guevara remains a hated figure amongst many in the Cuban exile and Cuban-American community of the United States, who view him as "the butcher of La Cabaña". Despite this polarized status, a high-contrast monochrome graphic of Che's face, created in 1968 by Irish artist Jim Fitzpatrick, became a universally merchandized and objectified image, found on an endless array of items, including T-shirts, hats, posters, tattoos, and bikinis, contributing to the consumer culture Guevara despised. Yet, he still remains a transcendent figure both in specifically political contexts and as a wide-ranging popular icon of youthful rebellion

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- 1. The discovery of Che's remains metonymically activated a series of interlinked associations—rebel, martyr, rogue figure from a picaresque adventure, savior, renegade, extremist—in which there was no fixed divide among them. The current court of opinion places Che on a continuum that teeters between viewing him as a misguided rebel, a coruscatingly brilliant guerrilla philosopher, a poet-warrior jousting at windmills, a brazen warrior who threw down the gauntlet to the bourgeoisie, the object of fervent paeans to his sainthood, or a mass murderer clothed in the guise of an avenging angel whose every action is imbricated in violence—the archetypal Fanatical Terrorist. Dr. Peter McLaren, author of Che Guevara, Paulo Freire, and the Pedagogy of Revolution
- 2. Guevara's life and legacy remain contentious. The perceived contradictions of his ethos at various points in his life have created a complex character of duality, one who was "able to wield the pen and submachine gun with equal skill", while prophesying that "the



most important revolutionary ambition was to see man liberated from his alienation". Guevara's paradoxical standing is further complicated by his array of seemingly diametrically opposed qualities. A secular humanist and sympathetic practitioner of medicine who did not hesitate to shoot his enemies, a celebrated internationalist leader who advocated violence to enforce a utopian philosophy of the collective good, an idealistic intellectual who loved literature but refused to allow dissent, an anti-imperialist Marxist insurgent who was radically willing to forge a poverty-less new world on the apocalyptic ashes of the old one, and finally, an outspoken anticapitalist whose image has been commoditized. Che's history continues to be rewritten and re-imagined. Moreover, sociologist Michael Löwy contends that the many facets of Guevara's life (i.e. doctor and economist, revolutionary and banker, military theoretician and ambassador, deep thinker and political agitator) illuminated the rise of the "Che myth", allowing him to be invariably crystallized in his many metanarrative roles as a "Red Robin Hood, Don Quixote of communism, new Garibaldi, Marxist Saint Just, Cid Campeador of the Wretched of the Earth, Sir Galahad of the beggars ... and Bolshevik devil who haunts the dreams of the rich, kindling braziers of subversion all over the world"

- **3.** La Higuera Spanish for 'The Fig Tree') is a small village in Bolivia located in the Province of Vallegrande, in the Department of Santa Cruz. It is situated in the La Higuera Canton (civil parish) belonging to the Pucará Municipality.
- 4. Ernesto Guevara was born to Ernesto Guevara Lynch and Celia de la Serna y Llosa, on 14 June 1928, in Rosario, Argentina. He was the eldest of five children in an upper-class Argentine family of Spanish (including Basque, Cantabrian) and Irish descent by the ancestor of his mother, Patrick Lynch. Through his father, he was a descendant of Luis María Peralta, an early 19th century Mayor of San Jose, California and prominent landowner in the Bay Area. Although Guevara's legal name on his birth certificate was "Ernesto Guevara", his name sometimes appears with "de la Serna" and/or "Lynch" accompanying it. Referring to Che's "restless" nature, his father declared "the first thing to note is that in my son's veins flowed the blood of the Irish rebels"
- 5. Nelson Mandela referred to him as "an inspiration for every human being who loves freedom", while Jean-Paul Sartre described him as "not only an intellectual but also the most complete human being of our age". Others who have expressed their admiration include authors Graham Greene, who remarked that Guevara "represented the idea of gallantry, chivalry, and adventure", and Susan Sontag, who supposed that "[Che's] goal was nothing less than the cause of humanity itself." In the Pan-African community philosopher Frantz Fanon professed Guevara to be "the world symbol of the possibilities of one man", while Black Power leader Stokely Carmichael eulogized that "Che Guevara is not dead, his ideas are with us." Praise has been reflected throughout the political spectrum, with libertarian theorist Murray Rothbard extolling Guevara as a "heroic figure" who "more than any man of our epoch or even of our century, was the living embodiment of the principle of revolution", while journalist Christopher Hitchens reminisced that "[Che's] death meant a lot to me and countless like me at the time, he was a role model, albeit an impossible one for us bourgeois romantics insofar as he went and did what revolutionaries were meant to do—fought and died for his beliefs.
- 6. The term *happiness* is used in the context of mental or emotional states, including positive or pleasant emotions ranging from contentment to intense joy. It is also used in the context of life satisfaction, subjective well-being, eudaimonia, flourishing and well-being. Since the 1960s, happiness research has been conducted in a wide variety of scientific disciplines, including gerontology, social psychology and positive psychology, clinical and medical research and happiness economics.







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Chivalrous, cheerful, charming, hot and cold macho man, Heavy built with a lit Havana cigar between his hot lips, Ernesto Guevara an epitome of violent rebellion,

Galahad of the beggars or Robespierre of Revolution,
Utopian philosopher and Don Quixote of Communism,
Extreme radical and a head-strong Messiah like figure,
Vile cold blooded killer, new Garibaldi or Bolshevik devil,
Anti-capitalist with commoditized images and intellectual,
Red Robin Hood, or butcher of La Cabana, Who were you?
A man full of hatred, or the archetypal fanatical terrorist!

Chasing a dream with chastity belt on a motor cycle, Holding his head high even in asthmatic death oracle, El Che was a chaser and purchaser of life in death;

Gradating graciously from doctor to gaucho soldier,
Unique ubiquitous utopian ultra mundane thinker,
Ernestito to Ernesto to everlasting enchanting fighter,
Vivacious, vibrant, virile, virtuoso, victor and visionary,
Arch enemy of oppressive imperialism and slavery,
Radical thinker with raw anger against the enemy race,
A guiding star in the path of the revolutionary space!

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