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Sommario/riassunto	Among the multiple repercussions of the Discovery of the West Indies for the world, we will be especially interested here in the way in which it was translated in terms of responsibility for Spain. At a time when we still do not know everything about the real extent of the lands glimpsed by Columbus, the Alexandrian Bulles indeed assign to the Catholic Kings a spiritual mission towards the peoples who are there, while delegating for this purpose to the sovereigns the temporal government of what will soon be perceived as a New World. The forms that this domination takes on the ground, in particular by causing the rapid reduction of the population of the Antilles, raise questions about the Indians and about the right of the Crown to enslave them. The debate on the nature of Indians and their ability to reason takes on its meaning in this context: it is a question of justifying foreign domination by the barbarism attributed to the vanquished, or, conversely, of questioning it by a defense of the rights of the natives. The challenge to the conquest is never on the merits - the Spanish guardianship is unanimously deemed desirable to varying degrees - but on the way of proceeding of the conquistadores and enco-menderos that we now

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