



The history of chocolate

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If you can't imagine life without chocolate, you are you weren't born before the 16th century.

Until then chocolate only in Mesoamerica in a form quite different from what we know.

As far back as 1900 BCE, the people of that region had learned to prepare the of the native cacao tree.

The earliest record tells us the beans were ground and mixed with and chili peppers to a drink. Not a relaxing cup of hot cocoa, but a bitter invigorating concoction frothing with foam. As if you we make a big deal about chocolate today the Mesoamericans had us beat.

They that cacao was a heavenly food gifted to humans by a feathered god known to the Maya as Kukulcan and to the Aztecs as Quetzacoatl. Aztecs used cacao beans as currency and drank chocolate at feasts, gave it to as a reward for success in battle and used it in