

## **Abstrakt (in English)**

The aim of this thesis is to document the Pre-Columbian understanding of the world based on the early colonial text *Historia general de las cosas de Nueva España*. The author of this book is a Franciscan Friar Bernardino de Sahagún, for that reason I also focus in the introductory chapters of this thesis on the Franciscan activity in the area of the former „Aztec Empire“ straight after the conquest. To provide a complete introduction into the context I also include basic information about the Aztec civilization before the arrival of the Spaniards and about the dramatic encounter of these two cultures. The core of my work is a summary and an analysis of *Historia general*. In this thesis the Pre-Columbian culture is presented through its two aspects – the spiritual and the „mundane“. The content of the thesis provides information about the significance of the gods in the life of the Aztecs, the rituals dedicated to them, political administration of the „empire“ but as well for example the education of the young girls and boys in the Aztec society. Based on the analysis of the Sahagún's text I also mention the distortion of some parts of the text and I point out the necessity for critical reading of his work.