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Cover illustration: **Above:** Panoramic view showing the Guadalupe Church -1770- and Panteón (cemetery) in the surroundings of the Real de Catorce, a town enclosed by mainly Middle Jurassic silicilastics and Upper Jurassic carbonate rocks. Real de Catorce –the magical town hidden by relief– is the greater and more important human settlement in the Sierra de Catorce, where rituals by Wixaric or Huixol people occur from ancestral times, as one of the Wirikuta areas; relevant mining activities were during X18th and 19th centuries; and touristic development at present. Upper right inset showing Tithonian macroconchiate *Hybonoticer* in place.

**Below:** Old mountain-track, and present road, in the Mexican Altiplano, Sierra de Catorce region.

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