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2012 PHENOMENON

The 2012 phenomenon comprises a range of eschatological beliefs according to which cataclysmic or transformative events will occur on 12-21-2012. This date is regarded as the end-date of a 5,125-year-long cycle in the Mesoamerican Long Count calendar. Various astronomical alignments and numerological formulae have been proposed as pertaining to this date, though none have been accepted by mainstream scholarship.

A New Age interpretation of this transition is that this date marks the start of time in which Earth and its inhabitants may undergo a positive physical or spiritual transformation, and that 2012 may mark the beginning of a new era. Others suggest that the 2012 date marks the end of the world or a similar catastrophe. Scenarios suggested for the end of the world include the arrival of the next solar maximum, an interaction between Earth and the black hole at the center of the galaxy, or Earth's collision with a planet called "Nibiru".

Scholars from various disciplines have dismissed the idea of such cataclysmic events occurring in 2012. Professional Mayanist scholars state that predictions of impending doom are not found in any of the extant classic Maya accounts, and that the idea that the Long Count calendar "ends" in 2012 misrepresents Maya history and culture. Astronomers and other scientists have rejected the proposals as pseudoscience, stating that they conflict with simple astronomical observations and amount to "a distraction from more important science concerns, such as global warming and loss of biological diversity."

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Exodus 4:16, "And he shall speak for thee to the people, and he shall be thy mouth, and thou shalt be for him in things pertaining to God."

Maya Prophecy 2012

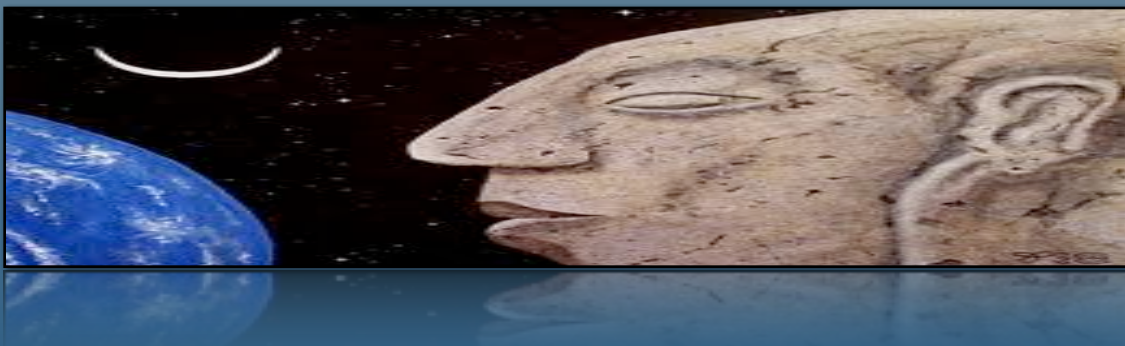


*Tzuhtz-(a)h-oom u(y)-uxlahuun pik (ta) Chan Ahaw, ux(-te')
Uniiw. Uht-oom ? Y-em(al) (?) Bolon Yookte' K'uh ta (?). ("The
thirteenth pik will be finished (on) Four Ahaw, the third of
K'ank'in. ? will occur. (?) the Nine Foot Tree God(s) to (?).")** 2

The world will not end on 12-21-2012, at least not according to the Maya, who knew about as much about our planet's future demise as Gordon-Michael Scallion, St. Malachy, Edgar Cayce, Zecharia Sitchin, or Nostradamus, namely, nothing. The Maya had zero, zilch, nada, mix bá'al to say about the hoax planet Nibiru or the end of the world.

Maya urban culture, known as the Classic Period, flourished from about 250 CE until around 900 CE in Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula and parts of Central America. During this period the Maya built temples and monuments, created numerous works of art and writings, continued their astronomical observations, and built a network of cities. These cities lay buried under jungle growth for centuries. Excavation in Guatemala indicates Maya culture was quite advanced as early as 200 to 150 BCE.

One of the important discoveries from the Yucatan ruins is that the Maya had several calendars. One is known as the Long Count calendar, which is reset to day 0 every 1,872,000 days, a period known as The Great Circle (Diamond 2005: 167). The next reset date, by some calculations, is December 21, 2012. Obviously, this calendar is of no interest to the Maya any longer, since their civilization collapsed over a thousand years ago. (Though there are people today who are the descendants of the Maya and the culture lives on through them.*) Nevertheless, this date is of enormous interest to certain doomsday prophets and New Age astrologers, such as John Calleman, who are spreading the good news either that the Maya knew the date when the world would end or they knew the date when a New Age of Transformation would begin.* (The Mayan glyphs and hieroglyphs aren't crystal clear about what the calendar means.) Too bad they couldn't predict their own collapse.



According to Jared Diamond,

The famous Maya Long Count calendar begins on August 11, 3114 B.C. Just as our own calendar begins on January 1 of the first year of the Christian era. Presumably, the Maya attached some significance to their own day zero, but we don't know what it was. (Diamond 2005: 167)

There was no writing in the New World until 2,500 years after the Maya year zero but there is evidence of agriculture in Mesoamerica from about the time of day zero on the Maya calendar. This could be just a coincidence, since the areas where agriculture first emerged were not the areas where the Maya would



The Maya Long Count calendar is based on a complex system of units ranging from days (*kin*) to 144,000 days (*baktun*).

Whatever virtues the Classic Maya culture might have had, predicting the future seems an unlikely one. This fact has not stopped some very bizarre speculation about Maya astronomy. The speculators should ask themselves what is the likelihood that a civilization that couldn't use its vast knowledge to save itself from self-destruction was concerned with predicting what would happen in a future millennium? The Maya leaders couldn't see far enough into the future to plan for and solve their own problems which they faced: overpopulation, destruction of their own environment, farming techniques and deforestation that depleted soil nutrients, droughts (partly brought on by their deforestation programs), and so on. Why should we think the Maya prophets would be any better at seeing the distant future than the Hebrew prophets or Nostradamus?



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