

Synthesize 2012 – Cycles of Integration

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Through synthesizing my knowledge of Western and Eastern Astrology with my study of the Mayan Calendar, my commitment to meditation, healing, and the study of metaphysics for over thirty-five years, I might shed light on the phenomena behind the Mesoamerican's Astronomers ending their calculation of their main Calendar, the Long Count, which started August 11, 3114, B.C., and ending December 21, 2012 A.D., the Precession of the Equinoxes and various basic planetary movements.

The Mesoamericans, as well as other cultures and astronomers such as the Babylonians, Hebrew Rabbis, Egyptians, Far and Middle East astronomers, were able to observe the sky with their naked eyes, calculating the planetary positions with amazing accuracy without instruments or computers. The Tzolkin systems of 13 days are intertwined with 20 mostly animal symbols. The system of block of time with a 260 day cycle (Katun) moves into a larger cycle (Baktun). Venus became a planet of detailed observation with precise calculation of her phase of 584 days. Tzolkin is the most known, popular, and practiced Calendar system that we refer to in our time and is used in similar ways as in our Western and Eastern Astrological systems. Only shamans, priests, nobles, and painters were allowed to study the sky 5,000 years ago. Now anyone might find solace and comfort in the study of the Mayan symbols and belief systems as many are concerned since their end date is rapidly approaching.

The most important synthesis of the Maya concept of the end date of December 21, 2012 is the two simultaneous facts of the ending of the 13 Buktuns (Long Count of 5,125 block of time) and the alignment of the Galactic Equator with the Winter Solstice Sun on the Zodiac Belt, the ecliptic. This alignment becomes crucial as it is related to The Precession of the Equinoxes (also related to the Solstices) – only to occur every 25, 625 years (5,125 x 5). The Precession of the Equinoxes is the Earth's movement created by a backward movement around the ecliptic. This backward movement takes about 2,150 years to process from Aries, to Pisces and into Aquarius. Yes, the Aquarian Age is involved with the Earth's axis swaying clockwise west in a slow circle, and were observed closely by the Mesoamerican's astronomers. The Greek philosopher Plato observed this precession of the equinoxes and is defined as the Platonic Year or the Great Year. The fundamental difference of the Western (what most of you are familiar with) and the Eastern (Joytish, or Far East Indian) astrology has a 23° difference of the planetary picture. This 23° distance between the Celestial Equator and the Ecliptic has widened the last 26,000 years and is an important factor as we embark on the study of the sky and how it affects us here on Earth. We have to be sensitive in observing global climate changes – and who to blame! Roughly 20,000 years ago, 99% of Canada was covered by ice. An enormity of another phase or melt down is occurring which takes a lot of "effort" on our part to observe or participate in. We will get to the end of the 13 Baktun in a minute, but first we have to clarify some contradictions or

debates in literature. Not only are there debates if the end is 4-Ahau (December 21, 2012) or 13-Ahau (October 28, 2011), we also need to clarify when the alignment of the Precession of the Equinoxes will coincide with the Winter Solstice Sun. And can we know for sure?

There is a fundamental but important debate today about the phenomena of the 2012 concept. Much of the Mesoamerican's information was destroyed by the Spanish Inquisition and their villages were deserted before that. Many archeologists are at a loss with their facts and data. However, it is also known that the Maya Elders kept their records in tact and kept their rituals. Maya expert and author of *The Mayan Calendar and the Transformation of Consciousness*, Carl Johan Calleman, Pd.D. agrees that August 11, 3114 B.C. is the start date of the Tzolkin calendar but firmly attests the end date as February 28, 2011. He bases his facts from years of research of the Maya and Quiche traditions and from Elder Shaman Don Alexandro Oxiaj.

In the book, *How to Practice Mayan Astrology, the Tzolkin Calendar and Your Life Path*, Bruce Scofield and Barry Orr include an extended "Mayan Almanac," 1920-2020. This table indicates December 21, 2012 as the Katun (day-sign) 4-Ahau. The following quote from their book doesn't seem to fit the current world affair – "In the past, this Katun coincided with a measure of stability in the world and also with significant advances in communications and information storage." (1) Their description of Katun 13-Ahau however might be applicable in where the World at large is heading – "Total collapse occurs, and everything is lost. This Katun is the time of the judgment of God, epidemics, plagues and then famines takes place. Governments are lost to foreigners." (2)

In John Major Jenkins, book, *Galactic Alignment, the Transformation of Consciousness According to Mayan, Egyptian and Vedic Traditions*, he focuses more on the phenomena of The Precession of the Equinox and the Galactic Equator. Jenkins states the Tzolkin's basic foundation end date to be December 21, 2012 according to the Quiche. *The Mayan factor, Path beyond Technology*, by Jose Arguelles has been criticized as being off by some seventy days. Mr. Arguelles continues to aid individuals with his information and includes Western astrological planets – as does Scofield and Orr – for a path of self discovery in a modern and changing world. Mr. Arguelles initiated a worldwide meditation in August of 1987; starting the awareness of the Mayan Calendar allowing over half a million of individuals to meditate simultaneously. I was part of the event!



Many scholars, the U.S. Naval Observatory and several Maya Elders insist that the alignment of the Winter Solstice Sun and the Galactic Equator occurred during 1998 and 1999. When we study illustration #1, we understand the complexity – yet natural phenomena that this some 26,000 year old cycle manifests. The time frame on this alignment varies in most sources available to us but the prediction of the Mesoamerican's end of the 13 Baktun should be respected by all. The "new world" or the often ridiculed concept of "The New Age" is undoubtedly occurring as you read these pages. The augmented time frame of The Aquarian Age is another topic too vast to be discussed here – but you and I see the change, challenge, and surrendering to what we perhaps would define as a "new age"...

If we follow the Maya Shaman, we would Journey into the Center of the Milky Way, a Black Hole, to the Galactic Center, the Sacred Tree or Xibalba – the Mother Womb where the Stars are born and die. We would bring back information to our Tribe and inform them of important changes in their lives and the world. The dark drift in the Bulk of the Milky Way, or the Underworld has been entered for thousands of years and we are now entering the same crossroad – using modern interpretive methods of old traditions.

Modern days scientific research conducted by UCLA Astronomer Andrea Ghez has been able to research the Galactic Center situated in the middle of the bulge of this hazy star like Island in the constellation of Sagittarius. She stated in 1998, "That a monstrous black hole resides at the center of our Milky Way galaxy, some 26,000 light-years away with a mass more than 3 million times that of the sun." (3) Ms. Ghez's scientific research might determine or advance us into what the ancient Mesoamerican's astronomers already knew – the Galactic Center is a doorway into birth of stars and re-birth of stages of consciousness in an ever evolving humanity. The Mayan travelled to its Birth Entrance 5,000 years ago and now the scientists were able to capture its essence with laser virtual star technology.

Proof that shifts in our awareness of existence has already occurred and now we will come to another phase of

Synthesize 2012 – Cycles of Integration. At the end of 2007, this Galactic Center was paid much attention to by most Western Astrologers, as Pluto, his myth to follow, was observed with cautiousness as the end degree of a planet or Zodiac sign often represents a purification, a cleansing, cataclysmic event on mass as well as individual consciousness, and death as the final doorway to freedom – to be re-born again. Sagittarian matter such as the judicial and court system, philosophy, travel, churches and synagogues, corporation, religion, and astrology observed major changes. Pluto will journey through the sign of Capricorn from 2008 to 2024. Thus, 2008 and 2009 are the years that Pluto will show his new force for concern throughout the world. His birth/death path is on our forefront again. Pluto is ready to "Rock N' Roll"! In the United States of America's natal birth chart, he will oppose (meeting of the half) with Venus (money, sense of value, greed – and love) in 2008/2009, Jupiter (optimistic, overspending but hope) in 2009/2011, and finally the Sun (Spirit, life force and power) from 2013/2014. These three planets are in the sign of Cancer - home, emotions, mother, food and the ocean.

In the Roman myth, Pluto is the Lord of the Underworld. His consort is Persephone but he is only allowed to have her in his dark domain during the gloomy months of the year. During the spring, Persephone is allowed to re-unite with her Mother, Ceres. Pluto and Persephone grow close as they are forced to survive; it allows Pluto to show his dedicated personality. As harsh of a God as he is, his wisdom also teaches Persephone to have hope for re-birth and survival. They travel to the Underworld together!

Now what does Pluto and Persephone has to do with the fascination of the end date of the Maya Calendar? Pluto's planetary cycle is 248 years; his return to the same place as in 1760, immigration to "a new world"; The United States of America, Protestant Lutheran broke away from Catholicism, around 1500, Spanish Inquisition conquered Mexico and South America, enforcing Christianity on indigenous culture, massacre of Native Americans in the U.S.A., and 1260, Medieval times, "the Old World" with strong Roman

Catholicism enforced. History has a way of repeating itself as does our planetary picture – including the Tzolkin's repeating endless system of 20 symbols intertwined with 13 numbers. Through my extended study and interpretation of the 13 Baktuns, it is clearly an end of the God as we know "it." A new world of integration is occurring.

When a planet transits (changes) from one sign to another, there is a noticeable shift in its "personality." Capricorn rules governments, large institutions, dictatorships, presidents, the Pope, judges, and politicians. Pluto in Capricorn will force what is not necessary to crumble – a new law of justice will eventually be born again. And the God within is changing as conservative churches grow into the thousands of members yet thousands decide not to attend them and find their God/Goddess within their own divinity and reach out to their community. We find an outreach to alternative living and eco-friendly demand has become household awareness. And did I mention that Pluto also rules sex and corruption?

I can't resist mentioning the Western astrological system moving from one sign to another as we approach 2012. Uranus stations in Aries in spring of 2010 and represents radical, fanatical, explosion, hurricanes, electricity, unconventionality, as well as humanitarian, science, independence, and liberation. Saturn, always the planet of restrictions, government, control, and timing will meet Uranus in an oppositional battle on November 4th, 2008 (ouch!), February 20, 2009 and November of 2009. Neptune will move into its own sign of Pisces in early 2011. Words for Neptune are deception, addiction, flooding, gas and oil as well as inspirational, meditation, creative and idealistic visions. Saturn, structures will square (challenge, forceful energy) to Pluto beginning November, 2008 through August of 2011. This is not the place to elaborate further – it is a story for another time...

What is practical about our path of "spirituality" in a changing world? Our increase of simplification of what has to be re-born is a first step to survival. We also remind our Selves that we have chosen to be here during a transitional

period for all Humanity. The Winter Solstice on December 21, 2012 will undoubtedly be celebrated by thousands and thousands of individuals; including many Maya indigenous people that never stopped using their Calendar. During the Solstices, the Aztecs and Maya would focus on the Return of the Sun and be in awe; ending their Ritual with a feast, dance and often a sacrifice. The Precession of the Equinoxes is a tremendous shift – and might affect our Earth in what we define as our Global Warming – and of course many other significant factors. The Maya Prophecy – if that is how we might define it – is here now. With that in mind, all systems meet in a Language of the Sky and our Earth, merging ancient knowledge in a modern world – and we are told to *de-industrialize* make our lives more simple, and trust our inner Center for Guidance.

As I walk in Connecticut's fields and watch the stars shining ever so bright, I am encouraged that we are speaking the equivalent language from our Hearts and are connected to the same Shamanic Source as 5,000 years ago – no matter what "foreign" language or opinion we speak. *Synthesizing 2012 Cycles of Integration* through one system would not be fair as we move into an age of unity, love, and integration. We have chosen a path of truth seeking that we can only find within our own Self.

Outer world circumstances have already started to deteriorate. The Inner World, the Galactic Center within us, has to find practical tools to continue to stay focus on our work, at our dinner table, and yoga class!

The Astrological Society of Connecticut, <http://www.myasc.org> will present two special events in relating to the 2012 concept: April 23, 2009, Gevera Piedmont: Mayan Astrology and 2012 as a Nexus for Change, as well as on April 25, 2009, Bruce Scofield: Mayan Calendar Madness.

- (1) *How to Practice Mayan Astrology, the Tzolkin Calendar and Your Life Path*, Pg. 99
- (2) *How to Practice Mayan Astrology, the Tzolkin Calendar and Your Life Path*, Pg. 98
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Recommended books for further study of the 2012 concept:

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