

## 1 The Mayan Apocalypse

- Will this be the end of the world?

## 2 Apocalypse 2012?

- If the Mayans were right, we only have 20 more days in which to live.
- That's right, on December 21st, the Mayan Calendar comes to an end and no one knows for sure what this means.
- Will life as we know it come to an end? Will the magnetic poles shift? Will dog and cats become best buddies?
- Can we "max out" our Credit Cards in preparation?

## 3 Who were the Mayans?

- The Mayans were a Mesoamerican civilization that lived in the area of the Yucatan Peninsula.
- They were a highly sophisticated society, which some say was on par with such other great civilizations as the Sumerians, Egyptians, and Babylonians.
- They were particularly skilled in the areas of astronomy, mathematics, and architecture.

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## 5 Mayan Calendar

- The Mayan calendar was one of the greatest achievements of their civilization.
- It was even far more accurate than the calendar we use today.
- In fact, it was several calendars in one.

## 6 Mayan Calendar

- A Solar Calendar  
(365 Year/18 months/20, 5)
- Sacred Calendar  
(260 days (9 months gestation))
- Calendar Round  
(52 Years)
- Long Count Calendar  
(1,872,000 days or 5,125.36 years)
- Set of 13 prophecies called Katuns, which run every 20 years and repeat every 260 years.

## 7 Mayan Calendar

- The Mayans believed that the world began some 26,000 years ago. That is roughly the same amount of time it takes the earth to wobble around its axis.
- This period is divided into 5 cycles or ages that run 5,125 years.

- The fifth and last cycle of this Long Count Calendar will end December 21, 2012, which is also the winter solstice.

## 8 Mayan Calendar

- What made the Long Count Calendar so remarkable was its ability to measure two significant galactic events.
  - Our sun lining up with the center of the Milky Way . . .
  - The earth completing its wobble (precession) around its axis.
- All this will happen on December 21st, 2012. (Winter Solstice)

## 9 Mayan Calendar

- So on Friday, December 21, 2012 what is going to happen?
- Let's look at what some are saying . . .

## 10 The Movie 2012

## 11 Apocalypse Now?

- A journalist named Lawrence Joseph has written Apocalypse 2012: A Scientific Investigation Into Civilization's End, a book which predicts widespread catastrophe beginning this month.
- Specifically, he notes that on December 21st of this year, the sun will line up with the center of the Milky Way for the first time in roughly 26,000 years.
- Joseph says that "whatever energy typically streams to Earth from the center of the Milky Way will indeed be disrupted on 12/21/12 at 11:11 p.m."

## 12 Apocalypse Now?

- According to USA Today (March 27, 2007), a number of people think that the Apocalypse is coming because of something else that happens on December 21: The Maya's "Long Count" calendar comes to the end of an era that has been running for 5,125 years.
- A spiritual healer named Andrew Smith predicts a restoration of a "true balance between Divine Feminine and Masculine."
- Author Daniel Pinchbeck looks forward to a "change in the nature of consciousness," which he connects to psychedelic drug use.
- The movie 2012 portrays a series of cataclysmic events taking place this year, tied to the MesoAmerican Long Count calendar and bad acting.

## 13 Understanding Pagans

- Like most ancient cultures the Mayans were pagans and believed that time was cyclical.
- They got this idea from experience as they observed that with all living creatures there was a time to be born and a time to die.
- They even associated this concept with nature and looked at the setting and rising of the sun as a death and rebirth event.

- Winter Solstice too, since it was the shortest day of the year, was seen as a death experience of the sun as well.
- Then when the days started to get longer it was seen as a rebirth and many cultures would celebrate it with joy as their shamans through their magic arts had brought the sun back to life.
- This is why Christmas is celebrated on December 25th, which is a few days after the winter solstice and corresponds to the Roman pagan holiday Saturnalia—a period of general merrymaking.

#### 14 Why 12-21-2012?

#### 15 Triple Rebirth

- So on December 21, 2012, we have in Mayan religious understanding a huge event that is all happening on the same calendar day—a triple rebirth of the sun.
  - The daily rebirth
  - The solstice rebirth
  - The galactic rebirth
- This event also marks an end to the fifth and final (5,125 year) cycle of their 26,000 year creation calendar.
- So what we have here is men interpreting astronomical events using their pagan worldview as their guide.

#### 16 The End of the Age

- The Bible has nothing to say about the end of the world or the end of this age occurring on December 21st. In fact, no hard dates are given at all.
  - Jesus says no one will know the day or the hour of his return (Mat 24:36), and
  - The Apostle Paul says it will come as a thief in the night, when everyone feels secure that peace and safety is at last at hand. (1 Thes. 5:2)
  - Nevertheless, Paul tells his churches that for those brothers walking in the truth and have the “light of life” shining inside them that “that day” will not surprise them like a thief. (1 Thes. 5:4 and John 8:12)
  - So he instructs the church to be alert and self-controlled in order that they will be strong and have spiritual discernment for the last days. (1 Thes. 5:6-7)

#### 17 Pastor's Calendar

- Beginning of Birth Pains
  - Wars and Rumor of Wars.
  - Famines and Earthquakes in various places.
- Major Persecution

- Desolation of Abomination (“That Day”) (Antichrist is revealed, and Jesus says to run).
- Major persecution and many fall away.
- False Christs and False Prophets appear performing counterfeit miracles to deceive those with no discernment.
- The Day of the Lord
  - Rapture, Sun, Moon, Stars (Wormwood – Meteor Strike partially obstructs the sky)
  - Lying spirits go out of the Antichrist and False Prophet to bring the nations to Armageddon.
  - Jesus returns and destroys them with the breath of his mouth and the splendor of his coming.

## 18 Conclusion

- We should not become disturbed by pagan myths like the Mayan Calendar and what some people think might be the end of the world..
- Nevertheless, we do live in perilous times and should be making every effort to live according to the truth so that we’ll always have the light of life to guide us.
- For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:9–11 NIV)

## 19 Train Yourself

- Have nothing to do with godless myths . . . rather, train yourself to be godly. (1 Timothy 4:7 NIV)
- So how do we train ourselves to be godly.
  - First of all make it a goal. You hit what you aim for.
  - Practice being faithful in the little things everyday and be thankful for what you have.
  - Practice being hard to offend.
  - Practice being a generous and cheerful giver.
  - Stand up for what is right. Having friends is nice, but being a friend of God is even better.
- For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (1 Tim 4:8 NIV)