December 21, 2012: The end of the World?

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c. 2000 BC - AD 900
Maya Calendar System

- Long Count Calendar System
- 1 Bak’tun = 144,000 days
- Great Bak’tun Cycle = 1,872,000 days (~5125 years)
- Creation Date: 4 Ajaw 8 Kumk’u (Aug 11, 3114 BC)
- Great Bak’tun Cycle ends Dec. 21, 2012
Tz’ak

- To Order
- Placed after date 4 Ajaw 8 Kumk’u
- To order links on a chain
- Also indicates that one passage ends and another will begin.
Dresden Codex pp 60&61

- Old gods fade and then are reborn
- "custodians of time and communication and who assist in renewing the various cycles"
- Pre-era day and era day events
- Creation of gods and time
Tortuguero Monument 6

- Balam Ajaw (Jaguar Lord)
  - Born AD 612
- Prelude to 2012 prophecy
- Details rites of renewal that will be preformed by the gods
- “first round earth place”
Xultun, Guatamala

- Lunar Calculations
- Tracking large amounts of time
- Thousands of years into the future
Palenque, Mexico

- Mortuary building to Ruler Pakal
- Describes return of Great Lord Pakal
- Indicates bak’tun cycles through the 20\textsuperscript{th} bak’tun
- Time continues to a Pik’tun
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