THE MAYAN PROPHECY AND THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA Saturday December 22, 2012

By now, everyone with a TV has heard the rumors that the world's going to end on December 21st of 2012. The fact that I'm writing this, and you're reading it, proves otherwise, but this essay isn't on the validity of the rumor, but rather, the way that the mainstream media has, once again, purposely deceived the public about the real story.

For the uninitiated, the Mayan calendar, in use for hundreds of years, ended on December 21, 2012. For some strange reason, those who weren't Mayan took it to mean that the Mayans thought that the world was somehow going to come to a screeching end on that day, but nothing could have been further from the truth. Instead, the Mayans just predicted that, based on their astrological projections, it would be time for the implementation of a new calendar, to coincide with the changes that were about to take place.

Before you can even begin to understand the reasons, or the importance, for the Mayans feeling the need to make the transition from one calendar to another, you need to get an idea of what a Mayan calendar actually looks like, and therefore, how it works. Contrary to popular opinion, the disc displayed by the mainstream media when discussing the Mayan calendar is **not** in fact a Mayan calendar. That disc, with a face in the center and a bunch of symbols in a circle around the face, is actually an **Incan** calendar, but it's been used so often in connection with talks about the Mayans that it's incorrectly been believed to be a Mayan calendar.

A Mayan calendar is an extremely sophisticated marvel to behold. Unlike the calendars we use, it doesn't operate via a linear movement, meaning that time can't be put in a straight line on a piece of paper and quantified. Instead, the Mayan calendar is more like a Swiss watch, but invented long before the Swiss even though of making timepieces. There's a huge outer ring, with teeth inside and outside like that of a gear. Inside of this hollow gear, there are dozens, if not hundreds, of smaller gears and gears within gears. As the outer ring, or gear, turns, it causes each and every single gear within it to turn. Each of these gears represents a unique event, and when the notch on that gear reaches a predetermined position, it coincides with an event taking place somewhere in the world. Some of these gears measure the tides, high and low, and even the much rarer ultra high tides, while other gears are used to keep track of the phases of the moon. Still other gears are used to keep track of crop planting cycles, while others yet are used to determine the actual seasons of the year. Together, all of these operate to assist the Mayan understand where he's at, today, this year, this decade and this century, allowing him to plan accordingly. Some versions of the calendar didn't have as many gears, as they were used for a limited purpose, while others may have been more complicated, needing to keep track of more information.

Intellectually, the Mayans were far ahead of their time when it came to understanding astrology and our path in the universe. Without any of the modern advancements, they were able to figure out that not only was the Earth orbiting the Sun, but our solar system was moving through our galaxy, which was likewise moving throughout the universe. They figured out, long ago, that sooner or later, our galaxy, which included our solar system, and in turn our very own planet, was going to move into a part of the universe we'd never before traveled. Of course, this would be a gradual change, barely perceptible to even the most advanced scanners, but patience and time have proven the validity of their beliefs, stunning today's scientists. After all, how do you explain a "backwards" and "primitive" race being able to understand what even the most modern advancements are still trying to get a grasp on? Then again, we probably shouldn't be all that surprised. After all, history is littered with achievements we've yet to be able to duplicate, such as the pyramids or Stonehedge, just to name a few.

In the end, the Mayans didn't believe that the world was going to end, they believed that a new system needed to be implemented to keep up with the changes that were going to be taking place as the result of our shift in the universe. Everything from polarity shifting from one pole to the other to the polar ice caps melting. This was all foretold, and it meant a change in the way the world worked, not an end to the world altogether. They also believed that mankind was somehow going to evolve to some sort of higher understanding or state, as the result of evolution and some sort of cosmic rays being bombarded into the atmosphere, rays which are in this new part of the universe, but which we've not been exposed to before.

This process is supposed to take place gradually, so slowly that not only don't we notice it, but our bodies can make the necessary changes, or mutations, all on their own. Hence the belief of making an evolutionary adjustment.

For the purposes of this essay, the legitimacy or accuracy of the Mayans' beliefs are completely irrelevant. All that really matters is what they believed, and what the media reported them as believing. For reasons as yet unknown, the media chose to, once again, misrepresent the facts, twisting them to suit their own needs and desires. Perhaps they were trying to help their advertisers sell products or the American public spend like there was no tomorrow, maybe they simply wanted to manipulate their viewers in an attempt to hold their attention, but whatever their reason, they were, yet again, completely inaccurate with their reporting. Some of them completely failed to do any investigation whatsoever, while others simply chose to ignore the facts they uncovered. With this kind of reporting, it's no wonder that the Mayan elders, who believe that they know exactly what's next, refuse to talk to anyone about their beliefs. Keep this in mind the next time you hear a big story on the news, filled with seemingly reliable facts and figures, especially if you're a potential juror. My grandmother said it best: "don't believe anything you hear, and only half of what you see."

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