

WHY THE EARTH WILL NOT BE DESTROYED IN 2012

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The Movie 2012-The day of reckoning, produced in 2008 in the United States is in truth more of an attempt to drop a wave of psychological terrorism by the supposed end of the world. In this wave, prophecies concerning the transformations through which the Earth will pass to join a New Age are explored without fundamentals.

According to one friend, the producers of this film uses Mayan Prophecies, trying to "Christianize them", but forgot that when such prophecies were foretold, people had not heard of Jesus, much less thought to believe in only one God . As the year 2000 has passed and one can no longer exploit the false prophecy of the Bible – from "thousand will pass, from two-thousand will not go over" - now comes a film that seeks to reactivate the catastrophic theme, although there is no citation in either The Old or New Testaments.

The choice of date

In fact, the new date for the world to end, on December 21, 2012, is just a marketing gimmick for the launch of this movie. It was established in the Mayan calendar, a calendar that starts the counting of time on August 11, of the year 3114 BC, that is, before even the archaeological date of this mysterious civilization. According to such dating, the Maya civilisation flourished between 1800 BC and 1450 AD, in a vast territory that includes parts of Central and South America, where the ruins of their cities and monumental pyramids resist time.

The Mayans are known for their advanced knowledge of astronomy and the accuracy of their different schedules, such as the yearly solar calendar, with 365 days, called Haab. Another of these calendars, the one of long counting, was developed to compute extended periods of time or cycles of 5125 years. It was based on this calendar of long cycles that the tradition of the Mayan prophecy of the end of time was established.

However, the Mayan prophecies, it seems, are also in agreement with what Spiritist Doctrine teaches in regards to an end which is not about the end of our physical world, but the emergence of a New Era, when the earth will move on, on the scale of the inhabited worlds, from a World of Atonements and Tests (second category), to a World of Regeneration (third category).

We are in 2014

However, we must consider that we are already in the year 2014, according to mediumistic revelation transmitted by Chico Xavier, in 1937 and subsequently ratified by eminent scientists and theologians who based their work on historical research and studies listed below:

1 °) When Jesus was born in an obscure colony of the Roman Empire, Palestine, a narrow strip of land at the bottom of the Mediterranean, the Roman emperor was Octavius Augustus Caesar. And in the world of Caesar, the years were counted using the Roman calendar. Thus year One was the year in which foundation of Rome occurred. The following years were marked with the abbreviation AUC, the term - Ab Urbe Condita (Since the Foundation of Rome).

Only in the Sixth century, long after Constantine (with the Edict of Milan in 313) granted freedom of worship for Christians, was the Christian calendar established. Then, in the year 525, the monk Dionysius the Small, sought to establish the years of the Christian Era, in relation to the Roman calendar - Ab Urbe Condita. And, by his calculations, he set the year of the foundation of Rome as 754 BC.

However, the revelation made by the Spirit Humberto de Campos, in 1935, through the automatic writing of Francisco Cândido Xavier, in Chapter 15 of the book *Chronicles the After-Life*, edited by the Brazilian Spiritist Federation in 1937, records the historical mistake committed by that Catholic monk and its proper correction, reporting the following conversation, held in the spiritual world, between Christ and his disciple John the Evangelist:

- John - told him the Master -, remember my appearance on Earth?
- I remember, Lord. In the year 749 of the Roman era, despite the arbitrariness of Fr Dionysius, that, when calculating the Sixth century of the Christian era, he incorrectly set your birthday in the year 754.

2 °) It is important to note that the revelation brought through the medium Chico Xavier, was later confirmed by Robin Lane Fox, historian and professor of Ancient History at New College, Oxford, who in his book *Bible - Truth and Fiction*, published in 1993, confirms this error in calculating the birth date of Jesus, based on several documents from that time and on the facts narrated by the evangelists. These facts are put into apparent contradiction in the perspective based on the Roman calendar.

3 °) This same thought is advocated by Professor Charles Perrot, from the Catholic Institute of Paris, in an interview to the *Le Point* magazine: (...) Across a broad consensus of scholars, the birth year of Jesus should be located just before the death of Herod the Great. According to the numismatic, astronomical and above all, textual data, Herod must have died on the 11th of April of 4 BC (...) The birth of Jesus was probably between Years 6 and 7 BC (...).

4 °) And also Professor and Father John P. Meier, who teaches New Testament studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, wrote in *The New York Times*, on 21 December 1986, that Christ must have been born around 6 to 4 BC, and

5 °) In our own country, Brazil, the astronomer Ronaldo Rogério de Freitas Mourão, of the National Observatory, published in the *Jornal do Brazil* of 4th January 1982 that Friar Dionysius, the Small, in 525, entrusted by the Pope to organize the Christian calendar from the coming of Jesus to Earth, referred to the Roman year 754 as his birth year. But

by research carried out on the subject, he concluded that the appearance of Christ in our world took place in the year 749 years from the foundation of Rome.

A new era

Now, in face of all the evidence, we must conclude, without a doubt, that the year 2012 has passed, that is, we are already fully in the year 2014 and the Earth was not destroyed, according to the estimate released that the world would end on 21 December 2012.

It should be noted that the term "end" employed in the prophetic words of Jesus "When the gospel is preached throughout the Earth, then you will reach the end" (Matthew 24:14) – relates the same idea of time and not of space, exactly the same idea of the calendar of long cycles of the Mayas. Therefore, Jesus referred to the end of an era, not the end of the physical world. And this is logical, because when human beings become evangelized there will be an end to violence, fratricidal struggles, drug trafficking, stray bullets, ethnic selections and all the evil that still persists in the human heart.

And let's face it: Would it be rational of God to end our planet, when human beings were living fully the message of the Gospel? And if God is the Supreme Court, the destruction of the world would then be the reward promised by Jesus to the meek and peaceful, which for centuries have struggled to establish on earth the kingdom of love and peace? Of course not! God is fair!

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