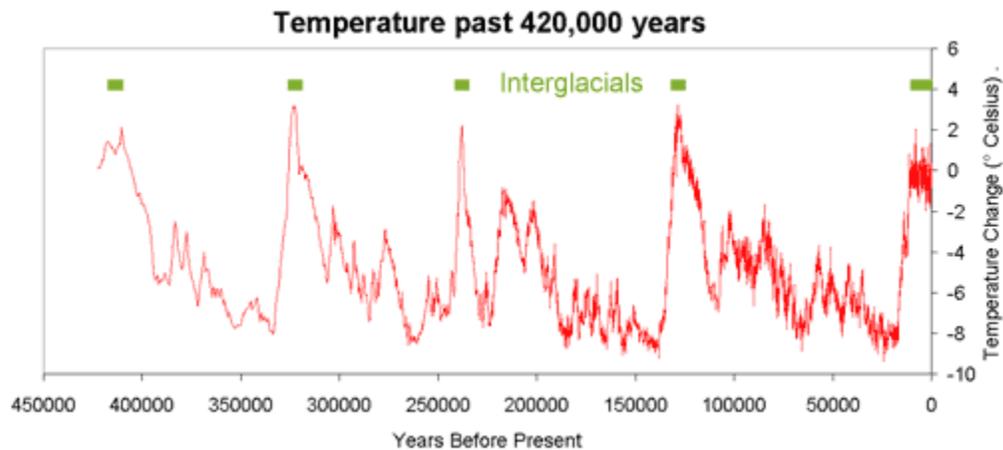


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WHY YOU CAN IGNORE *the* MAYAN CALENDAR PROPHECIES



Let me start by saying that I don't generally ignore old prophecies, tradition, tribal or indigenous peoples, or non-mainstream ideas. My readers will already know that is true, but in this case it needed to be said regardless, since I don't wish to be pegged as a pig-headed promoter of modern science or as a narrow white man, allergic to everything beyond his immediate culture. In fact, I accept that the Mayan calendar is both correct and interesting. I am even open to novel approaches such as that of Graham Hancock (and many others back to Donnelly), who propose that the Mayan calendar may have come down to us from a much older civilization, one that influenced both the “New World” peoples like the Olmecs and the Old World peoples like the ancient Egyptians. It is precisely because I believe in large parts of the Mayan calendar mechanics—or what they are based on—that I think they are worth responding to.

The figure above describes temperature levels on the Earth based on ice core readings in the Antarctic. By applying the Mayan calendar to this chart, we will be able to understand where the calendar came from, why it was important to ancient peoples, and why—in some ways—it may no longer apply.

Reading this chart closely, we see that there were five major floods in the past 430,000 years. Each big rise in the red line indicates a global flood, since it indicates a relatively quick rise in global temperatures. For instance, if we study the most recent rise, we see the line go from -9 to +2 in just a few thousand years. And at -9, we would have large amounts of ice to begin with. As that ice melts, we have a global flood. The last flood would have begun about 15,000 years ago and ended about 12,000 years ago.

Now, whoever originally came up with this Mayan calendar knew something or everything about this series of floods going back hundreds of thousands of years. Most ancient peoples seem to have been aware of this cycle, since that is why they were so interested in calendars and the stars and the precession of the equinoxes and so on. They wanted to be prepared for the next round of problems. The pattern above is closely tied to the precession of the equinoxes, so their idea that they could track temperature rises and falls with precession calendars was mostly correct. However, this ice core chart tells us we have other variables in this problem, and it looks like the people who made these calendars may not have been aware of *all* the variables.

To see this, we just have to notice a couple of things. One, the two big dangers on the chart are the flood and the freeze, and they are indicated by the long lines up and the long lines down. Since we just got a big flood 12,000 years ago, we shouldn't be due another one for about 110,000 years. The last three freezes have been steep falls after short and pointed interglacials, and if we were going to have one of those, we would have had it about 8,000 years ago. So the Mayan calendar can't be predicting either a flood or a freeze in 2012. If the Mayan calendar were predicting anything in 2012, we see it would have to be the first trough after the big freeze, but that didn't happen. For some reason, we didn't get a big freeze this time. As you can see, we have been holding at around zero for 15,000 years. That hasn't happened in more than half a million years, so some variable that neither we nor the Mayans knew about is knocking us out of this half million year repeater.

At the worst, the big freeze can come a bit late, as it did 420,000 years ago. But even if it does begin next year, it will take thousands of years to get really cold, so we shouldn't be expecting some sort of overnight catastrophe. However, studying the chart leads us to guess that it may not repeat like the last four times. For one thing, the time between floods has been getting progressively longer. The first two gaps are about 90,000 years, the third is about 120,000 years, and the fourth is about 130,000 years. So something is driving this temperature chart other than the precession calendar. We have the precession calendar *plus* something else.

In my paper on the [Ice Ages](#), I showed that at least two other variables are affecting this chart. One, the inclination of Jupiter, or his nearness to the Solar equator. Two, the inclination of the Solar System relative to the galactic plane. Only by including both these variations, as well as the precession of the equinoxes, can we fully predict the temperature cycle on the Earth. Since the Mayan calendar has no way to include these variables (or to make the long periods get longer as time passes), it cannot possibly predict future temperatures or catastrophes.

The basic Mayan calendar also does not track asteroids, comets, or unknown planets, so the fear that an impact or near miss of some sort will cause catastrophe in 2012 has no basis in the Mayan calendar. And, although we see some variation in the ice-core chart over the past half million years, what we mainly see is a pattern uninterrupted by large impacts or one-time events. We don't see any anomalous peaks or troughs that jump wildly out of the main pattern. This means that any astronomy that was tracking dangerous wanderers would have to be tracking them over periods beyond a half million years. I don't know of any pre-modern (or modern) astronomies that are doing that. If anything, the ice-core chart should give you a sense of security. A steady pattern like that should be very re-assuring, like the steady heartbeat of your mother. Beyond the three variables we have looked at, none of which are especially scary, the Earth seems to be fairly protected from accidents. In a future paper I will show that the Moon is the greatest protector of the Earth, acting like a quick-moving bodyguard.

Something awful may indeed happen in 2012, but it is more likely to be caused by your own government than by the Sun, Moon, or stars. As a sort of conclusion, let me suggest that the Mayan

calendar “prophecies” may not be the work of Mayans or honest researchers.* They may not even be the work of internet cranks. We know that the internet is one of the preferred nests of the CIA, who helped to create it. I suggest the Mayan prophecies are just one more psy-op, one more trick to be sure you remain groping about darkly in the bushes, off topic. What interest would the CIA have in promoting fake Mayan prophecies, you ask. Well, if they do have something planned in 2012—and they always have something planned—this is a good way to pre-marginalize opposition. Look at it this way: after the manufactured catastrophe goes down in 2012, people will ask why. If many or most of them think it happened due to the stars, the Fates, or some prophecy based on precession calendars, they won't bother to do anything about it. After all, what can you do to fight the stars? You can't pass laws against the gods or regulate the Fates. You can't cut the funding of predestined events, or arrest astrologers for being right. Prophecies make people feel powerless and ensure they remain passive, since what can you do in the face of destiny?

*Some will remind me that Graham Hancock, whom I gave a positive mention above, is also promoting the Mayan calendar prophecies. Am I suggesting he is a CIA operative? No. I don't get that feeling from Hancock. I simply think his critiques of mainstream Egyptology are more compelling than his readings of the Mayan calendar. Probably this is because it is much easier to see through Zahi Hawass than it is to apply the precession calendar to long-term climate patterns.