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What REALLY
happened

4 nationalities

5 women

12 months

Find out!

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Introduction

As you have probably heard, 2012 was supposed to be a special year: the Maya calendar ending, prophecies foreseeing the end of the world, and galactic cycles coming together in December, which happens only every 5000 years....

But what did it mean exactly?

In alternative circles, it is often thought that we are growing towards a higher collective consciousness and towards a 'golden age' where things get better and better.

Other ideas cover the apocalypse or just-that nothing special happens at all!

Well, we will never really know before - we test it!

When we compare life before and after 2012, do we notice a clear difference?

But people forget.

And others don't pay attention

And yet others don't have anyone to share the events with that they feel are happening, but are probably not accepted in their peer group.

So here I present to you: Our very own TIME DOCUMENT.

In this book, five individuals from different walks of life, ages, and nationalities tell about what 2012 was for them, month by month and conclude by answering the question whether 2012 was special for them.

Meet those five women. Bodil is a Norwegian Financial Officer, mother of three, grandmother of three, slightly introvert,

philosophical, curious, and creative. Nike is a German social economist, educator, and carpenter who aims to see the world with her heart and lives and reasons accordingly. Netta is from the Netherlands, a retired nature lover, birds watcher, mother of two, and grandmother of four. Deniz is a mother of two from Istanbul, who works on her career as a journalist. And last but not least, Haldis is a clairvoyant healer and a therapist in Norway.

It's been a process. We started out with 15 wildly enthusiastic contributors at the beginning of the year 2012. The participants were determined to use this unique opportunity. They each document every month what happened, to eventually objectively answer the million dollar question: does 2012 indeed deserve the status of a unique, special and life-changing year, as is predicted by many sources? Or was it really just a rather normal year as any other?

Well, from the 15 driven authors that started off, more than half had dropped off already by June 2012. Different reasons really, not least that their lives had developed in rather drastic ways, so the story became too personal for publication. The remaining 8 die-hards strode on boldly but during the summer holidays and the autumn another 2 had to lay down their pens and surrender to the diverse challenges that life had presented them with. The last of the drop-outs was myself, actually. Though wildly determined to finish this exciting real-life experiment really, I had to face defeat when we learned that we would leave Norway and move back to The Netherlands. The planning of this international move with kids and cats took up every spare second and so-I dropped out as well.

So yes, for me it has been a special year, but how have the other authors experienced the much-discussed 2012? Turn the page and find out!

Anke Weber Smit

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way to help people heal physically, mentally, and emotionally. The same year, she started her company, CoCreate, for life coaching and energy work. Soon, interviews and presentations on various topics followed, including discussions on why it is still difficult to scientifically prove the effects of healing. As a researcher, Anke is naturally curious to explore new frontiers in accepted knowledge and find out what works for her. That is why researching the world she lives in is Anke's favorite occupation.

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Why 2012?

The year 2012 might have been the most anticipated year in history. The Mayan Calendar, or rather what is known as the Great Cycle of the Mayan Calendar, began its count in 3114 BC and came to an end in December 2012. In the minds of millions of people, one date in particular stands out: December 21, 2012, the precise day when the Great Cycle ended.

To clarify what we could expect around this mysterious date, I studied several sources and was surprised to discover very diverse information and predictions. This, of course, didn't really help my quest to come up with solid expectations about what December 2012 would bring.

There are millions of web pages devoted to various aspects connected to 2012¹. A general trend—which the media happily exploited—is that something terrible and terminal would happen and lead to the end of the world. This trend seems to have been brought about by (parts of) old prophecies.

So, let us have a word about prophecies. What are prophecies, and what can we expect from them? Prophecies are sketches of possible futures. As such, they are very vulnerable to misinterpretation through wishful thinking or to misuse for political and religious purposes. Apart from these doubtful uses, prophecies also tend to be self-fulfilling. Just think of the last time you were convinced it would rain during your one day off...

Prophecies are often hugely debated, and their veracity is greatly doubted. This is because many prophecies, including numerous prophecies for 2012, are open-ended and completely depend upon the analyst's interpretation. Doubts also arise because there have been predictions that turned out to be far from the truth and completely wrong (e.g., by Nostradamus who made a series of predictions in the 16th century).

Keeping this in mind, let us have a look at the predominating prophecies about the year 2012.

Of the many prophecies about 2012, I will focus on 11 of the most frequently encountered ones that can be found on the internet¹.

The Mayans ^{1, 2, 19}

The Mayans are known for the Central American Empire, which they started building in 2000 BC and which has vanished many centuries ago. They were a very knowledgeable tribe and developed The Mayan Calendar, a highly complex measure for time based on a number of almost machine-like interacting disparate parts (the “cycles or “counts) of different lengths. One of these “counts“, the Long Count, results in a “great cycle“ of 1,872,000 days (approximately 5,125 years). It is this Great Cycle that made the Mayan Calendar most fascinating to today's people because, in spite of some disagreement among scientists, most agree that the Long Count ended on December 21st, 2012. It looks like there is no counting beyond this date, and this inspired some people to consider this day to be the “end of the world. Some schools of thought believe that highly developed extraterrestrials who had mastered telepathic communication taught the Mayans their spectacular knowledge about astronomy and thus enabled them to make their predictions (including the end of an astronomical cycle in 2012) as we know them today.

The Mayans themselves believed in an unchangeable cycle of the galaxy. The only thing that is changing is the principles of the man who leads himself towards perfection. The Mayans were convinced that four other civilizations had existed on Earth before theirs and that all were destroyed by great natural disasters. In their belief, each civilization was a step towards the growth of humanity's collective consciousness.

The Mayans predicted that the sun would change its polarization on the 22nd day of December in the year 2012, after receiving a synchronizing ray coming from the center of the galaxy, bringing a gigantic radiant flaming, like what scientists describe as solar

eruptions and magnetic changes. This ray would bring the destruction of the Earth through cataclysm, thus starting the beginning of a new era, the sixth solar cycle.

The Mayans described that the Earth is affected by a particular galactic alignment every 26,000 years. According to the Mayans, the period that lies beyond this end date is a new creation, a new world age. Their recommendation for humanity was to be ready to start a transformation process from a civilization based on fear into one based on harmony. It is a path that can only be taken individually.

Thus it appears that the Mayans expected a process of transformation and evolution towards a harmony-based civilization rather than the end of the world.

Extraterrestrial contact (ET) ^{1, 17, 19}

In some of the predictions for 2012, UFO sightings are mentioned. Although, according to popular belief, such sightings might seem rather unlikely, some believe that UFO sightings are not rare at all. Individual sightings of extraterrestrial entities were recorded already in 214 BC.

The best-known race of sighted alien beings is called the Grays. They seem generally “child-like” and are of slight build (0.9–1.2m). They seem to communicate through a form of telepathy.

For the past 60 years or so, the governments of the world have maintained total secrecy on the UFO/ET issue, discounting all reports of flying anomalies and mysterious encounters with extraterrestrial entities. When approaching 2012, however, many researchers believed we would be contacted by extraterrestrials once we were prepared to accept a greater cosmic reality. Then, the secrets of the cosmos and all creation would be revealed to us.

The world was getting ready for something spectacular in 2012. According to researchers, the Federation of the Universe

representing all of the 88 star constellations will officially visit Earth in 2012 and reveal themselves. It would bring an end to all UFO cover-ups in various countries. In many countries all over the world, the rumors were floating around that many governments are being contacted at this time slowly to announce their presence and coming official visit.

They wanted order and no panic among people. A slow but steady process had started gradually to make people of the world ready to see the representatives of the Federation of the Universe. The world can finally become an official member of the Federation of the Universe.

According to some, the human civilization had finally reached a level when the Earth can officially become part of the Federation of the Universe.

The Hopi Indians ^{1,3}

The Hopi Indians are native to the southwestern region of the United States. They have a deep-rooted concern for our Earth which led to an address to the United Nations in 1991 in which they warned humankind that, if humans continue to threaten the planet as we do now, our whole world would be destroyed. In the Hopi tradition, such destruction has already happened three times previously, when the world was destroyed by earthquakes, floods, and ice, respectively.

In the past, the Hopi foretold many paramount events correctly, such as the overtaking of their homeland by white people and the reversal between depending on natural resources and destroying them to provide for our life requirements. Today's wobbling of the magnetic poles is, in their understanding, a consequence of the mining of rocks, metals, and minerals from deep inside the Earth, which disrupts the balance of our planet.

For their calculations of future states, the Hopi depend on the dynamics of other civilizations. However, they do have prophets who lined out nine signs of progression for our present Age,

without a timeline albeit. To date, we have passed the seventh sign: the sea turning black and many living beings dying because of it.

On the basis of their experience from past predictions and previous civilizations, the Hopi expect that the current age is ending, and a new age will begin. However, the Hopi do not predict the exact date for this end but emphasize that the signs pointing towards the onset of a new age are running out.

Simultaneously, with the end of state of the world as it is today, the Hopi predict the dawn of another world that will start again from the beginning. This leaves us with the question whether the inhabitants surviving the destruction will make the same mistakes again with the recovered Earth or not.

The Aztec Prophecy ¹

In the Aztec 2012 prediction, the date of the winter solstice, December 21, 2012, is highlighted. It is believed that, when the noonday sun exactly conjuncts the crossing point of the sun's ecliptic with the galactic plane, while also closely conjuncting the exact center of the galaxy. This suggests that our solar system belongs to another galaxy that is colliding with the Milky Way. In short, the Aztec prophecy implies that the 2012 events are natural cycles of extreme solar explosions, which could incinerate parts or all of the Earth.

The Sibyl ^{4, 10}

The classic Sibyls were women in ancient Greece who were believed to possess prophetic powers. The earliest Sibyls are known only through legend and resided at certain holy sites, where they delivered their prophecies. Although Plato speaks only of one Sibyl, later, up to ten were known in different geographic locations. Five of them are depicted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

One of The Sibyls was a young girl who became one of the most important Oracles of the ancient world. She lived in a cave around the 6–8th century BC near Naples. It is said that gods of Apollo used to take over her body before she gave her prophecies. Her prophecies were considered the most important scrolls in ancient Rome and were kept in the temple of Jupiter.

The Sibyl's prophecies were so renowned because many of them are known to have come true.

For example, she predicted Hannibal's invasion of Italy and his ultimate defeat 700 years before it happened. She also predicted the rise of Emperor Constituent (by name) 800 years prior to his birth.

Early Christians held her in high esteem for her prophecies about the coming of a new golden age, which would be initiated by a newborn child. This was a prophecy of the appearance of Jesus Christ 20 years before his birth. This prophecy earned her to be revered by early Christians and secured her a prominent place in Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel.

One of her prophecies talked about an apocalypse in the distant future. The Sibyl predicted that the world would last for nine periods of 800 years each. The 10th generation would be the last and begin around 2000 AD.

“These things in the 10th generation shall come to pass.

The Earth shall be shaken by a great earthquake that throws many cities into the sea.

There shall be war. Fire shall come flashing forth from the heavens, and many cities burn.

Black ashes shall fill the great sky. Then know the anger of the Gods.

The prophecies of Merlin⁵

In the legend, a young Merlin dwelled in King Vortigern's tower, in ancient Wales. He foresaw the whole of British history, right to the end with pollution and disruption, which is now coming true. Later in life, as an old man, Merlin was said to have gone mad with

grief from the ravages of war. Yet, as his mind cleared again, he spoke of healings on a cosmic scale.

The general conclusion of Merlin's prophecies is rather apocalyptic and seems to open itself to astrological interpretation as well.

The tail of Scorpio shall produce lightning and Cancer quarrel with the Sun. Virgo shall mount upon the back of Sagittarius and darken her virgin flowers. The chariot of the Moon shall disorder the zodiac, and the Pleiades break forth into weeping. No offices of Janus shall hereafter return, but his gate being shut shall lie hid in the chinks of Ariadne. The seas shall rise up in the twinkling of an eye and the dust of the ancients shall be restored. The winds shall fight together with a dreadful blast and their sound shall reach the stars.

Merlin's prophecies end with social and environmental upheaval, followed by chaos on a cosmic level.

Possibly, this prophecy refers to cataclysmic weather conditions and states that the vision will culminate in the early 21st century, making it one of the 2012 predictions, although no concrete reference to neither 2012 nor the date 21st of December is made. Disturbingly, this matches very well with the predictions of some scientists about the effects of global warming.

Nostradamus ^{1, 2, 8}

Nostradamus (Michel de Nostredame, born in 1503 in France) made many predictions in his book *Les Propheties* (1555). The book has a good reputation and contains a collection of his prophecies with respect to world affairs and events that were expected to affect the future of the world order. The major reasons for the widespread belief in his forecasting are the predictions that proved true, including the one about the 9/11 attacks and the fall of the twin towers. Some interpreters believe

that Nostradamus also predicted the first black President of America, Barack Obama.

However, one of the biggest controversies regarding the predictions of Nostradamus is that his predictions were hardly ever clear and often symbolic, leaving open-ended and multiple interpretations.

Many scholars of Nostradamus believe that the Great King of Terror from the sky was a quote about the 2012 Doomsday Comet. Nostradamus made several predictions of a planet or comet that would either pass near the Earth or impact it and trigger global destruction. Nostradamus predicted that the Comet Planet would be visible from Earth for seven days. Many believe that he was talking about Nibiru. In his prediction about Nibiru, Nostradamus foresaw destruction for Britain, Rome, and The Vatican, which would eventually trigger World War III.

Nostradamus also spoke of 'tidal waves as high as Mount Olympus that will hit Greece or near it'. Mount Olympus is close to 10,000 ft high; therefore, we are looking at a massive tidal wave, which Nostradamus positioned around 2012 AD.

Despite the huge debate around the value of his forecasting, let us take a look at the predictions for the world as it will be after the predicted Great War. The prediction about the onset of peace reads as follows:

“Mars and the scepter (Jupiter) conjoined,
In Cancer (next to occur July-August, 2013), by him all calamitous
war will eventually be ended,
A new Leader will be anointed (born),
He will bring Peace to the Earth for a very long time. “

Describing the world after the Third World War, this quatrain is thought to talk about the birth of a new leader. This leader is supposed to bring peace and hope to the then ravished and destroyed world. The prediction states very clearly that this peace will persist for a long time. (8)

This prognosis of the post-2012 prediction of Nostradamus, which is believed to introduce the Christ energy, will be discussed in more details in the chapter *A scenario for the future*.

The I Ching²

The I Ching (“Book of Changes”) is one of the world's oldest known books and the earliest intuitive decision-making system of any complexity. I Ching readings were used by Chinese emperors and sages for centuries, long before the time of Confucius (551–479 BC), who also added to the I Ching's interpretative text.

The I Ching is traditionally consulted by tossing coins or stalks. The way the coins fall corresponds to one of the 64 patterns of change derived from the great wisdom of the ever-changing dynamics of the yin and yang principles.

When the Ethnobotanists and fractal-time experts Terrence and Dennis McKenna started to study the I Ching, they wondered about its composition of six-line figures, 64 hexagrams. They noticed that the 64 hexagrams, when multiplied by 6, resulted in a number strikingly close to the number of days in 13 lunar months ($6 \times 64 = 384$; $13 \text{ lunar months} = 29.5306 \times 13 = 383.8978$). They therefore hypothesized that the I Ching might originally have been an ancient Chinese calendar. By matching the pattern with key periods in history, the McKenna brothers determined that the best fit for the I Ching as a calendar of historical events would be if it ended on December 22, 2012. Everything happening after this point in the calendar would be new.

Therefore, the brothers' conclusion was that the date December 22, 2012 is the End of the I Ching calendar and possibly of the world.

The Bible^{1, 2, 7, 11}

When consulting the bible, prophecies can be separated by the two ways of finding them. On one hand, there is the actual text in the “*Book of Revelations*”. On the other hand, there is “The Bible Code”. The Bible Code is a series of cryptic messages that are supposed to exist within the Bible's text. It is believed that, when these messages are decoded, they form a prophecy. More and more sequences are found with the advanced use of modern

technology. Therefore, the prophecy hidden in the Bible Code is handled as part of the paragraph about *Technology*.

The Book of Revelations

In the *Book of Revelations*, no actual predictions for 2012 were written down, only predictions about the end of days. The *Book of Revelations* contains strange and awesome images that can be interpreted in many different ways. The striking symbolism continues throughout the entire *Book of Revelations*. It is highly debatable which parts should be taken literally and which parts should be taken symbolically. The Book speaks of 'judgments' that will be released upon the Earth in the form of seven trumpets, two witnesses, the dragon (the devil), the beast (the Antichrist), the false prophet, and the seven golden bowls. The "judgments" can be understood as the plague, earthquakes, hailstorms, fire, famine, a meteor showers and a lack of drinking water.

The *Book of Revelations* concludes with the statement that the Antichrist will assume world domination and, with his false prophet, will oversee the one-world religion. The Antichrist will hence rule the world until the battle of Armageddon.

As far as I know, no date or period is given for this battle in the Bible.

Bible Code

The Bible Code (also known as the Torah code) is a set of secret messages encoded within the Hebrew text of the Torah. The secret code has been described as a method by which an otherwise obscured message can be decoded by assembling specific letters from the text. Bible-Code use has been popularized recently by Michael Drosnin's book *The Bible Code* and the movie *The Omega Code*.

In the past, many examples of messages hidden in this manner have been documented. For example, the Hebrew word *torah* is spelled out when taking every 50th letter of the *Book of Genesis* starting with the first *taw*. The same applies for the *Book of Exodus*. Modern computer searches for patterns and more complex variants were published in peer-reviewed academic

journals. Although proponents and skeptics alike accept the possibility of such sequences arising by chance alone in any given text, the proponents argue that the examples found in biblical texts are more impressive or more numerous than those found in secular texts, to a degree that chance cannot explain.

Bible-Code messages were found as early as the 13th century. However, the concept remained relatively unknown until the early 1980s, when the discoveries of the Israeli school teacher Avraham Oren became known to the mathematician Eliyahu Rips (Hebrew University of Jerusalem). Rips and Witztum developed computer software for the Equidistant Letter Sequence (ELS) technique and subsequently found many examples of the Bible Code.

Around 1985, a formal test was carried out, and the Great rabbis' experiment was born. The experiment succeeded in finding sequences that fit the Bible-Code definitions, and they were interpreted as indicating that the phenomenon was real.

Contemporary discussion and controversy around one specific method became widespread in 1994 when a paper titled Equidistant Letter Sequences in the *Book of Genesis* (Witztum, Rips & Rosenberg) was published in the scientific journal *Statistical Science*. The authors presented strong statistical evidence that biographical information about famous rabbis was encoded in the text of the *Book of Genesis*, centuries before those rabbis lived.

Since then, the term Code has been used widely to refer specifically to information encrypted via this ELS method (see paragraph *Technology*).

In the numerological Bible Code, codes that work with the numbers given in the Bible, the year 2012 stands out from other years for a number of reasons. However, this does not mean that 2012 is the end of the world but that something of unusual importance might occur. In any case, it seems that the seven years from (late) 2010 to (late) 2017 are part of an important numeric pattern, with 2012 also emphasized.