



## 2012 : DOOMSDAY FANTASIES GONE AWRY

*This article debunks the frenzies being whipped up on 2012 end of the earth subject.*

# 2012

**“One of the most untruthful things possible, you know, is a collection of facts, because they can be made to appear so many different ways.”**

**-Karl A. Menninger**

I state it here categorically that nothing bad will happen to the Earth in 2012. The earth has been getting along just fine for more than 4 billion years, and credible scientists worldwide know of no threat associated with 2012.

The 2012 phenomenon comprises a range of rumors and proposals, which predict cataclysmic events occurring on or around December 21 in the year 2012, which is said to be the end-date of a 5,125-year-long Mayan Long Count calendar.

These beliefs derive from speculation about alternative interpretations of mythology, numerological constructions, or alleged prophecies from extraterrestrial beings. Scholars have disputed the idea that a catastrophe will happen in 2012, suggesting that predictions of impending doom are found neither in classic Maya accounts nor

in contemporary science. Mainstream Mayanist scholars argue that the idea that the Long Count calendar "ends" in 2012 misrepresents Maya history. To the modern Maya, 2012 is largely irrelevant, and classic Maya sources on the subject are scarce and contradictory, suggesting that there was little if any universal agreement among them about what, if anything, the date might mean

2012, end of the world is the most widely discussed mysterious year as per the research made by many scientists. A number of experts throughout the world predict that all organic life on Earth will face culmination on December 21 2012. Some believe that it could be due to human's acts, while others believe that the ultimate culmination could be due to some natural phenomenon, such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and so on.

Too much misinformation is going around and unscrupulous people can't resist the temptation to cash in!

As Kim Newman noted so forthrightly in his book *Apocalypse Movies: End of the World Cinema*, "The more complicated a civilization becomes, the more fun it is to imagine the whole works going up in flames." 2012 is one more in a string of doomsday movies. Hollywood is fascinated

with apocalyptic motion pictures -- and the box-office receipts they produce. Civilization has been threatened and/or exterminated in a variety of horrific ways: Alien invasion ("Independence Day"), zombie onslaught ("Dawn of the Dead"), weather run amok ("The Day After Tomorrow"), meteor strike ("Deep Impact"), rampant plague ("I Am Legend") and even aggressive vegetation ("The Happening").

Now the Mayans have been dragged into it, the shifting of the magnetic poles has been dragged into it and also dragged in is the routine alignment of the equators of the Earth and the Milky Way.

Given below are the facts on the issues:-

**Mayans** :The Maya Civilization Maya civilization, known for advanced writing, mathematics and astronomy, flourished for centuries in Mesoamerica, especially between A.D. 300 and 900. Its Long Count calendar, which was discontinued under Spanish colonization, tracks more than 5,000 years, then resets at year zero.

Reportedly, the Mayans were the first people to predict that the year 2012 will be the end of life on the planet. The Mayans were extremely skilled at building accurate astrological apparatus from stone ;their

### What exactly is the Maya calendar about to do?

On Dec. 21, 2012, it will display the equivalent of a string the close of something like a millennium. In Maya years. It's the end of Baktun 13. The Maya and the baktun was one of them. A baktun is years. Scholars have deciphered how the and ancient inscriptions, and they have Count dates with the equivalent dates in

Just as we number our years counting significant event (the presumed birth numbered from a date endowed with creation date of the present world

of days from that mythic startup. Most corresponds to Aug. 11, 3114 B.C. Most accumulate as multiples of 20. An known as a katun. It takes 20 katuns to days).

Although some ancient inscriptions turn 13 others imply that the calendar simply keeps make a pictun. No one paid much attention to the Waters, identified the 13-baktun interval as a "Mayan years, and equated five such cycles with five world's destruction and rebirth. **There is no**



The Mayan Calender

of zeros, like the odometer turning over on your car, with calendrics, however, it's not the end of a thousand calendar was based on multiple cycles of time, 144,000 days: a little more than 394 Maya calendar worked from historical texts accurately correlated so-called Maya Long our calendar.

from a historically and culturally year of Christ), Maya times were religious and cosmic significance: the order. A Long Count date is the tally

experts think the start point of the Maya calendar intervals interval of 7,200 days (360 × 20) was complete a baktun (20 × 7,200 = 144,000

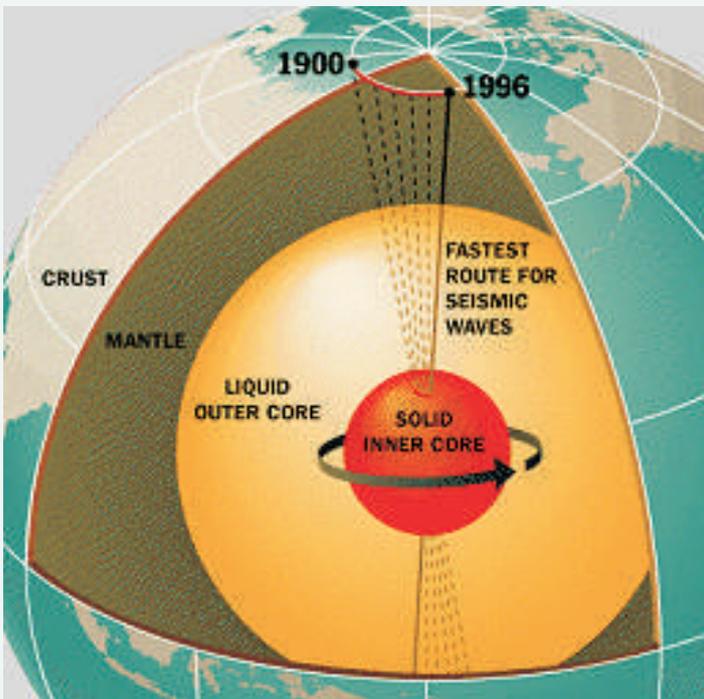
baktuns into an important reset milestone, running. For instance, it takes 20 baktuns to end of Baktun 13 until fairly recently. In 1975 Frank Great Cycle," overestimated its duration as 5,200 legendary eras, each of which ends in the **genuine Maya tradition behind any of this.**



Mayan Calendar foresees about the end of life on Earth on December 21 2012.

### Overnight Magnetic Pole shift in 2012:

Claims that a magnetic pole shift will occur in 2012 are false. Claims that a magnetic pole shift will cause volcanic/tectonic activity are also false. Field reversals take a minimum of several hundred years, and they are caused by the internal geodynamo, not by external agencies such as passing planets. While it is true that the Earth's magnetic field strength is currently declining, magnetic Pole reversals occur over the course of several hundred years, possibly up to a few thousand years. They do not switch overnight. The doomsayers make much of the fact that the most recent field reversal happened over 700,000 years ago, and that we are 'overdue'. However, the dynamo effect that drives the magnetic field is not a clock. It doesn't keep perfect time. The longest period between pole reversals was over 30 million years!



*The shifting magnetic pole*

A magnetic pole reversal is a big change, and it takes a long time to unfold and develop. No, the field strength of Earth will not drop to zero. Instead it will start with the magnetic poles splitting, so that we may have two or three North and South poles, instead of the simple dipole we have now. These will wander about for quite a while (possibly thousands of years) before settling down into a new dipole, with the poles reversed. When will this happen? The data indicates that it will take hundreds or perhaps thousands of years to unfold. There is no way to tell if the current decline is the beginning of a pole shift, or if we will have to wait another 10,000 years for it to start.



### Hindu Concept

The concept of eternal and cyclical time lies at the heart of the Hindu world view and is closely related to the concept of atman. Unlike the west where time is traditional Hindu scriptures view time as cyclical in character, with vast repeating series of ages. Given below is the poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson that epitomizes the classic Indian viewpoint.

#### Brahma

If the red slayer think he slays,  
Or if the slain think he is slain,  
They know not well the subtle ways  
I keep, and pass, and turn again.  
Far or forgot to me is near,  
Shadow and sunlight are the same,  
The vanished gods to me appear,  
And one to me are shame and fame.  
They reckon ill who leave me out;  
When me they fly, I am the wings;  
I am the doubter and the doubt,  
And I the hymn the Brahmin sings.  
The strong gods pine for my abode,  
And pine in vain the sacred Seven;  
But thou, meek lover of the good!  
Find me, and turn thy back on heaven. ■



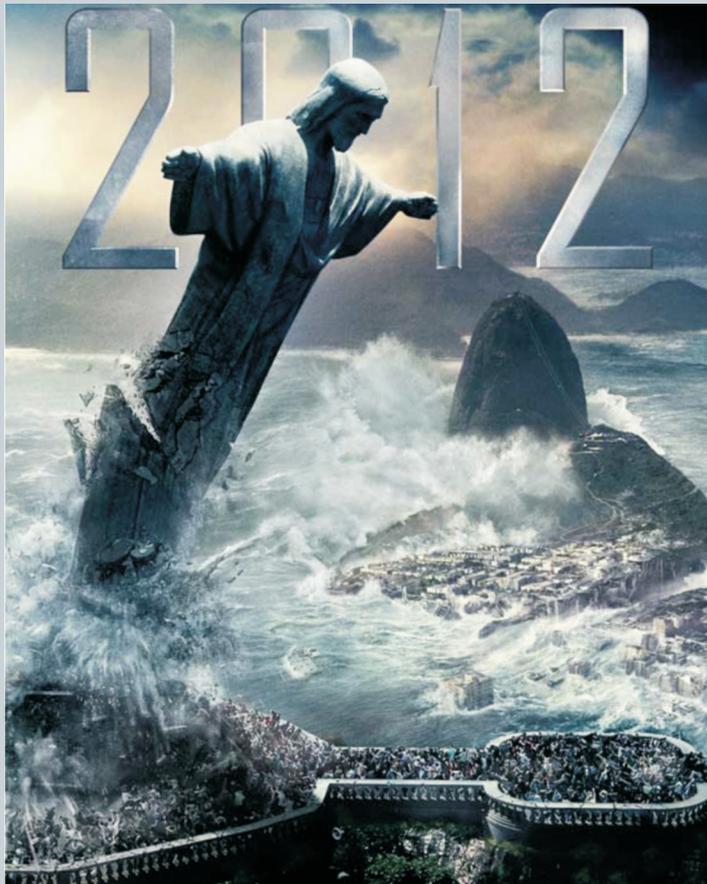
## 2012 The Movie



Hollywood's Biggest Blockbuster in India

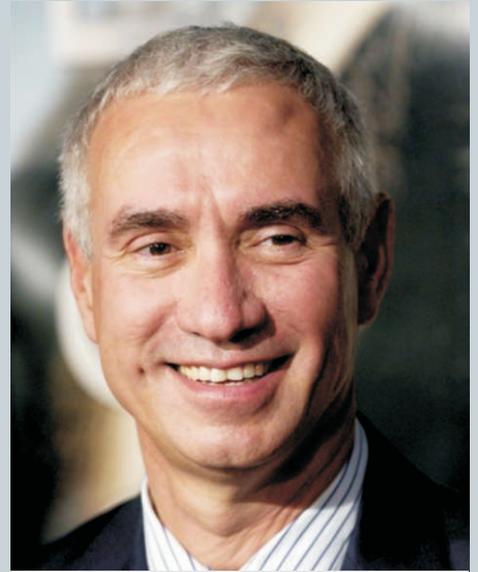
The film 2012 revolves around a story about scientists who realize that 2012 will see extreme weather effects, seismic activity and continent-sweeping tsunamis.

This leads to another story about the secret multi-national project that is undertaken by leaders of prominent countries to save a select few. Also, to add zing to the proceedings we have a failed science fiction writer Jackson Curtis who gets wind of this, and tries to save his family from the cataclysm. We also get a pirate-radio crackpot Charlie whose conspiracy theories wind up being absolutely and completely true.



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Made at a reported cost of \$260 million 2012 was released worldwide on 13th November 2009. At the time of writing the films has grossed about \$600 million worldwide.



Roland Emmerich (born November 10, 1955) is a German film director, screenwriter, and producer who works mostly in the disaster and action genres. His films have grossed more than \$3 billion worldwide, more than those of any other European-born director. Some of his more successful pictures are The Noah's Ark Principle, Universal Soldier, Independence Day, Godzilla, The Patriot, The Day After Tomorrow, 10,000 BC & 2012

Fundamentally simplistic, but almost irresistibly entertaining 2012 is a tale of spectacular devastation on a super-colossal scale. Director Roland Emmerich knows how to blow things up real good. He has become the modern day "Master of Disaster," a title once bestowed on 1970's film maker Irwin Allen thanks to the success of Allen's blockbusters The Poseidon Adventure and The Towering Inferno.

Though 2012 rarely convincingly places its stars in the midst of destruction it still scores points for at least managing to present its overkill action scenes in a coherent manner. At no point does director Emmerich succumb to the current trend for a barrage of rapid cutting as an excuse for having no idea as to how the an action scenes are to be staged. The scope and scale of devastation in 2012 often verges on the abstract; it is not hard to imagine earthquakes toppling buildings and giant waves flooding cities, but to see entire chunks of our continent rising up and falling into the ocean is mind-boggling.

Emmerich and cowriter Harald Kloser, pelt us with bits of hard science that, on the surface, seem convincing enough but probably wouldn't pass muster in a high school earth science course. Although it's grounded in the dubious belief that the Mayan calendar predicts that the world will end on December 21, 2012, the film is only fleetingly concerned with the concept. It is nothing more than Emmerich's springboard to Death and Destruction.

Thus, 2012 only with Pepsi and Popcorn in a multiplex near you. Everything else is relatively superfluous.