

TZOLKIN – KEY TO UNIVERSAL HARMONY

The Ancient Maya had a philosophy of harmonious coexistence with nature – a cosmic vision of a Natural Order, one in which all beings that inhabit the earth are equal. “In our vision, humans are not the owners of Mother Earth; we belong to her.... The planet is a living entity, and its fate affects all of us who inhabit it. We can see by current events and the state of the environment how serious things are. A great imbalance has been caused by humanity’s unconsciousness, the obvious result of breaking with the Natural Order.” Carlos Barrios *Book of Destiny*

“Reality is the vision we have of what surrounds us, but there are other, much more subtle realities that are more important. As humans evolved, they lost this ability to perceive and are thus disconnected from the cosmos, in a state of neglect that they seek to fill with material goods. This only condemns them to self-destruction and is the reason a return to the Natural Order is imperative.” Ramon Carbala, *Mayan Mam traditionalist and thinker*

Freedom of consciousness is a matter of being free in one’s mind, inside oneself. Freedom is living in harmony, where every human being respects himself or herself, others and Mother Nature. This is the Mayan cosmic vision.

The Maya had many calendars to track Ordinary Time (linear), they had only one calendar that tracked Sacred Time, The Tzolkin. Sacred Time is defined as the moment of awareness that can be enhanced or extended by following the river of energy consistent with the energies present on that day. According to Jose Arguelles in *Surfers of the Zuvuya*, the secret to time is being in synch or synchronized by tuning into your own vibrational frequencies. Following the Tzolkin allows humanity to tune into our own vibrational frequencies and at the same time, tune into universal frequencies. The Tzolkin is the key to being in universal balance or harmony.

In order to appreciate the concepts of the Mayan cosmic vision, a person needs to acquire knowledge of this Sacred Calendar of the Maya, the Tzolkin or Count of Days. The Tzolkin is a dimensional-energy calendar, not an astronomical calendar. It is not based on the measure of the movement of the Earth around the Sun, but rather the unique Sacred Energy created by each combination of the “Magic” Numbers 1 through 13 and the 20 Day Glyphs (“kin” or “sun”). These 260 combinations create a calendar or cycle which keeps repeating itself without interruption. Even though it is over 3000 years old, changes have never been made to it. The Tzolkin is mathematically perfect. Its precision is the result of centuries of observation and study by great Mayan astronomers, astrologers, mathematicians and wise men, all true sages.

“To myself it is a portal to realms undreamt of. It is an intuitive thread that dangles through all of creation. It is not a logic or anything tangible. It is ITZA. (Mayan word for magic, the stuff of life itself.) *This is the Sacred Mayan Secret, 13:20 found in plain view.*” Ian Xel Lungold

The greatest legacy the Mayan sages left us was the Tzolkin Sacred Calendar.

“Our Grandfathers left an extraordinary legacy to humanity, one that synthesizes all of the wisdom of the ancient world. It is the most useful and transcendent instrument for both individuals and nations because it gives us the information we need for full, harmonious self-realization. I am speaking of none other than the sacred Tzolkin calendar, the count of days.” Carlos Barrios *Book of Destiny*

This Sacred Calendar presents the order of the energies that affect each day. Following these sacred energies allows each of us to find our place in the world, understand our propensities, strengths and weaknesses, and lead an existence that is in harmony not only with our individual life purpose but also in harmony with the universe.

The Mayan Daysigns are based on this cosmic-earthly rhythm of universal harmony. There is a direct projection of cosmic currents – the confluence of energies from the four corners of the universe. These are what underpin the Mayan Cross in each sign as the four main elements (fire, earth, air and water) and thereby provide us with information on aspects that govern both our conception and the moment of our birth.

Each year is regulated by a reigning Nawal, known as the Year Bearer. This energy protects us and is the catalyst for our power. We need this knowledge so that we can harmonize ourselves with Mother Nature and therefore with the Cosmos, thus finding our true path. This ancient tradition guides our growth on all levels – physical, intellectual and spiritual.

Presently the world resides in a state of disorder but many are now recognizing and seeking ancestral wisdom and a return to the Natural Order. The new reality manifesting is that we all need each other. The Maya say: In Lak’ech. “I am another yourself.” We are all the same. I know you and thus I know myself. Our differences create the balance.

“We, you and I, are the center, the very point of balance of this Earth.” Jose Arguelles *Surfers of the Zuvuya*

Hopefully, we humans can find a way to overcome our many limitations in the depth and transcendence to be found in following the energies of the Sacred Calendar, each Day harmonizing with nature and the Cosmos.

“Around this calendar revolved the Maya concept of life as a great ceremony. This ceremony continues even today and you and I, and all the others are performers, dancers to the rhythm of the cycles of the most Sacred Drum. The Sacred Calendar was intended to wake the whole human race and alert them to the birth of a new world.

The Earth is my Mother,

The Sky is my Father,

The Wind is my Brother,

The Clouds are my Sister,

I am related to all things in the Universe.” Tony Shearer *Beneath the Moon and Under the Sun*

In Lak’ech, Viola and William

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