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## 2012: A Spaced-Out Oddity What's the Big Fuss About the Year 2012?

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"The world, as we know it, will soon come to an end." This solemn announcement is given by the United States President played by actor Danny Glover at a G8 Summit conference in the ultimate disaster movie — one dealing with the end of the world — entitled *2012*, which made its debut in theaters nationwide in November 2009. Its title and some of its themes reflect a fear on the part of some in our world and a *certainty* on the part of others that the year 2012 — specifically, December 21, 2012 — will mark the end of the world. During the movie several reasons for the world's demise that have been given by 2012 doomsayers are either stated or suggested.

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The primary force behind these fears is the fact that the 5,125-year Maya Long Count calendar cycle is due to end on December 21, 2012.<sup>1</sup>

One Christian author and publisher writes:

"This brings us to the central focus of this book — *December 21, 2012*. What does the Mayan long-

count calendar have to say about this date, and on what is this conclusion based? December 21, 2012, is the final day of the Mayan calendar — the end of time and possibly the end of the world. The Mayans regard this day as the point when human history could come to a close."<sup>2</sup>

Although it is doubtful that the Maya looked upon the end of this calendar cycle as representing the end of the world, this author has accurately presented how some people *believe* the Maya viewed this date.

Another Christian source notes:

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