

Byzantine Calendar says creation began on Sep 1 5509



Hebrew Calendar says creation began on Oct 7 3761 BC



Mayan Calendar says creation began on Aug 11 3114 BC





### Mesoamerican

### Androgyne

For the Quiche Maya, the world was created in the beginning by The Begetter, known as "Heart of Sky, Heart of Earth", a dual-sexed deity whom is both mother and father to all of the world's inhabitants (Tedlock 1985, 72, 76).

The Aztecs had a similar deity, Ometeotl, the God of Duality, who is both a single entity and a male-female pair, known as Ometeuctli, the Lord of Duality, and his female counterpart, Omecihuatl, the Lady of Duality (Haly 1992, 272); this dual-gendered entity, whose name Ometeotl is translated from Nahuatl to mean "Place of Duality, God of Two", was the source of all things, the well from which creation springs for all life (Leon-Portilla 1999, 133).

### Tlaltecuhtli

Ometéotl

### Chimalma





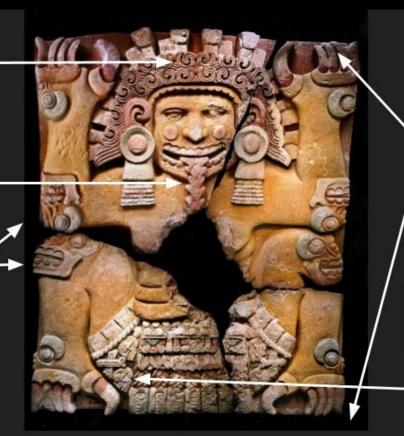
### Tlaltecuhtli Codex Chimalpopoca

Red, curly hair \_\_\_\_\_ meant to represent grass (malinali)

Always portrayed with mouth open and fangs visible. Blood dripping out shows the devouring of the dead

Skull masks on joints as extra mouths to emphasize the all-consuming nature of the earth

Monoliths and other sculptures of Tlaltecuhtli were often found facing down toward the ground



Stone, Museo del Tempio Mayor, 4.19m x 3.62m

Clawed Hands and Feet

In a crouched position and constrained by border - birthing position

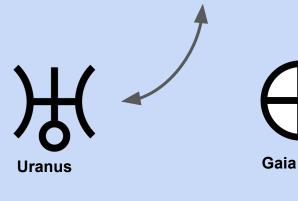
Smaller skulls throughout the body



Twins gave birth to more twins to create the first male and female.

# Patricide

#### Kronos dismembered his father





# Matricide

#### Quetzalcoatl dismembered his mother



Iztac-Mixcoatl



Tlaltecuhtli



Quetzalcoatl

### Ometéotl the dual god and her chimera twins

Ōme translates as "two" or "dual" and teotl translates as "god"

Ometecuhtli, (Nahuatl: "Two-Lord") Aztec deity, "Lord of the Duality" or Lord of Life, who represented one aspect of the cosmic duality of the Aztec tradition. With his female counterpart, Omecíhuatl ("Two-Lady" or "Lady of the Duality"), Ometecuhtli resided in Omeyocan ("Two-Place" or "Double Heaven"), the 13th and highest Aztec heaven. The opposing factors in the Aztec universe included male and female, light and dark, motion and stillness, and order and chaos.



Huitzilopochtli and Quetzalcoatl were told to create the first male and female humans.

## Olmec Twins El Azuzul

## **Twins of twins**

#### Hunahpu and Xbalanque

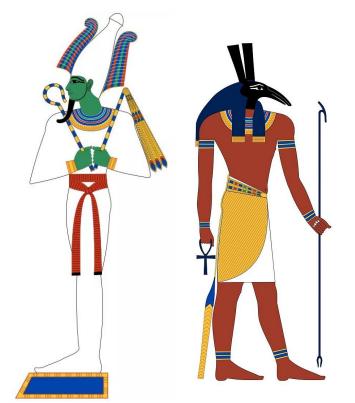


Whose father and uncle were also twins

Maya Hero Twins of the Popol Vuh

## **Twins of twins**

Osiris and Set



Dog Outshined by brother retaliates



## **Twins of twins twins**

#### Quetzalcoatl and Xolotl



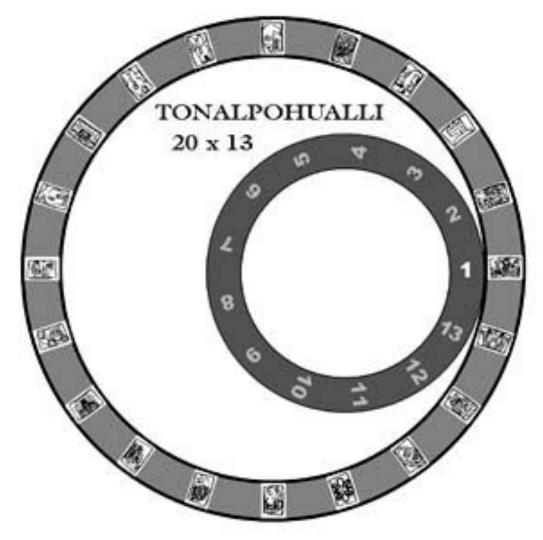


Morning Star Luciferus

### Tonalpohualli

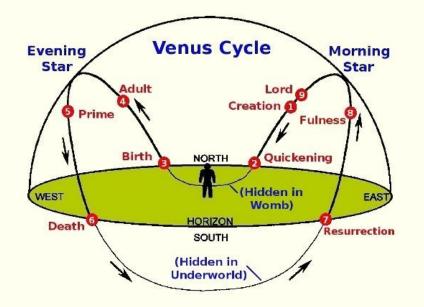
The "counting of the days" This went back to great antiquity in Mesoamerica, perhaps to the Olmec civilization of the 1st millennium BCE. It formed a 260-day cycle. The calendar was broken down into trecenas of 20 days with each day having its own name and symbol.

- The number 260 has multiple significances: Human gestation period
- The period between the appearance of Venus
- The length of the Mesoamerican agricultural cycle.



#### Nahui Ollin Four movement

Ollin, meaning 'movement', is the day of the Aztec calendar associated with Xolotl. Xolotl is the god of shifting shapes, twins and Venus, the Evening Star.





### Human Butcher Block or Stone Day Planner?

Modern archaeologists, such as those at the National Anthropology Museum in Mexico City, believe it is more likely to have been used primarily as a ceremonial basin or ritual altar for gladiatorial sacrifices, than as an astrological or astronomical reference.

### The Stone of Axayacatl

The Aztec Calendar (Sun Stone) was originally named Cuauhxicalli, or Eagle Bowl, in Aztec. It was commissioned by the Aztec ruler, Axayacatl who reigned from 1469-1481 when it was common practice for each new ruler to commission not only a new Sun Stone, but also a renovation of the Templo Mayor.



In a 20-day period, for example, every four days, one of the directions (east, north, west, and south) governs the calendar, and in this way it represents an endless number of different movements, such as the Quincunce, which represents the math of Venus and the moon, the rulers of the dream world.

The Quincunce

5th Sun is the only Sun that "moved"





Venustiano Carranza 1917

E DEL GALENDARIO HSTE

Catedral Piedra del sol, 1950s

### Coronation stone of Motecuhzoma II

## July 15 1503

Counter clockwise from bottom right the date is

- 4 Jaguar,
- 4 Wind,
- 4 Rain,
- 4 Water,
- 4 Movement





In the upper part of this zone, a square carved between the tails of the serpents represents the date Matlactli Omey-Ácatl ("13-reed"). This is said to correspond to 1479, the year in which the Fifth Sun emerged in Teotihuacan during the reign of Axayácatl, and at the same time, indicating the year in which this monolithic sun stone was carved.

**The Year 13 Reed** At Teotihuacan, in the year 13 Reed, the gods gathered in the pre-dawn darkness. Two gods sacrificed themselves by throwing themselves on a sacrificial fire. They then rose into the sky as the Sun and the Moon. Tonatiuh "He who goes forth shining"

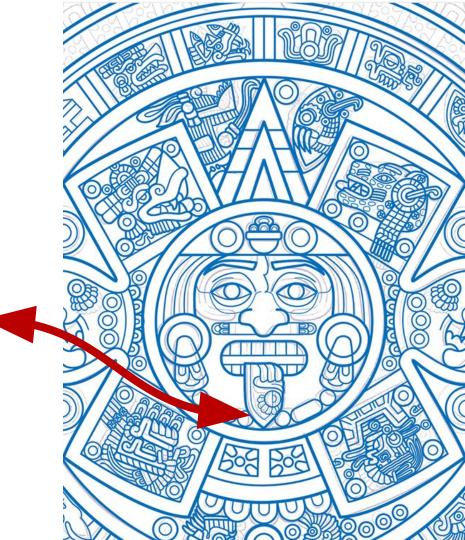
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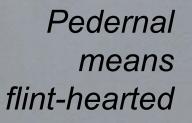
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## Pedernal

### flintstone knife of justice, the Fifth Sun









# Euthanized by Spain

The Aztec empire fell on a summer afternoon in August 1521. Its conquerors were ruthless. Aztec priests were strangled, Aztec temples razed. The Spaniards faithfully broke every statue they could find. Aztec gold and silver they quickly melted down. A few Aztec objects have managed to survive in European state collections--Dr. John Dee of England, Queen Elizabeth's court astrologer, did his divinations on an Aztec "magic mirror"--but almost all late Aztec art was intentionally destroyed. The thought of all that melted gold, of all those shattered statues, intensifies the sense of lost, of needless pain, that haunts the present show.



The Aztec calendar is divided into 'Suns', each lasting 6,625 years. The shift from the Fifth to the Sixth Sun started in July 1991 and will be complete in May 2021.

Sergio Maga



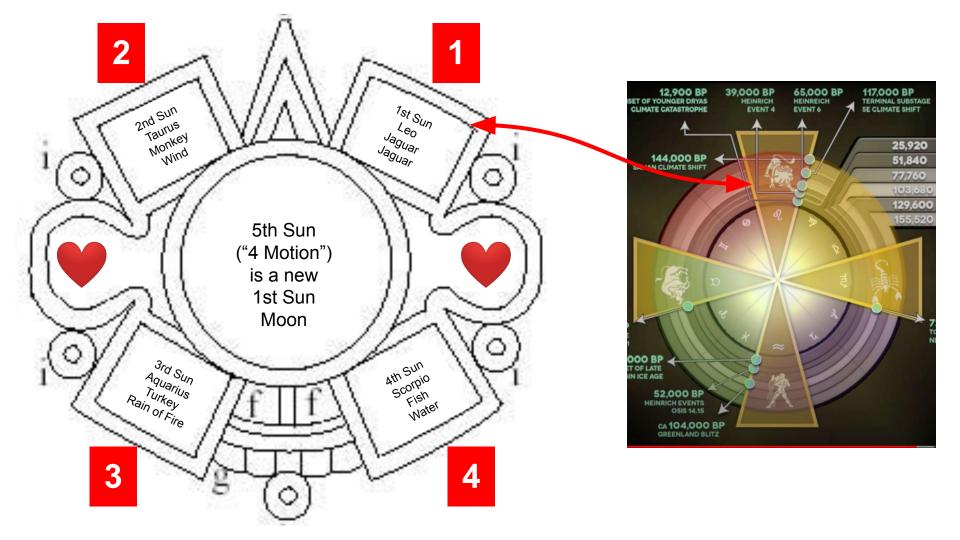
2nd sun 4-Wind (depicts the god Ehecatl)

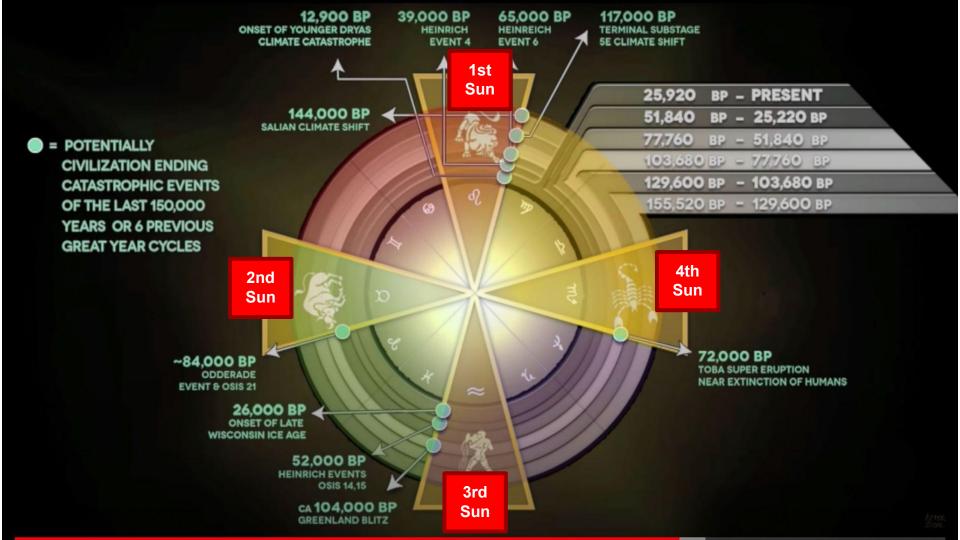
3rd sun **4-Rains of fire** (depicts the god Tlaloc)



l st sun **4-Jaguar** (Nahui Ocelotl)

4th sun **4-Water** (depicts the goddess Chalchiuhtlicue)







This first creation of the universe was done "together and without any time difference," when time was not yet counted, nor were the days, years, or ages.

## 1st Sun

#### Nahui-Ocelotl (Jaguar Sun)

- Black Tezcatlipoca's Sun
- Sunset to midnight
- Sun of Darkness
- Half Sun
- Nothing moved
- Giants
- Dishonest
- Acorn eaters
- Had to be watched to keep working
- Jaguars devoured it
- Sun too small



# 2nd Sun

#### Nahui-Ehécatl (Wind Sun)

- Quetzalcoatl's Sun
- Midnight to Dawn
- Monkeys/Apes
- Pleasure
- Wind/Hurricanes
- Ate pinion nuts
- Normal-sized people



# **3rd Sun**

#### Nahui-Quiahuitl (Rain Sun)

- Tlaloc's Sun
- Dawn to midday
- Drought
- Grief over loss of wife
- Rain of fire
- Turkeys/birds
- Ate river reeds
- Left world ashes



# 4th Sun

#### Nahui-Atl (Water Sun)

- Chalchiuhtlicue's Sun
- Midday to dusk
- Cried blood
- Floods/rains
- Fish/dogs
- Ate wild seeds



After six hundred years of inactivity, Quetzalcoatl and Huitzilopochtli began the creation of the world. They created fire and the sun, but not a whole sun, just a half sun that illuminated very little.

these ages were believed to have preceded the present era. On these days of destruction, shown in the four corners, the human inhabitants (with the exception of a single malefemale pair who survived to continue the race) were annihilated by four different kinds of cataclysms, respectively: swarms of ferocious jaguars, hurricanes, rains of fire, and a great deluge. The present, or fifth, sun, represented by the 4 Ollin (Movement) symbol in the center, was to have been terminated by violent earthquakes. Stylistically, these dates symbolizing the Five Suns are quite similar to those on other Aztec monuments; for example, the Calendar Stone (see fig. 3) and the Stone of the Suns, both in the Museo Nacional de Antropología, Mexico, and a carved rectangular stone in the Yale Peabody Museum (Beyer 1921: figs. 81-82, 92, 102, 114).

In addition, between the 4 Ehecatl (Wind) and 4 Quiabuitl (Rain) Hueytecuilhuitl, equivalent to 15 July 1503, O.S. Evidence exists in the ethnohistorical sources that Motecuhzoma II, who ruled Mexico Tenochtitlan from 1503 to 1520, was crowned on the day 1 Cipactli (Crocodilian Monster) in that year. It is probable, therefore, that these two dates were carved on this essentially religious monument to commemorate that significant dynastic event. This conjunction of dates on the upper face of the monument was most likely intended to link the initiation of the reign of Motecuhzoma II, Mexico Tenochtitlan's last pre-Hispanic ruler, to the sequence of cosmogonical ages, the last of which was particularly characterized by the rise to imperial glory of the Mexica metropolis. The combination of mythological and historical dates indicates that dynastic-historical events were placed within a cosmogonical-cosmological frame of

reference



Underside, no. 6.

The precise function of this monument is uncertain since no examples of its type have been found in situ. Stylistically and iconographically it constitutes an excellent example of a late Aztec religious monument, in this case-as with some other well-known sculptures-including dates with apparent historical-dynastic referents. Aesthetically, it is a decidedly superior specimen. The high-relief of the carvings, particularly on the top surface, lends them a striking boldness and vigor.

Hermann Beyer, El llamado "Calendario Azteca" (Mexico, 1921); Alfonso Caso, "La correlación de los años azteca y christiana," Revista Mexicana de Estudios Antropológicos 3, no. 1 (1939): 11-45.

# 5th Sun

Nahui-Ollin (Earthquake Sun)

- Tonatiuh's Sun
- Sunset to midnight
- Earthquakes
- First eclipse
- First moon
- Ate maize from ants in food mtn
  - i.e. 1st Sun

# The Fifth Sun

#### Nahui-Ollin (Earthquake Sun)

- Sunset to midnight
- Earthquakes
- First eclipse
- First moon
- Ate maize from ants in food mtn
- Underworld had bones Quetzalcoatl

At first there were no people under the fifth sun. The inhabitants of the earlier worlds had died, and their bones littered Mictlan, the underworld. Quetzalcoatl and his twin, Xolotl, journeyed to Mictlan to find the bones, arousing the fury of the Death Lord. As he fled from the underworld, Quetzalcoatl dropped the bones, and they broke into pieces. He gathered up the pieces and took them to the earth goddess Cihuacoatl (Snake Woman), who ground them into flour. Quetzalcoatl moistened the flour with his own blood, which gave it life. Then he and Xolotl shaped the mixture into human forms and taught the new creatures how to reproduce themselves.



The beginning of this shift out of the Fifth Sun was marked by the full solar eclipse that was seen on July 11th, 1991, in Mexico City

The First Eclipse was a product of the 5th Sun.

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