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HAPPY END OF DAYS

I haven't been this scared since the [last Doomsday prediction](#) turned out to be a big ol' heap of baloney. I'm more scared than Richie was that one time he had to check out the creepy old house for Ralph's party.

This time I did my homework. Scholars accurately interpreted the [Mayan Long Count Calendar](#). These days are your (and my) [End of Days](#). Tomorrow the world is going to end. Or, if you missed this post and you're reading it from the great beyond, the world ended Dec. 21, 2012. (Ever heard of TDP alerts?)

And it probably ended in fire. Like that one time Chachi accidentally burned down Arnold's and Fonzie yelled at him. I mean, even [Twinkies are extinct now](#). *Hello?!*

I've done [extensive research](#) on the subject. I figured out the incredibly complex system of long count periods — even though all the math gave me two nosebleeds. Know how many *k'in* are in six *winal*? One hundred twenty. There are 120 *k'in* in six *winal*, thank you very much.

So I thought I'd share with you my knowledge of the Mayan Long Count Calendar. Now that I deciphered it, let's look back at some of highlights of human history recorded on that mysterious rock. And here they are:

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Oh, wait, do you even know about science? The Mayan Long Count Calendar measures a cycle of 394-year-ish periods called *b'ak'tun*. We're on our 13th *b'ak'tun*, the last in the cycle, which happens to end Dec. 21.

That's important because, according to the Mayan creation story, our universe ends after 13 *b'ak'tuns*, or 5,000-ish years. It's like that time at Joanie and Chachi's wedding when Howard made the toast, saying, "To happy days."

And then the the series ended.

Done

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*Mike*

DEC 20, 2012 @ 11:29:46

I am thoroughly confused by this, but the fact that the Twinkie, which can survive a nuclear holocaust, is extinct before we are....I believe that's truly a sign of the end of days. 😊

*Cedar Coleman*

DEC 20, 2012 @ 13:02:49

The current time in Sydney, Australia is Friday, December 21, 2012 at 7:02:20 AM EDT and the world still is there, I think we're good.

*Cara LaBrie*

DEC 20, 2012 @ 14:17:35

Cedar, your optimism is, as always, refreshing.

*Andrew Carroll*

DEC 20, 2012 @ 17:06:31

I think most scholars agree it's Dec 21st at 12:00 AM MST. 😊

*ejackson*

DEC 20, 2012 @ 20:54:22

great creativity!

*tmessinger*

DEC 21, 2012 @ 06:17:42

Still here in Gilbert, looks like the Mayans just ran out of room for more dates!

*jbremner*

DEC 21, 2012 @ 06:20:58

The Docotr did it! he saved us from the Mayans!!!

<http://x.co/r2bP>

*David Doty*

DEC 21, 2012 @ 06:48:12

The ghost of David Doty is here for work today!

BOO!

*rjohnsen*

DEC 21, 2012 @ 10:13:07

I, Ryan Johnsen, have read this article. And I am still alive.

*Matt A Larson*

DEC 21, 2012 @ 10:21:33

I had no ideas what a part Twinkies played in the creation of the world. Amazing!

*Chris G*

DEC 21, 2012 @ 10:59:02

At least there will never be an end to pie.

*mbeckerleg*

DEC 21, 2012 @ 10:59:43

My welcome to the company is the end of days. Exciting stuff!



Amanda W

DEC 21, 2012 @ 12:26:15

What if we're at work in the afterlife, sort of like Grim Fandango?



rcomeau

DEC 21, 2012 @ 16:59:52

oh man i laughed so hard thanks for the great read.



Joe S. Milburn

DEC 21, 2012 @ 23:20:59

@Amanda W:

Certainly something to think about. Great game, too. 😊

Not only has the world not ended, but there is also a mismatch in trying to correlate it to the Gregorian calendar we rely on:

There have been about 514 Leap Years since Caesar created it in 45BC. Without the extra day every 4 years, today would be July 28, 2013. Also, the Mayan calendar did not account for leap year...so technically the world should have ended 7 months ago.



Nik Berry

DEC 22, 2012 @ 07:01:10

perhaps they had an intern there and he forgot to carry a K'in when multiplying the winals...?



Jason Wagner

DEC 23, 2012 @ 23:47:16

I've survived so many apocalypsii in my life I hardly take notice anymore. I can't count how many millennial end of the world events passed without so much as an alien invasion, let alone the infamous Y2K bug and numerous raptures in the last 3 years alone.

I'm beginning to think it's my sheer indifference that carries humanity through each time. /narcissism.

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