

Calendar

The Calendar System

Tzolk'in

Alonso Méndez: The contemporary Maya still to this day celebrate and maintain a calendar which we call the Chol Q'ij or the Tzolk'in. This is a calendar that observes 260 days as its primary cycle. This cycle is comprised of a permutation of 20 days times 13. We know that it is a cycle that is intimately linked to, not just the agricultural cycle but also to a human gestation period. The ancient Maya or the people who developed this calendar were able to perceive and to see in this area, in this geographical region a very special coincidence, a very special link between their own bodily cycles, their own human cycles and the cycle of corn. That humans and corn were intimately and divinely linked together.