

Calendar

The Calendar System

Long Count Calendar

Alonso Méndez: This system of calendar keeping is very much like our own system which establishes a time line.

A time line is critical for people in order to link historical events to a remote past, in the case of the Maya, a mythological past.

Both systems have a beginning point, the Gregorian system beginning at zero B.C., the ancient Maya system beginning at 3,114 years before the birth of Christ. And so this cycle which began 3,114 years before Christ, comes to a completion or a recurrence 5,126 years after its beginning, and that completion date will occur on December 21st, 2012 A.D.