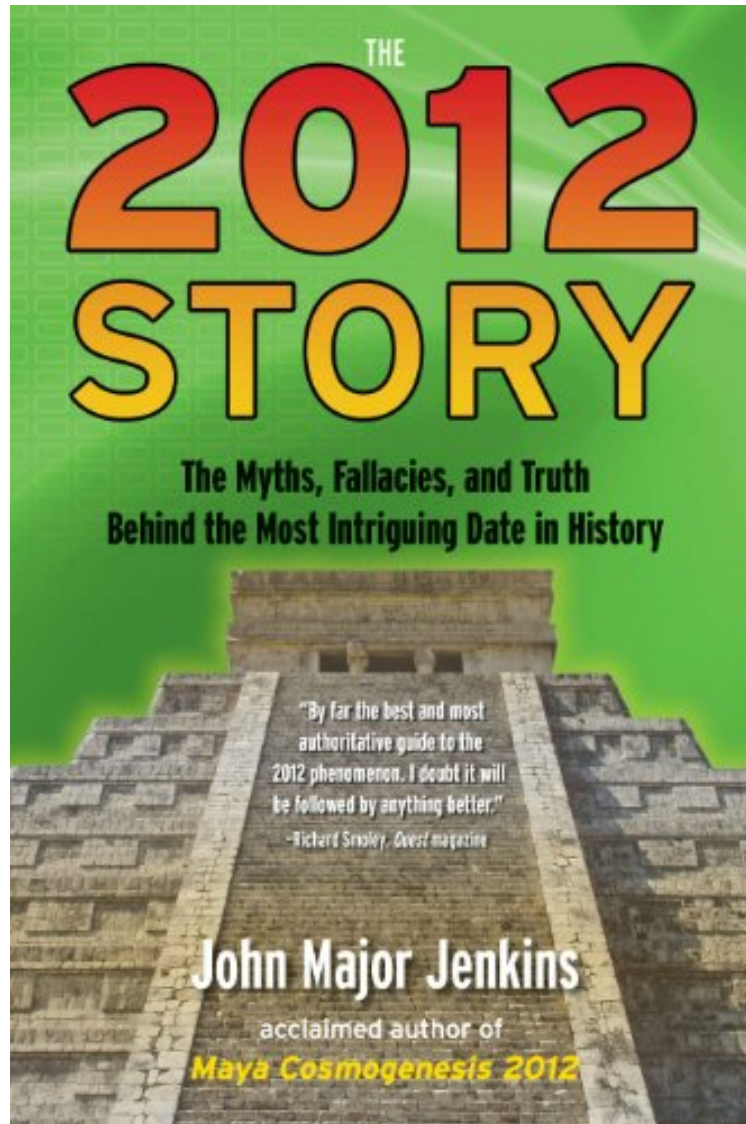


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**Von John Major Jenkins : The 2012 Story: The Myths, Fallacies, and Truth Behind the Most Intriguing Date in History** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The 2012 Story: The Myths, Fallacies, and Truth Behind the Most Intriguing Date in History:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very recommendable, non-hysterical basic information about Maya cultureVon Nina R. There are loads of books about the

coming 2012 happening on the market. This one was the first I ever read and from what I can tell, it offers serious thinking, balancing between nearly scientific investigation of ancient Maya culture and belief on one side, and level-headed interpretation of the meaning the myths may or may not have for us today. According to J.M. Jenkins, the Maya had a cyclical way of seeing things, going from very small to very big. Everything developed and evolved in cycles, every end was a new beginning. The same goes for the Maya calendar. The end of the old cycle (which happens at December 12, 2012) will be the birth of the next. Interwoven with the myth of the rise and fall of the evil, treacherous leader Seven Macaw and the death and rebirth of the good, wise king One Hunapu, the climax of the cycle ending will take place at the winter solstice, when the sun passes right over the dark rift in the Milky way, which symbolized the opening to the underworld to the Maya. From this rift the sun-king gets reborn. That's basically it - a very beautiful myth, I must say, and I cannot understand why scholars (especially anthropologists and archaeologists, who should be very familiar with all sorts of religious beliefs of ancient cultures) seem to have neglected Jenkins' theories. Even though his findings about the true meaning of the Maya calendar seem to have gained generally approved status by now, his name is hardly ever mentioned. Again, I can only speak from what I've learned through this book, and according to Jenkins' explanations, he fought for over 20 years for the interpretation of the Maya calendar that is known today. The first half of the book deals with sometimes repetitive details about the counting of the Maya calendar. Since I am neither familiar nor too interested in the basics, I just have to take Jenkins' word for it that his calculations are correct. He also whines a little about the ways New Agers and academics mistreated him (stealing his ideas, distort or ignore them), but not in a too annoying way. After that, he suddenly becomes political. First bashing the Bush administration, he then tells us about the state of the contemporary Maya, how not only their culture but their survival is endangered, first by genocide, then by economical pressure. These parts were very informative and I will certainly look out for some of the books he mentioned. The last part of the book deals with the esoteric interpretation. Jenkins is certainly what you would call a spiritual seeker, perhaps this is the reason why academics tend to not take him seriously. From my point of view, whatever he had to say about the state of the western world and our misleading 'gods' (materialism and blind fate in anything that labels itself as 'science', and I know what I'm saying, being a chemist myself) was true and not over-the-top. I can truly recommend this book, even though it does get lengthy at some points. It is worth the read. \*\*\*Leider sind die Bücher dieses Autors nicht auf Deutsch erschienen. Dieses hier war bislang das einzige, das ich von ihm gelesen habe, und das erste zum Thema "2012" überhaupt. Ein Glücksgriff, wie ich meine, denn J.M. Jenkins ist ein Gelehrter aus eigener Initiative, kein Akademiker, kein reiner Esoteriker, sondern von allem ein bisschen etwas. Er interessiert sich für die Kultur der Maya im allgemeinen und den Kalender bzw. die damit untrennbar verbundenen Mythen und kämpft (gemäß seiner eigenen Aussage) seit über 20 Jahren für ein zurechtgerichtetes Bild der Maya. Die Maya dachten in Zyklen, und auch ihr Kalendersystem ist (vom Größten bis ins Kleinste) darauf aufgebaut. Der Zyklus, der am 21.12.2012 enden wird, fällt auf die Wintersonnenwende und den Zeitpunkt, da die Sonne sich in Konjunktion mit dem dunklen Band, das sich durch die Milchstraße zieht, stehen wird. Dies deckt sich dann mit dem Sterbe- und Wiederauferstehungsmythos diverser Gottheiten - ein Zyklus endet, ein neuer beginnt. Und wie immer, wenn etwas stirbt, um neu geboren zu werden, müssen auch die Menschen alte Gewohnheiten ablegen um über sich selbst hinauswachsen zu können. So in ungefähr lautet der Kern des Ganzen. Ob und inwiefern das alles auf uns heute Lebende eine Auswirkung haben wird, kann und will Jenkins nicht sagen, er bezweifelt es sogar. Das Einzige, was er klar darlegt ist, dass "Ende-der-Welt-Partys" so ziemlich das Letzte sind, was wir brauchen. Besonders informativ und wertvoll fand ich seine Hinweise auf die heute lebenden Maya, deren politische Verfolgung und gezielte Tötung und die wirtschaftlichen Repressalien, unter denen sie zu leiden haben. Wer einigermaßen gut Englisch lesen kann und sich für eine sehr weit gefächerte, durch keinen Tunnelblick verzerrte Sichtweise auf ein kulturell-astronomisch-anthropologisch-spirituelles Thema interessiert, dem kann ich dieses Buch nur wärmstens empfehlen. An einigen Stellen ist es etwas langatmig geraten, ein gutes Drittel hätte man wohl kürzen können.

**Kurzbeschreibung** On December 21, 2012, the Mesoamerican Long Count calendar, a 5,125-year cycle calendar system pioneered by the Maya, will come to an end. At the same time, the earth, the sun, and the center of the galaxy will come together in an extremely rare cosmic alignment. More and more people believe that the world as we know it will experience a transformation in 2012, but few are aware of the complete history or significance of the date. John Major Jenkins, among the most authoritative voices of the 2012 movement, has written a definitive explanation of one of the most thought-provoking phenomena of our time. Drawing from his own groundbreaking research (including his involvement in the modern reconstruction of Mayan 2012 cosmology) and more than two decades of extensive study of Mayan culture, Jenkins has created the crucial guide to understanding the story of 2012 - an essential overview of the history, theory, cultures, and personalities that have brought this extraordinary idea into modern awareness. Jenkins provides illuminating answers to some of the most-asked questions about 2012, including: - How did the early Maya devise the calendar that gives us the cycle ending in 2012, and how does it work? - How did the calendar come to be rediscovered and reconstructed in our era? - What controversies and intrigues surround the topic, and what do scholars

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