

## 2012: Resetting the Count Maya Opinions on 2012

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To me, 2012 is the year that ends a cycle in the Maya calendar. The media creates panic in society. I think that as Maya people, who speak our language, we should be more specific with our communities and say that the Maya calendar has a cycle that ends, but it does not imply catastrophes. We create those catastrophes through our neglect of the environment. This does not mean that the Maya calendar specifies that the end of the world is about to come, rather, we humans are responsible for creating the end of the world. The end of the world, for me, means the destruction of our communities; not knowing what our values are, not knowing how to value our lives, and not knowing how to value nature. It is not the end, but the beginning, by making our children conscientious about our world, and above all, following the advice of our grandparents.