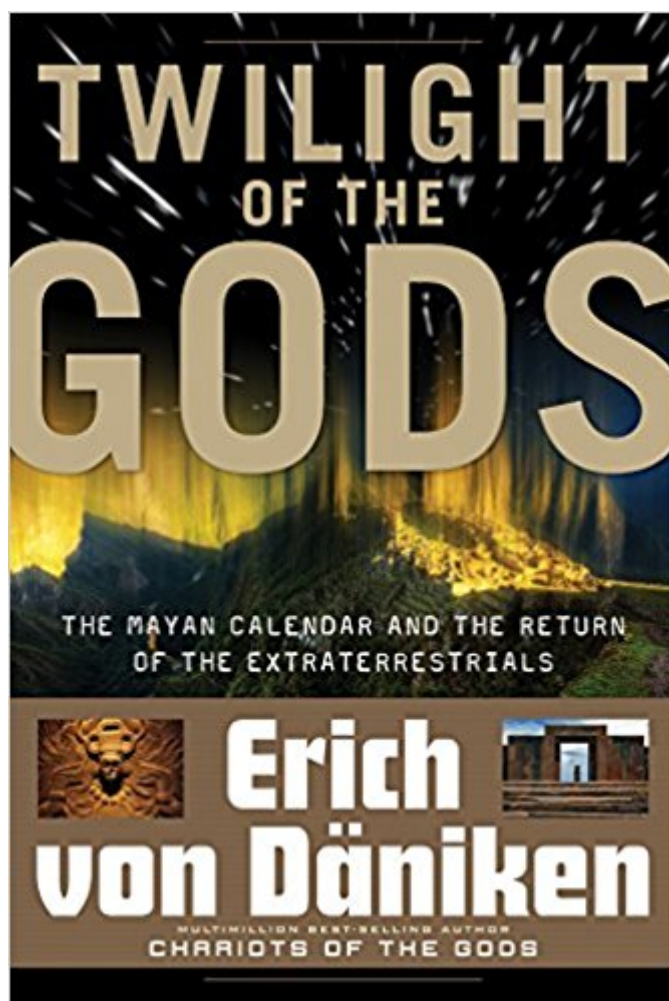


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Twilight Of The Gods: The Mayan Calendar And The Return Of The Extraterrestrials



Synopsis

High up in the Bolivian Andes-4,000 meters above sea level-lies Puma punku, an ancient ruined city that simply could never have been constructed by its Stone Age inhabitants."Something here really stinks to high heaven," writes Erich von Daniken."In Twilight of the Gods," says von Daniken, "I document precisely what it was that left the first visitors breathless as they stood before the mighty stone blocks some 400 years ago. I will show you what archeologists discovered hundreds of years ago and demonstrate how much has been destroyed over the centuries. Intentionally."I will also prove that Puma punku was not built by any Stone Age people."And in December 2012, the gods will return from their long journey and appear again here on Earth. At least that is what the Mayan calendar would have us believe."The so-called gods--the extraterrestrials--will come again. We're headed for a 'god shock' of major proportions."But doesn't anyone with half a brain know that interstellar travel is simply impossible because of the sheer distances involved? And that extraterrestrials would never look like us?"Well, dear readers, I destroy these preconceptions. Systematically. One bit at a time."In his own inimitable way, Erich von Daniken picks these preconceptions and prejudices apart with a clarity no other author could manage.

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Customer Reviews

"His ideas have a mythic appeal..."
— James A. Herrick, Christianity Today

Erich von Daniken is arguably the most widely read and most-copied nonfiction author in the world.

He published his first (and most well-known) book, *Chariots of the Gods*, in 1968. It was a worldwide best-seller and has been followed by 31 more books including the recent hit *History Is Wrong* (New Page Books). His works have been translated into 28 different languages and have sold a total of 63 million copies. Several of his books have also been turned into films, and Erich's ideas have been the inspiration for a wide range of TV series, including the History Channel's smash hit special, "Ancient Aliens." He is an ever-present figure on the international lecture circuit. He lives in Switzerland.

To be honest, I never read "Chariots of the Gods", so I basically dove into this book with some understanding about Erich von Daniken and the premise of his other material. It is a quick and easy read that is thought provoking and leaves readers like myself to come to their own conclusion whether you believe what he writes. The material provided was interesting as well as some of the information Erich provided. What I found interesting was that he feels that in December 2012 he feels the world will not end, but change with the return of extraterrestrials. What I wish he could have touched on was some of the details behind the Chinese calendar and how it relates to the Mayan calendar in terms of the December date as I just do not seem to remember too much about that and if it was mentioned in the book. He focused a bit on the Aztec and Mayan societies as the pillar for the December 2012 due to translation and interpretation of items not destroyed by the conquistadors and other artifacts. Whether the reader agrees with the interpretations is another thing. A fun book to read that goes by pretty quick, and I am not a speed reader, and makes for interesting topics with other people for their thoughts. A worthy purchase from someone who took plenty of time researching this possible event, enjoy.

I enjoy Erich Von Daniken, the Ancient Alient theorist, but I did not enjoy the writer very much. To his credit Mr. Von Daniken demonstrates a strong passion this subject and presents many believable ideas. He uses such force and conviction when he describes the reasons for Alien encounters in the past and how they have shaped our future that I want to believe them. Unfortunately this book lacked evidence, focus, and the organization to keep me reading. I have become fascinated with the TV show *Ancient Aliens* in which I first learned about Mr Von Daniken's research. He has me convinced that not only were the Mayans a civilization well ahead of their time, but leads me to believe that there is a reason why it has taken us so long to catch up. There must be some sort of extraterrestrial connection. But why write a book about the Mayan Calendar and then spend a dozen pages or so giving us the same information that we could find on the internet? I

thought he was going to show me something profound, open my eyes to a new angle that I have never heard before. I was disappointed that a majority of the book bounced around from topic to topic like the rubber balls that the Mayans created from their trees. I was looking for more solid evidence supporting the significance of the Mayan calendar, but found very little. In addition, he fails to go into greater detail, and instead references one of his other books. His reasoning for a lack of detail is due to the fact that he already wrote about the topic before. Then why are you writing about it in this book? To me, there is a clear lack of focus and organization that is frustrating. If you want to blow the reader away, then do it. Don't tease me with fascinating ideas and then move on the next topic. I was already on board, that is why I bought the book. Halfway through I wanted to put it down and watch another episode of AA. For me, the book did not quite live up its hype, but regardless, I still find Erich Von Daniken to be a progressive thinker and I like the way he questions our basic beliefs.

To read Daniken's book, you have to be aware that Daniken not only believes in aliens but propounds that aliens created humans. I have read many of Daniken's books and have always found him to be fascinating. Yet, this book wasn't one of my favorites. I felt the title mostly capitalized on the upcoming Mayan prophecy without really fully explaining it. I wanted a clear explanation for December 23, 2012 but felt this book didn't do any better of a job than any of the documentaries or articles I've already read. Could that be because it's all a bunch of bunk? Probably. But, fun bunk. The author does make a very clear and believable argument that Mayan culture was so technologically and culturally advanced that some other ancient alien culture must have been involved. One thing I really like about Daniken as a researcher is that he actually goes into the field to examine the evidence and doesn't just rely on others' works and hearsay. This book also provides photographic evidence so the reader can 'see' for him or herself. It is a really fast, really fun read and a good introduction to Daniken and his theories.

Eric clearly knows what he is talking about, he is 'The' Authority on this subject. The way he stresses that we are not institutionalising into our education system the facts about stone structures in Bolivia and Peru, is brilliant. It was good that he wrote something for release in 2010 because many well known authorities haven't produced anything recent. With 2012 approaching, we need some last minute advice from a recognised authority. He could have made this book shorter to avoid some unrequired information in the end. Avid followers of this topic like myself can now relax and feel like we are in the loop. For those reviewers that were unsatisfied because they wanted specific

dates and specific information about Dec 2012 I'd recommend reading [The Secret Language of Eras: Discover man's past, present and future with Personology](#). This book takes a new look at the dating system and backs it up with a different kind of evidence. The author divides time up into 200 year periods and reviews history back to the year 3000 BC. Its obvious that there is a pattern to our behaviour as human beings, and December 2012 could be that milestone for the next era.

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