

An explanatory note regarding February 11, 2011 and March 9, 2011
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I have gotten so many emails from people asking about February 11, 2011 versus March 9, 2011 that I feel it is necessary to write a special note about this particular issue, where I am largely responsible for the confusion myself. The question is: What is the beginning date of the Ninth wave? To address this I need to backtrack somewhat.

When I started my independent work on the Mayan calendar late in 1993 I already suggested two things that seemed controversial and unorthodox: One was the proposal that there were not only one, but nine waves, (underworlds, supports, levels of evolution, long calendars) of different frequencies of different durations that were creating the universe. A second was the proposal that the end date of the True Long Count is October 28, 2011. Naturally both of those assumptions came under attack by various people who had concocted suggestions as to what would happen on December 21, 2012, without foundation in Mayan texts. I however argued that the use of the Mayan calendar had undergone significant changes over the ages and the only criterion we could apply when it came to finding its true form would be that this actually would explain evolution in all of its aspects and would be useful for making predictions. If it was not reasonable useful for this why take an interest in the Mayan calendar to begin with? Such a criterion of rationality would have to be applied also to the Universal Underworld, which however at the time seemed to be far into the future and thus not completely clear to me.

Regarding the beginning of the ninth wave I thus wrote in my first book in English Solving the Greatest Mystery of Our Time: The Mayan Calendar (Garev 2001): "*The short Universal Cycle of 2011, probably totaling $13 \times 18 = 234$ days, but possibly 260 days...*" leaving an opening to the orthodox answer that it would just be another traditional tzolkin count starting February 11, 2011 (which has the added appeal of being an amazing palindrome date (11.02.2011 in international notation)). This quote reflected a vacillation or uncertainty on my own part not certain whether I could introduce a third unorthodoxy such as the return of the nine day count. Before taking such a step I wanted to feel a little more secure that my overall model of nine levels all completing on October 28, 2011 was true (that is to say accurately described the evolution of consciousness and the emerging paradigm shifts). In the Mayan calendar and the Transformation of Consciousness (Bear and Co 2004) I place more emphasis on the final 260 day tzolkin round as the duration of the ninth wave (and so did, I think, always Ian Lungold who did so much to spread my work). Nonetheless, also in this book I wrote ("*or possibly, if it is one twentieth of the Galactic Underworld, 234 days; I cannot tell yet,*" page 216). The point here is that there is nothing that has changed, but rather a vacillation on my own part that has now come to an end. In the early nineties, when these notions were first developed, I had a much less certain view of how the Mayan calendar was going to evolve.

February 11, 2011 (1 Imix) thus remains the beginning of a tzolkin round and may for this reason be a cause for celebration for anyone following the traditional Mayan calendar. It is only that on my own part I tend to think that the experience of its inherent rhythm will be broken up by the ninth wave starting March 9, 2011, in which DAYS and NIGHTS are each $18 = 9+9$ days long. The

tzolkin I believe will remain an undercurrent of energies whose power will however come to be superseded by a $18 = 9 + 9$ day rhythm. It was Robert Gunn who through a manuscript he had sent me prompted me to lean over to these 234 days as the duration of the Ninth Wave. But generally, you might say that the fact that the two earlier mentioned unorthodoxies have now been verified, or at least given tremendous additional support, gives me the confidence to place the emphasis on the March 9 date as the beginning date of the Ninth wave. What I am referring to here is partly the support from the Tortuguero monument, which in no ambiguous terms states (http://www.calleman.com/content/articles/the_tortuguero%20_monument.htm) that indeed we are up for the simultaneous manifestation of nine waves (and not just one Long Count) and partly the verification of the October 28, 2011 date through my predictions about the Fifth NIGHT of the Galactic Underworld in the Mayan calendar and the Transformation of Consciousness. To the latter should be added the arguments that are presented in my interview in three parts on YouTube with Mayanist Mark van Stone (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSu-SWJILQU>) that December 21, 2012 cannot be the end date of the true Long Count (it is the end date of the Izipan Long Count, which is another matter) and that the ancient Maya who developed this calendar system were not at all interested in solstices (which is more of a thing for the currently dominating northern cultures of our planet).

If you ask me today I would then say that February 11, 2011 is the beginning (1 Imix) of a new tzolkin round of 260 days, but that March 9, 2011 is the beginning of the 234 day long ninth wave or the Universal Underworld. Naturally, some may react to my earlier vacillation with surprise, but the fact is that an explanation to the Mayan calendar is not cut in stone anywhere. Even the Tortuguero monument can only be made sense of with a background of all cosmic evolution in its entirety and when I started my work this monument was not even known. You also have to see such a monument in the right perspective and use your critical faculties in trying to make sense of such an archaic text.

To uncritically just take over a date or concept from the ancient Maya without further verification is much like saying that something is true just because it is written in the Bible. Clearly ancient peoples did see a lot of things we mostly are not able to see and so they may guide us, but in terms of overall factual knowledge the modern world is vastly ahead of the ancient world. Despite this knowledge basis whatever view we endorse regarding the Mayan calendar our models will always involve assumptions and interpretation that will require our best judgment (and putting our own egos aside). In doing so I feel that there are a few rules that we need to follow. One is not to base any aspect of the calendar on a personal (such as your own birthday) or local (such as the solar zenith in Izapa) agenda. Another is that the calendar should be able to describe the evolution of consciousness and the paradigm shifts through which this is expressed. Most importantly we need to follow a model that is process-related that accurately describes the processes that we want to co-create.

Additional Voices:

Below follow a few voices on the Ninth wave that I think are very well worth pondering and add to the monumental significance of the current year of 2011. For those wanting to learn how to follow the ninth wave please see:

http://4-ahau.com/en/Nine_Days_Count.html from **Pierre Lejoyeux**.

Phillipe de Vos, author of "l'Enneagramme dans la pratique soufie" adds a comment that I believe also puts the current development in North Africa in context by clarifying the meaning of the Gregorian year 2011 from a Muslim perspective:

"I find your explanation of the two different dates and time frames of 260 and 234 days very interesting. When we add the 234 days after the March 9, 2011 date we arrive at October 29. This year the latter date is the beginning of the Muslim pilgrimage the hajj, based on the lunar Muslim calendar and it is well known by Sufi masters that Imam Mahdi (= Kalki in Islamic culture) will arrive during the pilgrimage when the Arafat day (the 9th day of the pilgrimage) is a Friday. This is called the biggest pilgrimage - hajj al akbar - and it happens this year 2011, as Arafat day is then a Friday. This convergence is very interesting and in fact in the Islamic world this has already been announced without knowledge of the Mayan calendar. The particular role of Imam Mahdi is to bring Islam to its original state: The sanatana dharma or "din al qayyim", which is a Quranic word meaning "eternal law". The Sufi masters say, no more religions, no more Sufism and no more divisions. All will be "rabbaniyin" (Lord) as says sheik Nazim Cyprus mufti and leader of naqchabandi Sufi way."

Sharon Jorgenson points out the uniqueness of the Ninth wave (see also <http://www.facebook.com/notes.php?id=100001419924122>):

For 16.4 billion years this material world has pulsed according to the rhythm of the tzolkin round, whether the shorter 260 day cycle or its overtones such as the 260 tun Planetary Underworld. In fact 8 of the 9 Underworlds neatly divides into 260 equal time periods, except for the last. The Universal Underworld is 234 days long, thus requiring each tzolkin combination (sun sign) to emboss less than one solar 24-hour day. This makes the Universal vibration unnatural, immaterial and out-of-phase with the rest of creation. Of what value is that? One might speculate that the purpose of the Universal Underworld is to loosen one's consciousness from this physical reality...allowing for transcendence. BUT first we will have to get "down & dirty" with the material world. The abstractions generated by the left brain during the National Underworld are being stripped away, along with its ordered, comfortable categories in a foreseeable future: our new vision consists of patterns in the Now. We are not in control -- a study of the Mayan Calendar has always brought this conclusion, now viscerally we shall experience it. "Letting go" may be the big theme of the Universal Underworld.

It may also be of interest to see that among certain Christian groups in the US, notably **Harold Camping** we are in for a judgment day within the ninth wave:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/04/may-21-2011-judgment-day_n_804166.html. While to many the idea of a judgment day means the end of the world it may also mean a time when people are going in different directions depending on what choices they make.

The year 2011 and the ninth wave is also marked by some powerful numerology as for instance from **Mark White**: Okay... here is one to ponder over! This year we will experience 4 unusual dates.... 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/34 NOW go figure this out.... take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be this year and it WILL EQUAL 111.... crazy year its gonna be! CRAZY.

or **Sharon Jorgenson**: To me what is more intriguing now is whether we already know something essential (outside of the Mayans) about a 9-day count through a study of numerology. Could the Universal energy wax and wane like this [1 - 9 then 9 - 1] being in a wave form instead of a typical endless repetition of nine counts. Did you know that $1111111111 \times 1111111111 = 123456789987654321$? That is ten 1's times nine 1's. Put them in a calculator to see for yourself, a perfect 18 digit number. Basically we're looking at a conversion of base ten to nine with the new agers favorite tool: 11 11. What does that mean for the scientific, rational, digital, AND natural minds which are lodged in a 10 count?

or **Carl Johan Calleman**: I feel numerology, also of Gregorian and Muslim dates, will gain a higher importance than ever before in the Ninth wave. What you are saying Sharon then is that the 123456789987654321 climb is an expression of the 11:11. It seems this is a year of both 1's and 9's, alpha and omega of the evolutionary creation process. To me it however seems a little bit asymmetric to have 9 1's multiplied with 10 1's. If instead 9 1's is multiplied with 9 1's $1111111111 \times 1111111111$ it becomes 12345678987654321. This would be true if we look upon the 9th energy as the same energy lasting for two days. If that is true it is by itself a very strange thing to experience. We have lived with a tzolkin where every day carries a new energy mostly creating some kind of polarity between them. What would it be like to go through two days in a row that would have the same energy? Is this some kind of preparation for a stable stage of life on a higher level after October 28, 2011?