



According to the Popol Vuh (the text of creation of the Maya), December 21, 2012 is the end date of the present epoch. Many are predicting vast changes in the world as we know it, some even fear the end of days as this date has been associated with precession, polar reversal, planet X and its comet. Naturally, much press has been given to this date, Columbia pictures even has an upcoming blockbuster film titled “2012” due out soon, but nothing is being mentioned of the previous worlds that were created and destroyed according to the Popol Vuh.

In this talk, Dr. Judith Storniolo will review the evidence for the survival of the *Alux*, intelligent creatures of a previous creation, whose story of surviving the destruction of their world is told in Mayan text. This talk will summarize local narratives that describe how they survived the destruction of their world and why they continue to be cited in today’s villages, cornfields, and archaeological ruins in Yucatan.

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Food will be served.

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