

Apocalypse 2012: Save It For the Big Screen

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On December 21, 2012, some of you will still be high school students, while some may have just started college. I personally will be only 20-years-old, not having yet reached my 21st birthday. According to Mayan calendars, though, this day marks the end of the world.

That doesn't sound too fun, does it?

Now, before you go freak yourself out, take a breath and think about it. How many times in your life has somebody told you the world is going to end? There was Y2K when everybody stocked up on canned food and bought water beds because they needed an extra couple hundred gallons worth when all power went out and civilization fell apart. There was 6-6-06, which according to "Revelations," is considered an evil number, so it could have very well been an apocalypse. Did either of these days result in disaster, or was it just mass hysteria at work?

2012 is more than likely not going to be the end of the world either. Catastrophic events happen every day, but what exactly defines, "the end of the world?" I'm picturing Earth randomly exploding, due to no

one in particular. Or maybe aliens will come take over, but who's to say that hasn't already happened?

Real disasters do happen, though, and picking one day for them does not make sense. We have nuclear weapons, hurricanes, and swine flu, not to mention murders happening left and right. All it takes is one insane person to cross the line and destroy the world, if not a part of it.

Many people have been taken in by this hysteria and predictions have been thrown all around. Take the movie "2012" for instance; volcanic eruptions, typhoons, and glaciers plague the characters. Other predictions consist of an encounter with an asteroid or mass genetic mutations. Basically, we could all turn into zombies. That sounds a lot more fun than my ideas.

There has also been talk about the end of sanity, when a hallucinogen will be secreted into mass numbers of people's brains. There is the possibility of a major tectonic shift and we as Floridians will wake to find penguins running around, causing the end of civilization as we know it. Then

there are the theories of Obama being the Anti-Christ, all of the world's power being shut off, or by simply reaching the "end of history."

Truth be told, all of these predictions only point to one thing: no one knows the future. We are all guessing. I know I'm no psychic. The future is just one big unknown, and that's what scares people the most. We like to know what's going to happen. We want to be prepared. That's why we read the back cover of a book before buying it, and try samples of food before deciding to cook it. People today don't like being caught off guard, and in regards to the future, that's impossible to avoid. There are no psychics who can tell you exactly what is going to happen on



Forget a flaming earth catastrophe; 2012 is a hoax.

Illustration by Hannah Van Ryswyk.

December 21, 2012, so we make our own judgments, and quite frankly, they are probably wrong.

My prediction, however, is that on December 20, 2012, we will all be freaking out for the day ahead of us, whether we want to believe it or not. Unknowns are scary, no matter who you are or what you believe. Just please, do not kill yourself or get thrown in jail, because chances are, you'll live to see the 22nd.

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