

The Serpent and the Flint trecenas (Part One)

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This article is about both the Serpent and Flint trecenas, with a focus on the Serpent trecena. Part two will focus on the Flint trecena. It is important to see how the two trecenas of a corner work. The Tzolk'in Clock has four faces and four corners. The faces on the Tzolk'in as depicted in the Madrid codex have the words east, north, west and south written in the Mayan language. Each face has three trecenas and each corner has two trecenas. Corner trecenas work together to release the energy of each direction into our collective consciousness. The Tzolk'in birthday "wishes" of all people born on the north face are offered to our collective consciousness on these next two trecenas. People born on faces are the coaches of the team and people born on corners are the players of the team, with each team being east, north, west or south. If the Tzolk'in is fixed, then the faces are the mast and the corners are the sails of each direction. It's interesting that people born on corners tend to stir things up. It's also interesting that "teammates" born on a face and a corner will be good friends (best friends). One gives stability and the other gives dynamics, and they are both on the same team (east, north, west or south).

The Tzolk'in is the driving calendar for all other calendars (sun, moon, and stars). Corner trecenas give spin to all calendars. This is how it interacts. The face trecenas give strength. The corner trecenas give motion. Corner trecenas are the teeth in a drill bit that create space and time. Without this rotation, there would be no life. However, if the Tzolk'in is fixed, then it gives rotation as life passes through it. Its only physical connection to time on earth is the sun, as each day is a new energy.



The northwest corner of the Tzolk'in from the Fejervary and Madrid codices

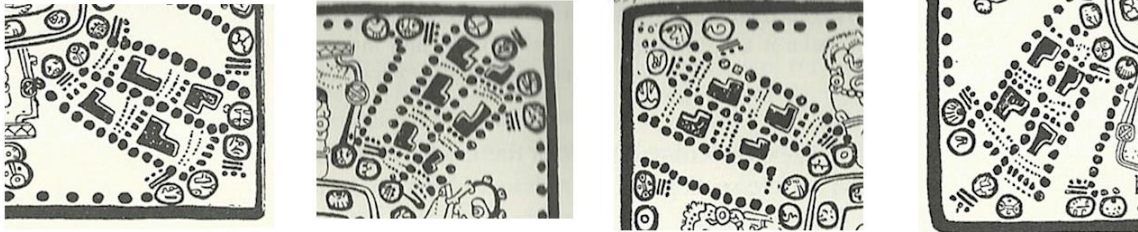


The start of the serpent trecena is shown in the Fejervary codex is a snake's head with 2 fangs. The start of the flint trecena is shown inside of a parrot. The tree now has tripod roots with a vine and

four berries. The hummingbird (south) has risen from the northeast corner.



The Madrid codex shows both the first day and the last day of the trecena, emphasizing the direction of travel from the first day towards the last day. This trecena goes from serpent to earth (earthquake). The next trecena goes from flint to dog. If you count the number of dots on the Madrid codex Tzolk'in from serpent to earth, there are 14 dots, not 13. This has been attributed to haste of the artist and occurs at other places on the Madrid codex depiction of the Tzolk'in.



All four corners: east to north, north to west, west to south and south to east

It's been noted, by Merideth Paxton in her book "The Cosmos of the Yucatec Maya, Cycles and Steps from the Madrid Codex" that the footsteps (L-shapes) represent the months of the Ha'ab and the little dots represent the days of the Ha'ab. These shapes and dots are omitted on the faces of the Tzolk'in Clock. Each dot of the Ha'ab is not be a fixed date, but rather revolve around the Tzolk'in and repeat the cycle every 52 Ha'ab years. This directly connects the Tzolk'in Clock to the solar year calendar and the location of the stars above us. The Tzolk'in Clock is the interaction of all of these aspects of the Tzolk'in.

The Tzolk'in Clock should be viewed like sitting in a hogan with its furnace in the center (shown as a flame in the Madrid codex). There is a small opening in the top of the hogan to see the moon and stars at night. The jaguar trecena of the east face walks over the door of the Tzolk'in Clock. We just completed the north face to our left and are beginning the northwest corner of the hogan. Imagine yourself sitting at the center and your internal flame is the furnace. As the days pass, the dot representing the day on the Tzolk'in Clock lights up as the previous day dims. The cycle repeats every 260 days.

In our hogan version of the Tzolk'in Clock, each of the Ha'ab dots light up. We can follow the ha'ab through the Tzolk'in. Merideth Paxton identified the top 5.25 dots between the 13-Deer and 1-Star on the southeast corner of the Tzolk'in Clock as the 5.25 Wajeb days. The days of the Ha'ab are for this Serpent trecena (March 2019) will light up in the east to north corner of the hogan (left most picture). The Wajeb occurred on February 15-20, 2019. That means the Ha'ab is in the northeast corner (bottom six dots of right most picture), while the Tzolk'in is in the northwest corner during this round through the serpent and flint trecenas. This is the current energy of time and space while living on Tzolk'in time. This all would be better represented inside of a hogan with lights on the walls to match the Tzolk'in and Ha'ab time. At night the moon shadow would also interact via the small opening in the top. It is similar to how the Tzolk'in and Ha'ab interact at the Temple of Kukulcan in Chichen Itza on the Spring and Fall equinox of each year, repeating the pattern every 52 Ha'ab years.

Serpent trecena

1 Serpent - A seed planted, will sprout and grow, using god's energy. A trecena is the same way, where you plant the seed today, and over the next 13 days, it gives fruition. Unlike a wish, there is a method, to developing its reality. It's like putting a wish, inside of a seed, and planting that seed, in the fertile soil of your mind, body and spirit. It's like there's a garden in your mind. You pull the weeds, and plant new seeds in your Akbal / House. The Tzolk'in Clock seeds take all 20 trecenas to bare fruition.

2 Transformer – today represents duality and transformation (birth, sleep or death) and also remembering our ancestors. This is a challenging day to be born as there is a strong connection to our ancestors. In today's materialistic time, it must be especially difficult.

3 Deer - Today should be an excellent day for parents, with the energy of 3 being a family day to spend with your seeds as germinated. Take today off, no work, no practice, just relaxation.

4 Star - Do you ever feel surrounded by annoyance? Do you feel that something is not right, like being in a heavenly place pervaded with wickedness? Prey for the reunification of the four directions today.

5 Water - Water days are days to offer yourself to others. It's also a day to pay bills. So should I pay today or wait another 20 days? Water days are good for "row, row, row your boat". Just go with the flow and admire the journey. The Tzolk'in gives you a spiritual view of each day.

6 Dog - The sun is setting and the energy of 5 Water is waning. The energy of 6 Dog is rising. When I was in Belize, I got to play with a water dog. A water dog is an otter that had a personality of a dog. Dog days are known for rock and roll. It's especially good for everyone born on the 6th inflection of any day.

7 Monkey - Today is a very playful day. Playful opportunities present themselves, to help you choose your next path, or road, or destiny. This happens every 20 days, but 7 days are most powerful. As a metaphor, consider the Wizard of Oz. Today is the day to pick your yellow brick road. Tomorrow is the day to walk down the road you picked. 9 Reed is the day to meet the wizard and have a conversation. This is all part of the serpent energy that gives us many ups and downs.

8 Road - The sun, moon, stars and rainbows are your guide. With your feet on the ground and the sky above, you are the movement of time and space, you are the butterfly.

9 Reed - Reconnect the 4 directions with loving thoughts, words and intentions. Together we can collectively be a part of our moral consciousness. Let everyone on earth hear you today.

10 Jaguar - Today is a day to pounce and catch your prey, but you must be prepared. Sometimes it's better not to pounce. Perhaps it's better to use your big jaguar paws and lick your kittens.

11 Eagle – Today is an active and loving day where dreams come true. Enjoy.

12 Wisdom – Today is day to feel the threads of your spider web. Be still, calm, and contemplate. It can be humbling and uplifting.

13 Earthquake – The transition from last night to today can feel extremely depressing as you are deeply immersed into the serpent energy. Yesterday was spent deep within. Expect the opposite to happen today as you emerge back above water. The Serpent trecena has exaggerated waves of 7 days and 6 nights. Tomorrow starts the Flint trecena. This will be the time for deep introspection and cleansing, so spend today enjoying the seeds that have borne fruit this trecena.

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