

The Power of Prophecy to the Aztecs

After working over the most recent edition of my book, "Oak Island Unearthed," which connects the Aztec Empire with the mystery of that famous island in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, I stumbled across some evidence of a Maya prophecy that might relate to a major issue I brought forth.

In my book I explored the two known historical periods when two similar Mesoamerican cultures were doing mining work at Oak Island. In the earliest period, between about 800 AD and 1500 AD, Mayans and then Aztecs were mining for clay in the approximately 170 feet of glacial-till overburden at east Oak Island. The underlying soft anhydrous bedrock is characteristic of the *Windsor Group Formation*. When such bedrock is exposed to seawater, it begins to break down and dissolve--as happened after the "flood tunnel" was activated by explorers in 1861.

In the later historical period, 1521 and 1522 AD, two groups of Aztecs were working there. One group remodelled that clay mine at east Oak Island and turned its deep ventilation shaft and its mined-out tunnels into a remarkably deceptive and complex booby-trap--which, largely because of the soft bedrock, we now know as a collapsed and hugely-muddled mess. At the same time, the second group of Aztecs worked at the adjacent west Oak Island, which is part of the *Halifax Group Formation*. Their purpose was to prepare for concealing the treasures of their recently Cortez-invaded empire, whose capital city was Tenochtitlan (now Mexico City). The hard metamorphic slate which dominates that island's bedrock, and has an overburden of maybe 30 to 50 feet, is very familiar to hard-rock miners such as myself. I know a great deal about underground construction and mining, because I have spent much of my life supervising and mining in several countries.

In the book I have suggested that in the short later period:

1. they remodelled the east island's old mine shaft, which we now call "the money pit," as a decoy and a deadly trap in the event that the Spanish would follow them up to Nova Scotia;
2. they constructed the "flood tunnel" to ensure that searchers would be unable to access any of the former mine workings; and,
3. they constructed the artificial beach as a sponge to collect and supply plenty of sea water for the booby-trap's deadly collapse.

I also suggested that in the short later period, in order to be able to conceal the treasure and the body of Montezuma II, they mined into the hard bedrock of the west island, producing tunnels and treasure chambers. Then they joined the booby-trapped east island with the west island. A result of this linking is that the conjoined and geologically very different island twins are known to us by the same name.

Until now, my theory has been that all this second-period work was done during 1521-22. But now I have concluded that the work done in the hard rock on the west

island was started, and mostly finished, decades before that last rush of booby-trap work on the east island. WHY THE CONCLUSION? Because the west island bedrock is hard rock, and much more tunnel work was done there. MOREOVER: these Aztecs did not have steel. They had only brass tools. THEREFORE, if they were to have entertained the idea that at some time they might want to hide any truly significant “treasures” in this anonymous northern location, they had to begin work, and the sooner the better.

The Prophecy

It is about an ancient Mesoamerican god, “Quetzalcoatl--The Feathered Serpent.” All the Mesoamerican cultures worshipped him: The Olmec, Toltec, Maya, and Aztec built temples to him. Among them, the Templo Mayor, in front of the pyramids at Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital.

Quetzalcoatl was the god involved in the creation of mankind; he was also the god of wisdom, and the god behind the power of the wind. Significantly, he did not promote human sacrifice. According to the religious history, “The Feathered Serpent” god left Mesoamerica with the promise that he would return in the future. He would return in the year “One Reed” on the Mayan/Aztec calendar. He would be white, with a black beard. His arrival would cause the destruction of the Mesoamerican civilization and culture.

I can't know if you, the reader, believe in prophecy. But I will let you decide for yourself whether the following history is prophecy coming true, or simply a remarkable co-incidence.

In 1519, the Aztec year “One Reed,” Hernan Cortez (a white man with a black beard) landed on the east coast of Mexico with Spanish military forces. By 1521 the Aztec Empire and culture was destroyed, and within 50 years the entire civilizations of Mesoamerica had been dissolved.

What has this to do with Oak Island? Well, I suspect that this prophecy affected the time frame of the last construction on Oak Island.

In my book “Oak Island Unearthed” I offered that all the later work on both the east and west islands, and the joining of the two, was done in 1521 to 1522. But now my thinking has changed. My situation reminds me that in my time, after the second world war, it was thought that there would be a world nuclear war. For thirty years after, there was “The Cold War,” during which time governments and citizens around the world built bunkers, and educated people on how to survive a nuclear blast. The threat still exists.

From all my readings I know that the Aztec civilization was steeped in religious dogma, and all things in the lives of Aztec citizens were associated with religious ceremony. It is obvious that Montezuma, The Aztec god king, and the high priests of the Aztecs, believed in the prophecy of the return of Quetzalcoatl. And they were ready.

It is remarkable to compare the accounts of the landing of Pizarro on the shores of the Inca Empire, with the landing of Cortez on the shores of Mexico. The Inca god king Atahualpa seemed almost indifferent; but Montezuma, the god-king of the Aztecs was ready and waiting. The landing of Cortez was treated as a major danger to Mexico right from day one. Consider these historical facts:

1. Within one hour of Cortez anchoring his fleet at Vera Cruz, two large dugouts with local chieftains bearing gifts, approached his ships. It was Thursday April 21.
2. Good Friday (April 22) Cortez unloaded his ships of their war materials, which included horses and cannons, both of which were new to the Aztecs.
3. Saturday, Easter eve, the Aztec governor sent food and gifts to Cortez.
4. Easter Sunday. The Aztec governor arrived with officers, bringing Cortez gifts of gold, cloth, and food. They also brought artists to make pictures of the weapons of the Spanish.
5. About ten days later, direct from Montezuma, came high emissaries, and 100 slaves bearing exotic gifts, treasure, and much gold. There was also a message from Montezuma to the Spanish: Leave Mexico.

All this happened within two weeks.

A Conclusion

It is obvious that the Aztec god king Montezuma, and the Aztec high priests, believed in the prophecy and were waiting for it to happen! Could it be that because the Aztecs believed the prophecy, they may have prepared for it? Could it be that they had already prepared a place to hide the symbols and religious artifacts of their civilization? A place very familiar to them, but far away?

This changes my theory of when the underground work was done on the west side of Oak Island. The Aztecs may have been working on tunnels and chambers decades before 1521-22. Dan Blankenship, the man who has spent the most time trying to solve the mystery of Oak Island, stated that he believes there are many undiscovered tunnels. I believe him, because on the west side of Oak Island, little or no underground exploration work has been done. About 95% of all the exploration been on the east island, around the Money Pit, and at Smiths Cove and the swamp.

Yes Virginia, it is time to investigate the west island! And we can do it with a great exploration tool of which the Aztecs had no knowledge--the drill machine!

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