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### **WILL THE WORLD END IN DECEMBER 2012?**

*“Mythology Talk” Explores the Strong Resurgence of the Paranormal in Contemporary Life*

**San Diego, CA...** The next installment of San Diego Public Library’s Mythology Talk series will be a presentation by Maya scholar and Southwestern College professor Mark Van Stone on **2012: Science and Prophecy of the Ancient Maya** on Monday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Rare Book Room of the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Mythology Talk explores the founding myths, epics and stories of peoples and nations and the relevance of these to life in the 21st century. This event is free and open to the public.

Will the world end in 2012? Is humanity doomed to become extinct and disappear without a trace from the universe? Could the Maya have believed in the apocalypse? Could the Maya have believed in cycles of time? Professor Van Stone will speak on these ancient prophecies of the Maya that may or may not foretell the impending end of our world. As a Maya expert, scholar of calligraphy and the history of writing, and decipherer of Maya hieroglyphs, Dr. Van Stone has become a go-to man for all things Maya. Responding to the upsurge in interest in “the Maya prophecies,” Prof. Van Stone has spent years researching what the Maya actually said about 2012. He is the author of the books *2012: Science and Prophecy of the Ancient Maya* and *Reading the Maya Glyphs* which is the standard introduction to the topic.

Dr. Van Stone is Professor of Art History at Southwestern College. He considers his dual background in science and art essential to his unique understanding of Maya calligraphy, and of the development of all writing systems as visual art.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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