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I was very much looking forward to reading this as Braden has quite a reputation these days. What a major let down. but sometimes the problems are just so glaringly obvious. The basic premise to the book is that there are patterns to the flow of time and energy which the ancients knew and could use, an idea which I find quite interesting and agree with. I also feel quite strongly that these are critical times for the human race (and the planet), and was hoping to find something usable in this book as far as understanding these times is concerned.

Frankly, Braden falls flat. He states on page 17 that this book is not a science publication or peer-reviewed research paper. He states, however that it is well researched and documented. I must take issue with that, as he makes numerous major mistakes critical to the work. He also quite often "invokes" a source rather than using it to properly develop his point.

Time is an immutable force that has changed the fabric of society to this day. As Galileo said “Measure what is measurable, and make measurable what is not so. Meaning that anything is meant to be measured, including time. Businesses need certain traits to be successful; the most prominent of these is the keeping of accurate time measurements, which creates organized schedules to construct a prosperous business.
The first occasion time was measured in the most simple of ways goes back all the way to B.C.E. with sun dials. It was only until Galileo decided to measure time more than just looking at the sun for time of day. Galileo thought of the idea of the pendulum a device used to measure time. Though the pendulum was not very accurate, the very idea of one began the revolution of time. The pendulum works by using gravity to propel the object on the end side to side keeping a constant beat, the ticking you hear in a clock is typically caused by one of these pendulums. As more and more scientists began tinkering with the concept of time, the accuracy of it.

Discoveries of nature's patterns (fractals) with the ancient view of a cyclic universe. The result is a powerful model of time - fractal time - and a realistic window into what we can expect for our lives, and for our world, as we approach 2012 - the end of the current World Age cycle - and beyond. We have the opportunity to choose our future. Can we create a new epoch of peace, cooperation, and healing?

We're living the end of time. Not the end of the world, but the end of a world age - a 5,125-year cycle of time - and the way we've known the world throughout that time. The present world age began in 3114 B.C. and will end in A.D. 2012. Because the end of anything also marks the beginning of what comes next, we're also living the start of what follows the end of time: the next world age, which ancient traditions called the great cycle.

From the epic poems of India's Mahabharata to the oral traditions of indigenous Americans and the biblical story of Revelation, those who have come before us knew that the end of time was coming. They knew, because it always does. Every 5,125 years, the earth and our solar
system reach a place in their journey through the heavens that marks the end of precisely such a cycle. With that end, a new world age begins. Apparently it's always been this way.

For at least four such cycles (or five, according to the Mesoamerican traditions of the Aztec and the Maya peoples), our ancestors endured the changes in global magnetic fields, climate, diminishing resources, and rising sea levels that come with the end of time. They did so without satellites and the Internet or computer models to help them prepare for such a radical shift.

The fact that they lived to tell the story stands as a powerful testament to an undeniable truth: it tells us beyond any reasonable doubt that the inhabitants of our planet have survived the end of world ages in the past. Beyond simply surviving, our ancestors learned from the difficulties that can accompany the change. In the words of their day, they did their best to tell us what it means to live such a rare moment in history. It's a good thing they did, because such events are few and far between. Only five generations in the last 26,000 years have experienced the shift of world ages. We will be the sixth.

The present world age isn't something that will simply fade away into the sunset of a time that seems to perpetually linger somewhere "out there" in our future. Just the opposite: our world age has an expiration date. It ends at a specific time, with a specific event, on a day that was marked on a calendar more than 2,000 years ago. There is no secret about that date. The Maya who calculated it also inscribed it as a permanent record for future generations. The date is etched into stone monuments that were built to last until the end of time.

When the date is translated to our familiar system of time, the message becomes clear. It tells us that our present
world cycle will conclude with the winter solstice that takes place on December 21 in the year 2012. It's on this date that the mysterious Maya identified the astonishing astronomical events that will mark the end of our age... and they did so more than two millennia ago.

The reason: Physically, our solar system is moving through shortest part of an orbit that looks like a flattened circle, an ellipsis whose far end carries us to the most distant point from the core of our home galaxy, the Milky Way.

The physical effect: Both ancient traditions and modern science tell us that our location in this cyclic orbit determines how we experience the powerful sources of energy, such as the "massive magnetic fields," which radiate from our galaxy's core. Recent studies suggest that it is precisely such cycles that may explain the mysterious patterns of biodiversity the rise and fall of life on Earth, such as the mass extinctions that happened 250 and 450 million years ago.

Additionally, modern discoveries confirm that Earth's position throughout the journey (orbit, tilt, and wobble) create the ever-changing cycles that influence everything from temperature and climate to polar ice and the magnetic fields of the Earth. Details of these effects will be discussed throughout the book.

The emotional/spiritual effect: As we travel farther from our galaxy's core, our distance from the energy located there was described by ancient traditions as the loss of a connection that we sense both spiritually and emotionally. Scientific links between the quality of Earth's magnetic fields, how they're affected by cosmic conditions, and our feeling of well-being seem to precisely support such ancient beliefs.
In the same way that Earth's rotation makes the darkest part of the night appear just before the dawn, our position in the heavens is such that the darkest part of our world age appears right before our heavenly orbit begins the return that brings us closer to our galaxy's core. With that return, we experience relief from the cataclysmic forces of the cycle's darkness. And just as the night must pass in order to get to the new day, the only way to arrive at the light of the next cycle is to finish the darkness of this one. We all know that dark experiences definitely exist in our world, and we don't need to look far to find them however, there's also more to life than the suffering that the ancients foresaw much more. Even in our time of great darkness, the polarities of peace, healing, love, and compassion are alive, well, and abundant.

Our ancestors had an amazingly deep grasp of just what our experience of cosmic cycles means on multiple levels. Somehow they knew that Earth's position in the heavens would affect the physical conditions in our world, as well as the emotional and spiritual experiences that we need to embrace them. Through myth, analogy, and metaphor, they reminded us that the farther we travel away from the source of such powerful energy, the deeper we are in darkness and the more out of sync we find ourselves with the fields that influence life here on Earth. From the traditions of the Hopi to the ancient Vedas, it's this experience of separateness that is credited with our sense of being lost as well.

Our ancestors cautioned that at the most distant point in our cycle, we would forget who we are. Our connectedness to one another and the earth. They told us that we would forget our past. It's precisely this disconnected feeling that seems to be the consequence of the cyclic journey that carries us to the far end of our
galactic orbit. It's also the fear that is spawned by such feelings that has led to the chaos, war, and destruction at the end of cycles past.

The key to 2012 and our time in history is to understand the language of nature's cycles and to use that language today to prepare for the future. Ultimately we may discover that our ability to understand and apply the "rules" of Fractal Time holds the key to our deepest healing, our greatest joy, and our survival as a species.

For me, the fear and controversy regarding the end of the present 5,125-year-long cycle of the Mayan calendar - doesn't make sense. The predictions for the time period range from an era of chaos and destruction to a thousand years of peace and cooperation. So which is it? What can we realistically expect as we approach this mysterious date, and beyond? When I began my personal exploration into the 2012 end date, I quickly discovered that the answer to my questions lives as the message coded into an ancient map of time. In Fractal Time.

with one purpose in mind: To help us to become better people, and to build a better world. In the midst of so much fear and uncertainty that has developed around the world and even beyond, this book offers solid, fact-based insights into what we can realistically expect of the fractal time

Braden's special math formula for figuring out these secret time/energy flow patterns? Well, he does eventually get to the point of giving the reader the formula, and that process is a big disappointment.
His attempt to paint modern storms and natural disasters as being worse by citing lives lost and dollar amounts of damage is absurd. One doesn't measure the force of such things that way one uses wind speed and other such empirical measures of the force involved. Obviously, with a larger, denser world population, an earthquake, tsunami, or hurricane will kill more people. That doesn't make it more powerful. In fact, weaker storms can actually be more deadly in such a case, so that whole idea is just plain wrong. Bad logic.

Braden also goes on and on about Einstein, ignoring historical facts and the genius of many other, far better, scientists, like Tesla, Whittaker, and Poincare. I find his ideas intriguing and interesting, but he simply hits so far from the mark that I think he does more harm than good.

This is the best of the 9 books on 2012 I have read. It draws from a number of sources, and leaves you in absolute awe, realizing there can be no doubt that the world as we know it will soon be very different. Gregg cites from a wide variety of countries and cultures that have pinpointed this time: India, China, Tibet, as well as the Aztecs, Mayans, Hopis, and even the Bible Code.
Gregg takes on the conventional idea of global warming being a function of air pollution, showing that the warming and melting of the ice caps is simply a part of the cycle. He discusses the Hindu tradition of "the day of Brahman" and the "night of Brahman" and shows how these cycles are actually backed by science.

I had heard before different ideas about time being "the fourth dimension" and "motion in space" but Gregg's layman explanation bumped up my understanding of the time/space continuum considerably. I now feel I have a deeper understanding of time and how it moves in spiral cycles which create a tendency or energy potential for certain events. Gregg shares that view in this book, showing us that the cycles are not destiny but rather opportunities.

The best part of the book is chapter 5 in which the code is given to predict your own future and understand your past, based on cycles. I was in such a hurry to learn it. But there is also a code for deciphering world events, and Gregg gives several examples as well as the method for calculation. this is a must-read. Unlike many of the books out there, this is a book of hope with a vision of possibilities.
The existence, length, and timing of the precessional year is a subject of great debate. The book is trying to say that December 21 2012 also represents the end of the cycle and the dawning of the age of Aquarius. However, no one knows in what year such a theoretical transition occurs let alone the day. Aquarius occurred back in 498 AD. Based on other correlations it will not happen until 600 years from now. And the book does not tell you that it stole.

Additionally, although our Gregorian year starts in January, the Zodiacal year begins with Aries in April. How can the book select the ending of the Piscean cycle with the ending of the great year of precession?. Indeed Vera W. Reid in 'Towards Aquarius' (1968) makes is clear that a cycle is a CYCLE, it has no beginning or ending, it just is. The book introduces the *concept* of the ending of a year of precession (and *when*) with absolutely nothing to back it up.

The book also has difficulty when it attempts to borrow JMJs ideas and use the Vedic time periods of Yugas and correlate then to *fit* the Mayan calendar. There is an extremely wide set of interpretations of how long each Yuga is. Even the Kali Yuga alone has many different interpretations
to its duration from approximately 5000 years long to 432,000 years long. The book also says that the level of our consciousness has to do with how close we are to the center of the galaxy. This is clearly a silly flub as our solar system is way out in the edge of the Milky Way. What he meant to say is that consciousness may be affected by our (earth's) relative [vertical] position to the galactic ecliptic. However, even that's a stretch. So this is just one example of how you have to keep filter what he is saying.

We are talking about metaphysics here and the more concrete you try to be with your statements the more error prone you will be. The domain does not fit tight conceptual models. It is clear that the book is forcefully folding and fitting in different concepts that do not belong together. He attempts to do this through a combination of fluffy language and just plain wrong conveyance of facts.

Most of this book is pretty beginner material and folks who have been around the block will find it sparse with little to offer. It rides heavily on the coat tales of others without due reference. If you like it fluffy and to be told they way things are instead of digging yourself for the facts and
scientists have found that the center of the Milky Way is a source of tremendous energy and that scientists by studying ice cores can prove when we are close to or far away from this source at the center of the Milky Way (or 'Cyclic-tilting' as he alternately called it). It seems like he is distorting the findings of Paul LaViolette in this statement. He also referred to a study in the Journal Nature which had nothing to do with this claim (I think he was confusing a study of disc-accretion with the point he was trying to make.)

That the star purportedly next to the black hole at the center of the Milky Way (the only galaxy by the way that has a black hole and a massive star next to it) is 'the' brightest one in the galaxy.