

Cultural Astronomy in Prehispanic Latin America

Prehispanic peoples of Latin America were astute observers of astronomical phenomena, which they developed into calendrical and religious systems and used in creating urban centers, particularly in Mesoamerica and the Andes. In this talk I will present cultural astronomical research from Mexico and Peru as part of a broader discussion of how astronomers and archaeologists can further advance research on humankind's engagement with the sky. Case studies involve the investigation of possible alignments with solar and other celestial phenomena as means of charting the progression of time and imbuing the cosmos with meaning.



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