# Restores Temple Ruins (ca. 600 BC to 100 AD) & Stela 5 "Tree of Life"

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Civilizations: Olmec (pink, yellow, brown) 2000-500 BC Jaredite Izapan-600 BC-200 AD Nephite & Popol Vuh, Mayan 200-900 AD Lamanite Mesoamerica MEXICO El Tajin Central Northwest Area Mérida Plateau Gulf Chichen Itzá Gulf of México Teotikuacan Coast Colima México Area Maya Area Tecoman Veracruz Cholula Villahermosa Belmopan La Venta Palenque; Tikal Oaxaca Acapulco San Lorenzo Yaxchilár Ancient Site Caracol Monte Alban Modern City Oaxaca Area Quirigua Guatemala Copan C<u>it</u>y Tegucigalpa **GUATEMALA** Ceren Pacific Ocean **EL SALVADOR** Salvador HONDURAS



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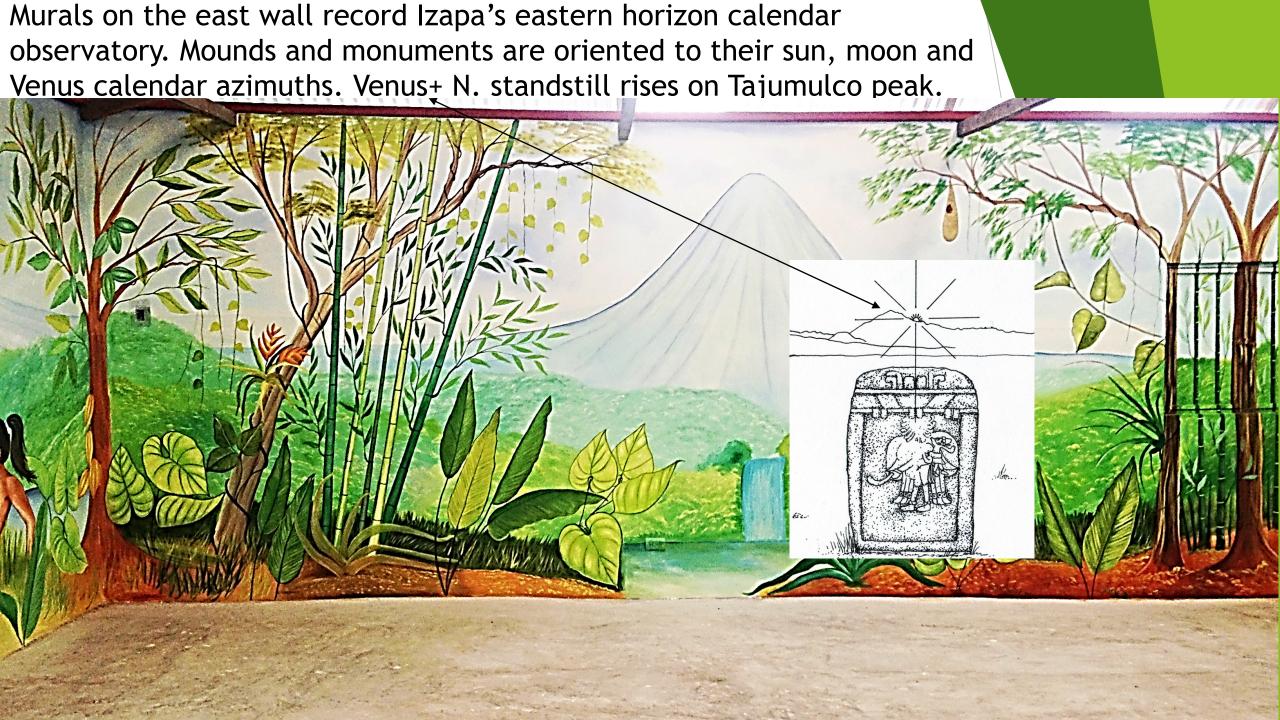


Antonio D'amiano Atristain: owner of Izapa Visitor Center; Outdoors with wife Mirna Janet & artist Israel Ramos. Stelae 5 & 11=harvest season.



South Entrance. Stela 89 depicts resurrection of a man being released from his 'bands of death' as he gazes at winter solstice rise.

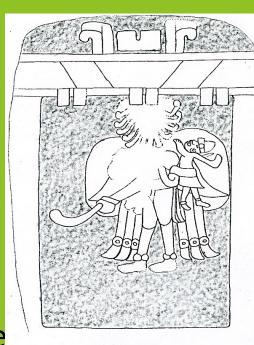






Tacana Volcano on North wall is the path to heaven. Man like a butterfly reborn (Stela 28) flies into heaven at summer solstice.

Stela 9 Sun God with butterfly wings carries a resurrected man into heaven as shown in the mural.





#### Izapa Stela 25 1,000+ years before Popol Vuh

Possible ancient origin of this sacred book of the Ki'che Maya. This sculpture may relate to a creation myth battle to defeat the powers of darkness represented by the Venus bird as Evening Star, defeated by the first man through the tree of life.

IZAPA TEMPLE
CENTER
Reconstruction
Plan showing

pyramids & mounds oriented to the north Tacana Volcano

river & ponds

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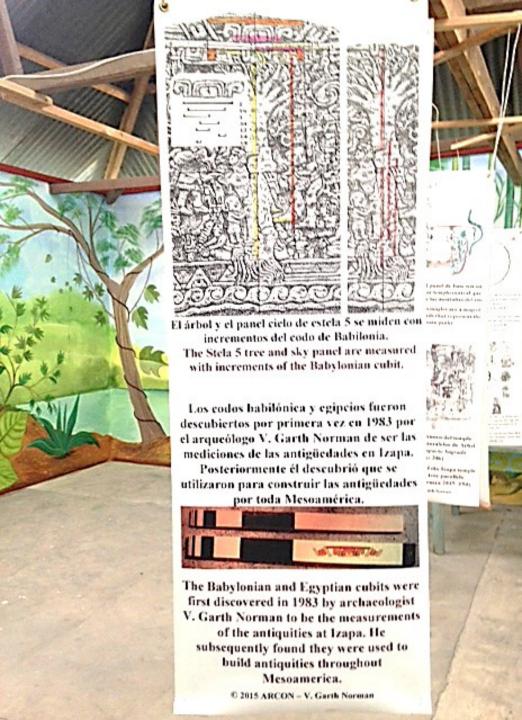


#### 3 Aisles: Stela 5"Rosetta Stone"/ Mid-east Cubits / Observatory



**East** sun rises mark dates: June 21 to Dec. 21 & back again to June 21. Stelae align to specific sunrises.





Izapa **Temple Center** builders used Babylonian (49.5 cm) & Egyptian (52.5 cm) cubits to measure stone monument figures, world tree chronology, & architecture dimensions.

Middle Eastern geometry is the design plan.



Estela 5 de Izapa, el Árbol de la Vida la "Piedra de Rosetta" de Mesoamérica.

Izapa Stela 5 Tree of Life the "Rosetta Stone" of Mesoamerica.

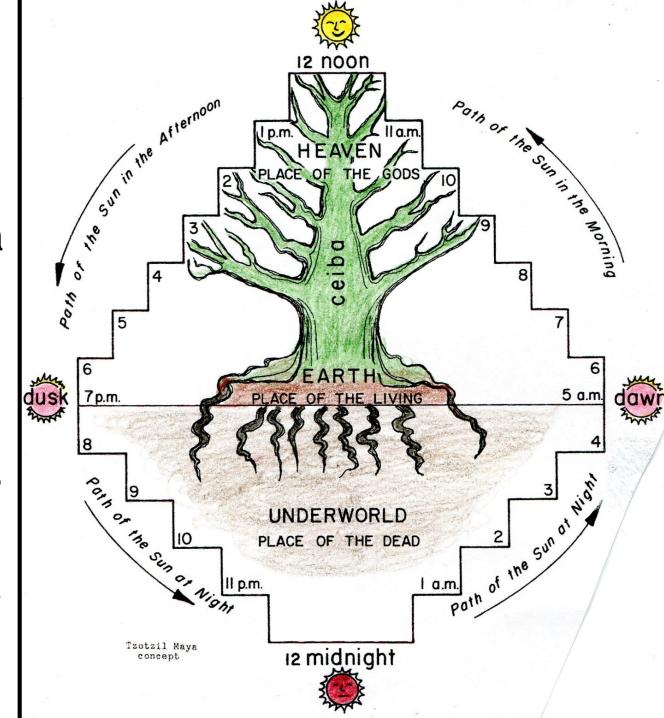
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Tree of Life

Izapa Left

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Tzotzil Maya Tree Right







#### Mesoamerican Base date:

August 13, 3120 B.C. (Generation=great Flood.)

### Izapa & Popol Vuh-Sacred Book of the Maya "Creation by the gods" "Flood destroyed wicked people" "Corn people were created after the flood" "Bearded foreigners came from across the sea" (Popol Vuh & Proskuriakoff)

## Izapa Tree of Life World Tree "Rosetta Stone"

- 1.Life cycle (R-L) =
  Rain falls on right
  Water under tree
  Evaporation glyphs
  on the upper left
  water rises to
  heaven.
- 2.12 Roots = Quiche Maya Ancestors

a. Fish water symbols. a. pelican conveys fish b. Goddess of tree & birth. b. God of tree & rain c. Evaporation & resurc. Rain-creation serpent rection serpent d. Rain Glyph d. Evaporation Glyph. e. East - Sun e. West - Moon f. Tree goal pursued f. Tree goal reachedg. Mist bands over eye g. Mist bands over eyes & creation & re-creation h. Blinded tree quest h. Overcoming blinded challenge quest for tree i. Jaguar devours i. God liberates dark path dark path i. First son starts j. First mother comlife cycle pletes life cycle k. Priest king directs k. First father directs others to tree others to tree i. Path to tree 1. Path to tree River of Life / Rain-Life cycle South

Earth
Underworld / World Tree & upward movement

Heavens

Sky, Clouds

North

Side B Down & Left

Side A Up & Right