

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

The Lost Secrets of Maya Technology by James O'Kon

- The Maya civilization was the longest in history; for 3000 years the Maya had a long time to contemplate the cosmos (universe) and to develop their cosmic philosophy. How did this assist in developing their scientific civilization?
- How would you explain their cosmic philosophy?
- Why were the Maya so intelligent?
- Where did they derive their science?
- Without outside influence from other cultures how did the Maya evolve their scientific civilization?
- Their astronomical records indicate that the Maya knew about the composition of the three stars in Orion's belt, and that one was a nebula. Europeans did not know this until they had optical instruments. How did they achieve this?
- Maya Astronomers calculated that the end of an era in time would occur December 21, 2012. How was this calculated and what does it mean to people in today's world?
- Archaeologists consider the Maya to be a "stone aged people", how did this "label" affect your studies?
- You are an engineer, how did you become interested in Maya technology?
- What do you look for when you are searching for Maya technology?
- Your research indicated that the Maya fabricated tools that were harder than steel and transportation systems that were superior to wheels pulled by beasts of burden. They invented vulcanizing 3000 years before Charles Goodyear was born, and fabricated cement 2100 years before a British mason patented it? How did you prove these innovations in your studies?

- Did you have conversations with archaeologists about how certain technological feats were achieved by the Maya?
- So, the lack of technology knowledge was spurred on the absence of answers by archaeologists?
- Did your questions ever cause a difference of opinion between you and archaeologists?
- What was the reaction of some archaeologists to your technical opinions?
- Give me examples of the misconceptions of archaeologists relative to Maya technology.
- What motivated you to begin work on your book?
- When you stated your opinion that a bridge was located at Yaxchilan did you have resistance from archaeologists?
- What methods did you use to prove the existence of the bridge?
- So, using field investigation, computer technology, remote sensing, and virtual reconstruction were new tools used to identify Maya technology. Did the archaeologists not use these digital tools and why not?
- When you were exploring in the Maya ruins deep in the jungle, how did you travel and live on these expeditions?
- There is a jungle out there; did you have incidents with snakes and wild animals? Did you have encounters with human predators-guerillas, Zapatistas?
- In your exploration what other dangerous situations were encountered?
- When you combined your information from field exploration with computers and other digital tools, were you able to have valid proof of Maya technology?
- So you used thermodynamics, physics, chemistry and structural mechanics to prove that the Maya developed projects that applied advanced technology in building their cities?

- Does their scientific proof convince people- archaeologists- that the Maya were technologically advanced?
- So what is the next step into the next investigation into the secrets of the Maya?