

Other Curiosities

THE PREHISPANIC MESURATION OF THE TIME

The year doesn't finish on December 31st neither on January 1st begins. If year is the time that it takes in giving to the earth a complete turn in the sun, it doesn't exist in the sky any outstanding sign that allows us to mark the starting point of the current Gregorian calendar astronomically.

The biggest wisdom developed by our ancestors was the mensuration of the time.

The indigenous towns that gestated the actual Ecuador, discovered that the year has 365 days because it registers shades, locating to March 20, as the first day of the year to be the "Day of the Right Sun."

It was so astonishing our astronomy that left it to us commented the columnist Fernando de Montesinos in a text of 1652: " And they also had (the Indians of Quito) news of the leap one for the observation that the astrologers of the apartment of the sun of the line that pointed out made next to Quito... " (Haro Alvear 1980; 64).

Our ancestors had already discovered that every four years the annual cycle of the sun requires of 366 days. This observation checks it on the year 96 (leap) since a column projected on the south north line, 366 different shades.

In 300 years of colony and 200 years of Republic, they wipe us thousands of years of history and knowledge. Starting from July 26th of 1533, the dominant society was not organized just to plunder us and to exploit us but also to pursue and to annihilate any vestige of indigenous wisdom.

Such it is the Governments's success during the last 500 years that to the current ones Ecuadorian they made us forget the cultural magnitude of our past; worse yet, they achieved that we experience shame of our indigenous roots.

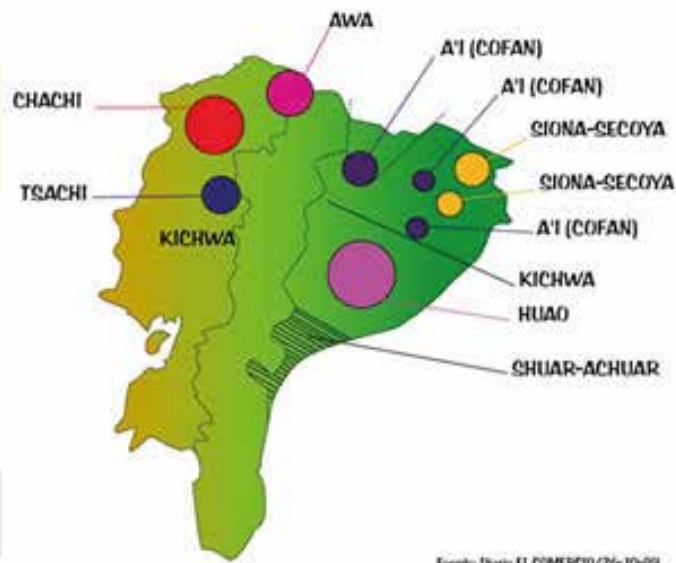
Supporting by historical documents, astronomical calculations, archaeological pieces and ethical testimonies, we can sign that the indigenous towns of the old Ecuador discovered by means of the observation of the shade that the sun draws a cross in the two equinoxes and the two solstices; that into this cross every day of the year , the 12 moons, the 4 stations and the siembra time and it harvests are contained.

The Cruz of the Sun allowed to be discovered the first day of the year and the line of Ecuador. They are not French who taught us that we are in half of the World, they are our indigenous towns those who discovered thousands of years before that we live in half of the Time.

The square cross that draws the sun in the equinoxes and solstices, is the synthesis of our wisdom and the synthesis of our identity.

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EQUINOXES AND SOLSTISES

