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## Mayan Prince's Tomb Found In Uxul, Ancient City In Mexico

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Uxul Archaeological Project, University of Bonn  
 In the ruins of a royal complex in the Mayan city of Uxul, archaeologists found a tomb they believe belonged to a prince, who died 1,300 years ago. Here's one of the ceramic vessels they found buried with him.

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Excavators have uncovered what they believe to be the 1,300-year-old remains of a Mayan prince entombed within a royal complex of the ancient city of Uxul, located in Mexico near the Guatemalan border.

The fossilized man, who researchers estimate was between 20 and 25 when he died, was found lying on his back, with his arms folded [inside a tomb](#) 4.9 feet (1.5 meters) below the floor in a building within the city's royal complex.

When the researchers first slipped a camera into the tomb to peek at what was inside they saw ceramics at the feet of the skeleton, said Kai Delvendahl, field director for the project with the University of Bonn.

They found a total of nine pieces of ceramics, including a plate painted in the distinctively black-lined Mayan Codex-Style covering the man's skull. At Mayan sites, it is not uncommon to find plates placed over the skulls of the deceased, Delvendahl, said. [\[See Photos of Mayan Prince's Tomb\]](#)

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The other ceramics offered additional clues. One bore hieroglyphics reading: "[This is] the drinking vessel of the young man/prince." A second vessel also bore a mention of a young man or prince.

However, if this young man had been a prince, he did not appear to be in line for the throne, the researchers believe, since certain status markers, such as jade jewelry, were not found.

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One of the ceramic vessels bears a scene, [which includes a date](#) that corresponds to the year A.D. 711.

"Maybe the drinking cup was dedicated at that time, and if we assume the cup belonged to a person who died at age 20 to 25, we can more or less restrict the death," Delvendahl told LiveScience, meaning that the date on the cup gives archaeologists an idea of when the man died.

This is not the first tomb archaeologists have discovered in Uxul, as other, simpler tombs have also been uncovered, Delvendahl said.

The [Mayan city of Uxul](#) is located deep in the jungle, and accessible to archaeologists only for two to three months a year during the dry season. The researchers have found evidence that Uxul was ruled by the dynasty of Calakmul, a regional center 21 miles (34 kilometers) to the northeast.

The date on the vessel indicates the man was buried during a 90-year period after the Calakmul rulers had lost power in Uxul, and before Uxul was abandoned, Delvendahl said.

"We feel that the person that was buried there is a son of a local ruler, someone who was not in direct line to the throne, but we feel this ruler still had certain connections to the Calakmul dynasty," a connection supported by the style of the ceramics, he said.

Uxul has been the site of looting in the past, but the researchers found only one looter's trench into the building that contained the tomb, so they are hopeful they will find more tombs inside it.

Nikolai Grube, also of the University of Bonn, is project director for the research at Uxul, which is funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG). This latest discovery has not yet been published in a scientific journal.

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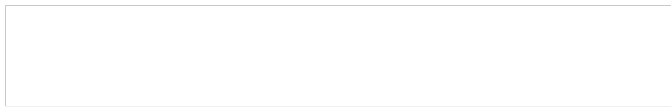
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I don't intend to have a grave, per-se. rather liking the notion of cremation, being mixed with soil, and becoming a nutrient-rich base for a lovely tree of some sort. However, if should happen to end in a grave because of negligence or defiance to my parting wishes, I would want to have a bunch of really cool stuff buried along side me & my cat's remains. A hundred years later, have an archeologist dig me up, and find a bunch of items they can hunch over and try to sweep away aged mystery of what people like me were all about. I would want a note or two, too, written in various languages and codes, that tell some feaky-weakly made up nonsense about rituals and why the container of ashes seems to belong to what could be a cat-god, and I her slave...

I often wonder what hieroglyphics really mean. What if we are taking it all too seriously? Ever wonder if, just for poops and giggles, someone wrote in stone, a little tale to mess with the heads of anyone being nosy? Heheh.

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well, that's always a possibility and would be rather funny! I'm going for the dust in the wind way myself - told my husband to scatter my ashes around a rather lazy rose bush, he said that's not allowed by the health department and my response was so what, who's going to know but you!! We live in a rural area, dust flies all the time!! You really think the health dept is going to come out here to do a soil sample! dah

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Don't think much about the Prince.

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Of course Here in the USA by then Romney could have been elected and the end of our world assured.

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I'm reading this from Central Mexico, and find it interesting that the video is not available due to this location...How sad...and shall I say, ironic. There are no words to express the disappointment for those who created this culture in the first place.  
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Archaeologists had previously discovered an artificial lake in Uxul, about the lengthe of a football field and with a depth of 2 meters. The floor was made of mosaic crafted from ceramic shards. <http://archaeologynewsnetwork.blogspot.mx/2010/08/giant-mayan-pool-discovered-in-uxul.html#.UBrM0m-TRDE>  
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I didn't even know he was dead. Loved that Purple..oh not that Prince.  
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They will uncover unknown mysteries in the coming months, and unleash a terrible end to the world. The Mayans knew exactly when to end their calendar cycle because they are the ones that knew of and hid this great mystery that will bring the world to an end.

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