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Heart of Sky, Heart of Earth

Black, Eric, and Frauke Sandig. *Heart of Sky, Heart of Earth*. Berlin: Umbrella Films, 2011. HD, 98 min. https://youtu.be/4d4X6SOsgBs.

> The ancient Maya believed this present world would end and a new cycle would arise after 5125 years. How does the story end? Does the water change color? Do the oceans collapse? Does the sky fall as the last tree is cut? *Heart of Sky, Heart of Earth* allows the Maya of today to answer, following six young Maya in Guatemala and Chiapas through their daily and ceremonial life, revealing their determination to resist the destruction of their culture and environment. As corporations go to the ends of the earth to extract all value—all resources—they put forth a wholly indigenous perspective in their own words, without narration. Each story touches upon a facet of the current global crisis. The Maya, like many indigenous people, believe they are the guardians of the Earth. Their cosmovision, in which all life is sacred and interconnected, presents a deeply compelling alternative to the prevailing worldview. (Source: Official Film Website)

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Further readings:

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- Lentz, David L. ed. *Imperfect Balance: Landscape Transformations in the Precolumbian Americas* . New York: Columbia University Press, 2000.

Related links:

- Umbrella Films
  http://www.umbrellafilms.org/

- Standing on Sacred Ground: Islands of Sanctuary (Film Profile)
  https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/standing-sacred-ground-islands-sanctuary

Websites linked in this text:

- http://www.heart-of-sky.com/en/synopsis
- http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html
- https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project