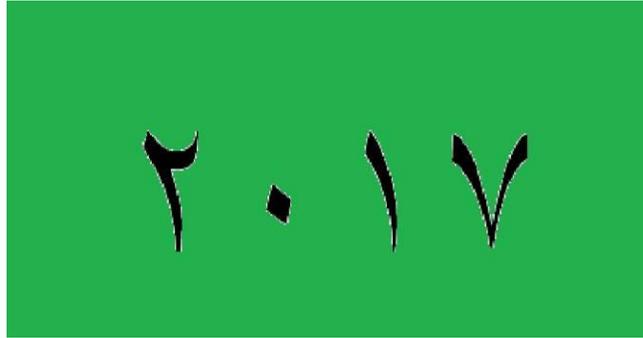


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There are two correct spellings for numbers 16 -19 in Spanish, so I covered both bases; Spain was the conduit of mathematics into the western world. Among current leftovers from long ago are the symbol for currency £, the first letter in the Spanish word for pound, "libra". Curiously, the Spanish word for book is "libro"; similarity obvious. N^o, the common abbreviation for "number", is the shortened version of the Spanish word "número".

Native speakers of Spanish are the third largest language group on Earth, after Chinese and Hindi. Adding secondary users puts English into second place overall, with almost as many as Chinese. Spanish only has about 90 million secondary users (such as yours truly) and falls to fourth in the world after Chinese, English and Hindi when counting primary plus secondary.

Compared to Hindi and Chinese however, English & Spanish were spread far and wide. The Japanese word for bread is the Spanish word. The Philippines are named after a Spanish King. The Committee says multilingualism, always uncommon among humans, will become more frequent more quickly than currently believed, after world commerce slows and then recovers in a greatly modified way, decades from now. [Nenhum de nós vai ficar na terra para vê-lo; sossegos.](#) ("None of us will stay on Earth to see it; relax". [Anybody recognize this language?](#)

As mentioned in a recent comment, 2017 is a N^o 1 year ($2 + 0 + 1 + 7 = 10$; $1 + 0 = 1$) thus 2018 is a N^o 2 year in a nine year cycle, but a special year because it's an eleven also. ($2 + 0 + 1 + 8 = 11$) The last eleven year was 2009, when Obama took office. Before that, the year 1910. OK historians, what made 1910 special? Why did a century pass between N^o 11 years?

What have we started during two thousand seventeen? What might unfold in 2018?

On to The Committee's take on current history in the making.

Q: Esteemed Committee, a reader mentioned Bashar just yesterday I believe, and referred to a statement made that in the fall of 2016 everything would change. Donald Trump seems to be a part of it but what's the greater trend?

C: Yes, his election is an obvious part of a greater wave of change on Earth and indeed, as your question asks, there moves a deeper and much larger current.

Our greetings and salutations to all to whom these words have come, we understand and enjoy the marking of a calendar although we do not do it. We are the guides of a human who these words for you types, and we live alongside the calendar markings his life must follow as a resident of Earth. Cyclical reviews are good, periodic examinations beneficial and most entertaining.

The greater trend is a re-examination of otherwise automatic preferences. It is easy to know you love the idea of a new Lamborghini, if these rapid, exclusive and exotic vehicles are your preference. When offered one brand new for your own use and enjoyment for a year, at no financial cost to you, will you be

as thrilled to receive this generosity if the car comes bathed in animal excrement over its entire exterior? Fresh and smelly shit, requiring a good cleaning which could require hand work?

Donald Trump has arrived to the chagrin of many voters, both for his ideas, preferences and policies. He has likewise come upon the scene to the delight, pleasure and preference of many others. One key purpose is to look beyond, underneath and around ideas of style, manner and tone. These often gather far too much importance for and to the observer. This is one purpose of Trump's presence in this worldwide obvious role.

The experience of having managed dislike of his style will serve the many who have decided they prefer another tone of voice, selection of words, style of hair or selection of policy. From stress comes smarts; from strain emerges strength. You are not iron, steel or wood; no cracks, strain, fatigue or rot come from exposure to pressure.

Q: One theme which unfortunately seems to promise to never go away, is continuous negative and often erroneous reporting. Will this continue?

C: There is no such thing as erroneous reporting when the error, perceived or true, is brought to the public's attention. This process is simply the undulation of information balancing to the preferences of both consumers and producers of the material. It is beneficial to see this occur.

Q: OK, let's turn to Brexit and progress. The vote happened, but through 2017 not much unhooking occurred. Why?

C: This is obvious; the disengagement of the United Kingdom from Europe must be carried out by government officials and functionaries who, as a group, strongly opposed the separation and still do.

Q: The Islamic State conflict seems to have become a losing one for its members, a simple result of military force judiciously applied. What does 2018 hold?

C: Correct and the outcome will depend strongly upon the perceived political advantage combined with the local willingness to confront the evil in its midst.

Q: Political advantage to the Trump Administration?

C: Yes.

Q: UFO sightings are rising in the news. Why?

C: More revelations of their presence by your visiting cousins, more ability to record the events and a greater ability to distribute the images and accompanying stories. This is what humans have commonly called revelation or disclosure of alien extraterrestrial presence. The surprise for many a human will be the idea such physical beings exist.

Your frequent visitors have well recorded histories of the times and moments when they were first visited by other civilizations, and have great insight, through their own and the experiences of others, into the advantages, reasons, benefits and pitfalls of these sightings. The disclosure and revelations will not occur as many humans might expect but will increase steadily through the coming year, as they have through the now ending one.

There are likely to be several abrupt, attention gathering events of no material consequence beyond the surprise and excitement generated, which will serve to lift world interest, as always occurs when such sightings are reported.

Q: Global warming news and weather events of 2017 were not insignificant.

C: The purveyors of global warming ideas will carry them to the ends of their days, those who have become convinced of this effect. The erratic events will continue and increase in 2018, just as occurred many in 2017. The locations and effects of such geophysical events will affect the reporting of them. The true and actual increase might not be easy to deduce from press reports, which will ignore a serious Pacific Ocean storm which does not threaten or make landfall, thus erasing it from perception and memory quickly. Likewise, few of you will care for long or at all about volcanic eruptions which occur

far from you or which have little to zero effect upon human settlements. Such scant attention-receiving events nevertheless do occur.

Other incidents and events will take place to great effect in several places, and where global warming as popularly understood is possible to suggest as cause, will be. This is not what happens, as we have explained many a time.

Q: Economic benefits around the world; improving or declining?

C: Both, with great difference to one's location. There will be improvements and declines, as there always are. The overall sum totals across Earth will be higher, and meaningless. If the better economic situation of your peers, friends, neighbors and fellow citizens improves where your does not, the economy has not improved for you. Thus this news means what to you personally? Always, it is the personal and direct benefit which matters most.

Q: Terrorism? Increasing or declining?

C: Define attempt versus the carrying out of the act, and the range of failure or success when the act is manifested, not simply planned or prepared. Your answer will emerge. We do say, this method remains too easy thus seductive to the malefactor and such events will continue. There is no gauge or meter with which to measure effects. The direct effect is not the immediate goal; widespread anger and fear which result are the objective.

Q: I believe many a reader will have questions, we should leave to them for the remaining week of this year.

C: We agree and have given you this idea, as you just noticed. Those questions we await.