



## The Legend of The Stone of Juluapan

Since Neolithic times, long before Christ, there has been a legend about a large, upright and vast Cathedral like stone on the Juluapan peninsula that hides the treasure of a great King. Lore says it sits high up with enormous fractures and a dramatic crested top. The ancient Indian tribes, indifferent to the existence of the stone, quietly engaged in their work of fashioning hats from leaves of the palms.

An old Indian poet sang songs about the stone. He told of hearing the sounds of prayers and seeing white, incense filled smoke rising near the stone and of a priestess dressed in white robes with a MITRE on her head.

For over 2,000 years the stone has remained the center of a fantastic legend about a Mexican King called Ix, an Aztec name meaning "eye" in the ancient kingdom of Colimon. Ix was a powerful king and had complete dominion over rich and vast regions. The fame of King Ix was so powerful that it reached lands as far as away as China. The fleets of the Celestial Empire frequently crossed the vast oceans during these times and came to the Americas to trade and sometimes war.

A distant part of the ancient King Ix's region included Manzanillo, and the area we know now as La Audiencia which, during the times of Hernandez Cortez in the 1520's, had become a shipyard and port. Centuries before Cortez, a flotilla from China carrying a man of very high rank named Wang Wei landed at La Audiencia. Knowing of the legend of King Ix, he and his court were welcomed and offered the hospitality and considerations corresponding to a person of his rank.

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One day, while walking with King Ix, Wang Wei noticed the mountain on the end of Xolopan (Juluapan) peninsula. Setting his view on the great high point he asked "Is that a temple or perhaps a tomb?" "It is neither." replied the King. Wang Wei told the King that he had an idea. He said, "That mountain would serve as an excellent tomb for a powerful and majestic King like you." Before departing, Wang Wei returned from his flagship one more time with lavish gifts of jewels from the East; gems, pearls and diamonds.

Over the years a strong bond formed between the two men. The Grand Admiral of the Celestial Empire, Wang Wei returned many times always bearing valuable gifts.

Years later, when King Ix died, his body was embalmed and buried along with all the treasures he had been given by Wang Wei, in a magnificent tomb he had constructed inside the great Cathedral rock of the Juluapan.

Long ago, curious Indians recorded finding the tomb and seeing the body of King Ix wearing objects of great value. The mummy had multiple necklaces of pearls Jade and precious stones and beside it was several well preserved codices in both the ancient Aztec and Chinese languages.

To this day the tomb has never been re-discovered.  
And the legend of the Stone of Juluapan lives on.....

(As summarized from various texts found  
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