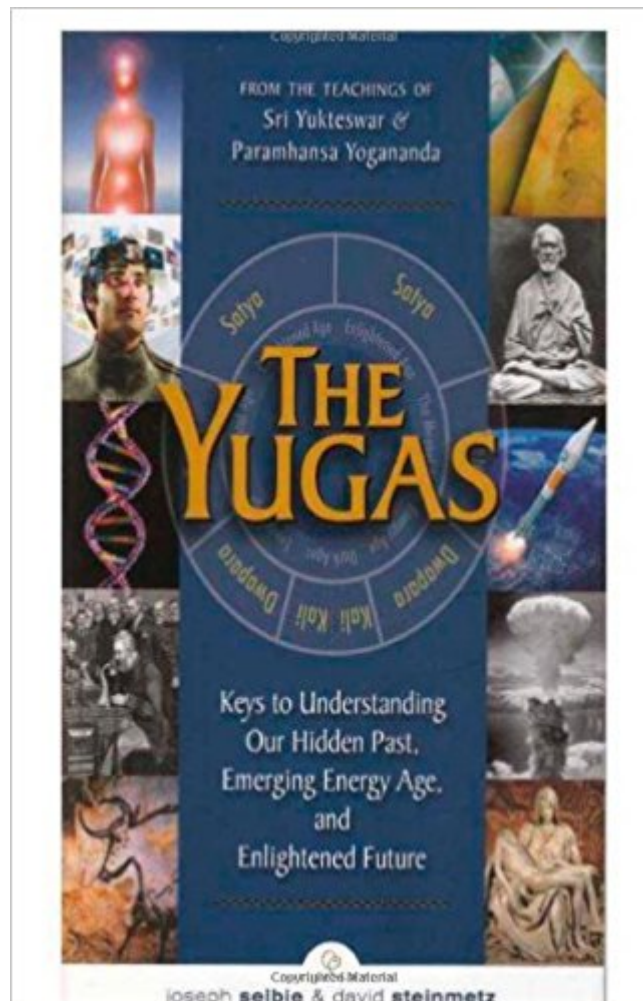


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Today's view of history cannot account for ancient anomalies, such as the Pyramids and advanced knowledge contained in India's Vedas-but in 1894 an Indian sage gave us an explanation not only for our hidden past, but for the trends of today and for our future enlightenment-the 24,000 year yuga cycle.

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I suspect years from now a better, more enlightened world will look back and wonder how a modest, quiet sage virtually unknown to his contemporaries, living in the outskirts of a poor city subject to foreign rule could give the world such a far-reaching, broad view of the History of Man on this planet. Granted, the modest sage was no ordinary man but a fully realized Master and he hadn't invented the entire concept of yugas, which is present in Indian philosophy from time immemorial. Yet, his calculations are the real contribution and these make the concept of the yugas relevant to modern man. And I suspect a better, future world will also thank the two writers who expanded on the subject, added multiple examples from History and created this valuable book. It is not impossible that the Great Master may have slightly miscalculated the beginning of Dwapara Yuga, as another reviewer pointed out, but to my mind this is irrelevant - what's 100 or 200 years in a 24000-year cycle? What matters is the general concept, which sheds light on our past and gives hope for the future. A cautionary word: man's future on this little planet is bright. What awaits us (at least those of us who will be physically present on this planet in ages to come) is spiritual growth beyond our wildest dreams. However, the same Great Masters who gave the world again the

concept of the cycles of evolution warned that it may be a bumpy road before man finds his way again towards God and righteousness. We've strayed too far. Paramahansa Yogananda himself warned that "partial dissolution" is possible. Several other prophetic voices have confirmed that great changes (physical and otherwise) are on their way.

This book is so heavily loaded with data from numerous sources that in places it tends to read like an encyclopedia of useful facts and speculation. Perhaps it is the writing style, but the book lacks a certain lightness and inspiration the average reader would appreciate. (Although very familiar with the yugas, I confess to getting bogged down in the rather dense text.) However, there are areas that could have received more study including the precise dating of the yugas, the dating of the Great Pyramid, and the astrological (precessional) cycle. In THE HOLY SCIENCE Sri Yukteswar linked the yugas to an over-all precessional cycle through the constellations. This cycle in turn is closely linked to the binary motion of our solar system. Because these topics are not emphasized, the authors are apparently unaware that the precise point where the descending Kali Yuga transitions to the ascending Kali Yuga has been carefully researched and re-calibrated in our ascending Dwapara Yuga by a committee of the Indian government. The point where descending Kali transitions to ascending Kali occurs when the autumnal equinox aligns with the junction between the astrological signs of Libra and Virgo. Using astronomical methods unavailable in Sri Yukteswar's time, the revised date has been set to 285. (Discussed more fully on the Lost Zodiac site: "When Does Dwarpara Yuga Really Begin?") Only working astrologers who use India's zodiac are aware that the mathematically convenient rounded date of 500 AD cannot be correct when aligned with zero Libra.

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