

The Golden Age of Kali-Yuga

AS EARLY AS 1988, THE MASTER TEACHERS OFTEN REFERRED TO THE “TIME OF TRANSITION,” - a twelve-year period where humanity would experience tremendous growth in spirituality and knowledge that would transform personally and globally. This period was replaced in the year 2000 with the “Time of Testing,” a seven-year period (and some prophecies state will be as long as twenty years) where economies and societies would encounter instability and insecurities. These years will also mark a period of spiritual growth for humanity where brotherly love and compassion will play a key role in the development of Earth’s civilizations as we globally move towards, “The Age Of Cooperation.” During the Age of Cooperation, which is prophesied to last several thousand years humanity will mark another new age. The Master Teachers prophesy that these times will be recorded in history as one of Earth’s Golden Ages.

Interestingly, other time systems concur. Even though we are experiencing a darker time on Earth due to the influence of Kali-Yuga, (Kali-Yuga’s total reign lasts 432,000 years) some Vedic scholars see a glimmer of hope for humanity in the 10,000 year period known as The Golden Age within Kali-Yuga. And we are experiencing this now.

Apparently, Kali-Yuga began approximately 5,000 years ago. But according to the Bhavishya Purana global changes and tribulations will begin around the year 2000 AD alongside a continuous upswing in spiritual consciousness due to the influence of the Golden Age of Kali-Yuga, which began around the year 1500 AD. [The Bhavishya Purana is said to be one of the oldest and reliable Vedic scriptures on prediction and accurately predicted the coming of Jesus, Mohammed and Buddha.] This lesser cycle of light within a greater cycle of darkness will only last for 10,000 years and then the full effects of Kali-Yuga (sans the Golden Age) will ensue. The Golden Age that we are now experiencing is considered to be a very important time for humanity’s spiritual growth and evolution. Stephen Knapp author of “The Vedic Prophecies” writes, “During the period within the golden age of Kali-Yuga, the spiritual opportunity for people increases, although we can plainly see that the standards for moral and spiritual principles also continue to decrease at the same time amongst most people, but not quite as rapidly. So it is a time that all people should try to take advantage of, because once it’s over, you haven’t seen anything yet.” Clearly, this bright spot in an overall dismal cycle is given to “make hay, while the sun is shining.”

Since the light of the Central Sun, or Galactic Center regulates the intelligence of humanity during the cycles of the Yugas, some Vedic authorities argue that mathematical calculations made during the darkness of Kali are inaccurate. This is the theory of Sri Yuteswar, disciple of Avatar Babaji and Paramahansa Yogananda's Master Teacher. He writes in *The Holy Science*, "The mistake crept into the almanac for the first time about 700 BC, during the reign of Parikshit, just after completion of the last Descending Dwapara Yuga... Together with all the wise men of his court, (he) retired to the Himalayan Mountains, the paradise of the world. Thus there were none in the court of Raja Parikshit who could understand the principle of correctly calculating the ages of the several Yugas." [It has been suggested that once the Rishis fled for refuge to the Himalayans that they also took the sacred knowledge of Vastu Shastra – the Vedic science of earth's geomancy - which later evolved into Chinese Feng Shui.]

Below is a table that reflects the timing of the Yugas, based on the work of Sri Yuteswar. Using this approach, in the year 2000 we have already experienced 300 years of a Bronze Age-Dwapara-Yuga in the cycle of ascension. It is also important to note that the Yuteswar Yuga Cycle (often referred to as the "Electric Cycle") is based on the movement of light through declining and ascending cycles. This descending cycle ceases at the lowest point and then begins an upward motion in the ascending cycle to the highest point of light. From a practical point of view, this would seem to make more sense than the commonly held viewpoint, prophesying a Golden Age directly following an age of Iron. This method reflects a more natural progression of light - i.e. spring, summer, fall and winter, not winter directly to summer.

DESCENDING LIGHT	AGES:	ASCENDING LIGHT
11,501 BC to 6701 BC	GOLDEN (<i>Krita</i>)	7699 AD to 12,499 AD
6701 BC to 3101 BC	SILVER (<i>Treta</i>)	4099 AD to 7699 AD
3101 BC to 701 BC	BRONZE (<i>Dvapara</i>)	1699 AD to 4099
701 BC to 499 BC	IRON (<i>Kali</i>)	499 AD to 1699 AD

It is also important to understand that the Yuteswar Cycle uses a shorter cycle with just 24,000 years in one complete cycle. The traditional cycle contains 432,000 years, which begins in the year 3102 BC. So, which one is correct? Optimistically the shorter cycle is a much more pleasant viewpoint, marking an obvious upward trend for humanity's growth and evolution. But it is entirely possible that we are experiencing two trends simultaneously - an overall downward phase containing a smaller, minor upward cycle as taught by Sri Yuteswar. Dr. David Frawley, Vedic authority and teacher of the ancient wisdom addresses the issue, "I see humanity to be in a greater dark age phase, because even in the Golden and Silver Ages of the lesser cycle as evidence in the Vedas, the great majority of human beings appear to remain on a materialistic or vital plane level, concerned mainly with the ordinary

goals of family, wealth and personal happiness. Only the higher portion of humanity, the cultural elite of a few percent, appears to experience the full benefits of the ages of light. This is the same as today, when the majority of human beings live on the same emotional level as before, and only a few really understand the secrets of science and technology, though all benefit from them.”

If you overlay both systems, we are definitely experiencing an upward trend, major or minor, with the cycle of descending light beginning in the years 11,500 AD to 12,499 AD. Often the Master Teachers remind us, “The minutes and seconds tick... the Awakening is at hand. The time has come for man to receive the gift!” No doubt, we are living in an important time. And it is a time where we can begin, with the assistance of the upward cycle of Galactic Light, to evolve and develop through a finer harmonic. So why wait? “The time is now.”

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