

Mahayana Buddhist Schools

In Tibet cf Nāgārjuna's esoteric schools.

Esoteric Yogacharya School started by Aryasangā (Asanga) 500 BCE, a disciple of Buddha, now a wholly esoteric school; not to be mixed up with 6thc. CE *imitation*.

1. **Gelugpas** started 14th c. by Tson-ka-pa's reforms. Tson founded 'end of c. effort.' The other five main Tibetan sects are:
2. **Nyingmapa*** (tantric, Bon)
3. **Kagyupa**
4. **Sakyapa** [2, 3 & 4 are red cap sects]
5. **Jo-nang**
6. **Bon**, Tibetan relig'n, not Buddhist.

Philosophy: Real Yogacharya is spiritual yoga, however Prasangka-Madhyamika, is now predominant in Tibetan Buddhism, called 'sophistic nihilism' in *Theos. Glossary*.

Mahayana B. in other areas include China (**Chan Buddhism**) & Japan (**Zen**).

* Nyingmapas are identified with the Dugpas by H.P. Blavatsky ("*Reincarnations in Tibet*").

Theravada: in Southern India & Asia.

THE LINEAGE & BOOKS OF THE 1875 MOVEMENT

Students' interpretation

Esoteric & Semi-Esoteric

A "very old Book" (Isis, i 1)

Books of Kiu-te

given to Arhats of the "Trans-Himalayan Esoteric School" by 'Ancient Initiates.'
unknown date >>10,000s yrs?

also derived from this 'very old book': Jewish Siphrah Dzeniouta, Shu-king (China's 'Five Classics'), the Egyptian Thoth-Hermes, the Vedas & Purānas in India, the Chaldean Book of Numbers and the Pentateuch. (SD, i xlili)

Exoteric

The Vedas

Rig, Yajur, Sāma & Atharva Vedas from Tibet more 25,000 yrs old (*Theos. Glos.*)

Abrahamic faiths

Upanishads

esoteric interpretation of the Vedas by the Vedānta methods eg **Aranyaka U.**

Brāhmanas

commentaries on the Vedas, approx. 1,400 BCE.

Purānas

Jain & Hindu commentaries on the Vedas, 400-1,000 CE.

Laws of Manu

Sanskrit legal code on questions of Vedic dharma (1,000 BCE?)

Mahabharata

incl. **Bhagavad Gita** translated from Sanscrit by WQJ, with **'Notes on B. Gita'**.

Vedānta

mystic philosophy to interpret the Upanishads. Sankarāchārya popularised it in Adwaita, includes **Shad-Darshanas** (the six schools).

b. 510 BCE, reincarnation of Gautama Buddha, see over on p2.

Other important books & articles

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| H. P. Blavatsky | Collected Articles (3 volumes)
Theosophical Glossary
The Five Messages |
| W. Q. Judge | Collected Articles (2 volumes) |
| Robert Crosbie | The Friendly Philosopher |
| Sir Edwin Arnold | The Light of Asia |

Highlighted books are available from the United Lodge of Theosophists <http://www.theosophy-ult.org.uk>

other World Faiths

Hindu; see the Vedas below

Greek Philosophers; Socrates, Plato & Aristotle 5th c. BCE; later Ammonius Saccas and the Neoplatonists 3rd c. CE

Daoism; China, **'Tao-teh-Ching'** by Lao Tzu (600 BC), leading to philosophy of...

Confucianism; China, 'Four Books and Five Classics,' Confucius (500 BCE)

Judaism; Middle East, Torah, Moses (500 BCE), later Talmud. Eso. Kabbalah.

Christianity; Middle East, Bible, Jesus (100 BCE?); orig. Gnostics Naghamadi

Islam; Middle East, Qur'an, Muhammad (600 CE). Eso. Sufism

Sources

- The Voice**
- Isis Unveiled**
- The Secret Doctrine**
- Theosophical Glossary**
- CW Vol XIV p 422-4

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Book of Golden Precepts

pre- and post-Buddhistic treatises written in Senzar of unknown dates

The Voice of the Silence

treatises translated by HPB in two weeks in 1889, France.

Light on the Path

also from the Golden Precepts, dictated to MC by Master Hilarion.

Patanjali's Yoga Aphorisms

translated from the Sanscrit by WQJ, from Indian Raja-Yoga system of 500 BCE.

Raja-Yoga or Occultism

HPB on the psychology, training and discipline of the Masters' School.

Stanzas of Dzyan

Stanzas are 1st vol. of *secret Senzar commentaries*, possibly the Mula Kalachakra.

Paramārtha

Prajnaparamita Sutra by Nāgārjuna, 14th Buddhist patriarch c. 200 CE.

Isis Unveiled

Science & Theology; 1st of HPB's books, in 1877 in NY, USA; the SD started as a rewrite of Isis.

The Key to Theosophy

ethics, science & philosophy in Q&A form written by HPB 1889.

The Secret Doctrine

'triple production' by HPB and Masters KH & M, in 1888 in Europe & GB.

The Ocean of Theosophy

a summary of the SD, written in one week by William Q Judge in 1893, USA.

“The very old Book” mentioned in Isis*

The “**very old Book**” is the original work from which the many volumes of Kiu-ti were compiled. Not only this latter and the Siphrah Dzeniouta but even the Sepher Jezirah, the work attributed by the Hebrew Kabalists to their Patriarch Abraham(!), the book of Shu-king, China’s primitive Bible, the sacred volumes of the Egyptian Thoth-Hermes, the Purânas in India, and the Chaldean Book of Numbers and the Pentateuch itself, are all derived from that one small parent volume.

Tradition says, that it was taken down in **Senzar**, the secret sacerdotal tongue, from the words of the Divine Beings, who dictated it to the sons of Light, in Central Asia, at the very beginning of the 5th (our) race; for there was a time when its language (the Sen-zar) was known to the Initiates of every nation, when the forefathers of the Toltec understood it as easily as the inhabitants of the lost Atlantis, who inherited it, in their turn, from the sages of the 3rd Race, the Manushis, who learnt it direct from the Devas of the 2nd and 1st Races.

The “illustration” spoken of in “Isis” relates to the evolution of these Races and of our 4th and 5th Race Humanity in the Vaivasvata Manvantara or “Round;” each Round being composed of the Yugas of the seven periods of Humanity; four of which are now passed in our life cycle, the middle point of the 5th being nearly reached. The illustration is symbolical, as every one can well understand, and covers the ground from the beginning. **The old book**, having described Cosmic Evolution and explained the origin of everything on earth, including physical man, after giving the true history of the races from the First down to the Fifth (our) race, goes no further. It stops short at the beginning of the Kali Yuga just 4989 years ago at the death of Krishna, the bright “Sun-god,” the once living hero and reformer.

But there exists **another book**. None of its possessors regard it as very ancient, as it was born with, and is only as old as the Black Age, namely, about 5,000 years. In about nine years hence, the first cycle of the first five millenniums, that began with the great cycle of the Kali-Yuga, will end. And then the last prophecy contained in that book (the first volume of the prophetic record for the Black Age) will be accomplished. We have not long to wait, and many of us will witness the Dawn of the New Cycle, at the end of which not a few accounts will be settled and squared between the races. Volume II. of the Prophecies is nearly ready, having been in preparation since the time of Buddha’s grand successor, Sankarâchârya.

The Secret Doctrine volume 1 pages xliii-xliv by H. P. Blavatsky

* *Isis Unveiled*, volume 1 page 1 by H. P. Blavatsky