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Akashic records

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In the religion of theosophy and the philosophical school called anthroposophy, the **Akashic records** are a compendium of all universal events, thoughts, words, emotions and intent ever to have occurred in the past, present, or future in terms of all entities and life forms, not just human. They are believed by theosophists to be encoded in a non-physical plane of existence known as the mental plane. There are anecdotal accounts but there is no scientific evidence for the existence of the Akashic records.[1][2][3]

Rudolf Steiner and Edgar Cayce claimed access to the Akashic records

Akasha (*ākāśa* आकाश) is the Sanskrit word for "aether", "sky", or "atmosphere".[4]

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The Sanskrit term *akasha* was introduced to the language of theosophy through H. P. Blavatsky (1831–1891), who characterized it as a sort of life force; she also referred to "indestructible tablets of the astral light" recording both the past and future of human thought and action, but she did not use the term "akashic".[5] The notion of an akashic *record* was further disseminated by Alfred Percy Sinnett in his book *Esoteric Buddhism* (1883) when he cites Henry Steel Olcott's *A Buddhist Catechism* (1881).[6] Olcott wrote that "Buddha taught two things are eternal, viz, 'Akasa' and 'Nirvana': everything has come out of Akasa in obedience to a law of motion inherent in it, and, passes away. No thing ever comes out of nothing." Olcott further explains that "Early Buddhism, then, clearly held to a permanency of records in the Akasa and the potential capacity of man to read the same, when he was evoluted to the stage of true individual enlightenment."[7]

By C. W. Leadbeater's *Clairvoyance* (1899) the association of the term with the idea was complete, and he identified the akashic records by name as something a clairvoyant could read.[5] In his 1913 *Man: Whence, How and Whither*, Leadbeater claims to record the history of Atlantis and other civilizations as well as the future society of Earth in the 28th century.[5][8]

Alice A. Bailey wrote in her book *Light of the Soul* on *The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali – Book 3 – Union achieved and its Results* (1927):

> The akashic record is like an immense photographic film, registering all the desires and earth experiences of our planet. Those who perceive it will see pictured thereon: The life experiences of every human being since time began, the reactions to experience of the entire animal kingdom, the aggregation of the thought-forms of a karmic nature (based on desire) of every human unit throughout time. Herein lies the great deception of the records. Only a trained occultist can distinguish between actual experience and those astral pictures created by imagination and keen desire.

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The Austrian theosophist, and later founder of Anthroposophy, Rudolf Steiner used the Akashic records concept mainly in a series of articles in his journal *Lucifer-Gnosis* from 1904 to 1908, where he wrote about Atlantis and Lemuria, topics related to their purported history and civilization.[9] Besides this, he used the term in the title of lectures on a *Fifth Gospel* held in 1913 and 1914, shortly after the foundation of the Anthroposophical Society and Steiner's exclusion from the Theosophical Society Adyar.[10]

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Edgar Cayce claimed to be able to access the Akashic records.[2]

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- Book of Life
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