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A classic philosophical work about the historical inevitability of cultural decay and rebirth, written by one of Adolf Hitler's most devoted admirers. Savitri Devi couches her arguments in metaphor, using "lightning" to refer to forces of destruction and "sun" to refer to building in accordance with nature's eternal laws. Both are necessary, says Devi, since to build the pure and new one must first sweep away the rotting debris of the corrupt old order. Violence, per se, has no moral assignment; it's either worth its while or not, depending on what it aims for. For illustration, the author examines in detail the lives of three figures from history: Akhnaton, Genghis Khan, and Adolf Hitler. She argues that we are at the end of a cycle of history in which corruption and lies prevail over honor and truth, and that the time is ripe for the storm of violence that will precede the next golden age.

## **The Lightning And The Sun Details**

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### Jcta Annelise says

That resigned submission to the terrible law of decay—that acceptance of the bondage of Time by creatures who dimly feel that they could be free from it, but who find it too hard to try to free themselves; is at the bottom of that incurable unhappiness of man, deplored again and again in the Greek tragedies, and long before these were written. Man is unhappy because he feels that the world of which he is a part, is not what it should be, what it was before decay set in. He cannot will the world as it is.

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### Anna says

Savitri Devi, Hitler's priestess. There can be a lot to be said about her. The Woman Against Time who influenced not only her contemporaries involved in National Socialism but as well as many modern day thinkers, Pagans, whether one agrees with her completely or not. She was insanely obsessed with Hitler, Nazism and esoteric Aryanism, and her most influential book, The Lightning And The Sun, is dedicated to Hitler as well. Insane or not, she was a very intelligent and brilliant thinker.

This book - in which she explains not only about esoteric Aryanism and her thoughts about vegetarian radicalism (she was a devout defender of animal rights that it can be called like that)- contains three main parts about three historical figures: Genghis Khan, the Lightning, the survivor, fighter and destroyer; Akhnaton, the Sun, the one who creates; and Hitler, both Lightning and Sun, who destroys and creates.

Strange ideas she has sometimes and I personally don't agree with all of them 100%, no one really have to, actually, to realise that this book, nevertheless, is full of great thoughts. It makes people think, who can look past her obvious insanity and discover the genious and philosopher. This great book is definetly worths reading, although it's not at all an easy read and I daresay not for everyone. Once read it, history is seen differently. Modern life as well, is seen differently. This book is brilliantly synthetizing Hinduism, refering to the Book of Books, the Bhagavad Gita many times, with National Socialist philosophy, which she sees not as a political movement but as "the true religion" of all those of Aryan ancestry. NS or not, everyone can find truth in this book.

The book dedicated to Hitler is obvious for that the chapter written about him, is clearly obsessive, the longest part of The Lightning And The Sun. She saw him as an Avatar of God. Everyone who reads this book can decide for him/herself how to take this.

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### Nanda Rajanala says

It is a well admitted fact that the Nazi regime was cruel and led to mass destruction and anarchy until its end with World War II. Even if we have been trained over the years to listen, read and learn one-sided stories on the Nazi saga with well crafted allied vs axis propaganda in books, movies, speeches, documentaries and our daily lives; the ultimate truth is that there was large scale loss of life and property during the years leading to the World War up until its end in 1945.

There also existed a parallel stream of so called "Nazi sympathizers" too. They were largely unheard of until the internet revolution provided an alternate medium for them to propagate their ideas. Their theories either invite the ire of Nazi regime haters or historians who feel they have already done enough justice to present the reality to the public. To others, they create confusion as the alternate "truth" that they present is sometimes mixed with realities and hard hitting facts that makes you think, thereby making you feel uneasy. The real truth is probably hidden somewhere in between, but the very pursuit of that may seem insignificant and unnecessary.

In that light, I consider this book as contributing to the confusing yet delightfully challenging perspective on what could have happened before, during and after the Nazi years in World History. The narrative in this book is even more interesting as it delves into certain spiritual and philosophical aspects of Aryan wisdom and draws a logical map for what that means in the divine scheme of things in life. The author's primary focus in the book is on three types of men who carve themselves out from the rest in the World- Men in time (drawing a parallel with Lightning), Men above time (drawing a parallel with Sun) and Men Against time (a combination of Lightning and Sun). Adolf Hitler is presented as a Man against time, an incarnation of the creator God of ancient mythology. The author also manages to provide examples in Akhnaton (man above time) and Genghis Khan (man in time) to provide glimpses into the other alternatives the World got to see. The Hindu principle espoused in the Bhagavad Gita on detached violence is also taken as the basis for justifying certain unimaginable acts of death and destruction.

While it is hard to just brush aside the not-so straightforward and not-so truthful acts of the allied nations, I do feel the author makes widely accepted assumptions on Aryan legacy based in Nordic, Celtic, Saxon and Germanic roots that I am yet to truly believe in.

The book is worth a read also because it has been written by someone who is not a German and who didn't truly participate in the Nazi cause actively in Europe, although her husband and she worked on Nazi propaganda in India. The author's name can also be misleading as it is a Hindu name -Savitri Devi. The author however was a European with French and Greek roots (no Germanic roots at all) and was married to an Indian, a Hindu, and she believes in calling herself an Aryan Hindu woman. Moreover, she does not really belong to the group of "Nazi sympathizers". She is more of a Nazi fanatic, a passionate believer in an alternate purpose for that movement started by Hitler. Her commentaries however were all authored well after the World War ended, thereby lending voice to a long dead movement.

I would recommend this book only for people who can digest its contents without taking sides and have the capacity to think through things that go against widely hammered down literature on World History over the years.

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## **IMPERIVM says**

The section on Genghis Khan is well worth reading, particularly for a Nietzschean. If someone is familiar with National Socialist revisionism, the section on Hitler will be kind of boring.

The section on Genghis Khan and understanding the interplay between Sun and Lightning are the only two reasons to read this work.

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## **TR says**

The most interesting parts are the chapters on Hitler.

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