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Cosmic Memory



Synopsis

The essays contained in this book occupy a significant place in the life-work of Rudolf Steiner. They are his first written expression of a cosmology resulting from that spiritual perception which he described as "a fully conscious standing-within the spiritual world." In his autobiography he refers to the early years of the present century as the time when, "Out of the experience of the spiritual world in general developed specific details of knowledge." (Op. cit. pp. 326, 328.) Steiner has stated that from his early childhood he knew the reality of the spiritual world because he could experience this spiritual world directly. However, only after nearly forty years was it possible for him to transmit to others concrete, detailed information regarding this spiritual world. As they appear in the present essays, these "specific details" touch upon processes and events of extraordinary sweep and magnitude. They include essential elements of man's prehistory and early history, and shed light upon the evolutionary development of our earth. Published now for the first time in America, just a century after Darwin's Origin of the Species began its transformation of Man's view of himself and of his environment, these essays clarify and complement the pioneer work of the great English scientist. Rudolf Steiner shows that the insoluble link between man and cosmos is the fundamental basis of evolution. As man has participated in the development of the world we know today, so his achievements are directly connected with the ultimate destiny of the universe. In his hands rests the freedom to shape the future course of creation. Knowledge of his exalted origins and of the path he followed in forfeiting divine direction for the attainment of his present self-dependent freedom, are indispensable if man is to evolve a future worthy of a responsible human being. This book appears now because of its particular significance at a moment when imperative and grave decisions are being made in the interests of the future of mankind.

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Customer Reviews

This is essential reading for serious students of metaphysics. It is easier to understand and written in more accessible terminology than Blavatsky or Bailey. It can be compared to Max Heindl in terms of information, and although the information is not new, it is a roadmap of our evolution as the human race from a cosmic perspective.

In this book Rudolf Steiner shares esoteric knowledge of prehistory, the Akashic Records, Atlantean Ancestors and a theory of evolution markedly different from Darwinism. I thought I would find this too far fetched but the philosophy behind his views is so gentle, it is worth reading for that alone. Overall it is very interesting and I am eager to read more of Steiner's work.

I have been reading many different kinds of books (e.g., Edgar Cayce, Tibetan and Egyptian books of the dead, Eckhart Tolle, NDEs, etc) to increase spiritual awareness. I just could not get into this book and it was a struggle to get to the end. There was quite a bit of repetitive babbling and it did not flow (maybe in part due to being a collection of essays). When I complete these type of readings, I always write down highlighted sections into a personal diary for future reflection. There was nothing from this book that I wrote down to reflect upon.

An interesting theosophical view of the origins of humanity - another look at ancient history, so to speak. It is pretty much in line with other theosophists, differences in only very few minor details. Steiner is interesting, but rarely a bundle of fun to read. Rather boring in fact most of the time, which is a shame. But he was writing a century ago and language was used differently in those times. Modern science is still giving us a load of balls regarding human history, after all. See what Gregg Braden has to say on this point...

This book is important for a number of reasons. Latent within each of us lies the cosmic memory of our lives in previous ages of our souls development. Dreamlike conception offer up the path of the Sun

through the Houses of the Zodiac. Getting through the sections that appear to have derived from the Imaginal are clearly supersensible and are defensible by seeing that the One God and all the Gods have been hard at work through their work in the Imaginal Realms on Life and upon we Humans and our developmental path.

Fascinating although it might feel slow paced, but the details requires it to be so. There is no excuse to say that we don't have a detailed information about our planet's evolution or our own.

Fascinating!!!! I loved the depth. One can really learn spirituality from this author.

Rudolf Steiner is one of my favorite Mystics.

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