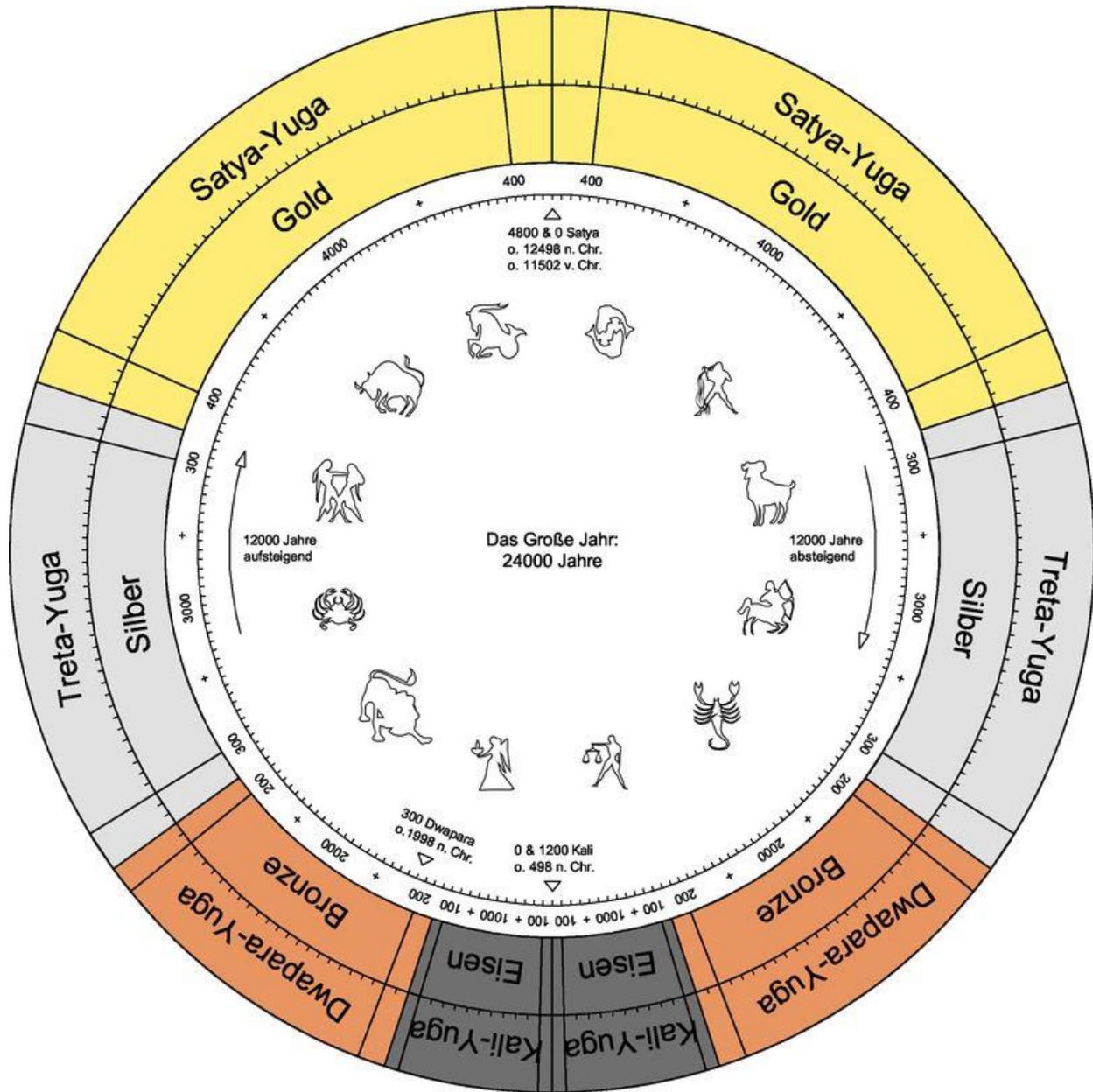


**When did Kali Yuga start, how long is/was it, and when will it (or did it) end?**



In the book *The Holy Science* (1894) Sri Yukteswar clarified that a complete Yuga Cycle takes 24,000 years, and is comprised of an ascending cycle of 12,000 years when virtue gradually increases and a descending cycle of another 12,000 years, in which virtue gradually decreases (See the above figure). Hence, after we complete a 12,000-year descending cycle from Satya Yuga -> Kali Yuga, the sequence reverses itself, and an ascending cycle of 12,000 years begins which goes from Kali Yuga -> Satya Yuga. Yukteswar states that, "Each of these periods of 12,000 years brings a complete change, both externally in the material world, and internally in the intellectual or electric world, and is called one of the Daiva Yugas or Electric Couple."

Unfortunately, the start and end dates as well as the duration of the ages are not agreed upon, and Sri Yukteswar (who I have deep faith in) is one of many individuals that have laid out differing dates, times, and structures. **“In spite of the elaborate theological framework of the Yuga Cycle, the start and end dates of the Kali Yuga remain shrouded in mystery.** The popularly accepted date for the beginning of the Kali Yuga is 3102 BCE, thirty-five years after the conclusion of the battle of the Mahabharata.” This quote is taken from a well-researched article, “The End of the Kali Yuga in 2025: Unravelling the Mysteries of the Yuga Cycle in the New Dawn online magazine which can be found [HERE](#).

“Current Hindu orthodoxy promotes the view that the world remains in Kali Yuga. Many scholars believe that the age lasts 432,000 years. But Yukteswar noted that the duration had been arbitrarily calculated by converting divine to human years. He calculated instead that Kali Yuga, including 1,200-year descending and ascending times, lasts 2,400 years. Most recently, the world emerged from ascending Kali Yuga into ascending Dwapara Yuga in 1700 AD.” So, says Ananda.org in their article on the Kali Yuga that can be found [HERE](#).

As an astrologer, I would love it if the complete Yuga cycle coincided with the Precession of the Equinox through the 12 constellations as is described further on in the New Dawn article: “The 24,000-year duration of the complete Yuga Cycle closely approximates the Precessional Year of 25,765 years, which is the time taken by the sun to ‘precess’, i.e., move backwards, through the 12 Zodiac constellations. Interestingly, the *Surya Siddhanta* specifies a value of 54 arc seconds per year for precession, as against the current value of 50.29 arc seconds per year. This translates into a Precessional Year of exactly 24,000 years! This means that the current observed value of precession may simply be a temporary deviation from the mean.”

Others may prefer the more exact calculations found in Wikipedia: “According to Puranic sources, Krishna’s departure marks the end of Dvapara Yuga and the start of Kali Yuga, which is dated to 17/18 February 3102 BCE. Based on a starting year of 3102 BCE and a duration of 432,000 years (1200 divine years), Kali Yuga began roughly 5,121 years ago and has 426,879 years remaining as of 2020 CE. Kali Yuga will end in the year 428,899 CE.”

So, while the Mother-God.com article on the Kali Yuga states that: “According to most calculations of the Kali Yuga, we are currently between five and six thousand years into it. This means that the patriarchal era has dominated much of Kali Yuga, but by no means the whole of it. The steady encroachment of patriarchy was, however, the most prominent movement of the early part of the Age... We should also understand that Kali Yuga is not one-fourth of the Historical Cycle. Actually, the Ages form the pattern known as the Tetraktys. So, taking the length of Kali Yuga as one unit, the length of the Age of Bronze is two units, that of the Age of Silver three units and that of the Age of Gold four units. Thus, the Age of Iron is one-tenth of the entire Historical Cycle.” See full article [HERE](#).

I am more inclined to agree with the New Dawn article again (see bold lettering): “In the few accounts where the durations of the Yugas are specified, we find that each age in the Yuga Cycle is of the same duration. *For instance, the Zoroastrians believe that the world lasts for 12,000 years, which is divided into four equal ages of 3,000 years each.* A Mexican source known as the *Codex Rios* (also referred to as *Codex 3738* and *Codex Vaticanus A*) states that each age lasts for 4,008, 4,010, 4,801 and 5,042 years respectively for a total of 17,861 years. We can see that in this case also the duration of each age is nearly the same. Therefore, the durations of the four Yugas mentioned in the Sanskrit texts (i.e., 4,800, 3,600, 2,400, and 1,200 years) deviate from the norm. The duration of each Yuga, in this sequence, decreases by 1,200 years from the previous one. **This is an arithmetic progression which is rarely, if**

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***In my work I have stated that Kali Yuga began in 3101 BC and ended in 1899 AC with a 300-year transition. This works out to going through a process of ending, giving way to Dwapara Yuga, from approximately 1750 – 2050 AD.*** These dates were given by Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian clairvoyant in 1910. In addition to being clairvoyant, Rudolf Steiner founded Anthroposophy, Biodynamic agriculture, Waldorf education, Anthroposophical medicine, Eurythmy, The Threefold Social Order, the Christian Community, Camphill, was an architect, builder, sculpture, lecturer, and author and spoke on subjects ranging from reincarnation, occult science, and the origins of the universe to astronomy, philosophy, psychology, and mathematics. In addition to the many books he authored, thousands of his lectures were recorded and many are available in the online library (see link below). I have studied Anthroposophy for over 35 years and have complete trust in the accuracy of Steiner's statements.

***“Kali Yuga, the Dark Age... began in the year 3,101 B.C... That is the year when the spiritual world began to darken, to be shut off from men. Before that time, men had direct consciousness of the spiritual worlds. After Kali Yuga had lasted for 3,101 years (1 AD) there came the impulse whereby man is led once again into the spiritual world... The evolution of humanity took a great forward jump because men were able henceforth, out of the Ego itself, to ascend again into the spiritual world... In 1899 the Dark Age, Kali Yuga, came to an end, having lasted for 5,000 years. We are living to-day at the beginning of an epoch when quite new forces and faculties will develop. Before the first half of the century has run its course, a number of people, simply through natural development, will possess unusual faculties. From the end of Kali Yuga, the year 1899 onwards, a certain faculty of etheric sight unfolds in mankind, and this will have developed in a number of people between 1930 and 1940. There will then be two possibilities. Mankind may sink more deeply still into the morass of materialism; everything may be flooded by materialism. This awakening of etheric sight may be ignored, ... But if men do not experience this awakening, they will be submerged in materialism. In the course of 2,500 years a sufficiently large number of human beings will develop etheric sight. This is the beginning of the clairvoyance that will be an added faculty of the Ego...”***

Quote from Rudolf Steiner made in a lecture given in 1910. The entire lecture can be found [HERE](#).

As can be seen from the above, Steiner is in agreement with the popularly accepted date of the beginning of Kali Yuga, 3101 – 3102 BC, there are still discrepancies between him and others when it comes to the duration of the Yuga and its end date (ranging from 1700 – 2025). From my research and experience I am confident that we are in the closing transition phase between the Kali and Dwapara Yuga's. I also believe that how near or far we are from the exact ending is influenced by how quickly we grow, evolve and learn the teachings of the Yuga. Let's hope we learn quickly and move on!