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Synopsis

The Lightning and the Sun is Savitri Devi's magnum opus and one of the founding texts of post-World War II National Socialism. Written in Europe from 1948 to 1956 and published in India in 1958, The Lightning and the Sun sets forth a unique and stunning synthesis of National Socialism with the cyclical Traditionalist philosophy of history and Hindu mythology. Savitri Devi's goal was to create a new National Socialist religion. She aspired to be the Saint Paul to Hitler's Jesus. Paul of Tarsus took Jesus, who was a religious prophet and a failed political revolutionary, and turned him into a divine incarnation, creating a religion which served as the vehicle for the triumph of Jewish values over Rome. Savitri Devi sought to transform Adolf Hitler, who was also both a prophetic figure and a failed political revolutionary, into a divine incarnation-an avatar of the Hindu god Vishnu-hoping to create a religion that would serve as the vehicle for the triumph of National Socialism over egalitarian modernity. In spite of its near-legendary status, The Lightning and the Sun is a notoriously hard to find book. The first edition consisted of only 1,000 copies and is quite rare. The 1979 Samisdat reprint is long out of print and also quite rare. The most readily available edition is William Pierce's dramatically abridged version, which cuts two thirds of the text and was not authorized or checked by Savitri Devi. The Savitri Devi Archive's new edition of The Lightning and the Sun reprints the complete and unabridged first edition and corrects its many typographical errors. It also updates the citations, adds a number of explanatory notes, includes a helpful Editor's Foreword, and provides a detailed index. With this new edition, which is edited and manufactured to the highest academic press standards, The Lightning and the Sun has finally found a worthy embodiment. About the Authoress Savitri Devi (1905-1982) is one of the most original and influential National Socialist thinkers of the post-World War II era. Born Maximine Julia Portaz in Lyons, France, she was of English, Greek, and Italian ancestry and described her nationality as "Indo-European." She earned Master's degrees in philosophy and chemistry and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Lyons. Her books include A Warning to the Hindus (1939), L'Etang aux lotus (The Lotus Pond) (1940), A Son of God: The Life and Philosophy of Akhnaton, King of Egypt (1946), later republished as Son of the Sun (1956), Akhnaton: A Play (1948), Gold in the Furnace: Experiences in Post-War Germany (1952), Defiance: The Prison Memoirs of Savitri Devi (1958), Pilgrimage (1958), Impeachment of Man (1959), Long-Whiskers and the Two-Legged Goddess (1965), Souvenirs et réflexions d'une Aryenne (Memories and Reflections of an Aryan Woman) (1976), And Time Rolls On: The Savitri Devi Interviews (2005), and Forever and Ever: Devotional Poems (2012).

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Customer Reviews

Oh Genghis Khan! This is the only book able to pull off an explanation for the supernatural and a proof for evil in the world. The death-metal band is around the corner or there may have already been one but sunk into oblivion like this book,

Received in perfect condition. Book is grammatically correct and typos are nonexistent. Reprint is flawless and a must have. 14.

Perennial classic of esoteric Hitlerism.

Savitri Devi makes you think. I've always regarded the intensity and longevity of the anti-Nazi hate phenomenon as something suspicious. Most alleged or ostensible villains fade into "history" (textbook narratives) within a few decades. But the animus against Hitler and the Nazis has been kept alive and, if not fresh, at least vigorous. One would be right to wonder why that is so. It turns out that the Jews have been profiting from Holocaust propaganda, probably far more than they should have profited. It might also be the case that Hitler was the good guy in the Second World War, and that if England and America had been wisely and honestly led, they would have joined forces with Germany to put an end to Communism, rather than take sides with the USSR to put an end to National Socialism. That might have led to a global cultural renewal of humanity, instead of its taking

a downward cultural trend toward degeneracy, as actually did happen.

Great book

No need to write a review because if you found this book you probabaly want it if you got this far, just some info on the book itself. It seems someone (a girl called Gabriella) has put together an e-book from Savitri Devi's website and is printing copies on demand. The listing that says lulu.com (April 29, 2010) is the one you want. It is a full copy of the 1958 edition front to back with at the end only a clue of who printed the book. Also the site vaidilute.com is connected to Gabriella and the book I recieved was printed on 10 Nov. 2010. This book is what you are looking for if you are here so go ahead and buy it. Update 14-April-2017 (So mergers reviews for books and the copy I have is blue/red with a Black Wheel of The Sun on a yellow background)

Fascinating - certainly a cosmo-philosophic viewpoint incredibly relevant for Our times. The beauty of Devi's work is that she (re)presents a cosmology which is not only classic - primitive in a sense - but eternal and still important for any age, thus ageless. Any person who has a sense that things really aren't right in the world would benefit from a read of this book. Although it is somewhat 'heady' it is not so abstract to make it incomprehensible. This work is truly a wonder as it brings out a meaning to life which is precious - strong, empowering, and hopeful. That just as we can understand the cycles of nature, we can understand the greater cycles of existence in a cosmic way. Devi first presents the characteristics of the Men 'in time, above time' and 'against time'. Ghenghis Khan is the quintessential man in time - a man driven by will, but not driven by any higher purpose but to will for himself. Akhnaton is the quintessential man 'above time' - a man who is driven by will who creates with purpose, but his purpose is so high that he goes over the heads of those around him who are lost in time, thus his creation is doomed to disappear after his leading will leaves the sphere of time. Then there is the Man against time - the quintessential embodiment represented in the Man of the 20th century, Adolf Hitler: a man possessing characteristics of a man 'in time' who is driven by Will, but also a Man 'above time' who creates with a higher purpose, thus making him a Man against time. A man against time will appear during the age of dissolution during the time cycle - during the time of decay - and with an indomitable Will create that which is built upon higher ideals against those of the time. Because He seeks to bring forth those elements of the purest point of the eternal time cycle - those elements of beauty, strength, nobility, and more - He is also seen as a destroyer of the present elements that interfere with the expression of those purer elements. Ghenghis Khan is

presented by Devi as 'Lightning' - power - with a Will to Survive and a Will to Conquer. Akhnaton is presented as the 'Sun' - the seat of 'Truth, Light'. Hitler is presented as both Lightning and the Sun - possessing the Will to Survive and to Conquer, and the Light of the Sun devoted to the higher ideals of cosmic law - order, freedom to Be, Creativity, the drive to ever higher expressions of Life rather than its degradation and destruction. But Devi presents Hitler as the Man-not-yet-to-Be Him who completes the Cycle in order to usher in the new cycle of 'The Golden Age'. Hitler was but the avatar - of sorts. The One who sheds light upon that which will, that which must, Be. In this way, Hitler, and National Socialist Germany, are martyrs to the world in time. To Devi, Hitler was more Light than Lightning - he spared those who continued their fight when he could have utterly destroyed them (i.e. the compassion for the English at Dunkirk). Hitler and the People of National Socialist Germany are an image of what is to come - both a harbinger of 'good' to those whose souls desire the Eternal Laws, and a harbinger of 'bad' to those who revel in the disregard for those Laws. Devi then discusses the Man to come who will be equally both Lightning and the Sun - the Man who will return, Kalki, The Avenger. Each of those who are in current time are left to decide their fates according to their choices - it is a question of who will stand when the New Age begins - when the complete Cycle begins again. This is but a simple and incomplete description of the contents of 'The Lightning and the Sun' - it does not compare to the depth and poetry of Savitri Devi's marvelous work. Whether one wishes to believe her premises and her conclusions - her philosophy - one will certainly be fascinated by its content. This is an exceptional read.

This review is not regarding the content of Savitri Devi's brilliant book. I was surprised to receive this paperback copy, only to find that it is a reprint of an eBook that was typed from the original. There are many continuous spelling errors, the print is very small on large pages, and in general, the quality of the publishing is extremely disappointing, which detracts from the reading experience. For the cost of \$40 USD on .com and \$80 on .ca, I wanted to make sure that those considering purchasing know that this copy is NOT worth the price. .com did give me a full refund and was very helpful regarding that process.

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