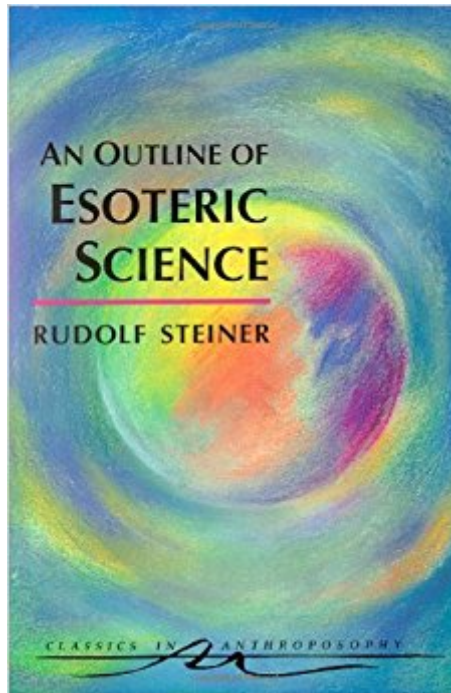




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# An Outline Of Esoteric Science: (CW 13) (Classics In Anthroposophy)



## Synopsis

Written in 1909 (CW 13) "Esoteric science is the science of what takes place esoterically, in the sense that it is perceived not outside in nature but where one's soul turns when it directs its inner being toward the spirit. Esoteric science is the opposite and counterpart of natural science." Rudolf Steiner This masterwork of esotericism places humankind at the very heart of the vast, invisible processes of cosmic evolution. When we use the term "natural science," do we mean that we are dealing with human knowledge of nature? Steiner worked and reworked his Rosicrucian cosmology to make it increasingly precise and accurate. An Outline of Esoteric Science is as vital and relevant now as it was when first published in 1910 and remains the most comprehensive and effective presentation of a spiritual alternative to contemporary, materialistic cosmologies and a strict Darwinian view of human nature and evolution. In this foundational work of spiritual science, we see how the creation and evolution of humanity is embedded at the heart of the vast, invisible web of interacting cosmic beings, through whom the alchemical processes of cosmic evolution continue to evolve. Included are descriptions of the physical-spiritual makeup of the human being; the relationships of the different "bodies" of the human being to sleep and death; and a detailed, practical guide to methods and exercises, including the "Rose Cross Meditation," through which we can attain knowledge of the spiritual worlds. The most remarkable and revolutionary aspect of this work is the central function that Steiner attributes to the Christ and his involvement in human and earthly evolution through the Mystery of Golgotha. Contents: Introduction by Clopper Almon Preface by Rudolf Steiner The Character of Esoteric Science The Makeup of the Human Being Sleep and Death Cosmic Evolution and the Human Being Knowledge of Higher Worlds Initiation Cosmic and Human Evolution Now and in the Future Details from the Field of Spiritual Science Appendix: Rudolf Steiner's Early Introductions Further Reading This is essential reading for all serious students of esoteric spirituality. Previous translations: An Outline of Occult Science and Occult Science: An Outline. An Outline of Esoteric Science is a translation of Die Geheimwissenschaft im Umriss (GA 13).

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## Customer Reviews

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Rudolf Steiner (1861–1925) was born in the small village of Kraljevec, Austro-Hungarian Empire (now in Croatia), where he grew up. As a young man, he lived in Weimar and Berlin, where he became a well-published scientific, literary, and philosophical scholar, known especially for his work with Goethe's scientific writings. At the beginning of the twentieth century, he began to develop his early philosophical principles into an approach to systematic research into psychological and spiritual phenomena. Formally beginning his spiritual teaching career under the auspices of the Theosophical Society, Steiner came to use the term Anthroposophy (and spiritual science) for his philosophy, spiritual research, and findings. The influence of Steiner's multifaceted genius has led to innovative and holistic approaches in medicine, various therapies, philosophy, religious renewal, Waldorf education, education for special needs, threefold economics, biodynamic agriculture, Goethean science, architecture, and the arts of drama, speech, and eurythmy. In 1924, Rudolf Steiner founded the General Anthroposophical Society, which today has branches throughout the world. He died in Dornach, Switzerland. Clopper Almon, a seasoned student of Anthroposophy, is a cofounder of the Rudolf Steiner Institute. He has taught courses there on Rudolf Steiner's Outline of Esoteric Science and on other subjects. He is professor of economics at the University of Maryland, where his professional work is in building quantitative models of economics.

Changes everything.

I read an old translation years ago. It was hard to understand. This translation is much clearer. I'm

glad I got it.

As always, Rudolf Steiner gives much food for thought....His contribution to the understanding of farming, is needed now, like no other time.

This book is a thought-challenging read, and valuable as part of study of his ideas in which I'm currently involved. A nice publication

Well written book about the worlds we can't see. A guide to becoming a more evolved human being. A nice book to read during these troubled times. Rudolf Steiner is the founder of Biodynamic gardening and waldorf schools. An amazing man who died in 1924, but whose works are still very pertinent.

Rudolph Steiner's works, like the writings of H. P. Blavatsky, open windows into a hidden world most people do not even know exists. Although the ideas they brought forth are claimed to be older than history itself, they set the scene for the "New Age" movement of the last century. Rudolph wrote about what he called the "supersensible" worlds, the hidden realities beyond the world of form and substance or this material universe and its immutable laws of nature. He speaks of invisible worlds and invisible energies and of the origins and genesis of all things, both the hidden and the familiar. What he teaches is the "perennial philosophy," the most ancient of spiritual traditions that come to light periodically when such light is most needed. The ancient wisdom Steiner reveals come from his readings and interpretations of the imperishable Akashic records of all that is and all that ever was. When Steiner and Blavatsky were so bold as to reveal these ancient teachings to a materialistic society with what Steiner called its "sense-bound" scientists, they were met with scornful resistance and ridicule by both the scientific community and established religion. Unfortunately, far too much of the book is a repetitious defence against the attackers of his day. The book itself, however, is a classic and a treasure.

They say that this is Steiner's major work, his Magnum Opus. Outline of Esoteric Science offers the reader a cosmic view of creation and evolution, completely contrary to Darwin, Haeckel and all futile and materialistic modern anthropologists. Steiner peers into the terrifying lost nights of the ages with bright clarity, equivalent to a high powered flashlight in a pitch black gloomy forest. What he looked into was the memory of nature otherwise known as the "Akasic Records". He did this with a superior

faculty in the brain related to sight called "clairvoyance". He tells us of The Polar race, The Hyperborean race, The Lemurian race, The Atlantean race and the Post-Atlantean races (us today). He also talks about spiritual beings that have helped in the creation of the world and in the movements of the planetary races. The last section of the book deals with those who wish to find out more about the spiritual worlds and what they need to do to train themselves to reach higher states and develop superior faculties latent within. This book is a marvel. It will benefit scientists very well to know about this book and its content. And there are others that have talked about occult history, for example Madame Blavatsky in her 2nd Volume of The Secret Doctrine called Anthropogenesis, Max Heindel in his book The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception, and Samael Aun Weor in his books: Gnostic Anthropology, The Revolution of Beelzebub, and The Revolution of the Dialectic. If you are serious about knowing Who We Are, Where We Are Coming From and Where We Are Going then this book will help you realize those things that have been a gigantic mystery and a terrible plague on modern minds for generations!

General overview of ideas of Rudolf Steiner. His first book written, and first attempt to record his ideas, make it a vague book. As Rudolf Steiner became more accustomed to spiritual research his explanations became more clear and defined. This book, however, is somewhat vague, not very detailed and therefore hard to get a fix on what Rudolf Steiner had perceived. I recommend other books by Steiner: 1) Egyptian Myths and Mysteries ISBN 0880101989 2) Spiritual Hierarchies and the physical world ISBN 0880104406

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