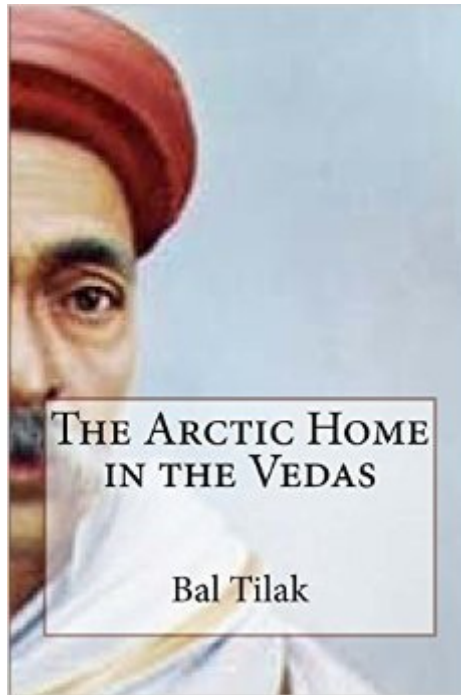


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The Arctic Home In The Vedas



Synopsis

The Arctic Home in the Vedas is a book on the origin of Aryans by Lokmanya Bāl Gangādhara Tilak, a mathematician turned astronomer, historian, journalist, philosopher and political leader of India during 1880 to 1920. It propounded the theory that the North Pole was the original home of Aryans during pre-glacial period which they had to leave due to the ice deluge around 8000 B.C. and had to migrate to the Northern parts of Europe and Asia in search of lands for new settlements. In support to his theory Tilak has presented certain Vedic hymns, Avestic passages, Vedic chronology and Vedic calendars with interpretations of the contents in detail. The book was written at the end of 1898, but was first published in March 1903 in Pune.

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Customer Reviews

Bal Gangadhar Tilak is the Benjamin Franklin of India. He was an early advocate of Indian independence from Great Britain as well as a journalist, teacher, and scholar. In this work, Talak takes the Vedic Hymns and seeks to determine where the Indo-Europeans originated. His determination-somewhere north of the Arctic Circle. He makes his case by examining the hymns and applying what they say to known astrological data, historical climates, and past geologic conditions. It's a compelling case, especially when he compares Hindu myths to how the sky and stars appear in the far north. The book is dense with facts. In addition to the above, Tilak compares the mythologies of other Indo-European people to make his case along with some references to the Hebrew Old-Testament. A mind expanding book at a minimum.

Mind blowing that history experience has been so narrowly awakened until I read Tilak's possibility (probability) that our cultures have evolved in a completely different scenario than usually portrayed

Undoubtedly, this book is very innovative. Written well beyond its perceived time - portions of the book seem futuristic. Bal Gangadhar Tilak's approach is innovative and quite non-traditional. Tilak definitely was thinking differently from his kinsmen when he wrote the book. Though his theory is not exactly accepted, but it definitely leaves room for thought. The text in the Vedas is not easily understood - pre-dated Sanskrit was Dev-Bhasha "spoken differently with fewer complexities than its morph in latter periods like the Axial times and the rest of CE. There is much that needs to be explored around the Vedas "beyond the dogmas into what may have prevailed at the time they were written. This book is perfect for those looking to seek answers without being bogged down by ritualism, dogmas and blind faith.

Interesting view.

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