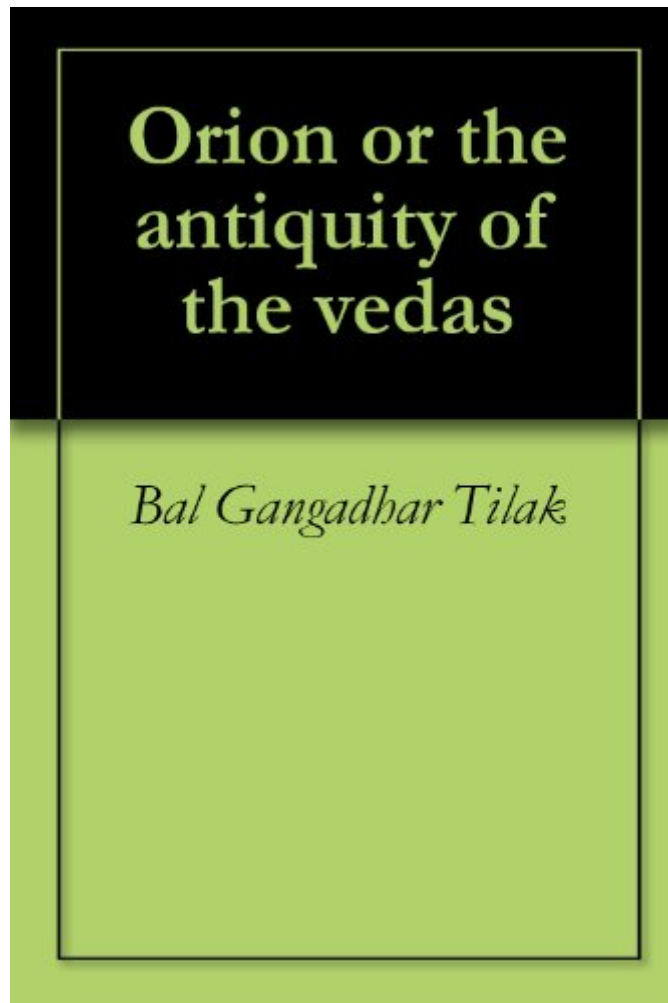




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This book was written by Bal Gangadhar Tilak in 1893, and remains the starting point for those mystified about the meaning of the Rg Veda. The Rg Veda is an amazing document, it may be interpreted on many levels. Interpretation on philosophical or spiritual grounds widely vary and are open to great variations of meaning. The approach Tilak takes in this book is astronomical. Through extensive analysis and interpretation of key passages in the Rg Veda, Tilak presents a convincing case that the Veda is also an astronomical and astrological text. The correct placement of the constellations was of utmost importance in Vedic sacrifice. The year-long sacrifice required the correct time of the year on which it could begin. Tilak's conclusion was at the time of the Veda the year-long sacrifice commenced at the Vernal Equinox at the constellation of Orion. He also explains how this commencement date changed with time. Tilak also explains how ascertaining the commencement of these sacrifices matter and was not simply an academic exercise. After death

there are two paths the soul could travel: The Path of the Gods and the Path of the Fathers. The first was the entrance of heaven and the latter was a path in which the soul is condemned to another life. The Vernal Equinox was determined to point to the Path of the Gods, so this point was a very important space in the zodiac. Tilak avoids interpreting the Rg Veda in purely astrological terms, although he could have easily done so. His analysis is strictly astronomical and focused on the stellar constellations. The only drawback is in the scanning of this old edition. There were errors in the scanning of the original edition which left several omissions in several sentences. This missing parts of most parts can be easily deduced; others cannot. Still, Tilak's interpretation is not the final word on the meaning of the Rg Veda, but a good start. The astronomical interpretation is a good springboard for the other philosophical and religious aspects of this great text.

Poor production - nearly unreadable. Looks like typesetters, who don't speak english as a first language, just grabbed handfuls of letters and symbols and put them in line to be run through the printer.

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