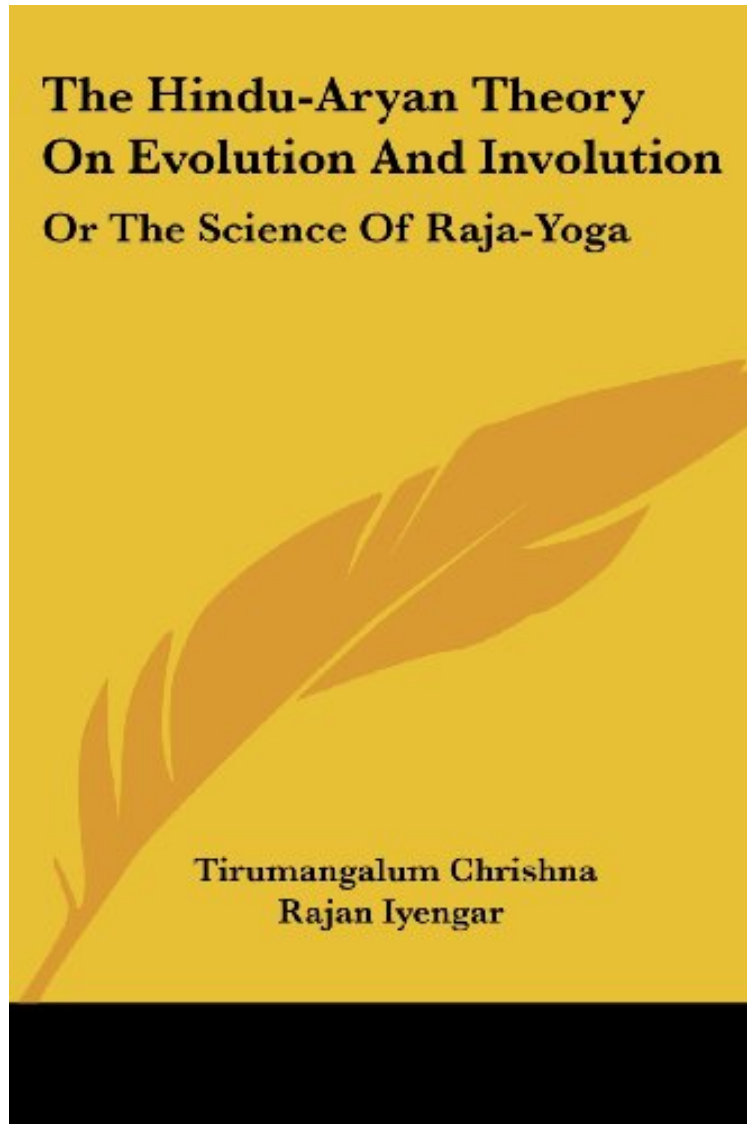


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Tirumangalum Chrishna Rajan Iyengar : The Hindu-Aryan Theory On Evolution And Involution: Or The Science Of Raja-Yoga before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hindu-Aryan Theory On Evolution And Involution: Or The Science Of Raja-Yoga:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A little gem of a bookBy Jonathan ArmstrongGiven the brevity of

this little work, I won't offer up a book-length review here. I picked this book up since I have long been influenced by Guenonian metaphysics and nagged by the dichotomy of "devolutionary" and "evolutionary" forces in the universe. The "devolutionary" forces are easy for me to get my head around, but what about "evolutionary" forces? Most talk of "evolutionary spirituality" quickly meanders into pastepudding spiritualism based on poorly understood Darwinian evolution of the type you usually find in the half-off section of a New Age bookstore. In this slim little volume, pretty much any spiritual or metaphysical topic that an inquiring mind might be curious about is covered, from classic Freshman 101 questions ("If God can do anything, can He make an object so big he can't move it?") to life after death, to the proper conduct of life -- they're all covered succinctly in this little volume. There is no filler here: if you've got a lifelong interest in metaphysics, you'll undoubtedly find something new to think about here; if you're a new seeker, you could spare yourself a lot of time and heartache by assimilating the information here and dispensing with most of the fluff that is modern effeminate "spirituality".

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Hindu-Aryan theory of Raja Yoga By Ashtar Command First published in 1908, The Hindu-Aryan Theory of Evolution and Involution is a short but somewhat complex work on Raja Yoga. The author, who is said to have resided in India, is unknown to me. The book was published in the United States and Britain, and small clues suggest some kind of Theosophical involvement. A Theosophy-inspired symbol adorns the title page, the term evolution is surely not Hindu, and the motto No religion is higher than truth also sounds Theosophical. The author claims that humans can't be reborn as animals, which at least exoterically isn't the Hindu position, but once again a Theosophical one. Of course, Tirumangalum Chrishna Rajan Iyengar claims to have access to esoteric teachings, including a secret version of the Bhagavad-Gita! Any relation to the Stanzas of Dzyan? I know next to nothing about Raja Yoga, so I can't really comment on the contents of The Hindu-Aryan Theory, but I did notice that the author's complex metaphysics are ultimately based on Advaita Vedanta, since the divine is seen as impersonal. Apart from that, however, there doesn't seem to be any similarities between Rajan Iyengar's system and the Advaita currently practiced in the West (dubbed Neo-Neo-Advaita by another reviewer here on). The goal of the practitioner is to liberate himself from the physical body and merge with the divine, something accomplished through secret meditation and breathing techniques. These somehow develop an esoteric anatomy. Various paranormal powers can also be acquired on the path to liberation, including out-of-body experiences, psychokinesis or mind-control. The yogi's soul can even possess the physical body of another person! The author emphasizes that true yogic instruction can only be oral, and that many esoteric truths will never be published. Western experts on Indian literature, such as Max Müller, don't know half of it, since they have misunderstood the meaning of many Sanskrit terms. Not sure how to rate this forgotten book, but since it could perhaps be useful to some people, I will give it three stars.

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