

## KALI YUGA

The four ages are Satya Yuga, Treta Yuga, Dvapara Yuga, and Kali Yuga — and all together these four comprise one full yuga cycle, just as the four seasons make up a year. One thousand Yuga cycles is equal to a day of Brahma, also known as a kalpa... The duration of Kali Yuga is 432,000 yrs, and it began in 3,102 B.C.E. with the death of Krishna. So we are some 5,123 years into the Kali Yuga cycle.

### **A description of Kali Yuga from the Vishnu Purana:**

“There will be contemporary monarchs, reigning over the earth—kings of churlish spirit, violent temper, and ever addicted to falsehood and wickedness. They will inflict death on women, children, and cows; they will seize upon the property of their subjects, and be intent upon the wives of others; they will be of unlimited power, their lives will be short, their desires insatiable.. People of various countries intermingling with them, will follow their example; and the barbarians being powerful (in India) in the patronage of the princes, while purer tribes are neglected, the people will perish (or, as the Commentator has it... Wealth and piety will decrease until the world will be wholly depraved. Property alone will confer rank; wealth will be the only source of devotion; passion will be the sole bond of union between the sexes; falsehood will be the only means of success in litigation; and women will be objects merely of sensual gratification..... External types will be the only distinction of the several orders of life;..... a man if rich will be reputed pure; dishonesty (anyaya) will be the universal means of subsistence...”