

# The Golden Blade Index

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The Golden Blade was published from 1949 to 2009. It was founded in 1949 by Charles Davy and Arnold Freeman, who were its first editors, and owes much to the twenty-three years of editorial guidance of Adam Bittleston.

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From the first (1949) Issue:

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The purpose of this Annual is to publish writings which bring the outlook of Anthroposophy to bear on questions and activities^ of the present time.

The title derives from a reference by Rudolf Steiner to an old Persian legend. "Djemjdid was a king who led his people from the north towards Iran, and who received from the god whom he called Ahura Mazdao, a golden dagger, by means of which he was to fulfil his mission on earth. ... It represents a force given to man whereby he can act upon and transform [his] external nature."

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And from the 1996 Issue:

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The aim of this yearly journal is to bring the outlook of anthroposophy to bear on questions and activities of evident relevance to the present, in a way which may have a lasting value. It was founded in 1949 by Charles Davy and Arnold Freeman, who were its first editors.

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