

**THE  
GOLDEN AGES  
OF  
MAN**

**(As of 1870)**

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**Introduction**

A "Golden Age" is the time in a people's history when everything was as it should be, or when the nation was at its summit of power, glory, and reputation; the best age, as the golden age of innocence, the golden age of literature.

**The Golden Ages**

The "Golden Ages" of the various nations (as of 1870) are usually given as follows:

**ASSYRIA.** From the reign of Esarhaddon, third son of Sennachenb, to the fall of Nineveh (about 700 to 600 B.C.).

**CHALDAEO-BABYLONIAN EMPIRE.** From the reign of Nabopolassar to that of Belshazzar (about 606-538 B.C.).

**CHINA.** The reign of Tae-tsong (618-26), and the era of the Tang dynasty (626-84).

**EGYPT.** The reigns of Sethos I and Rameses II (about 1350-1273 B.C.), the XIXth Dynasty.

**MEDIA.** The reign of Cyaxares (about 634-594 B.C.).

**PERSIA.** From the reign of Khosru, or Chosroes, I, to that of Khosru II (about A.D. 531-628).

**ENGLAND.** The reign of Elizabeth (1558-1603).

**FRANCE.** Part of the reigns of Louis XIV and XV (1640-1740).

**GERMANY.** The reign of Charles V (1519-58).

**PORTUGAL.** From John I to the close of Sebastian's reign (1383-1578).

**PRUSSIA.** The reign of Frederick the Great (1740-86).

**RUSSIA.** The reign of Peter the Great (1672-1725).

**SPAIN.** The reign of Ferdinand and Isabella, when the crowns of Castile and Aragon were united (1474-1516).

**SWEDEN.** From Gustavus Vasa to the close of the reign of Gustavus Adolphus (1523-1632).

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