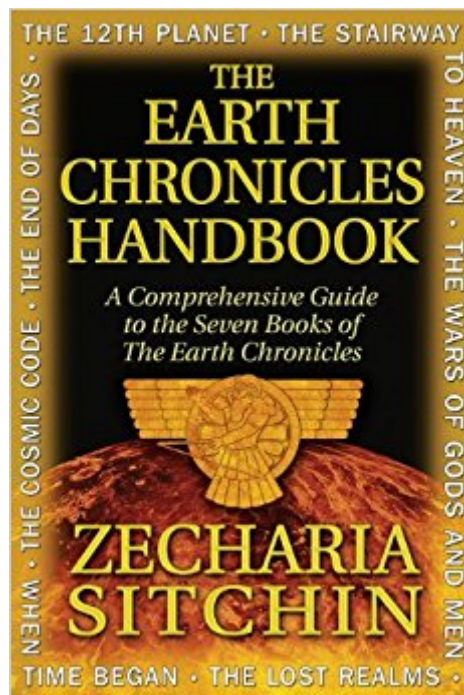




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# The Earth Chronicles Handbook: A Comprehensive Guide To The Seven Books Of The Earth Chronicles



## Synopsis

An encyclopedic compendium of the myths and actual events from humanity's ancient civilizations that reveal the influence of visitors from the 12th planet--the Anunnaki. Offers easy access to the myriad characters and subjects covered by the seven books of The Earth Chronicles series. Provides alphabetical listings to the terminology of ancient civilizations concerning their gods, kings, cultures, and religions. Contains detailed summations, commentaries, and instructions for locating topics within all the author's books. The Earth Chronicles series, a historical and archaeological adventure into the origins of mankind and planet Earth, began with the publication of the bestselling The 12th Planet. The series is based on the premise that the myths from the world's earliest civilizations were in fact recollections of actual events and that the gods of ancient peoples were visitors to Earth from another planet--the Anunnaki, inhabitants of the 12th planet. The series's books include The 12th Planet, The Stairway to Heaven, The Wars of Gods and Men, The Lost Realms, When Time Began, The Cosmic Code, and The End of Days, all products of the author's unmatched study of the ancient records of Sumer, Babylonia, Assyria, Israel, and Egypt and the civilizations of pre-Columbian America. Unearthing the hidden history of Earth and mankind, the series uses the past to unveil the meaning of the prophesied future. Zecharia Sitchin has created an encyclopedic compendium of the key figures, sites, concepts, and beliefs to provide a unique navigational tool through this entire opus. Entries are coded to indicate at a glance their cultural origin and contain summations, commentaries, and guidance for locating the topics within all of his books, including Genesis Revisited, Divine Encounters, The Lost Book of Enki, The Earth Chronicles Expeditions, and Journeys to the Mythical Past.

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The book is written as a Dictionary/Encyclopedia for the terms used in Sitchin's Earth Chronicle series of books. Anyone that has read, or is reading his books, knows there are hundreds of new terms for the reader which can be extremely difficult to keep track of. I have read three books so far and am working on my 4th and I have almost 20 pages of notes on a yellow pad to help keep track when I decided to pick up this reference book and I am so glad I did to look up the many various terms and names... These get confusing, especially since the same person may have different names depending on whether we are reading the Sumerian name, Akkadian name, Babylonian name, Egyptian name... of the same person; for example, EN.KI, who is also EA and PTAH (in Egyptian), or Noah, aka Utnapishtim in Akkadian, or Ziusudra in Sumerian language/texts. Taking notes AND having this reference book is critical to keeping track or looking up this or that...The book is extremely well organized, cross referencing terms, and providing the origin of the word; is it a Sumerian (bold text), Akkadian, Canaanite or Hebrew term (Italics), Egyptian (Capital letters)... Also, if the interpretation of something is that of Sitchin, the reference will include 'ZS'.Also, I highly recommend you get the hardcover version of this book and the Kindle version of the other books!!!! I say this because the font size in the paperbacks is so small that it will dissuade many from finishing the book (at least my 50+ year old eyes) so the Kindle version lets you adjust the font size making for easy reading and the Kindle version include pictures. However, since this book is a reference book, you need a 'real book' to flip through to look up stuff as you read his others works -

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I'm new to the whole "Earth Chronicles" phenomenon and "ZS" in general, now well into book II. Obviously this is fascinating and controversial material and I find that having the "Earth Chronicles Handbook" nearby as a quick reference allows me to get some back story and understanding of names, words or places that ZS uses in his commentary. If you are reading the Earth Chronicles and are as into it as I seem to be then the "Comprehensive Guide" is a must have.UPDATE - MARCH 2015:I still keep this book close at hand on my nightstand for quick reference, especially when reading another authors work concerning biblical mythology or ancient history. I find myself thinking, "Hmm, I wonder what Sitchin's take or interpretation is on this? More often than not, I have found that ZS has elaborated on that particular name or personality, place or thing; this adds nuance and helps to flesh out a more comprehensive understanding of whatever the subject happens to be.I have read some of the reviews that are disappointed that there is no "cross-reference" to his various Earth Chronicles books, etc. I admit that could be helpful, especially if this "guide" (more a comprehensive dictionary as someone else pointed out) is ONLY being used as a reference guide to those books. In that respect, I have to say that the subtitle is to blame, as it would tend to lead one to that conclusion. However I find that notion just a bit myopic. For me personally this book has been an invaluable "cross-reference" to all the other works I've been reading for the past 4 years. So evidently it has worked for me. What is disappointing; is looking

something up only to find that ZS or his editors did not include it into the book; that's how much I rely on ZS's unique take on things. It's good to have an alternative view no matter what the subject. I find that I usually pick the "guide" up for one thing, and then turn a page and get sucked into a whole other line of inquiry, it can be that compelling, and definitely is unique. I would not want to make do without it.

I own the entire Earth Chronicles Series so I had to buy this book to add to the set, but I was very disappointed when it came. It was beautifully made and full of information, but I was expecting a companion book, or a guide book with some kind of overview or maybe even new information... This book is just a dictionary compiled from the words and places used in his other seven books (which are always at the back of the book anyway)! I think this book was a waste of money overall, but it does round out my collection so I'll give it two stars.

Now this will blow up your skirt so to speak. He talks about Lif before the Bible Now this book is only for the advanced mind because he goes into the unknown

This is neither a handbook nor a guide. It is essentially just a glossary of names/terms with very little detail for each entry. (It's not even indexed to specific books.) I was hoping for much more....

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