

The original series is divided into the following cycles and "grand cycles". Only the grand cycles the Great Cosmic Mystery and Thoregon have official names. The other grand cycles were not planned as such. They were named by the readers in retrospect. "SI-" indicates a Superintelligence, "CC-" indicates a Cosmocrat.

Cycle numbers in blue are part of one long story.

1. *Milky Way* (200 books)

- #1 : The Third Power (Issues 1 to 49) 1971-1984
 - Rhodan discovers Arkonides on the moon, sets up a New Power on Earth; meets SI-IT
- #2 : Atlan and Arkon (50 to 99) 2040-2045 (56 year gap)
 - Atlan awakes and takes control of the Arkonide Robot Regent
- #3 : The Posbis (100 to 149) 2102-2114 (57 year gap)
 - The Akons are discovered; the Lauren and Posbis appear, the Posbis are befriended
 - Arkon's Robot Regent is destroyed, ending the Arkon Great Emperium
- #4 : The Second Empire (150 to 199) 2326-2329 (212 year gap)
 - The Hornterrors and Terrorworms appear; the Blues are discovered and defeated
 - Arkon III is destroyed

2. *Distant Galaxies* (200 books)

- #5 : Masters of the Island (Andromeda) (200 to 299) 2400-2406 (71 year gap)
 - Andromeda is ruthlessly ruled by the Masters, their reign is broken
- #6 : M-87 (300 to 399) 2435-2437 (29 year gap)
 - The Second and Third Conditioned devastate Earth for time-travel crimes
 - The Terran Empire is destroyed by devastating attacks on Terra by the Bi-Conditioned (1/3 of the population (2 billion) killed)

3. *The Crumbling Empire* (250 books)

- #7 : The Cappins (400 to 499) 3430-3438 (993 year gap)
 - A death satellite in the Sun is destroyed thru time travel; the Cappin empire is put in order
- #8 : The Swarm (500 to 569) 3441-3443 (3 year gap)
 - A mobile galaxy reduces intelligence in the Milky Way, its rightful user is put in place
 - Many of the people in the Milky Way die
- #9 : The Old Mutants (570 to 599) 3444-3444 (1 year gap)
 - Some "dead" members of the Mutant Corps return and are absorbed into IT
- #10 : The Cosmic Chess Game (600 to 649) 3456-3458 (12 year gap)
 - Anti-IT replaces Rhodan's brain with a duplicate and sends his brain to a distant galaxy
 - Rhodan's son disrupts the Second Solar Empire while disguised as Rhodan

4. *Superintelligences* (350 books)

- #11 : The Council of Seven (650 to 699) 3459-3460 (1 year gap)
 - The Laren force the Milky Way to join their group; Earth is sent to another galaxy
 - The Earth and Moon leave the galaxy
- #12 : Aphilia (700 to 799) 3530-3583 (70 year gap)
 - Humans become apathetic, those unaffected leave and learn about the Council of Seven
 - 20 billion human consciousnesses are absorbed into IT (their bodies die)
- #13 : BARDIOC (800 to 867) 3583-3586 (0 year gap)
 - SI-Empress of Therm and SI-Bardioc fight; Earth is returned; Laren are driven out
- #14 : PAN-THAU-RA (868 to 899) 3586 (0 year gap)
 - Bardioc's spore ship is stuck, multiple races seek it, Rhodan frees it
- #15 : The Cosmic Fortresses (900 to 999) 3586-3587 (0 year gap)
 - Six spore ships hold keys to fixing a Cosmocrat manipulation of a Matter Source

- All Arkonite, a building material used by Arkon, dissolves all over the Milky Way
- Almost all Terran mutants are absorbed into IT

5. *The Moral Code* (400 books)

- #16 : The Cosmic House League (1000 to 1099) 3587-426 NGE (NGE=AD-3587)
 - SI-Seth-Apophis and CC-Vishna fight for control of the Frost Ruby cosmonucleotide
- #17 : The Endless Armada (1100 to 1199) 426-427 (0 year gap)
 - A huge spacefleet arrives to fix the Frost Ruby, CC-Taurec helps the Galactics
- #18 : Chronofossils (1200 to 1299) 427-430 (0 year gap)
 - The cosmonucleotide Frost Ruby/TRIICLE-9 is fixed; Eternal Warriors teach the 3rd way
- #19 : Netrunners/Walkers of the Net (1300 to 1349) 430-447 (0 year gap)
 - Milky Way is cut off from psionic net; cosmonucleotide Dorifer is fixed
- #20 : Tarkan (1350 to 1399) 447-448 (0 year gap)
 - The Hangay galaxy is transferred from Tarkan universe to ours, SI-Estartu returns

6. *The Cell Activators* (200 books)

- #21 : The Cantaro (1400 to 1499) 1143-1147 (695 year gap)
 - Monos isolates the Milky Way and reigns sadistically, forcing the Cantaros to help
 - All people on Terra spend 500 years in a simulation; infrastructures collapse
- #22 : The Linguids (1500 to 1599) 1169-1174 (22 year gap)
 - IT takes back all cell activators, gives them to the Linguids
 - CC-Taurec takes Rhodan's wife Gesil and daughter Eirene behind the Matter Sources

7. Grand Cycle *The Great Cosmic Mystery* (200 books)

- #23 : The Ennox (1600 to 1649) 1187-1202 (13 year gap)
 - The Ennox and Dead Zones appear; Zones are caused by Arcoana, trying to repel Ennox
- #24 : The Great Void (1650 to 1699) 1206-1216 (4 year gap)
 - Transition Planets in the Great Void investigated; Spindle beings created
- #25 : The Ayindi (1700 to 1749) 1216-1218 (0 year gap)
 - Travel to Arresum; the Abruse wants to destroy everything but is destroyed; Mars replaced
- #26 : The Hamamesh (1750 to 1799) 1218-1220 (0 year gap)
 - An AI (made by an AI) addicts people to fix its facility; an Arresum Spore ship is created

8. Grand Cycle *Thoregon* (400 books)

- #27 : The Tolkander (1800 to 1875) 1222-1288-1289 (2 and 68 year gap)
 - A creature named Goedda kills all life within 1000's of light years when it gives birth
- #28 : The Heliotic Bulwarks (1876 to 1899) 1289-1289 (0 year gap)
 - The Dscherro invade Earth; the Bulwarks are sabotaged by Shabazza
- #29 : The Sixth Messenger (1900 to 1949) 1289-1290 (0 year gap)
 - Alashan moved from Terra to Thorrim; Jii'Nevever (a destructive entity) destroyed
- #30 : MATERIA (1950 to 1999) 1290-1291 (0 year gap)
 - Shabazza and Cosmic Factory MATERIA destroyed; a Thoregon is born
- #31 : The Solar Residence (2000 to 2099) 1303-1304 (0 and 14 year gap)
 - Arkon declares war; a superintelligence is born and tries to take over the Milky Way
 - Delorian Rhodan travels 18 million years in the past to help create IT
- #32 : Empire of Tradom (2100 to 2199) 1311-1312 (7 year gap)
 - Tradom invades Milky Way, but its regime is broken
 - All Thoregons are destroyed

9. Grand Cycle *Peace Riders* (300 books)

- #33 : The Star Ocean (2200 to 2299) 1322-1337 (10 year gap)
 - Star clusters appear in the Milky Way; Gon-O invades solar system

- The Cosmocrats increase the hyperimpedance of the universe, limiting much technology
- #34 : TERRANOVA (2300 to 2399) 1344-1346 (7year gap)
 - The Milky Way is to be converted to a Chaotender to support the Negasphere in Hangay
 - TRAITOR devastates the Milky Way
- #35 : The Negasphere (2400 to 2499) 1346-1347 (0 year gap)
 - Travel back in time to see how a Negasphere was destroyed; come back to do it here
 - Rhodan loses his Knight of the Deep aura; TRAITOR leaves

10. Grand Cycle (200 books)

- #36 : The Stardust (2500-2599) 1463-1463 (116 year gap)
 - The Frequency Monarchy attacks the Milky Way and other galaxies, IT splits in two
- #37 : The Neuroverse (2600-2699) 1469-1470 (6 year gap)
 - SI-Qin Shi wants anomalies to hide in; Delorian wants them to create a free universe

11. Grand Cycle *Atopic Tribunal* (300 books)

- #38 : The Atopic Tribunal (2700-2799) 1514-1517 (44 year gap)
 - The Tribunal tries to take control of the Milky Way to prevent a future disaster
- #39 : The Jena Lands (2800-2874) 1517-1519 (0 year gap)
 - Tiuphores from the past invade the present Milky Way; Atlan stops the Tribunal
 - Massive destruction and death; all polyports disappear; IT is taken away
- #40 : Starvault (2875-2899) 1521-1522 (2 year gap)
 - The Galactics go to the present Tiuphore home galaxy; a Matter Sink is created
 - The Arkonide Empire collapses again
- #41 : Genesis (2900-2999) 1551-1552 (29 year gap)
 - Sprouts, Techno-Madhi, Thoogondu, New Terrans all want to bring order to Milky Way
 - IT's Sphere of Influence is filled with Eiris, marking its territory; World Fire is stopped

12. Grand Cycle ???

- #42 : Myth (3000-3099) 2045-2047 (493 year gap)
 - Cairans are fleeing from a Matter Sink into the "second side" of our universe
- #43 : The Chaotarchs (3100-3199) 2071-2072 (25 year gap)
 - Chaopoter FENERIK tries to collide with Chaotarchic Yodor Sphere in Milky Way
 - Bell becomes FENERIK's commander, leaves Milky Way
- #44 : The Fragments (3200-3299) 2096-2098 (24 year gap)
 - The Galactics gather fragments of IT in several galaxies; Kmossen tries to stop them
- #45 : PHOENIX (3300-????) – FINISHES IN 2025 2249-???? (171 year gap)
 - The Galactics are blackmailed into killing Bell and returning the Star Cube

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