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In this text, Axel Michaels examines the traditions, beliefs and rituals Hindus hold in common through the

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lens of what he deems its 'identificatory habitus', a cohesive force that binds Hindu religions together and fortifies them against foreign influences.

There are some monographs that deal with the position of Hindu

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women in particular periods of Indian history, but no work has as yet been written which reviews their position throughout the long history of Hindu civilisation. An attempt has been made in this book to describe the position of women in

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Hindu civilisation from prehistoric times to the present day, and to indicate the general lines on which the various problems that confront Hindu women (and therefore men also) should be tackled in order to get a fairly satisfactory solution. The

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opening chapter deals with the problems relating to the childhood and education of women. Then follow two chapters (II and III), which deal with the numerous complex problems connected with marriage and married life. In the

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next two chapters (IV and V), the position of the widow in society has been considered. The place of women in public life and religion has been dealt with in chapters VI and VII. In chapters VIII and IX various questions connected with

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proprietary rights have been discussed. Fashions of dress, ornaments and coiffure are described in chapter X and illustrated with eight plates. Chapter XI deals with the general attitude of society towards women, both in

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normal and abnormal times and situations. The Position of Women in Hindu Civilization will enable the reader to understand the subject from a true perspective, as it is based upon a critical and impartial survey of all the available data. The

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work not only surveys the position of Hindu women during the last four thousand years but also indicates the general lines on which the present-day problems confronting them should be solved. The treatment is quite impartial; the limitations of the

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Hindu Civilization have not been passed over nor its excellences exaggerated, nor vice versa. The subject has never been treated with such realism, accuracy, impartiality and comprehensiveness. The general reader will find the book

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An Introduction

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The Roots of Hinduism

Hinduism has two major roots. The more familiar is the religion brought to South Asia in the second millennium BCE by speakers of Aryan or Indo-Iranian

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languages, a branch of the Indo-European language family. Another, more enigmatic, root is the Indus civilization of the third millennium BCE, which left behind thousands of short

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inscriptions in a forgotten pictographic script.

Discovered in the valley of the Indus River in the early 1920s, the Indus civilization had a population estimated at one million people, in

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***more than 1000 settlements,
several of which were cities
of some 50,000 inhabitants.
With an area of nearly a
million square kilometers,
the Indus civilization was
more extensive than the***

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other key urban cultures of the time, in Mesopotamia and Egypt. Yet, after almost a century of excavation and research the Indus civilization remains little understood. What language

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***did the Indus people speak?
How might we decipher the
exquisitely carved Indus
inscriptions? What deities
did they worship? Are the
roots of contemporary
Hinduism to be found in the***

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religion of the Indus civilization as well as in the Vedic religion? Since the rise of Hindu nationalist politics in the 1980s, these questions have been debated with increasing animosity,

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colored by the history of modern colonialism in India. This is especially true of the enigmatic Indus script, which is at the hub of the debates, and a particular focus of this book. Asko

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Parpola has spent fifty years researching the roots of Hinduism to answer these fundamental questions. In this pioneering book, he traces the Indo-Iranian speakers from the Aryan

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This is an exploration of the

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the history of Hinduism, the sacred writings of the Hindus, the Hindu worldview, and the specifics of the major branches of Hinduism--Vaisnavism, Shaivism, and Saktism. It also

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focuses on the geographical ties of Hinduism with the land of India, the social order created by Hinduism, and the various systems of Hindu philosophio-theological thought.

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excited to share the festival
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What is the significance of
namaste? Why do Hindus light a
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Why is it forbidden to sleep facing
the south? Why do Hindus chant
'shanti' three times after
performing a rite? Millions of**

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personal qualities, his determined asceticism, his high ideals of social service and commitment to Hindu solidarity all serve to set him apart from his contemporaries and entitle him to be better known by political and religious historians of the

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period.

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other, changed the nature of the Hindu religion, the volume asks two principal questions: how did the religion of the Hindus affect the course of Indian history and what sort of an impact did the events of Indian history have on the Hindu

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religion. The essays cast a critical eye on scholarly Arguments which are based as much on current fashion or on conventional wisdom as on evidence available in historical documents. Taking issue with renowned scholars such as

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look at a vast array of literary sources. Touching upon some controversial arguments, this well-timed and insightful volume draws attention to the unavoidably influential role of religion in the history of India, and in doing so, it

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Although the Hindu religion is often regarded as a mixture of many components, this translation of a major French study argues for the underlying unity of the many facets of Hinduism. Biardeau

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uses such socio-religious testimonies of Hindu civilization as archaeological monuments and literary texts of the past centuries to illustrate her point and shed new light on the religion and

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civilization which produced it.
Survival of Hinduism since
Ancient Times This book will
take you to the vast history of
Hinduism. How Hinduism
fought for its survival. How
vast its culture is and How

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Hinduism is still ruling all over Asian cultures. Hinduism is an Indian religion and dharma, or way of life (Hinduism is variously defined as a "religion", "set of religious beliefs and practices",

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"religious tradition", "a way of life". It is the world's third-largest religion with over 1.25 billion followers, or 15-16% of the global population, known as Hindus. The word Hindu is an exonym, and while

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Hinduism has been called the oldest religion in the world, many practitioners refer to their religion as San?tana Dharma, "the eternal way" which refers to the idea that its origins lie beyond human

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history, as revealed in the Hindu texts. Another, though less fitting, self-designation is Vaidika dharma, the 'dharma related to the Vedas.'Hinduism includes a range of philosophies, and is linked by

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shared concepts, recognisable rituals, cosmology, pilgrimage to sacred sites and shared textual resources that discuss theology, philosophy, mythology, Vedic yajna, Yoga, agamic rituals, and temple

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building, among other topics. Hinduism prescribes the eternal duties, such as honesty, refraining from injuring living beings (ahimsa), patience, forbearance, self-restraint, and compassion,

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among others. Prominent themes in Hindu beliefs include the four Puruṣārthas, the proper goals or aims of human life; namely, Dharma (ethics/duties), Artha (prosperity/work), Kama

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(desires/passions) and Moksha (liberation/freedom from the cycle of death and rebirth/salvation), as well as karma(action, intent and consequences) and Saṁsāra (cycle of death and

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rebirth). Hindu practices include rituals such as puja (worship) and recitations, japa, meditation (dhyana), family-oriented rites of passage, annual festivals, and occasional pilgrimages. Along

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with the practice of various Yogas, some Hindus leave their social world and material possessions and engage in lifelong Sannyasa (monasticism) in order to achieve Moksha.Hindu texts

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are classified into ?ruti ("heard") and Sm?ti ("remembered"), the major scriptures of which are the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Puranas, the Mahabharata, the Ramayana, and the ?gamas.

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There are six ?stika schools of Hindu philosophy, who recognise the authority of the Vedas, namely Sankhya, Yoga, Nyaya, Vaisheshika, Mimamsa and Vedanta. While the Puranic chronology presents a

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genealogy of thousands of years, starting with the Vedic rishis, scholars regard Hinduism as a fusion or synthesis of Brahmanical orthopraxy with various Indian cultures, having diverse roots

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and no specific founder. This Hindu synthesis emerged after the Vedic period, between CA 500-200 BCE and c. 300 CE, in the period of the Second Urbanisation and the early classical period of Hinduism,

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when the Epics And the first Puranas were composed. It flourished in the medieval period, with the decline of Buddhism in India. Currently, the five largest denominations of Hinduism are Vaishnavism,

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Shaivism, Shaktism,
Swaminarayanism and
Smartism. Sources of
authority and eternal truths in
the Hindu texts play an
important role, but there is
also a strong Hindu tradition

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of questioning authority in order to deepen the understanding of these truths and to further develop the tradition. Hinduism is the most widely professed faith in India, Nepal and Mauritius.

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opening popular history shows how the ancient philosophy of Vedanta and the mind-body methods of Yoga have profoundly affected the worldview of millions of

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Americans and radically altered the religious landscape. What exploded in the 1960s, following the Beatles trip to India for an extended stay with their new

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guru, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, actually began more than two hundred years earlier, when the United States started importing knowledge--as well as tangy spices and

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colorful fabrics--from Asia. The first translations of Hindu texts found their way into the libraries of John Adams and Ralph Waldo Emerson. From

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there the ideas spread to Henry David Thoreau, Walt Whitman, and succeeding generations of receptive Americans, who absorbed India's "science of

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consciousness" and wove it into the fabric of their lives. Charismatic teachers like Swami Vivekananda and Paramahansa Yogananda came west in waves,

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prompting leading
intellectuals, artists,
and scientists such as
Aldous Huxley, Joseph
Campbell, Allen
Ginsberg, J. D.
Salinger, John Coltrane,

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Dean Ornish, and Richard Alpert, aka Ram Dass, to adapt and disseminate what they learned from them. The impact has been enormous, enlarging our current

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this remarkable East-to-West transmission, showing how it accelerated through the decades and eventually moved from the counterculture into our

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laboratories, libraries,
and living rooms. Now
physicians and
therapists routinely
recommend meditation,
words like karma and
mantra are part of our

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everyday vocabulary, and
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sages permeate so much
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moments in Indian history and differ in each era, between genders, and caste to caste; and what is shared among Hindus is overwhelmingly

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outnumbered by the things that are unique to one group or another. Yet the greatness of Hinduism - its vitality, its earthiness, its vividness - lies

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*rituals than other people?
If so, what makes them
special? Homo Ritualis is
the first book to present
a Hindu theory of rituals.
Based on extensive textual
studies and field-work in*

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Nepal and India, Axel Michaels argues that ritual is a distinctive way of acting, which, as in the theater, can be distinguished from other forms of action. The book

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*analyzes ritual in these
cultural-specific and
religious contexts, taking
into account how
indigenous terms and
theories affect and
contribute to current*

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ritual theory. It describes and investigates various forms of Hindu rituals and festivals, such as life-cycle rituals, the Vedic sacrifice, vows

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*processions, and the
worship of deities (puja).
It also examines
conceptual components of
(Hindu) rituals such as
framing, formality,
modality, and theories of*

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meaning"--

*The book is journey
through 5000 years of
evolution of Hinduism, and
is outcome of seven years
of study to understand the
roots of Hinduism. Tracing*

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works have left scope for doubt about the fidelity of translations. The yajnas (yagya) like Ashvamedha, Rajsooya, Vajpeya, etc., about which we only hear on TV serials

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Reason, the Upanishads,
its encounter with
Buddhism, and its
transformation into idol
worshipping society with
many gods and a multitude*

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*of stories about its
millions of gods is
lucidly explained.*

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they were created, has
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of each action and how they are conducted, the gift to the priest, types of idols, their consecration, all are explained to help a reader understand the why and the

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*how of what we do as a
Hindu. The book concludes
with a discussion of - Do
mantras have power? & Do
rituals have meaning?
Islam and Hinduism co-
existed in India for*

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*hundreds of years,
dominating, suppressing,
and influencing one
another. This book begins
with a detailed analysis
of the Hindu caste system
from its beginnings in*

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village caste and
professional caste system
in the Middle Ages, and
its continuance within the
Muslim and colonial
societies. The author*

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