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Faith, Identity, Cohesion: Building A Better Future - Jolene Gerard 2020-07-27
The book aims to promote greater understanding of social cohesion amidst existing

complexities of faith and identity, and what this portends for our future. The emphasis is on the importance of engagement across beliefs and cultures, the different generations and segments

of population, and the diverse interests of people in a digital and interconnected world. The policy officials, religious leaders, scholars and society-at-large will be able to better appreciate the search for common ground and harmony, thereby strengthening their endeavours for coexistence. The book seeks to continue the conversations and deliberations at the International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS) held from 19 to 21 June 2019 in Singapore. The three themes of the ICCS — Faith, Identity, Cohesion — stimulated significant discussions on the need for mutual respect, trust and understanding of each other's beliefs and cultures. Many ideas on the ways forward were raised and further discourse is necessary. An unprecedented line-up of academic, civil society, government, intellectual, policy, religious and youth leaders provided a wide array of perspectives on challenging issues faced by diverse societies around the world. The transcripts of the official speeches elucidate the

vision of leadership and aspiration looking ahead. The book also features delightful photographs and graphic recordings of the key thrust articulated during the ICCS.

Beliefs, Values & Traditions - Ann Lovelace 1997

This text is designed for GCSE short courses in religious education.

Our Faith - South Cardiff Interfaith Network
2016-04-25

The South Cardiff Interfaith Network seeks to build good relationships between the mainstream faiths. Interfaith dialogue is an art: the art of different faith groups talking to one other, and a way of becoming wiser about other cultures within which faith plays an important and formative part. The South Cardiff Interfaith Network organises interfaith events that allow dialogue to develop. The aim of this booklet is not only to inform people of the uniqueness of each faith, but also to demonstrate that all the faiths represented are striving for the same end: to be kinder and more compassionate human

beings. With rich faith traditions in south Cardiff represented among people derived from the four corners of the earth, we can learn a great deal from one another. 'Our Faith' contains brief introductions to seven of the world faiths: Bahá'í, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism.

Interpretations of the Bhagavad-Gita and Images of the Hindu Tradition - Catherine A. Robinson
2014-02-04

The Bhagavad-Gita is probably the most popular - and certainly the most frequently quoted and widely studied - work of the Hindu scriptures. This book investigates the relationship between the various interpretations of the Bhagavad-Gita and the Hindu tradition. Taking into account a range of influential Indian and western thinkers to illustrate trends in writing about the Bhagavad-Gita including Western academic; Indian activist; Christian theological; Hindu universalist; perennialist mystical and contemporary experiential accounts. Examining

the ideas of such influential figures as F Max Muller, M K Ghandi, Bede Griffiths, Swami Vivekananda, Aldous Huxley and Swami Bhakivedanta, this book demonstrates the inextricable link between different interpretations of the Bhagavad-Gita and images of the Hindu tradition. This accessible book aptly demonstrates the relevance of the Bhagavad-Gita for an understanding of Hinduism as a modern phenomenon.

Hinduism and Nature - Nanditha Krishna
2017-12-26

The basis of Hinduism is dharma or righteousness, incorporating duty, cosmic law and justice. Five thousand years ago, the Vedas showed a clear appreciation of the natural world and its ecology, the importance of the environment and the management of natural resources. Hinduism and Nature delves into the religion's deep respect for all life forms, the forests and trees, rivers and lakes, animals and mountains, which are all manifestations of

divinity. Nature is venerated all over India: every village has a sacred grove, every temple a sacred garden and sacred tree. In this fascinating book, scholar and environmentalist Nanditha Krishna explores both the classical and the tribal traditions that venerated nature, and convincingly argues that we can save the environment only by seeking answers in ancient wisdom.

How to Become a Hindu - Subramuniya (Master.) 2000

"A history-making manual, interreligious study and names list, with stories by Westerners who entered Hinduism and Hindus who deepened their faith"--Cove

Applied Ethics - Larry May 2017-07-05

This best-selling text continues to fill an existing gap in the literature taught in applied ethics courses. As a growing number of courses that include the perspectives of diverse cultures are being added to the university curriculum, texts are needed that represent more multicultural

and diverse histories and backgrounds. This new edition enhances gender coverage, as nearly half of the pieces are now authored by women. The new edition also increases the percentage of pieces written by those who come from a non-Western background. It offers twelve up-to-date articles (not found in previous editions) on human rights, environmental ethics, poverty, war and violence, gender, race, euthanasia, and abortion; all of these topics are addressed from Western and non-Western perspectives.

A Dialogue with Truth - Madan Mohan Verma 2017-11-27

Today the world is witnessing greater conflicts among people of the same beliefs, religions, cultures, and ideologies. Many are fighting in the name of God and yet killing his people despite the fact that no religion flows from the barrel of a gun, and no sacred scriptures sanction the killing of the innocent in the name of God. In the face of such conflict, no religion can afford to overlook the spirituality and

legitimacy of these truths. A Dialogue with Truth explores the way major world religions can have the potential to counteract the negative forces of conflict in the world and instead usher in an era of fellowship. Every religion advocates universal human values, and they each speak to a basic message for humankind in fact, the origin and meaning of all prophetic revelation is the same, as these revelations have been revealed by God. Author Madan Mohan Verma shows how we can overcome conflict between religions by understanding each religion in its own distinctiveness and see its contribution to the unity of humankind. The foundations of a pluralistic society its culture and its legal and educational systems require an acceptance of universal human values derived from spiritual scriptures and human experience. Therefore, the path forward is one where we seek positive dialogue at all levels and appreciate each others points of view while upholding the spirit of oneness.

Panentheism Across the World's Traditions - Loriliai Biernacki 2014

Loriliai Biernacki and Philip Clayton offer a collection of groundbreaking new essays on panentheism. Not to be confused with pantheism—the ancient Greek notion that God is everywhere—panentheism suggests that God exists both in the world and beyond the confines of mere matter.

All about Hinduism - Swami Sivananda 1977

Religious Basis of Hindu Beliefs - Dr. Bhojraj Dwivedi 2014-10-27

Sanatan Hindu Dharma (Perennial Hindu Religion) is like a huge banyan tree. Different kinds of faiths and beliefs have merged into it from time immemorial. As a consequence, the branches and sub-branches of Hindu religion also grew. Is there any scientific basis of the faith and values propagated in Hinduism? A very large section of people with faith in Hindu Sanatan Dharma wants that every faith and

belief of this religion should not be subjected to scientific test. A man of faith is theist, while a scientific mind is atheist in nature. A harmony between the two may indicate a state of dilemma. Therefore, more discussion should take place on religious basis of beliefs prevalent in society so that we can know better the origin and religious thinking behind our beliefs.

Internationally acclaimed Vaastu-shastri and Jyotishacharya, Dr. Bhojraj Dwivedi, is a rare signature of invincible time. More than 258 books on Astrology, Vaastu-shastra, Cheiromancy, Numerology, Figure Science, Yantra-Tantra-Mantra Science, Karmakand and priesthood written by Dr. Bhojraj Dwivedi, the founder of the International Vaastu Association, are read in many languages in India and abroad.

Hinduism Teacher's Resource Book - Dilip Kadodwala 1996-10-24

An overview of the Hindu religion, including its history, scriptures, ceremonies, and customs.

Siyasi Muslims - Hilal Ahmed 2019-04-25

How do we make sense of the Muslims of India? Do they form a political community? Does the imagined conflict between Islam and modernity affect the Muslims' political behaviour in this country? Are Muslim religious institutions- mosques and madrasas- directly involved in politics? Do they instruct the community to vote strategically in all elections? What are 'Muslim issues'? Is it only about triple talaq? Are Muslims truly nationalists? Or do they continue to remain just an 'other' in India? While these questions intrigue us, we seldom debate to find pragmatic answers to these queries. Examining the everydayness of Muslims in contemporary India, Hilal Ahmed offers an evocative story of politics and Islam in India, which goes beyond the given narratives of Muslim victimhood and Islamic separation.

Sacred Rights - Daniel C. Maguire 2003-04-03
This book presents the work of the "Sacred Choices Initiative" of the Religious Consultation on Population, Reproductive Health, and Ethics.

The purpose of this Packard and Ford Foundation supported initiative is to attempt to change international discourse on family planning and to rescue this debate from superficial sloganeering by drawing on the moral stores of the world's major and indigenous religions. In many of the world's religions there is a restrictive and pro-natalist view on family planning, and this is one legitimate reading of those religious traditions. As the essays in this volume demonstrate, however, this is not the only legitimate or orthodox view. These authors show that the parameters of orthodoxy are wider and gentler than that, and that the great religious traditions are wiser and more variegated and nuanced than a simple repetition of the most conservative views would suggest. This theme is carried out in essays on each of the world's major religious traditions, written by scholar practitioners of those faiths.

What Is Hinduism? - Himalayan Academy Publications 2007

"Since 1979 the international magazine Hinduism Today has been producing a treasury of educational features on all aspects of Sanatana Dharma. Guided by the founder, Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami, the magazine's editors, who are initiated monks of Kauai's Hindu Monastery, collaborated with holy men and women and experts around the world in creating graphically rich guides to virtually every important aspect of Hinduism. The best of those works are assembled in "What Is Hinduism?" for Hindus and non-Hindus alike to discover the culture, beliefs, worship and mysticism that is India's greatest gift to humanity." --Back cover.

Anant Shesha: The Divine Residue - Bhoj Chander Thakur 2022-11-12

By writing this book, the author wishes to share his perspective on Reality, the Cosmos, Life, Birth, Death, Rebirth, Transmigration, Divinity, the Karmic cycle, Moksha, Nirvana based on knowledge gathered from experience, Hindu

scriptures and customs, Vedic and Puranic stories, the institution of deities, religious rituals and practices, Science and the world at large. In this book, the author has made an effort to trace the rationale behind Hindu myths, Deities, Rituals, and Beliefs. The author draws moral courage and strength to write this book from the institution of Devi/Devta, which forms an integral part of the social fabric of Pahari culture (culture of the people living in the hills) widely spread in the Western Himalayas, especially Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The book's premise for the plurality of Hindu deities may, in part, be traced to this Devi/Devta culture. The author earnestly believes that the book would make interesting and informative reading, as it presents a perspective that is apparently at variance with some of the popular notions of Reality and Divinity. It is not a commentary or critique on any religious philosophy, beliefs, or scientific discoveries/theories, though reference to them has been liberally made. The author

hopes that his perspective would help kindle the imagination and curiosity of the reader to explore the vast and enigmatic Reality/Cosmos at a personal level and find his/her answers to the aforesaid metaphysical matters.

Indra's Net - Rajiv Malhotra 2014-01-23
Originating in the Atharva Veda, the concept of Indra's Net is a powerful metaphor for interconnectedness. It was transmitted via Buddhism's Avatamsaka Sutra into Western thought, where it now resides at the heart of post-modern discourse. According to this metaphor, nothing ultimately exists separately by itself and all boundaries can be deconstructed. This book invokes Indra's Net to articulate the open architecture, unity and continuity of Hinduism. Seen from this perspective, Hinduism defies pigeonholing into the traditional, modern and post-modern categories by which the West defines itself; rather, it becomes evident that Hinduism has always spanned all three categories

simultaneously and without contradiction. It is fashionable among intellectuals to assert that dharma traditions lacked any semblance of unity before the British period, and that the contours of contemporary Hinduism were bequeathed to us by our colonial masters. Such arguments routinely target Swami Vivekananda, a key interlocutor who shattered many deeply rooted prejudices against Indian civilization. They accuse him of having camouflaged various alleged 'contradictions' within traditional Hinduism, and charge him with having appropriated the principles of Western religion to 'manufacture' a coherent and unified worldview and set of practices known today as Hinduism. Indra's Net: Defending Hinduism's Philosophical Unity provides a foundation for theories that slander contemporary Hinduism as illegitimate, ascribing sinister motives to its existence, and characterizing its fabric as oppressive. Rajiv Malhotra offers a detailed, systematic rejoinder to such views, and

articulates the multidimensional, holographic understanding of reality that grounds Hindu dharma. He also argues that Vivekananda's creative interpretations of Hindu dharma informed and influenced many Western intellectual movements of the post-modern era. Indeed, as he cites with many insightful examples, appropriations from Hinduism have provided a foundation for cutting-edge discoveries in several fields, including cognitive science and neuroscience.

What is Hinduism? - David Frawley 2018-10-18
What Is Hinduism? provides one of the most provocative, engaging and detailed examinations of this oldest religious and spiritual tradition in the world. Followed by over a billion people, including a great majority in India, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world. The teachings of Yoga and Vedanta are followed by millions in every continent. Enriched with a profound pluralistic view, Hinduism emphasizes that the Truth is One but has many paths. Yet,

despite its universality, Hinduism remains the most misunderstood of the world's major religions, partly because of its antiquity and the vast extent of its teachings. Acknowledging the importance of the religion and its growing influence globally, David Frawley has addressed the prime teachings of Hinduism, its role in India, its place in the information age and has compiled an exhaustive set of questions and answers dwelling on all the significant issues. This essential learning helps us understand our spiritual heritage as a species and the place of India among the greatest civilizations of the world- ancient and modern. Further, the book charts out how Hindus can overcome the challenges confronting them today and communicate their diverse tradition more effectively, making it an ideal book for the Hindu youth.

Jewel in the Lotus - Sri M. 2020-08

What is Hinduism? What forms its essence and what are its teachings? How does one best

practise its various cultural externals? With its vast, ancient literature and deep metaphysics, at the core of which lie the Vedanta Sutras of Vyasa, the Bhagavad Gita and the Upanishads known together as prasthanas, Hinduism strives to explore truth and the true nature of reality. Yet the questions remain; how does one practise Hinduism today under the neon glare of modernity? And is there any contradiction in the practice of Hinduism and our roles in modern life? Like the lotus that grows in water whose leaves and petals remain dry, the yogi derives nourishment from the material world but remains undefiled and untouched by its seductions. In this way, one who wishes to lead a spiritual life can simultaneously perform the role of a responsible member of modern society; neither necessarily compromises the other. With care, practice and knowledge one can reap the benefits of both worlds - to be spiritual you do not have to run away from the world. This book examines the philosophy, spiritual teachings,

metaphysics and cultural practices of Hinduism-known collectively as the Sanatana Dharma - and attempts to give one a grasp of its true essence. Foreword Hinduism is a many-splendoured and multi-faceted edifice, containing and reflecting an endless array of possibilities for spiritual growth and integration. Based essentially upon the sublime teachings of the Upanishads, the secret of Hinduism's continued vitality down through the long and tortuous corridors of time, despite repeated invasions and repression, lies in its capacity for creative reinterpretation. Indeed, the whole history of Hinduism can be viewed as a series of challenges and creative responses, a process which continues down to the present day. In the emerging global society it is my conviction that the universal principles of Hinduism are becoming increasingly relevant as we hurtle headlong into the third millennium A.D. astride the irreversible arrow of time. Theoretical formulations apart, Hinduism involves treading a

spiritual path, and there are many. It is these individual pathways involving a creative interaction between the Guru and the disciple that provide the circulatory life-blood of Hinduism, making it a powerful vehicle for inner growth and spiritual realisation. In this context, the experience of individuals who have trodden the path is of great value. The present book Jewel in the Lotus revolves around the life experience and teachings of Mumtaz Ali, better known as 'M'. Some may find it surprising that a person born a Muslim should have such a deep insight into and experience with the Hindu tradition, but the real spiritual path knows no boundary of race or religion, sex or creed, language or nationality. And the mystics of all the world's great religions - the Rishis, the Siddhas, the Tirthankaras, the Bodhisattvas, the Sufis, the Gurus and the saints have all illuminated one or other facets of the immeasurable resplendence of the Divine. I have had occasion to know 'M' over the last few years,

and we have spoken together on several occasions including a three-day workshop on the Kena Upanishad over which I presided. He combines an excellent grasp of the Upanishadic teachings with deep insight into the heart of the spiritual tradition, based on his own remarkable experiences. This book in which he has dealt with some of the deeper aspects of Hinduism will, I am sure, be of great interest to students of contemporary religion, as well as seekers of truth around the world.-- Dr. Karan Singh Sanatana Dharma and Plantation Hinduism (Second Edition Volume 1) - Ramesh Gampat 2020-01-06

Christian Missionaries worked hard to convert immigrants. Their first order of business was to denigrate Hinduism, designate Hindus as heathen, and disparage their culture, food and even attire. Immigrants stubbornly resisted, led by the tiny educated elite, including Brhmaas whom we call Brahmins. Conversion was a failure at least up to the end of the 19th century

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Hinduism - Ritual, Reason and Beyond - Ashok Mishra 2019-08-03

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 the genesis of Hinduism to pre-Indus Valley period, the book explains Hindu, Hinduism and Sanatana Dharma, before it takes one through Hinduism’s oldest scriptures - the four Vedas, the four components of each Veda, and what they contain. How all original translations of Vedic texts were done by Western Sanskrit scholars, and why their 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 and talk shows, have been demystified. The reader will be taken aback reading the sheer size and scale of Soma yajna, described step by step, in great detail. Hinduism's journey to the Age of Reason, the Upanishads, its encounter with Buddhism, and its transformation into idol worshipping society with many gods and a multitude of stories about its millions of gods is lucidly explained. Puranas, what they contain and what was the reason they were created, has been described and explained next. Hinduism's journey to its modern form - idol worship, the modern puja, detailed description of puja and Sanskaras like Vivaha, their detailed description, the meaning 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 how of what we do as a Hindu. The book concludes with a discussion of - Do mantras have power? & Do rituals have meaning?
Faith & Philosophy of Hinduism - Rajeev Verma

2009

Hindu Manners, Customs and Ceremonies -

Abbe J.A. Dubois 2007-04-01

French cleric and scholar of Sanskrit J. A.

DUBOIS (1770-1848) journeyed to and around India as a missionary in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, and turned his decades of observation into what was, for many years, the definitive Western work on Indian culture. This revised English-language edition, published in 1905, includes Dubois's notes and thoughts on . . . the caste system, its antiquity and origins . . . etiquette and customs among the Brahmin . . . dress and ornamentation . . . the roles and positions of women . . . Hindu tales and fables . . . religious feast, temples, and ceremonies . . . and much more.

Rastram - S. Kalyanaraman 2011

Rastram, supranation, is about a golden page in the history of human civilizations. It is an opportunity to realize almost 2 millennia of

dharam-dhamma values enshrined in the hearts of over 2 billion people along the nations of the Indian Ocean Rim. This is a compilation of insights, analyses and excerpts from works of by many savants and scholars about Hindu history. Rastram is a federation of peoples' republics - a supranational covenant as the true foundation of an organized Indian Ocean Community (IOC) -- a counterpoise to European Community. This IOC should remain open to all nations of Indian Ocean Rim. The states located along the rim from South Africa to Tasmania is a Community which has the attributes of Rastram. The Hindu historical traditions and the amended UN Law of the Sea help use the potential to create a 6 trillion dollar GDP and to provide for enhanced welfare of over 2 billion people. Along the 63,000 mile long rim, work can start on Trans-Asian Highway and Railway Projects and strengthen the bonds of civilizational heritage. The 1994 modified Law of the Sea extends territorial waters into 200 nautical miles

from the baseline as economic zones. This historical account of Hindu history is an attempt to delineate the wealth of nations, along the Indian Ocean Rim. Together, these nations neighboring the Ocean, can chart out a path for establishing Rastram in dharmadhamma continuum. This account provides the portraits from Hindu history on the travails of a nation caught in the throes of civilizational clashes onslaughts during mediaeval periods of barbarism and loots of 17th to 20th century periods of a British Colonial empire and the 21st century in a swarajyam Hindusthan by post-colonial marauders, suffocating the potential for forming a Rastram. This account is clearly NOT intended to be a chronologically organized Hindu history for two millennia until 2000 CE. Portraits are presented of political economy on the banks of Hindu civilization in modern epoch for the last two millennia. It is a record since the turn of the Common Era, informed by earlier five millennia of history of Sanatana Dharma in

Bharata Rastram. trans. 'I am the Rastra moving people together for abhyudayam...) Hindu history is presented as a quest for the establishment of such a Rastram. IOC a supranational foundation to remove vestiges of colonial loot, to make such a loot unthinkable and materially impossible and reinforce democracy of all nations along the IOC rim as janapada (peoples' republics) for peoples' welfare (abhyudayam) governed by the inexorable, Hindu sanatana traditional ethic: dharma-dhamma. This book is a tribute to George Coedes who concluded, after a study of fourteen centuries of history of Southeast Asia: " the importance of studying the Indianized countries of Southeast Asia- which, let us repeat, were never political dependencies of India, but rather cultural colonies - lies above all in the observation of the impact of Indian civilization on the primitive civilizations... We can measure the power of penetration of this culture by the importance of that which remains of it in these

countries even though all of them except Siam passed sooner or later under European domination and a great part of the area was converted to Islam...we may ask ourselves if the particular aspect assumed by Islam in Java was not due rather to the influence that Indian religions exercised over the character of the inhabitant of the island for more than ten centuries...The literary heritage from ancient India is even more apparent than the religious heritage. Throughout the entire Indian period, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, the Harivamsa, and the Puranas were the principal, if not the only, sources of inspiration for local literature, to which was added the Buddhist folklore of the Jatakas, still makes up the substance of the classical theatre, of the dances, and of the shadow-plays and puppet theatre."

On Hinduism - Wendy Doniger 2014-03
On Hinduism is a penetrating analysis of many of the most crucial and contested issues in Hinduism, from the Vedas to the present day. In

a series of 63 connected essays, it discusses Hindu concepts of polytheism, death, gender, art, contemporary puritanism, non-violence, and much more.

Disciple Making among Hindus: - Timothy Shultz
2016-09-19

Drawing on thirty years' experience among Hindus, Timothy Shultz writes this book as a testimony of the kingdom of God growing in a non-Christian environment. Disciple Making among Hindus: Making Authentic Relationships Grow describes how Hindu people experience and respond to Jesus Christ. What are the core values and rhythms of their cultural world? What are the patterns of community and discipleship that help them draw closer to Jesus? Through moving personal stories, biblical reflection, and practical wisdom, Shultz introduces us to the centrality of family, the covenantal relationships that make up Hindu social life, and the yearning for authentic spiritual experience. While this book will benefit anyone wanting to make

disciples among Hindus, it is far more than a strategy of contextualization or a blueprint for successful evangelism. Read it to discover the beauty of Hindus as Jesus sees them—and the beauty of Jesus through Hindu eyes.

Śaiva Dharma Shastras - Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami

Śaiva Dharma Sastras is a potent edict, an irrevocable commission to my Acharya successors, detailing their future duties and responsibilities. Further, it is a Dossier describing for Church members and the public our international headquarters, monasteries, missions and extended families, our Himalayan Academy, ministry and initiations, our family and monastic paths, articles of faith and conduct. It explains our World Outreach Mission: to protect, preserve and promote the Saivite Hindu religion, to foster the growth of all sects of Hinduism through Hindu solidarity and to teach monistic Saiva Siddhanta for the spiritual unfoldment of the individual and the family through temple

worship and daily sadhana. How members live, conduct themselves, raise their families and perform their dharma is all elucidated here. This shastra portrays a fellowship that is a one body of belief, worship and allegiance. Each member has studied and upholds the same scriptures and creed. Each worships God Siva through the traditional ceremonies and sacred observances. Each is well versed in the teachings of our sampradaya, a tradition that values practice above learning. Each finds authority in our religious hierarchical lineage, or parampara. Each performs the potent sadhanas of the Saiva Neri, regular disciplines which yield spiritual transformation through self-effort. Each looks to the spiritual preceptor, or satguru, as the supreme guiding force.

The Strides of Vishnu - Ariel Glucklich

2008-05-09

An accessible and comprehensive introduction to Hinduism combines historical material with key religious and philosophical ideas, supported by

substantial quotations from scriptures and other texts, emphasizing archaeological as well as textual evidence.

Principles and Practice of Hindu Religion -

Balasubramanian Narayan Aiyer 1999

On Hindu doctrines, prayers and rituals.

Sanatana Dharma and Plantation Hinduism (Second Edition Volume 2) - Ramesh Gampat

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Supreme Reality.

Hinduism For Dummies - Amrutur V. Srinivasan
2011-06-15

Your hands-on guide to one of the world's major religions The dominant religion of India, "Hinduism" refers to a widevariety of religious traditions and philosophies that have developed over thousands of years. Today, the United States is home to approximately one million Hindus. If you've heard of this ancient religion and are looking for a reference that explains the intricacies of the customs, practices, and teachings of this ancient spiritual system, Hinduism For Dummies is for you! Provides a thorough introduction to this earliest and popular world belief system Information on the rites, rituals, deities, and teachings associated with the practice of Hinduism Explores the history and teachings of the Vedas, Brahmins, and Upanishads Offers insight into the modern daily practice of Hinduism around the world Continuing the Dummies tradition of making the

world's religions engaging and accessible to everyone, Hinduism For Dummies is your hands-on, friendly guide to this fascinating religion.

Hinduism through Questions And Answers - Swami Harshananda

All religions find themselves at the crossroads of history in this age of science and democracy. Traditional values of Hinduism have also been subjected to this scrutiny and these enquirers demand an explanation - philosophical, scientific and historical - for the ideas and institutions which give Hindus their identity. This book by Swami Harshananda, a senior monk of the Ramakrishna Order, answers these questions by enquirers and critics about Hindu religion. It helps clear misconceptions about Hinduism and offers explanations about its ideas and institutions.

What is Hinduism? - Mahatma Gandhi 1994

A selection of Gandhi's articles drawn mainly from his contributions to Young India, The Harijan and The Navjivan on Hinduism. Written

on different occasions, these articles present a picture of hindu dharma I all its richness, comprehensiveness and sensitivity to the existential delimmias of human existence.

Marriage, Migration and Gender - Rajni

Palriwala 2008-04-15

This is the final volume in the five volume series on Women and Migration in Asia. The articles in this volume bring a gender-sensitive perspective to bear on aspects of marriage and migration in intra- and transnational contexts. In particular, they consider: a) how, given specific rules of marriage and (post-marital) residence, the institution of marriage may itself entail women's migration; b) how marriage can be used as an individual and family strategy to facilitate migration, and conversely, how migration may become an important factor in the making of marriages; c) the fluid boundaries between matchmaking and trafficking in the context of migration; d) the political economy of marriage transactions; and finally, more broadly, e) the

impact of intra- and transnational migration on the institution of marriage, family relations and kinship networks. While most of the articles here concern marriage in the context of transnational migration, it is important- given the reality of uneven development within the different countries of the Asian region - to emphasise the overlap and commonality of issues in both intra- and international contexts.

Asian Values - Josiane Cauquelin 2014-01-14

This book opens with an examination of values themselves, grappling with western assertions of individual human rights and the eastern emphasis on duties, and analysing selected Asian philosophical and religious traditions. Several case studies follow, on countries the Philippines, Japan, China, Malaysia and Thailand. The purpose of the book is to help westerners in particular to understand and appreciate better the changes taking place in Asia, to handle relations more sensitively, and thereby to help bring Europe and Asia together.

Hindu Rites and Rituals - K V Singh 2015-11-25
Why is the tulsī considered sacred? What is the significance of namaste? Why do Hindus light a lamp before performing a ritual? Why is it forbidden to sleep facing the south? Why do Hindus chant 'shanti' three times after performing a rite? Millions of Hindus the world over grow up observing rites, rituals and religious practices that lie at the heart of Hinduism, but which they don't know the significance of. Often the age-old customs, whose relevance is lost to modern times, are dismissed as meaningless superstitions. The truth, however, is that these practices reveal the philosophical and scientific approach to life that has characterized Hindu thought since ancient times; it is important to revive their original meanings today. This handy book tells the fascinating stories and explains the science behind the Hindu rites and rituals that we sometimes follow blindly. It is essential reading for anyone interested in India's cultural

tradition.

The Oxford Dictionary of World Religions - John Bowker 1999

The Oxford Dictionary of World Religion is the most wide-ranging A-Z reference guide to all aspects of the world's religions past and present. Whether the reader seeks quick, accessible answers from the short entries or more detailed discussion from the longer more discursive articles, it offers a wealth of unrivalled and unbiased authoritative detail. With a total of over 8,200 entries, an extensive topic index, and an original and in-depth introductory essay this new dictionary, drawing on the latest research, is the definitive compendium on the subject. Religions; movements, sects, and cults; texts books; individuals; sacred sites; customs; themes on general topics relevant to all religions such as prayer, biogenetics, asceticism, confession, cosmology, art and architecture, music and dance; accessible reference hundreds of quotations many translated specially for this

book; and a topic index listing 13,000 entries on major themes such as Brahman, breathing, death beliefs and rituals, heavens and paradises, kami, mandala, mantra, mysticism, Sufism, yoga, and Zen practice.

Hinduism; Doctrine and Way of Life -
Chakravarti Rajagopalachari 1970

Roots of Yoga - James Mallinson 2017-01-26
'An indispensable companion for all interested in yoga, both scholars and practitioners' Professor Alexis G. J. S. Sanderson Despite yoga's huge global popularity, relatively little of its roots is known among practitioners. This compendium includes a wide range of texts from different schools of yoga, languages and eras: among others, key passages from the early Upanisads and the Mahabharata, and from the Tantric, Buddhist and Jaina traditions, with many pieces in scholarly translation for the first time. Covering yoga's varying definitions, its most important practices, such as posture, breath

control, sensory withdrawal and meditation, as well as models of the esoteric and physical bodies, *Roots of Yoga* is a unique and essential source of knowledge. Translated and Edited with an Introduction by James Mallinson and Mark Singleton

The Encyclopedia of Caribbean Religions -
Patrick Taylor 2013-04-30

The Encyclopedia of Caribbean Religions is the definitive reference for Caribbean religious phenomena from a Caribbean perspective. Generously illustrated, this landmark project combines the breadth of a comparative approach to religion with the depth of understanding of Caribbean spirituality as an ever-changing and varied historical phenomenon. Organized alphabetically, entries examine how Caribbean religious experiences have been shaped by and have responded to the processes of colonialism and the challenges of the postcolonial world. Systematically organized by theme and area, the encyclopedia considers religious traditions such

as Vodou, Rastafari, Sunni Islam, Sanatan Dharma, Judaism, and the Roman Catholic and Seventh-day Adventist churches. Detailed subentries present topics such as religious rituals, beliefs, practices, specific historical developments, geographical differences, and gender roles within major traditions. Also included are entries that address the religious dimensions of geographical territories that make

up the Caribbean. Representing the culmination of more than a decade of work by the associates of the Caribbean Religions Project, The Encyclopedia of Caribbean Religions will foster a greater understanding of the role of religion in Caribbean life and society, in the Caribbean diaspora, and in wider national and transnational spaces.