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Hinduism as a Missionary Religion - Arvind Sharma
2011-04-01

Reconsiders whether Hinduism can be considered a missionary religion. Is Hinduism a missionary religion? Merely posing this question is a novel and provocative act. Popular and scholarly perception, both ancient and modern, puts Hinduism in the nonmissionary category. In this intriguing book, Arvind Sharma reopens the question. Examining the historical evidence from the major Hindu eras, the Vedic,

classical, medieval, and modern periods, Sharma's investigation challenges the categories used in current scholarly discourse and finds them inadequate, emphasizing the need to distinguish between a missionary religion and a proselytizing one. A distinction rarely made, it is nevertheless an illuminating and fruitful one that resonates with insights from the comparative study of religion. Ultimately concluding that Hinduism is a missionary religion, but not a proselytizing

one, Sharma's work provides us with insights both about Hinduism and about religion in general. Sharma is a prolific author who has made significant contributions to Hindu studies. Readers will gain insight from Sharma's careful inquiry. CHOICE *The Everything Hinduism Book* - Kenneth Schouler 2009-01-17
Yoga. Karma. Reincarnation. Most Americans are familiar with a few basic ideas of Hinduism, but are unfamiliar with the big picture. This beginner's guide covers the major Hindu thinkers and their philosophies as well as the dharma, the moral way of life that Hindus practice. In a straightforward style, the authors explain the philosophy, gods, texts, and traditions of the world's third-largest religion, including: the power of karma; Yoga as a path to God; the authority of the Vedas; the development of Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism; the legacy of Mohandas Gandhi; Hinduism in popular culture; and more. This guide is stimulating reading for

westerners who want to learn the basics of this ancient and mystic religion.

[The Complete Illustrated Guide to Hinduism](#) - Rasamandala Das 2012

"Hinduism is perhaps the world's oldest major religion. This comprehensive book explores its rich historical and cultural development, from its Indian roots to its vibrant application in the present, global context. The first section examines the origins of Hinduism, exploring the holy texts and their teachings about the self, the law of karma, and the cycle of birth and death. The second part focuses on spiritual practices - the four main paths and the many Hindu deities. The final section analyzes Hindu society, culture and arts. This accessible book provides the perfect reference for anyone wishing to explore the compelling faith and culture that is Hinduism." -- Publisher description.

Hinduism - Shalu Sharma 2016-01-19

Do you want to learn about Hinduism without getting

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confused? If you are considering reading up on Hinduism or even planning on converting to Hinduism then this book is for you. This book has everything you want to learn about the Hindu religion! Hinduism is a fascinating religion to learn about. Even if you are not Hindu and have no interest in being a Hindu, you can still take it upon yourself to learn about the faith and understand why it is important to so many people around the world. Perhaps you will find that you share many of the beliefs that come out of the religion, or perhaps you won't. But at least you will have a new outlook on Hinduism by advancing your knowledge in its teachings and the way it guides so many people's lives in this world. To have that kind of knowledge can be a very powerful thing. This book will help you gain that knowledge by exploring the most important aspects of Hinduism and the main goals Hindus have in their lives. You will find out much more when you read this fact filled book about the

Hindu religion. After you are done reading, you will walk away with a better understanding about a religion that most of the Western hemisphere knows little about. What you will learn from this book: * Introduction to Hinduism * Important Beliefs in Hinduism * Important Hindu Customs and Rituals * Introduction to Gods and Goddesses in Hinduism * Bhagavad Gita * Hindu Festivals * Hinduism and Buddhism - Differences and Similarities * Conversion to Hinduism * What to do in a Hindu Temple * Pilgrimage to Varanasi * Hindu Mantras

Classical Hinduism -

Mariasusai Dhavamony 1982

After a brief introduction on the idea of culture, enculturation and acculturation in social anthropology, a theology of culture, symbol and language is treated in order to lead to the central subject-matter of the Christian theology of inculturation, which is articulated in themes such as revelation and culture, redemptive incarnation as an

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exemplary model of inculturation, Lay people and inculturation, missionary spirituality and inculturation. The final chapters deal with inculturation in the Indian Church, the meeting of the Gospel with Asian religions, cultures and aspirations for full humanity, and Asian Christian theology.

Hinduism For Dummies -

Amrutur V. Srinivasan

2011-07-12

Your hands-on guide to one of the world's major religions The dominant religion of India, "Hinduism" refers to a wide variety 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.

The Origins & Development of Classical Hinduism - A.L.

Basham 2016-01-01

Modelled on A.L. Basham's monumental work The Wonder That Was India, this account of the Origins and Development of Classical Hinduism represents a lifetime of reflection on the subject, and offers an intriguing introduction to one of the richest of all Asian traditions. The late A. L. Basham was one of the world's foremost authorities on ancient Indian culture and religion. Modelled on his monumental work The Wonder That Was India, this account of

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the origins and development of classical Hinduism represents a lifetime of reflection on the subject, and offers an intriguing introduction to one of the richest of all Asian traditions. Synthesizing Basham's great knowledge of the art, architecture, literature, and religion of South Asia, this concise history traces the spiritual life of India from the time of the Indus Culture through the crystallization of classical Hinduism in the first centuries of the common era, and includes a final chapter by the editor, Kenneth G. Zysk, on Hinduism after the classical period. Uniquely comprehensive, it chronicles as well the rise of other mystical and ascetic traditions, such as Buddhism and Jainism, and follows Hinduism's later incarnations in the West. With its vivid presentation of Hinduism's sources and its clearly written explanations and analyses of the major Hindu texts—among them the Rg-veda, the Brahmanas, Upanisads, and the Mahabharata and Ramayana—

The Origins of Classical Hinduism clarifies much of Hinduism's enduring mystique. Offering an especially helpful bibliography, numerous illustrations of Hindu art never before published, and a lucid, accessible style, this book is a must reading for anyone who has ever been intrigued by this fascinating religion.

Hinduism - Ritual, Reason and Beyond - Ashok Mishra

2019-08-03

The book is a journey through 5000 years of evolution of Hinduism, and is the outcome of seven years of study to understand the roots of Hinduism. Tracing the genesis of Hinduism to the pre-Indus Valley period, the book explains 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)

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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?

Hinduism - Axel Michaels
2021-08-10

Hinduism is currently followed by one-fifth of humankind. Far from a monolithic theistic tradition, the religion comprises thousands of gods, a complex caste system, and hundreds of languages and dialects. Such internal plurality inspires vastly ranging rites and practices amongst Hinduism's hundreds of millions of adherents. It is therefore not surprising that scholars have been hesitant to define universal Hindu beliefs and practices. In this book, Axel Michaels breaks this trend. He examines the traditions, beliefs, and rituals Hindus hold in common through the lens of what he deems its "identificatory habitus," a cohesive force that binds Hindu religions together and fortifies them against foreign influences. Thus, in his analysis, Michaels not only locates Hinduism's profoundly differentiating qualities, but also provides the framework

for an analysis of its social and religious coherence. Michaels blends his insightful arguments and probing questions with introductions to major historical epochs, ample textual sources as well as detailed analyses of major life-cycle rituals, the caste system, forms of spiritualism, devotionalism, ritualism, and heroism. Along the way he points out that Hinduism has endured and repeatedly resisted the missionary zeal and universalist claims of Christians, Muslims, and Buddhists. He also contrasts traditional Hinduism with the religions of the West, "where the self is preferred to the not-self, and where freedom in the world is more important than liberation from the world." Engaging and accessible, this book will appeal to laypersons and scholars alike as the most comprehensive introduction to Hinduism yet published. Not only is Hinduism refreshingly new in its methodological approach, but it also presents a broad range of meticulous scholarship in a clear, readable

style, integrating Indology, religious studies, philosophy, anthropological theory and fieldwork, and sweeping analyses of Hindu texts.

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.

Hinduism - Kshitimohan Sen
1991

Nature, principles and

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historical evolution, with extracts from the Hindu scriptures.

Hinduism for Kids - Shalu Sharma 2014-01-29

Why don't Hindus eat beef?

Why do Hindu women wear a

dot on their forehead? Who is

the Monkey God? Who's that

God with the elephant head?

Children can ask the weirdest

of questions and sometimes it's

difficult to tell them the

answers to these questions.

The reality is that even the

adults don't know the answers

to many of these questions. The

fact is, Hinduism is a complex

religion even to those who are

born Hindus. This book covers

a complex religion in simple

questions and answers.

'Hinduism For Kids: Beliefs

And Practices' is designed

mainly for children of all ages

of reading abilities for all

nationalities and religious

beliefs. The book can be used

by non-Hindu parents who

want to teach their children

about Hinduism, its beliefs,

practices and rituals. It will

also be useful to children and

adults alike who are

considering taking a course on

Hinduism or simply those who

want to learn about Hinduism.

Those thinking of visiting India

especially those in pursuit of

spirituality will find some of the

answers in this book. Finally,

parents of Hindu children who

want to teach their children

about their ancestral religion

will also find the book useful.

Here are the topics covered in

'Hinduism For Kids: Beliefs

And Practices' What is

Hinduism? Who are the

Hindus? Where do Hindus live?

Where do Hindus worship?

When was Hinduism

discovered? What are the

Hindu holy books? What are

the Vedas? What is a bhajan?

What is Aum? What is the

swastika? What is Ishvara?

Who is a sadhu? Meaning of

aarti in Hinduism? What is

ahimsa? Do Hindus eat meat?

Why don't Hindus eat beef? Do

Hindus eat pork? Why is the

River Ganges holy? What is the

importance of the lotus in

Hinduism? Why do Hindu

women put a dot on their head?

Why do Hindus put a dot on

their forehead? Who is Lord

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Ganesha? How did Ganesha get the elephant head? Who is Lord Rama? Who is Lord Shiva? Who is Lord Krishna? Who is Lord Vishnu? Who is Goddess Durga? Who is Goddess Lakshmi? Who is the Monkey God? What is Holi? What is Diwali? What is Raksha Bandhan? What is the caste system? What is reincarnation? What is moksha? What is yoga? What is the Bhagavad Gita? What is the Ramayana? What is the Mahabharata? What is atma? What is maya? What is the Gayatri Mantra? What is the Saraswati Mantra? What are the other Hindu Festivals? What is Namaste? Where do Hindus go for pilgrimage? Why are cows sacred in Hinduism? Is Buddhism the same as Hinduism? Who are the Jains? Who are the Sikhs?

A History of Hinduism - R.

Ramachandran (retd)

2018-03-19

IS THE HISTORY OF HINDUISM, THE HISTORY OF BRAHMANAS FROM RIGVEDIC TIMES TO THE PRESENT? Or, does the story of Hinduism begin with the

descriptions of the ancient roots as revealed by archaeological findings and the evidence from present day tribal, village and regional cultures? This book looks at both. The history of Brahmanas, tracing their lineage to the fifty-odd Rigvedic poets, is dealt with through the chronological ordering of the Sanskrit texts which were first handed down to us as oral narratives from Gurus to shishyas. The circumstances and purposes for which these texts were written is examined, along with events of a true historical nature. This is followed by a sequential treatment of Hinduism as a 'Rigvedic religion', the two Mimamsas, Buddhism, Jainism, Dharmasastras, the Epics and the Puranas. The growth of Hindu temples, the role of Adi Sankaracharya and the Bhakti movement is delved into, and the influences of Muslim and British rule of the subcontinent on Hinduism is analysed. The author explores one major reason for the survival of

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Hinduism—the support of prehistoric tribal and village cultures which were not modified or destroyed by the later-day Brahmanas. Much of tribal and village deities and practices were co-opted into concurrent Hinduism, so-much-so that today these cannot be separated from mainstream Hindu practices and traditions. They exist in all their colourful glory to this date and make Hinduism vibrant. It is these ancient folk religions that provide a stable foundation for the survival of Hinduism, argues author R Ramachandran, presenting in this book an all-encompassing landscape view of Hinduism as it has been for the last five thousand years. Finally, the present status of Hinduism is discussed along with its survival in the future.

Hinduism in the Modern World

- Brian A. Hatcher 2015-10-05
Hinduism in the Modern World presents a new and unprecedented attempt to survey the nature, range, and significance of modern and contemporary Hinduism in

South Asia and the global diaspora. Organized to reflect the direction of recent scholarly research, this volume breaks with earlier texts on this subject by seeking to overcome a misleading dichotomy between an elite, intellectualist "modern" Hinduism and the rest of what has so often been misleadingly termed "traditional" or "popular" Hinduism. Without neglecting the significance of modern reformist visions of Hinduism, this book reconceptualizes the meaning of "modern Hinduism" both by expanding its content and by situating its expression within a larger framework of history, ethnography, and contemporary critical theory. This volume equips undergraduate readers with the tools necessary to appreciate the richness and diversity of Hinduism as it has developed during the past two centuries.

On Hinduism - Wendy Doniger 2014-03

On Hinduism is a penetrating analysis of many of the most

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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.

The Hindu Vision - Anantanand Rambachan 1992

This is a discerning and lucid articulation of Hindu belief and practice. Professor Rambachan combines insight born out of his own devotion with mastery of relevant texts and traditions to create a gem of a book. He describes worship in its familial and temple contexts, holding before the reader the aim of worship as unbroken awareness of God in all of life. This awareness intensifies and expands the religious and moral meaning of life, death, and human action, Dharma, moksa and rebirth, and other classical Hindu teachings, are set forth with an elegance of style and economy of words. Rambachan is especially attentive to common misunderstandings of Hindu teachings. He shows how

Hinduism avoids determinism, encourages freedom from ignorance and for joyful celebration of life, and issues forth in compassionate concern for others. The final chapter, 'A Hindu Looks at Jesus', will be of special value for Hindu-Christian dialogue. It is difficult to imagine a more accessible, concise and helpful introduction to the profound themes of Hinduism.

All about Hinduism - Swami Sivananda 1977

What is Hinduism? - 2018

Articles of Faith - Ronojoy Sen 2018-10-16

Examining the constitutional and legal foundations of the place of religion in India, Articles of Faith studies the relationship between religion and state. It closely analyses the decisions of the Supreme Court from the 1950s on Articles 25-30 of the Indian Constitution, as well as other relevant laws and constitutional provisions. The book discusses the Supreme Court's interpretation of the

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constitutional right to freedom of religion and its influence on the discourse of secularism and nationalism. While examining the role of the Court in defining and demarcating religion as well as religious freedom, practices, and organizations, this volume also highlights important issues such as interpretative traditions and legal doctrines developed by the judiciary over the years. This new edition has an expanded and revised introduction, which looks at the new literature on secularism and religious jurisprudence, both in India and other secular democracies. It also includes an afterword, which examines recent landmark judgments on religion by the Supreme Court of India, such as the one on triple talaq.

Many Many Many Gods of Hinduism - Swami

Achuthananda 2013-07-02
Religion is the opium of the people, said Karl Marx many centuries ago. For more than a billion people living in India and abroad, Hinduism is the religion and a way of life. In

this multi-award winning book, Swami Achuthananda cracks open the opium poppy pods, analyzes the causes for euphoria, and comes away with a deeper understanding of the people and their religion. *** Winner 2014 Next Generation Indie Book Awards (Religious Non-fiction) *** This is a comprehensive book on Hinduism. It tells you why Hindus do the things they do - and don't. Written in a casual style, the book guides you through the fundamentals of the religion. It then goes further and debunks a number of long-standing myths, some of them coming from the academia (of all places). While most books shy away from contentious issues, this book plunges headlong by taking on controversies, like the Aryan Invasion Theory, idol worship, RISA scholarship and many more. In fact one-third of the book is just on controversies that you rarely find in any other literature. Other Awards: *** Finalist - 2014 Pacific Book Awards (Religion) *** *** Bronze - 2014 IPPY Award -

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(Religion) ***

Hinduism Made Easy - Shalu Sharma 2015-04-20

If you ever wanted to learn about the concepts and fundamentals of Hinduism then this is the book for you. Even though the Hindu religion is the oldest religion in the world, there are many misconceptions that laypeople have about it. Some people don't understand the mystical chants and mantra traditions where they keep repeating "Aum" over and over again. But you have to understand the religion to truly appreciate where these acts and traditions come from. There is a 4000 year history to Hinduism that many people outside of India don't even know about. On top of that, Hinduism has evolved a lot over the years with both oral and ancient stories involving the laws of Hinduism. These stories were often told by sages who passed down their knowledge of the religion to their disciples. Eventually there was a compilation of ancient Sanskrit texts where Hindus could study the ethical

and moral code that they needed to live by. However, Hindus for thousands of years have been changing traditions and teaching new philosophies about the religion that help motivate modern day people to become followers.

Furthermore, they encourage them to take up Hindu derived practices, like yoga and meditation, in order to help them feel better in their lives. You don't have to be looking to convert to Hinduism to appreciate this book. It is not a book that is going to try to change you or convince you that Hinduism is the one true religion to believe in. This book simply goes over all the important aspects and traditions of the religion, as they are broken down into chapters. That way you can understand the Hindu concepts of God, prayer, meditation, animal sacrifices and reincarnation. These are the key points that people often misinterpret because they see movies or television shows that misrepresent the real Hindu religion. If you are a westerner

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then this probably means you. The only way you are really going to learn the truth about Hinduism is to either go to India and visit a Hindu school or read through this entire book with an objective mind. If you are thinking about becoming a Hindu then it has to be your choice alone. You first need to study the Vedic scriptures and seek religious guidance from an elder Hindu. This book will simply awaken you to the religious customs of Hinduism and get you familiar with what you are in for. The great part about Hinduism is that you don't need to have a religious affiliation with it in order to learn from its teachings and participate in its traditions. Hinduism is all about establishing a spiritual connection with your soul and the universe. For some Hindus, they don't even reach this point for an entire lifetime. That is why they continuously reach the for the Sanskrit texts and practice their meditations. The chapters in this book: Chapter 1 Introduction to Hinduism Chapter 2 Hindu Philosophy

Chapter 3 Concept of Maya in Hinduism Chapter 4 What is Karma? Chapter 5 Soul (Aatma) in Hinduism Chapter 6 Reincarnation in Hinduism Chapter 7 Brahman - The Supreme Being Chapter 8 Why Hindus Worship Idols? Chapter 9 Mantras in the Hindu Religion Chapter 10 Practice of Yoga in Hinduism Chapter 11 Vegetarianism in the Hindu Religion Chapter 12 The Caste System in the Hindu Religion Chapter 13 Popular Hindu Gods and Goddesses Chapter 14 Symbolism of Arms in Hindu Gods and Goddesses Chapter 15 Hindu Swastika Chapter 16 The Aum Chapter 17 Holy books of the Hindus Chapter 18 The Mahabharata Chapter 19 Bhagavad Gita Chapter 20 The Ramayana Chapter 21 River Ganges in the Hindu religion Chapter 22 The cow in Hindu religion Chapter 23 Major Hindu Festivals Chapter 24 Important Hindu Holy places to visit in India Chapter 25 Tips for visiting a Hindu temple Chapter 26 Conclusion

The Regulation of Religion and the Making of Hinduism

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in Colonial Trinidad -

Alexander Rocklin 2019-02-07

How can religious freedom be granted to people who do not have a religion? While Indian indentured workers in colonial Trinidad practiced cherished rituals, "Hinduism" was not a widespread category in India at the time. On this Caribbean island, people of South Asian descent and African descent came together—under the watchful eyes of the British rulers—to walk on hot coals for fierce goddesses, summon spirits of the dead, or honor Muslim martyrs, practices that challenged colonial norms for religion and race. Drawing deeply on colonial archives, Alexander Rocklin examines the role of the category of religion in the regulation of the lives of Indian laborers struggling for autonomy. Gradually, Indians learned to narrate the origins, similarities, and differences among their fellows' cosmological views, and to define Hindus, Muslims, and Christians as distinct groups. Their goal in doing this work of subaltern comparative

religion, as Rocklin puts it, was to avoid criminalization and to have their rituals authorized as legitimate religion—they wanted nothing less than to gain access to the British promise of religious freedom. With the indenture system's end, the culmination of this politics of recognition was the gradual transformation of Hindus' rituals and the reorganization of their lives—they fabricated a "world religion" called Hinduism.

Hinduism - Kim Knott 2016

Hinduism is practised by about 80% of India's population, and by about 30,000,000 people outside India. But how is Hinduism defined, and what basis does the religion have?

This work gives concise insights into the central preoccupations of Hinduism.

Was Hinduism Invented? -

Brian K. Pennington

2005-04-28

Drawing on a large body of previously untapped literature, including documents from the Church Missionary Society and Bengali newspapers, Brian Pennington offers a fascinating

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portrait of the process by which "Hinduism" came into being. He argues against the common idea that the modern construction of religion in colonial India was simply a fabrication of Western Orientalists and missionaries. Rather, he says, it involved the active agency and engagement of Indian authors as well, who interacted, argued, and responded to British authors over key religious issues such as image-worship, sati, tolerance, and conversion.

Hinduism: Adopting Hinduism As a Way of Life + the Ultimate Guide to Hindu Gods, Hindu Beliefs, Hindu Rituals and Hindu Religion -

Cassie Coleman 2017-03-22

2 Hinduism books in 1:

Hinduism: Adopting Hinduism as a Way of Life
Hinduism: The Ultimate Guide to Hindu Gods, Hindu Beliefs, Hindu Rituals and Hindu Religion
Book 1: Learn How To Adopt Hinduism as a Way of Life
Hinduism is the oldest and the third largest religion by population. There are more than a billion Hindus

in India, Nepal, Indonesia (Bali), Mauritius, Canada, New Zealand, Kenya, and elsewhere in the world who practice the faith. However, many scholars and practitioners believe that Hinduism is not a religion at all - it is a way of life, as Hinduism explains the purpose of human life, what you should and shouldn't do, how you should behave with others, and how you should carry out your duties and responsibilities. There are many aspects of Hinduism that makes it distinct from any other religion. For instance, there is no founder. Hinduism developed from the faiths and traditions of the earliest people who practiced it, and it is still evolving. Hinduism believes that God is within us, and everywhere in the universe. This book contains detailed information on the Hindu way of life. You will learn about Dharma and how to lead the life in a dharmic way so that you can achieve self-awareness, realize the true potential of your atman or soul, find God, and become free from the cycle of

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life and death. I will introduce you to the concepts of atman, moksha, sanatan dharma, the Hindu theories of evolution, and the duties and responsibilities of all Hindus. I will show you how faith, devotion, dharma and artistic expression are a way of life. You will learn about the teachings of the Vedas, Upanishads, and the Bhagavad-Gita. Finally, I will explain the meaning of life, and show you how to find God within you and in the outside universe. Within this book, you'll find the answers to these questions and more. Just some of the questions and topics covered include Understanding Hinduism Atman or the Eternal Soul Theories of Evolution in Hinduism Hinduism is Not a Religion Hinduism as a Way of Life Top Reasons That Makes Hinduism a Way of Life Living According to Dharma for Self Realization The Hindu Way of Life - Ten Duties Distinguishing Features of Hinduism And more! The Ultimate Guide to Hindu Gods, Hindu Beliefs, Hindu Rituals and Hindu

Religion In this book, we will explore numerous beliefs held by this diverse group of people. We will look at some of the legends of the divine "angels" which serve Brahman. Also, we will delve into some of the rituals which are common within Hinduism. In addition, we will do some comparative religion, looking at some of the similarities and differences between Hinduism and some other philosophies. This will allow us not only to gain greater insight into Hinduism but see the common threads of philosophy found in many of the great religions of the world. Within this book, you'll find the answers to these questions and more. Just some of the questions and topics covered include The Meaning of Hinduism Brahman and Atman Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva Indra and other Key Gods and Goddesses Durga, Kali and Mariamman Karma Reincarnation Hindu Rituals Hinduism versus Other Belief Systems Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva Tales of the Brahmin And more! Get your copy now and

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learn more about Hinduism

Unifying Hinduism - Andrew

J. Nicholson 2013-12-01

Some postcolonial theorists argue that the idea of a single system of belief known as "Hinduism" is a creation of nineteenth-century British imperialists. Andrew J. Nicholson introduces another perspective: although a unified Hindu identity is not as ancient as some Hindus claim, it has its roots in innovations within South Asian philosophy from the fourteenth to seventeenth centuries. During this time, thinkers treated the philosophies of Vedanta, Samkhya, and Yoga, along with the worshippers of Visnu, Siva, and Sakti, as belonging to a single system of belief and practice. Instead of seeing such groups as separate and contradictory, they re-envisioned them as separate rivers leading to the ocean of Brahman, the ultimate reality. Drawing on the writings of philosophers from late medieval and early modern traditions, including Vijnanabhiksu, Madhava, and

Madhusudana Sarasvati, Nicholson shows how influential thinkers portrayed Vedanta philosophy as the ultimate unifier of diverse belief systems. This project paved the way for the work of later Hindu reformers, such as Vivekananda, Radhakrishnan, and Gandhi, whose teachings promoted the notion that all world religions belong to a single spiritual unity. In his study, Nicholson also critiques the way in which Eurocentric concepts—like monism and dualism, idealism and realism, theism and atheism, and orthodoxy and heterodoxy—have come to dominate modern discourses on Indian philosophy.

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

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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.

Hindus - Julius Lipner 1998
Hinduism has been a major religious faith for well over 3000 years, and Hindus today account for over 600 million people. Lipner's book is a highly readable study of its

evolution, its multidimensional nature, and influence.

World Religions & Cults
Volume 2 - Bodie Hodge
2016-05-02

Religions of the Far East like Hinduism, Buddhism, and New Age have been gaining a foothold in the Western world. We even see witchcraft on the rise and paganism infiltrating the minds of the next generation—even in Christian homes! Why is that? How can a Christian respond? We already know how the one true God has responded, and in this title you will learn: □ How a Christian can effectively witness for Christ. How to refute these false religions. What it truly is that these religions teach and why. The Christ follower should be set at ease knowing that all other gods are false as the all-knowing God of Scripture has revealed that He is the only God. Therefore, this volume dives into these styles of religions and looks at their origins and their basic tenets as well as why they fall so short. Understanding the basic tenets of these religions helps

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the Bible believer see the flaws in these philosophies. In this way one can better discern how to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ while standing on the authority of the Bible.

The Roots of Hinduism - Asko Parpola 2015-07-15

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 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 exquisitely carved seals and thousands of short inscriptions in a long-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 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 contemporaneous urban cultures of Mesopotamia and Egypt. Yet, after almost a century of excavation and research the Indus civilization remains little understood. How might we decipher the Indus inscriptions? What language did the Indus people speak? What deities did they worship? Asko Parpola has spent fifty years researching the roots of Hinduism to answer these fundamental questions, which have been debated with increasing animosity since the rise of Hindu nationalist politics in the 1980s. In this pioneering book, he traces the archaeological route of the Indo-Iranian languages from the Aryan homeland north of the Black Sea to Central, West, and South Asia. His new ideas on the formation of the Vedic literature and rites and the great Hindu epics hinge on the profound impact that the invention of the horse-drawn chariot had on Indo-Aryan religion. Parpola's comprehensive assessment of the Indus language and religion is based on all

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available textual, linguistic and archaeological evidence, including West Asian sources and the Indus script. The results affirm cultural and religious continuity to the present day and, among many other things, shed new light on the prehistory of the key Hindu goddess Durga and her Tantric cult.

Hinduism and Buddhism -

Charles Eliot 1998

This is a direct reprint of the first (1921) edition, which remains the classic comparative study of two world religions. There are seven books in three volumes.

The Hindus - Wendy Doniger

2010-09-30

An engrossing and definitive narrative account of history and myth that offers a new way of understanding one of the world's oldest major religions, The Hindus elucidates the relationship between recorded history and imaginary worlds. Hinduism does not lend itself easily to a strictly chronological account: many of its central texts cannot be reliably dated even within a

century; its central tenets karma, dharma, to name just two arise at particular moments in Indian history and differ in each era, between genders, and caste to caste; and what is shared among Hindus is overwhelmingly outnumbered by the things that are unique to one group or another. Yet the greatness of Hinduism - its vitality, its earthiness, its vividness - lies precisely in many of those idiosyncratic qualities that continue to inspire debate today. Wendy Doniger is one of the foremost scholars of Hinduism in the world. With her inimitable insight and expertise Doniger illuminates those moments within the tradition that resist forces that would standardize or establish a canon. Without reversing or misrepresenting the historical hierarchies, she reveals how Sanskrit and vernacular sources are rich in knowledge of and compassion toward women and lower castes; how they debate tensions surrounding religion, violence, and tolerance; and how

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animals are the key to important shifts in attitudes toward different social classes. The Hindus brings a fascinating multiplicity of actors and stories to the stage to show how brilliant and creative thinkers - many of them far removed from Brahmin authors of Sanskrit texts - have kept Hinduism alive in ways that other scholars have not fully explored. In this unique and authoritative account, debates about Hindu traditions become platforms from which to consider the ironies, and overlooked epiphanies, of history.

Hinduism - Sadhu Vivekjivandas 2011

"Informs readers about the spiritual, cultural and social heritage of Hinduism. Part I features a brief history and core beliefs of Hinduism, its sacred texts, various denominations, mandirs, holy men and women, sacred places, rivers, festivals, rituals, and sacred symbols and objects. Part II features sadhana, great devotees of

God, rishi-scientists of India, Hindu perceptions, Hindu way of life, Hindu reformers, concept of creation, and frequently asked questions on Hinduism."--Page 4 of cover. *Hinduism* - Nalini Rangan 2017 Hinduism is one of the world's oldest religions. It originated in the beliefs and practices of various civilizations and cultures that lived in the Indus River Valley more than 3,000 years ago. Hinduism is also one of the world's most complex and diverse religions, and its followers, known as Hindus, have a great variety of core beliefs and revere millions of different deities. Today, around 1 billion people follow Hinduism, making it the world's third-largest religion. Most Hindus live in India and Nepal. This book examines the origins and history of Hinduism, and explores its sacred textsthe Vedas, Upanishads, and other writings that include stories, hymns, poems, and rituals on which Hindus base their beliefs. The book also explores how beliefs differ among Hindu sects, and

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how the faith is practiced today. The MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS series provides information about six of the most important religious faiths practiced around the world. More than 75 percent of the world's population over 5.2 billion people observes the tenets of one of these six religions. Each book in the series describes the important beliefs of a particular religion, along with information about its history, practices, and rituals. Each title in this series includes color photos throughout, and back matter including: an index and further reading lists for books and internet resources, a timeline and organizations to contact. Key Icons appear throughout the books in this series in an effort to encourage library readers to build knowledge, gain awareness, explore possibilities and expand their viewpoints through our content rich non-fiction books. Key Icons in this series are as follows: Words to Understand are shown at the front of each chapter with definitions. These

words are set in boldfaced type in that chapter, so that readers are able to refer

What is Hinduism? -

Mahatma Gandhi 1994

A selection of Gandhiji'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 in all its richness, comprehensiveness and sensitivity to the existential dilemmas of human existence.

In Defence of a Billion

Hindus - François Gautier
2019

Every sixth person on this Planet is a Hindu and Hindus still constitute the overwhelming majority in India - nearly 80 per cent of the population. Humanity needs thus to re-discover the wonder that is Hinduism, the oldest spirituality still in practice in the world. Hindus have been the most tolerant people on this planet, accepting the fact that the Divine manifests Himself or Herself at different times of the history of

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humanity using different names and different scriptures. This is why Hindus have always welcomed in their midst all the persecuted religious minorities of the world - from the Syrian Christians, the Jews (India is the only country in the world where Jews were never persecuted), from the Parsis to the Tibetans today. In 5,000 years of existence, Hindus have never militarily invaded another country, never tried to impose their religion on others by force or induced conversions, contrary to Islam and Christianity. You cannot find anybody less fundamentalist than a Hindu in the twenty-first century. Yet it has been one-way traffic, as Hindus have been the most persecuted people. In fact, in terms of genocide, there is no greater holocaust than that of the Hindus - it has been estimated that more than a hundred million Hindus have been killed from the Hindu Kush, till today. This book is then about the story of the Hindus, their scriptures, their history, the bloody invasions

that they faced over the centuries and the menaces that still threaten their very survival.

The Life of Hinduism - John Stratton Hawley 2006-12-04
'The Life of Hinduism' collects a series of essays that present Hinduism as a vibrant, truly 'lived' religion. The text offers a glimpse into the multifaceted world of Hindu worship, life-cycle rites, festivals, performances, gurus, and castes.

The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Hinduism - Rasamandala Das 2012

Hinduism is perhaps the oldest of the world's major religions and makes for fascinating study. This lavishly illustrated book explores the rich historical and cultural development of its diverse traditions, from its distant Indian roots to its vibrant application in the present, global context. The first section examines the origins of Hinduism, and asks the intriguing question: who founded the tradition? It explores in depth the diverse

holy texts and their profound teachings about the self, the law of karma, and the perpetual cycle of birth and death. The second section focuses on spiritual practices - those activities that nurture faith, wisdom and communion with the Supreme. These chapters explain the four main paths of action, knowledge, meditation and devotion, the colourful array of Hindu deities, and practices that celebrate sacred time and place. The final section analyses ways in which Hindus engage with this world, and how their spirituality has been expressed and organised. It investigates Hindu society, its culture and arts, and the ways in which various leaders and movements have sought to perpetuate its teachings, right up to the present day. Stunningly illustrated with over 470 beautiful images, this comprehensive book provides a highly readable introduction. Detailed yet easily accessible, it provides the perfect reference for anyone wishing to further explore the

compelling faith and culture that is Hinduism.

[A Brief Introduction to](#)

[Hinduism](#) - Kandiah

Sivaloganathan 2017-05-25

Kandiah Sivaloganathan's *A Brief Introduction to Hinduism*,

is a handy tool for all those who yearn to understand the philosophy behind one of the world's oldest religions -

Hinduism. Also known as Sanatana Dharma (or the eternal law), Hinduism took birth in the Indian

subcontinent thousands of years ago and is still followed by more than a billion followers worldwide. However, in today's busy world, it's nearly

impossible to gain an in-depth understanding of one's faith and pass it on to the next

generation. That's exactly the issue Sivaloganathan tries to address in his book, with

regards to Hinduism. It's a go-to book for all your queries

regarding the Hindu faith. The author tries to bring together the various aspects of

Hinduism - from its myriad deities, saints, sages, rituals, prayers, scriptures, to modern

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science and its association with the principles of this ancient religion. This Book attempts to provide answers to: What is Hinduism? Why do Hindus pray to different deities What is the power of prayer and mantras? What does Hindus mean by karma, creation and reincarnation? How is Hinduism connected to nature and science? In today's world, when everyone is too busy to read and understand their religion, this book provides a basis, a simple reference, to understand Hinduism. It is written in simple, readable language.

Contemporary Hinduism - P.

Pratap Kumar 2014-09-11

Most overviews of Hindu belief and practice follow a history from the ancient Vedas to today. Such approaches privilege Brahmanical traditions and create a sense of Hinduism as a homogenous

system and culture, and one which is largely unchanging and based solely on sacred texts. In reality, modern Hindu faith and culture present an extraordinary range of dynamic beliefs and practices.

'Contemporary Hinduism' aims to capture the full breadth of the Hindu worldview as practised today, both in the sub-continent and the diaspora. Global and regional faith, ritualised and everyday practice, Brahmanical and non-Brahmanical belief, and ascetic and devotional traditions are all discussed. Throughout, the discussion is illustrated with detailed case material and images, whilst key terms are highlighted and explained in a glossary. 'Contemporary Hinduism' presents students with a lively and engaging survey of Hinduism, offering an introduction to the oldest and one of the most complex of world religions.