

Explaining Hindu Dharma A Guide For Teachers

In this age of information technology and instant communications, it would be a very good idea to know a few facts about Hindu Dharma Culture rather than being ignorant of what it has to offer. Your next door neighbor, co-worker, or traveling companion could be a Hindu Dharma person. So, knowing it is empowering that gives a positive meaning to one's life and also facilitates appreciation of who they really are and how to interact with them. Hindu Dharma Culture has one billion worldwide adherents, meaning 1/6th of the present day humanity. If one adds its sister traditions of Buddhism and Animism, then they are 1/3rd of humanity. Astonishingly, that is one in every three people on earth. Hindu Dharma Culture has many names in vogue such as Hinduism, Vedic Culture or Yoga people. Hindu Dharma Culture is not the typical religion or culture that one sees around. Now, it is the time; please come in and let us explore and experience together the greatest socio-spiritual-scientific tradition on earth for all times to come. However, in this Iron Age of Kali-yuga (4th age), Hindu Dharma Culture has been mired in controversies due to the misunderstanding of both the practitioners and the non-practitioners alike. To dispel such misunderstandings, we are presenting this Nano series guide booklets. We hope this will be useful to you, your family, your friends, your relatives and others. More of these would be made available in due course of time, for a deeper understanding of the Hindu Dharma Culture, in its length, breath and width. Thanks for giving us this excellent opportunity to serve you. We are very excited about its usefulness and success!

2 Hinduism books in 1: Hinduism: Adopting Hinduism as a Way of Life Hinduism: Hinduism for Beginners - 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 life and death. I will introduce you to the concepts of atman, moksha, sanatana 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 learn more about Hinduism Hinduism outside the Indian subcontinent represents a contrasting and scattered community. From Britain to the Caribbean, diasporic Hindus have substantially reformed their beliefs and practices in accordance with their historical and social circumstances. In this theoretically innovative analysis Steven Vertovec examines: * the historical construction of the category 'Hinduism in India' * the formation of a distinctive Caribbean Hindu culture during the nineteenth century * the role of youth groups in forging new identities during Trinidad's Hindu Renaissance * the reproduction of regionally based identities and frictions in Britain's Hindu communities * the differences in temple use across the diaspora. This book provides a rich and fascinating view of the Hindu diaspora in the past, present and its possible futures.

Taking as its premise the belief that communalism is not a resurgence of tradition but is instead an inherently modern phenomenon, as well as a product of the fundamental agencies and ideas of modernity, and that globalization is neither a unique nor unprecedented process, this book addresses the question of whether globalization has amplified or muted processes of communalism. It does so through exploring the concurrent histories of communalism and globalization in four South Asian contexts - India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka - as well as in various diasporic locations, from the nineteenth century to the present. Including contributions by some of the most notable scholars working on communalism in South Asia and its diaspora as well as by some challenging new voices, the book encompasses both different disciplinary and theoretical perspectives. It looks at a range of methodologies in an effort to stimulate new debates on the relationship between communalism and globalization, and is a useful contribution to studies on South Asia and Asian History.

Sanatana Dharma is the most ancient spiritual tradition on Earth. This path offers us the happiness, positive growth, fearlessness, healthy sense of well-being, and wisdom that we have all been searching for. What Sanatana Dharma gives us is spiritual depth and authenticity. The Sanatana Dharma Study Guide is meant to be a companion text to Sri Acharyaji's main work Sanatana Dharma: The Eternal Natural Way. If you do not have a copy of Sanatana Dharma: The Eternal Natural Way, however, then the present book may also be used as a stand-alone text to help you gain a good introductory understanding of the Vedic tradition. This book will help facilitate the deepening of your understanding and practice of Vedic spirituality.

Religion, Language and Power shows that the language of 'religion' is far from neutral, and that the packaging and naming of what English speakers call 'religious' groups or identities is imbued with the play of power. Religious Studies has all too often served to amplify voices from other centers of power, whether scripturalist or otherwise normative and dominant. This book's de-

centering of English classifications goes beyond the remit of most postcolonial studies in that it explores the classifications used in a range of languages — including Arabic, Sanskrit, Chinese, Greek and English — to achieve a comparative survey of the roles of language and power in the making of 'religion'. In contextualizing these uses of language, the ten contributors explore how labels are either imposed or emerge interactively through discursive struggles between dominant and marginal groups. In dealing with the interplay of religion, language and power, there is no other book with the breadth of this volume.

Whether First Communion or bar mitzvah, religious traditions play a central role in the lives of many American children. In this collection of essays, leading scholars reveal for the first time how various religions interpret, reconstruct, and mediate their traditions to help guide children and their parents in navigating the opportunities and challenges of American life. The book examines ten religions, among other topics: How the Catholic Church confronts the tension between its teachings about children and actual practice The Oglala Lakota's struggle to preserve their spiritual tradition The impact of modernity on Hinduism Only by discussing the unique challenges faced by all religions, and their followers, can we take the first step toward a greater understanding for all of us.

This book brings together an array of distinguished scholars to consider diaspora nationalism. Through theoretical, typological and case-specific essays that discuss the Jewish, Greek, Armenian, Irish, Turkish, Sikh, Ukrainian, Hindu, Pentecostal and Muslim diasporas, the book shows the varieties and qualities of attachment of diaspora communities to their ancestral homelands, and the role that hostlands as well as the immigrants play in the form and intensity of these attachments. Setting contemporary diaspora nationalisms in the context of globalisation, with its ever-developing methods of transportation and communication, the book further shows the emergence of new concepts of diaspora - new notions of being at home and away from home - and of new ways of creating and sustaining ethnic networks and contact with the homeland, such as the internet and tourism.

Discusses Hindu Advaita Vedānta as a philosophy of social justice for the modern world. This expansive and accessible work provides an introduction to the Hindu tradition of Advaita Vedānta and brings it into discussion with contemporary concerns. Advaita, the non-dual school of Indian philosophy and spirituality associated with Ākāśa, is often seen as "other-worldly," regarding the world as an illusion. Anantanand Rambachan has played a central role in presenting a more authentic Advaita, one that reveals how Advaita is positive about the here and now. The first part of the book presents the hermeneutics and spirituality of Advaita, using textual sources, classical commentary, and modern scholarship. The book's second section considers the implications of Advaita for ethical and social challenges: patriarchy, homophobia, ecological crisis, child abuse, and inequality. Rambachan establishes how Advaita's non-dual understanding of reality provides the ground for social activism and the values that advocate for justice, dignity, and the equality of human beings. "Rambachan has written an original, creative, and provocative book that will assure that Hinduism has a greater voice in the general arena of interreligious dialogue." — Paul F. Knitter, Union Theological Seminary "This is an important contribution to the advancement of constructive work in Hindu theology, comparative theology, and the study of South Asian religious traditions. It has the potential to revolutionize how scholars view Hinduism generally, and Advaita Vedānta in particular." — Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

In spite of all the advances in the modern sciences mankind is still grappling with multitude of problems. In fact with all the technological advances the problems faced by mankind have only increased. This is because mankind has not been able to understand its own existence. Since thousands of years mankind has digressed from the real path. This path is now revealed in this book in two parts. Part I of this book exclusively deals with understanding our existence on this earth. This is also Self Realization, Atma Gyan or knowledge of the self. Within this existence and facing numerous problems then what is that one Formula using which an individual can lead a happy, prosperous and fulfilled life? This has been detailed in Part II of this book. This is also the path towards Supreme Intelligence. This is also the path to Moksha. This is the Sanatan Dharma or The Way of Life for Everyone and Forever.

Building on the Oxford AQA GCSE Religious Studies Student Books, this Revision Guide offers a structured approach to revising for the new 9-1 exams. 1. RECAP: key content from the Student Book is condensed and re-presented in simple visual styles to make content memorable and help retention. 2. APPLY: students actively apply the content they have just revised to build the knowledge and evaluative skills needed for the exams. 3. REVIEW: regular opportunities to practice exam questions and review answers direct students to pinpoint any areas of weakness in knowledge or exam skills, identifying where they'll need to concentrate their efforts for further revision. This Revision Guide is ideal for students combining Christianity and Hinduism. With all the essential content condensed and made memorable, and plenty of exam practice, tips and annotated sample answers, students can confidently prepare for their new exams.

HOW ACHIEVING VERY HIGH LEVELS OF HUMAN INTELLIGENCE IS POSSIBLE AND HOW THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED? Has science grown to the level that it can control Nature? Or is Nature all powerful? Are horoscopes to be believed in? Do Gods exist in the present times and control the world? Are soul and reincarnation just concepts or reality? How do sins committed by us corrupt our intelligence? How are all the concepts in Sanatan Dharma inter related? What is the scientific basis of concepts in Sanatan Dharma? Find answers to all these questions. Also learn how an average person can improve his intelligence and wisdom by following certain basic concepts and practices in Hindu Religion. A step by step guide to expand your wisdom and attain highest levels of intelligence.

"Who is a Hindu?" This question mystifies both Hindus and non-Hindus around the world. Many Hindus, having lived in cosmopolitan cities across the globe, have not been brought up in a traditional Hindu society and are often at a loss to comprehend and describe their own identity. Their claim to being Hindu rests solely on their birth in a Hindu household. Western society also finds that Hinduism, with its countless gods, rituals and beliefs, does not fit its concept of an organised religion. In popular view, Hinduism may just be 'a way of life' and consequently the Hindu identity is perceived to be vague and non-uniform. Which of their many ancient books do the Hindus follow? How do they choose which gods to worship? What does karma actually mean? These questions are natural. The Hindu identity is complex, and bears the social, philosophical and religious influences of a long past. However, it continues to be well-defined. This book explains how it is so, and shows how the Hindu identity remains relevant in contemporary times and the global context. The varied elements that have shaped the Hindu identity are explored in the book. It demystifies ancient Hindu scriptures such as the Vedas and the Manusmriti, and provides engaging summaries of the Mahabharata and the Ramayana. It tracks the influence of philosophies such as Vedanta, Tantra and Yoga, as well as the effect of exposure to Western thought. It also discusses contemporary issues such as the status of women, religious pluralism and the caste system today. The anecdotal style of narration makes subtle and complex topics easily comprehensible to all ages. Anyone who seeks an explanation of the Hindu identity, regardless of belief or age, will enjoy reading this book and will benefit from its contents.

HR-101: Hindu Heritage Study Program - Book - 1:- This book "An Introduction to Hindu Dharma" is a primer on Hinduism or Hindu Religion. This gives some Basic concepts of Hindu Religion, with information, in brief in 54 lessons, about various traditions and practices of Hindu Religion. It explains the principles and philosophy in a nutshell for beginners in this path to learn about the basics of the teachings. This is a very ancient Culture and tradition. This is the third most popular religious practice in the world. Hindu religion is practiced as a lifestyle or Dharma by more than a billion people in its various paths and forms, with a solid unity within the bewildering diversity. It includes several alternate paths of practices including those who are Atheists, agnostics and Nāstikas among Hindus and they do not believe in a Supreme God or ignore such a concept. If we include the closely related practices like Buddha, Jaina, Zoroastrian and Sikh faith that can be part of the same Sanātana Dharma, then we have over two billion followers in the world. These are useful lessons for an outsider to get a glimpse about

the traditions to get an understanding of the same. These lessons are useful for practicing Hindus around the world to get the proper understanding of the several paths in their faith and to teach the same to their children and to prepare the future generation to live in peace with others and within themselves. These lessons will be useful to teachers who conduct classes on Hindu religion to students around the world, when other resources are not available. The various forms of practices are explained along with the true Unity in the principles that lies beneath the diversity in these various paths being taught. They also will understand the great traditions and the great knowledge of the ancient sages that has been passed on to generations after generations. They also teach the paths of meditation and concentration along with devotional prayers and rituals to give them a peace of mind and to gain the prosperity in life. ~ Thank You ~

The Volume Deals With The Organization, The Ideology And The Role Of Rss In The Cultural Reguvination Of Hindu Society In India. It Talks About The Founder And His Successors In Building Up The Organization. Has 28 Chapters Dealing With Various Factors And The Contributions Of The Rss.

This biographical study of Mahatma Gandhi focuses on the global legacy of his ideas relating to religion, non-violence, the state and economics and discusses how these have been taken up in the years since his death in 1947.

The central idea behind this book is that the globalisation and politicisation of traditional religious identities is a historical phenomenon with deep roots in the 19th-20th centuries. Tracing the emergence of 'Religious Internationals' as a distinctive new phenomenon in world history, it transforms our understanding of the place of religion in the modern world. Leading historians and social scientists break new ground by comparing the historical experiences of different faith communities in an age of globalization without comparing them as religions. In-depth case studies focus on the internationalist dimensions of Buddhism, Christianity (Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant), Hinduism, Judaism and Islam. Individually, they illuminate the complex processes whereby communities of believers became communities of opinion. Collectively, they shed new light on the origins and nature of global civil society, highlighting the role of religion as one of its motor forces from the start.

Drawing upon the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad Gītā, a philosophical-spiritual world classic, this professional book highlights the spiritual and moral dimensions of management using an inside-out leadership development approach. It interprets the Bhagavad Gītā's teachings on the personality types and psychological makeup of managers and employees; self-knowledge and self-mastery; and the leadership concepts of vision, motivation, and empowerment. This book covers topics such as training of the mind, ethical leadership, communication, stress management, and corporate social responsibility (CSR). Collectively, the enclosed contributions provide managers with an enhanced outlook on management functions such as leading, planning, organizing, and controlling in today's organizations, particularly those run by knowledge workers. Management research in the 20th century has mainly focused on the industrial paradigm characterized by a hierarchical structure of authority and responsibility with an individualistic focus on the personality of the manager. However, this traditional paradigm cannot solve many of the problems that confront leaders and managers today. Recent studies have shown that values traditionally associated with spirituality—such as integrity, honesty, trust, kindness, caring, fairness, and humility—have a demonstrable effect on managerial effectiveness and success. Although traditionally interpreted as a religious-spiritual text, the Bhagavad Gītā teaches these values which can be extrapolated and applied to practical management lessons in today's corporate boardrooms. Applying the text of the Bhagavad Gītā to the context of management, this book views the manager as an "enlightened sage" who operates from higher stance, guided by self-knowledge and self-mastery. It demonstrates how character is the key ingredient for effective management and leadership. This book is therefore applicable to all managers, from first-line to CEOs, in their management and leadership roles in organizations.

Citizenship is high on the agenda of education systems in many of the world's democracies. As yet, however, discussions of citizenship education have neglected issues of religious diversity and how the study of religions can contribute to our understanding of citizenship. International Perspectives on Citizenship, Education and Religious Diversity brings together an international range of contributions from religious studies scholars and educators specialising in the study of religions. Together, these illustrate and explore the key questions for educational theory and pedagogy raised by drawing issues of religious diversity into citizenship education. The chapters address and extend debates over the nature of citizenship in late modernity, highlighting local and global dimensions of citizenship in relation to issues of national, religious, ethnic and cultural identity. As well as emphasising the role religious education has to play in citizenship education, this book also covers wider issues such as state-supported faith schools and cultural diversity in relation to common citizenship. The authors argue that critical, yet reflective, approaches to religious education have a distinctive and valuable contribution to make to citizenship education. Issues addressed within the study of religions are related to new forms of global and cultural citizenship, as well as citizenship within the nation state. Ultimately, this stimulating and original collection highlights the challenges and possibilities for teaching and learning about religion, religions and religious diversity within an inclusive educational practice.

In The Postcolonial Orient, Vasant Kaiwar analyses the formation of postcolonial studies around the 1989 moment of world history, shows its limitations via an engagement with Marxism, and provides an alternative, enriched account of interpretive possibilities inherent in the moment. The Hindu World is the most complete, authoritative and up-to-date one-volume guide to Hindu faith and culture available today. With twenty-four dedicated chapters written by the world's leading Hinduism scholars, it elucidates the history, philosophy and practice of one of the world's great religious traditions. The perfect reference for all students of Hinduism, it is ideal for both for introductory-level study and for use as a definitive reference source. Proving invaluable for its wealth of historical material, in addition, The Hindu World also offers new insights into all aspects of Hindu life, ranging from the devotional texts of the Vedas and Ramayana to current perspectives on dharma and kama, temple architecture, sacred food, ritual, caste, cosmic philosophy, history and modernization. The Hindu World emphasizes Hinduism's classical heritage and daily practice as well as contemporary approaches to Hindu scholarship. Exploring the enormous diversity of Hindu devotion whilst considering Hinduism's academic status as a category for analysis, the book achieves a distinctive creative balance between the beliefs and values of Hindus themselves, and scholarly 'outsider' perspectives.

Homosexuality is not a problem: heterosexism is, and heterosexism is often supported by religious statements and practices against sexual minorities. Heterosexism in Contemporary World Religion seeks to draw out strands in each major religion that are antidotal to such practices and attitudes. Book jacket.

The Routledge Handbook of South Asian Religions presents critical research, overviews, and case studies on religion in historical South Asia, in the seven nation states of contemporary South Asia: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives, and in the South Asian diaspora. Chapters by an international set of experts analyse formative developments, roots, changes and transformations, religious practices and ideas, identities, relations, territorialisation, and globalisation in historical and contemporary South Asia. The Handbook is divided into two parts which first analyse historical South Asian religions and their developments and second contemporary South Asia religions that are influenced by both religious pluralism and their close connection to nation states and their ideological power. Contributors argue that religion has been used as a tool for creating nations as well as majorities within those nations in South Asia, despite their enormous diversity, in particular religious diversity. The Handbook explores these diversities and tensions, historical developments, and the present situation across religious traditions by utilising an array of approaches and from the point of view of various academic disciplines. Drawing together a remarkable collection of

leading and emerging scholars, this handbook is an invaluable research tool and will be of interest to researchers and students in the fields of Asian religion, religion in context, and South Asian religions.

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.

This book builds an overarching view of the essential elements, themes, and teachings of the world's oldest surviving faith tradition Hinduism. Each theme is divided in easy to follow lessons. Highly philosophic content of Vedic chants is made simple enough for students as young as 5. For in-depth study, several appendices guide students into scholarly understanding of complex philosophic ideas such as the nature of reality, the nature of the mind, and the cosmic laws enshrined in the Vedic and post-Vedic texts. As a teacher with 20+ years of experience, the author presents ancient wisdom in simple language. Many books have been written about Hinduism, many of them incomplete and confusing. This book will appeal to those seeking an easy to read, logical approach to both understanding and teaching Hinduism. The book will be useful to parents, grandparents, teachers and students alike.

Imagining Hinduism examines how Hinduism has been defined, interpreted and manufactured through Western categorizations, from the foreign interventions of eighteenth and nineteenth-century Orientalists and missionaries, to the present day. Sugirtharajah argues that ever since early Orientalists 'discovered' the ancient Sanskrit texts and the Hindu 'golden age', the West has nurtured a complex and ambivalent fascination with Hinduism, ranging from romantic admiration to ridicule. At the same time, Hindu discourse has drawn upon Orientalist representations in order to redefine Hindu identity. As the first comprehensive work to bring postcolonial critique to the study of Hinduism, this is essential reading for those seeking a full understanding of Hinduism.

This volume of contributed essays, a follow-up to Noretta Koertge's successful book on the science wars, *A House Built on Sand*, takes an affirming, positive view of the relationship between the values embodied in science, and the nature of a civil society. It argues that recent attacks on the probity of science undermine the possibility of rational discourse in the political arena. While science has traditionally been viewed as incorporating intellectual virtues like honesty and precision of language, the contributors to this volume point to additional benefits, examining the idea that science can serve as a source of, and inspiration for, civic virtues--in the need to be well-informed about the way the world works, in tolerating the viewpoints of others, and in functioning as a fully global enterprise dedicated to the public good. The contributors--who include philosophers, political scientists, physicists, biologists and engineers--look at examples of scientific virtues in action and how they might be used as inspirations and practical resources for improving civic society. The volume will appeal to a similarly broad audience interested in the relationship between science and society.

The way people encounter ideas of Hinduism online is often shaped by global discourses of religion, pervasive Orientalism and (post)colonial scholarship. This book addresses a gap in the scholarly debate around defining Hinduism by demonstrating the role of online discourses in generating and projecting images of Hindu religion and culture. This study surveys a wide range of propaganda, websites and social media in which definitions of Hinduism are debated. In particular, it focuses on the role of Hindu nationalism in the presentation and management of Hinduism in the electronic public sphere. Hindu nationalist parties and individuals are highly invested in discussions and presentations of Hinduism online, and actively shape discourses through a variety of strategies. Analysing Hindu nationalist propaganda, cyber activist movements and social media presence, as well as exploring methodological strategies that are useful to the field of religion and media in general, the book concludes by showing how these discourses function in the wider Hindu diaspora. Building on religion and media research by highlighting mechanical and hermeneutic issues of the Internet and how it affects how we encounter Hinduism online, this book will be of significant interest to scholars of religious studies, Hindu studies and digital media.

India: The Ancient Past provides a clear and systematic introduction to the cultural, political, economic, social and geographical history of ancient India from the time of the pre-Harappan culture nine thousand years ago up until the beginning of the second millennium of the Common Era. The book engages with methodological and controversial issues by examining key themes such as the Indus-Sarasvati civilization, the Aryan controversy, the development of Vedic and heterodox religions, and the political economy and social life of ancient Indian kingdoms. This fully revised and updated second edition includes: Three new chapters examining the differences and commonalities between the north and south of India; Extended discussion on contested issues, such as the origins of the Aryans and the role of feudalism in ancient India; New source excerpts to introduce students to the most significant works in the historiography of India, and questions for discussion; Study guides, including a list of key issues, suggested readings and a selection of internet sources for each chapter; Specially designed maps to illustrate different time periods and geographical regions This richly illustrated guide provides a fascinating account of the early development of Indian culture and civilization that will appeal to all students of Indian history.

As India rises to great power status in the emerging multipolar world order, what influence will its rich and ancient culture have on the country's foreign policy? This book reveals that cultural values have greater explanatory power than previously thought and describes the nature of their influence. Excavating thousands of years of history, the monograph identifies enduring values that are relevant to contemporary foreign policy. It examines three critical areas of Indian foreign policy – nuclear policy, humanitarian intervention and relations with the Middle East. Major decisions were shaped by cultural values – sometimes at the expense of strategic interests. India's choice to test nuclear weapons was not purely because of China or Pakistan: hierarchy also played a role. From a hierarchical worldview shaping Delhi's approach to international law on arms control to pluralism facilitating simultaneous friendships with America and Iran, values thread their way throughout India's foreign relations. Non-violence underpins Delhi's soft power in both the West and the Middle East, while having spurred India's opposition to Western intervention in Iraq. Analyzing state behavior and interviewing diplomats, the book charts culture's evolving influence from Rajiv Gandhi to Narendra Modi.

This book is designed to give students and newly qualified teachers a contextual and theoretical background to this subject, by exploring and challenging assumptions about the place of religion in education. The book is divided into the following sections: section one sets out the context for religious education in the curriculum. It looks at political, social and religious influences on legislation, particularly in faith schools, and raises questions about assessment section two focuses on Religious Education in the classroom, exploring our understanding of religion and the concept of development in Religious Education section three examines Religious Education as a whole-school issue, considering its relationship to literacy, citizenship, collective worship and spiritual, ethical and moral development.

The all-in-one guide to the world of Yoga, Vedanta, meditation and Hinduism. This book is an unmatched celebration of the tradition of Vedic spirituality. In this magnum opus, Sri Dharma Pravartaka Acharya has provided us with a valuable introduction to the philosophy and practice of this ancient spiritual path. Sanatana Dharma: The Eternal Natural Way is the most comprehensive summary of this profound spiritual tradition ever written. It is the first English language systematic theological and philosophical exposition of the entire world-view of Sanatana Dharma. With an easy to follow format, detailed glossary, and style of writing that is both authoritative, yet inviting to any reader, this book is your doorway to a rarely visited realm of spiritual awakening. www.dharmacentral.com

A fresh introduction to an ancient religion Explaining the origins, beliefs, scriptures and philosophies of this ancient religion, Klaus K. Klostermaier succeeds in capturing the rich diversity of rituals and gods that comprise Hinduism, while keeping the tone both engaging and informative. Covering contemporary issues such as the relationship between Hinduism and modern Western ideas, and imminent challenges the religion faces, this sweeping exploration of a fascinating and long-lasting belief system is essential reading for students, followers, and interested readers alike.

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Recent years have seen the emergence of a virulent version of Hindu nationalism and fundamentalism in India under the banner of Hindutva. This xenophobic movement has obfuscated and mystified the notion of Hindu identity and reinforced its stereotypes. Its arguments range from the patently unscientific - humankind was created in India, as was the first civilisation - to historical whitewash: Hinduism has continued in one, unchanged form for 5000 years; Hinduism has always been a tolerant faith. 'Rethinking Hindu Identity' offers a corrective based on a deep and detailed reading of Indian history. Written in a riveting style, this study provides a fresh history of Hinduism - its practices, its beliefs, its differences and inconsistencies, and its own myths about itself. Along the way, the book systematically demolishes the arguments of Hindu fundamentalism and nationalism, revealing how the real history of Hinduism is much more complex.

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