

A golden Om symbol is centered on a white background. The symbol is surrounded by a thick, textured gold border. The text "THE HINDUISM" is overlaid on the symbol in a golden, serif font.

THE HINDUISM

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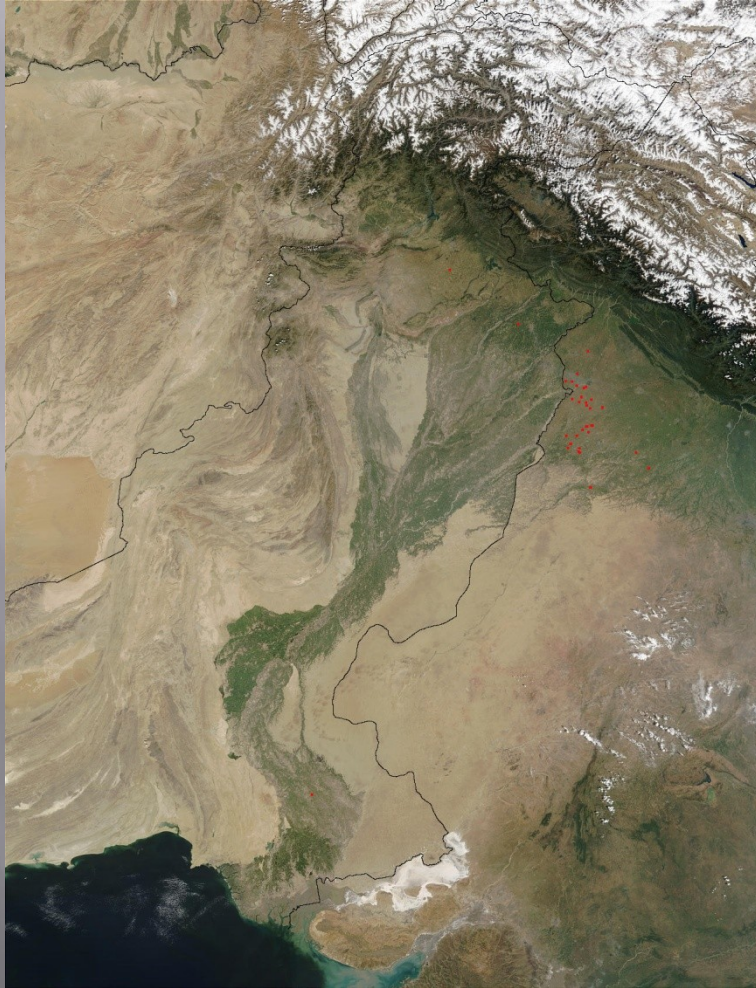
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Terms and Definitions

- ▣ Sanskrit – Language of Hinduism. The origin of most of Indian languages
- ▣ Veda(a) – (means “knowledge”) Vedas are the oldest testament available and form the basis for Hinduism
- ▣ Rishi – An Indian sage
- ▣ Shri – is something equivalent to Mr. (But typically refers to affluence)
- ▣ Maha – the great

Etymological Origin



(HINDU) SINDHU = INDUS (INDIA)

- River Sindhu is named in Sanskrit to refer to river
- “Hindu” is an Avestan name. Avestan is a prehistoric language of Persia
- The name “Indoi” used by Greeks to refer to people of the Indus. Hence, came “India” in to English & equivalent names in other European languages

The Basic Texts

- ▣ The Vedas
 - Rig Veda
 - Sama Veda
 - Yajur Veda
 - Atharvana Veda
 - ▣ The Epics
 - The Ramayana
 - The Mahabharata* (video of episode 1)
- * “Bhagavad Gita” is part of Maha Bharata

The Gods

- ▣ Three main Gods
 - Brahma: The creator
 - Vishnu: The Preserver / Ruler
 - Shiva: The destroyer / scavenger
- ▣ Their respective consorts
 - Saraswati: The goddess of learning
 - Laxmi: The goddess of wealth
 - Parvati: The goddess of destruction

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Incarnations

- ▣ Shri Rama
- ▣ Shri Krishna



Incarnations



Festivals

- ▣ Depend on seasons, days important with respect to Gods etc.
- ▣ Some of the important festivals include:
 - Sankranti
 - (Hindu) New Year Festival
 - Shri Rama Navami
 - Shri Janma Ashtami
 - Dussera / Vijaya Dashami
 - Diwali

Reverence

- ▣ Following sayings from ancestors:
 - Matru Devobhava – Your mother be your god
 - Pitru Devobhava – Your father be your god
 - Acharya Devobhava – Your teacher be your god
 - Athithi Devobhava – Your Guest be your god
- ▣ The concept of “God” is attributed to everything that is venerable.
- ▣ Holy “Cow” happened to be something that is revered

Vedic Chants

- ▣ Some Vedic chants are called “Mantras”
- ▣ They are either in praise of a god or they are chanted for peace for all .
- ▣ Mantras supposedly give peace to heart.
- ▣ A vedic mantra recitation(s)
 - ▣ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5G_ilgDcLk&feature=related
 - ▣ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fkvvm4rLmg8>

Movie time.

- ▣ Neodämmerung

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57WXnReRksM>

- ▣ End Credits

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWHEHdM7jm8>

Asatoma Sadgamaya

▣ A modern Indian musical version:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQfj2tOmuBs&feature=related>

Let peace be to all
Thanks