

The Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Hinduism

Home to one of the ancient civilizations of the world, India is also the birthplace of a dizzying array of gods worshipped by millions of Hindus living in India and across the globe. Over the centuries many of these gods rose to power and became the object of utmost devotion, only to fall from grace and lose their standing. These deities shared a peculiar trait: they were never perfect. In this multivolume series entitled, *The Galaxy of Hindu Gods*, Sach takes you on an extended journey to meet with the gods and share their tales with you. Among the multitude of deities, the most ancient are the Vedic gods, which include luminaries like Indra, Surya, Varuna, Agni, and others. Today a minor deity, the Vedic Indra was once the ruler of the three worlds who, under the influence of a mysterious power drink, fought with the demons and vanquished them. His reign did not last long. His comrades Surya and Varuna also had their glory days but were overthrown by other gods of the pantheon. Yet, after thousands of years, gods like Indra, Surya, and Varuna are still household names and honored in Hindu rituals and traditions. If you know little or nothing about Hindu mythology, this is your ideal starting point where you will meet the overwhelming array of Hindu gods and learn about their wonderful stories.

Entries cover topics related to the understanding of Hinduism. Includes entries in the following categories: art, architecture, and iconography; astrology and cosmology; biographical entries; calendar and time; ceremonies, practices, and rituals; communities, groups, and organizations; dance; dynasties; geography; literature, language, and drama; medicine, physiology, and alchemy; music, hymns, and prayers; mythology and beliefs; philosophy and logic; and Yoga and Tantra.

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.

Provides information on the origins, history, and practice of Hinduism, including facts on the various festivals and celebrations.

From computers to the natural world, help your child find out everything they need to know about anything with this fact-packed *Children's Illustrated Encyclopedia*. They'll find over 500 articles arranged from A-Z on subjects they need to know about, all illustrated with dramatic photos, cut-aways, charts and maps. The encyclopedia has been fully revised to include recent scientific breakthroughs, space missions and discoveries, as well as political, social and ecological changes, so your child can keep fully up-to-date with what has been happening in the world. Plus, they'll be able to discover more about subjects using more than 5,000 fully-vetted and regularly updated internet links. Perfect for projects or just for fun, this is the ultimate illustrated family encyclopedia.

"An easy reference guide to 256 herbs, each herb illustrated in full color. Comprehensive information on growing, collecting and storing herbs Discusses the therapeutic properties of medicinal herbs Glossaries of both botanical and medical terms."--Amazon.com.

Krishna is a central figure in Hinduism, a religion that has been a fundamental force for thousands of years. This accessible encyclopedia covers texts, practices, scholarship, and arts related to Krishna from the earliest known sources on. • Overviews the importance of Krishna to world history • Offers topical and thematic entries illuminating classical texts and practice and modern developments inside and outside India • Covers philosophical traditions such as Advaita and vegetarianism as well as spiritual and yoga traditions and their contemporary adaptations • Includes extensive studies of followers and founders of Krishna in India and around the world • Shares geographical information regarding sacred places and places of pilgrimage

Discusses Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, and other religions past and present, and includes a time chart and a compilation of religious sayings.

Provides over 1,000 accessible, informative and authoritative entries that answer any major question about Hinduism, its mythology, practices, customs and laws India is so vast that each of its regions is a land in its own right, with diverse languages, customs, and cultural traditions. Yet shared social systems, firmly grounded in religious beliefs, provide the cohesive force that unites over a billion people of different backgrounds. Hinduism is the main religion of India, and this new dictionary provides an unrivaled insight to all aspects of Hindu life, past and present. Some thousand illustrated entries elucidate the history of Hinduism, its mythology, art, architecture, religion, laws, and folklore. The development of Hinduism is presented from its ancient manifestations in local cults and epic poems to modern-day festivals and customs worldwide. The complex relationship between the multitude of gods, goddesses, and semi-divine beings is brought to light in the articles on religion and mythology, while its rich imagery is revealed in the entries on architecture, sculpture, painting, dance, and theater, including works of art illustrated here for the first time. Food and etiquette, the caste system, Ayurvedic medicine, love and marriage, and contemporary practices are just a few of the topics explored. Maps and entries on the major cities and places of pilgrimage in India, as well as a concise chronology and a list of principal dynasties, provide a clear overview of the geography, history, languages, and vibrant religious and cultural traditions of Hinduism. This volume will serve as a lively and indispensable guide for those preparing a visit to India, for Indians living in the West, for students, or for anyone interested in the subcontinent. 275 b/w illustrations.

Artist and veteran Pixar animator Sanjay Patel lends a lush, whimsical illustration style and lighthearted voice to one of Hindu mythology's best-loved and most enduring tales. Teeming with powerful deities, love-struck monsters, flying monkey gods, magic weapons, demon armies, and divine love, Ramayana tells the story of Rama, a god-turned-prince, and his quest to rescue his wife Sita after she is kidnapped by a demon king. This illustrated tale features over 100 colorful full-spread illustrations, a detailed pictorial glossary of the cast of characters who make up the epic tale, and sketches of the work in progress. From princesses in peril to gripping battles, scheming royals, and hordes of bloodthirsty demons, Ramayana is the ultimate adventure story presented with an unforgettably modern touch.

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.

Describes the history, life and teachings of Buddha, denominations, religious beliefs, practices, lifestyle, and followers of Buddhism.

A comparative study between Vedic tradition and the Koran is a helpful step towards cross-cultural appreciation. This study is not only meant to deepen one's own tradition but also hopes to promote harmony, unity and peace between individuals in the world. A basic knowledge of both traditions is awaiting the reader who will be surprised to discover that the Vedic tradition very much parallels the Islamic teachings. Within this book both scriptures are carefully examined with sobriety and scholarship. I truly hope that this study will help those sincere souls who are in search of the absolute truth.

Lokanātha Swami Director Bhaktivedanta Academy for Spiritual Science, India

"A beautifully designed volume that provides in-depth information about religions of the world. Features over 3,500 entries and 32 pages of color art and maps. Developed in cooperation with Encyclopædia Britannica."

In an easy-to-follow, accessible reference format, this book uses over 700 full-color illustrations and clear text to explain, identify, and compare the major religions of the world from Zoroastrianism and ancient Egyptian rituals to Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.

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A detailed introduction to Buddhist philosophy and teachings, history, and Buddhism around the world today.

Looks at how practicing Hindus pray and worship.

A concise authoritative history of Hinduism, from its origins over 4000 years ago to the impact of its belief system across the world today.

Reflecting the spirit of East Indian myths, legends, and fables, these illustrations were compiled by one of the nineteenth century's foremost Orientalists. Edward Moor published *The Hindu Pantheon* in 1810, and this new volume draws upon his exposition of India's religious iconography to offer a spectacular array of images of Hindu deities.

Dramatic engravings and line drawings include scenes from the Ramayana and Mahabharata as well as temple images of Krishna, Vishnu, Siva, and other major gods and goddesses. Many are derived from bronze figurines; others are reproduced from manuscript illustrations. All appear with captions for ease of identification.

"Encyclopedia of World Religions" explores the major religions of the world, emphasizing the living faiths and their background. Each illustrated volume provides access to the theological concepts, personalities, historical events, institutions, and movements that helped shape the history of each religion and the way it is practiced. Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? In *How Big Is Your God?* Paul Coutinho, SJ, challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God—a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to people in various world religions—from Hindu friends to Buddhist teachers to St. Ignatius of Loyola—who have shaped his spiritual life and made possible his deep, personal relationship with God.

The glory of growing older is the freedom to be more truly ourselves—with age we gain the liberty to pursue bold new endeavors and worry less about what other people think. In this richly illustrated volume, bestselling author and artist Lisa Congdon explores the power of women over the age of forty who are thriving and living life on their own terms. Profiles, interviews, and essays from women—including Vera Wang, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Julia Child, Cheryl Strayed, and many more—who've found creative fulfillment and accomplished great things in the second half of their lives are lavishly illustrated and hand-lettered in Congdon's signature style. The perfect gift for women of all ages, *A Glorious Freedom* celebrates extraordinary lives and redefines what it means to gain wisdom and maturity.

A comprehensive survey of the world's principal myths and religions. Over 400 photos, drawings and maps.

An illustrated A to Z reference containing over 600 entries providing information on the theology, people, historical events, institutions and movements related to Protestantism.

From the classical to the contemporary, this is a comprehensive, systematic and accessible encyclopedia of the phenomenon known as 'Hinduism'. Drawing on his extensive knowledge of the religion and its texts, Klostermaier presents the theoretical and practical aspects of Hinduism that render this most ancient of religions a living faith. The encyclopedia features the major systems of Hindu thought, covers figures from Manu to Gandhi and includes locations from Ramesvaram, on the southernmost tip of India, to the Himalayas in the north. Written with assurance, learning, sympathy and insight, this is an invaluable reference for students, adherents of the religion and those unfamiliar with this diverse world faith.

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.

Volume VI is a general index to the Encyclopedia and presents in addition a dozen articles that are missing from earlier volumes. Each concept term included in the general index is glossed and identified by language (Sanskrit, the Indic vernaculars, Persian, etc.). Moreover, the general index is divided into some two dozen categories, such as divinities, performance traditions, religious traditions, and poets/teachers/saints (the latter two further separated into pre-19th century and modern). With an estimated 25,000 entries, this index volume represents a valuable companion to the main-entry essays and an indispensable resource for all who study the history and structure of Hindu traditions.

In this work, an endeavor has been made to compile the long-felt want of an illustrated Indian Mythological Character Encyclopedia. This has encyclopedic descriptions of most of the characters from the three epics, the Ramayana, the Bhagavata, and the Mahabharata and hopefully, serves as a resource how different characters are related to or not to each other and also includes the genealogies of Rama, Krishna, Ravana, and Kuru dynasty.

The Religions Book clearly and simply explains all of the important information about the world's major, and many minor, religions, in an easy-to-access format. Using easy-to-follow graphics and artworks, succinct quotations, and thoroughly accessible text, The Religions Book explores the beliefs that underpin religious traditions around the globe and how they developed. From primal beliefs to the world's great faiths and the continuing quest for spiritual meaning in our complex world, The Religions Book gets to the heart of what it means to believe in God and religion's place in society. The Religions Book includes: - A dedicated section for each of the world's five major faiths - Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism - Primal beliefs, ancient and classical mythology, and new religions - Brief biographies and context boxes to give the full historical context of selected religions The clear and concise summaries, graphics, and quotations in The Religions Book will help even the complete novice understand the ideas behind faiths and the place of religion in the world.

ABOUT THE BOOK: The True History and the Religion of India, A concise Encyclopedia of Authentic Hinduism is one of the most comprehensive books on human civilization. It is an authoritative view of the history of world thought. The book provides the

Penetrate the profound mysteries of existence with this handsomely illustrated encyclopedia. The spiritual knowledge it imparts will transform ordinary life into an extraordinary journey of awakening. Delve into the various branches of Shamanism, Hinduism, Paganism, Judaism, Christianity, Taoism, Buddhism, and even modern "cults" like Scientology. "Just right for a refresher course regarding a basic tenet, or even learning about numbers of new topics you've been meaning to tackle."--The New Times.

Unlike many other ancient mythologies, Hinduism thrives in the modern world. One billion followers and countless others have been captivated by its symbolic representations of love, karma, and reincarnation. Handbook of Hindu Mythology offers an informative introduction to this dauntingly complex mythology of multifaceted deities, lengthy heroic tales, and arcane philosophies-all with a 3,000-year history of reinterpretations and adaptations. Williams offers a number of pathways by which to approach Hinduism's ever-changing gods and goddesses

(e.g., Brahmī ½, Vishnu, Siva), spiritual verses (such as the vedas), secular epics (including the Rī ½mī ½yana and the Mahī ½bhī ½rata), myths within myths, devotional and esoteric traditions, psychic and yogic disciplines, and magical practices. With this handbook, readers can explore the history of Hindu mythology, follow a detailed timeline of key episodes and historical events, and look up specific elements of historical or contemporary Hinduism in a beautifully illustrated reference work. It is the ideal introduction to the origins of Hinduism, the culture that shaped it from antiquity to the present, and the age-old stories, ideas, and traditions that speak to the human condition as eloquently today as ever. Including annotated bibliographies, a glossary of cultural and mythological terms, and numerous illustrations, here is a gold mine of information on Hindu mythology.

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