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"In the days when historians supposed that history had begun with Greece, Europe gladly believed that India has been a hotbed of barbarism. In 1924 the world of scholarship was again roused by news from India. Sir John Marshall announced that he had discovered at Mohenjo-daro, on the western bank of the lower Indus, remains of what seemed to be an older civilization than any yet known to historians. The indications are that Mohenjo-daro was at its height when Cheops built the first great pyramid; that it had commercial, religious, and artistic connections with Sumeria, and Babylonia. It survived over 3000 years, until the third century before Christ." (source: ["The Story of Civilization: Our Oriental Heritage - By Will Durant](#) ISBN 1567310125 p 394-396).

Since the nineteenth century, India's ancient history from Vedic times and the true content of the Veda have both been distorted by a blinkered and unsympathetic scholarship. British rulers, European scholars and missionaries combined in a campaign to disparage the roots of Indian civilization, and used the wholly groundless Aryan Invasion theory to sow seeds of division in the Indian society - "divide and rule," but also "divide and convert." The same fallacies continue to be promoted today. Unfortunately, many of the wounds the Aryan invasion theory inflicted on Indian society are still painfully open today, nurtured as they have been by missionaries, Marxist historians and politicians, who together have made sure that divisions between castes have been sharpening rather than subsiding - for the simple reason that without such divisions they would all be out of business. Today, it is necessary to examine the birth of the Aryan myth, and the misuses it has bred; it then gives a fresh look at the invasion theory in the light of recent scientific evidence, and shows how it now stands overwhelmingly disproved. (source: [The Invasion That Never Was - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar](#) p. 26).

[Sardar Kavalam Madhava Panikkar](#) (1896-1963) Indian scholar, journalist, historian from Kerala, administrator, diplomat, Minister in Patiala Bikaner and Ambassador to China, Egypt and France. He was the author of [Asia and Western Dominance](#) and has written in his book, '[A Survey of Indian History](#)' (1954):

'One thing, however, is certain and can no longer be contested—civilization did not come to India with the Aryans. This doctrine of the Aryan origin of Indian civilization which finds no support in Indian Literature which does not consider the Dasyus (Dravidians) as uncivilized, is the result of the theories of Indo-Germanic scholars who held that everything valuable in the world originated from the Aryans. Not only is Indian civilization pre-Vedic, but the essential features of Hindu religion as we know it today were perhaps present in Mohenjo-Daro.'

It is gratifying to note that people like [Swami Vivekananda](#), [Aurobindo Ghosh](#) and [Dadabhai Naoroji](#) did not have appetite for racial theories, because, as Naoroji put it, they were unrealistic and often used to prove the inferiority of Asians. Only one among our great political leaders saw through the hollowness of the Aryan theory. [B R Ambedkar](#) who observed: "That the theory of the Aryan race set up by Western writers fails to the ground at every point goes without saying. ... Anyone who comes to scrutinize the theory will find that it suffers from a 'double infection.' He could clearly see the implications of such ill-founded hypotheses which colonial Indology imposed on India and which Indian scholars went on repeating ad nauseam.



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Introduction

"Archaeology has been used as a tool for intellectually dominating the subjugated nations and minorities. During the colonial period the history of the colonized nations was perceived in such a way as to relegate them in various ways to the static backwaters of human development. In this sense the interpretation of the archaeological data from these nations or colonized areas was the direct handmaiden of the political reality of the period. This plank was laid down at the height of Western political hegemony over India, and the fact that this still has been left in its place speaks a volume for the post-1947 pattern of the retention of Western dominance in various forms."

- [Dilip K Chakrabarti](#) - archaeologist, historian and author of [Colonial Indology: Sociopolitics of the Ancient Indian Past](#)

The first point to note is that the idea of the Aryans as foreigners who invaded India and destroyed the existing Harappan Civilization is a modern European invention; **it receives no support whatsoever from Indian records - literary or archaeological.**

The same is true of the notion of the Aryans as a race; it finds no support in Indian literature or tradition. (And genetics demolishes it.) **The word 'Arya' in Sanskrit means noble and never a race.** In fact, the authoritative Sanskrit lexicon (c. 450 AD), the famous [Amarakosha](#) gives the following definition:

mahakula kulinarya sabhya sajjana sadhavah .



Statue of a Serene Lord Vishnu.

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An Arya is one who hails from a noble family, of gentle behavior and demeanor, good-natured and of righteous conduct. And the great epic [Ramayana](#) has a singularly eloquent expression describing Rama as:

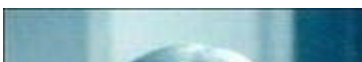
arya sarva samascaiva sadaiva priyadarsanah - Arya, who worked for the equality of all and was dear to everyone . The [Rig Veda](#) also uses the word Arya something like thirty six times, but never to mean a race. The nearest to a definition that one can find in the Rigveda is probably:

praja aya jyotiragrah ...

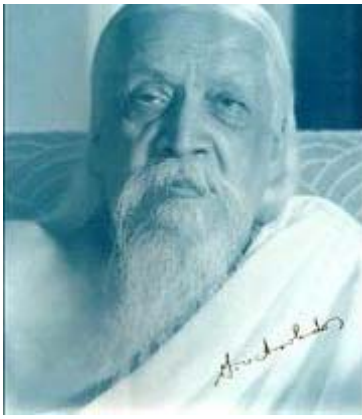
Children of Arya are led by light - [Rig Veda, VII. 33.17](#).

Thus, the modern notion of an Aryan-Dravidian racial divide is contradicted by ancient records. We have it on the authority of Manu that the Dravidians were also part of the Aryan fold. Interestingly, so were the Chinese. Race never had anything to do with it until the Europeans adopted the ancient word to give expression to their nationalistic and other aspirations.

Please refer to [Naimisha Journal](#) for interesting articles on Aryan Invasion Theory).



[Sir Aurobindo](#) (1872-1950) most original philosopher of modern India. He has said: "It distresses us to see Indian inquirers with their great



opportunities simply following in the path of certain European scholars, accepting and adding to their unstable fantasies, their huge superstructures founded on weak and scattered evidence and their imaginative "history of our prehistoric ages."

(source: [India's Rebirth - Sri Aurobindo](#) p. 110-111).

The term 'aryan' has never been used in a racial sense anywhere in the vast compendium of Hindu literature. In the whole of the Rig Veda the word arya occurs no more than four times. It stands for whatever is regarded as eminent and ennobling. The term was used in a racial sense for the first time by Western historians who cooked up the theory of an Aryan invasion of India around 1500 B.C. They also popularized in a racial sense, the term Dravidian

which had earlier had only a linguistic connotation.

(source: [Story of Islamic Imperialism in India - By Sita Ram Goel](#) Voice of India ISBN : 81-85990-23-9 p. 8).

It is not a wise or correct view that the Hindus had no historical sense. When they excelled in many difficult sciences and arts, it cannot be that they were deficient in the comparatively crude and primitive art of keeping chronicles, in which much lesser peoples have excelled.



Colonel Jame Tod (1782-1835) author of [Annals and Antiquities of Rajasthan: or the Central and Western Rajput States of India](#) ISBN 8120612892 says well:

"If we consider the political changes and convulsions which have happened in Hinduism since Mahmud's invasion and the intolerant bigotry of many of his successors, we shall be able to account for the paucity of its national works on history, without being driven to the conclusion, that the Hindus were ignorant of an art which was cultivated in other countries from almost the earliest ages. **Is it to be imagined that a nation so highly civilized as the Hindus, amongst whom the exact sciences flourished in perfection, by whom the fine arts, architecture, sculpture, poetry and music were not only cultivated but taught and defined by the nicest and most elaborate rules, were totally unacquainted with the simple**

art of recording the events of their history, the chapters of their princes and the acts of their reigns?"

Though it is often said glibly that India has never had any historical instinct and that she has never kept any record of her achievements, such a view is incorrect.

The fact seems to be that the so-called Dravidians and the so-called Aryans were indigenous people in India and that the theory of their immigration and incursion into India is a figment of occidental scholarship.

In Tamil words Dravida is said to be the name of the Southern portion of India from Tiruvenkatam (Tirupati) to Kumari (Cape Comorin). The ancient Tamil works speak of a flood which destroyed the land south of the Kumari. The term Pancha Dravidas include the Tamils, the Telegus, the Karnatahas, the Maharastrians, and the Gurjaras, just as the term Pancha Gowdas include the people of the north of the Vindhyas. **Thus the term Dravidas relates to a tract of land and not to a race.**

The theory of the Aryan immigration into India from somewhere has been so often repeated by the western savants that it has become an article of faith even with the Indian scholars! But the Vedas refer to the Himalayas as the Uttara Giri i.e. the northern border and contain no hints of an Aryan immigration into India from abroad.

(source: [Indian Culture and the Modern Age - By Dewan Bahadur K. S. Ramaswami Sastri](#) Annamalai University. 1956 p. 46-51).

Several eminent personalities including Swami Vivekanand, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and Shri Aurobindo firmly believed that Aryans were homegrown, born and brought up in India. Many chose to dismiss those views simply as irrational, inspirational or ultra-nationalistic. Yet, the archeological finds being uncovered presently, year after year, supported by continuing historical & scholarly research seem to prove that Swami Vivekanand, Rabindranath Tagore and Shri Aurobindo, and many learned personalities were correct to raise pointed questions against the Aryan Invasion Theory.



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The British, in presenting the Aryan Invasion Theory **offered no proof**. They did not need to. Hundreds of Indian historians rushed forward to earn their doctorates, promotions, patronage and government-aided jobs and positions for supporting the British theory of Aryan Invasion of India. Their Proof? Largely quoting those very hundreds of articles and books –and asking - how could so many learned books and serious articles by countless British and Indian historians be wrong!

Some did murmur that the **British-created Myth** was aimed at proving to the Indians that they have always been ruled by foreigners, being incapable of ruling themselves and that it was always the foreign invader, like the Aryans (and in later times, other foreigners and finally, the British), who brought progress and enlightenment – and therefore never must Indians aspire for self-rule unless the intention is to bring back darkness, decadence and ruin on themselves.

(source: [Return of the Aryans](#) - By Bhagwan S Gidwani - Book reviewed by Prof. Jagjit Mirchand).

Refer to chapters on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#).

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Oriental Renaissance

In the 18th century, India was regarded as the origin of civilization, by thinkers like Voltaire and Schlegel.



[Voltaire Francois Marie Arouet](#) (1694-1774) France's greatest writer and philosopher wrote:

" I am convinced that everything has come down to us from the banks of the Ganges, - astronomy, astrology, metempsychosis, etc." " It is very important to note that some 2,500 years ago at the least Pythagoras went from Samos to the Ganges to learn geometry...But he would certainly not have undertaken such a strange journey had the reputation of the Brahmins' science not been long established in Europe..."

[Friedrich von Schlegel](#) (1772-1829) German philosopher, critic, and writer, declared in 1803:

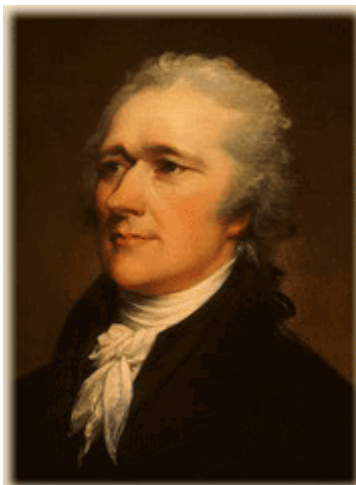
"Everything without exception is of Indian origin.." "whether directly or indirectly, all nations are originally nothing but Indian colonies."

(source: [The Invasion That Never Was](#) - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar p. 12 - 13 and 90 - 91).

Refer to [Voltaire](#), [Lettres sur l'origine des sciences et sur celle des peuples de l'Asia](#) (first published Paris, 1777), letter of 15 December 1775. and [Voltaire](#), [Fragments historiques sur l'Inde](#), p. 444 - 445.

[Count Magnus Fredrik Ferdinand Bjornstierna](#) (1779-1847) author of [Die Theogonie, Philosophie und Kosmogonie der Hindus](#) says:

"It is there in (Aryavarta) we must seek not only for the cradle of the Brahmin religion but for the cradle of the high civilization of the Hindus, which gradually extended itself in the west to Ethiopia, to Egypt, to Phoenicia; in the East to Siam, to China and Japan; in the South to Ceylon, to Java and to Sumatra; in the North to Persia, to Chaldea, and to Colchis, whence it came to Greece and to Rome and at length to the distant abode of the Hyperboreans."



Five years later, [Alexander Hamilton](#) (1757-1804) aide-de-camp to George Washington and first secretary of the Treasury, epitomized this attitude in these words:

"When we read in the valuable production of those great Oriental scholars...those of a Jones, a Wilkings, a Colebrooke, or a Halhed - **we uniformly discover in the Hindus a nation, whose polished manners are the result of a mild disposition and an extensive benevolence.**"

[Frederick Eden Pargiter](#) (1852-1927) in his well-known work [Ancient Indian Historical Tradition](#) says that the Aryan civilization is the civilization of the Aila or Lunar race which lived in Ilavrita in mid-Himalayas: that the Vedic culture reflects a blend of both Aryan and Dravidian and that the **Aryan civilization did not come from beyond; and that it spread to Afghanistan and Persia and further west from India.**

(source: [Indian Culture and the Modern Age - By Dewan Bahadur K. S. Ramaswami Sastri](#) Annamalai University. 1956 p.39).



Theodor Benfey (1809-1881), a German linguist, was of the opinion that **India is the origin of ancient civilization that spread to Europe along with its language and the religious stories.**

Benfey's fame rests on his **Pantschantantra, Fuenf Buecher indischer Fabeln, Maerchen und Erzaehlungen**. ("Pancatantra, five books of Indian fables, fairy tales and stories), 1859. In the Introduction he showed that many Oriental and Occidental fairy tales are of Indian origin. He traced their route to the West: they were first translated into Pahlevi, then into Arabic to be later rendered into Greek, Persian, Hebrew, Latin and German.

According to Benfey, the Pancatantra is a nitishastra, a book on statesmanship for kings and ministers. He concludes the introduction by saying "my research in the field of fables, fairy stories and tales of Orient and Occident have convinced me that not few fables, but a large number of fairy tales and stories, was spread from India all over the

world."

(source: [German Indologists: Biographies of Scholars in Indian Studies writing in German - By Valentine Stache-Rosen](#) p.32-33).

Historian **Thomas R. Trautmann** explains, its proponents hoped that "the study of Sanskrit and Indian antiquities would bring a second renaissance to the West, as the study of Greek learning had been the foundation of the first Renaissance."

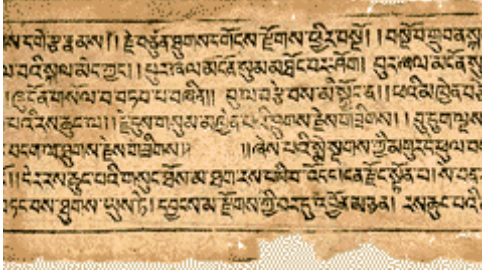
The French scholar **Maurice Olender** agrees: "Hebrew, whose centrality had been challenged for some time, finally gave way to Sanskrit," and, for a time, Sanskrit texts "with an air of eternity about them came to supplant the Bible." Well, almost.

However, this generous estimate of Indian civilization and its possible contribution to the West started changing as Britain's hold over India grew more firm and widespread. While most 18th century European travelers to India described her as "flourishing," less than a century later she had sunk into depths of dismal misery. The **Mahabharata** has this pregnant image: "If spent ceaselessly even the Himalayas would be exhausted." **The British were anxious to clothe their greed in lofty ideals** the "white man's burden" of civilizing (and, naturally, Christianizing) less enlightened races, the "divinely ordained mission" of bringing to India the glory of Europe's commercial and industrial civilization, and so forth.

As **Thomas R. Trautmann** puts it:

" Evangelical influence drove British policy down a path that tended to minimize and denigrate the accomplishments of Indian civilization and to position itself as the negation of the (earlier) British Indomania" that was nourished by belief in Indian wisdom."

That is how the short-lived "Indomania" gave way to what the French scholar **Raymond Schwab** called "**British Indophobia.**" Sadly, but mistakenly, most of Europe's Sanskrit scholars were now certain that these translations would "carry their own condemnation." The British could even less accept that they owed their language and civilization to a benighted India - that would have been dealing a blow to the very foundation of Europe's mission in India, and particularly to the British Empire now at the height of its glory. Thus, the Rig-Veda was seen as "rather Indo-European than Hindu, and representing the condition of the Aryans before their final settlement in India."



Never mind that all this was mere conjecture, that the Rig-Veda itself made it clear that the wars between Aryans and Dasyus, were battles between powers of light and darkness, that the word "Arya" was plainly used in the Veda to describe not a racial group, but a quality of being and a culture, a dedication to the truth and readiness to fight for it - all this was simply brushed aside, and whole edifice was promptly erected on these non-existent foundations.

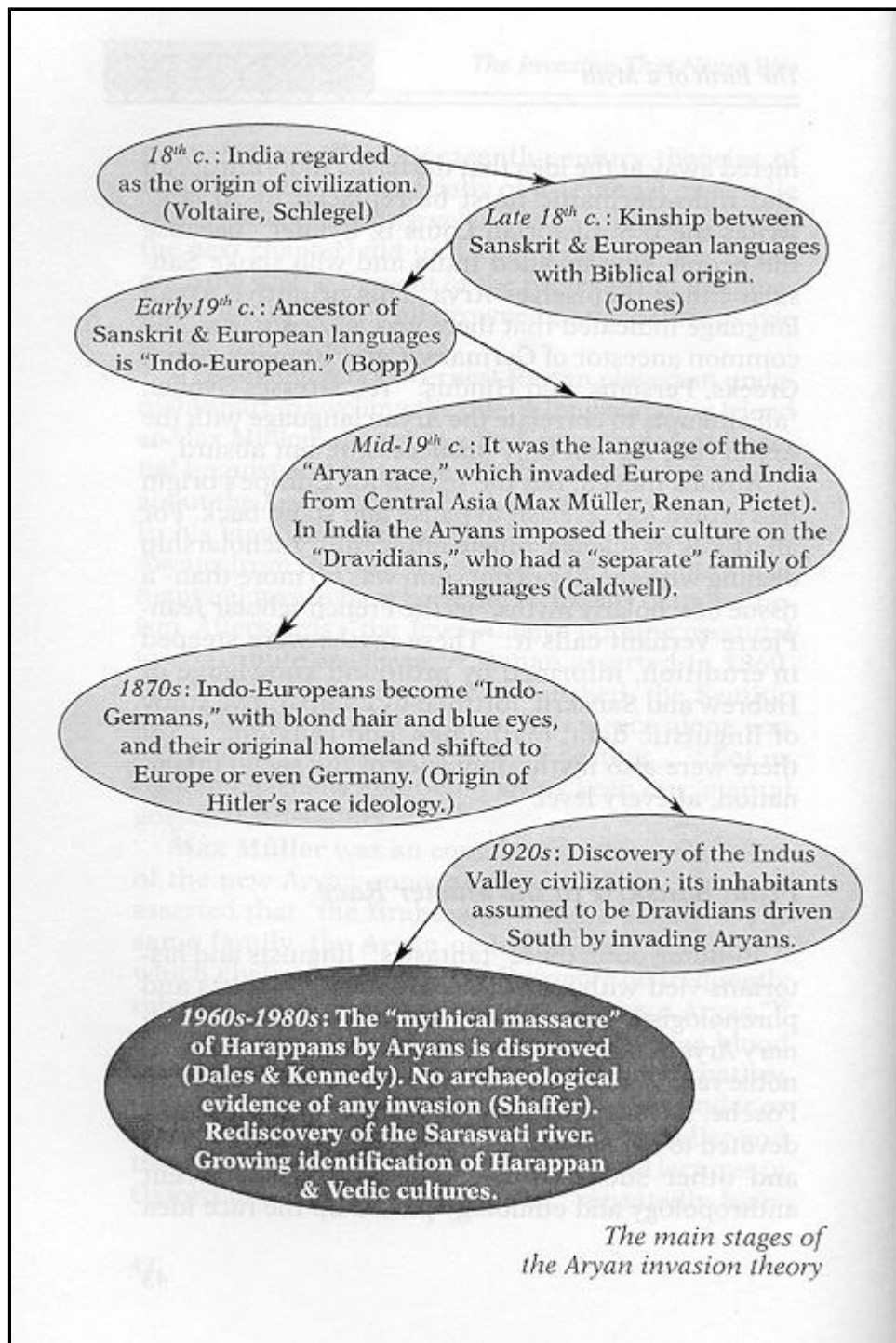
This theory was used to cut down the Indian's pride in his past and nation - since India was no longer the source of Indian civilization - and make him all the more willing to accept the white man's rule: now that the Hindus were shown to be descendants of former invaders who belonged to the same "Aryan race" as the Europeans' ancestors, **it was easier to legitimize Britain's conquest of India as merely as one more "Aryan wave" which, this time would bring true light to the subcontinent.** John Wilson, a leading Christian missionary of the time, declared in all seriousness in 1858, and naturally this happy family reunion had now brought India into contact "with the most enlightened and philanthropic nation in the world."

Lord Derby, then Secretary of State for India, declared that the scholars who had discovered and proved the close relationship between Sanskrit and English, had rendered more valuable service to the (colonial) Government of India than many a regiment."

Sir William Wilson Hunter 1840-1900) He was educated at Glasgow University (B.A. s86o), Paris and Bonn, acquiring a knowledge of Sanscrit, and passing first in the final examination for the Indian Civil Service in 1862. Author of **A Brief History of the Indian Peoples** and editor of **Imperial Gazetteer of India**.wrote in 1868:

"The aboriginals would be a good target group for conversion to Christianity. They have yet to start on the path of progress. It remains for us to decide whether the path is to lead them to Hinduism, or the purer faith and civilization which we represent."

(source: **The Invasion That Never Was - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar**).



(source: *The Invasion That Never Was* - By Michel Danino/Sujata Nahar p. 44).

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Motives of the British East India Company - Divide and Convert



Lord Canning (1812 - 1862) Governor General of India from 1856 - 1862 and the first Viceroy in India. In the middle of the 1857 uprising, he wrote to a British official:

"As we must rule 150 millions of people by a handful (more or less small) of Englishmen, let us do it in the manner best calculated to leave them divided (as in religion and national feeling they already are) and to inspire them with



the greatest possible awe of our power and with the least possible suspicion of our motives.”

(source: [The Muslims of British India - By P Hardy](#) p. 72).

[K. M. Panikkar](#) (1896-1963) Indian scholar, journalist, historian from Kerala, administrator, diplomat, Minister in Patiala Bikaner and Ambassador to China, Egypt and France. Author of several books, including [Asia and Western Dominance](#), [India Through the ages](#) and [India and the Indian Ocean](#).

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The year was 1783, nearly 217 years ago, that the British had lost its 13 colonies in America, and now it was necessary to fully concentrate on India. The East India Company representing the British, was trading since 1690, and it now became necessary to plan a strategy whereby a British rule can be established in a country inherently different from Canada, America and Australia.



Sir William Jones with Brahmins at his feet.

The picture symbolizes how academic Indians today often remain under the glass ceiling as “native informants” of the Westerners. Yet in 19th century Europe, Sanskrit was held in great awe and respect, even while the natives of India were held in contempt or at best in a patronizing manner as children to be raised into their master's advanced “civilization.”

Sir William Jones (1746-1794) the first British to master Sanskrit and study the Vedas, wrote to Sir Warren Hastings how to spread "our pure faith" as "no mission from the Church of Rome will ever be able to convert the Hindus."

In the year 1784, under the patronage of Governor General Warren Hastings, the Asiatic Society of Bengal was formed with a membership of 30 Europeans, headed by [Sir William Jones](#) as president. In the very year, he wrote to [Sir Warren Hastings](#) how to spread "our pure faith" as "no mission from the Church of Rome will ever be able to convert the Hindus." He wrote about translating into Sanskrit and "then quietly to disperse the work among the well-educated natives." He goes on to state that "all the 14 Menus (Manus) are reducible to one," and that "a connection subsisted between the old idolatrous nations."

(source: [West Asian languages derived from Indus script - By Bhikhu Patel](#)). Refer to [Geopolitics and Sanskrit Phobia - By Rajiv Malhotra](#) - sulekha.com and chapters on [Conversion](#), [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#).

The Aryan Invasion Theory - AIT specifically justified the presence of the British among their "Aryan cousins" in India, being merely the second wave of Aryan settlement there. It supported the British view of India as merely a geographical region without historical unity, a legitimate prey for any invader capable of imposing himself. It provided the master illustration to the rising racist worldview:

- (1) the dynamic whites entered the land of the indolent dark natives;
- (2) being superior, the whites established their dominance and imparted their language to the natives;
- (3) being race-conscious, they established the caste system to preserve their racial separateness;
- (4) but being insufficiently fanatical about their race purity, some miscegenation with the natives took place anyway, making the Indian Aryans darker than their European cousins and correspondingly less intelligent and less dynamic;
- (5) hence, for their own benefit they were susceptible to an uplifting intervention by a new wave of purer Aryan colonizers.

Questioning the Aryan Invasion Theory (AIT) is now widely presented as a part of the alleged hinduization or "saffronization" of history by the BJP-led government in India. Through the media, the West has vaguely heard an echo of the commotion about this development among Indian Marxist historians trying to hold on to their power positions.

Indo - Anglian snobbery: English education and more recently the westernization of the workplace, of popular music and other everyday circumstances have generated a class of Indians quite alienated from and ignorant of native culture. **More than the English-employed Babus of yore, they delight in mocking and belittling native culture. In their hands, the AIT is simply an instrument to tease Indian "chauvinists" and deconstruct the very notion of a distinct Indian or Hindu civilization.** With the decline of ideology and the rise of the commercial outlook in the media, this supercilious and nihilistic attitude is now a rising force in the opinion landscape, but it has always been around in non-Marxist sections of independent India's anglicised elite.

(source: [The Politics of the Aryan Invasion Debate - By Dr. Koenraad Elst](#) - bharatvani.org - Indology Review).

Refer to chapters on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#).

The Fiction of Aryan Invasion Theory

The preplanned scheme of Jones to introduce the idea that Sanskrit was an outside language gave birth to the speculation of the imagined existence of some Central Asian (Aryan) race who spoke Sanskrit and who brought Sanskrit language to India when they forcefully entered the country. In this way, the fiction of the Aryan Invasion was created much later, sometime in the 1800's by the same group of people and was extensively promoted by Max Muller.



Manu Smriti (2/21,22) describes the exact location of Aryavart which lies from the south of the Himalayas and all the way up to the Indian Ocean. Its inhabitants are called the Arya.

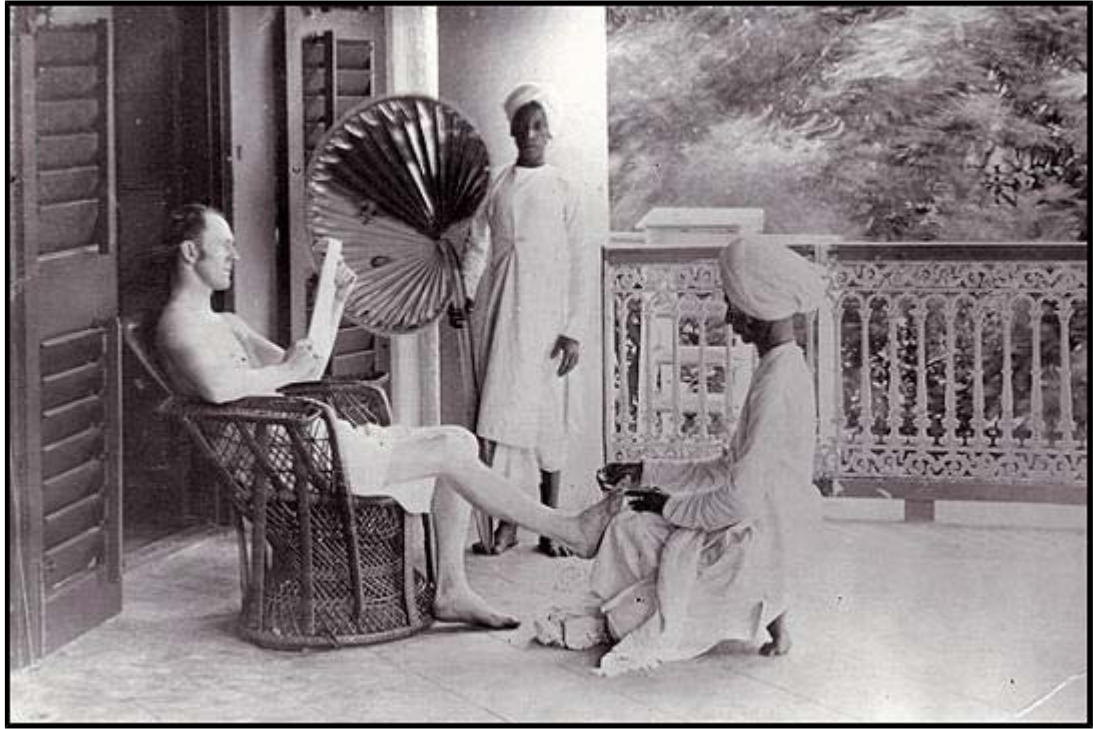
It is a well known fact that India is called **Aryavart**. **Manu Smriti (2/21,22) describes the exact location of Aryavart which lies from the south of the Himalayas and all the way up to the Indian Ocean. Its inhabitants are called the Arya.** But it is not a locally spoken name. But it is not a locally spoken name. Commonly, we write Bharatvarsh for India in general and scriptural writings. The territory of India (or Bharatvarsh for Aryavart) during the Mahabharat war (3139 BC) was up to Iran. So the ancient Iranian people also used to call themselves the Aryans.

People of the British regime using this information, **fabricated a story that some unknown race** of Central Asia who came and settled in Iran were called the Aryans and they were Sanskrit speaking people. They invaded India, established themselves permanently, and wrote the Vedas. Those who introduced this ideology never cared to produce any evidence in support of their statement because it never existed, and furthermore, fiction stories don't need evidences as they are self-created dogmas.

If someone carefully looks into the ancient history of India, he will find that there was no such thing as an Aryan invasion. Since the very beginning of human civilization, Hindus (Aryans) are the inhabitants of Bharatvarsh (India) which is called Aryavart. **In the Bharatiya history there are descriptions of Shak and Hun invasions and also of the Muslim invasions but never an Aryan invasion.**

Max Muller promoted this invasion story and formulated his dates of Vedic origin accordingly.

(source: [The True History and the Religion of India: A Concise Encycloedia of Authentic Hinduism - By Swami Prakashanand Saraswati](#) p. 266- 267).



An Englishman getting a pedicure from his Indian servants.

"The British have set themselves up as the master race in India. British rule in India is fascism, there is no dodging that."

"It is in India, of all places on the earth, that the superiority of the white over the colored races is most strikingly demonstrated."

The Aryan Invasion Theory served as a theoretical underpinning of the historical legitimacy of the British presence in India. That the British appeared at the end of a long line of invaders of the land, beginning with the Aryans.

Refer to the chapter on [European Imperialism](#).

The Aryan Invaders - Hindu historical records as fiction?

The Western experts concluded, somewhere between 1500 and 1000 BE, the primitive barbarians who composed the Veda invaded northern India, driving the helpless Dravidians into the southern part of the subcontinent where they live today. There are two difficulties with this popular theory:

1. Today's northern Hindus have absolutely no memory of having ever driven the Dravidians out of north India. None of their ancient manuscripts mentions any such thing.
2. Today's Dravidians have absolutely no memory of ever having lived in North India. In fact, their ancient traditions suggest that their forebears came from the south, not from the north.

Minor problems like these did not discourage the Europeans and American scholars of the time. Thousands of pages of the Hindu's own historical records were simply dismissed as fiction.

Over and over the Vedas mention a mighty river called the Saraswati where Aryan communities flourished and Vedic priests sang hymns of glorious gods, like Indra. Western scholars speculated that the Saraswati might have been one of the rivers to the east of the Aral Sea in Soviet Central Asia. Perhaps, some even speculated, it had never been anything but a figment of the ancient poet's imaginations!

In the early 1980's proponents of the Aryan Invasion Theory, got a terrible shock. Satellite imaging was revolutionizing our knowledge of Earth's geography. It allowed scientists to get a look at the planet from low orbit out in space. Satellite photos of the dry bed of an enormous river, so huge it may have been five miles across at one site. While that river was in business, it may been the largest in the world, bigger even than the Amazon today. The geologists quickly established the river had dried up around 1900 BCE. Yet according to our friend Max Muller the Veda hadn't been composed till at the very least 700 years after the river disappeared. What was this? **Poets pretending they still lived alongside a river that vanished centuries before? Not darn likely!**

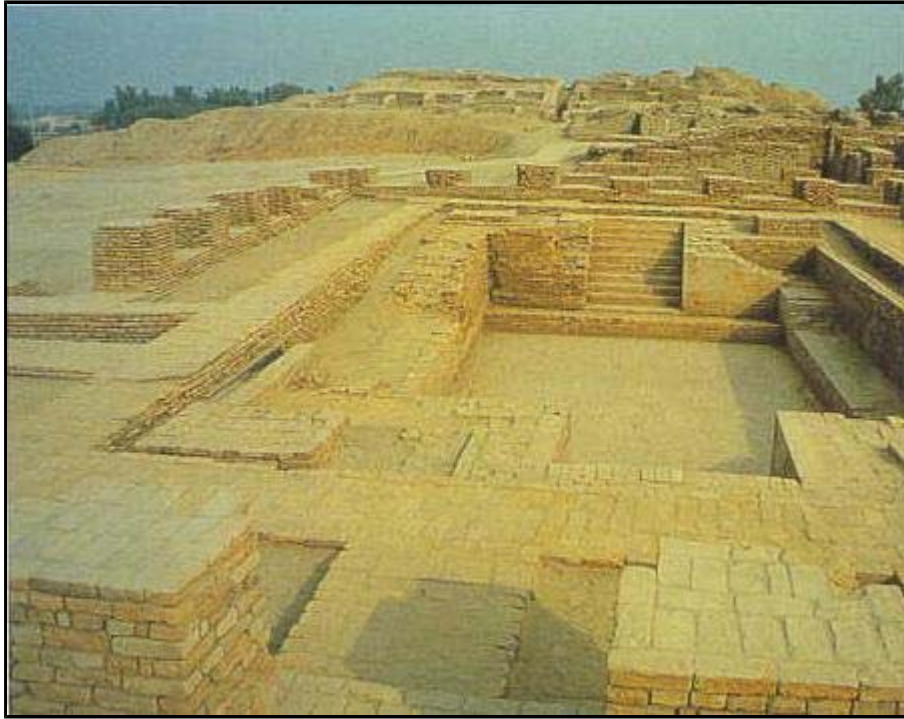
(source: [Hinduism - By Linda Johnsen](#) p. 20 - 24). Refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#)

Westward movement?

Shrikant Talageri proceeds to demonstrate that the fragmentary Vedic data and the systematic Puranic account tally rather splendidly. **The Puranas** relate a **westward movement** of a branch of the Aila/Saudyumna clan or Lunar dynasty from Prayag (Allahabad, at the junction of Ganga and Yamuna) to Sapta Saindhavah, the land of the seven rivers. There, the tribe splits into five, after the five sons of the conqueror Yayati: Yadu, Druhyu, Anu, Puru, Turvashu. All the rulers mentioned in the Vedas either belong to the Paurava (Puru-descended) tribe settled on the banks of the Saraswati, or have come in contact with them according to the Puranic account, whether by alliance and matrimony or by war. Later, the Pauravas (and minor dynasties springing from them) extend their power eastward, into and across their ancestral territory, and the Vedic traditions spread along with the economic and political influence of the metropolitan Saraswati-based Paurava people.

This way, the eastward expansion of the Vedic horizon, which has often been read as proof of a western origin of the Aryans, is integrated into a larger history. The Vedic people are shown as merely one branch of an existing Aryan culture, originally spanning northern India (at least) from eastern Uttar Pradesh to Panjab. The approximate and relative chronology provided by the dynastic lists allow us to estimate the time of those events as much earlier than the heyday and end of the Harappan cities. Later the Anavas are said to have invaded Panjab from their habitat in Kashmir, and to have been defeated and expelled by the Pauravas in the so-called **Battle of the Ten Kings**, described in **Rig Veda** 7:18,19,33,83. The ten tribes allied against king Sudas (who belonged to the Trtsu branch of the Paurava tribe) have been enumerated in the Vedic references to the actual battle, and a number of them are unmistakably Iranian: Paktha (Pashtu), BhalAna (Bolan/Baluch), Parshu (Persian), PRthu (Parthian), the others being less recognizable: VishANin, Allna, Shiva, Shimyu, BhRgu, Druhyu.

(source: [Aryan Invasion Theory, a Reappraisal - By Shrikant Talageri](#)).



Excavations at Mohenjadaro.

The Vedic Corpus provides no evidence for the so called "Aryan Invasion" of India

Thousands of pages of the Hindu's own historical records were simply dismissed as fiction by European and American scholars.

[Koenraad Elst](#), Belgian scholar, as pointed out, **no Indian until the mid-nineteenth century had heard of the notion that his ancestors were invaders from Central Asia who had destroyed the native Indian civilization and culture. But almost every history book now proclaims so.** There was no Aryan-Dravidian divide before, but many people in the south now believe they were the original inhabitants of India who were pushed around and down south by the invading Aryan tribes who imposed their Vedic culture and rituals on the rest of India.

[Winston Churchill](#) who opposed any policy giving independence to India, **belligerently** points out:

"We have as much right to be in India as anyone there, except perhaps for the depressed classes, who are the native stock."

He also points out how such a theory was **swallowed hook, line and sinker** by a variety of Indians for a variety of purposes: from Jyotirao Phule, the low-caste leader from Maharashtra, who said that the "...Aryans came to India not as simple emigrants with peaceful intentions of colonization, but as conquerors. to Keshab Chandra Sen leader of the reformist Brahmo Samaj, who welcomed the British presence as follows: "In the advent of the English nation in India we see a reunion of parted cousins, the descendents of two different families of the ancient Aryan race."

(source: [Secular "Gods" Blame Hindu "Demons" - By Ramesh N. Rao](#) Har Anand pub. ISBN 81-241-0808-0 p. 242 - 246).

The Aryan Invasion Theory served as a theoretical underpinning of the historical legitimacy of the British presence in India. That the British appeared at the end of a long line of invaders of the land, beginning with the Aryans.

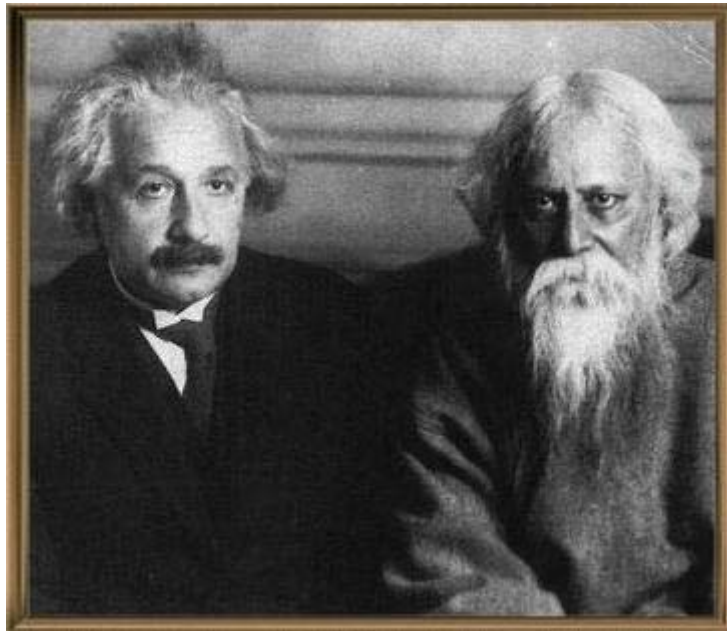
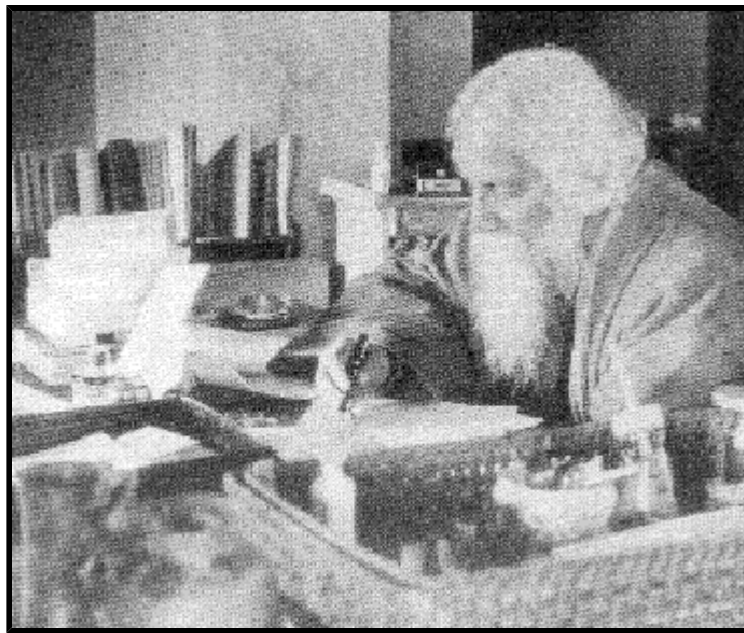
[Rabindranath Tagore](#) (1861-1941) poet, author, philosopher, Nobel prize laureate as early as 1902 ([Bengali Samvat](#) 1309) wrote that:

"There was no Indian in the history of India written by foreigners: as if Indians do not exist; only those who have fought and killed among themselves are real...we are not parasites of India; **through hundreds of centuries we have put down tens of thousands of roots in the heart of this land**, but unfortunately we have to read a type of history which makes our children forget exactly this."

It appears that in (the history of) India we are nobodies; only those who have come from outside matter in (the history of this) land"

(free translation from original Bengali in Tagore's [Collected Works](#), vol. 4, 1965: 378).

If Tagore were alive after Independence and if he had then written like this, he would no doubt have been accused of chauvinism or fundamentalism by the new India's "[mainstream](#)" historians.



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York.

'A mathematician and a mystic meet in Manhattan.'

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[K. M. Panikkar](#), the author of [A Survey of Indian History](#) has written:

"Brought upon text books written by foreigners whose one object would seem to have been to prove that there was no such thing as India, we had each to 'discover' India for ourselves.

Even today there is a persistent attempt of Western scholars to argue that "India was not a country but a congeries of smaller states, and the Indians were not a nation but a conglomeration of peoples of diverse creeds and sects. Anybody familiar with the relevant situation will know that this attitude still forms the major undercurrent of Western scholarship on India.

(source: [Colonial Indology: Sociopolitics of the Ancient Indian Past - By Dilip K. Chakrabarti](#) p. 98, 122, 214 -240 and [The Invasion That Never Was - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar](#) p. 45). Refer to [Distortion of Indian History and School Textbooks](#).

The Aryan invasion theory was hypothesized in the 19th century to explain the similarities found in Sanskrit and the languages of Europe. One such person who reported about this is **Deen Chandora** in his article, [Distorted Historical Events and Discredited Hindu Chronology](#), as it appeared in [Revisiting Indus-Sarasvati Age and Ancient India](#) (p. 383).

He explains that the idea of the AIT was certainly not a matter of misguided research, but was a conspiracy to distribute deliberate misinformation that was formulated on April 10, 1866 in London at a secret meeting held in the [Royal Asiatic Society](#). This was "to induct the theory of the Aryan invasion of India, so that no Indian may say that English are foreigners...India was ruled all along by outsiders and so the country must remain a slave under the benign Christian rule." This was a political move and this theory was put to solid use in all schools and colleges. As can be expected, most of those who were great proponents of the Aryan invasion theory were often ardent English or German nationalists, or Christians ready and willing to bring about the desecration of anything that was non-Christian or non-European.

(source: [Proof of Vedic Culture's Global Existence - By Stephen Knapp](#) p. 39).



[Guy Sorman](#) (1944 -) French intellectual, writer, economist and a professor of political science at Paris University, visiting scholar at Hoover Institution at Stanford and the leader of new liberalism in France. He writes:

"The Invasion theory has today become the standard explanation for the caste system, though it came up only in the 19th century. Besides, all we have to attest the Aryan invasion is a specious interpretation of the Mahabharata, which is like searching the origins of European aristocracy in the works of Homer! In any case, it is doubtful whether a single invasion, which was more likely a slow infiltration of the North, could have succeeded in structuring so perfectly Indian society along ethnic lines for over three thousand years. Finally, in South India the caste system among the dark, skinned Dravidians is as rigid as it is in the North, though the Aryans in all probability never reached there.

The racial origin of caste hypothesis tells us little about India but it does tell us a great deal about the 19th century Westerners who invented the Aryan invasion theory.

It was at the same time that Sieyes and Augustin Thierry claimed that the French nobility was of Germanic stock, whereas the lower classes were of Gallic origin; so the 1789 Revolution was a race war

rather than a class war!

It was also in the 19th century that appeared the myth of the Indo-Europeans being at the source of all Western civilization and for this we have to thank British authors who were taken up with evolutionist theory. Indian historians trained in Europe have fallen victim to this myth but that does not make it any more authentic. Later on, at the beginning of the 20th century, it became fashionable to support the **Marxist theory** which replaced race with class, though its premises were just as shaky.

(source: [The Genius of India - By Guy Sorman](#) ('Le Genie de l'Inde') Macmillan India Ltd. 2001. ISBN 0333 93600 0 p. 60-61). refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#).



[Dr. Subhash Kak](#) (1949 -) is a widely known scientist and a Indic scholar. Currently a Professor at Louisiana State University, he has authored ten books and more than 200 research papers in the fields of information theory, quantum mechanics, and Indic studies. He is a Sanskrit scholar and is author of [Astronomical Code of the Rig Veda](#), and [India at Century's End: Essays on History and Politics](#), has observed:

Max Muller is credited with the popularization of the theory that nomadic hordes of horse-riding Aryans invaded India in mid-second millennium B.C.E., subjugated the original inhabitants and imposed their culture and language on them. This theory explained the fact that the language of North India and Europe belong to the same family and that the myths of the Indian and the European worlds have some commonality.

While this theory provided an explanation within the framework of the then emerging field of archaeology, it suffered from serious flaws. Also the context in which the word Aryan was used was wrong because this word in the earliest Indian literature refers to culture and not any specific race or linguistic background. A **major flaw** of the invasion theory was that it had no explanation for why the Vedic literature that was assumed to go back into the second millennium had **no reference to any region outside of northwest India**. Furthermore, the astronomical references in the Vedic literature allude to events in the third millennium B.C.D. and earlier. Then there was the fact that the earliest Indian sciences and literature and philosophy were very advanced indicating a very long tradition of scholarship which the invasion model did not posit. Most importantly, the discovery of the archaeological sites of the Indus-Saraswati tradition, which go back to at least 6500 B.C.E. and which show cultural continuity with the later Indian civilization, created a fundamental contradiction for the model. If one could explain the cultural continuity by arguing that the invading Aryans eventually adopted the culture of the original inhabitants then how was one to explain the fact that they were able to impose their language on the same people.

Once the theory of this horse riding invaders, took root, any evidence that went against this view was ignored or simply brushed aside as being ambiguous. But the main reason that the Aryan invasion theory survived so long is because questions about the process supporting the hypothesis were not asked.

Another reason for the popularity of the invasion theory was that parallels were seen with the conquest of the Americas by the Europeans. The fundamental differences between the two situations were ignored. Europe of five hundred years ago was densely populated unlike the steppes of Central Asia thirty five hundred years ago. European expansion was imperial in design impelled in part by capitalism and by the exclusionary world-view of Christianity in contrast to the Indo-Aryans with their Old Religion that saw the world to be interconnected.

(source: [Astronomical Code of the Rig Veda - by Subhas Kak](#) 20 - 23).

Scholarly Trickery?



[Michel Danino](#) (1956 -) Born in 1956 at Honfleur (France) into a Jewish family recently emigrated from Morocco, from the age of fifteen Michel Danino was drawn to India, some of her great yogis, and soon to Sri Aurobindo and Mother and their view of evolution which gives a new meaning to our existence on this earth.

He has observed:



"The Vedic Dasyus were arbitrarily identified with the Dravidians by the scholars of the British Empire and the wars between them and the Aryans became "proof" of the bloody conquest of Northern India by "the great army of Aryan immigrants in their onward march" from Central Asia (or Iran or even Tibet, in some variants of this sublime myth). These

Aryans became therefore "Indo-Europeans" or "Indo-Germans". Thus the Rig Veda was shown as being "rather Indo-European than Hindu, and representing the condition of the Aryans before their final settlement in India. Which in another way was of saying that Hinduism really came from "Indo-European" regions, wherever that may be.

Never mind that this so-called evidence did not stand a moment's scrutiny, that the Rig Veda itself made it clear that the wars between Aryans and Dasyus were battles between powers of light and darkness, that the world "Aryan" was plainly used in the Veda to describe not a racial group but a quality of being and a culture, a dedication to the truth and readiness to fight for it - all this was simply brushed aside, and a whole edifice was promptly erected on these non-existent foundations.

It followed that the lower castes and the Dravidians, both victims of the Aryan "oppressors," were encouraged to rebel and reject every "Aryan import," beginning of course with Hinduism. Christianity, shown as being more "egalitarian" was projected as the natural "liberating" force for these sections of Indian society, among which mass conversions did take place as a result.



Dr. Rev. John Wilson, Scottish missionary, founder of **Wilson College**, India. Named one of the Seven Founding Fathers of Modern Bombay (Mumbai), declared with a straight face, and naturally this happy reunion had now brought India into contact "with the most enlightened nation in the world." A special effort was made for the conversion of India's aboriginal tribes:

"They have yet to start on the path of progress," wrote Hunter. "It remains for us to decide whether the path is to lead them to Hinduism, or to the pure faith and civilization which we represent."

(source: [The Invasion That Never Was](#) - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar p.19 - 21).

Robert Caldwell (1814 -1891) the **Bishop of Tirunelveli**, had a **strong anti-Brahmin bias** (something, again, non-existent in Tamil literature or tradition), affirmed that "few Brahmins have written (in Tamil) anything worthy of preservation" - a crudely false statement when Brahmins (and non-Brahmins alike) have composed so much devotion literature in Tamil.

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The tactic of denigrating India's ancient heritage in order to create divisions in her society continues today with full vigor - only with a little more subtlety.

Caldwell's theories were lapped up by more and more scholars, and finally by [E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker \("Periyar"\)](#) (1879 - 1973). the doyen of Dravidian politics and iconoclast. Founder of the [Dravidian movement](#).

Not only was the teaching and study of Sanskrit starved and discouraged in Tamil Nadu to break its "hegemony," there was also a drive to "cleanse" the Tamil language of its large Sanskrit vocabulary. If anything, this purge of Sanskrit words only contributed to the impoverishment of spoken Tamil, which, today, mixes in numerous English words - many more than other South Indian languages do (for example Malayalam which, though issued from Tamil, still has a large Sanskrit vocabulary).

The Vedic literature is massive and no other culture has produced anything like it in regard to ancient history. Not the Egyptians, Sumerians, Babylonians, or Chinese. **So if it was produced outside of India, how could there not be some reference to its land of origination. For that matter, how could these so-called primitive nomads who came invading the Indus region invent such a sophisticated language and produce such a distinguished record of their customs inspite of their migrations and numerous battle? This hardly likely. Only a people who are well established and advanced in their knowledge and culture can do such a thing.**

(source: [Proof of Vedic Culture's Global Existence - By Stephen Knapp](#) p. 49 and [Vedic Roots of Early Tamil Culture - By Michel Danino](#). Refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#). Refer to [Jesus Christ: Artifice for Aggression - By Sita Ram Goel](#) and [Christian Supremacy: Pushing the Dhimmitude of Non-Christians in America](#).

Sri Aurobindo (1872-1950) was the great light that blazed across India during the first half of the twentieth century, and debunked this theory of the North-South racial divide.

He did not subscribe to the theory that the languages of North and South India are unrelated. Sri Aurobindo's study of Tamil led him to discover that the original connection between the Sanskrit and Tamil languages was **"far closer and more extensive than is usually supposed."** **These languages are "two divergent families derived from one lost primitive tongue."** And, "My first study of Tamil words had brought me to what seemed a clue to the very origins and structure of the ancient Sanskrit tongue."

Hindus collectively have no memory of an Aryan invasion of India that supposedly took place around 1,500 B.C. Hindu epics do not mention any such invasion. Surely, the extensive Hindu literature would describe the Aryan invasion if such had indeed taken place.



Ram in epic battle with Ravana in Ramayana.

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Some people misread [Ramayana](#) as describing an invasion of the South by a Northern prince. The Indian epic Ramayana narrates Rama's tale, who invaded the island of Lanka to rescue his wife Sita. Sita had been forcibly abducted by Ravana to the island of Lanka. Nowhere does Ramayana characterize Ravana as belonging to an alien or an inferior race. **Ravana was a scholar of the Vedas and was called a Chaturvedi, a knower of the four Vedas. Ravana belonged to the same stock as the victorious Rama. An Aryan**

invasion of India from the outside around 1,500 B. C. did not occur. People of North and South India have lived together in peace as two branches of one family since antiquity. People who talk of an Aryan conquest of India parrot the 19th century British viewpoint and do disservice to the cause of unity of India.

(Refer to [The Secret of the Veda](#), V 10, Centenary Edition, p 36, 46). Sri Aurobindo also noted that a large part of the vocabulary of the South Indian languages (Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam) is common with Sanskrit.

(source: [The Myth of Aryan Invasion - By Dr. Madan Lal Goel](#) - sulekha.com). For more refer to [Vedic Roots of Early Tamil Culture - By Michel Danino](#) and [Hating Hindus in a 'Scholarly' Way - By Vishal Agarwal](#). Refer to chapter on [Hindu Scriptures](#).

Among Greatest Hoaxes of History?



Swami Aksharananda () holds a Ph.D. degree in Hindu Studies from the University of Madison, Wisconsin (USA) has observed:

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"This theory, given the manner in which it is being defended by its promoters, sounds more like a dogma serving a variety of political and ideological functions. It is invariably summoned into service to explain almost every traditional institution and social conflict in India. While the AIT is avidly and dogmatically advocated

by some, in and out of India, the preponderant mass of the Indian population is blissfully unaware of this interpretation of their history. "

"Though it is now seen as heresy to do so, many scholars, both in the West and in the Indian sub-continent, have long challenged the AIT to be essentially a product of 19th century Eurocentric scholarship built on an edifice of speculation. **Now with new tools of investigation, including computers and satellites, new discoveries are regularly made and we are in a position to intern the AIT myth, once and for all, among the greatest hoaxes of history. It will require the chipping away of the Aryan Invasion Theory which according to a Cambridge anthropologist, Edmund Leach, is like cutting down a 300-year-old oak tree with a penknife. But it's a work that has to be done. Ultimately, it will require nothing less than the total overhaul of Indian history. "**

(source: [The Aryan invasion of India is a theory built on speculation - By Swami Aksharanda](#) - Stabroek News, Tuesday, June 17, 2003).

It is for nothing that India is today home to the only ancient culture that has survived the combined waves of Christianity and Islam - all others have disappeared under the sands of Time.

First of all, let us try to understand why 19th century scholars found the racial Apartheid theory of caste, as an annexe to the AIT, so persuasive. In ca. 1810, the dominant theory of Indo-European origins held that India was the homeland of this language family. In subsequent decades, doubts developed about the primacy of Sanskrit in the Indo-European language tree, and parallel with the increasing linguistic distance between Sanskrit and reconstructed Proto-Indo European, **the putative homeland (Urheimat)** of Indo-European was moved away from India. Initially the Pamir plateau and other parts of Central Asia were favorites, but from ca. 1850 onwards, a consensus emerged that the Urheimat had been in Europe itself, with Germany, Poland and Russia as the most credible candidates.

The shift from India to Europe as the preferred Urheimat was formally due to new linguistic insights developed in good faith by conscientious philologist, but it was coincidentally also well-tuned to new political concerns. Apart from rising nationalism which explains the scramble among scholars to grab the Urheimat status for their own country, the main factor was European colonialism, then at its apogee. It seemed natural that the continent whose manifest destiny was the domination of the world, had brought forth its own proto-historic Indo-European culture and language. **Conversely, it seemed illogical that a backward country like India, badly in need of the White Man's civilizing mission, could have brought forth the superior European culture. "Decidedly, the English did not want to affiliate themselves to "Mother India'."**

(source: [The Saffron Swastika - By Koenraad Elst](#) Voice of India ISBN 8185990697 p.243-244). Refer to [Jesus Christ: Artifice for Aggression - By Sita Ram Goel](#)

The determination of the age in which Vedic literature started and flourished has its consequences for the Aryan Invasion question. The oldest text, the RgVeda, is full of precise references to places and natural phenomena in what are now Panjab and Haryana, and was unmistakably composed in that part of India. The date at which it was composed is a firm *terminus ante quem* for the entry of the Vedic Aryans into India. They may have come from abroad or they may have been fully native, but by the time of the RgVeda, they were certainly Indians without memory of a foreign homeland.

(source: [Astronomical data and the Aryan question - By Koenraad Elst](#)).

The African Model ^{NEW}

Alluding to the way in which the spectacular stone ruins of [Great Zimbabwe](#) were reviewed as a Phoenician creation, [M Posnansky](#) (1982) refers to **“the notion that what was advanced in Africa’s past was the work of outside invaders, merchants or metal workers, variously derived from Phoenicia, South Africa, Israel, India and Indonesia.**

He adds that:

“This was an idea that was extremely attractive to a White community that at no time amounted to even 10 % of the total population of Rhodesia. It served to justify their depreciation of Black capabilities and past achievements and their occupation of more than half of the best agricultural land. The preservation of White civilization ultimately retarded the discovery of Black civilization and hampered the progress of archaeology.”

(source: [Colonial Indology: Sociopolitics of the Ancient Indian Past - By Dilip K. Chakrabarti](#) p. 26).

In Africa: Divide and Convert

"What a splendid instrument for spreading Christianity and civilization among the savage races of Africa.!"

- [Sir Henry Morton Stanley](#) (1841-1904) the celebrated [British African Explorer](#) remarked, when inspecting the original [maxim gun](#).

(source: [Eastern Religions & Western Thought - By Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan](#) p.341). Refer to [Jesus Christ: Artifice for Aggression - By Sita Ram Goel](#).



In understanding the methods of missionary scholars, it helps to look at the scene in Africa resulting from European colonial rule and Christian missionary activity. This will allow us to see the Aryan-Dravidian divide as almost a carbon copy. Speaking of the Hutu-Tutsi conflict, anthropologist [Jean-Pierre Langellier](#) recently wrote in the French magazine [Le Monde](#) (reproduced in 'Colonial Misconceptions', Deccan Herald, November 28, 1996):

"The idea that the Hutus and the Tutsis were physically different was first aired in the 1860s by the British explorer John Speke. The history of Rwanda (like that of much of Africa) has been **distorted by [Peres Blancs](#) (or 'White Fathers') missionaries, academics and colonial administrators. They made the Tutsis out to be a superior race which had conquered the region and enslaved the Hutus. Missionaries taught the Hutus that historical fallacy, which was the result of racist European concept being applied to an African reality.** At the end of the fifties, the Hutus used that discourse to react against the Tutsis."

The horrific [Tutsi-Hutu conflicts in Africa](#) in which millions of lives have been lost is a direct consequence of this colonial-missionary mischief. So creating dissensions using an artificial racial

divide was a standard missionary tactic; we see this in operation even today in the northeastern states of India. The 'Aryan-Dravidian' divide was simply another application of the same tactic. So 'divide and convert' went hand in hand with 'divide and rule'. The policy of 'divide and rule' made famous by colonial administrations owe a great deal to Christian theology and missionary activity. (**Note**: The origins of the Tutsi/Hutu conflicts in Rwanda traceable to [Belgian colonial rule](#) in that region. **The Belgian Roman Catholic Church** favored the Tutsis, admiring Tutsi leadership qualities, assuming that they could be well harnessed to serve the Church's own purposes. The church evangelized also, beginning with the Tutsis, leading more Tutsis to share in the benefits that came with associating with the colonizers' Roman Catholic culture. At the end of the war the League of Nations mandated Rwanda and its southern neighbor, Burundi, to [Belgium](#) as the territory of Ruanda-Urundi. The portion of the German territory, never a part of the Kingdom of Rwanda, was stripped from the colony and attached to Tanganyika, which had been mandated to the [British](#). Sinhalese and Tamil conflict in Sri Lanka traceable to the English rule in Ceylon).

In Rwanda, missionaries played a primary role in creating ethnic myths and interpreting Rwandan social organization -- not only for colonial administrators, but ultimately for the Rwandan population itself. The concepts of ethnicity developed by the missionaries served as a basis for the German and Belgian colonial policies of indirect rule which helped to transform relatively flexible pre-colonial social categories into clearly defined ethnic groups.

Refer to [Christian Churches and Genocide in Rwanda - Christianity and the Construction of Ethnicity - By Timothy Longman](#) (Vassar College). Refer to [Jesus Christ: Artifice for Aggression - By Sita Ram Goel](#) and [Invasion Theories: Tools of the Destruction for the Colonists, Racists - By Saumitra Sen](#) - [indiacause.com](#) and [Hating Hindus in a 'Scholarly' Way - By Vishal Agarwal](#).

(source: [A Hindu View of the World - By N. S. Rajaram](#) p. 85). Refer to chapters on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#).

Native Americans descended from a lost tribe of Israel? NEW

From the time he was a child in Peru, the Mormon Church instilled in Jose A. Loayza the conviction that he and millions of other Native Americans were descended from a lost tribe of Israel that reached the New World more than 2,000 years ago.

"We were taught all the blessings of that Hebrew lineage belonged to us and that we were special people," said Loayza, now a Salt Lake City attorney. "It not only made me feel special, but it gave me a sense of transcendental identity, an identity with God." A few years ago, Loayza said, his faith was shaken and his identity stripped away by DNA evidence showing that the ancestors of American natives came from Asia, not the Middle East. For Mormons, the lack of discernible Hebrew blood in Native Americans is no minor collision between faith and science. It burrows into the historical foundations of the Book of Mormon, a 175-year-old transcription that the church regards as literal and without error.

For those outside the faith, the depth of the church's dilemma can be explained this way: Imagine if DNA evidence revealed that the Pilgrims didn't sail from Europe to escape religious persecution but rather were part of a migration from Iceland — and that U.S. history books were wrong.

Critics want the church to admit its mistake and apologize to millions of Native Americans it converted. Church leaders have shown no inclination to do so. Indeed, they have dismissed as heresy any suggestion that Native American genetics undermine the Mormon creed.

(source: [Bedrock of a Faith Is Jolted - By William Lobdell](#), Times Staff Writer 2/16/06 LA Times.com).

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Implication of Aryan Invasion Theory



According to Belgian scholar [Koenraad Elst](#) (1959 -) Dutch historian, born in Leuven, Belgium:

"The Aryan invasion theory was used to prove that Hindus were ultimately foreigners, exactly like their "Aryan cousins" the British. This alleged foreign origin of Hinduism is widely used to delegitimize the Hindu claim on India, and



back then it was also used by the British and by their Indian loyalists to justify colonization. By showing that the Hindus are mere upstarts and squatters on the land (as they themselves are in America, Australia and other places), they can set up their own claim. For then neither the Hindus nor the Europeans are indigenous and as to who should possess this land, becomes merely a matter of superior might..

For the British, it seems illogical that a backward country like India, badly in need of the White Man's civilizing mission could have brought forth the superior European culture. "Decidedly, the English did not want to affiliate themselves to "Mother India."

In this period, race theories conquered the intellectual scene, fitting neatly with the Europe-to-India scenario for the spread of Indo-European. It all fell into place: the Aryans had been white Nordic people who, with their inborn superiority, had developed a culture and technology which allowed them to subdue less advanced races: dark haired Mediterraneans and West-Asians, and dark-skinned invaders from Europe formed a complete case study of all that the upcoming racist worldview stood for.

British colonialism immediately put the emerging Aryan vision at the service of its propaganda, viz to tell the Indians that colonization by the British Aryans was but a second instance of the Aryan invasion which had made India into what it was; and that the Raj was nothing but a reunification of the oldest and the brightest branch of the Aryan family. Thus in his famous speech in 1862, Samuel Laing, Finance Minister of the Government of India, rejoiced that "the two races so long separated meet once more", though now "the younger brother has become the stronger, and takes his place as the head and protector of the family", coming to India "on a sacred mission, to stretch out the right hand of aid to our weaker brother, who once far out-stripped us, but has now fallen behind in the race."

While on one hand wooing the upper castes and North Indians with this Aryan rhetoric, **the British along with the Christian missionaries also used the Aryan theory to pit the lower castes and South Indians, supposedly the progeny of the victimized non-Aryan natives, against their "Aryan fellow-countrymen. Contrary to the freedom movement, the anti-Brahmin and Dravidian movements were the fruits of British patronage. "**

(source: [The Saffron Swastika - By Koenraad Elst](#) Voice of India ISBN 8185990697 p.166 and 243-246). Refer to [Petty Professorial Politicking in The Indo-Aryan Controversy - By Koenraad Elst](#).

Michael Witzel does mention the ethnonyms of the enemies of the Vedic Aryans, the Dasas (Iranian Daha, known to Greco-Roman authors as Daai, Dahae), Dasyus (Iranian Dahyu, "tribe", esp. hostile nomadic tribe) and Panis (Greek Parnoi), as unmistakably the names of Iranian tribes. The identification of these tribes as Iranian has been elaborated by Asko Parpola ("The problem of the Aryans and the Soma", in Erdosy: op.cit., p.367), and is now well- established, a development which should at least **put an end to the talk of the Dasas being "the dark-skinned aboriginals enslaved by the Aryan invaders"**.

"Far from attesting an eastward movement into India, this text actually speaks of a westward movement towards Central Asia, coupled with a symmetrical eastward movement from India's demographic centre around the Saraswati basin towards the Ganga basin."

Shrikant Talageri's survey of the relative chronology of all R̥gvedic kings and poets, (refer to [Shrikant Talageri: The R̥gveda, a Historical Analysis](#)) yields a completely consistent chronology. Its main finding is that the geographical gradient of Vedic Aryan culture in its R̥gvedic stage is from East to West. "It is easy to establish on the basis of internal evidence (the genealogy of the composers and of the kings they mention) that the 8th mandala of the Rgveda is one of the younger parts of the book. It is there (RV 8:5, 8:46, 8:56) that we find clear reference to the material culture and fauna of Afghanistan, including camels. ...What we now have is an indication that the movement went from inside India to the northwest.

(source: [The Vedic Experience: The Vedic Corpus provides no evidence for the so called "Aryan Invasion" of India - By Koenraad Elst](#)).



James Dwight Dana (1813-1895) American geologist, mineralogist, and naturalist, in his book - [Manual of Geology](#) in 1862, wrote:



"The Orient has always been the continent of progress. It is therefore in accordance with all past analogies that man should have originated on some part of the great Orient and no spot would seem to have been better fitted for man's self-distribution and self-development, than South West Asia, the center from which the three great continental divisions of Europe, Asia and Africa, radiate."

This is strengthened by the conclusions of [Lord Curzon](#) "I venture to affirm they (all languages) have sprung from **Vaidik Sanskrit**. The peculiarly primitive tongue of the Aryan race."

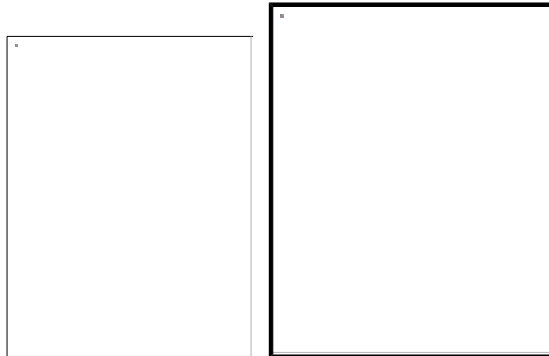
Curzon and Professor Roth further amplified this view. They hold that: "I venture to affirm that the Zend, Greek, Latin, Gothic etc. have all sprung at different periods from the Sanskrit."

Isaac Taylor ((1829-1901) English clergyman, antiquarian, and author, chiefly noted for researches in philology. In 1885, Taylor became canon of York. Taylor's [Origin of the Aryans](#) (1890) challenged the theory of Max Müller, then generally accepted, that central Asia was the cradle of the Indo-European peoples. He says on p. 39:

"The cradle of Aryans must have been in the region where Sanskrit and Zend were spoken."

Prof. A H Keane author of [Man, past and present](#) has observed: "Man originated in the East and migrated thence to Europe."

(source: [Hinduism in The Space Age - By E. Vedavyas](#) p. 82-85).



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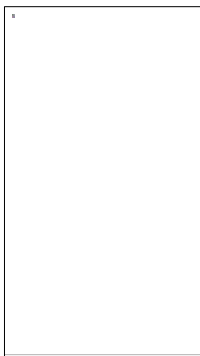
Most archaeologists in India like [Braj Basi Lal](#), [S P Gupta](#) or [S R Rao](#) have argued similar points for several years. B B Lal joined the Archaeological Survey in January 1946, he held charge of the Excavations Branch and participated with Sir Mortimer Wheeler in the excavations at Harappa.

At a recent conference in Los Angeles in August, sponsored by the World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES), Lal argued convincingly the same points in an excellent paper called the 'Myth of the Aryan Invasion: Some Reflections on the Authorship of the Harappan Culture'. Unfortunately, Indian Leftists called B B Lal's recent book [The Oldest Civilisation in South Asia](#) as "academically weak and unscholarly," though he is only relating the implications of the latest archaeology. How many of these people ever read Lal's book or the related archaeological studies is debatable. **Yet even a Communist**

historian in India like Romila Thapar, who previously endorsed the invasion theory has been forced to backtrack and no longer emphasises it. She recently notes in a Frontline interview: "Introducing archaeological data into historical studies also forces historians to think along interdisciplinary lines. The decline of the Indus cities is attributed to a range of causes, of which ecological change is among the major ones."

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(source: [Indian history revisited - Rediff](#) interview with [David Frawley](#)). refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#)



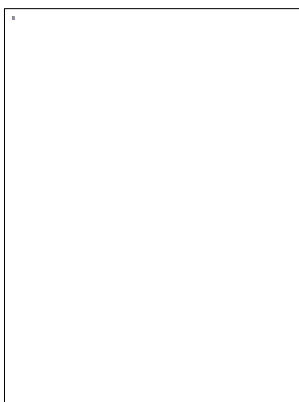
[David Frawley](#) (?) also known as **Pandit Vamadeva Shastri** the American eminent teacher and practitioner of Ayurvedic medicine has said that:

"The Aryan Invasion Theory was propounded before archaeological excavations were carried out in undivided India. Modern scientific tools had shown that the mighty river Saraswati existed and was not a mythical one as had been claimed. So also the river Rishadvati. Similar was the fallacy that **the people of the Harappan civilization were unaware of maritime life. In fact, there were 150 references to the ocean in the Rigveda alone**, and these could not be dismissed as poetic imagery or symbolism. Dr. Frawley said archaeological excavations were throwing up new information, and one should not swear by what was in the textbooks written 30 or 40 years ago. **The theory was imposed by Western scholars to show that India was always ruled by invaders.** The fact was to the contrary. There was

movement of people from India to outside, and even today, there was archaeological and linguistic evidence to show Indian influence in countries such as Iran and Central Asia, he added.

(source: [India, the only former colony not to rewrite history](#) - The Hindu). For more refer to David Frawley's article [Witzel's Vanishing Ocean - How to read Vedic texts any way you like](#)).

Politics of History - India's past has been held hostage by Marxists



[Subramanian Swamy](#) (1939 -) He is also a reputed economist and worked as Assistant Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Secretariat, New York in 1963. He worked with two Nobel laureates, Simon Kuznets and Paul A. Samuelson for his doctorate in economics at the [Harvard University](#), awarded in 1965. He was a faculty at Harvard in 1964 and has been teaching there off and on for 12 years with the latest stint completed in 2005. He is acknowledged as an authority on comparative studies of India and China. He is also well-versed in the Mandarin Chinese (Hanyu) language. He was Professor of Economics at the [Indian Institute of Technology](#), Delhi from 1969

He is the [President of the Janata Party](#) has recently challenged [Romila Thapar](#):

"While denying that she ever argued that Aryan was a racial term, she goes on to say that it was the language of those who migrated to India from abroad in a "graduated" way. Who were they? Is she arguing that they were racially the same as Indians or different? And who graduated the migration? ? She should be explicit.

Obviously that is not being taught at JNU. Aryan is a German version of the Sanskrit word "Arya," which means a gentleman, while Dravida is a word coined by [Adi Shankara](#) while at Varanasi to mean a person from the south."

(source: [Swamy's reply](#) - hindu.com - March 24 2004). Refer to [Distortion of Indian History and School Textbooks](#).

Refer to [Eminent Historians: Their Technology, Their Line, Their Fraud](#) is a book by [Arun Shourie](#). - The book explains how a group of academic historians, of Marxist persuasion, has been tweaking Indian history and also lining its own pockets in the process.

Appointment of a Marxist historian to Kluge Chair - Playing to the Western gallery?

According to a petition started by B. Parker: "It is a great travesty that [Romila Thapar](#) has been appointed the first holder of the Kluge Chair in Countries and Cultures of the South at the Library of Congress. In regards to India, she is an avowed antagonist of India's Hindu civilization. As a well-known Marxist, she represents a completely Euro-centric world view.



Romila Thapar a well-known Indian Marxist, and staunch believer in the Aryan invasion theory represents a completely Euro-centric world view of Indian history.

"Whites appoint Indian proxies to let them pull strings from behind the scenes, but through such intermediaries, they impose their epistemologies, institutional controls, awards and rewards, all in the name of universal thought. "

Refer to [Dialog on Whiteness Studies - By Rajiv Malhotra](#) - [sulekha.com](#).

She completely disavows that India ever had a history. Just as the Europeans discredited the American Indian's land claims by ignoring that they represented a unique civilization with a wholesome variety of distinct linguistic and cultural traits, Thapar has long expounded the same ignorant view of India's unique history and civilization. Romila Thapar claims to be an expert on **Vedic India**; **when she does not know a single word of Sanskrit**. It is certainly absurd that she was made a professor of **ancient Indian history** at **JNU**.

Why waste our American resources on a Marxist ideological assault on Hindu civilization? Hinduism is the world's most ancient, ongoing and largest cultural phenomenon. Such a long lived civilization surely has a lot to teach the world. So why support its denigration?" It is ironic as well as disturbing that a movement which still swears by [Lenin](#) and [Stalin](#), is hailed in Western universities as the guardian of a civil polity against the encroaching barbarism of Hindu revivalism."

(source: <http://www.petitiononline.com/108india/petition.html>). Refer to [A Dictionary of Marxist Thought - By Tom Bottomore](#). Also refer to [Communismwatch](#) and [cpmterror](#).

"Anything but Sarasvati please!"

"What Thapar fails to mention, rather conveniently, is that large sections of very influential Hindus of

that period, **Swami Vivekananda** and **Sri Aurobindo** for example, as well as several academics like **A. C. Das**, had opposed AIT.

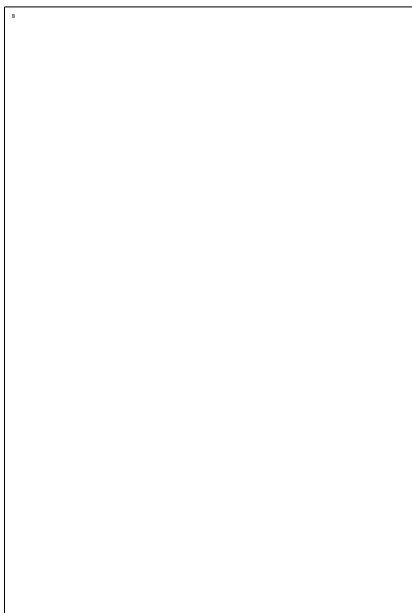
Today, several archeological excavations have established that there has been no Aryan invasion or break in India's civilization. Yet, it is the historians of the **Marxist school of India**, like **Thapar**, who still continue to propagate the myth of AIT. **The discovery of numerous archeological sites on the banks of the erstwhile Sarasvati, about which the Vedas talk in glorious terms doesn't merit any attention in her book. There is no mention about such things as the mapping of the paleo channels of the Vedic Sarasvati.**

Kot Diji belonged to the Regionalization Era[27] of IVC/SSC. This phase was the final critical one that led to the formation of urban centers. This phase thrived between 3300 BCE and 2600 BCE. Assuming that the invading Aryans were the destroyers, as Thapar implies, one must then accept the presence of the Aryans in IVC/SSC even before its Mature [i.e. urban] Phase had started. The Marxist historians defiantly claim that the Aryans invaded India only towards the end of the Mature Phase of IVC, which is around 1900 BCE.[29] **If that were the case, how could the Aryans have been the destroyers of the Kot Diji settlement?"**

(source: [Romila Thapar's 'Ancient India' \[2002\] – A Review by Kalavai Venkat - indiastar.com](#)).

Far from being merely an academic exercise, though, **Aryan Race Theory is in fact the brainchild of Christian evangelist-scholars**, fashioned and tempered in the nineteenth century as a weapon for European expansionism in India. Promulgated to generations of Indian children in British-created schools, it created, like so many other Western creeds and dogmas, social divisions where none had hitherto existed, resulting in jealousy, mistrust, and suspicion among communities where peaceful coexistence had been the norm. This theory, which posits the invasion of ancient India by a white-skinned race (the "Aryans") who conquer an indigenous, dark-skinned population, therefore worked ingeniously with the British divide-and-conquer strategy for rule in India. **The theory and its variants continue to be used today by the Vatican and other Christian enterprises in their campaign to "harvest" tribals and other vulnerable communities of Hindus. For these spiritual imperialists, spurious racial theories still hold their divide-and-conquer appeal.**

(source: [The Missionary's Swastika: Racism as an Evangelical Weapon- By Aravindan Neelakandan.S](#)).



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"Thirty years ago, when I began my spiritual journey, I was studying English literature, and if you study English literature you will be taught that English and all of the romance languages of Europe can be traced back to the Latin, and then from the Latin back to the Greek. Modern Western history teaches us that the trail mysteriously stops at that point in time, although it is a well-known fact that the ancient Greeks sat at the feet of the Egyptians and the Babylonians. **So when India was discovered by the West a few centuries ago there was a clash of cultures over the origins of human civilisation. The West held a viewpoint of time that ended with the Greeks whereas the East, and India in particular, spoke of a time span of well over fifty thousand years. The Western vision simply could not accommodate this understanding. So they made up a story to explain away this anomaly.** When people from the West colonized India and began

to study the Indian culture, they established a chair of Sanskrit at Oxford University called the Boden chair. The main function of the Boden chair of Sanskrit was to translate the Bible into Sanskrit.

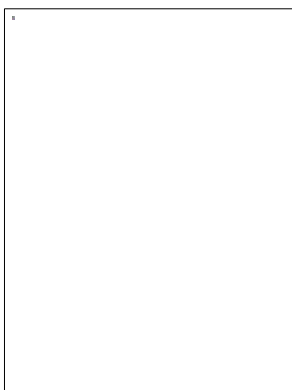
The people who studied Sanskrit then went to India and occupied various ministerial posts within the

British Government, and they began to study the Vedas. As they began studying, they discovered that Sanskrit was the mother language for both Greek and for Latin and, in fact, for all the romance languages of Europe. This discovery gave rise to the modern science of Linguistics. The classification of modern languages was only made possible by an understanding of Sanskrit.

This revelation caused a problem because at that time India was a colony of the British. As one of my professors used to say, **“You refer to India as the sub-continent, but could you tell me exactly what it is sub too?”** Of course, the saying was intended to imply subordinate to Her Majesty the Queen. It was a bit of an embarrassment to run into a culture that not only claimed that its history went back fifty or sixty thousand years, but that it was also the basis for your own language and literature! The British couldn't accept this and so the scholars of the time made up a theory, which said that there was a group of people called the Aryans, who lived in the Steppes of Russia, and this horseback riding people rode into India one thousand five hundred years ago with these books called the Vedas under their arms. Unfortunately, what they did not take into account was the fact that the Vedas contained astronomical calculations that went back seven thousand years! Now there is no instance or evidence of a horseback riding culture having observatories who watched the stars over a period of seven thousand years. Nevertheless, Western scholars overlooked this inconsistency and believed the theory that the Aryans came riding into India and conquered the dark skinned Dravidians with their superior technology and their superior wisdom. "

(source: [The Greatness of the Vedas - by Jeffrey Armstrong](#)). Refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#)

Deffronization or Secular Obscurantism?



[N. S. Rajaram](#) (1943 -) is a mathematician, computer scientist and linguist and historian of science. He has taught in several universities in the United States. Since 1984 he has been an advisor to the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA). He has written:

"History texts, like all textbooks, should be periodically updated. But discredited old models should not be revived behind slogans.

'Saffronization' has no meaning.

There is now a heated outcry — it can't really be called a debate — by some **“[eminent historians](#)”** for desaffronizing history textbooks written under the previous administration. Supposedly, the NCERT texts written when Dr Murli Manohar Joshi was the HRD Minister give an overly Hindu perspective on history.

This is what these eminent historians are calling “saffronization,” which they want eliminated. Does this charge have any substance? I cannot speak for medieval or modern history, but as far as ancient Indian civilization goes, the term “saffronization” is meaningless, because **Hinduism or Sanatana Dharma (and its offshoots like Buddhism) is the only source we have to serve as framework for interpreting ancient texts and archaeology..**

To “desaffronize”, are we to read the Vedas as Christian scripture or treat Harappan remains as Islamic monuments?

This is the kind of absurdity we land into when we substitute slogans for facts and reason. A more subtle example is the misrepresentation of the word Arya and the nature of the Aryan civilization. **These eminent historians, led by [Irfan Habib](#), charge that suggesting an indigenous origin for the Aryan civilization somehow constitutes “saffronization.”** So, according to this eminent historian, and others of his school, we should attribute the Aryan civilization — which is more properly called the Vedic civilization (including its offshoots) — to foreign migrants.

This is nothing but the revival of the discredited, divisive colonial model based on the infamous Aryan invasion theory. This colonial offspring is now the favored child of the Secularist brigade.”

Hidden motives



This gives a clue to the real motive behind the cry for “desaffronization”: to revive the

discredited old model of the Aryan invasion, now being repackage as Aryan migration. The goal is the same— to make the Vedic civilization non-Indian in origin and keep it separated from Harappan archaeology. These 'eminent historians' hide the fact that this division— attributing the Harappan civilization to the Dravidians and the Vedic language and literature to the invading Aryans served British colonial interests.

In fact, the British made no secret of their goal to present themselves as the later and "better" brothers of the original Aryans who invaded India.

Here is what **Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of Great Britain**, once said in the House of Commons (1929):

"Ages and ages ago, there sat, side by side, the ancestors of the English, Rajputs and Brahmins. Now, after ages, ...the two branches of the great Aryan ancestry have again been brought together by Providence.... **By establishing British rule in India, God said to the British**, 'I have brought you and the Indians together after a long separation, not in order that you should lord over them, or that you should exploit them, but in order that should recognize your kinship with them.... It is your duty to raise them to their own level as quickly as possible, and work together; brothers as you are, for the evolution of humanity....' "

Needless to say the Aryan civilization of ancient India is not the same as the 'Aryan civilization' concocted by such characters, any more than of the Nazis who also claimed to be Aryans. India's 'eminent historians' who came to dominate the scene after Independence rarely took issue with this disgraceful chapter in Indian historiography. **And now they are raising the cry of "saffronization," as a new generation of scholars has gone on to rubbish this European fabrication still favored by Secularist worthies, especially the 'eminent historians.'**

(source: [Deffronization or Secular Obscurantism? - By N.S. Rajaram](#) - hinduunity.com). Refer to [The Real Eve : Modern Man's Journey Out of Africa - By Stephen Oppenheimer](#).

Refer to chapters on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#). Refer to [Jesus Christ: Artifice for Aggression - By Sita Ram Goel](#)

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Voices of Dissent

All kinds of divisive forces have jumped on to the Aryan Invasion theory as the perfect tool to cut slices out of Hindu society and out of the Indian state. This theory became the basis of attempts to pit "Dravidians" against "Aryans", high castes against low castes, tribals against mainstream Hindus, Vedic orthodoxy "imposed by the foreign invaders" against heterodox sects "which emerged as a native reaction against the Aryan occupiers". It was also used to neutralize Hindu criticism of the Islamic occupation, as "Hindus themselves have entered the same way the Muslims have". **Till today, Christian, Islamic, Marxist and "secularist" forces continue to promote the theory and make propogandistic capital out of it.**

(source: [Indigenous Indians : Agastya to Ambedkar - By Koenraad Elst](#) p. 1-2).

The French archaeologist **Salomon Reinach** (1858-1932) a Hebrew scholar and critic, first published work was a translation of [Arthur Schopenhauer's Essay on Free Will](#) (1877).

Writing in 1892 at the height of the Aryan myth, was perhaps the **first to reject the very notion of an Aryan race:**

"To speak of an Aryan race of three thousand years ago is to put forward a gratuitous hypothesis; but to speak of it as if it still existed today is quite simply absurd."

(source: [Saloman Reinach, quoted by Leon Poliakov in The Aryan Myth](#), p. 344 (French original).

(source: [The Invasion That Never Was - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar](#) p. 50 - 51).

Mountstuart Elphinstone (1779-1859) was one of the first dissenters. He was aware of the kinship in language between Sanskrit and

European tongues, but found the theory of their "spread from a central point...a gratuitous assumption." In his History of India, 1841, he observed, "Neither in the Vedas, nor in any book...is there any allusion to a prior residenceout of India...There is no reason whatever for thinking that the Hindus ever inhabited any country but their present one."

(source: Quoted by [Devandra Swarup in "Genesis of the Aryan Race Theory and Its Application to Indian History"](#) op. cit. p. 33) (source: [The Invasion That Never Was - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar](#) p. 50-51).

Lord Elphinstone, one of the early historians of India, writes exploding the myth of the Aryan culture:

"It is opposed to their foreign origin, that neither in the code of Manu nor I believe in the Vedas, nor in any book that is certainly older than the code, is there any allusion to a prior residence or to a knowledge of more than the name of any country out of India. Even mythology goes no further than the Himalayan chain in which is fixed, the habitation of Gods. **It is unthinkable and beyond all canons of logic and common sense that the Hindus had forgotten their original home even at the time of the composition of the earliest Vedas.** Christians look to Jerusalem for the origin of their religion, Muslims to Arabia, and Jews to Palestine, but the Hindus have all their sacred places within India itself. If they really had come from outside India, they should have some place of pilgrimage like Mecca or Benares."

"To say that it (emigration) spread from a central point is a gratuitous presumption and even contrary to analogy for emigration and civilization have not spread in a circle but from east to west."

Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1618) English sea captain, writer and court favorite of Queen Elizabeth I, in his '[History of the World](#)' strongly suggests that the **Paradise of the Bible was in India**, as according to Hindu hypothesis regarding the locality of the nursery for rearing mankind, 'India was the first planted and peopled countries after the flood (p. 99). This book was held in high esteem at that time. Both Cromwell and John Locke recommended his book.

(source: [The Aryan Hoax: That Dupes The Indians - By Paramesh Choudhary](#) p.226 and [Hinduism in The Space Age - By E. Vedavyas](#) p. 82-83 and 108-109).

Two years later, the German Sanskritist **Hermann Jacobi** based his objections on astronomical data in the Rig-Veda, which he found pointed clearly to a date between 4500 and 2500 B.C. Jacobi inferred that the Rig-Veda could not be more recent than this last date, in contradiction with the invasionist school. A later German scholar, **Moritz Winternitz**, agreed with the date of 2500 BC on literary grounds: "We cannot explain the development of the whole of this great (Sanskrit) literature if we assume as late a date as round about 1200 BC or 1500 BC as its starting point."

British scholar **F. E. Pargiter** in his [Ancient Indian Historical Tradition](#) yet his inquiry into historical data from the Puranas led him, in 1972, to conclusions opposite to the accepted theories. With a rare commonsense, he first noted that

"there is a strong presumption in favor of (Indian) tradition; if anyone contests tradition, the burden lies on him to show that it is wrong."

He also observed, with dry humor: " Indian tradition knows nothing whatever of the Aryans' invasion of India through the north-west....All this copious tradition was falsely fabricated, and the truth has been absolutely lost, if the current theory is right; is that probable? If all this tradition is false, why, how, and in whose interests was it all fabricated.?"

Pargiter went even further, **for he was convinced that Indian tradition clearly recorded "an outflow of people from India before the fifteenth century BC."** and thought that the Iranians may have been an offshoot from India." He pertinently observed that in the famous **nadi sukta**, the Rig Veda lists rivers of the subcontinent from east to west, and remarked: "If the Aryans had entered India from the north-west, and had advanced eastward through the Punjab only as far as the Saraswati or Jumna when the Rigvedic hymns were composed, it is very surprising that the hymn arranges the rivers, not

according to their progress, but reversaly from the Ganges which they had hardly reached.

" Imam me gange yamune sarasvati sutudri stomam sacata parusnaya asiknya marudvrdhe
vitastayarjikiye srnuhya susomaya " (x 75.05)

O Ganga, Yamuna, Sarasvati, Sutudri (Sutlej), Parushini (Ravi), hear my praise!

Listen to my call, Asikni (Chenab), Marudvridha (Maruvaradhvan), Vitasta (Jhelum) with Arjikiya,
Sushoma (Sohan).

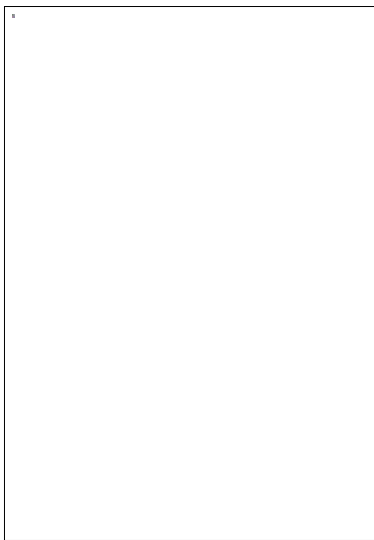


Sir Julian Sorell Huxley (1887-1975), British biologist and author, who achieved renown both as a scientist and for his ability to make scientific concepts clear to the public through his writings. He served as the first director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Huxley was knighted in 1958.

He warned against the Aryan Invasion Theory long ago:

"In 1848 the young German scholar Friedrich Max Muller (1823-1900) settled in Oxford. ...About 1853, he introduced into English usage the unlucky term Aryan as applied to a large group of languages. ...Moreover, Max Muller threw another apple of discord. He introduced a proposition that is demonstrably false. He spoke not only of a definite Aryan language and its descendants, but also of a corresponding 'Aryan race'. The idea was rapidly taken up both in Germany and in England."

(source: [Caste and Science: Hot Air and Cold Fusion - By N. S. Rajaram](#)).



Writing as far back as 1939, Huxley, one of the great natural scientists of the century, observed:

"In England and America the phrase 'Aryan race' has quite ceased to be used by writers with scientific knowledge, though it appears occasionally in political and propagandist literature. In Germany, the idea of the 'Aryan' race received no more scientific support than in England. Nevertheless, it found able and very persistent literary advocates who made it appear very flattering to local vanity. It therefore steadily spread, fostered by special conditions."

(source: [Origins Of The Aryan Dravidian Divide - By N. S. Rajaram](#)).

Yet one of the loudest European voices against the whole Aryan construct was none other than Max Muller, one of its chief creators! In 1888, forty years after he had first hammered the concept of an Aryan race, he conceded that "the home of the Aryans" could not be pinpointed more precisely than "somewhere in Asia."

He flatly denied having ever spoken of an Aryan race:

"I have declared again and again that if I say Aryas, I mean neither blood nor bones, nor hair nor skull; I mean simply those who speak an Aryan language...**To me an ethnologist who speaks of Aryan race, Aryan blood, Aryan eyes and hair, is a great a sinner as a linguist who speaks of a dolichocephalic dictionary or a brachycephalic grammar."**

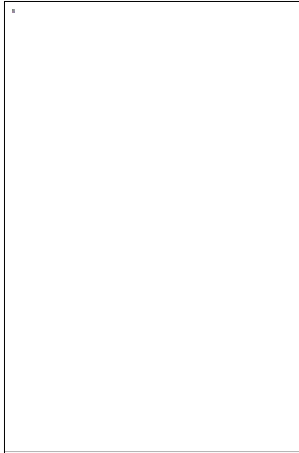
Max Muller also disowned the short chronology he himself had arbitrarily fixed for Indian scriptures, a chronology still in vogue today among Western Indologists.

(source: [The Invasion That Never Was - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar](#) p. 29-30).

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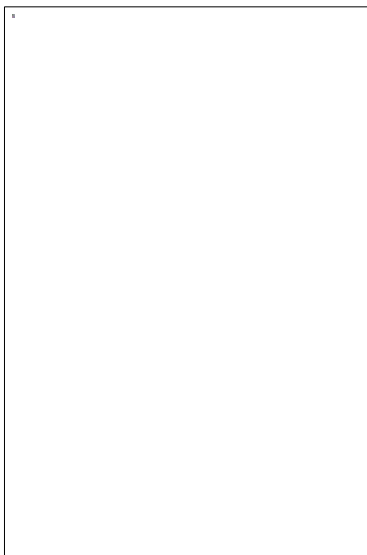
"In the dogmatic rigid world of Western academic philosophy, rarely are outsiders (namely Indian scholars) fully appreciated."



Swami Dayananda Saraswati (1824-1883) was perhaps the first Indian to dispute the Aryan myth:

"In none of the Sanskrit of history textbooks," he wrote, "has it been stated that the Aryans came from Iran, vanquished the aborigines...and became rulers."

He stressed that the word arya referred in the Veda to a moral or inner quality, not to any race or people, and insisted that India was Aryavarta, the home of the Aryans- a word he used purely in its original sense of "Vedic Indians."



Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902) was the one who was quick to see through the gaps in the Aryan edifice. In a lecture in the U.S.A., he remarked scornfully:

"And what your European Pandits say about the Aryans swooping down from some foreign lands snatching away the land of aborigines and settling in India by exterminating them, is pure nonsense, foolish talk. Strange that our Indian scholars too say "Amen" to them."

In another lecture, this time in India, he was in a more sarcastic mood, but mercilessly to the point:

"Our European archaeologist dreams of India being full of dark-eyed aborigines, and the bright Aryans came from - the Lord knows where. According to some they came from Central Tibet, others will have it that they came from Central Asia... **Of late, there was an attempt made to prove that the Aryans lived on the Swiss lakes. I should not be sorry if they had been all drowned there, theory and all."**

(The contrast between civilized and barbaric is known in ancient Greece, where the term barbaroi was coined, - meaning "babblers" semantically akin to Sanskrit, mrdhravak and mlechchha. Similar concepts existed in imperial China, in colonial Europe, and also in Hindu India: **arya, "civilized, participating in the Vedic culture"**, vs. anaraya or mlechchha).

Sri Aurobindo (1872-1950) - The first systematic refutation of the Aryan invasion theory had to wait until Sri Aurobindo.

"So great is the force of attractive generalizations and widely popularized errors that all the world goes on perpetuating the blunder talking of the Indo-European races, claiming or disclaiming Aryan kinship and building on that basis of falsehood the most far-reaching political, social or **pseudo-scientific** conclusions." How prophetic, if we consider that this was written some twenty years before the growth of Nazism with its claims to "Aryan kinship."

"...the Teutonic sin of forming a theory in accordance with their prejudices and then finding facts or manufacturing inferences to support it."

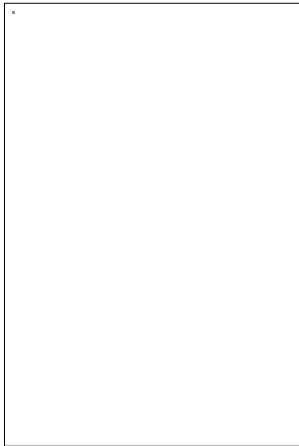
(source: [On the Mahabharata - By Sri Aurobindo](#) - Aurobindo Ashram Pondicherry. 1991 p. 10).

In his [Secret of the Veda](#), [Sri Aurobindo](#) called on Indians not to be

"haunted by the unfortunate misconstruction of the Veda which European scholarship has imposed on the modern mind." "The indications in the Veda on which this theory of a recent Aryan invasion is built, are very scanty in quantity and uncertain in their significance. There is no actual mention of such an invasion..."

[Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar](#) (1891 - 1956) also offered his views:

He concluded: "the Brahmins and the Untouchables belong to the same race."



Only one among our great political leaders saw through the hollowness of the Aryan theory. In his book [Who were the Shudras?](#) in 1946 [B. R. Ambedkar](#) famous for his work on the Indian Constitution, as well as his campaign in support of the Harijans, studied the Vedas. He devoted a complete chapter - Shudras versus Aryans -to an examination of the issue. **Citing extensively the Vedic sources which suggest that the distinction between an Arya and Dasa/Dasyu was not a racial distinction of color and physiognomy and thus the origin of Sudra could not have anything to do with race,** Ambedkar conclusion are unequivocal, though regrettably they are largely ignored. This is what he said:

"The theory of invasion is an invention. This invention is necessary because of a gratuitous assumption that the Indo-Germanic people are the purest of the modern representation of the original Aryan race. The theory is perversion of scientific investigation. It is not allowed to

evolve out of facts. On the contrary, the theory is preconceived and facts are selected to prove it. It falls to the ground at every point. '

Dr. Ambedkar concludes:

1. "The Vedas do not know any such race as the Aryan race.
2. There is no evidence in the Vedas of any invasion of India by the Aryan race and its having conquered the Dasas and Dasyus supposed to be the natives of India.
3. There is no evidence to show that the distinction between Aryans, Dasas and Dasyus was a racial distinction.
4. The Vedas do not support the contention that the Aryans were different in color from the Dasas and Dasyus....."

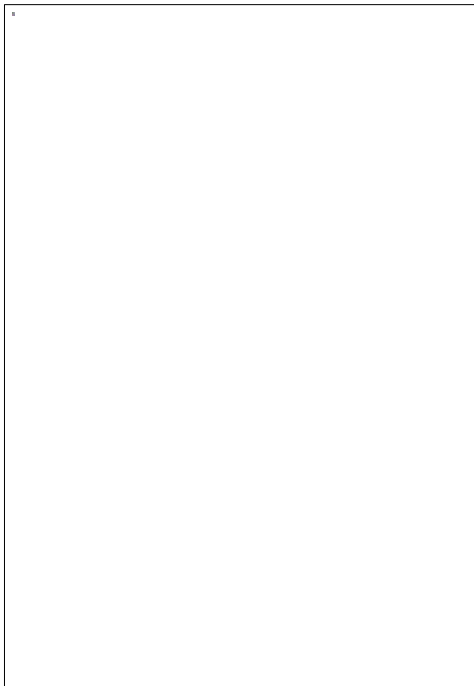
"If anthropometry is a science which can be depended upon to determine the race of a people...(then its measurements establish that the Brahmins and the Untouchables belong to the same race. From this it follows that if the Brahmins are Aryans the Untouchables are also Aryans. If the Brahmins are Dravidians, the Untouchables are also Dravidians...."

Ambedkar was aware of the hold of this theory over the masses and scholars alike. He offered a succinct explanation.

"why the Aryan race theory is not dead because of the general insistence by European scholars that the word varna, means color and the acceptance of that view by a majority..." The British were visualized as being the last of the invaders in a chain beginning with the Aryans. He could clearly see the implications of such ill-founded hypotheses which colonial Indology imposed on India and which **Indian scholars went on repeating ad nauseam.**

(source: [The Invasion That Never Was - By Michel Danino and Sujata Nahar](#) and [Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches. Reprint of Pakistan or The Partition of India. Education Department. Government of Maharashtra](#) 1990 Vol. 7 p.302). Refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European](#)

Colonial Indology - Acceptance of A Racist Theory **NEW**



It is gratifying to note that people like **Swami Vivekananda, Aurobindo Ghosh, Dadabhai Naoroji** and **Dr. B R Ambedkar** did not have appetite for racial theories, because, as Naoroji put it, they were unrealistic and often used to prove the inferiority of Asians.

One does not grudge the British rulers of India their policy, but one may justifiably ask why such racist theory was accepted, some oppositions notwithstanding, by all and sundry not merely among the Indian masses but also among most of the professional historians and archaeologists till today. **The roots of Hindu bigotry do not lie in the glorification of ancient India but in the historical acceptance of a demeaning racist theory which equated the history of ancient India to that of Aryan colonization.**

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Sudra could not have anything to do with race, Ambedkar stated the following:

“That the theory of the Aryan race set up by Western writers fails to the ground at every point goes without saying....Anyone who comes to scrutinize the theory will find that it suffers from a ‘double infection.’ In the first place, the theory is based on nothing but pleasing assumptions and the inferences based on such assumptions. **In the second place, the theory is a perversion of scientific investigation.** It is not allowed to evolve out of facts. On the contrary the theory is preconceived and facts are selected to prove it. (**Ambedkar** 1970 73 – 73).

Ambedkar was aware of the hold of this theory over the masses and scholars alike. He offered a succinct explanation.

“The Aryan race theory is so absurd that it ought to have been dead long ago. But far from being dead, the theory has a considerable hold upon the people. There are two explanations which account for this phenomenon. The first explanation is to be found in the support which the theory receives from the Brahmin scholars. This is a very strange phenomenon. As Hindus, they should ordinarily show a dislike for the Aryan theory with its express avowal of the superiority of the European races over the Asiatic races. But the Brahmin scholar has not only no such aversion but he most willingly hails. The reason are obvious. The Brahmin believes in the two-nation theory. He claims to be the representative of the Aryan race and he regards the rest of the Hindus as descendants of the non-Aryans. The theory helps him to establish his kinship with the European races and share their arrogance and superiority. He like particularly that part of the theory which makes the Aryan invader and conqueror of the non-Aryan native races. For it helps him to maintain and justify his overlordship over the non-Brahmins.”

"The second explanation why the Aryan race theory is not dead because of the general insistence by the European scholars that the word varna means color and the acceptance of that view by a majority of the Brahmin scholars. Indeed, this is the mainstay of the Aryan theory. "

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Indology imposed on India and which Indian scholars went on repeating ad nauseam.

(source: [Colonial Indology: Sociopolitics of the Ancient Indian Past - By Dilip K. Chakrabarti](#) p. 226 - 228). For more on [Western Biased Scholarship](#), refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#). Refer to [The Dangers of Aryan Invasion Theory - BBC](#).

Refer to [The Aryan Myth: A History of Racist and Nationalistic Ideas in Europe - By Leon Poliakov](#)

Eurocentrism and History of India



[Jawaharlal Nehru](#) (1889-1964) first prime minister of free India, was more than a deeply moral human being. He yearned for spiritual light. He was particularly drawn to [Swami Vivekananda](#) and the [Sri Ramakrishna Ashram](#). The [Upanishads](#) fascinated him.

Regarding Euro centrism, he wrote in his book [The Discovery of India](#):

"Till recently many European thinkers imagined that everything that was worthwhile had its origins in Greece or Rome."

Nehru has lamented:

"How few of us know of these great achievements of our past, how few realize that if India was great in thought and philosophy, she was equally great in action. Most westerners still imagine ancient history is largely concerned with the Mediterranean countries, and

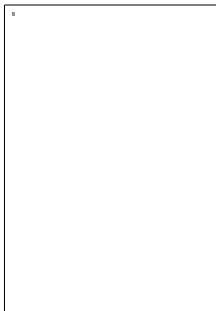
medieval and modern history is dominated by the quarrelsome little continent of Europe."

[Euro centrism](#) attributes historical superiority or priority to Europeans over all others. The fundamental assumption that progress is somehow permanent and natural in the European part of the world but not elsewhere, and progress elsewhere is mainly the result of the diffusion of innovative ideas and products from Europe and Europeans.

For more on Eurocentrism refer to chapter on [Glimpses XIV](#). Refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#) and [Suvarnabhumi](#).

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California Textbook Controversy ^{NEW} Creation Science and Aryan Invasion Theory ?



[Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn](#) (1918 -) Russian author and historian, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1970. In his work Solzhenitsyn continued the realistic tradition of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy and complemented it later with his views of the flaws of both East and West.

He once put it,

"The mistake of the West is that it measures other civilizations by the degree to which they approximate to Western civilization. If they do not approximate it, they are hopeless, dumb, reactionary."

(source: [Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, interviewed in Time](#) of 24 July 1989). Refer to [The California Textbook Controversy - hinduismtoday.com](#).



"The American education system (with strong reinforcement from the media) has bred a nation of what I will call 'closet racists.' Closet racists are unaware of their prejudices."



- [Dr. Paul Gorski: The Language of Closet Racism](#) and [Creator Of The Multicultural Pavilion](#)

(source: [Dialog on Whiteness Studies - By Rajiv Malhotra](#) - sulekha.com).

“Too many Western students still leave high school clutching their Bibles believing that Judeo-Christian Mythology is the one true faith and all others are a religious mockery.”

(source: [Hyper Multiculturalism - Encouraging Comparative Religion in Education - By Mark Liberator](#)).

Are Hindus children of a lesser 'god'? ^{NEW}

Obsessively negative picture of ancient India in American Textbooks

Clichéd pictures of scavengers and untouchables cleaning latrines, scrawny cows eating garbage on streets (with gratuitous remarks like “Where is the Beef”, or statements like “even if Hindus are starving, they will not eat beef”). Students are taught that only Hinduism ill-treats women or other men. For other religions, these topics are either not discussed, or white-washed. Or even if issues of slavery and gender inequality are mentioned, they are de-linked from the respective religions, and treated only as distant historical and/or social issues. Hindu religious beliefs are presented in ridiculous terms like “according to the Karma theory, if you do bad deeds, you may be reborn as a pig or an insect”, whereas the teachings (“revelations”) of other religions are taught in a very profound manner. **Hindu holy books are just “poems”, ‘songs’ (like Madonna’s pop-songs?), or “myths” whereas the Bible and the Quran are “revealed scriptures” whose accounts are historical facts.** **The list of such errors of fact, bias and disparity with other faiths in these textbooks is endless.**

Hinduism is equal to the caste system, in which there is a large section of people who are called untouchables. The untouchables were discriminated against, they were suppressed and people would not even see them, let alone touch them. Then you read that Hindu [women in ancient India](#) were burned when they died and were harassed if they did not commit Sati (page 245 in Glencoe textbook). You read that “women did not inherit property”, they “could not study”, they “could not remarry” and their “life was miserable as a widow”. You would study that people in India would not eat beef “even if they were starving”. You would also learn that you worship “statues of gods and goddesses in temples”, whereas others worship a powerful, all-knowing and living God.

If, by chance, there is anything positive in Hindu culture, it is neglected. No mention is made of the fact that Hindus alone worship God in Her Feminine Form. No mention is made of the fact that Hindus were the only society where slavery did not exist. No mention is made of the fact that religious wars were rare in Hindu society. No mention is made of the fact that many ‘untouchables’ compiled the greatest of Hindu scriptures, and became Hinduism’s most famous saints. **And certainly no mention of the fact that India was historically the most tolerant nation in accepting differing religious beliefs in the world – not just ‘tolerating’, but welcoming Jews, Zoroastrians, Atheists, ‘heretical Christians’, ‘Qaramatian Muslims’ and others who fled persecution elsewhere.**

Why should the sixth grade textbook teach eleven year old children in California about ancient cultures such as China, India, Rome, Greece, Israel, and Mesopotamia? **The answer is obvious- the world is shrinking rapidly, and we have people of all nationalities and ethnicities living right in our midst. Particularly after 9/11, American children need to be made aware of cultures other than American culture so that they can appreciate the diversity of the shared heritage of mankind and become better, more informed citizens of a multicultural country and world.**

(source: [Forgetting the Child - the Heart of the Matter - By Niraj Mohanka](#) - india-forum.org).

Academic Hypocrisy ^{NEW}

If other religions like Islam, Judaism, and Christianity are allowed to present sanitised versions of their religion, Hindus should also be allowed the same rights.

While attempts are being made to teach about “Hindu horrors” against minorities, the same

academicians are not lobbying to add textbook sections on “Islamic genocides” in South Asia, “Islamic terrorism” worldwide, or “**Christian holocausts**” of **Native Americans**: The non-Hindu religions are coddled with political correctness and “sensitivity.” In order to be true to their field of study, academicians should apply the same “human rights” criteria to all religions equally.

The controversy of the Mohammed cartoons should compel concerned citizens everywhere to balance intellectual freedom with intellectual responsibility. Whatever may be one’s position in this debate, it must be equally applied to all religions or else it would be hypocrisy.

(source: [Academic Hypocrisy - varnam.org](#)).

Stereotyping Hinduism as backward and violent religion **NEW**

Dave Freedholm has written in his article:

" In American textbooks, Hinduism is not afforded the same balanced and nuanced treatment with regard to women's issues given to Christianity and Islam. In contrast, the oppression and mistreatment of women in Christian and Islamic societies are either ignored or seen as against the true ideals of Christianity and Islam. Feminist scholarship and theology are given wide play in the chapters on Christianity and Islam, but Fisher is silent about feminism in Hindu thought. **All of this leaves a very negative impression of Hinduism vis a vis the other religions. It also can, unintentionally perhaps, further stereotypes of what is seen as a backward and violent Hinduism in contrast to a more progressive and liberated West. "**

(source: [Women and Hinduism in U.S. Textbooks – By Dave Freedholm - sulekha.com](#)).

Oppose creationism **NEW**

Although today's scientists do not consider philology to be a legitimate science, believers in the literal interpretation of the Bible insist on using philology to promote their views. One such view, which has been repeatedly discredited by science, but is still being pushed for inclusion in California's textbooks without mentioning its biblical aspects, is a theory known as the Aryan Migration Theory.

According to this theory, descendents of the **Biblical character Japheth invaded India** after the deluge and populated it. Inclusion of this theory in school textbooks would indirectly give sanction to creationism and open the doors for future frontal assaults on science.

A recent paper co-authored by **Peter Underhill** in our **Genetics Department** analyzed genetic evidence and concluded that there is no such thing as Aryan migration into India. This is consistent with evidence from other fields such as carbon dating, fossil studies, archaeology, geophysics, linguistics, metallurgy, and satellite imaging.

However, in a letter to the California State Board of Education, **Vinay Lal** – a humanities professor at UCLA and believer in philology – dismisses such scientific conclusions as "palpable falsehoods" and "alleged evidence of some unknown geneticist." He avers that science has no role to play in overturning "the long established view on this matter."

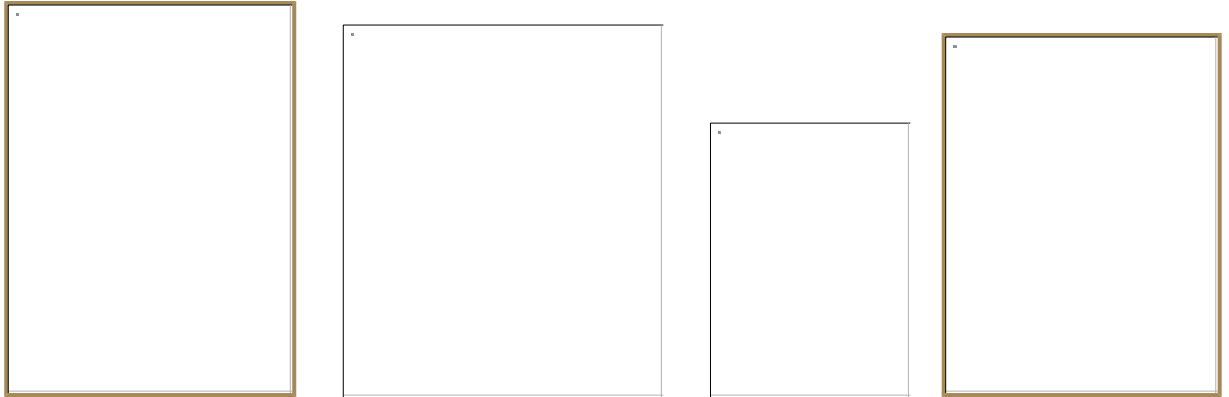
(source: [Oppose creationism - By J. Sreedhar - The Stanford Daily](#) February 17 2006, Page 4). Refer to [Aryan Invasion Fantasy](#). For more on Prof. Vinay Lal refer to <http://www.uclaprofs.com/profs/lal.html>

(**Note**: During the eighteenth and nineteenth century the Biblical statement that "God shall enlarge Japheth" (Genesis 9:27) was used by some Christians as a justification for the "enlargement" of European territories through Imperialism, which was interpreted as part of God's plan for the world. The subjugation of Africans was likewise justified by the curse of Ham).

And Sermons from the Sanctimonious West? **NEW**

In a country where **just under half of all Americans** believe the natural world was created in its

present form by God in six days as described in [Genesis](#) and that the earth is only a few thousand years old, American academia and historians like [Harvard University](#) professor [Michael Witzel](#), [Stanley Wolpert](#) and their [faithful Indian sepoys and chowkidars](#) like Marxist historian [Romila Thapar](#), professor [Homi Bhabha](#), University of Michigan professor [Madhav Deshpande](#), have the arrogance to claim that AIT is true.



Harvard professor [Michael Witzel](#), India's Marxist historian, [Romila Thapar](#) and Prof. Homi Bhabha. Prof. Witzel and his Hindu-baiting Indian sepoys [Madhav Deshpande](#), [Rajesh Kochar](#) avidly promote the Aryan invasion theory.

"Sepoys were Indians who worked for the British Empire as armed soldiers, and it was these sepoys and not white soldiers who fired most of the bullets against Indians."

(source: [Dialog on Whiteness Studies - By Rajiv Malhotra](#) - [sulekha.com](#)).

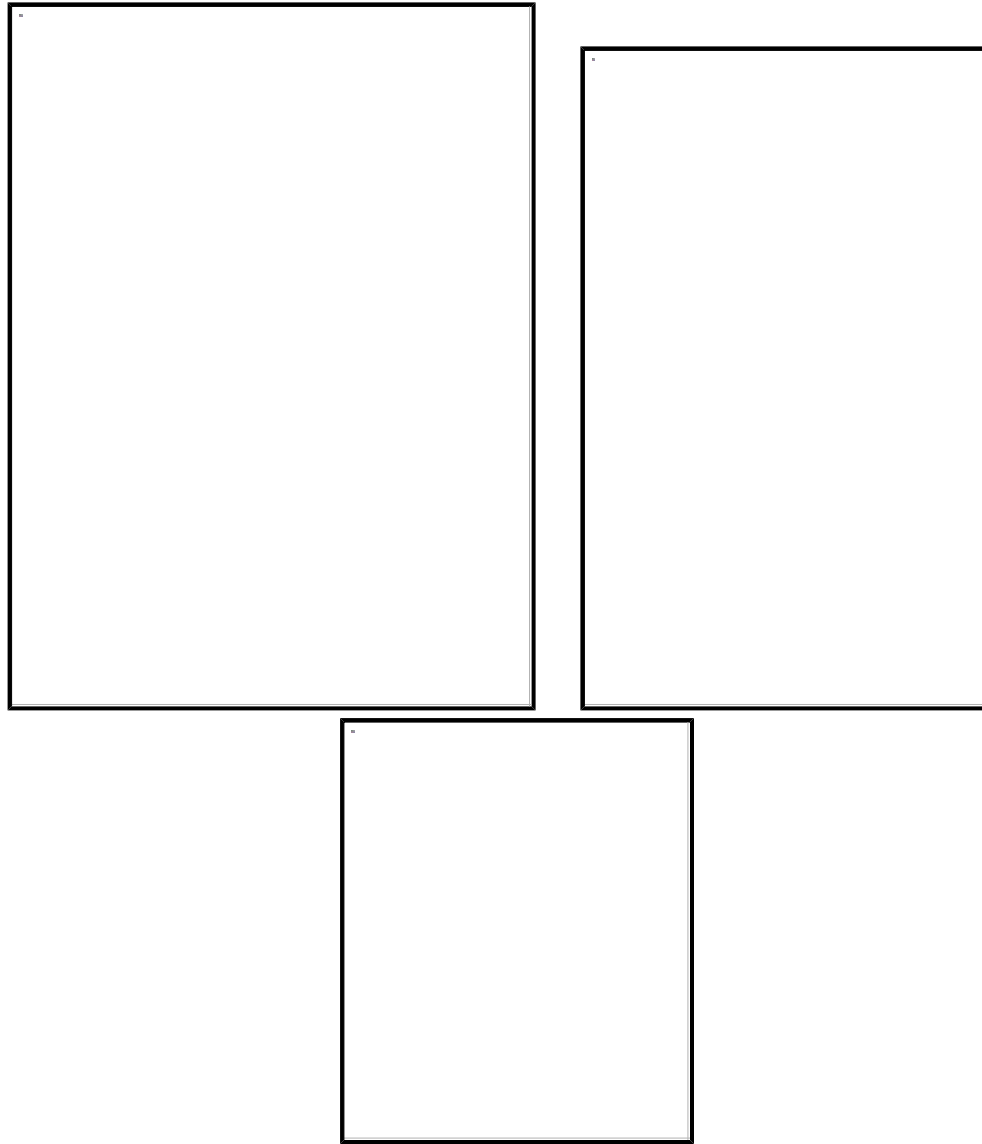
India's past has been held hostage by Marxists in India and colonialist/racist scholars outside India. Prof. Witzel sneeringly has said: "Indian Civilization would be a good idea"

As the Aryan invasion version of history has begun to crumble, there are parties in Indian and Western academic circles that have a special interest in preserving it. Witzel represents a group of remaining colonialist scholars who are trying to hold on to their view of superior Aryan race.

"The war against Hindus is a media war, beginning in textbooks, but global in its scale." - says [George Thundiparambil](#)

In a country where the biggest shelf presence in a bookstore, the [Left Behind series](#) of novels by "[prophecy scholar](#)" [Tim LaHaye](#) with [Jerry B Jenkins](#) crusade against science in modern America, US historians have the gall telling the world that the racist AIT theory is true. (Refer to [More evangelicals turning up in elite circles, schools](#) - By [Laurie Goodstein](#) and [David D. Kirkpatrick](#) - The New York Times/May 22, 2005. Also Refer to [Most Americans take Bible stories literally](#) - An ABC News poll released Sunday found that 61 percent of Americans believe the account of creation in the Bible's book of Genesis is "literally true" rather than a story meant as a "lesson.").

[Swami Vivekananda](#), [Aurobindo Ghosh](#) and [Dadabhai Naoroji](#) and [B R Ambedkar](#) did not have appetite for racial theories, because, as [Dadabhai Naoroji](#) put it, they were unrealistic and often used to prove the inferiority of Asians. Much like the African model - the stone ruins of [Great Zimbabwe](#) was considered to be a work from people outside Africa. [M Posnansky](#) (1982) refers to "the notion that what was advanced in Africa's past was the work of outside invaders, merchants or metal workers.



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Although the Aryan invasion theory was opposed by prominent historians like Ramesh Chandra Mazumdar and archeologists like Rakhaldas Banerjee and S.P.Gupta, the pro-British historians of India like Romila Thapar so far have disregarded all arguments against this theory.

For more on [Christian Fundamentalism Agenda in USA](#), refer to:

[More evangelicals turning up in elite circles, schools](#) - By Laurie Goodstein and David D. Kirkpatrick and [A conflict between science and God](#) - By Martin Kettle - Guardian and [Quotes from The American Taliban](#) and [Christian Fundamentalists to Push Bible as Classroom "Knowledge"](#) and [Bush, the Neocons and Evangelical Christian Fiction: America "Left Behind"](#) - By Hugh Urban and [The Christian Right, Dominionism, and Theocracy](#) - publiceye.org. and [Dinosaurs, evangelicals and the state](#) - By Justin Webb - BBC. and [Cornell President Says "Intelligent Design" Religion, Not Science](#) and [American Fundamentalists](#) and [Religion in America's Public Square: Are We Crossing the Line?](#) - By Abraham H. Foxman ADL National Commission Meeting and [Intelligent designers are out to Christianize America](#) and [Religious Right targets Gays](#) and [The Rise of the Religious Right in the Republican Party](#) and [Christian Supremacy: Pushing the Dhimmitude of Non-Christians in America](#) and [Insults to the Mahatma, ignored by India](#) - rediff.com.

Also refer to [Battlefield Earth - By Bill Moyers](#) and [The Godly Must Be Crazy - By Glen Scherer](#) and [Rapture or Rupture? - By Bryan Zepp Jamieson](#). Refer to [The Republican War on Science - By Chris Mooney](#) and [Resurgence Of Religious Right Among Top Concerns - totallyjewish.com](#) and [The Crusaders: Christian evangelicals are plotting to remake America in their own image - By Bob Moser - rollingstone.com](#) and [Dominionist](#). Refer to [As America declines, the Bible thumpers take hold - By Ramesh Rao - indiareacts.com](#) and [How the Dominionists Are Succeeding in Their Quest for National Control and World Power - yuricareport.com](#). [America is a religion - By George Monbiot - guardian.co.uk](#). and [Christianize America](#). Refer to [Jesus Christ: Artifice for Aggression - By Sita Ram Goel](#) and [Meet the Religious Right](#). Refer to [America's Moral Decline and the Rise of False Christianity - by Karen Horst Cobb](#) - Evangelical Christians are organizing and conspiring to manipulate governments to use weapons if necessary to kill some of God's children so that prime real estate goes to people whom they believe God likes best.

Refer to [California Curriculum Commission Accepts Most Hindu Changes to Sixth Grade Textbooks - hinduismtoday.com](#) and [Hating Hindus in a 'Scholarly' Way - By Vishal Agarwal](#) and [Sanskrit dept in disarray, students, officials say](#).

Refer to [Hindus and Sikhs Protest Curriculum Changes in Calif. Textbooks](#) and [Thus Spake Professor Michael Witzel - A Harvard University Case Study in Prejudice?](#) and [Gunga Din Comes to Michigan - By S Kalyanaraman](#) and [Posting by Dr Steven Farmer](#) and [Hindus fight discrimination in California textbooks - 1 - By Kalavi Venkat](#) and [Hindu American Foundation Writes California School Board on Text Book Treatment of Hinduism](#) and [Saffronisation reaches US shores - By S Rajagopalan - hindustantimes](#) and [Article in the Communist Party of India \(Marxist\) - by Nalini Taneja](#) and [Communist party of India](#) and [Indian Identity in American Schools - By C. Alex Alexander](#) Refer to [Eminent Historians: Their Technology, Their Line, Their Fraud](#) is a book by [Arun Shourie](#). Refer to [Petty Professorial Politicking in The Indo-Aryan Controversy - By Koenraad Elst](#). For more on [Communist History of India](#) refer to chapter on [Glimpses XIV](#). Also refer to [The story behind Witzel's plunge into California school politics](#). For some humor refer to [Indology Researchers' Fan Club](#)

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For more on [Western Biased Scholarship](#), refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#) and [Eminent Historians: Their Technology, Their Line, Their Fraud](#) and [Support Dr. Koenraad Elst for the Kluge Chair](#)

Refer to [Michael Witzel and pals to target BBC next after CA textbook debacle](#) and [Aryan Invasion Theory and Christian Supremacism in Academia - By Arvind Kumar](#) and [Witzel's vanishing ocean](#) and [Scholarship of Equine Posteriors- Harvard\)appa Style - By Narayanan Komerath](#) and [Harvard professor launches anti-Hindu Crusade - india-forum.com](#) and [Aryan Tourist Theory \(TM\) - By Dr. S. Kalyanaraman](#) and [Sanskrit Dept. in Disarray, Students, Officials Say - By Jonathan A Lewin - the harvardcrimson.com](#) and [Harvard claims that its seals mean nothing](#) and [Who are the real experts?](#)

[Bigotry and Prejudice: the Depiction of Hinduism in the West - By Rajeev Srinivasan - rediff.com](#). For the past few months, an obscure debate has been raging on about California school textbooks, which actually boils down to a vexed and important issue:

Do Hindus have the right to be treated as equals with followers of other religions, or are Hindus and Hinduism to be deemed, ipso facto, inferior and objects of scorn?

Please Sign Petition - End Harvard Association of Hate Groups! -

<http://www.petitiononline.com/stopIER/petition.html> **NEW**

Please Sign Petition: [Petition Letter to California State Board of Education - Hindu American Foundation](http://www.hinduamericanfoundation.org/campaigns_education_california.php). http://www.hinduamericanfoundation.org/campaigns_education_california.php

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Please Sign - [Support Dr. Koenraad Elst for the Kluge Chair](#) and Refer to [Distortion of Indian History and School Textbooks](#)



[Edward Said](#) (1935 - 2003) author of [Orientalism](#), has noted that the:

"US academy had taken over the Orientalist mantle from the Europeans after World War II and the "area specialist," he noted, "lays claims to regional expertise, which is put at the service of government or business or both."

"For too long, many have donned the cloak of "academic freedom" as a tool to deconstruct and debase Hindu perceptions of God and Truth, the scriptural bases of their interpretations and the heroes Hindus worship."

"The positivism of Western research appears itself as an ideology of domination; philology is a symptom of the Western will to power. There is an unmistakable aura of power about the philologist."

(source: [Hindu American foundation](#) and [Tradition and Reflection: Explorations in Indian Thought - By Wilhelm Halbfass](#) p. 1 - 12). Refer to chapter on [European Imperialism](#).

Political activism of 'scholars' or Racism? NEW

"Hindus in this sense are like Jews before holocaust. It took 6 million Jewish lives and 2000 years of diaspora to make Jews realize the real impact of negative stereotypes. "

Boorish comments denigrating India, Hindus and Hinduism by a **self-proclaimed 'Indologist'** who is on the faculty of Harvard University has unleashed a fierce debate over the increasing **political activism** of 'scholars' who teach at this prestigious American university.

Known for aggressively pushing theories forged by Left historians of the **Romila Thapar genre** that have been long discredited through scientific means, including DNA studies, this 'linguist' is known for promoting himself as a 'historian' in academic circles. His proximity to Left historians in India is no secret.

Such is Prof Witzel's contempt for Indians who live and work in the US that he has not minced words running them down as an ethnic group. On one occasion, he declared: **"Hindus in the US are lost or abandoned people."**

For years, **Indian parents**, who form a sizeable number in California, had been seeking the removal of such references in the State's textbooks. For instance, one textbook described **Goddess Kali as "bloodthirsty"**. The section on Ramayana and Hanuman urged students to look around the classroom and see if there was a monkey among them. Another described Hinduism as a religion that teaches women are inferior. The most **offensive and inaccurate reference** was to the 'Aryan invasion' theory that has now been junked by historians across the world. While talking of this theory, the texts spoke of **tall, blue-eyed Aryans** invading India and contrasted them with **'curly-haired, snub-nosed Dravidians'**.



[Dr Stan T Metzberg](#), a California biologist, rejected Prof Witzel's insistence that the 'Aryan invasion' theory should be retained, by citing scientific evidence.

"I've read the DNA research and there was no Aryan migration," he

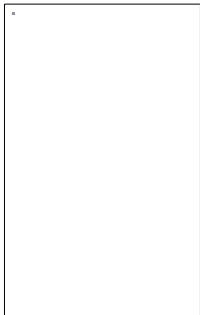


retorted, adding, "I believe the hard evidence of DNA more than I believe historians."

Witzel rallied the support of some other Left historians and scholars - they described themselves as 'a panel of international experts on India and Hinduism' - to launch a virulent campaign against parents pushing for change in curriculum by branding them as "Hindutva brigade" and encouraged others to hurl scurrilous allegations against California's Hindus.

(source: [Harvard don denigrates Hindus - By Kanchan Gupta](#) - dailypioneer.com December 25 2005). Refer to [The Real Eve : Modern Man's Journey Out of Africa - By Stephen Oppenheimer](#) and [Thus Spake Professor Michael Witzel - A Harvard University Case Study in Prejudice?](#) and [Bigotry and Prejudice: the Depiction of Hinduism in the West - By Rajeev Srinivasan - rediff.com](#) and [Endemic discrimination against Hindus - By Rajeev Srinivasan](#). For some humor refer to [Indology Researchers' Fan Club](#).

Academic Hinduphobia? **NEW**
A form of psychological child abuse?

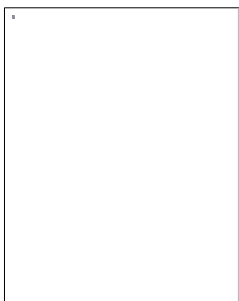


"According to European nationalism, other traditions and earlier ones were expressions of mythological beliefs only: Christianity was an expression of historical fact.

To this day, the most threatening appositional phrase that an avowed Christian can be presented with is 'Christian Mythology.' To accept its validity is to shake the ground of her/his belief."

- [Dr. Marimba Ani](#) - active organizer in the Afrikan Community.

Author of [YURUGU: An African-Centered Critique of European Cultural Thought and Behavior](#) Africa World Press. Sixth reprint 1996.p. 141.



[Rajiv Malhotra](#) () After studying in Delhi's St. Columba's High School and then St. Stephen's College, Rajiv arrived in the US in 1971 to study Physics and Computer Science. His corporate careers and business entrepreneurship included the computer, software and telecom industries. He now spends full time with [The Infinity Foundation](#), a non-profit organization in Princeton, New Jersey.

He has written about the textbook controversy as:

"The sixth-grade classroom in America has become the battle ground for geo-politically charged fights where the anti-Hindu biases of the academicians are ruling the roost. Is the sixth-grade classroom the right place to prosecute an American minority culture or a foreign nation?"

"The recent California Department of Education's hearings on sixth-grade textbook portrayals of religions and cultures have triggered conflicts between the Hindu Diaspora and a group of academicians claiming to be "the experts" on Hinduism. Every religion has good sides and bad sides, its "enemies" and its "victims." However, eleven-year olds are too young and naïve, and most of their teachers are too ignorant, to be subject to incoherent scholarly controversies on foreign politics. Most sixth graders are unlikely to study these religions ever again in their lives. Hence, the impressions created by these textbooks will have a lasting effect in shaping the future of American society.

For instance, the textbooks say that Hinduism considers women to be inferior to men, but ignore biases against women in Islam, Christianity and Judaism.

American academicians who are known for their Hinduphobia have launched a vicious attack.

They rallied instant support from many Indian academicians to do the dirty work, in a manner similar to the way in which British colonizers used **Indian sepoys** to shoot at their fellow Indians. Interestingly, most of the academicians who joined are **not** experts in the academic field of religion, and are not even members of the Hinduism Unit of the American Academy of Religion, which is the official academic body of Hinduism Studies.

The attack has relied upon maligning Hindu groups and branding them as “**fascists,**” “**extremists,**” “**fundamentalists,**” “**chauvinists,**” etc. The attackers allege links between overseas violence and Hindu Americans, and use **sensationalized warnings** that accepting the Hindus on par with the Islamic and Christian groups would encourage international terrorism.

The academicians fighting the Hindu Diaspora frantically arranged to fly in witnesses from far away places to testify about the horrors of Hinduism, while no similar witnesses were summoned to testify against the horrors of Islam, Christianity or Judaism.- such as, for example, Kashmiri Pandits, Hindus raped in Pakistan, Muslim women complaining against forced burqas, or the innocent children who have been **victims of pedophile Christian priests.** - (Refer to **[Pedophiles and Priests: Anatomy of a Contemporary Crisis - By Philip Jenkins](#)**). Refer to **[Women's Inferior Status in the Bible](#)**.

Only in the case of Hinduism was the politics from the mother country dragged into the California proceedings. What they overlooked is that Hinduism is a world religion with followers in many parts of the planet besides India. India's social-political problems do not reflect on the second-generation Indian Americans, the millions of Euro-Americans practicing yoga/meditation who claim Hindu or quasi-Hindu identities, or on millions of overseas Hindus living elsewhere. The scholars failed to decouple Hinduism from Indian politics, while no other religion got coupled to geopolitics.

The table below compares how California textbooks treat Hinduism and other major religions. .

How religions are treated in California textbooks

Topic	I	J	C	H
Women are shown equal to men?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Oppression of certain groups is discussed?	No	No	No	Yes
Beliefs are considered as historical fact?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Own leaders' interpretations are emphasized?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Treated as a world religion without social/political issues of any foreign country?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

I: Islam J: Judaism C: Christianity H: Hinduism

California's official educational standards contain specific policies on this, which assert,

“**No religious belief or practice may be held up to ridicule and no religious group may be portrayed as inferior,**” and that,

“**Textbooks should instill a sense of pride in every child in his or her heritage.**”

As the above table demonstrates, the textbooks **do not** comply with the California standards in the case of Hinduism.

Among these California children, less than one percent will pursue careers as [Christian evangelists slandering Hindus](#) to convert, or as US government officials using “human rights” as a weapon to gain leverage against India. For this tiny number of potential specialists, there will be other opportunities in higher studies to embark upon a comprehensive study of India’s positive and negative social qualities.

The [political activism of a cartel of elitist academicians](#) is invading the psyche of innocent children: It harasses the Indian students in class, making them feel embarrassed and ashamed of their ancestry. Challenging history is one thing, but intentionally undermining self-respect at an impressionable age is a form of psychological child abuse.

(source: [Academic Hinduphobia - By Rajiv Malhotra and Vidhi Jhunjunwala - outlookindia.com](#)). For more refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#), [European Imperialism](#), [Women in Hinduism](#) and [Conversion](#).

White Supremacy and Human Rights NEW

The invisibility of white supremacy masks how violence and the threat of violence guarantee its durability.

White people assert their moral right to use violent force whenever their group interests are threatened. People of color have no equivalent moral right to defend themselves against [European aggression](#), especially when such aggression is done in the name of "law and order" [and nowadays, in the name of "[human rights](#)."]

This paradoxical belief has been a powerful weapon with which to steal and exploit land and other natural resources, to defend slavery and racism, to condemn lesbians and gays, and to deride all who are not Christian. Those who are not white or Christian are expected, at best to merge into the dominant culture and political system, or worst, to remain invisible and not to challenge white Christian hegemony.

(source: [Dialog on Whiteness Studies - By Rajiv Malhotra - sulekha.com](#)).

A Textbook Debate Over Hinduism NEW

When Abhijit Kurup began learning about Hinduism at his [Claremont middle school](#), he could barely recognize his own religion.

Textbooks portrayed the 6,000-year-old tradition as [a religion of monkey and elephant gods, rigid caste discrimination and oppression of women](#), he said.

"It degraded my religion," said Kurup, now a UC Riverside freshman. "I felt a mixture of anger, embarrassment and humiliation."

(source: [A Textbook Debate Over Hinduism - By Teresa Watanabe, LA Times Staff Writer February 27 2006](#)).

Fraudulent Distortions? NEW

Refer to [Creationism By Any Other Name... - By Romilla Thapar and Michael Witzel - outlookindia.com](#)

Hindutva groups would like [Hinduism - one of the world’s oldest major religions, with approximately 800 million adherents worldwide, to be treated with the same consideration and respect as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism](#).

(**Note:** Anything wrong with that? [Ms. Thapar? California’s official educational standards](#) contain specific policies on this, which assert, “No religious belief or practice may be held up to ridicule and no religious group may be portrayed as inferior,” and that, “Textbooks should instill a sense of pride in

every child in his or her heritage.”).

Refer to [Eminent Historians: Their Technology, Their Line, Their Fraud](#) is a book by [Arun Shourie](#).
- The book explains how a group of academic historians, of Marxist persuasion, has been tweaking Indian history and also lining its own pockets in the process.

Selectively harp on Hinduism **NEW**

How are other faiths represented in American textbooks?



Why don't our (Indian) pseudo secular journalists and scholars (eg. [Now, Multicultural Hindutva - By Raja Rajagopal](#) and '[Palpable Falsehoods' - By Vinay Lal](#)) give no consideration to how other faiths are represented in these textbooks.

They just **selectively harp on Hinduism** and seek to scrutinize this faith in a manner that no other religion, least of all Christianity, is subjected. What does the Bible say about [Slavery](#) and [Women?](#) For more on Prof. Vinay Lal refer to <http://www.uclaprofs.com/profs/lal.html>

Refer to [California School Text Issues: Students Debate With Prof. Michael Witzel At Harvard University - Lokvani.com](#).

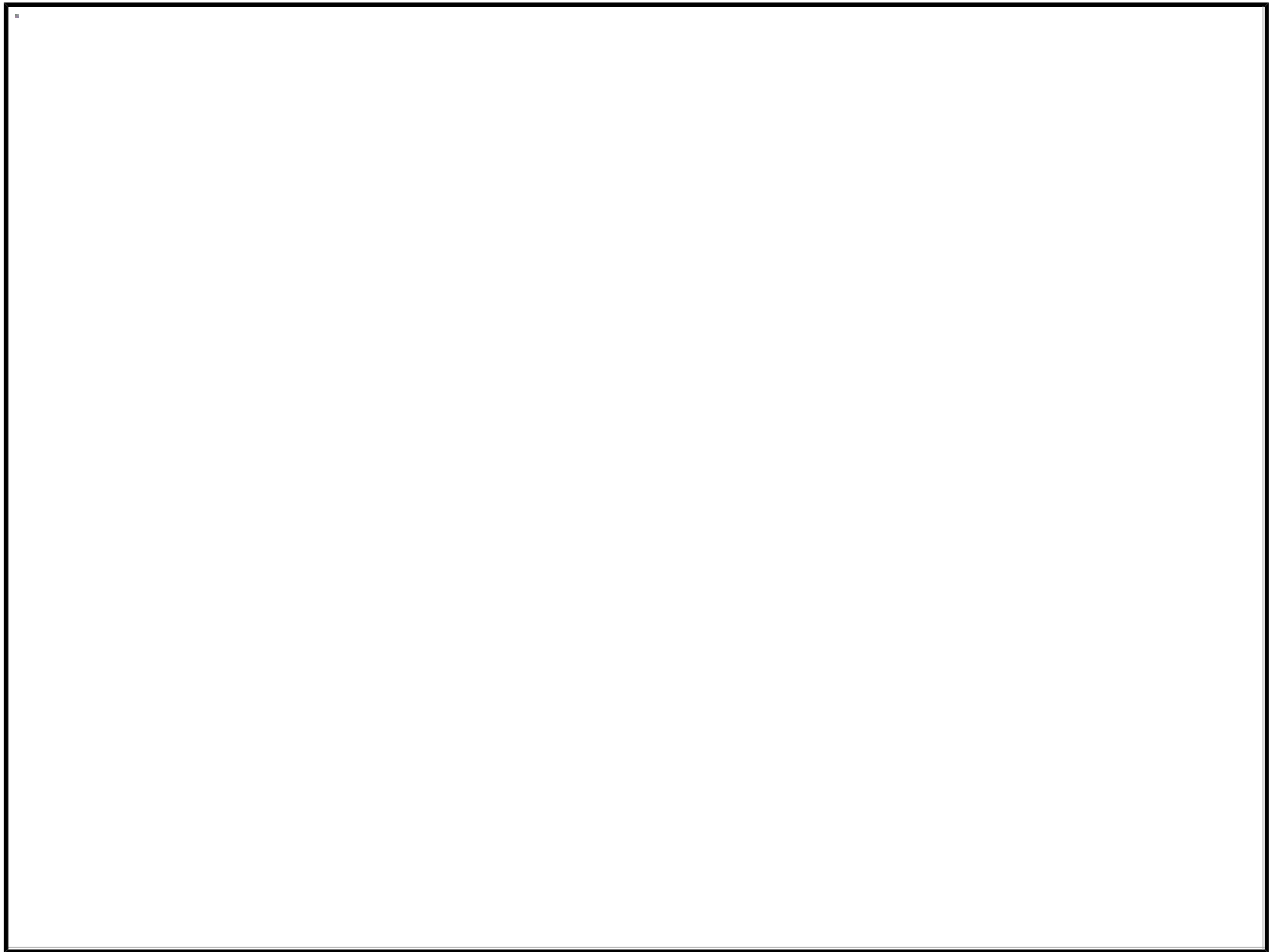
Political incorrectness?

Disparaging/Sarcastic text of Ramayana in American Textbooks? **NEW**

So look around—see any monkeys?”

Current California textbooks on Hinduism ([Macmillan/McGraw-Hill](#) Textbook) on p. 87:

“The monkey king **Hanuman** loved **Rama** so much that it is said that he is present every time the Ramayana is told. **So look around—see any monkeys?**”



Lord Ram with Hanuman and his army. Scene from Thai Ramayana, Grand Palace, Bangkok, Thailand.

Since the time of Valmiki, other poets have made their translations and adaptations of this epic, and Ramayana long ago migrated across South East Asia (Suvarnabhumi) to countries as Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia each of whom have their own Ramayana literary traditions and have made it a part of their culture.

Jules Michelet (1789-1874) French writer, one of the greatest historian said about the Ramayana:

"There lies my great poem, as vast as the Indian ocean, blessed, gilded with the sun, the book of divine harmony wherein is no dissonance. A serene peace reigns there, and in the midst of conflict an infinite sweetness, a boundless fraternity, which spreads over all living things, an ocean (without bottom or bound) of love, of pity, of clemency."

(source: **Philosophy of Hinduism - An Introduction** - By T. C. Galav ISBN: 0964237709 Universal Science-Religion. Pg 149 and **Making History Poverty?**. For more refer to chapter on **Hindu Scriptures**).

(Note: Navya Shastra also requests that the school board recognize the positive contribution of Dalits to Hinduism, and strongly suggests **replacing the photo of the Dalit performing a menial task* with one that illustrates a Dalit immersed in a faith practice. For while the caste system has treated many Hindus very unfairly, the liberating resources of the tradition that affirm the equal worth and dignity of all beings should also be presented).**

Textbooks about Hinduism: Why accuracy matters? ^{NEW}

What the **Hindus** and **Jews** were demanding had nothing to do with evolution or intelligent design. They were asking that the books **accurately and fairly portray their religions and histories**. But the request to make the changes was **met with antagonism** by a group of prominent religious scholars. The group, led by Harvard Sanskrit scholar Michael Witzel, filed a petition against the changes, claiming they had more to do with religious fanaticism on the part of the groups than with accuracy.

Many Hindu groups and parents in California were understandably upset -- **Witzel unfairly branded them as extremists. But he doesn't have to worry about his child coming home from school and declaring that he no longer wants to be a Hindu because his classmates ridiculed him about something taught in class that day. That recently happened to one Milpitas, Calif., parent of an 11-year-old.**

(source: [Textbooks about Hinduism: Why accuracy matters? - By Viji Sundaram](#) New America Media, Jan 10, 2006). Refer to [Bigotry and Prejudice: the Depiction of Hinduism in the West - By Rajeev Srinivasan - rediff.com](#) and [Endemic discrimination against Hindus - By Rajeev Srinivasan](#)

Negative portrayal of Hinduism in American schools ? ^{NEW}

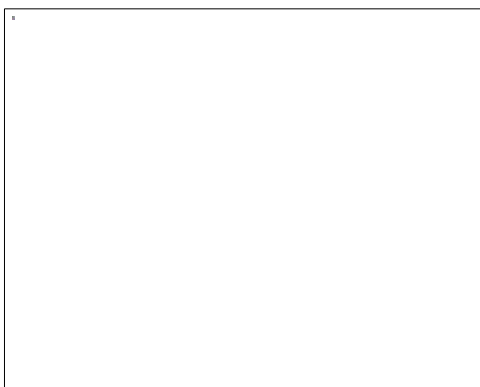
"the state of Hinduism as has been portrayed in public school textbooks is outdated and derogatory and misleading. There is no expanding on the philosophy of the Hindus, their positive attributes. The textbooks bring topics that are not brought in when it comes to other religions. **When they talk about Jesus or give instances from the Bible, they put on them on paper as historical fact, but when it comes to stories of Rama or Krishna, it is always a myth. if you look at Christianity or Judaism or Islam, nowhere in the textbooks is there any discussion on women's rights.** Then, to pull it in for Hinduism is a different treatment of Hinduism. If you look at [Christianity](#) or Judaism or [Islam](#), nowhere in the textbooks is there any discussion on [women's rights](#). Then, to pull it in for Hinduism is a different treatment of Hinduism. (Refer to [Treatment of Women in the Bible](#) and chapter on [Women in Hinduism](#) and [Hindus fight discrimination in California textbooks – 1 – By Kalavi Venkat](#)).

Hindus are just beginning to join the civic process in the US. I think schools are well aware that you cannot have people in ivory towers writing textbooks without having some inputs from the community which is being written about. **It is easy to fling mud to deflect attention from what is really being put into the book.** There are so many political Hindu-phobic forces. **If you look at high academia and look at the way Hinduism has been portrayed by many, they had a free rein for so many years. They were able to define Hinduism for Hindus.** I think they have apprehensions now to allow Hindus to define Hinduism."

(source: ['I am not for rewriting Hinduism' - interview with Suhag A Shukla - rediff.com](#)). Refer to [Indian Identity in American Schools - By C Alex Alexander - sulkeha.com](#). Also refer to [Bigotry and Prejudice: the Depiction of Hinduism in the West - By Rajeev Srinivasan - rediff.com](#) and [Endemic discrimination against Hindus - By Rajeev Srinivasan](#)

(**Note: Double Standards?** American journalists believe that it is the right of Christians, Muslims or Jews to be politically active, but brand Hindus fighting for their political rights as "**Hindu fundamentalists**").

Your child is a 'broken person!' ^{NEW}



[Mahatma Gandhi](#) " I am a Hindu because it is Hinduism which makes the world worth living."

He used to refer to them as children of **Hari - Harijans**. He told the Christian missionaries that he resented their attempts to convert the Harijans.

"I resent the overtures made to Harijans."

If you are a Harijan Hindu, and if your child goes to a California



school, she would be told that she is a **broken person** – that is, if Michael Witzel et al have their say.

Everyone would agree that positive reinforcement is the best way to nurture a child. But, Witzel et al, in their capacity as reviewers, have insisted that California textbooks should call Harijan Hindus **'Dalits'** [Ref.: State of California, Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission's Memorandum, dated November 22, 2005, edit 86]. This word literally means **'a broken**

person.' It was **coined in 1972** by a militant group called **Dalit Panthers Party** [Joshi, B.: Untouchables! Voices of the Dalit Liberation Movement, pp. 141-147]. The party was ephemeral but some politicians, who act as the fifth column of **Christian missionary fronts**, insist on using this word to denote the Harijans.

In the effect it has on the child, this obnoxious word is not different from **'nigger,'** a word used by racists to call Black Americans. **Such words inculcate anger, a feeling of victimization and destroy the child.**

Will textbooks ever describe Native Americans as 'nits' and 'wolves,' the words racists used for them?

Michael Witzel et al did not stop at that. They also wanted an illustration of a night-soil remover to depict a Harijan in a textbook on ancient India for grade six [Ref.: State of California, **Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission's Memorandum**, dated November 22, 2005, edit 7]. Can Witzel cite evidence that this obnoxious profession even existed in those times? Why does he insist on falsely stereotyping the Harijans, who have a heritage they can be proud of? **Will he demand that textbooks have the powerful depiction of victims of Inquisition or jihad to illustrate Christianity and Islam respectively?**

(source: [Hindus fight discrimination in California textbooks - 3 - By Kalavi Venkat india-forum.org](#)). For more refer to chapter on [Caste System](#) and [Conversion](#). Also refer to [Bigotry and Prejudice: the Depiction of Hinduism in the West - By Rajeev Srinivasan - rediff.com](#) and [Endemic discrimination against Hindus - By Rajeev Srinivasan](#) and [Insults to the Mahatma, ignored by India - rediff.com](#).

Yes, 'secular' US seems kinder to Hindus than 'secular' India **NEW**

The headlines of this short story, factually told, run like this. 'Hindus worship 'statues', not 'deities'.' 'Hindu God cannot have capital 'G' and have to be content with the ordinary letter 'g' as, unlike the Gods in Abrahamic faiths, there is no one God for Hindus'. 'Who in sixth standard cares whether Ramayana was written before or after the Mahabharata'.

This **scandalous depiction of Hindus**, their faith and history is not the tirade of evangelicals luring Hindus to their faith. But, this is how some US scholars who supported the demeaning descriptions of Hindus and India in textbooks proposed by the California Department of Education (CDE) defended their contents when Hindus protested and sought corrections. Since the US scholars were not Hindus, their defence of the books lacked credibility. To fill the credibility gap, Indian seculars stepped in, led by Romila Thapar; they jointly petitioned the CDE that the Hindu protest against the textbooks was actually the protest of the 'Hindutva forces'. Hence, the corrections suggested by them should be disregarded.

The issue is whether what Hindus say is true or not. Does the truth lose its value because Hindus bring it out?

Dr Michael Witzel, a Harvard University professor who is undeniably anti-Hindu and thus an icon of Indian seculars, charged that the Hindu community's corrections were motivated by 'Hindutva forces'. He warned the CDE that it 'would lead without fail to an international educational scandal' if accepted. [Romila Thapars](#) of secular India joined as co-petitioners of Witzel, making it a kind of 'confession' on behalf of Hindus.

(source: [Yes, 'secular' US seems kinder to Hindus than 'secular' India - By S Gurumurthy - newindpress.com](#)). [Thus Spake Professor Michael Witzel - A Harvard University Case Study in Prejudice?](#)

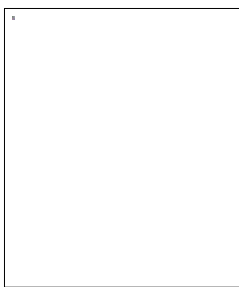
Are Hindus children of a lesser 'god'? **NEW**

Who are opposing the Hindu initiative to end discrimination in California textbooks?

Many Hindu American parents have been dismayed by the negative and caricaturist description of our heritage that our school children in the United States are subjected to.

Other ancient traditions such as Jainism are also ignored in textbooks. HEF has received letters of support from Jain groups, as well as Hindu American organizations representing immigrants from Nepal and the Carribean. More than 100 world-class scholars of archaeology, history and academic study of religion have written to CDE in support of HEF/VF efforts.

Who are they, and why did they oppose the changes? **Steve Farmer**, a non specialist who does not understand a single Indic language or genre of texts, initiated Witzel's petition, on which many Marxist ideologues signed. It seems that Michael Witzel, who sent the petition on behalf its signatories, has called Hindus immigrant to the USA, "lost or abandoned people." Reports also indicate that he has made fun of the most sacred Hindu chants such as "Om." Witzel indulged in clandestine activism, and urged his cosignatories to mobilize opposition to the Hindu initiative through fringe ultra-left Indian or South Asian groups in the United States.



Lars Martin Fosse, a cosignatory on Witzel's petition and writing on behalf of Witzel's petitioners, appealed to **fundamentalist Christian missionaries** and alleged **Khalistanis** to mobilize volunteers to oppose the Hindu initiative. Sikhs, who are a peace-loving, hard-working and enterprising community, have been rightly upset that textbooks that deal with medieval history ignore Sikhism.

Predictably, the Witzel group has received strong support from Indian communists who have always borne an animus for Hindus. The very first articles by Nalini Taneja favoring his stance came out in the online newspaper of the Communist Party of India (Marxist). Further articles by **Anjana Chatterjee**, an Indian leftist in United States, appeared in some **Leftist online magazines**, as did articles by **Comrade Vijay Prasad**, founder of the **Forum of Inquilabi Leftists** (FOIL). All kinds of abuses in their standard lexicon ('fascists', casteists, Hindu nationalists, Nazis etc.) were hurled without any attempt to understand the issues academically. Another conspiracy theory stated by Leftists was that HEF/VF wanted to exclude the Aryan Invasion.

Moreover, ancient Buddhist texts also seemed to include similar treatment of Chandalas in ancient India, and true egalitarianism was absent in other religions as well. Therefore it was unfair to single out Hinduism. However, Witzel group and the Indian American Leftists played the 'Dalit' card, further muddying the situation to no one's benefit. Some reports indicate that many of the participants who showed up at the Board meeting might not be Hindu Dalits.

Lastly, some members of the Indian Muslim community (such as Khalid Azam of the Indian Muslim Council) have stepped in the fray although **Islam was not present in ancient India**. In contrast to Hindu changes, the 500 changes of the Jewish community and a hundred changes proposed by the Muslims were accepted in toto by everyone without a single protest. But as many as 58 of the modest 95 odd Hindu group proposed edits were opposed by the same people. Why? **Are Hindus children of a lesser 'god'?** Why is that that 'scholars' who have never acted constructively in improving the coverage of India and Hinduism in textbooks are now trying to 'foil' constructive maiden attempts by HEF/VF? How come anti-Hinduism is common in all these groups?

(source: [Who are opposing the Hindu initiative to end discrimination in California textbooks? - By Vishal Agarwal - indiapost.com](#). Refer to [Insults to the Mahatma, ignored by India - rediff.com](#).)

American conspiracy against Hinduism! **NEW**

As an unknown heathen with my racial and cultural memories going back to the dawn of history, I am rather amused by the manner in which the **California Education Department** has recently permitted some known **anti-Hindu baiters** like **Michael Witzel, professor of Sanskrit, Harvard University**, and some of his chosen suspects to intrude into (if not lurking house trespass!) the textbook selection, evaluation and reform process, in gross violation of established norms of decorum and decency.

Professor Witzel of Harvard University is a great champion of the Aryan Invasion Theory of India. He

succeeded in persuading the authorities to incorporate this as an inviolable fact in the textbooks. It should not be forgotten that the Aryan Invasion Theory of India was manufactured, marketed and sold as a common colonial product during the days of **British Raj** and which was later lapped up by all the European historians, the highly **Anglicised Indian historians** and the so-called 'secular' historians belonging to the moribund leftist groups in India. The Hindu Education Foundation requested the Californian Authorities to take note of the overwhelming evidence available today against the Aryan Invasion Theory so as to make the presentation in the textbooks more reasonable, balanced and in accord with different shades of expert academic opinion.

(source: [American conspiracy against Hinduism!](#) - By V Sundaram - newstodaynet.com). Also refer to [Bigotry and Prejudice: the Depiction of Hinduism in the West](#) - By Rajeew Srinivasan - rediff.com and [Endemic discrimination against Hindus](#) - By Rajeew Srinivasan. For some humor refer to [Indology Researchers' Fan Club](#). For more on **Western Biased Scholarship**, refer to chapter on [First Indologists](#) and [European Imperialism](#).

Whose religion is it anyway? ^{NEW}

California schoolbooks are up for grabs by Hindu-baiters

The letter disparaged the Hindu parents and activists as the American handmaidens of Hindu nationalist groups in India. The Hindu nationalists, the petition charged, had sought to "rewrite" history and that the heinous project was derailed by the expert and active intervention of secular, academic, and objective "South Asia" scholars.

Known for his **abrasive and sarcastic put-downs** on various India-centred discussion lists, Professor Witzel had inserted himself into a variety of debates on these matters in the past. His muscle as an Ivy League professor was sought to be leveraged by the US-based RSS/ BJP baiters who wrote him asking for his quick intervention in California's school textbooks vetting process. The Hindu groups' request for review of the textbooks was no different from the request by Jewish Americans.

The politics is going to be vicious because the chief petitioner has previously expressed bias against Indian immigrants to the US and stereotyped them as "lost" and "abandoned" people. His hostile and scurrilous imprint is all over the Internet, and yet those who have co-signed his petition have done so without an inkling about the nature of the changes proposed and the changes accepted after review. **Professor Michael Witzel** has defined NRIs as "Non Returning Indians", **Hindus in North America as "HiNA" - punning on the Sanskrit *hina* (meaning low born, lowly)** - and caricatured Hindu parents in the US training their sons and daughters in Indian classical music and dance as being unaware of the status of dance and music in India in feudal times.

The "experts" petition refers to the bloody riots in Gujarat in 2002, and cleverly and **diabolically seeks to insinuate** that the Hindu parents and activists of California who have sought changes in the school textbook are ideologically in bed with the murderers and rapists in Gujarat. **This is the kind of political skullduggery that we may expect in Washington DC or in New Delhi, but should we countenance such vile and vulgar practices by academics?**

(source: [Whose religion is it anyway?](#) - By Ramesh Rao - indiareacts.com).

Harvard professor launches anti-Hindu Crusade ^{NEW}
Unmasking the anti-Hindu elements in Western Academia?

Recently, in a Communist-leaning political list better known for its uncritical beliefs in myths like Aryan Invasion and its negation of historical facts, Harvard professor Michael Witzel made some startling claims about Hindu immigrants to the USA. One of his acolytes invented the acronym HINA for Hindus in North America. Witzel disingenuously and infamously transliterated it as "hiina" and translated it as "lost" or "abandoned." This Sanskrit word has many other derogatory meanings such as "inferior," "insecure," "lowly" and "defective."

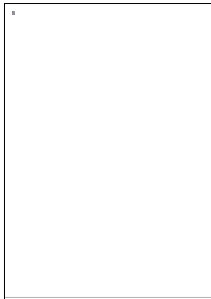
It caught my attention that Witzel had described Hindus using the very same phrase – "lost people" – which a **rabid Christian fundamentalist and anti-Semite had used to describe the Jews a few years ago.**

Rev. Bailey Smith, president of the **Southern Baptist Convention**, a founding father of the movement, once told 15,000 people at a Religious Roundtable briefing in Dallas, had infamously declared:

"God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew" and added, "without Jesus Christ, they [the Jews]

are lost."

Witzel also makes fun of the Hindu custom of cremating their dead: "[Hindus immigrants to the USA] have begun ---as an old, very conservative US Brahmin friend pointed out to me already in 1994---building crematoria as well."



[Stanley Wolpert](#), a UCLA historian whose [sensational books](#) were banned by Indian government during [Indira Gandhi's days](#), writes:

"This was the most important invasion in all of India's history, since the **Aryans brought with their Caucasian genes** a new language – Sanskrit – and a new pantheon of gods..."

It seems that to our UCLA professor the importance of an invasion depends on whether it involved the inflow of Caucasian genes! Hey, what is next? The most important invasion in all of Americas' history is the 16th century invasion of Europeans because it brought in Caucasian genes? Thank god, **African Americans, who do not possess Caucasian genes, did not invade Americas!**

(source: [Harvard professor launches anti-Hindu Crusade - By Dr. Srinivasan Kalyanaraman](#) - india-forum.com). For some humor refer to [Indology Researchers' Fan Club](#)

Diaspora depressed over deception NEW

The Indian diaspora in America is upset over the manner in which the California education department has permitted known anti-Hindu baiters like Harvard professor Michael Witzel and other usual suspects to **intrude** in the textbook selection and reform process, in violation of established norms. **The result is that while the Curriculum Commission has accepted changes mooted by representatives of the Christian, the Jewish and the Muslim groups, changes desired by Hindu groups are being posted for re-review by Hindu-baiting academics!**

The **Jewish** and the **Hindu** groups shared a common agony that American textbooks did not capitalize "God" when referring to the supreme deity(s) of their respective faith traditions. Both groups objected to their scriptures being demoted as "stories," which suggested "that the events described are fictitious."

Prof. Michael Witzel of Harvard's Sanskrit Department wrote to the California State Board of Education on November 8, objecting to the accommodation of Hindus sensitivities. Prof. Witzel and his colleague Steve Farmer collected signatures from over four dozen scholars around the world, including worthies like Prof. Romila Thapar and Prof. Stanley Wolpert, without bothering to examine the desired changes! **As Witzel exclusively targetted Hindu-Americans, he may have had a political agenda.**

On December 4, 2005, the California School Board accepted many changes desired by the Hindu community in Grade VI textbooks on topics dealing with India and Hindu dharma. The corrections were vetted by an ad hoc committee including renowned Indologist Dr. Shiva G. Bajpai, who was hired by the Commission. But the Witzel intervention led the Commission to appoint Witzel, Wolpert and others as experts for a post-review process (Content Review Panel).

(source: [Diaspora depressed over deception - By Sandhya Jain](#)).

Stop this anti-Hindu tirade! - "Your use of the word 'saffronisation' shows your sick mindset. Can Hindus in the USA ask for parity with other religions? Can they demand that Hinduism in textbooks be taught using the same yardstick applied to Islam and Christianity?" asks Sadanjan from Hyderabad.

Jagan Mohan from Pondicherry asks, "Is asking for a review of the decision to include Aryan invasions in fact 'pro-Hindutva'? India has always been portrayed as a land of snake charmers, sati, maharajas and cows."

The **Michael Witzel** group is trying to maintain the status quo by showing India as a backward, cultural inferior civilisation by taking refuge behind the anti-Hindutva facade.

And the amazing thing is that the **Hindustan Times** is also taking sides blindly by calling the activists who are trying to set right the distorted image as 'pro-Hindutva' fundamentalists. What's next? Call them terrorists?" he asks.

Raunak from San Francisco says, "I have not read a more ill-informed article that this! I am a resident of California and I see no saffronisation in the campaign taken up by some Hindus against the misrepresentations made in the proposed text. Does a secular Hindu have a right to make a representation or not? Are you going to label all of them as RSS followers? I am a proud Hindu and not a supporter of RSS. You must be ashamed of being a Hindu and hence the title."

Does having pride in Hinduism make Hindutva? Without meeting a single mother out of some one thousand - Witzel wearing his Harvard halo, branded all of them Hindutvavdis! **It is increasingly becoming fashionable to denigrate Hinduism in the name of secularism and modern thinking.** Painting every attempt with a broad brush and calling it "Hindutva" has become a fashion! According to Miss Kanupriya Vashisht, **Hindu Americans born and educated in America are just "Hindutva"**. But Witzel, a Polish Nazi immigrant educated by Nazis, who came recently to the US after destroying the **Kern Institute in Leiden** where he held the Sanskrit chair, is described as "American" professor.

(source: [Stop this anti-Hindu tirade! - hindustantimes.com](#) and [The Hindutva deluge in California - By Kanupriya Vashisht](#) and [Is Hindutva 'hydra headed'?](#))

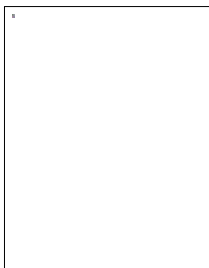
Bigotry and Prejudice: the Depiction of Hinduism in the West - By Rajeev Srinivasan - rediff.com. For the past few months, an obscure debate has been raging on about California school textbooks, which actually boils down to a vexed and important issue: **Do Hindus have the right to be treated as equals with followers of other religions, or are Hindus and Hinduism to be deemed, ipso facto, inferior and objects of scorn?** **NEW**

Self Pride in our Heritage and Identity ? or Saffronization? **NEW**

On the other hand, Hinduism has all along been discriminated against. The following have been the significant features of the treatment of Hinduism: It is historicized not according to its traditional beliefs but according to the speculative, racist and unproven 19th century colonial theories propagated by those highly hostile to Hinduism. For example, Aryan Invasion Theory [AIT], which was invented to divide India on racial grounds, justify British occupation and facilitate conversion to Christianity, is used to historicize the origins of Hinduism. This is being done even though many empirical evidences actually refute AIT.

(source: [The California Textbook Trial - By Kalavai Venkat - sulekha.com](#)). Refer to [Jesus Christ: Artifice for Aggression - By Sita Ram Goel](#)

Non-African world was colonized by different waves of emigrants from India? **NEW**



"There was only one main Exodus of modern humans from Africa, and no more," writes medical doctor and researcher **Stephen Oppenheimer** (Eden in the East), taking on advocates of "multiregional" origins and those who believe there were several exoduses out of Africa. Oppenheimer deftly brings together recent advances in population genetics, climatology and archeology to advance his theory that when groups of Homo sapiens left Africa approximately 80,000 years ago, they first headed east along the Indian Ocean, where they formed settlements as far away as India over several thousands of years. It was only during a respite in glacial activity, when deserts turned into traversable grasslands, that our ancestors headed northwest into the Russian steppes and on into eastern Europe, as well as northeast through China and over the now submerged continent of Beringia (located where the Bering Strait is today) into

North America.

Oppenheimer concludes with two extraordinary conclusions: **'First, that the Europeans' genetic homeland was originally in South Asia** in the Pakistan/Gulf region over 50,000 years ago; and second, that the Europeans' ancestors followed at least two widely separated routes to arrive, ultimately, in the same cold but rich garden. The earliest of these routes was the Fertile Crescent. The second early route from South Asia to Europe may have been up the Indus into Kashmir and on to Central Asia, where perhaps more than 40,000 years ago hunters first started bringing down game as large as mammoths.

(source: [The Real Eve : Modern Man's Journey Out of Africa - By Stephen Oppenheimer](#) and [forum asia times.com](#) Refer to [DNA interactive](#).)

Indians descended from South Asians NEW

Noida, India: A new genetic study says most modern Indians descended from South Asians, not invading Central Asian steppe dwellers.

National Geographic says the finding disputes a long-held theory that a large invasion of Central Asians shaped the language, culture and gene pool of many modern Indians within the past 10,000 years.

Vijendra Kashyap, director of India's National Institute of Biologicals in Noida, said India may have acquired agricultural techniques and languages from the west, but very few genes. Kashyap's findings, published in the current issue of the Proceedings of the National Academies of Science, reveal that the large majority of modern Indians descended from South Asian ancestors who lived on the Indian subcontinent before an influx of agricultural techniques from the north and west arrived some 10,000 years ago, National Geographic said.

(source: [Indians descended from South Asians - newkerala.com](#)).

Aryan impact myth crumbles NEW

Two new genetic studies have disputed long-held beliefs that pastoral central Asian people brought agriculture to India and contributed heavily to the genetic make-up of modern Indian populations. The central Asian people who migrated to India included the Aryans who began arriving around 3,500 years ago.

The studies by scientists in Calcutta with colleagues in other countries might force historians to revise current ideas about the impacts of migrations from central Asia beginning about 8,000 years ago on India.

A study by scientists at the **Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Calcutta** has revealed that most present-day Indians are the descendants of early humans who began to arrive in India about 60,000 years ago. "The perennial concept of people, language and agriculture arriving in India together through the northwest corridor does not hold up to close scrutiny," **Vijendra Kashyap** and his colleagues at the University of Oxford and the Estonian Biocentre said in their research paper.

"Our findings suggest most modern Indians have genetic affinities to the early settlers and subsequent migrants and not to central Asians or Aryans, as they're called," a research scholar at the CFSL said.

(source: [Aryan impact myth crumbles - By G S Mudur - The Telegraph - Calcutta](#)).

The Dangers of Aryan Invasion Theory - BBC NEW

The Aryan invasion theory denies the Indian origin of India's predominant culture, but gives the credit for Indian culture to invaders from elsewhere.

It even teaches that some of the most revered books of Hindu scripture are not actually Indian, and it devalues India's culture by portraying it as less ancient than it actually is.

The theory was not just wrong, it included unacceptably racist ideas:

- it suggested that Indian culture was not a culture in its own right, but a synthesis of elements from other cultures

- it implied that Hinduism was not an authentically Indian religion but the result of cultural imperialism
- it suggested that Indian culture was static, and only changed under outside influences
- it suggested that the dark-skinned Dravidian people of the South of India had got their faith from light-skinned Aryan invaders
- it implied that indigenous people were incapable of creatively developing their faith
- it suggested that indigenous peoples could only acquire new religious and cultural ideas from other races, by invasion or other processes
- it accepted that race was a biologically based concept (rather than, at least in part, a social construct) that provided a sensible way of ranking people in a hierarchy, which provided a partial basis for the caste system
- it provided a basis for racism in the Imperial context by suggesting that the peoples of Northern India were descended from invaders from Europe and so racially closer to the British Raj
- **it gave a historical precedent to justify the role and status of the British Raj, who could argue that they were transforming India for the better in the same way that the Aryans had done thousands of years earlier**
- it downgraded the intellectual status of India and its people by giving a falsely late date to elements of Indian science and culture.

(source: [The Dangers of Aryan Invasion Theory - BBC](#)). Refer to [Distortion of Indian History and School Textbooks](#).

Refer to [The Aryan Myth: A History of Racist and Nationalistic Ideas in Europe - By Leon Poliakov](#)

Gulf of Cambay Cradle of Ancient Civilization ^{NEW}

For decades archaeologists have argued about the origins of the mysterious "Harappan" (Indus Valley) civilisation that flourished across what is now Pakistan and north-west India from about 3000 BC. Now new findings by Indian scientists working in the Gulf of Cambay suggest that the Harappans were descended from an advanced mother culture that flourished at the end of the last Ice Age and that was submerged by rising sea-levels before history began. Report by Badrinaryan Badrinaryan, chief geologist with the scientific team from the [National Institute of Ocean Technology \(NIOT\)](#) responsible for the underwater surveys in the Gulf of Cambay.

It was generally believed that well organized civilizations could not have existed prior to 5500 BP. Many were reluctant to accept that the flood myths mentioned in many ancient religious writings. **The recent discovery made in the Gulf of Cambay, India, shocked many and made some to sit up and watch with interest.** It clearly established the existence of an ancient civilization that was submerged in the sea. The methodology adopted was novel and different, wherein advanced marine technologies and most modern scientific applications of various disciplines were put to best use. **The traditional but conservative archaeologists found it hard to accept that a major discovery could have been made by hitherto unapplied, unheard of techniques. Some observed and understood the importance of the discovery and came out in open support. Initially when the sidescan sonar images of underwater structures were shown, some called it a magic of computer software. When hundreds of artifacts were collected and shown, they opined that it could have been transported by the ancient river!** Again detailed scientific studies were undertaken to prove that the artifacts are insitu. The criticism has driven us to adopt most modern technologies and scientific methodologies available in the world which have completely substantiated our findings and the results were published as research papers in reputed international journals. Now several authors are quoting the Gulf of Cambay work as a standard and a bench mark methodology for modern marine archaeological surveys and investigations. The discovery has clearly established the possibility of ancient civilizations that were submerged due to flooding by rising sea waters, after the last ice age.

(source: [Gulf of Cambay Cradle of Ancient Civilization - www.grahamhancock.com](#)).

As BBC proves Vivekananda right after a century... ^{NEW}



This confession of wrong done to India and high praise for India's endogamous antiquity from an unlikely source approves of not just



what [Swami Vivekananda](#) said over a century ago, but validates the 'saffron' view. This endangers the 'secular' scholarship whose bread and butter is now under threat. How will they continue to assert that India is more a khichadi than a continuity of undated antiquity?

How will they go on asserting that there is nothing Indian about India; that there was never anything called India at all; that there is today an India courtesy the invaders – the Aryans, Turks, Moghuls or the British; that thanks to the British we are a nation....

Yes, the secular scholarship is in deep trouble. But they have a solid reason to feel assured that it will take decades for this truth to overcome the billions of pages of falsehood printed and circulated so far. For the grains of truth to emerge from this mountain of falsehood will take a life's time.

(source: [As BBC proves Vivekananda right after a century...](#) - By S Gurumurthy -newindpress.com). Also refer to [A new look at Vedic India](#) - by Paul Kekai Manansala

Refer to [Michael Witzel and pals to target BBC next after CA textbook debacle](#) and [Aryan Invasion Theory and Christian Supremacism in Academia](#) - By Arvind Kumar and [Witzel's vanishing ocean](#) and [Scholarship of Equine Posteriors– Har\(vard\)appa Style – By Narayanan Komerath](#). [The California Textbook Trial](#) - By Kalavai Venkat - sulekha.com. Refer to [Distortion of Indian History and School Textbooks](#)

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Colonialist Scholars



[Prof. Bal Ram Singh](#) (UMass Dartmouth) has written about the controversy: NEW

"a German linguist, [Michael Witzel](#), a professor at Harvard's Sanskrit and Indian Studies department claiming expertise in Indian history, culture, and religion, interjected himself into the issue of sixth grade textbook portrayal of India in general, and Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists, in particular.

While concerned parents, community educational organizations, and education experts, had worked out a reasonably acceptable text for social studies books, Witzel along with several of his like minded colleagues (including [Stanely Wolpert](#) whose [sensational books](#) were banned by Indian government during [Indira Gandhi's](#) days, and [D. N. Jha](#), whose book on beef eating in

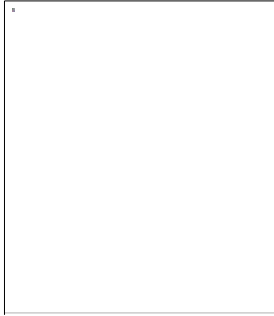
India was banned by Indian courts in 2001) wrote a letter to the California Board of Education (CBE), berating Hindus, Hindu scholars, and Indian Americans, urging "to reject the demands of nationalist Hindu ("Hindutva") groups that the California textbooks be altered to conform to their religious political views."

[Witzel](#) represents a group of remaining colonialist scholars who are trying to hold on to their view of superior Aryan race, a view that has been decimated within the past decade by a group of very dedicated individuals like N. S. Rajaram, S. Kalyanaraman, and David Frawley. They have collected more effective scientific and archeological evidences, as opposed to linguistics and speculative history, to refute the existences of Aryan race, ever. BBC recently reported that the [Aryan Invasion Theory](#) among other things "provided basis for racism in the Imperial context by suggesting that the

peoples of Northern India were descended from invaders from Europe and so racially closer to the British Raj".

(source: [Disconnect between Expertise and Reality with Dangerous Consequences India New England, Boston - By Bal Ram Singh - hvk.org](#)).

Death of the Aryan Invasion Theory **NEW**



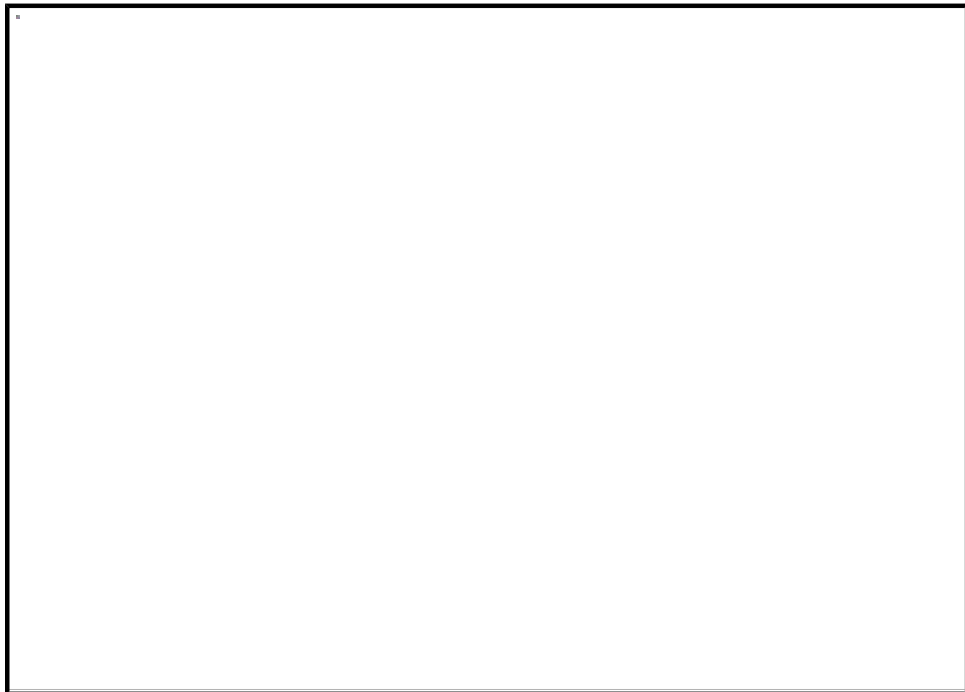
Prof. Dipak Basu of Nagasaki University in Japan has written:

"British linguist Max-Muller has invented the Aryan invasion theory that ancient Aryans invade India at about 1500BC, driven out the Dravidians from their land, have imported the Hindu civilization along with Sanskrit language from the steppes of central Asia. The theory was the justification for the British occupation of India, as Winston Churchill remarked. Although there was no archeological evidence to support this theory, it has become the most important doctrine on the ancient Indian history.

Although it was opposed by prominent historians like **Ramesh Chandra Mazumdar** and archeologists like **Rakhaldas Banerjee** and **S.P.Gupta**, the pro-British historians of India so far have disregarded all arguments against this theory.

However, some recent archeological discoveries in India, Russia and Japan have pushed back the antiquity of the Aryans to at least 6000BC and proved beyond doubt that the ancient Aryans were not nomadic tribes from central Asia but had very advanced urban civilizations. Russian archeologists and linguists also proved that the Aryans have migrated not from the Russian steppes but came to Russia via Armenia and Georgia. There are increasing evidence that India was the original home of the Aryans.

Advanced civilization of the Aryans in Chelyabinsk, Russia



President Putin of Russia and Prof. Zdanovich at ancient town of Akraim.

President Putin has recently visited one of the most mysterious places on planet Earth - the ruins of the ancient town of Arkaim, which is situated on the outskirts of the city of Chelyabinsk. [Pravda](#) reported (on 16 July 2005) about the startling discovery of ruins of a very advanced civilization of Indo-Aryan origin, which was at least 4000 years old in Arkaim.

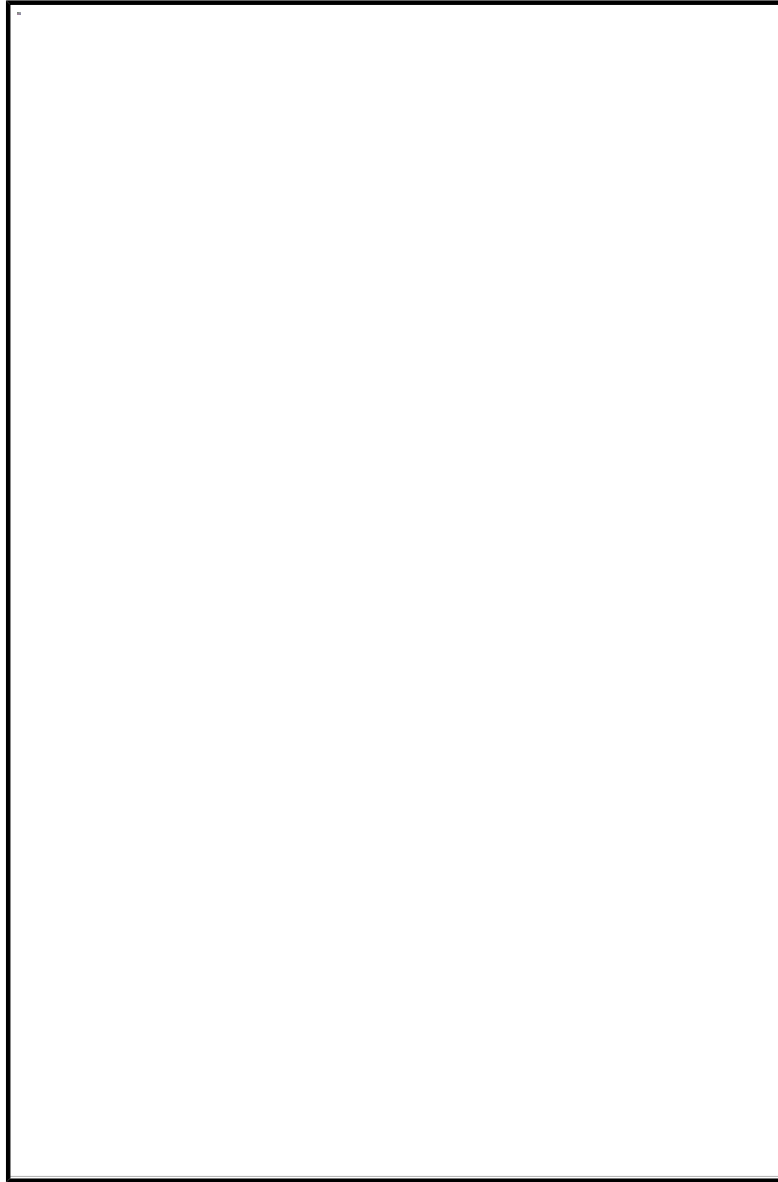
Prof. Gennady Zdanovich, the chairman of the archaeological expedition said, "We achieved what seemed to be absolutely unreal. How did people of such ancient civilization manage to accomplish incredible technological progress, which still seems to be unachievable nowadays?" The discovery made by the Russian archeologists of the temple of Mithra under the basement of the world's oldest official Christian church in Yerevan, Armenia shows that link.

Relationship with Krishna's Dwarka:

The discoveries at Gulf of Cambay by the National Institute of Ocean Technology established, using carbon-14 date of 7,500 years for the wood samples excavated from under the sea, the existence of a civilization dating to that period.

Krishna's Dwarka existed some 4,000 years ago. There was a rise in the sea level about 30 metres in 7,500 years, approximately at the rate of 10 metres in 3,500 -3,800 years. Eroded debris and pottery provided evidence of a port town destroyed by sea about 3,500 years ago.

The marine archaeologists in India have found enough proof to assert that **Mahabharata** is not a myth, but history. The discovery of submerged buildings of the legendary city of Dwarka indicates that Indians were masters in town planning and maritime activity, 4,000 years ago. The rise in the sea level in Dwarka is a scientific truth. Studies have proved that the sea considerably and suddenly rose to submerge the city.



Sculpture of Vishnu from onshore excavation, Dwarka.

Harivamsha describes the submerging of Dwarka saying Krishna instructed Arjuna, who was then visiting Dwarka; to evacuate the residents of the city as the sea was going to engulf the city. "On the seventh day (of Krishna saying this), as the last of the citizens were leaving the city, the sea entered the streets of Dwarka." [in 'Search on Krishna's Dwarka comes to a standstill', By Vaidehi Nathan; Organiser, 2004, June20]

Ruins of Dwarka also show a very advanced civilization of at least 4000 years old, which could not be formed by semi-nomadic Aryans coming down from central Asia in 1500BC. The city originally itself could be about 6000 years old.



Bankim Chandra Chatterjee (1838 - 1894) One of the greatest novelists of India who gave the people the sacred 'mantra'- '**Vande Mataram.**'

In his essay '**Is Krisna a historical figure**' (in 'Krisna Charita') **has calculated the time of the war described in Mahabharat. According to him, the war took place in about 3700BC.**

Where does that leave the theory propogated by Max-Muller, and assorted



British historians and their **Indian agents** like **Romila Thaper, D.N.Jha,** and **Irfan Habib**? Recently the Indian History Congress, dominated by the historians of India with slave mentality, has proposed that there should not be any archeological excavations in any of the ancient religious sites in India. Slaves are afraid of the truth.

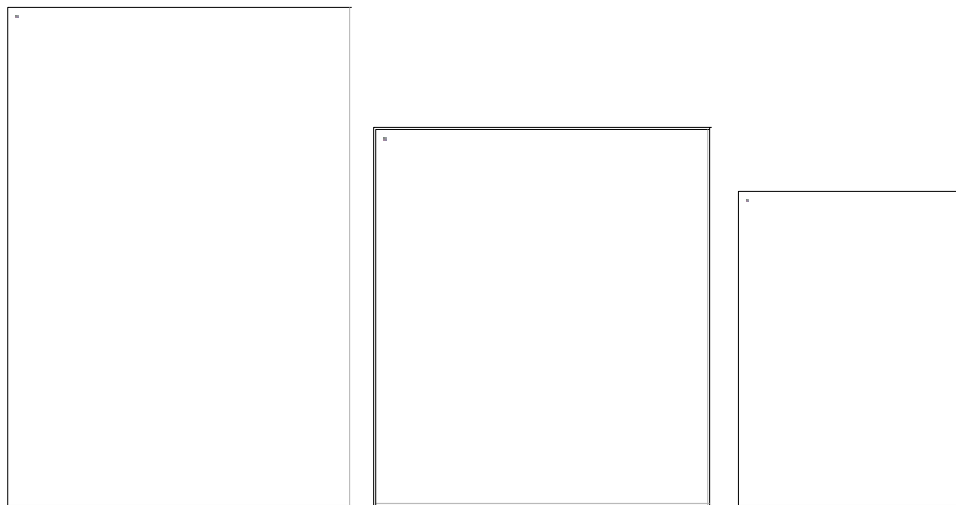
Another nail was struck on the British theory of Aryan invasion in 1500BC by the discovery of ruins of a city, at least 6000 years old, under the sea near Okinawa, Japan. The original people of Japan were Indo-Aryans and the structure of the ruins has close similarities to the ancient architecture of India, Iran, and Egypt. The ancient people of Japan were not Mongolian, but Indo-Aryans; Mongolians began to migrate to Japan about 2000 years ago. The descendants of the ancient Indo-Aryans of Japan, Aino people, are still there in the northern island of Hokkaido; they have distinct Indo-Aryan physical features. Details of this lost civilizations and photos of the undersea buildings are in the website <http://www.pref.okinawa.jp/summit/tokusyu/ruins1.htm>

(source: [Death of the Aryan Invasion Theory - By Prof. Dipak Basu](#) - indiacauses.com). For more refer to chapter on [Dwaraka](#) and refer to [Pravda](#).

It is Official - Romila Thapar Defends Aryan Invasion Theory! **NEW**

For several decades, Hindu Americans and Indian Americans have been dismayed at the slanted, erroneous and prejudiced descriptions of their heritage in these textbooks. This time however, they organized themselves and approached the **State Board of Education in California** to rectify these errors, before the textbooks were formally adopted and the text was frozen. These groups of Hindu Americans meticulously followed the procedures of the State Board in offering their comments, suggestions and edits to the texts that were submitted to the Board for reviews.

However, just when these corrections were about to be accepted, **a group of traditional India-bashers** (e.g. **Michael Witzel, Steve Farmer**), non-scholars (e.g., astrophysicist **Rajesh Kocchar**, Indian Marxists (e.g., **D N Jha, Romila Thapar**),



A group of traditional India-bashers.- [Romila Thapar](#), [Sudha Shenoy](#) and [Angana Chatterji](#).

Although the Aryan invasion theory was opposed by prominent historians like Ramesh Chandra Mazumdar and archeologists like Rakhaldas Banerjee and S.P.Gupta, the pro-British historians of India so far have disregarded all arguments against this theory.

Non-specialists in ancient India (e.g. **Sudha Shenoy, Homi Bhabha**), scholars alleged to have demonstrated **Eurocentric bias in the past** (e.g., M Tosi[2] of Italy) and **obscure linguists wrote an arrogant and pompous letter** (on Harvard University letterhead, signed by Michael Witzel with endorsing signatures from 46 other 'scholars') to the State Board, addressing themselves as "all equally famous world

class specialists” on ancient Indian history.

The letter alleged that all these Hindu groups proposing edits in the textbooks under review were dangerous Hindu nationalists who were somehow connected with the slaughter of 1000 people in Gujarat, and whose friends in India routinely discriminate against millions of Indian minority members and Dalits!

And yet, [Michael Witzel](#), [Romila Thapar](#) and other prejudiced ‘scholars’ launched a Goebbelsian blitzkrieg, labeling these California residents, apolitical parents who **pay their taxes regularly and contribute to the US society immensely**, as dangerous Hindu fundamentalists linked to murderers and what not.

(source: [It is Official - Romila Thapar Defends Aryan Invasion Theory! - By Vishal Agrawal - indiacause.com](#)). Refer to [Distortion of Indian History and School Textbooks](#) and [Now, Hindu Nationalists Rewriting California Textbooks – Angana Chatterji - znet.org](#) and [Quotes from The American Taliban](#) and [The Rise of the Religious Right in the Republican Party](#) and [Christian Supremacy: Pushing the Dhimmitude of Non-Christians in America](#).

Refer to [The Crusaders: Christian evangelicals are plotting to remake America in their own image - By Bob Moser - rollingstone.com](#) and [Dominionist](#). Refer to [As America declines, the Bible thumpers take hold - By Ramesh Rao - indiareacts.com](#). Also refer to [More evangelicals turning up in elite circles, schools - By Laurie Goodstein and David D. Kirkpatrick](#) and [David D. Kirkpatrick and David D. Kirkpatrick and A conflict between science and God - By Martin Kettle - Guardian](#) and [Christian Fundamentalists to Push Bible as Classroom "Knowledge" and Insults to the Mahatma, ignored by India - rediff.com](#).

Refer to [The Aryan Myth: A History of Racist and Nationalistic Ideas in Europe - By Leon Poliakov](#)

Also refer to [Harvard University’s international scandal unravels a global Hindu conspiracy - By Dr. S. Kalyanaraman. Thus Spake Professor Michael Witzel - A Harvard University Case Study in Prejudice?](#)

Refer to [Petty Professorial Politicking in The Indo-Aryan Controversy - By Koenraad Elst](#).

Now Pakistan Press has joins in ^{NEW}

Of late, in California, a debate had arisen regarding textbook content related to Indian history. According to a **progressive** (?) organization founded by South Asians in California’s Silicon Valley/San Francisco Bay area, **Friends of South Asia (FOSA)**, an attempt is being made by what it says are revisionist Indian historians and aggressive NRIs (non-resident Indians living in the US) to rewrite these textbooks to include a more Hindutva-centred content with reference to India.

(source: [Hindutva revisionists and California’s textbooks - By Omar R. Quraishi dawn.com](#). Refer to [Pakistan: A curriculum of hatred - jihadwatch.org](#) and [Textbook case of radicalism - By Wilson John](#) and [Abuse of History in Pakistan: Bangladesh to Kargil](#) and [Pakistani Studies Textbooks Can Cause Cognitive Dissonance in Students - By Yvette Rosser](#)

Harappan Horse: Polemics and Propaganda ? ^{NEW}



[R Nagaswamy](#), former **Director of Archaeology in Tamil Nadu** dissects **Harvard Professor Michael Witzel**’s methodology of trying to negate evidence, and shifting arguments:

When we come to these myths, none is more persistent than the one about “No horse at Harappa.” This has now been supplemented by another claim that the spoke-wheel was unknown to the Harappans. The point of these claims is that without the horse and the spoke-wheel the Harappans were militarily vulnerable to the invading Aryan hordes who moved on speedy, horse-drawn chariots with spoke-wheels. This claim is not supported by facts: an examination of the evidence shows that both the spoke-wheel and the horse were widely used by the Harappans.

(The idea seems to be borrowed from the destruction of Native American civilizations by the Spanish

and Portuguese 'Conquistadors'. The Conquistadors though never used chariots.)

As far as the spoke-wheel is concerned, **B.B. Lal, former Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India** records finding terracotta wheels at various Harappan sites. In his words: "The painted lines [spokes] converge at the central hub, and thus leave no doubt about their representing the spokes of the wheel. ...another example is reproduced from Kalibangan, a well-known Harappan site in Rajasthan, in which too the painted lines converge at the hub. ...two examples from Banawali [another Harappan site], in which the spokes are not painted but are shown in low relief." (**The Sarasvati Keeps Flowing**, Aryan Books, Delhi, pages 72-3). It is also worth noting that the depiction of the spoke-wheel is quite common on Harappan seals.

The horse and the cow are mentioned often in the Rigveda, though they commonly carry symbolic rather than physical meaning. There is widespread misconception that the absence of the horse at Harappan sites shows that horses were unknown in India until the invading Aryans brought them. Such 'argument by absence' is hazardous at best. To take an example, the bull is quite common on the seals, but the cow is never represented. We cannot from this conclude that the Harappans raised bulls but were ignorant of the cow. In any event, depictions of the horse are known at Harappan sites, though rare. It is possible that there was some kind of religious taboo that prevented the Harappans from using cows and horses in their art. More fundamentally, it is incorrect to say that horses were unknown to the Harappans. The recently released encyclopedia *The Dawn of Indian Civilization, Volume 1, Part 1* observes (pages 344 – 5): "... the horse was widely domesticated and used in India during the third millennium BC over most of the area covered by the Indus-Sarasvati [or Harappan] Civilization. Archaeologically this is most significant since the evidence is widespread and not isolated."

This is not the full story. **Sir John Marshall**, Director General of the Archaeological Survey when Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro were being excavated, recorded the presence of what he called the 'Mohenjo-daro horse'. Giving salient measurements, comparing it to other known specimens, he wrote: "It will be seen that there is a considerable degree of similarity between these various examples, and it is probable the Anau horse, the Mohenjo-daro horse, and the example of *Equus caballus* of the Zoological Survey of India, are all of the type of the 'Indian country bred', a small breed of horse, the Anau horse being slightly smaller than the others." (Mohenjo-Daro and the Indus Civilization, volume II, page 654.)

Actually, the Harappans not only knew the horse, the whole issue of the 'Harappan horse' is irrelevant. In order to prove that the Vedas are of foreign origin, (and the horse came from Central Asia) one must produce positive evidence: it should be possible to show that the horse described in the Rigveda was brought from Central Asia. This is contradicted by the Rigveda itself. In verse I.162.18, the Rigveda describes the horse as having 34 ribs (17 pairs), while the Central Asian horse has 18 pairs (36) of ribs. We find a similar description in the Yajurveda also.

This means that the horse described in the Vedas is the native Indian breed (with 34 ribs) and not the Central Asian variety.

The Vedic horse is a native Indian breed and not the Central Asian horse. As a result, far from supporting any Aryan invasion, the horse evidence furnishes one of its strongest refutations.

To sum up Witzel's arguments proceed on the following lines: (1) No horse bone has been found in Harappan sites. (2) When pointed out that they are found in some instances, it is said they are only fragments and not full skeletons. (3) When pointed out they were found in more than one site it is said the layers in which they were found ought to have been eroded ones or disturbed. (4) When pointed out that the reports of horse bones were not by present day archaeologists but by the early pioneers it is said that those are dubious and decades old. (5) When pointed out they were reported by archaeological excavators then comes the argument that archaeologists are not trained zoologists and palaeontologists to comment on horse bones (though by the same argument no credence can be placed on Witzel's opinion as he is neither an archaeologist nor a palaeontologist).

Such arguments are brought under *reductio ad absurdum* by logicians.

(source: [Harappan Horse: Polemics and Propaganda - By R Nagaswamy - hindu.com](#)). Refer to [Distortion of Indian History and School Textbooks](#). Refer to [Petty Professorial Politicking in The Indo-Aryan Controversy - By Koenraad Elst](#).

Older civilisation than Indus found NEW

Vadodara, Jan 21: Recent excavations in parts of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Pakistan have made the

Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) believe that a developed civilization possibly existed in the region in the 6th millennium BC, assumed to be older than the Indus valley civilisation.

According to ASI Director Dr B R Mani, the civilisation, believed to be much older than the Indus civilisation of the second and third millennium BC, stretched from Iran in the west to North Bengal in the east.

Dr Mani, who is here to attend a two-day international seminar on 'Magan (the present Oman) and Indus civilisation,' said till now the Indus and Harappan were considered to be amongst the world's earliest civilizations, but the relicts found during the recent excavations provided some evidence regarding existence of about 7,000-year-old civilization.

"Excavations at Lahuradeva site in Uttar Pradesh, Mehergadh in Pakistan and Haryana have led to recovery of pottery, cultivated rice and other artefacts dating back to that period," the ASI director said, adding that further research and excavations were on not only by the ASI but also by concerned state agencies and different universities.

(source: [Older civilisation than Indus found - zeenews.com](#)).

Early Humans Settled India Before Europe, Study Suggests NEW

Modern humans migrated out of Africa and into India much earlier than once believed, driving older hominids in present-day India to extinction and creating some of the earliest art and architecture, a new study suggests. The research places modern humans in India tens of thousands of years before their arrival in Europe. Sheela Athreya, an anthropologist at Texas A&M University, said. "The genetic evidence shows there were multiple migrations out of Africa, so there would have been multiple migrations into [India]. But I think these migrating populations didn't completely replace the indigenous group."

(source: [Early Humans Settled India Before Europe, Study Suggests - Brian Vastag National Geographic News](#) November 14, 2005).

Contrary viewpoints

About the so called 'Aryans' **Dr. A. C. Das** says:

"All these evidences unmistakably point to the vast antiquity of the Rig Veda and Sapta Sindhu and go to prove that the 'Aryans' were autochthonous and did not settle there as colonists from another country."

Dr. K. M Munshi and many others hold the same opinion. This view is confirmed by the eminent Sanskrit scholar, Prof. Muir who says: "I must however begin with a candid admission that so far as I know, none of the Sanskrit books, not even the most ancient, contain any distinct references or allusion to the foreign origin of the Indians."

With regard to the "Dravidians" race theories **Prof. P. T. Srinvas Iyengar**, author of the book, **Ancient India**, says

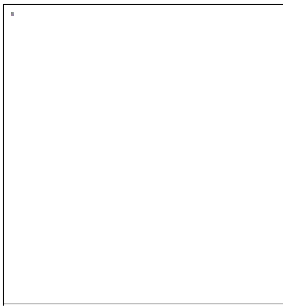
"Several writers of Indian history seem to hold it as a necessary axiom that the fertile lands of India with her wonderful wealth of minerals underground and her infinitely various flora and fauna overground and with her climate, insular in some parts and continental in others, pre-eminently fitted to nurture man especially in early stages of their evolution, **should yet depend upon importations from the arid countries beyond her borders for the human inhabitants and for the various cultures that adorn the pages of her history.** Some writers conduct the ancient Dravidians with the self confidence of a Cook's guide through the North-Western or North-Eastern mountain passes of India and drop them with a ready-made foreign culture on the banks of Cauvery or Vaigai....No single fact has yet been adduced that compels us to believe that the ancient people of India were not autochthonous."

(source: [Perennial Hindu Culture and The Twin Myths – By M. Vaitialingam](#) The Thirumaka Press. 1980 p. 22-37).

Chidambara Kulkarni says:



"The word Arya means 'noble', 'respected', 'high-born', 'elderly', 'cultured', etc. and it is used in all our religious and literary works, right from the Rig Veda in



this sense only. It does not indicate any racial and linguistic distinction. Modern scholars are fully aware of the meaning of the term 'Arya'. Max Muller declared long ago that the term Aryan is utterly inapplicable to race. A. L. Basham has also categorically stated that there are no Aryan or Dravidian races. The term Arya denotes a cultural context only.

According to Indian tradition, the term Arya denotes the people who believed in and lived upto a well-defined cultural system. They are often distinguished from the dasas or dasyus who, at different stages of history, deviated from the accepted cultural standards. In other words, the term dasa or dasyus or anarya simple means 'uncultured'; it is a term of abuse or criticism. It again, does not mean that the dasas or dasyus belong to a different race or territory, or even, language. In brief, aryas and dasas belonged to the same race, language and territory from times immemorial. There is no evidence to show that either of them came from outside India. Till 1851 all scholars believed that India was the original home of the Aryas. There is no archaeological proof to support these guesses.

We have also to note that in the huge Sanskrit literature there is no mention of any place outside India from which the Aryans could have migrated here. On the contrary, the authors of the Vedas, the Puranas and the Epics declare their deep love and devotion to their mother-land - Bharata, and invest it with all holiness. They also describe the Rigveda- the earliest literary work of mankind - their home, particularly, the Sapta Sindhu region, so fully and in so many details as to leave no doubt about their being the sons of the sacred soil.

Buddha Prakash author of [Rgveda and the Indus Valley Civilization](#) states: "The whole subject of the Aryan problem is a farrago of linguistic speculations or archaeological imaginations compiled by racial prejudices and chauvinistic xenophobia."

On the evidence of the Puranas, scholars like F. E. Pargiter, have shown that the Aryas went out of India and settled in different parts of the earth. They are originators of all early civilizations.

(source: [Ancient Indian History and Culture - By Chidambara Kulkarni](#) Orient Longman Ltd. 1974. p.34-37).

"**Saraswati is not only a matter of Hindu faith, but also fact,**" said **Ravindra Singh Bisht**, director of the Archaeological Survey of India, who supervises excavation along what is believed to be the course of the river. "The overwhelming archeological evidence of ancient settlements along the course of what was once the Saraswati River proves that our earliest civilizations were not confined to the Indus river alone. Those who wrote the Hindu Vedas on the banks of the Saraswati were the same as the Indus Valley people."

"Hinduism was not brought to us by a foreign race called Aryans. It was born here on our land. The Rig Veda was composed here on the banks of Saraswati by indigenous people around the time of the Indus Valley period," said **Arun Kesarwani**, professor of ancient history at Kurukshetra University. "That is why the quest for Saraswati is important. It will shatter all the prevalent theories to pieces."

(source: [A Hindu Quest for some Holy Water](#) - washingtonpost.com).

Saraswati – the ancient river lost in the desert NEW

NEARLY ten thousand years ago when mighty rivers started flowing down the Himalayan slopes, western Rajasthan was green and fertile. Great civilizations prospered in the cool amiable climate on riverbanks of northwestern India. The abundant waters of the rivers and copious rains provided ample sustenance for their farming and other activities. Some six thousand years later, Saraswati, one of the rivers of great splendour in this region, for reasons long enigmatic, dwindled and dried up. Several other rivers shifted their courses, some of their tributaries were 'pirated' by neighbouring rivers or severed from their main courses. The greenery of Rajasthan was lost, replaced by an arid desert where hot winds piled up dunes of sand. The flourishing civilizations vanished one by one. By geological standards, these are small-scale events; for earth, in its long 4.5 billion years history, had witnessed many such changes, some of them even accompanied by wiping out of several living species. But those that occurred in northwest India took place within the span of early human

history affecting the livelihood of flourishing civilizations and driving them out to other regions.

The nemesis that overtook northwestern India's plenty and prosperity along with the disappearance of the river Saraswati, has been a subject engaging several minds over the last hundred and fifty years. However, convincing explanations about what caused all the changes were available only in the later half of the current century through data gathered by archaeologists, geologists, geophysicists, and climatologists using a variety of techniques. They have discussed and debated their views in symposia held from time to time, many of which have also appeared in several publications. Over the last thirty years, considerable volume of literature have grown on the subject and in this article some of the salient opinions expressed by various workers are presented.

Rivers constitute the lifeline for any country and some of the world's great civilizations (Indus Valley, Mesopotamian, and Egyptian) have all prospered on banks of river systems. Hindus consider rivers as sacred and have personified them as deities and sung their praises in their religious literature, the *Vedas (Rig, Yajur and Atharva)*, *Manusmriti*, *Puranas* and *Mahabharata*. These cite names of several rivers that existed during the Vedic period and which had their origin in the Himalayas. One such river Saraswati, has been glorified in these texts and referred by various names like Markanda, Hakra, Suprabha, Kanchanakshi, Visala, Manorama etc.^{1,2}, and *Mahabharata* has exalted Saraswati River as covering the universe and having seven separate names². *Rig veda* describes it as one of seven major rivers of Vedic times, the others being, Shatadru (Sutlej), Vipasa (Beas), Askini (Chenab), Parsoni or Airavati (Ravi), Vitasta (Jhelum) and Sindhu (Indus)^{1,3,4} (Figure 1). For full 2000 y (between 6000 and 4000 BC), Saraswati had flowed as a great river before it was obliterated in a short span of geological time through a combination of destructive natural events.

(source: [Saraswati – the ancient river lost in the desert - By A. V. Sankaran - Indian Academy of Sciences](#)).

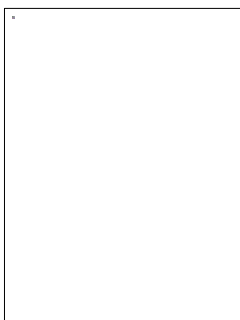
Clamour to deny Saraswati - By Pseudo-Secularists and Communists NEW Shelved for alleged reliance on mythology?

Earthquakes and other natural phenomenon caused the 'Naditama', or River Saraswati, to dry up over two millennia ago. Now, it's a man-made disaster what with pseudo-secularists and Communists out to deny it ever existed

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture has, in its 91st Report submitted to the two Houses of Parliament on November 25, virtually "detoxified" the [Saraswati Heritage Project](#) (SHP). This is a rude blow to the first ever comprehensive archaeological study commissioned on tracing the flow of a subterranean river whose discovery has already been confirmed by geologists.

LANDSAT imageries provided by NASA and Indian satellites have also provided clinching evidence that there was nothing "mythical" about the Saraswati. It really did exist and even today its revival, though prohibitively expensive, is technically possible.

In 2002, the Vajpayee government had started SHP as a multidisciplinary study based on scientific principles with stress on archaeological research in which the help of prestigious institutions like IITs and the Birbal Sahni Institution was taken. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertook excavations at 10 places - Adi Badri, Thanesar, Sandhauli, Bhirrana, Hansi (in Haryana); Baror, Tarkhanwala Dhera, Chak 86 (in Rajasthan) and Dholavira and Juni Karan in Gujarat. The project's Action Taken Report stated that during the excavation remains from pre-Harappan civilisations were discovered.



Yet, the **Communist chairman** who heads the Standing Committee, **Nilotpal Basu**, has rubbished SHP as a waste of money. Mr Basu has betrayed not only an allergy for anything connected with the heritage of India, but also utter ignorance of basic History by stating: "The Committee understands that existence of River Sarasvati (sic) is purely a mythological one and a scientific institution like ASI has not correctly proceeded in the matter."

True, the Rg Veda praises the Saraswati River as: *Ambitambe naditambe devitambe Saraswati*, or, "the best of mothers, best of rivers, best of goddesses, Oh Saraswati". **That seems to be crime enough in the perverted outlook of India's Communists.** The Standing Committee's Report is one more piece of inglorious evidence of what Independent India's masters can do to undermine her own people's collective interest.

What contributes pathos to the whole affair is that our colonisers had more regard for our heritage.

It was India's British masters who first decided to investigate the veracity of the vast body of referential material found in literary sources from ancient India about the existence of a mighty river flowing from Punjab to the Arabian Sea. They initiated not only archaeological but also geological studies. The credit for publishing not only the first comprehensive paper but also survey maps locating the course of the dead river and its tributaries goes to **C F Oldham** and **R D Oldham**. The former wrote in 1874 in "Notes on the lost river of the Indian Desert" (published in Calcutta Review, Vol.59, pp 1-27; 1993, "The Saraswati and the lost river of the Indian Desert", Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, New Series, Vol. 34, pp. 49-76:

The waters of the Saraswati (are) continuous with the dry bed of a great river (Hakra), which, as local legends assert, once flowed through the desert to the sea. On the basis of physical surveys of the area, they established that the ancient Saraswati was once fed by mighty rivers like the Sutlej and the Yamuna. Due to the westward movement of the Sutlej and eastward movement of the Yamuna, the Saraswati dried up.



Sir Auriel Stein (1862-1943) who conducted extensive surveys of the ancient Saraswati's course, **concluded that the main reason for the demise of the Saraswati was the shift in the course of the Sutlej, its main tributary** ("An Archaeological Tour along the Ghaggar-Hakra River", Geographical Journal, Vol. 99, pp 173-82).

The efforts of these pioneers have been vindicated by NASA and ISRO.

A joint paper presented by geologists of the Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda, and ISRO's Space Application Centre at a conference on Marine Archaeology held at Panjim in October 2005 hinted at the existence of an ancient river course extending up to 250 km in the Gulf of Cambay with its mouth veered towards Saurashtra. RV Karanth, a MSU geologist was quoted by The Indian Express (Ahmedabad edition, October 18, 2005) as saying: "It is too early to say what it is, we need more scientific studies. But it does indicate the likelihood of a river course which could have supported a human settlement in the region."

Had we been still under British rule, I am certain Dr Karanth's pursuit of the truth would have yielded dividends. **But now, we are under the crush of a Government whose only chance for survival depends on its ability to exacerbate, even pamper, Communist paranoia. India' Reds, who are still obsessed by the globally-rejected ideology of Marxism-Leninism, are driven crazy by the fear that someday the people of India would realise the deeper meaning of their civilisational ethos. They goaded the HRD Minister Arjun Singh to banish the NCERT textbooks within weeks of the formation of the UPA government. The priority they placed on their disingenuous "detoxification" project only proves their lunacy.**

(source: [Clamour to deny Saraswati - Editorial Daily pioneer.com](#) - December 17 2005). For more on [The Saraswati River](#) refer to chapter on [Glimpses XII](#)

Refer to [Distortion of Indian History and School Textbooks](#) and [Communismwatch](#) and [cpmterror](#).

Vikas Saraswat, West Arjun Nagar, Agra writes: **NEW**

"The attempt to sabotage the Saraswati Heritage Project by pseudo-secularists and the Communists betrays their intellectual perversion. It is ironical that the Communists, who continually harp on developing a scientific temperament, develop cold feet when studies are ordered to trace the course of river Saraswati or excavations ordered at the temple site in Ayodhya. All possible attempts are then made by them to thwart such projects.

Numerous studies have been undertaken by different reputed organisations such as BARC and Central Arid Zone Research Institute to find out about the river. In fact, even NASA and ISRO have conclusive proof of the existence of the once mighty Saraswati which originated from Shivalik hills at the foot of the Himalayas. It flowed through the course which coincides with the present-day Ghaggar-Hakra-Hara valleys terminating in a large delta in the Arabian sea through the Rann of Kutch.

Eminent archaeologists such as JM Kenoyer, Dilip Chakraborty, SR Rao, Gregory Possehl and Jim Shaffer to name a few, agree that most of the settlements of Indus valley civilisation were concentrated

along the course of Saraswati. The discovery of Saraswati undermines the Aryan Invasion theory, an obsession with historians of Leftist leaning. They claim that Harappans disappeared because they were massacred by the Aryans who came from Central Asia. It is difficult to digest that Aryans crossed rivers, mountains and the rough terrain to finally settle down on the banks of a river which was dry for 500 years. Not only that, the Aryans went on to worship the dry bed as a goddess. Research has shown that freshwater conditions prevailed until about 2000 BC in the region while Aryan invasion was slated at 1500 BC. This displays the intellectual dishonesty of Left historians who refuse to admit to the existence of Saraswati."

(source: [Saraswati was there - By Vikas Saraswat](#) - Letters to the Editor daily pioneer.com - December 26 2005).

Neo-Colonial Captive Minds - By C V Devan Nair

To give just one illuminating illustration, we might mention the Nearly universal and quite **uncritical acceptance by both Indian politicians and the generality of national and international academics, of the 19th Century myth of the "Aryan invasion of Dravidian India" and of the arbitrary classification of the population into Aryan and Dravidian ethnic types.** The damage inflicted on the political perceptions of the population poses a threat to the very integrity of India as a unique political and cultural entity. Witness the two most dominant political parties of Tamil Nadu, the DMK and the ANNA DMK (the 'D' standing for 'Dravida').