

HINDUISM IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

Based on a Lofty System Woven of Pure and Beautiful Sentiment, Yet Unquestionably Vile—Other Native Religions.

The greatest graft in the world will be described by Mr. Haakin tomorrow. That graft is the Hindu system of caste, whereby, in guise of religious creed, the Brahman has imposed upon more than 200,000,000 people a system that makes all the grafts combined of the occult look like a public charity. Sad to say, little can be done for India until this system is broken down.

By Frederic J. Haakin.

Washington, July 19.—Religion is the basis of all social and political life in the east, and in India it is the controlling factor in every problem. Of the 200,000,000 of people in the Indian Empire, more than 200,000,000 are Hindus in religion, subject to the Brahmanical priesthood. Mohammedanism ranks next with over 60,000,000 followers. There are about 10,000,000 Buddhists in Burma and Assam, but none in India proper. The Christians have 3,000,000, the Sikhs 2,000,000, the Jains 1,500,000, while there are 20,000 Parsees and less than 10,000 Hebrews. In addition to the believers in these organized religions, there are about 9,000,000 of idolaters who are classed as Animists—people who worship animals or plants, idolaters of the most primitive kind.

The Hindu religion is a development of an ancient faith which found expression in the Vedas, sacred hymns written probably 15 centuries before Christ. Under the influence of Christian teaching and western civilization there has been a movement among the better educated Hindus to return to the pure religion of the Vedas, but it has reached but very few of the people. In theory the Hindus recognize a supreme being, represented in a trinity of chief gods—Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Brahma is the chief of the gods, but his worship has fallen into disuse on account of the sectarian activities of the followers of the second and third persons in the triad. There are only four temples in all India now dedicated to the worship of the supreme god of the Hindu theology.

Hinduism is Tolerant. Hinduism is essentially eclectic, and it reserves the right to select and adopt any feature from any religion. It is, therefore, tolerant in theory and in fact to all other beliefs, although this tolerance does not prevent unceasing hate and war between Hindus and Moslems. Buddhism has disappeared from India, swallowed up by the religion it was intended to reform. Yet Buddha remains and is worshipped as one of the 1008 incarnations of Vishnu.

Two Great Sects. The religion is divided into many branches, but the two greatest sects are Sivaism and Vishnuism—the names given the cults of Siva and Vishnu. Siva is the god of destruction and reproduction, and his worship, in a thousand forms and under many names, is most popular. He requires little ceremonial, only a few flowers and a glass of water, while Vishnu must be worshipped with a ritual of great length and intricacy. Siva represents the creative life and the destroyer; he typifies the endless and pitiless succession of change which life presents to the mortal mind. The Brahman philosopher sees in him the supreme all-god, the Brahman's will and the fountain of the universe of activity. The ignorant villager, on the other hand, associates Siva with the mystery of reproduction and makes his worship revoltingly obscene. Vishnu is less mystical and more human. He has come to earth as a man or an animal many times, and he is associated with scores of demi-gods taken from the valhalla of ancient Hindu traditions. Vishnu is respectful, Siva is active. Vishnu is kindly and indulgent. Siva is jealous and revengeful. Vishnu is kind and kindhearted. Siva is cruel and pitiless. These two great sects are divided into numberless smaller sects, the lower and lower with the caste of the worshiper.

Fine Theory; Beastly Practice. Much may be said, and much is said by educated Indians and learned English speaking Yogis or holy men, in favor of the beautiful philosophy of the unity of God and the brotherhood of man which is taught by the few of the higher orders of Hindus. But for the great multitude, for all but 10,000 of the 200,000,000 of Hindus, the religion is degrading, immoral, obscene, cruel and utterly repulsive. Its temples are given over to the most revolting immoral practices, its priests are leeches who suck the blood of the people under them, its teachings have not one ray of light for the common man. It compels infant marriages, and the Brahman may be sure of the death of his children if he does not marry before they are born. And then it prohibits the remarriage of widows, because it was his sin which brought about the death of the husband. The millions of degraded and outcast widows of India, thousands of them under 8 years old, are a sufficient con-

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An exciting race is on between the three ladies whose names head the score list today, for the distinction of turning in the largest number of votes during the week ending Wednesday night, when the winner will be awarded a handsome solid gold bracelet. Although the prize in itself is valuable and well worth striving for, all of the ladies possessing the best chances of winning are more eager for success, not for the sake of the gold, but for the article of jewelry. Miss Barde, if she wins, has promised to donate the bracelet to the Astoria hospital in this campaign, for Miss Barde herself is out after bigger game. In spite of the high scores of the three leaders, writing the week end and carry off the bracelet. Mrs. Vincent has not yet been heard from, and she is not ill, so far as we have heard.

Astoria May Be Heard From. Up to the present time none of the contestants from Astoria have been heard from in the way that we would like. Astoria is a valuable and progressive city of the state and is not accustomed to remain dormant when there is an opportunity for a rustler to get in and win a prize of the value of some of those offered by The Journal in this contest. There are hundreds of residents of that city who would be glad to subscribe to The Journal, for its circulation in the salmon packing city is already larger than in almost any other section of the state and many more names should be added during the next four or five weeks. There are four good contestants registered from Astoria, any one of whom may yet come out the winner of the Buick automobile, and from reports just received from the Columbia, good news may be expected from that quarter any moment.

Medford Gains Recognition. The Medford candidate has notified us she is alive and out for the Buick demerit of Hinduism and its filthy, greedy, "twice-born" priests.

Mohammedanism Declining. Mohammedanism in India is in decline, just as it seems to be in other parts of the world. The growth and prosperity of the Moslem over the Hindu was credited to his better habits of life, but he is not keeping pace in late years. The Mohammedan was once and is not restricted to a narrow circle in selecting a wife, so that as a class the Moslems are physically much stronger than the Hindus. But their religion is more conservative when the matter of new doctrines and new teachings is concerned. Therefore they have failed to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered by the British government and have been outdistanced by the high caste Hindus.

A great Moslem college at Aligarh represents the most progressive party in modern Islam, and draws students even from Mohammedan Europe. It has welcomed western science and is endeavoring to bring Islam into touch with modern learning. But the ruined astronomical observatories of the Moslem cities of the north of India, the magnificent monuments of the Moguls, and the well high deserted mosques of the larger cities, testify to the decay of Islam. Yet the British government, under the Indian reform scheme, recognizes the importance of the Mohammedan community and provides for minority representation for them in the imperial council.

The Fanatical Jains. The Jains represent an early revolt against the priestcraft of the Hindus. The religion dates from the sixth century before Christ and is coeval with Buddhism. The Jains were great temple builders in the old days and some of their monuments rank with the best of Hindu architecture. It is confined to narrow limits now, and is followed only by some extremely fanatic holy men who go about entirely naked, except for a cloth over their mouths to keep them from inadvertently swallowing an insect and thereby destroying life. The extreme and the holy men are covered with sacred vermin and carry a brush with which to push the sacred

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BABY STANDS BETWEEN RAILS

Mother Makes Heroic but Vain Effort to Save Child From Death.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Rafael, Cal., July 19.—After a heroic but vain attempt to save her baby daughter Vera from death beneath the wheels of an electric train, Mrs. Ida Nelson lies in the cottage hospital in this city suffering from serious internal injuries. The little girl, who was 2 1/2 years of age, was killed instantly. The accident occurred yesterday about noon. Mrs. Nelson and the baby were going to Alameda to spend the day. They were waiting for a train at the electric station. The noise caused by the approach of a northbound train attracted Mrs. Nelson's attention and she glanced at the track to see the baby girl standing directly in the path of the rushing cars. With a cry of agony, the frantic mother rushed to her baby. She was struck by the forward coach and hurled unconscious to the platform. The child's body was crushed under the heavy trucks. Mrs. Nelson, according to the reports issued from the hospital, will probably survive her injuries.

MOTHER WANTED DOUBLE FUNERAL

So Corpse of Daughter Is Held Unburied Until Husband's Death.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, July 19.—The bodies of E. B. West and his 12-year-old daughter were buried side by side today in Mount Pleasant cemetery. The death of the little girl occurred July 12 at the home of the Wests at Coal Creek and the body was brought to Seattle. Of the undertakers, Mrs. West, mother of the dead girl, made an unusual request. She asked that the body be held until the death of the father, then in the last stages of tuberculosis, in order that they might have a double funeral. But the husband and father fought his maimed and was able to stay the hand of death until Saturday, when he succumbed. Yesterday the body was brought to Seattle and today the double funeral took place.

Americans at Bath Pageant. London, July 19.—Not even in the days of the celebrated Beau Nash did ever a gayer or more brilliant crowd assemble at Bath than that which gathered at the historic watering place today for the opening of the week's historical pageant. Not the least interesting feature of the pageant was the appearance of the Americans.

Suit Over Jim Crow Law.

Eastland, Texas, July 19.—A suit brought by the county officials against the Texas Central Railroad company to recover nearly \$6,000,000 from that road for alleged violation of the separate car law was called for today. The case has attracted widespread attention. The action of the county officials in bringing the suit has been bitterly opposed by many citizens. The road has suspended many proposed improvements pending a disposition of the case.

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esting features of the attendance was the presence of a bevy of pretty American matrons and maids representing the cities or towns of Bath in Maine, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and other states of the American commonwealth. These fair visitors were present at the invitation of the corporation of Bath, and are to be entertained during the week as the guests of the city after which their home towns were named.

Photographers in Session. Rochester, N. Y., July 19.—Photographers and dealers in photographic supplies to a total of nearly 3000 are assembled in this city for the annual convention of the Photographers' association of the United States and Canada. In point of attendance the convention promises to eclipse all of the previous meetings of the association. The sessions are being held in Convention hall and will continue through the week. The officers in charge of the gathering are President, F. R. Barrows, Boston; first vice-president, A. T. Proctor, Huntington, W. Va.; second vice-president, J. H. C. Evans, Salem, Mass.; treasurer, A. Doser, Bucyrus, Ohio; secretary, G. W. Harris, Washington, D. C.

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