

Status Of Hindus In Mughal India

Illustrations: 7 b/w illustrations Description: The study of various institutions of a government, fascinating in itself, enlightens also the object underlying them and reveals their effects on society and economy of the country. The religious institutions of the Mughal Rulers-who have left an indelible mark on all aspects of Indian administrative Organisations, life and culture have their own story to tell in the governmental machinery of the day. This work is a critical appreciation of the functions and working of the judiciary, the penal code, the department of religious affairs, charitable grants and their implication, state patronage of education and learning, and the censorship of public morals. This study of special value of the students of Mughal Organisation of government, culture and society is also recommended to those interested in various trends of Medieval Indian History. Akbar's Age is one of the most important landmarks of our medieval history. The relevance of his religious tolerance to the debate on ideological and cultural moorings of modern Indian polity is important. The articles included in this volume are based on a large corpus of original source material shedding light on the history of Akbar's period from a variety of stand points. The volume contains 23 articles grouped into (i) history of ideas, (ii) political history, (iii) source and

historiography and (iv) art and architecture. In each one of the above four areas the researchers have broken new ground and have further enriched our understanding of the history of this reign.

Fachbuch aus dem Jahr 2012 im Fachbereich Theologie - Historische Theologie, Kirchengeschichte, Note: keine, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Ceres - Centrum für religionswissenschaftliche Studien), Veranstaltung: VL: Hinduismus, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: The Mughal Empire developed at the beginning of the 16th century in India. Babur (?ah?r ud-D?n Mu?ammad B?bur), who overthrew the sultanate of Delhi during the campaign of Panipat against Ibrahim Lodi in 1526 and occupied the cities Delhi and Agra, is considered to be the founder of the Empire. Babur however, died after a regency of only four years in 1530. His son Humayun (Na??r ud-D?n Mu?ammad Hum?y?n), who was able to form the empire only to a lesser extent, became his successor. Between 1556 and 1707 the Mughal Empire reached its heyday. Akbar, Jahangir, Shah Jahan and Aurangzeb, the ruling sovereigns during this period, expanded the empire's borders beyond a large part of the Indian Subcontinent. Due to the fact that the proportion of Hindus in the empire was significantly greater than the proportion of Muslims, cultural and religious connections often were the result (compare for example Conermann 2006).

On a dark evening in November 1862, a cheap coffin is buried in eerie silence. There are no lamentations or panegyrics, for the British Commissioner in charge has insisted, 'No vesting will remain to distinguish where the last of the Great Mughals rests.' This Mughal is Bahadur Shah Zafar II, one of the most tolerant and likeable of his remarkable dynasty who found himself leader of a violent and doomed uprising. The Siege of Delhi was the Raj's Stalingrad, the end of both Mughal power and a remarkable culture.

Shivaji is a well-known hero in western India. He defied Mughal power in the seventeenth century, established an independent kingdom, and had himself crowned in an orthodox Hindu ceremony. The legends of his life have become an epic story that everyone in western India knows, and an important part of the Hindu nationalists' ideology. To read Shivaji's legend today is to find expression of deeply held convictions about what Hinduism means and how it is opposed to Islam. James Laine traces the origin and development of the Shivaji legend from the earliest sources to the contemporary accounts of the tale. His primary concern is to discover the meaning of Shivaji's life for those who have composed—and those who have read—the legendary accounts of his military victories, his daring escapes, his relationships with saints. In the process, he paints a new and more complex picture of Hindu-Muslim relations from the seventeenth century to

the present. He argues that this relationship involved a variety of compromises and strategies, from conflict to accommodation to nuanced collaboration. Neither Muslims nor Hindus formed clearly defined communities, says Laine, and they did not relate to each other as opposed monolithic groups. Different sub-groups, representing a range of religious persuasions, found it in their advantage to accentuate or diminish the importance of Hindu and Muslim identity and the ideologies that supported the construction of such identities. By studying the evolution of the Shivaji legend, Laine demonstrates, we can trace the development of such constructions in both pre-British and post-colonial periods. An engrossing and definitive narrative account of history and myth that offers a new way of understanding one of the world's oldest major religions, *The Hindus* elucidates the relationship between recorded history and imaginary worlds. Hinduism does not lend itself easily to a strictly chronological account: many of its central texts cannot be reliably dated even within a century; its central tenets karma, dharma, to name just two arise at particular moments in Indian history and differ in each era, between genders, and caste to caste; and what is shared among Hindus is overwhelmingly outnumbered by the things that are unique to one group or another. Yet the greatness of Hinduism - its vitality, its earthiness, its vividness - lies precisely in many of those idiosyncratic qualities that continue

to inspire debate today. Wendy Doniger is one of the foremost scholars of Hinduism in the world. With her inimitable insight and expertise Doniger illuminates those moments within the tradition that resist forces that would standardize or establish a canon. Without reversing or misrepresenting the historical hierarchies, she reveals how Sanskrit and vernacular sources are rich in knowledge of and compassion toward women and lower castes; how they debate tensions surrounding religion, violence, and tolerance; and how animals are the key to important shifts in attitudes toward different social classes. *The Hindus* brings a fascinating multiplicity of actors and stories to the stage to show how brilliant and creative thinkers - many of them far removed from Brahmin authors of Sanskrit texts - have kept Hinduism alive in ways that other scholars have not fully explored. In this unique and authoritative account, debates about Hindu traditions become platforms from which to consider the ironies, and overlooked epiphanies, of history.

Culture of Encounters documents the fascinating exchange between the Persian-speaking Islamic elite of the Mughal Empire and traditional Sanskrit scholars, which engendered a dynamic idea of Mughal rule essential to the empire's survival. This history begins with the invitation of Brahman and Jain intellectuals to King Akbar's court in the 1560s, then details the numerous Mughal-backed texts they and their Mughal

interlocutors produced under emperors Akbar, Jahangir (1605–1627), and Shah Jahan (1628–1658). Many works, including Sanskrit epics and historical texts, were translated into Persian, elevating the political position of Brahmans and Jains and cultivating a voracious appetite for Indian writings throughout the Mughal world. The first book to read these Sanskrit and Persian works in tandem, *Culture of Encounters* recasts the Mughal Empire as a polyglot polity that collaborated with its Indian subjects to envision its sovereignty. The work also reframes the development of Brahman and Jain communities under Mughal rule, which coalesced around carefully selected, politically salient memories of imperial interaction. Along with its groundbreaking findings, *Culture of Encounters* certifies the critical role of the sociology of empire in building the Mughal polity, which came to irrevocably shape the literary and ruling cultures of early modern India.

A Buddhist monk takes up arms to resist the Chinese invasion of Tibet - then spends the rest of his life trying to atone for the violence by hand printing the best prayer flags in India. A Jain nun tests her powers of detachment as she watches her best friend ritually starve herself to death. Nine people, nine lives; each one taking a different religious path, each one an unforgettable story. William Dalrymple delves deep into the heart of a nation torn between the relentless onslaught of modernity and the ancient traditions that endure to this day. **LONGLISTED FOR THE BBC SAMUEL JOHNSON PRIZE**

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A reappraisal of the tumultuous Partition and how it ignited long-standing animosities between India and Pakistan This new edition of Yasmin Khan's reappraisal of the tumultuous India-Pakistan Partition features an introduction reflecting on the latest research and on ways in which commemoration of the Partition has changed, and considers the Partition in light of the current refugee crisis. Reviews of the first edition: "A riveting book on this terrible story."—Economist "Unsparring. . . . Provocative and painful."—Times (London) "Many histories of Partition focus solely on the elite policy makers. Yasmin Khan's empathetic account gives a great insight into the hopes, dreams, and fears of the millions affected by it."—Owen Bennett Jones, BBC

Based on a completely reconstructed archive of Persian, Hindi and Marathi documents, Nandini Chatterjee provides a unique micro-history of a family of landlords in Malwa, central India, who flourished in the region from at least the sixteenth until the twentieth century. By exploring their daily interactions with imperial elites as well as villagers and marauders, Chatterjee offers a new history from below of the Mughal Empire, far from the glittering courts of the emperors and nobles, but still dramatic and filled with colourful personalities. From this perspective, we see war, violence, betrayal, enterprise, romance and disappointment, but we also see a quest for law, justice, rights and righteousness. A rare story of Islamic law in a predominantly non-Muslim society, this is also an exploration of the peripheral regions of the Maratha empire and a neglected princely state under British colonial rule. This title is also available as Open

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The main features of the book are outlined as follows: 1. A little of the author's life under political situation of India. 2. Did our political leaders want economic growth or power of the Delhi chair? What is the function of Democracy under religious atmosphere in India? 3. What was the status of Hindus now in Hindu Bengal, and where is their future? 4. Economic growth of India went down but Japan's went up, why? 5. Why did Indian leaders give importance to religion instead of economic growth? 6. The wonder Taj. 7. How does life prevail in India and in the neighboring countries of India? It is also being remembered here by the two genius of the last century—Prof. S. W. Sudmerson, a British fellow, who dedicated his life in the service of teaching in a college of extreme northeast of India in the beginning of the twentieth century, and Swami Vivekananda, who had not only enlighten the world by his glorious speech on the religion of Hindu philosophy in Chicago but also had thought of the formation of the present existing India hundreds of years before Independence. Is it one nation of one India of Vivekananda?

Examines the relationship between Mughal political culture and the two dominant strains of Islam's Sufi traditions in South Asia: one centred around orthodoxy, the other focusing on a more accommodating and mystical spirituality. Based on a critical study of a large number of contemporary Persian texts, court chronicles, epistolary collections, and biographies of sufi mystics, *The Mughals and the Sufis* examines the

complexities in the relationship between Mughal political culture and the two dominant strains of Islam's Sufi traditions in South Asia: one centered around orthodoxy, the other focusing on a more accommodating and mystical spirituality. Muzaffar Alam analyses the interplay of these elements, their negotiation and struggle for resolution via conflict and coordination, and their longer-term outcomes as the empire followed its own political and cultural trajectory as it shifted from the more liberal outlook of Emperor Akbar "The Great" (r. 1556–1605) to the more rigid attitudes of his great-grandson, Aurangzeb 'Alamgir (r. 1658–1701). Alam brings to light many new and underutilized sources relevant to the religious and cultural history of the Mughals and reinterprets well-known sources from a new perspective to provide one of the most detailed and nuanced portraits of Indian Islam under the Mughal Empire available today. Muzaffar Alam is George V. Bobrinsky Professor in South Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago. He is the author of several books, including, *The Languages of Political Islam: India 1200–1800* and *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India: Awadh and the Punjab, 1707–1748*.

This innovative book explores of the grandest and longest lasting empire in Indian history. Examines the history of the Mughal presence in India from 1526 to the mid-eighteenth century Creates a new framework for understanding the Mughal empire by addressing themes that have not been explored before. Subtly traces the legacy of the Mughals' world in today's India.

This book brings out in a logical sequence, and in a chronological order, the main aspects of

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the Hindu Culture; Hindu-Muslim relationship at different stages during the past 1,200 years; fusion of the native culture and the culture of the invading Arabs, Turks, Afghans, Mughals, and the English; and the politics of religion or the religion of Politics.

A Finalist for the 2018 Los Angeles Times Book Prize in History Four centuries ago, a Muslim woman ruled an empire. When it came to hunting, she was a master shot. As a dress designer, few could compare. An ingenious architect, she innovated the use of marble in her parents' mausoleum on the banks of the Yamuna River that inspired her stepson's Taj Mahal. And she was both celebrated and reviled for her political acumen and diplomatic skill, which rivaled those of her female counterparts in Europe and beyond. In 1611, thirty-four-year-old Nur Jahan, daughter of a Persian noble and widow of a subversive official, became the twentieth and most cherished wife of the Emperor Jahangir. While other wives were secluded behind walls, Nur ruled the vast Mughal Empire alongside her husband, and governed in his stead as his health failed and his attentions wandered from matters of state. An astute politician and devoted partner, Nur led troops into battle to free Jahangir when he was imprisoned by one of his own officers. She signed and issued imperial orders, and coins of the realm bore her name. Acclaimed historian Ruby Lal uncovers the rich life and world of Nur Jahan, rescuing this dazzling figure from patriarchal and Orientalist clichés of romance and intrigue, and giving new insight into the lives of women and girls in the Mughal Empire, even where scholars claim there are no sources. Nur's confident assertion of authority and talent is revelatory. In *Empress*, she finally receives her due in a deeply researched and evocative biography that awakens us to a fascinating history.

Dara Shukoh was the heir-apparent to the Mughal throne in 1659, when he was executed by

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his brother Aurangzeb. Today Dara is lionized in South Asia, while Aurangzeb, who presided over the beginnings of imperial disintegration, is scorned. Supriya Gandhi's nuanced biography asks whether the story really would have been different with Dara in power. A major contribution toward the ongoing debates on the nature and history of Hinduism in India. Is Hinduism coherent, or should it be viewed as a conglomeration of many distinctive traditions? What were (or are) its most important and central teachings? When did the idea of "Hinduism" first arise and what have been the consequences? What were the effects of British rule on the religion and what are the effects of continuing modernization? This book responds to all such debates surrounding Hinduism in the colonial and contemporary periods. It emphasizes on Hinduism as it arose and developed in the subcontinent itself—an approach which facilitates greater attention to detail and an understanding of the specific context in which new movements and changes have taken place.

This book critically assesses recent debates about the colonial construction of Hinduism. Increasingly scholars have come to realise that the dominant understanding of Indian culture and its traditions is unsatisfactory. According to the classical paradigm, Hindu traditions are conceptualized as features of a religion with distinct beliefs, doctrines, sacred laws and holy texts. Today, however, many academics consider this conception to be a colonial 'construction'. This book focuses on the different versions, arguments and counter-arguments of the thesis that the Hindu religion is a construct of colonialism. Bringing together the different positions in the debate, it provides necessary historical data, arguments and conceptual tools to examine the argument. Organized in two parts, the first half of the book provides new analyses of historical and empirical data; the second presents some of the theoretical

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questions that have emerged from the debate on the construction of Hinduism. Where some of the contributors argue that Hinduism was created as a result of a western Christian notion of religion and the imperatives of British colonialism, others show that this religion already existed in pre-colonial India; and as an alternative to these standpoints, other writers argue that Hinduism only exists in the European experience and does not correspond to any empirical reality in India. This volume offers new insights into the nature of the construction of religion in India and will be of interest to scholars of the History of Religion, Asian Religion, Postcolonial and South Asian Studies.

Manan Ahmed Asif shows that the Chachnama is a sophisticated work of political theory, embedded in both the Indic and Islamic ethos. His social and intellectual history of this text offers an important corrective to the divisions between Muslim and Hindu that so often define Pakistani and Indian politics today.

Different aspects of the Mughal Empire-its power, wealth, stability, territoriality, exquisite, surreal character, and also its 'decline'-have engaged historians for several decades in a complex, contentious debate. This volume attempts to understand the divergent views and discussions that surround the withering of the empire and focuses on the different paradigms and assumptions that have shaped the interpretations on the decline of the Mughal Empire.

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Culture of Encounters
Sanskrit at the Mughal Court
Columbia University Press

A bold retelling of the origins of contemporary Hinduism, and an argument against the long-established notion of religious reform. By the early eighteenth century, the Mughal Empire was in decline, and the East India Company was making inroads into the subcontinent. A century later Christian missionaries, Hindu teachers, Muslim saints, and Sikh rebels formed the colorful religious fabric of colonial India. Focusing on two early nineteenth-century Hindu communities, the Brahmo Samaj and the Swaminarayan Sampraday, and their charismatic figureheads—the “cosmopolitan” Rammohun Roy and the “parochial” Swami Narayan—Brian Hatcher explores how urban and rural people thought about faith, ritual, and gods. Along the way he sketches a radical new view of the origins of contemporary Hinduism and overturns the idea of religious reform. *Hinduism Before Reform* challenges the rigid structure of revelation-schism-reform-sect prevalent in much history of religion. Reform, in particular, plays an important role in how we think about influential Hindu movements and religious history at large. Through the lens of reform, one doctrine is inevitably backward-looking while another represents modernity. From this comparison flows a host of simplistic conclusions. Instead of presuming a clear dichotomy between backward and modern, Hatcher is interested in how religious authority is acquired and projected. *Hinduism Before Reform* asks how religious history

would look if we eschewed the obfuscating binary of progress and tradition. There is another way to conceptualize the origins and significance of these two Hindu movements, one that does not trap them within the teleology of a predetermined modernity.

For over five hundred years, Muslim dynasties ruled parts of northern and central India, starting with the Ghurids in the 1190s through the fracturing of the Mughal Empire in the early eighteenth century. Scholars have long drawn upon works written in Persian and Arabic about this epoch, yet they have neglected the many histories that India's learned elite wrote about Indo-Muslim rule in Sanskrit. These works span the Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire and discuss Muslim-ruled kingdoms in the Deccan and even as far south as Tamil Nadu. They constitute a major archive for understanding significant cultural and political changes that shaped early modern India and the views of those who lived through this crucial period. Audrey Truschke offers a groundbreaking analysis of these Sanskrit texts that sheds light on both historical Muslim political leaders on the subcontinent and how premodern Sanskrit intellectuals perceived the "Muslim Other." She analyzes and theorizes how Sanskrit historians used the tools of their literary tradition to document Muslim governance and, later, as Muslims became an integral part of Indian cultural and political worlds, Indo-

Muslim rule. Truschke demonstrates how this new archive lends insight into formulations and expressions of premodern political, social, cultural, and religious identities. By elaborating the languages and identities at play in premodern Sanskrit historical works, this book expands our historical and conceptual resources for understanding premodern South Asia, Indian intellectual history, and the impact of Muslim peoples on non-Muslim societies. At a time when exclusionary Hindu nationalism, which often grounds its claims on fabricated visions of India's premodernity, dominates the Indian public sphere, *The Language of History* shows the complexity and diversity of the subcontinent's past.

Hindus before Shivaji were on the verge on being called a defeated race. Their self-pride, self-confidence & control over their own lives was quickly disappearing. If not for the arrival of Shivaji, they would have been wiped off the face of their own homeland. Despite being the majority even in those times, defeatism and helplessness had set in. The only way to resurrect their confidence in themselves was to demonstrate to them and their enemies that the defeat of Hindus and the victory of invaders was not a thing of destiny, but of choice. Hindus may choose not be defeated, only if they learn to develop spine. The name of that spine was Shivaji. Throughout his career as a military leader for

34 years, Shivaji did not suffer a single decisive defeat, and even when he was at his lowest point in terms of success on the battlefield, Shivaji had the uncanny knack of taking motivation from the dangers that surrounded him. The confidence Shivaji instilled into his Maratha men kept them fighting fit for the next 200 odd years, in which they conquered not just the lost Hindu territories, but also invaded and subdued lands as far away from their natural habitat as Afghanistan. Shivaji was not just a great warrior but also a sound administrator. During his rule, the Maratha Treasury overflowed with wealth, and not a single year passed by, in which there was not a surplus. In saving the Hindu society, Shivaji also paved the way for reformation in the Hindu religion itself. Although the job of reformers and preachers, evolution of the mind first requires its survival. Shivaji saved the Hindus. Everything else followed. Shivaji's place in history should therefore be viewed from a wider perspective than just his military success. The book chronicles the rise of a great warrior King whose legends are still sung in remote villages across India. He would later prove to be the most shining icon of Indian Nationalism against the British in India's struggle for Independence.

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secretary, or munshi, Chandar Bhan “Brahman” (d. c.1670), one of the great Indo-Persian poets and prose stylists of early modern South Asia. Chandar Bhan’s life spanned the reigns of four different emperors, Akbar (1556-1605), Jahangir (1605-1627), Shah Jahan (1628-1658), and Aurangzeb ‘Alamgir (1658-1707), the last of the “Great Mughals” whose courts dominated the culture and politics of the subcontinent at the height of the empire’s power, territorial reach, and global influence. As a high-caste Hindu who worked for a series of Muslim monarchs and other officials, forming powerful friendships along the way, Chandar Bhan’s experience bears vivid testimony to the pluralistic atmosphere of the Mughal court, particularly during the reign of Shah Jahan, the celebrated builder of the Taj Mahal. But his widely circulated and emulated works also touch on a range of topics central to our understanding of the court’s literary, mystical, administrative, and ethical cultures, while his letters and autobiographical writings provide tantalizing examples of early modern Indo-Persian modes of self-fashioning. Chandar Bhan’s oeuvre is a valuable window onto a crucial, though surprisingly neglected, period of Mughal cultural and political history.

Traces the development and spread of architecture under the Mughal emperors who ruled the Indian subcontinent from the early-16th to the mid-19th centuries. The book considers the entire scope of architecture built under the auspices of the imperial Mughals and their subjects. The Mughal emperor Aurangzeb Alamgir is one of the most hated men in Indian history. Widely reviled as a religious fanatic who sought to violently oppress Hindus, he is even blamed by some for setting into motion conflicts that would result in the creation of a separate Muslim state in South Asia. In her lively overview of his life and influence, Audrey Truschke offers a clear-eyed perspective on the public debate over Aurangzeb and makes the case for why his

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often-maligned legacy deserves to be reassessed. Aurangzeb was arguably the most powerful and wealthiest ruler of his day. His nearly 50-year reign (1658–1707) had a profound influence on the political landscape of early modern India, and his legacy—real and imagined—continues to loom large in India and Pakistan today. Truschke evaluates Aurangzeb not by modern standards but according to the traditions and values of his own time, painting a picture of Aurangzeb as a complex figure whose relationship to Islam was dynamic, strategic, and sometimes contradictory. This book invites students of South Asian history and religion into the world of the Mughal Empire, framing the contemporary debate on Aurangzeb's impact and legacy in accessible and engaging terms.

This book has written by the author without any prejudice and discrimination to anybody and religion but facts are true on historical bases. inscription basis and ruins of temples. archeological bases and general/ basic teaching of any religion. this is the mirror of atrocities against Hindus from Arabs attacks to till 1947. if any discrepancy is, I am totally responsible for this. legal jurisdiction if any under the court of Bilaspur /Delhi

The book examines the local culture, its customs, its people and its philosophy before arrival of the outside invaders. It also examines the impact of the arrival of the outside invaders, spread of Islam, coming of the Sikh Gurus, the establishment of the Mughal Empire, and the British. It traces the historical thread that makes the Punjabis what they are today. Surprisingly enough the people of Punjab did not hate all outside invaders. Although the Arabs, the Turks, the Iranians, and the Afghanis were all considered outsiders. The people of Punjab felt pride in learning the Persian language, copying some of the Persian literature, customs and so on. The book explains the events, bench marks and their impact on the people of Punjab. For example

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major events took place in 1763 era and no one can imagine how it would have been during that era without reading a lot of history books. However, no one can read hundreds of books to get some understanding of any subject. It is important to understand why Sikhs were not writing history books because they were fighting wars. The 1763 was a pivotal era for the Sikhs, for the Mughals, and to some extent the British East India Company. Although there were also East India Companies from France, Germany, and Portugal, but only the British were able to outsmart everyone. Not only that, the British got rid of the Mughal Empire and the Sikh rule. The British did not favor Hindus or the Muslims or the Sikhs, they merely used them against each other. The divide and rule method was used by the British to suit their purpose. The British had only one purpose; money to be made in India. The book deals with the Hindus, the Sikhs, the Muslims, the British and their influence over each other in that region. The book gives credit where due and bluntly criticizes the fragmented society. It does not favor one group over the other instead it exposes the narrow-minded aspects of the society. Because some events were taking place simultaneously cross references have been included for the ease of understanding. If the reader wants to learn about Punjab, its culture, its food, its customs, its history and a Punjabi heritage then this book reading is a must. The people from Punjab, their children and Punjabi immigrants will get a charge out of reading this book. It preserves those aspects of the Punjabi culture that tend to fade out with the televisions, cell phones, automobiles, televisions and managed river water. The Hindu religion, its culture, its religious literature and its spirituality far exceeds any other religion. On one hand there is extremely high caliber spiritual thought and yet on the other hand there is nothing but degradation and fragmentation of the society. The Mughals were not merely outsiders they left

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behind the most beautiful architecture, music, Urdu language and poetry. It would be unfair to ignore their contribution to the culture, to the landscape and to the population. The sacrifice and contribution of the Sikhs exceeds all other groups. This book brings out those certain aspect of the Sikh warriors that had not been fully explored before. Sikhs had been fighting for hundreds of years instead of writing history. The Sikhs did not write history books, even when they knew how to write. The contribution of the British towards the development of systems in India and in Punjab deserves a lot more than simple praise or thankyou. It is the British who united the country, it is the British who created educational system, the public works, the railroads, the telegraph, the civil service and the civil law to name a few.

Akbarnama, or The History of Akbar, by Abu'l-Fazl (d. 1602), is one of the most important works of Indo-Persian history and a touchstone of prose artistry. Marking a high point in a long, rich tradition of Persian historical writing, it served as a model for historians across the Persianate world. The work is at once a biography of the Mughal emperor Akbar (r. 1556-1605) that includes descriptions of his political and martial feats and cultural achievements, and a chronicle of sixteenth-century India. The fifth volume details the bellicose seventeenth to twenty-second years of Akbar's reign, including accounts of the conquest of Gujarat, the capture of Rohtas fort from rebel Afghans, and the invasions of Patna and Bengal. The Persian text, presented in the Naskh script, is based on a careful reassessment of the primary sources.

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