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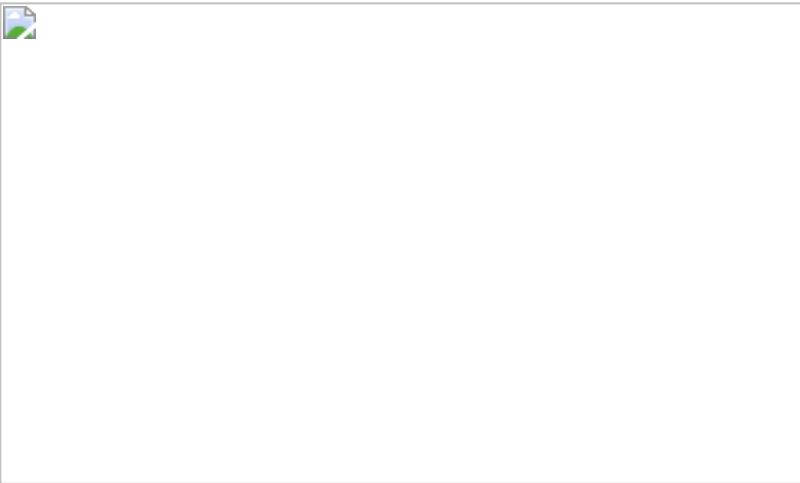
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# Religious Movements: Brahmanism: Slavism: Origin and Growth

Brahmanism

Slavism



Origin and Growth

- Slavism unlike Vaishnavism had its origin in the very ancient past the pre Vedic religion (i.e. Indus religion) has as one of its important components the worship of Pasu. Pati Mahadeva a deity decided as the first proto Siva And in the Vedic religion Rudra can be considered as the Vedic counterpart of Pasupathi Mahadeva.
- The grammarians of the post Vedic period give us an idea about the growth of Slavism as a religious movement Panini in his Ashtadhyayi refers to a group of Siva worshippers Patanjali also describes a group of Siva-worshippers as Siva Bhagavatism in his Mahabhasya.

### Extreme Saliva Sects

- Pasu. Pati: Founded by Alkalis it was the oldest extreme sect of Slavism Though it originated in the centuries before the Christian era it flourished in north India and Orissa between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries AD it was the only sect to link liberation with the attainment of supernatural powers.
- KapaliRas and KalamuRhas: They were the off shoots of the Pasu. Pati sect Originate in the 6<sup>th</sup> century AD in the Deccan flourished in Karnataka between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries AD.
- Agoras They were the successors of the KapaliRas Divided into two groups the Sudha (pure) and the main (dirty) it led the life of wandering ascetics each guru was always accompanied by dog as was in his Bhargava form.
- GoraRhuathis Also known as Knap Siva Yogis because of their split or pierced ears and earring they were founded by Gorakhnath in eastern Bengal Unlike the other sects these Yogis are allowed to marry Their dead are buried in the posture of modi position and their tombs are called Samadhi.

### Moderate Saliva Sects

- Kashmiri Saivism: In Kashmir two moderate schools were founded in the 9<sup>th</sup> century AD Vasugupta founded the Pratyabhijna school and his pupils Kalama and Somananda founded the Spandasatra school All these teachings were systematized by Abhinavagupta who founded a new monistic system called the trika (three fold) in the 11<sup>th</sup> century AD.
- Mattamayuras: It flourished at the same time in central India and a little later in some parts of the Deccan Many of the Mattamayura Acharya's were preceptors of the Kalachakra Cedi kings.

### Ayana's or Saliva Saints

Slavism in south India flourished in the beginning through the activities of saliva saints. Called the Ayana's their emotional poetry in Tamil was called Tukaram also known as Dravidic Veda . there were totally 63 Ayana's . the most important among them being Tirujnana sambandhar and Tirunavukkarasu.

### Saliva Acharya's

Large number of Saliva intellectuals of south India were associated with several forms of Saliva movements like Adamant. Suddhasaivas and Virasaivas.

- The Agamantas based their tenets mainly on the 28 agamas 'which explain the various aspects of Siva Agora Sivacharya was one of their ablest exponents' it was system tied by Me kantar in his work sauna nabodham 13<sup>th</sup> century .
- The Suddhasaivas upheld Romania's teachings but Srichand Sivacharya was their great expounder. Also known as Sivadvaita; it has some similarities with Tamil as well as Kashmiri Slavism.
- The Virasaivas or Linguists were led by Masaya a minister of Chalukyas king Bijjala Raya of the 12<sup>th</sup> century AD. This is both a social and religious reform move ment. Though they were originally opposed to caste discrimination and idol worship later they became a separate caste in Karnataka and developed their own priests called 'panamas' Their dead are buried in a sitting position facing north.

Sikhism



- in the pre-Vedic times. The mother aspect was venerated, worship of the mother goddess in the Indus civilization.

- In the Vedic period. Gods undoubtedly played a more important part in contemporary mythology.
- However. Exclusive worshippers of the Devi is not to be found until a comparatively late period.
- The anonymous author of the perils of the Eritrean Sea 1<sup>st</sup> century AD in his account of Comair the southernmost port-town of India . Refers to the worshippeers of the goddess in her virgin aspect as Kanyakumari.
- Some Gujarat- Pratihara kings of the early medieval period were also worshippeers of the Shakti.
- Most of the extant works connected with the Tantric form of deity worship were composed in later times.

### Six Orthodox Philosophies

- Samkhya: This dualistic school recognizing the two eternal realities of purusha as spirit and prakriti nature is attributed to sage Capital
- Yoga Founded by Patanjali it has many similarities to Samkhya According to the Suetasutara Upanishads Samkhya is known edge Yoga is practice.
- 3 Naisesika: Attributed to Kanada it propounds an atomistic account of the universe
- Naisesika: This is a system of logical realism founded by Gotama or Gautama, also known as Aksa pada
- Vedanta: Attributed to Badarayana it is also known as Uttaramimamsa its main schools are Advaita Visishtadvaita and Dvaita
- Mimamsa Founded by Jiminiy it is also known as Purva mimamsa in order to distinguish it from the more complex Vedanta.