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End of Indus Valley Civilization & Mauryan and Post-Mauryan Period for Competitive Exams

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End of Indus Valley Civilization



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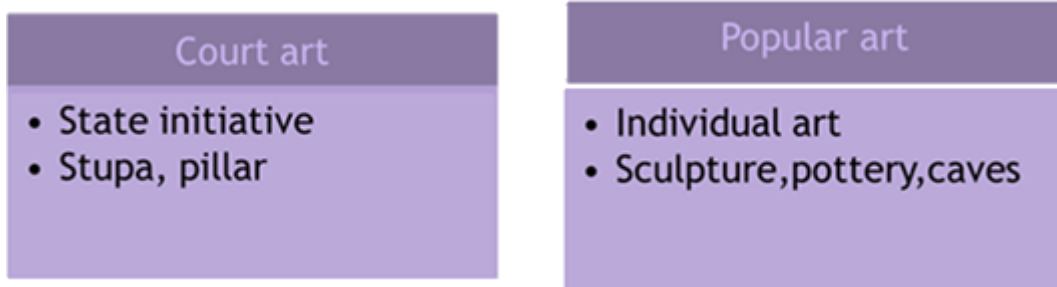
- The Indus civilization ended in about C. 1500 B. C. probably due to the Aryan invasion of India.
- Except for some antiquities of the copper hoard culture and ceramics, no trace of any plastic art is found during the next 1000 years.
- This may perhaps be due to perishable materials like wood, which could not withstand the rigors of time.
- The carvings of flat surface, as met with at Bharuch and Sanchi, are an echo of an earlier tradition in wood or ivory.
- But this intervening period of about 1000 years is important, because it was during this time that a synthesis took place between the fertility cults of the Dravidians, who were the original inhabitants of India, and the Aryan elements of rites and rituals.

Mauryan and Post-Mauryan Period



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- Outside influence is present Persian and achaemenian



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Mauryan Period



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- **Time period** 4th 3th centuries B. C.
- Asoka, first mauryan to ‘think in stone’ .

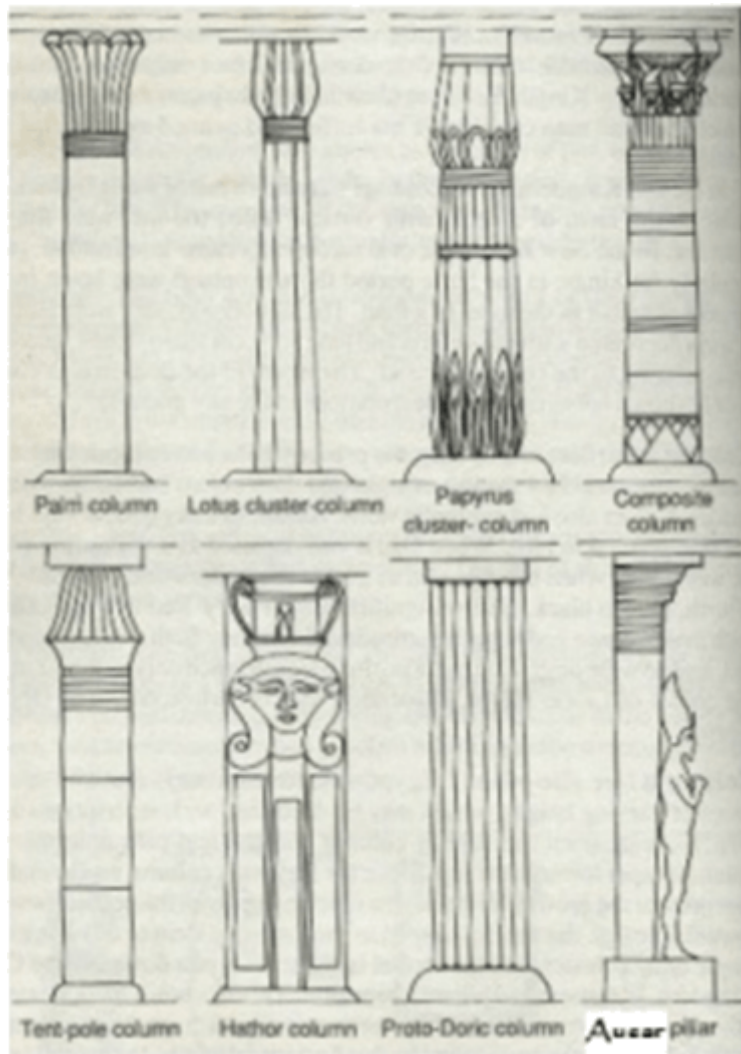
Pillars

- The great Buddhist Emperor Ashoka caused the erection of monolithic pillars of sandstone.
- Asokan pillars were lofty freestanding monolithic columns erected on sacred sites.
- 30 to 40 feet high, crowned by animal figures like the bull, lion and elephant
- inscribed with the Buddhist concepts of morality, humanity and piety, which he wished his people to follow
- Famous Ashokan pillars are from Lauriya Nandangarh in Bihar, Sanchi, and Sarnath.

Purpose

- Symbol of state
- To declare the victory
- To spread the moral ideas.

Design of the Pillar



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