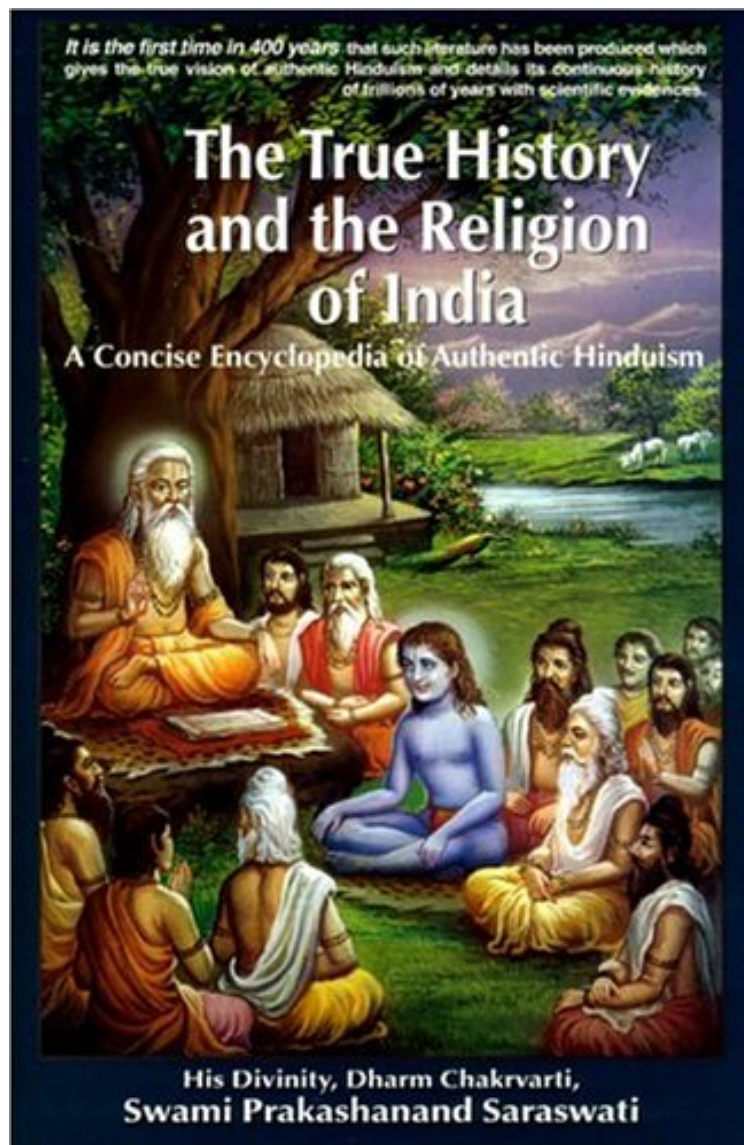


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H.D. Swami Prakashanand Saraswati : The True History and the Religion of India: A Concise Encyclopedia of Authentic Hinduism before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The True History and the Religion of India: A Concise Encyclopedia of Authentic Hinduism:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read!By Yog AI'ts shocking to learn how twisted our

conventional history is. It is largely a product of anglo-manipulation designed to keep Indians from knowing their true history, and keep them mentally subservient to western materialistic philosophies. Swami Prakashanand ji cannot be thanked enough for bringing key pieces of evidence to light exposing the machinations of the British to distort our religion to keep us feeling negatively towards our own culture and follow theirs instead. A good chunk of Indian intelligentsia has fallen prey to it. 3 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Hmmm...what do I think of this book?...Okay...Let me mention that...By Ginger_Alethis is a fairly well written book. It has some interesting material that I would want non-Indians and non-Hindus to be familiar with, especially when it comes to historical events in Indian history, the earlier Indians themselves, and the cultural, scientific, linguistic, and religious contributions that the ancient Indians made prior to the future societies. In general, the ancient Indians were also geniuses in terms of architecture, technology, and medicine. The author does a great job of defeating negative myths about our religion and culture. Although the encyclopedia helps me gain some knowledge of my Indian heritage, there are still a few cons about the book. He seems to lose track of emphasizing that Hinduism, since ancient times, has been a religion of acceptance, tolerance, oneness of God, and universalism; although he encourages interfaith peace and respect at the end of the book and a few times throughout his writings. I am nearly a conservative individual myself when it comes to religious values but I believe that the author comes from a Hindu sect that is different from the one that I belong to. At least a few of his religious beliefs and teachings contradict the ones that my Hindu sect teaches. In the book, he seems to put more focus on what his sect teaches instead of concentrating on Hinduism as a whole perspective. I am aware that the ardent supporters of this book will disagree with me completely regarding this but the Hindu faith does not just consist of one sect with one specific set of beliefs and practices. Like other religions, Hinduism has many sects with a variety of beliefs and practices. I am willing to look at additional sources the next time if I want more information regarding my Hindu culture and religious faith. Another thing that makes me feel uneasy about this book is that it is over priced. The author also needs to be more organized in how he presents material because he keeps going from topic back to topic throughout the book and he is redundant in mentioning information as well. Nevertheless, this is one of the books that I still recommend that an individual reads if he or she has a passion for studying cultures and religions of the world and wishes to gain access to the fair portrayal of Hinduism. In general, I wish that more and more people could positively view Hinduism with accuracy and not be misled by negative stereotypes about us. 8 of 22 people found the following review helpful. An Angry Book of Questionable Worth By Spacemuppet I purchased this book based on the strong recommendation of an acquaintance on goodreads, but now that I have had a chance to look at it I am returning it to for a refund. I was really looking forward to a comprehensive, authoritative book on "The True History and the Religion of India," but that's not even remotely what this book is about. A pair of Western scholars (Michael Witzel and Steve Farmer, "Horesplay in Harappa," Frontline Magazine, 10/13/00) have observed: "In the past few decades, a new kind of history has been propagated by a vocal group of Indian writers, few of them trained historians, who lavishly praise and support each other's works. Their aim is to rewrite Indian history from a nationalistic and religious point of view. Their writings have special appeal to a new middle class confused by modern threats to traditional values. With alarming frequency their movement is backed by powerful political forces, lending it a mask of respectability that it does not deserve." I believe this is precisely one such book, and will be happy to have it out of my house. I recommend that readers new to the subject consult the works of Satguru Sivaya Subramuniaswami instead of this one -- Dancing With Siva: Hinduism's Contemporary Catechism is an excellent place to begin, and in addition to being offered for sale here on and elsewhere, all Subramuniaswami-ji's writings can be read for free in their entirety on the Himalayan Academy website. As a general rule of thumb, I maintain that a Guru who does not show respect for any non-Indian cultures or religions does not represent the true Sanatan Dharma.

This is a single volume, concise Encyclopedia of Authentic Hinduism which details all the aspects of Hinduism at one place. It relates the authentic form of Hindu culture, religion and the history of India since the very beginning of human civilization and describes the real Divine aspect of the Vedas, Upnishads, Puranas, Gita and the Bhagwatam. This all inclusive book presents an enormous amount of information with scriptural, logical, historical and scientific evidences. It is the first time in hundreds of years that such an encyclopedia has been produced which reveals the true form of Hinduism and the correct history of India to the world.

Contains an unimaginably enormous amount of authentic information with scientific evidences that brings the total Hinduism in one single volume. -- Dr. David Campos, Professor Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL I consider this book as a source of India's strength for generations to come. -- Shree Himendra Thakur, Editor "India United", Salem, MA The truth revealed in this book could be the infallible arrow to destroy the false and misleading comments about Hinduism. -- Shree Tarun Vijay, Editor, Panchjanya, New Delhi, India Language Notes Text: English About the Author His Divinity Swami Prakashanand Saraswati (Shree Swamiji) was born in a respectable brahman family in 1929 in Ayodhya (India). Withdrawn from the attractions of the world, he completed his studies and at age of 21, renounced the world and took the order of sanyas. Seeing his renunciation, determination and the deep devotional

feelings for God, in 1952, he was offered to become the Jagadguru Shankaracharya of Jyotirmath, but his heart was drawn towards the love of Radha Krishn, so he did not accept the proposal. Later on he went to Braj, India and spent almost 20 years in isolation mostly in Barsana, in the loving remembrance of Radha Krishn. In 1972, with the will of his Divine Master, Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj, he began his mission of teaching the path of raganuga bhakti (divine-love-consciousness) to the world. Shree Swamiji has authored nine books on the practical (devotional) aspects of God realization, explaining the detailed philosophies of the Hindu scriptures. He has recorded more than 300 discourses on the Gita, Upnishads, and Brahma Sutra which are carried by cable networks in several U.S. cities and in India. He is the founder of Barsana Dham Ashram, Austin, TX; Rangeeli Mahal, Barsana, India and Jagadguru Dham, Vrindaban, India. When the first edition of the book was published in 1999, Shree Swamiji was honored with the award of "Dharm Chakrvarti" (the Spiritual Master of the World) by the World Religious Parliament in New Delhi, India for bringing the most important aspects of Hinduism with logical, scriptural, scientific, philosophical and historical evidences to the world.