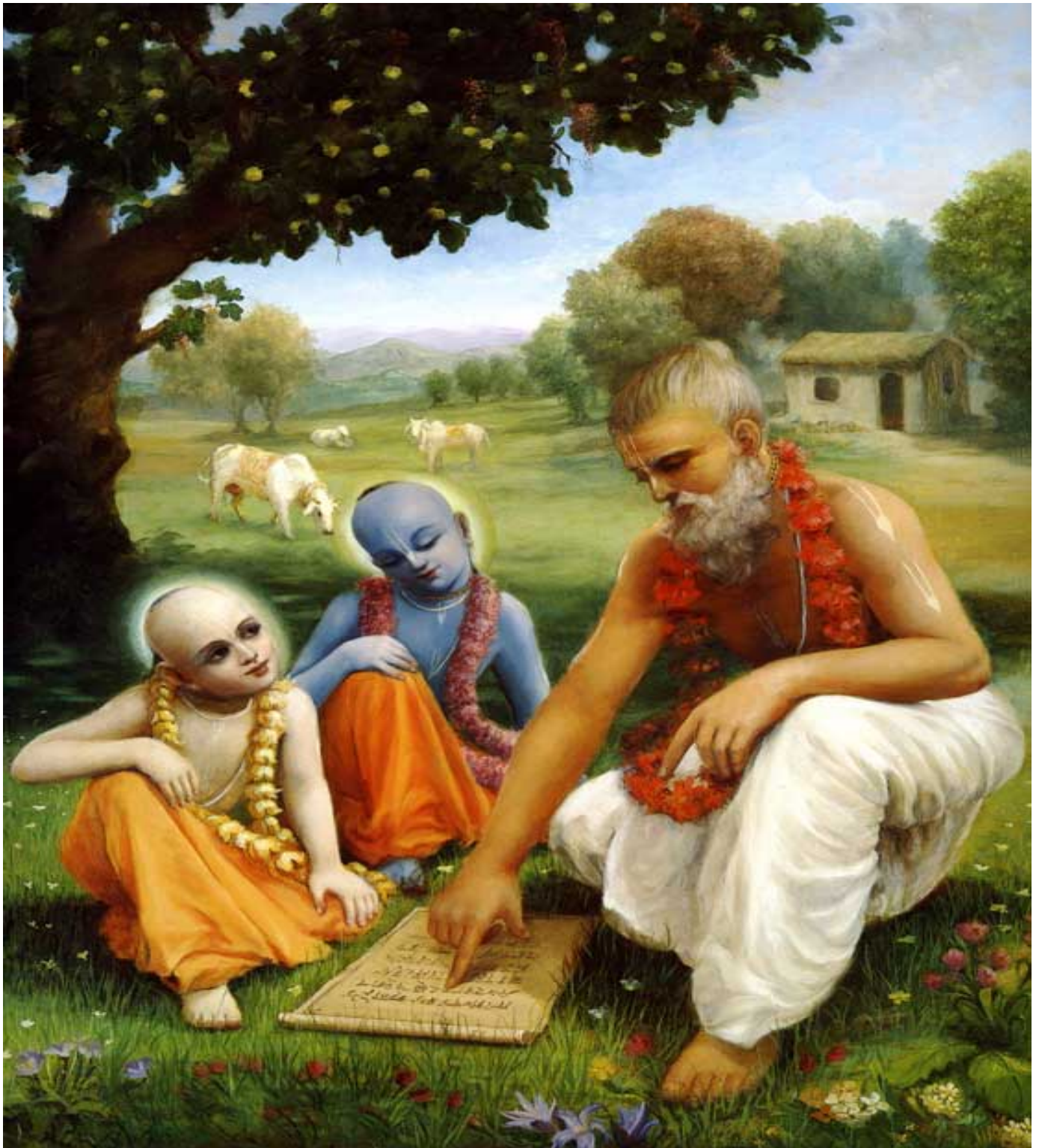


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Those who historically murdered, looted, raped and pillaged and destroyed are today forgiven in modern India in the name of forgetting the past. What's more those who destroyed our cultural heritage, universities of cosmic wisdom and architectural wonders are provided with all luxuries and comforts in India. But Brahmins, who historically dedicated their lives for the sake of dharma and the welfare of the society, are still persecuted in modern India for their falsely alleged sins of the past.

Indian Brahmins, we are taught by the modern historians, have been oppressing the lower caste population in India. Brahmins are described as cunning, parasitic exploiters and creators of the iniquitous caste system. The theory of "5000 years of Brahmin oppression" is used to include every other caste in the backward classes list and religion, provide them unrestrained reservation, and justify that.

This story is repeated so loudly and so frequently that it is also treated as the truth. Much scholarship and intellectual labor was put into this thesis before it acquired its present momentum and currency. Anti-Brahmanism was a construct of the last two centuries. They say Brahmins never allowed others to read and write. The word "Brahmin" reminds everyone of arrogant, dis-respective, communal and abusive extremists who whip the lower caste people or dalits till they die. That's a vivid picture that paints your mind when you hear that word. The anti-Brahmin movement gained momentum when leftists, priests and religious leaders from hostile religions, separatists and casteists of different hues took this from Britishers.

Academia has always held the position that Brahmins exploited and continue to exploit everyone else, that they authored the Hindu scriptures just to ensure their own highest position in the social hierarchy, and that they are responsible for so many problems in India. But these arguments lack historical validity and logical consistency. It is merely a case of "repeat a lie a hundred times and it will become the truth".

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Let's think without any inhibitions and conditions. Make your intelligence and thinking unbiased and open to accept the reality. Let's look at real facts founded upon truth. Should we lend our thinking facility to others? If you have open mind and if you can think with clarity and logically, you would understand that 95% of Brahmins were innocents and gentle. It is amazing to see how fiction can become truth in course of time. You don't need big brain to make out that anti-Brahmin story was planned and planted by hostile religious invaders, colonialists and missionaries of conversion and by politicians to keep the public blind and at the same time rob Indians of everything.



The fact is that Brahmins were neither rich nor powerful at any point of time in history. They are not the Samuris of India. Every animal in the forest wants to hunt deer and eat them. The Indian Brahmins are like deer (stag) in the forest. Indian Brahmin community has become like Jews of Nazi times. Is this acceptable? The destitution of Hindu Brahmins has moved none, not even the parties known for Hindu sympathy. For many past centuries, mostly Christians and Muslims were ruling India. Do we have to blame Brahmins for everything that went wrong in India? Brahmins have never ruled India. Brahmins were always poor class! They never ruled India!

Can you quote any historical evidence to prove that Brahmins were kings or ruled any Indian kingdom? Chanakya had helped Chandragupta Maurya to build a united India. After becoming the emperor of India, Chandragupta fell at the feet of Chanakya and requested him to be

Rajaguru and stay in the palace with all luxuries. Chanakya's reply: " I am a Brahmin. My karma is to teach students and live on what they get by the way of begging. So I am going back to my village."

Can you find any single instance or story of rich Brahmins in history or in the mythology (purana)? Which purana mentions about a rich Brahmin? The story of Sudama, the poor Brahmin, is a well-known episode from Lord Krishna's life. Incidentally, Krishna (the most popular deity of Hindus) belonged to the Yadava sub-caste. The Yadavas are currently enumerated amongst the Other Backward Castes (OBCs) in India.

If Brahmins were as arrogant as they pictured to be, how come they worship Gods from lower caste? Lord Shiva (Highest Hindu God) is often termed as a Kirata in the Puranas. The Kiratas would currently fall in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) category in modern India. Krishna (see above paragraph) was an OBC. To be able to oppress others requires positions of power. The Brahmin's traditional occupation was that of temple priest or purohit officiating religious functions. Their sole income was Biksha (alms) given by the land-lords (non-Brahmins). And another section of Brahmins were teachers (guru) without salary. Were those the most powerful positions?

And have you forgotten the term: 'Garib Brahmin' (Poor Brahmin). Pick up any Indian story book, you will see that term quoted as a virtue. The highest stature of the society was occupied by the Brahmin ascetics and their only way of survival was alms given by people. Of course there are exceptions, but it cannot be denied that poor Brahmins were honored. Brahmins were asked to live at a minimum and devote themselves to pursue knowledge. Ref: Alvin Toffler, an American writer and futurist, "Hinduism propagated poverty as a virtue."

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