The Living Religions Of The Indian People: (Wilde Lectures, Oxford, 1932-34)

By Nicol Macnicol

Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 1979. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Second. 15 X 23. Religion has remained from time immemorial the one infallible and inexhaustible source of solace for Man at times of crises in his life. It is this frail bark which provides him with the means of escape from this world of unceasing turmoil. With its message as rudder, with hope, faith and courage as sails, with patience and endurance as oars and with its seers as compass, Man voyages across the ocean of life, overcomes its raging tempests and finally reaches the Promised Land whence there is no return. Man’s problems and needs vary and change with his nature, age and environment. Those religions that could keep pace with his changing needs alone have survived while those that could not became extinct. This book, The Living Religions of the Indian People by Nicol Macnicol, examines the religions of the Hindus, Muslims, Jainas, Sikhs, Parsis and Christians and ascertains the factors that have made them immortal. It traces their quintessential qualities which attract and satisfy the religious needs of a broad spectrum of people ranging from the primitive tribal at one extremity and the urbane modern man at...

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India is a land of different religions which are characterised by various religious practices and beliefs. The spiritual land of India has given birth to many religions such as Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism and Buddhism. These religions together form a subgroup and are known as Eastern religions. The Sikhs constitute about 2% of the people of India as per the census 2001. There are no festivals in Sikhism in particular, but some festivities are generally celebrated on birthdays or martyrdom of Sikh Gurus. Gurupurabs, Baisakhi, Nagar Kirtan, Hola Mohalla are some of the festivals and events celebrated by the Sikhs. The religious beliefs of the Sikhs do not favour fasting or going to the pilgrimages.

1. Introduction: Authenticity and Artifice

George Catlin was the outstanding painter of nineteenth-century American Indian life, and a flamboyant showman. Brian Dippie has shown that the two roles were intimately connected. Catlin had a grand design to record the doomed Indian cultures for posterity. He have flown to the rescue of their looks and their modes, he pronounced from London in 1841. Catlin had visited Pealeâ€™s emporium and was aware of the competitive challenge of rival Indian galleries. Some dramatic entertainment to enhance educational objectives was in keeping with normative expectations of museums in America at that time.
The religion of the ancient Norsemen is one of the most difficult to describe, indeed far more so than are the older religions of Rome, Greece, Egypt, Israel, Persia or India. Reasons for this are not hard to appreciate. We can now speak, although with certain reservations, of a Germanic culture and religion, practised by all peoples who spoke the Germanic dialect until their religion gave way to Christianity. The Goths who, according to their own traditions, had emigrated from Scandinavia and settled in south Russia, followed some of the same religious practices which we know from Scandinavian records of the Middle Ages.