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Glimpses of Hinduistic Religions

Personal Perspective
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Disclaimer

Historical view (my)

Core Tenets

My Journey (pre-conversion)

How to approach a fellow....

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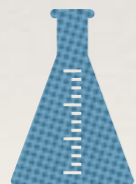
Recent convert



Not a religious scholar



Lived in US for 20+ years



Strong opinions

(my) Historical view

~1500 BCE (500-300)



1.15B

~500 BCE



370+M

~500 BCE



4.2+M

~1500 AD



30+M

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- Lev 15:19-21, 18:19
- Deu 12:12-19, 14:29
- Exo 32:4-8
- Jdg 6:25-30
- Num 25:2-5

- Surah Al-Baqara, 124
- Surah Al-Imran, 33

|| Historical animosity

~3000 BCE



14M+2.4B

~600 AD



1.6B

~1500 AD

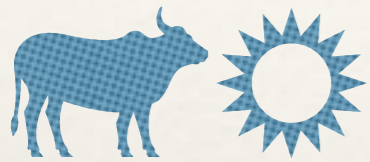


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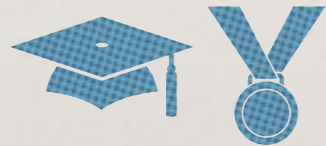
Hinduism - Core Tenets



God is in every creation



Many gods



Good deeds (karma) and Good duties (dharma)



Food habits of vegetarianism



Bhagavad Gita, Vedas, Upanishads

Hinduism - Core Tenets



Cycle of life



Good and evil duality

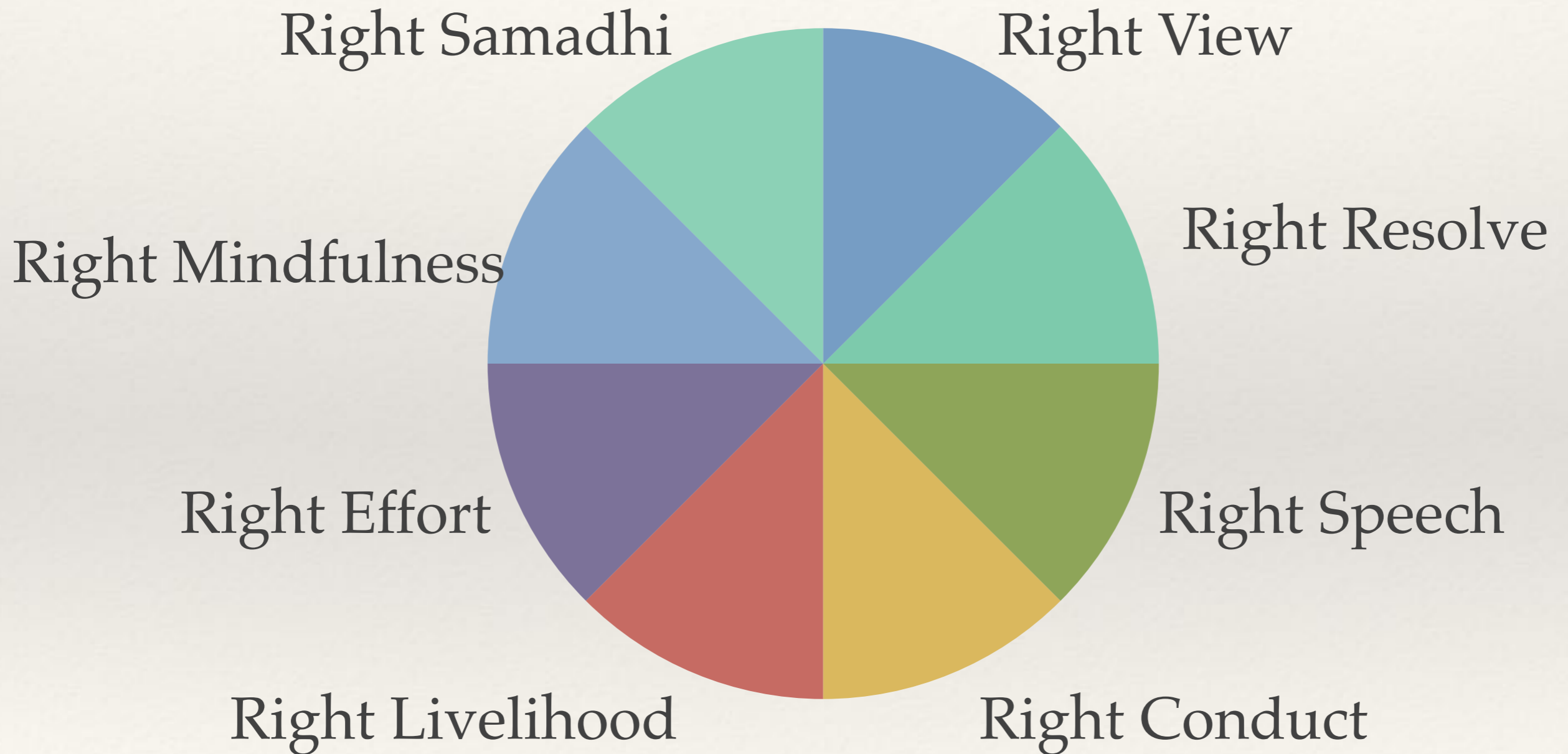


Rituals (pooja and punaskara)

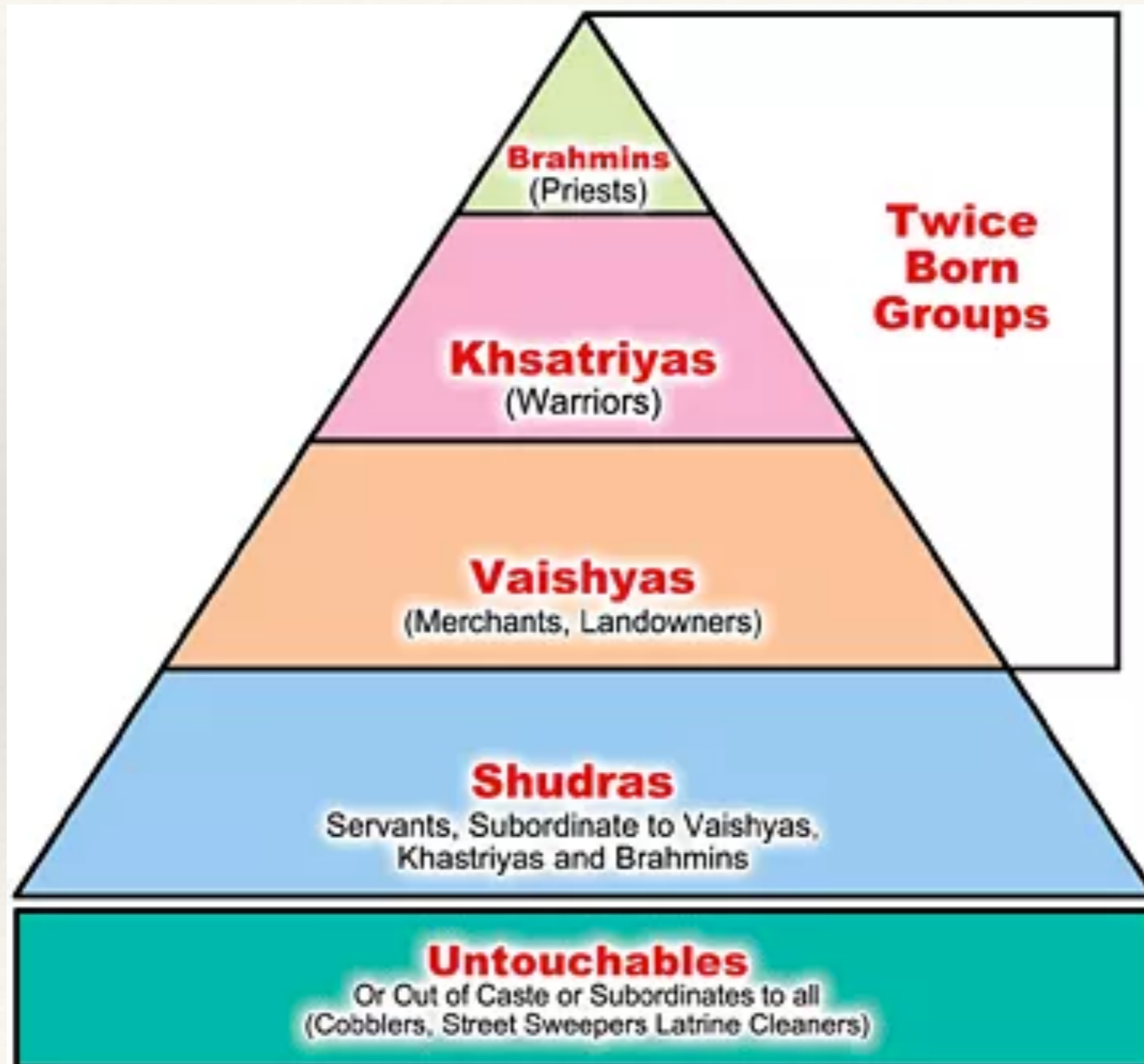


Its all works

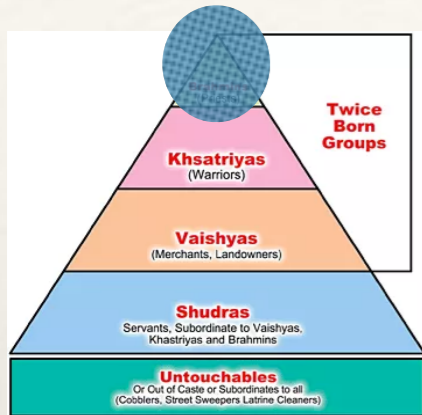
Buddhism - Core Tenets



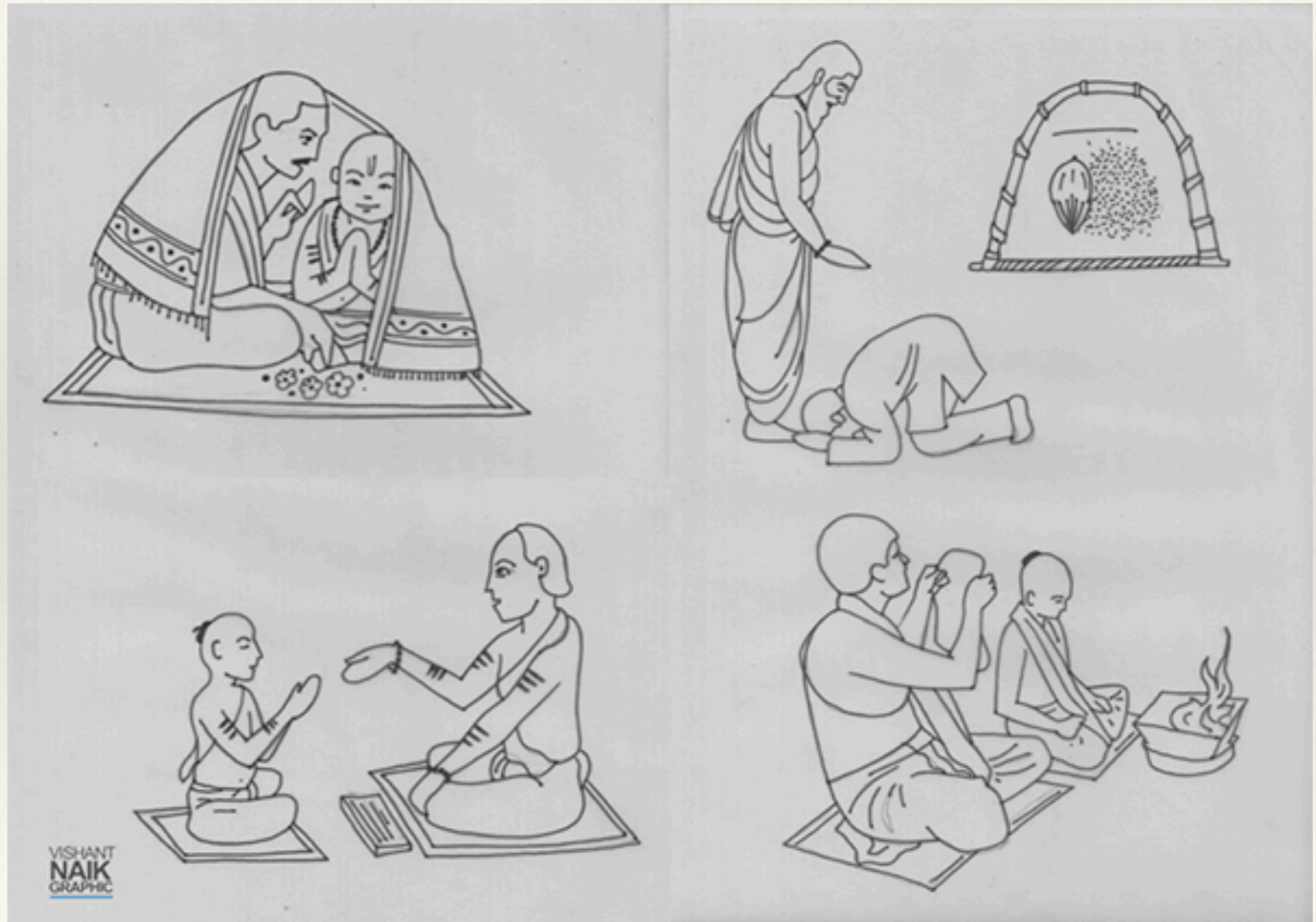
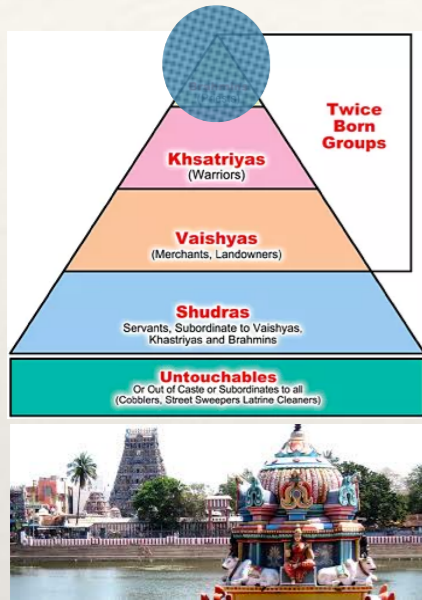
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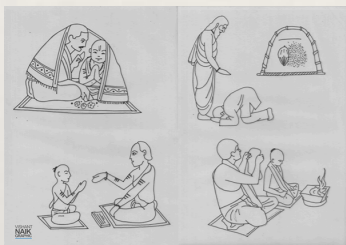
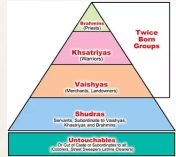
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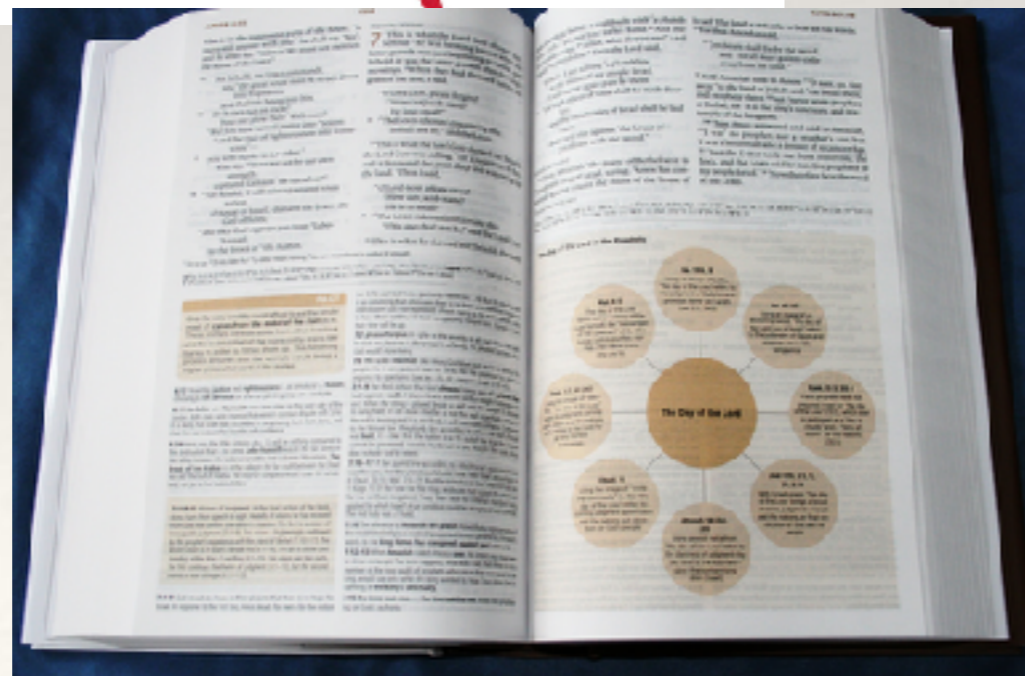
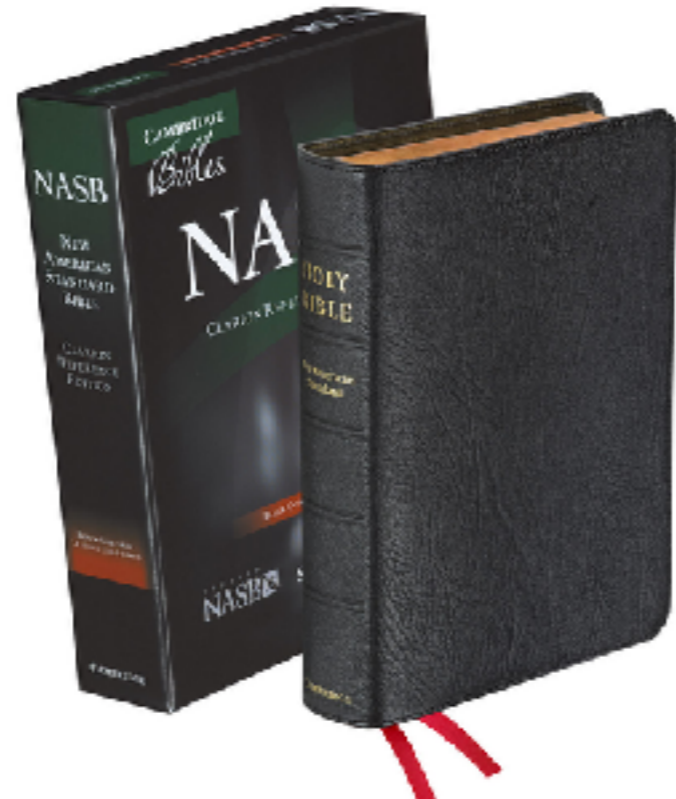
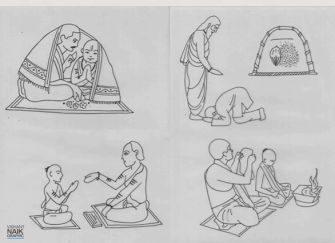
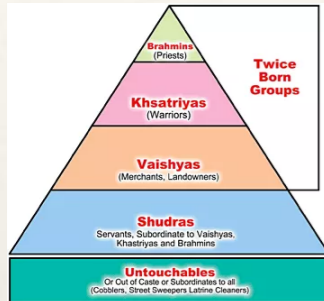
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Observations

Lack of center

Technology / Science

Evolution in everything

Yearning for spiritual experiences

Hinduism is in many churches

Evangelizing to fellow Hindus/Buddhists/...

First - guard yourself with the Gospel and the Truth

Command for Discernment Pro14:8, Eph 5:10, Rom 12:2

Yoga != Exercise

Meditation != Prayer

Mindless vs Mind, Body, Soul and Spirit

Know your idols

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Second - live the Gospel

Lovingly reach your friend, neighbor, acquaintance

Serving them

Understand their devotion, diligence and beliefs

Reason, preach, discuss, listen, pray

Knowledge + Reason >> Experience

and..don't forget **Election & Predestination**

Its not you, but God that does the conversion

Resources

<https://www.blueletterbible.org>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_religious_populations

<https://www.esv.org/>

<https://www.google.com/imghp>

<https://www.tms.edu/>

<http://quranindex.net/>