

The Laws Of Manu

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An engrossing and definitive narrative account of history and myth that offers a new way of understanding one of the world's oldest major religions, The Hindus elucidates the relationship between recorded history and imaginary worlds. Hinduism does not lend itself easily to a strictly chronological account: many of its central texts cannot be reliably dated even within a century; its central tenets karma, dharma, to name just two arise at particular moments in Indian history and differ in each era, between genders, and caste to caste; and what is shared among Hindus is overwhelmingly outnumbered by the things that are unique to one group or another. Yet the greatness of Hinduism - its vitality, its earthiness, its vividness - lies precisely in many of those idiosyncratic qualities that continue to inspire debate today. Wendy Doniger is one of the foremost scholars of Hinduism in the world. With her inimitable insight and expertise Doniger illuminates those moments within the tradition that resist forces that would standardize or establish a canon. Without reversing or misrepresenting the historical hierarchies, she reveals how Sanskrit and vernacular sources are rich in knowledge of and compassion toward women and lower castes; how they debate tensions surrounding religion, violence, and tolerance; and how animals are the key to important shifts in attitudes toward different social classes. The Hindus brings a fascinating multiplicity of actors and stories to the stage to show how brilliant and creative thinkers - many of them far removed from Brahmin authors of Sanskrit texts - have kept Hinduism alive in ways that other scholars have not fully explored. In this unique and authoritative account, debates about Hindu traditions become platforms from which to consider the ironies, and overlooked epiphanies, of history.

Manava Dharma-sastra, the Code of Manu

The Laws of Manu; Or, Manava Dharma-Sástra, Abridged English Translation

Original Sanskrit Text, Critically Ed. According to the Standard Sanskrit Commentaries, with Critical Notes

The Ordinances of Manu

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An Alternative History

The Science of Social Organisation, Or The Laws of Manu in the Light of ?tma-vidya?

Or, M?nava Dharma-??stra

Institutes of Hindu Law, Or, The Ordinances of Manu, According to the Gloss of Cullúca, Comprising the Indian System of Duties, Religious, and Civil

The Manusmriti, or Laws of Manu, is an important statement of Hindu law. It is a collection of laws governing individuals, communities and nations and is an important (and somewhat controversial) source of information about the caste system and the status of women. With a new introduction.

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The Laws of Manu... - Primary Source Edition

A New Translation

LAWS OF MANU OR MANAVA DHARMA-

This new translation offers a contemporary rendering of this ancient work which addresses fundamental questions of law and duty for all members of society. One cannot but be impressed by the breadth of scope conjoined with sometimes minute and informative detail. The Laws embody the genius of their originators whose minds could contemplate the full extent of human society and accommodate a code of conduct which would ensure its lawful and harmonious regulation. The modern mind will certainly take issue with many of its directions and prohibitions, yet the same mind may also find within The Laws a source of inspiration and guidance in a world of apparently increasing disorder and conflict. Societies continuously modify the conventions by which they function and these may be evolutionary or consciously directed. It is for each generation to discover how the laws expressed in this work may find contemporary relevance. The present age thirsts for new frontiers of enquiry to bring advancement to the world. Within The Laws with its wealth of principles there is rich material for such an exploration. The text is of great interest as a cultural document but will equally find validity as an object of serious consideration for those who have a practical vision for the welfare of mankind. The text used is the version which has been translated by Jones (1794), Burnell (1884), Bühler (1886), and Doniger (1991). It includes the following eight appendices Appendix I Weights, Measurements, Denominations Appendix II Penances, Sacrifices, Teachers Appendix III Places and Peoples Appendix IV Prayers, Hymns, Verses cited in The Laws of Manu Appendix V Fauna, Flora, Foods Appendix VI Time Durations and Seasons Appendix VII Gods and Deities Appendix VIII The Circle of Neighbouring Kingdoms The Law Code of Manu is the most authoritative and best-known legal text of ancient India. A seminal Hindu work, it is important for its classic description of the many social institutions which have come to be identified with Indian society. Patrick Olivelle's lucid translation is the first to be based on his critically edited text.

1,566 Questions of the Laws of Manu, Sama Veda, Vajur Veda, and Atharva Veda

The Hindus

Or, The Laws of Manu in the Light of Theosophy

Or Manava Dharma-Sastra, Abridged English Translation (Classic Reprint)

This is a detailed analysis of the Manu Smriti, The Laws of Manu, the Sacred Laws of Hindu Society. Commentaries looks into myths, legends and corresponding vedic references along with the aspects of merits and demerits from various scholars of different areas.

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The Laws of Manu with the Bhāṣya of Mēdhātithi

Evidence of the Laws of Manu on the Social Conditions in India During the Third Century A. D.

Translated from the Sanskrit

The Law Code of Manu

Patrick Olivelle offers a long awaited critical edition of the laws codified by Manu two millennia hence & regarded as a central work in the Sanskrit canon. Together with a translation, he adds an introduction, explanatory notes & a critical apparatus containing all the significant manuscript variants.

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Or, Manava Dharma-Sastra

The Sacred Books of the East: The Laws of Manu

Manu-sm?ti

A Summary in English, with Introduction and Notes

"The Laws of Manu" is the English designation commonly applied to the "Manava Dharma-sastra", a metrical Sanskrit compendium of ancient sacred laws and customs held in the highest reverence by the orthodox adherents of Brahmanism. The Brahmins themselves credit the work with a divine origin and a remote antiquity. Its reputed author is Manu, the mythical survivor of the Flood and father of the human race, the primitive teacher of sacred rites and laws now enjoying in heaven the dignity of an omniscient deity. The "Laws of Manu" consists of 2684 verses, divided into twelve chapters. In the first chapter is related the creation of the world by a series of emanations from the self-existent deity, the mythical origin of the book itself, and the great spiritual advantage to be gained by the devout study of its contents. Chapters two to six inclusive set forth the manner of life and regulation of conduct proper to the members of the three upper castes, who have been initiated into the Brahmin religion by the sin-removing ceremony known as the investiture with the sacred cord. First is described the period of studentship, a time of ascetic discipline devoted to the study of the Vedas under a Brahmin teacher. Then the chief duties of the householder are rehearsed, his choice of a wife, marriage, maintenance of the sacred hearth-fire, sacrifices to the gods, feasts to his departed relatives exercise of hospitality. The numerous restrictions also, regulating his daily conduct, are discussed in detail especially in regard to his dress, food, conjugal relations, and ceremonial cleanness. After this comes the description of the kind of life exacted of those who choose to spend their declining years as hermits and ascetics. The seventh chapter sets forth the divine dignity and the manifold duties and responsibilities of kings, offering on the whole a high ideal of the kingly office. The eighth chapter treats of procedure in civil and criminal lawsuits and of the proper punishments to be meted out to different classes of criminals. The next two chapters make known the customs and laws governing divorce, inheritance, the rights of property, and the occupations lawful for each caste. Chapter eleven is chiefly occupied with the various kinds of penance to be undergone by those who would rid themselves of the evil consequences of their misdeeds. The last chapter expounds the doctrine of karma, involving rebirths in the ascending or descending scale, according to the merits or demerits of the present life. The closing verses are devoted to the pantheistic scheme of salvation leading to absorption into the all-embracing, impersonal deity.

Hinduism has many collections of sacred scriptures. The Laws of Manu represent the oldest. Sama Veda, Vajur Veda, and Atharva Veda are three of the four most important vedas. The Rig Veda and the Bhagavad Gita were the focus of earlier volumes in this series. The Upanishads will be addressed in a future study.

Hinduism

The Dharma Shastra

Or the Manusmṛti Illustrated Edition

The Laws of Manu with the Bhṛṣya of Mṛdṛtithi

Book Dimensions: 19.3x13.2x2.7 cm. In Hindu mythology, Manu is the progenitor of the human race. He is thus the lord and guardian of the living, and his name is attached to the most important codification of Hindu law, the Manava-dharma-sastra (Laws of Manu)...

The Laws of Manu Penguin

The History of Caste in India

Institutes of Hindu Law

Manu-smṛti

The Science of Social Organisation

Laws of Manu is the most important and earliest metrical work of the Dharmasastra textual tradition of Hinduism. The text presents itself as a discourse given by Manu, the progenitor of mankind, to a group of seers, or rishis, who beseech him to tell them the "law of all the social classes." Manu became the standard point of reference for all future Dharmasastras that followed it. According to Hindu tradition, the Manu smṛti records the words of Brahma. The treatise is written with a frame story, in which a dialogue takes place between Manu's disciple, Bhrigu, and an audience of his own students. The story begins with Manu himself detailing the creation of the world and the society within it, structured around four social classes. Bhrigu takes over for the remainder of the work, teaching the details of the rest of Manu's teachings. The audience reappears twice more, asking first to ask about how Brahmins can be subjected to death, and second to ask the effects of action.

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The Laws of Manu

With Extensive Commentary and Helps

Laws of Manu

Manusmṛti

The Laws of Manu form a towering work of Hindu philosophy. Composed by many Brahmin priests, this is an extraordinary, encyclopaedic representation of human life in the world, and how it should be lived. Manu encompasses topics as wide-ranging as the social obligations and duties of the various castes, the proper way for a righteous king to rule and to punish transgressors, relations between men and women, birth, death, taxes, karma, rebirth and ritual practices. First translated into English in 1794, its influence spread from Nietzsche to the British Raj, and although often misinterpreted, it remains an essential work for understanding India today. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

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Manu's Code of Law