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Customs and traditions suppress reason leading to obscurantism. Do you agree?

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Salient features of world's physical geography.

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Article 51A(h)

Fundamental duty to develop scientific temper, humanism, and the spirit of inquiry.

Ambedkar

Used constitutional reason against caste custom as living obscurantism.

Sati abolition lineage

Nineteenth-century reform where reason and law confronted a lethal custom.

Articles 25-26

Religious freedom limited by public order, morality, and health - a reason test.

Khap honour bans

Contemporary example of custom claiming veto over adult reason and law.

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