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Q4(b)

What are the basic tenets of Hindu religion? Is Hinduism based on monotheism or polytheism?

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Perspectives on the study of Indian society: Indology (G.S. Ghurye); Structural functionalism (M.N. Srinivas); Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai).

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Dharma

Duty ordered by caste, gender, and life-stage more than a universal commandment list.

Brahman

Philosophical one-without-a-second that can sit beside many temple gods.

Village deities

Field-view gods of disease, boundary, and caste that Indology underplays.

Sanskritization

Ritual mobility that often adds Sanskritic worship rather than deleting the local.

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