

**Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations**  
**Course Structure for**  
**M.A. in Comparative Religion**  
**(Effective from the Academic Session 2010-2011)**

Paper No.	Name of the Paper	Max. Marks (100)		Passing Marks
		End Semester	Mid Semester	
<b>Semester – I</b>				
Paper-I	Nature and Scope of Religion & Methodologies to Study (Part-A)	75	25	40
Paper-II	Primitive Religions (Part-A)	75	25	40
Paper-III	Hinduism (Part-A)	75	25	40
Paper-IV	Buddhism (Part-A)	75	25	40
Paper-V	Jainism (Part-A)	75	25	40
	<b>Total Marks for Semester-I</b>	375	125	200
<b>Semester – II</b>				
Paper-VI	Nature and Scope of Religion & Methodologies to Study (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-VII	Primitive Religions (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-VIII	Hinduism (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-IX	Buddhism (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-X	Jainism (Part-B)	75	25	40
	<b>Total Marks for Semester-II</b>	375	125	200
<b>Semester – III</b>				
Paper-XI	Zoroastrianism (Part-A)	75	25	40
Paper-XII	Judaism (Part-A)	75	25	40
Paper-XIII	Christianity (Part-A)	75	25	40
Paper-XIV	Islam (Part-A)	75	25	40
Paper-XV	Sikhism (Part-A)	75	25	40
	<b>Total Marks for Semester-III</b>	375	125	200
<b>Semester – IV</b>				
Paper-XVI	Zoroastrianism (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-XVII	Judaism (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-XVIII	Christianity (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-XIX	Islam (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-XX	Sikhism (Part-B)	75	25	40
Paper-XXI	Viva Voce	75	25	40
	<b>Total Marks for Semester-IV</b>	450	150	240
	<b>Total Max Marks</b>	<b>1575</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>840</b>

## M.A. in Comparative Religions

### Semester – I

#### Paper I – Nature and Scope of Religion (Part-A)

**Unit 1-** The Nature of Religious Experience – Traditional and Modern Theories (with special reference to Rudolf Otto, William James, Indian and Semitic Religions)

**Unit 2-** The Two Aspects of Religious Life, Individual and Social, Essence and Manifestation, The Evolution of a Religious Tradition

**Unit 3-** Religious versus Secular (Sacred and the Profane), Reason and Revelation, The Nature of Symbol, Myth, Theophany and Ritual in Religion.

**Unit 4-** Modern Challenges to Religious Traditions, The Inter-Faith Dialogue, Unity and Diversity in Religious Traditions.

#### Books Recommended:

- Alban G. Widgery. *What is religion?*
- Stem T. Katz (ed.). *Mysticism and Philosophical Analysis*
- Anthony C. Thisalton. *The Two Horizons*
- Roy J. Howard. *Three Faces of Hermeneutics*
- Paul Ricoeur. *Interpretation Theory*
- Rudolf Bultmann. *Essays: Philosophical and Theological*
- W.H. Zuurdeeg. *An Analytical Philosophy of Religion*
- Frederick J. Steng. *Emptiness A Study in Religious Meaning*
- Ninian Smart. *The Religious Experience of Mankind*
- Swami Satprakashananda. *Methods of knowledge*
- K.S. Murty. *Reason and Revelation in Advaita*
- A.J. Arberry. *Revelation and Reason in Islam*
- G. Van Den Leeuv. *Religion in Essence and Manifestation*
- John B. Carman. *The Meaning of Religion*
- M. Eliade. *Patterns in Comparative Religion*
- M. Eliade. *Sacred and Profane*
- Douglas Allen. *Structure and Creativity in Religion*
- William James. *The Varieties of Religious Experience*
- Alistair M. Macleod. *Paul Tillich-An Essay on the Role of ontology in his philosophical Theology*
- Paul Tillich. *Systematic Theology (Introduction), Vol. I*
- Paul Tillich. *Dynamics of Faith*
- Rudolf Otto. *The Idea of the Holy*
- Joachim Wach. *Comparative Religion*
- Joachim Wach. *Types of Religious Experience*
- Eric J. Sharpe. *Comparative Religion- A History*
- Y. Masih. *Comparative Religion*

## **Paper II –Primitive Religions (Part-A)**

### **Unit 1- Beliefs and Concepts**

a) Background to the Study of Primal religions

Intellectual trends in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries and their impact on the origin and growth of the study of 'Primitive' religions—Evolutionism, Diffusionists, Degenerationists, the concept of survivals, the role of Empire

b) Early Religious Beliefs

Animism, Manaism, Totemism (Durkheim's distinction between sacred and profane, his definition of religion, the importance of ritual in fostering social solidarity), Taboo, Magic and witchcraft, Ancestor Worship, Sacrifice, Pantheism, Panentheism

### **Unit 2- Myths and Rituals**

a) The Study of Ritual: Definitional problems surrounding the concept of ritual: Expressive and instrumental aspects of ritual; Examples of approaches to the study of ritual (Max Gluckmann; Levi Strauss etc)

b) Myth: Approaches to the study of Myth; Ritual Myth Approach (Hooke and Harrison); Charter Theory of Myth (Malinowsky); Structuralist and Psychological theories

### **Reading List:**

- Hodgen, Margaret T., "The Doctrine of Survivals: The History of an Idea" in *American Anthropologist*, 33, 1931.
- Bowler, Peter J., "From 'Savage' to the 'Primitive': Victorian Evolutionism and the Interpretation of Marginalized Peoples" in *Antiquity* 66, 1992.
- Stocking Jr., "Mathew Arnold, E.B. Tylor and the Uses of Invention" in *American Anthropologist*.
- Beattie, John 1972. *Other Cultures: Aims, Methods and Achievements in Social Anthropology* (OUP, Oxford). Chapters 5 and 12.
- Mair, Lucy 1972. *An Introduction to Social Anthropology* (Oxford University Press, Delhi). See Chapters 13 and 14.
- Durkheim, Emile *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*.
- Anthony Giddens' *Capitalism and the Rise of Social Theory*
- Steiner, Franz *Taboo* (Penguin Books)
- Gluckman, Max 1955 *Custom and Conflict in Africa* (Basil Blackwell, Oxford). Chapter on the logic of Magic and Witchcraft
- Douglas, Mary 1970 *Purity and Danger: An Analysis of Concepts of Pollution and Taboo* (Penguin Books, Great Britain). Chapter I and II
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- Fortes, Meyer "Reflections on Ancestor Worship in Africa" in *African Systems of Thought* edited by Fortes and Dieterlen
- Beattie, John, "Ritual and Social Change", in *Man* (NS), Vol. 1, No. 1, 1966.
- Goody, Jack. "Religion and Ritual: The Definitional Problem" in *The British Journal of Sociology*. Vol. 12, No. 2., 1961.
- Horton, Robin. "Ritual man in Africa", in *Africa*, Vol. 34, No. 2. 1964
- Evans Pritchard, E.E. "Some Features and Forms of Nuer Sacrifice" in *Africa*, Vol. 21, No.2, 1951.
- \_\_\_\_\_ "The Sacrificial Role of Cattle among the Nuer" in *Africa*, Vol. 23, No. 3. 1953
- Blythin, I. "Magic and Methodology" in *Numen*, Vol. 17, Fasc. 1, 1970

- Segal. "Myth-Ritualist Theories of Religion" in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Vol, 19, No. 2, 1980.
- Fortes, M. "Ritual festivals and Social Cohesion in the Hinterland of the Gold Coast" in *American Anthropologist* (New Series, Vol. 38, No. 4), 1936.
- Turner, Victor W. *The Ritual Process: Structure and Anti-Structure*
- Van Gennep, Arnold. *Rites of Passage*
- Evans-Pritchard, E.E. 1956. *Nuer Religion* (OUP, Oxford)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1937 *Witchcraft, Oracles, and Magic among the Azande* (OUP, Oxford)

### **Paper III – Hinduism (Part-A)**

#### **Unit 1**

Debates on constructing the category "Hinduism", Pre-Vedic Religions, origin and antiquity of the Vedas; Vedic Texts (*Shruti and Smriti*), Vedic religion and ritual; an introduction to later Vedic scriptures (Brahmanas and Aranyakas).

#### **Unit 2**

The emergence and development of the Upanishads, fundamental concepts of Classical Hinduism: *Brahman-atman, karma, moksha, and samsara*; Upanishadic ontologies and their influence.

#### **Unit 3 a**

Epic literature : Mahabharata and Ramayana; the Bhagvadgita (commentaries and teachings), the early and late Puranas.

#### **Unit 3 b**

Classical Hindu Society; the Dharma Shastras-corpus, classification and content; Varna-Asharma-Dharma (Caste and Life stage Law) and the Four Goals of life (*purusharthas*); Hindu life-cycle rituals (*samaskaras*).

#### **Unit 3 c**

Philosophical worldviews (*darshanas*) – Samkhya-yoga, Vedanta and Shaiva Metaphysics (Kashmir).

#### **Books Recommended:**

- R.G. Bhandarkar. *Vaisnavism, Saivism and Minor Religious Systems*
- J. Ganda. Aspects of Early Visnuism
- John Woodroffe. *Sakti and Sakta*
- Arthur Avalon (Ed.). *Kularnava Tantra*
- The Ramakrishna Mission. *The Cultural Heritage of India, Vol. III & IV*
- P.H. Prabhu. *Hindu Social Organization*
- J.E. Carpenter. *Theism in Medieval India*
- G. Parrinder. *Avatar and Incarnation*
- J.A.B. Van Buitenen. *Ramarajya on the Bhagvadgita*
- Nicol Macnyccl. *Indian Theism from the Vedic to the Mohammadan, Period, chaps, III & IX*

T.M.F. Mahadevau. *Ten Saints of India*

A.K. Majumdar . *Bhakti Renaissance*

Theodore de Bary. *Sources of Indian Tradition, Chap. II*

Arthur Avalon. *Principles of Tantra, Part I, Introduction*  
Farquhar . *Modern Religious Movements in India*

#### **Paper IV – Buddhism (Part-A)**

##### **Unit 1: Introduction and Background**

- a) Curators of the Buddha: Discovery of Buddhism in the West: development of discourse on early Buddhism; Textualisation of Buddhist studies; Contribution of Indologists; Historiography of early Buddhism.
- b) Genesis of Early Buddhism: Socio-historical roots, material milieu of the rise of early Buddhism; and ideological setting; Buddhism as a protest movement?
- c) Reading the (Early Buddhist) *Pāli* Canon: Assessing the *Tipitaka*: problems and perspectives; Development of the *Pāli* Canon: stages of compilation and writing down; Recovering the Buddha's message: orality and *Buddhavacana* ("words of the Buddha")
- d) Hagiography of the Buddha: Dating the 'historical' Buddha; Evolution of the Buddha legend: early biographies of the Gotama (the Buddha)- *Nidānakathā*, *Lalitavistara*, *Buddhacharita*; Modern scholarship on the legend (biography) of the Buddha.

##### **Unit 2: Buddhist Thoughts and Doctrines**

- a) Fundamental Buddhist Thoughts: The Four Noble Truths (*Aryasaccāni*) and *Dukkhavāda*; The Eight Fold Path (*Aṣṭamārga*), Dependent Origination (*Paticcasamuppāda*); philosophy of Non-self (*anattā/anātman*).
- b) *Nirvāna* and *Karma*: Concept and imagery of *nirvāna*; *Karma/kamma* and rebirth: Buddhist notion of *karma*, divergence with the Jaina and Brahmanical notions of *karma*: Typology, dynamism and working of *karma*.
- c) Buddhist Moral Ethics (*OEila*): Fundamental Buddhist ethics; nature of early Buddhist ethics; transgression and retribution.

##### **Books Recommended:**

- Bapat, P.V. (Ed.) 1959 *2500 Years of Buddhism*, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Delhi.
- Barua, Dipak Kumar. 2003. *An Analytical Study of Four Nikayas*, Reprint. Munshiram Manoharlal New Delhi.
- Bhattacharyya , N.N. 1993. *Buddhism in the History of Indian Ideas*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi,
- Charles S. Prebish (Ed.) 1995. *Buddhism: A Modern Perspective*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi,
- Conze, E. 1951. *Buddhism: Its Essence and Development*, Bruno Cassier, Oxford
- Dube, S.N. 1980. *Cross Currents in Early Buddhism*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi.
- Dutt, Nalinksha. 1941. *Early Monastic Buddhism* (Vol. I) Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi
- Dutt, S. 1962. *Buddhist Monks and Monasteries of India*, George Allen and Unwin, London.
- Gombrich, R.F. 1988. *Theravada Buddhism: A Social History from Ancient Benaras to Modern Colombo*, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London & New York.
- Heitzman, J. 1980. *The Origin and Spread of Buddhist Monastic Institution in South Asia- 500 B.C-300 A.D.*, Deptt. of South Asia Regional Studies, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- Hirakawa, A. 1993. *A History of Indian Buddhism- from Sakyamuni to Early Mahayana*, (Trans. & ed. by Paul Groner) MLBD, Delhi, First published. Univ. of Hawaii Press, Hawaii, 1990, (Buddhist Tradition series, No. 19).
- Holt, J. Clifford. 1981. *Discipline: The Canonical Buddhism of Vinayapitaka*, MLBD, Delhi.

- Jones, J. Garret. 1979. *Tales and Teachings of the Buddha: The Jataka Stories in Relation to the Pali Canon*, George Allen & Unwin, London.
- Law, B.C. 1932. *Geography of Early Buddhism*, London.
- Lopez, D.S. (Jr.) 1995. *Curators of the Buddha: The Study of Buddhism Under Colonialism*, The Univ of Chicago Press, Chicago & London.
- Lopez, Jr., Donald S. (Ed.) 1998. *Buddhism in Practice*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi,
- Mizuno, Kogen. (Tr.Gaynor Seikmori), *Essentials of Buddhism: Basic Terminology and Concepts of Buddhist Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi.
- Nakamura, H. 1966. "The Fundamental Standing of Early Buddhist Ethics." *Acta Asiatic*, No. 11-18 (in English)
- Nakamura, Hajime. 1999. *Buddhism in Comparative Light*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi,
- Obeyesekere, G., Frank Reynolds, & B.L. Smith (eds.) 1972. *The Two Wheels of Dhamma: Essays on the Theravada Tradition on India and Ceylon*, American Academy of Religion, Chambersburg, Pa.
- Padmanabh, S. Jaini. . 2000. *Collected Papers on Buddhism*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi.
- Prebish, S, C.1996. "Ambiguity and Conflict in the Study of Buddhist Ethics: An Introduction."

**Journal of Religious Ethics**, vol. 24. No.2.

- Ratnapala, N.1993. *Buddhist Sociology*. (Bibliotheca-Indo-Buddhica Series, No. 117), Sri Satguru Pub., Delhi.
- Reat, Noble Ross, *Buddhism: A History*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 1994.
- Spiro, M. E.1970. *Buddhism and Society: A Great Tradition and its Burmese Vicissitudes*, Harper and Row, New York, (George Allen & Unwin, London, 1971).
- Tambiah, S.J. 1976. *World Conqueror And World Renouncer: A Study of Buddhism and Polity in Thailand Against a Historical Background*, CUP, Cambridge.
- Thomas, Edward J. 1997. *The History of Buddhist Thought*, Reprint. (First Published in 1933, Rea,
- Upreti, G.B. 1997. *The Early Buddhist World Outlook in Historical Perspective*, Manohar, Delhi.
- Varma, V P. 1973. *Early Buddhism and Its Origin*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi.
- Warder, A. 2004. *Indian Buddhism Reprint*. New Delhi,

**Paper V – Jainism (Part-A)**

**Unit 1 – Introduction and Background**

- a) The development of Jain Studies and the West: the delayed arrival of Jainism as a legitimate concern for Indological study; its philological bent; the contribution of Jacobi etc.  
Sramanic Religions and Jainism
- b) The Jain conception of time: *avasarpini* and *utsarpini*  
The Tradition of Tirthankaras - from Rsaba to Mahavira  
- The Life of Mahavira  
- Parsva and Mahavira (Kesi-Gautam *samvad* and the differences between Law of Four restraints and *pancha mahavratas*)  
The lineage of elders after Mahavira: From Jambu to Bhadrabahu  
Jaina Councils and the Spread of Jainism: Origin and Development of Jain Sangha (incl. royal patronage and the geographic expansion)
- c) The theory of Karma and bondage (tatva gnan/ Jain conception of universe and gati)  
The Schism between Svetambar and Digambar: major points of conflict

## Unit 2 - Scripture and Practice

a) Jain Scriptures, literary Traditions

Jain Canonical Literature (The Svetambar and Digambar Tradition)

Narrative Literature: Jain Puranas and Story traditions

Sravakara literature on lay discipline (Hemcandra's *Yogasastra*)

b) Philosophy: the nature of reality/ differences with the fatalist and theistic schools and the concept of Syadvad

c) Jain Religious Practices

Asceticism and Devotion: Vratas and restraints/ temple worship/ pilgrimages and other rituals (avasyaka and *pratikraman* etc)

## Reading List

- *The Jaina Path of Purification* by P.S. Jaini

- *Sacred Books of the East*, Vol. 22, Introduction by Herman Jacobi

- "The Jains and the Western Scholar" by P.S. Jaini in *Collected Papers on Jaina Studies*

- "Jaina Puranas: A Puranic Counter Tradition" by P.S. Jaini in *Purana Perennis: Reciprocity and Transformation in Hindu and Jaina Texts* edited by Wendy Doniger, pp. 207-249

- "Food and Freedom: The Jaina Sectarian Debate on the Nature of Kevalin" by Paul Dundas in N.K. Singhi (ed.) *Ideal, Ideology and Practice: Studies in Jainism*

- *The Universe as Audience: Metaphor and Community among the Jains of North India* by R.K. Jain, See Chapters I and II.

- *The Jains* by Paul Dundas, See Relevant Chapters

- *Riches and Renunciation: Religion, Economy and Society among the Jains* by James Laidlaw. See relevant Chapters

- "Monks and Miracles" by Lawrence Babb

- "Conversion to Jainism: Historical Perspectives" in R. Robinson and S. Clarke ed., *Religious Conversion in India: Modes, Motivations, and Meanings*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press 2003, pp. 125-48.

- "Jainism and Buddhism as Enduring Historical Streams" by Michael Carrithers in *Journal of Anthropological Society of Oxford*, Vol. 21. No. 2, 1990.

- John E. Cort, "The Svetambar Murtipujak Jain Mendicant" in *Man* (N.S.) 26, 1991, p. 657-8.

- H.V. Glasenapp. *Jainism: An Indian Religion of Salvation*. Delhi:

- Babb, L. A. *Ascetics and kings in a Jain ritual culture*. New Delhi, 1998.

- Caillat, C. *Atonements in the Ancient Ritual of the Jaina Monks*.

- Cort, J. E. *Jains in the world: religious values and ideology in India*.

- Dixit, K. K. *Early Jainism*.

- Laidlaw, J. *Riches and renunciation: religion, economy, and society among the Jains*.

- Williams, R., *Jaina Yoga: A Survey of the Medieval S'ravakacaras*

## Semester – II

### Paper VI – Methodologies and Approaches to the Study of Religion (Part-B)

**Unit 1** – A snapshot survey of World Religions; antiquity, diversity and geographical locations; Opening Questions related to the study of World Religions; critical methods; ambivalent, contradictory and complementary paradigms.

**Unit 2** – The Origin of Religion/ The Evolutionists Approaches; Anthropological and Sociological Approaches; Reductive and Functionalist Approaches.

**Unit 3** – Experiential Approaches: Phenomenological; Approaches to Mysticism; Psychoanalytical Approaches.

**Unit 4** – Symbolic Approaches; Exegetical and Hermeneutical Approaches.

**Unit 5** – Feminism and Religion; Inter-faith dialogue and Reconciliatory Approaches.

#### Books Recommended:

- W.C. Smith. *The Meaning and End of Religion*
- Jan De Vries. *The Study of Religion: A Historical Approach*
- Joseph M. Kitagawa. *History of Religions: Essays in Methodology*
- Toynbee, Arnold J. *Historical Approach to Religion*
- G. Van der Leeuw. *Religion in Essence and Manifestation*
- R. Otto. *The Idea of the Holy*
- Joachim Wach. *Sociology of Religion*
- Mircea Eliade. *Patterns in Comparative Religion*
- W. Kirtstenson. *Meaning in Religion*
- M. Weber. *Sociology of Religion*
- R. Marle. *Introduction to Hermeneutics*
- R.E. Palmer. *Hermeneutics-Interpretation Theory in Schleiermacher, Dilthy, Heidegger and Gadamer*
- H.G. Gadamer. *Philosophical Hermeneutics*
- Joseph M. Kitagawa ( Ed.) *History of Religions: Essays on the Problem of Understanding*  
(only two essays by Long and Bolo)
- Joachim Wach. *Comparative Study of Religion*

### Paper VII –Primitive Religions (Part-B)

#### Unit 1- Rites of Passage

Ritual as process through the works of Van Gennep and Victor Turner

#### Unit 2- Changes and Continuities

- a) Primitive Religions encounter world religions
- b) Case Studies from India

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- Hodgen, Margaret T., "The Doctrine of Survivals: The History of an Idea" in *American Anthropologist*, 33, 1931.
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- Durkheim, Emile *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*.
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- Turner, Victor W. *The Ritual Process: Structure and Anti-Structure*
- Van Gennep, Arnold. *Rites of Passage*
- Evans-Pritchard, E.E. 1956. *Nuer Religion* (OUP, Oxford)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1937 *Witchcraft, Oracles, and Magic among the Azande* (OUP, Oxford)

### Paper VIII – Hinduism (Part-B)

**Unit 1 a** – The rise of Medieval Sectarianism, early Bhakti Tradition (North & South); nature and models of Bhakti (Vaishnava, Shaiva and Shakta). The Sants of Bhakti Tradition (Kabir and the Sant tradition); Dissenting Sectarian cults (Tantra).

**Unit 2 b** – Religious Expressions (*Puja, Vrata, Tirtha*); Manifestation of Hindu norms in Visual and Performative Arts (icon, temple, miniature painting, dance and drama).

**Unit 3** – “Oriental Perceptions ” of Hinduism; Reform Movements in the Nineteenth Century; Ram Mohan Roy and the Brahmo Samaj; Dayananda Sarasvati and the Arya Samaj; Vivekananda and the 20<sup>th</sup> century Renaissance.

**Unit 4** – Contemporary discourse on Hinduism - Ecology, Human Rights and Feminism etc. Interactive Session on the theme - Which Hinduism is True?

**Books Recommended:**

- R.G. Bhandarkar. *Vaisnavism, Saivism and Minor Religious Systems*
- J. Ganda. Aspects of Early Visnuism
- John Woodroffe. *Sakti and Sakta*
- Arthur Avalon (Ed.). *Kularnava Tantra*
- The Ramakrishna Mission. *The Cultural Heritage of India, Vol. III & IV*
- P.H. Prabhu. *Hindu Social Organization*
- J.E. Carpenter. *Theism in Medieval India*
- G. Parrinder. *Avatar and Incarnation*
- J.A.B. Van Buitenen. *Ramarajya on the Bhagvadgita*
- Nicol Macnijkl. *Indian Theism from the Vedic to the Mohammadan, Period, chaps, III & IX*

T.M.F. Mahadevau. *Ten Saints of India*

A.K. Majumdar . *Bhakti Renaissance*

Theodore de Bary. *Sources of Indian Tradition, Chap. II*

Arthur Avalen. *Principles of Tantra, Part I, Introduction*

Farquhar . *Modern Religious Movements in India*

**Paper IX: Buddhism (Part-B)**

**Unit 1 (A): Emergence and Growth of the Sangha**

- a) Formation of the Buddhist Order (*Sangha*): Stages in development of the *Sangha*: from eremitical to cenobitical lifestyle; Sedantization and domestication of the *Sangha*.
- b) Buddhist Monastic Codes: Pali *Vinayapitaka*: the development and formation of monastic codes; Monastic initiation; Features of Buddhist monasticism: disciplinary codes in the *Suttavibhanga* and *Khandhaka*; Collective ritual expressions of the *Sangha*: monastic rites ceremonies, viz., *pratimoksa*, *uposatha*, *pavârana*, *kathina*.

**Unit 2 (B): Sectarian Developments: Mahayana, Tantric, Vajrayana Tibetan**

- a) Mahâyâna in India: Basic Mahâyâna Scriptures; Origins, growth, influences and nature of Mahâyâna in early India; Emergence of the stûpa cult and Mahâyâna.
- b) Mahâyâna Philosophy: *Prajnâpâramitâ*, *oeunyatâ*, and the development of the *bodhisattva* ideal; divergences with the mainstream (Theravada) Buddhist thought; Doctrine of the multiple bodies of the Buddha (*trikâya*).
- c) Tantric Buddhism: Appearance and setting; Tantric texts and their basic classification; Significant features of Tantric Buddhism in India; Transgressive elements in Tantric Buddhism
- d) Vajrayana-Tibetan Buddhism: Origins and influences; how distinctive was Vajrayana?; features and elements of practice.

### Unit 3: Efflorescence, Decline and Revival

- a) Spread and Forms of Buddhism: South & Southeast Asia (Theravada), Tibetan Buddhism, Newar Buddhism (Nepal), Zen (Japan).
- b) Early Buddhist art: from aniconic to iconic; cave art; narrative art; sculptural art.
- c) Decline of Buddhism in India: external factors, internal weaknesses and contradictions
- d) Revival and Transformation of Buddhism: the case of Singhalese Theravada Buddhism; Emergence of Navayana in modern India; Neo-Buddhist movements in the West.

#### Books Recommended:

- Bapat, P.V. (Ed.) 1959 *2500 Years of Buddhism*, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Delhi.
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## **Paper X – Jainism (Part-B)**

### **Unit 1 - Jains in Society**

a) Reform and Revivalism: the rise of Jain sects (the main divisions within Jainism, viz, Mandimargis, Sthankavasis etc)

b) Monastic organisation: hierarchy within the monastic orders, the religious specialists (monks, bhattarakas etc): the differences between Digambar and Svetambar Traditions (the contrast between the individualism of Digambar tradition and the church-like ambience of the Svetambar tradition)

c) Caste among Jains

### **Unit 2 – Contribution of Jainism to Fine Arts and the Sciences**

a) Fine arts (Sculpture/ painting/ architecture), Mathematics etc

b) Modern Challenges to Jainism (the continuing reforms, eg, the relaxation on travel among the Terapanthi and Sthanakvasi tradition)

### **Reading List**

- *The Jaina Path of Purification* by P.S. Jaini

- *Sacred Books of the East*, Vol. 22, Introduction by Herman Jacobi

- “The Jains and the Western Scholar” by P.S. Jaini in *Collected Papers on Jaina Studies*

- “Jaina Puranas: A Puranic Counter Tradition” by P.S. Jaini in *Purana Perennis: Reciprocity and Transformation in Hindu and Jaina Texts* edited by Wendy Doniger, pp. 207-249

- “Food and Freedom: The Jaina Sectarian Debate on the Nature of Kevalin” by Paul Dundas in N.K. Singhi (ed.) *Ideal, Ideology and Practice: Studies in Jainism*

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- *The Jains* by Paul Dundas, See Relevant Chapters

- *Riches and Renunciation: Religion, Economy and Society among the Jains* by James Laidlaw. See relevant Chapters

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- Williams, R., *Jaina Yoga: A Survey of the Medieval S'ravakacaras*

## Semester – III

### Paper XI: Zoroastrianism (Part-A)

#### Unit 1: Background & Introduction

- Beginnings of the academics study of Zoroastrianism.
- Pre-Zoroastrian and the Vedic religion.
- Zoroastrian religion: monotheistic, dualistic, or polytheistic.
- Avesta: exploring its nature and character.

#### Unit 2: Zoroaster and his Religion: Fundamental Standpoints

- Zoroaster: biographical sketch and mission.
- Ahura Mazda & Angra Mainyu: opposition and adversary.
- The Two States & Three Times, Death & life after.
- Worship of Ahura Mazda & associated practices.

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## **Paper XII – Judaism (Part-A)**

### **Unit 1**

- The Salient features of Old Testament as a Religious Scripture – Monotheism..
- The Religious Interpretation of History.
- Religious Law as a means of Salvation.

### **Unit 2**

- The History of Jewish People.
- The Development of Jewish Theology and Talmud Writings.
- Jewish Mysticism – Kabala – Hasidism.

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### **Paper XIII – Christianity (Part-A)**

**Unit 1** – A General Introduction to Christianity and the Conditions at the time of its emergence – Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ – The Apostles and their Contribution in the Emergence of the Christian Tradition – The Christian Scriptures

**Unit 2** – The Development of Christian Theology – The Concepts of Trinity, Original Sin, Crucifixion and Redemption - The Special Position of St. Paul and his letters in Christian Theology – Important Christian Sects – Roman Catholics – Greek Orthodox and Protestant Churches –

#### **Books Recommended:**

- *Christianity* Punjabi University, Patiala
- Goddess MacGregor *The Bible in the Making*
- John Foster *The first Advance Church History AD 29-500*
- Sigfried Eathorn *The Christian Doctrines of Salvation*
- Peter May *The Doctrine of Trinity*
- Gustavo Cutierrez *A Theology of Liberation*

### **Paper XIV – Islam (Part-A)**

**Unit 1** – The Socio-Religious Conditions in Pre-Islamic Arabia – The Life of the Prophet Muhammad – The Basic Teachings of the Qur'an – The Establishment of the Islamic Community and the Medinan State – The Pious Caliphate and the Early Conquests

**Unit 2** – The Unification of a large Part of the Civilized World under Umayyads – The Development of the Islamic Civilization under Abbasids – The Establishment of *Shari'ah* as the basis of Islamic Society – The Emergence of Sufism

#### **Books Recommended:**

- Ameer Ali, *The Spirit of Islam*
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- Mohammed Manzoor Numani, *What Islam Is*
- Philip K. Hitti, *History of the Arabs*
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- A.J. Arberry, *Sufism- An Account of the Mystics of Islam*

## **Paper XV – Sikhism (Part-A)**

**Unit 1-** Political, religious and cultural background of Sikhism - Life and Teachings of Guru Nanak Sahib – Historical development of Sikh Panth and Culture – Contribution of Sikh Gurus from Guru Arjun Dev to Guru Tegh Bahadur to the growth of Sikh religious tradition.

**Unit 2-** Basic Concepts in Sikh religious philosophy: God, Man and the World - The Concept of Guru – Guru Granth Sahib: its compilation, basic doctrines and place in Sikh religion – The salient philosophical and theological teachings of Jap Ji Saheb.

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- GURNAM KAUR, *REASON AND REVELATION IN SIKHISM*.
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- TEJA SINGH, *KARMA AND TRANSMIGRATION*.
- WAZIR SINGH, *PHALSAFA ATE SIKH PHALSAFA*.

## Semester – IV

### Paper XVI: Zoroastrianism (Part-B)

#### Unit 1: Historical Transitions and Transformations

- Zoroastrianism during the earliest phase: the unrecorded centuries.
- Zoroastrianism under the Achaemenians.
- Zoroastrianism under the Seleucids.
- Zoroastrianism under the Sasanians.
- Zurvanism: rise of a heretical philosophy.

#### Unit 2: Zoroastrianism: Immigration and Influence

- Advent and spread of the Parsi community in India.
- Parsis & the Christian missionaries: challenge and response.
- Parsis' religious and social reforms in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Zoroastrianism's influence on the religions of the Middle East

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## **Paper XVII – Judaism (Part-B)**

### **Unit 1**

- The Jewish People in Diaspora.
- The Jewish People in the Medieval Islamic World.
- The Jewish People and the Renaissance.

### **Unit 2**

- Judaism in the Modern Period: Holocaust, Anti-Semitism, Zionism.
- The Jewish People in India
- The State of Israel.
- Tradition and Modernity in the Contemporary Israelite Society.

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**Paper XVIII – Christianity (Part-B)**

**Unit 1** – Church, its History and Organization – Landmarks in the Spread of Christianity – Reformation – Renaissance and Secularization of European Society – The Process of Rationalization and Demythologization of Christian Theology

**Unit 2** – Christianity and Colonialism – Christianity in the Post-Colonial Era – Christian Ethics of Love and Service to Humanity – The Challenge of Dialogue between Christian Churches themselves and with Other Religions

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**Paper XIX – Islam (Part-B)**

**Unit 1** – The Contribution of Medieval Islamic Civilization to the Rational Sciences, Technology and Fine Arts – The International Trade under Abbasids and the Fatimids – The Development of Sufism as the Major Religious Instance

**Unit 2** – The Challenge of Modernity to the Islamic Societies – The Reform Movements in the Muslim Societies in the Modern Period – The Contemporary Situation in Major Blocks of the Muslim Societies

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## **Paper XX – Sikhism (Part-B)**

**Unit 1** – Contribution of Guru Gobind Singh to Sikh religion and culture – Dasam Granth - Creation of Khalsa – distinguishing features of Sikh religio-cultural tradition - Langar – Sangat - Pangat and Gurdwara – Miri – Piri and Gurumatta – Institutions of Religious Authority –

**Unit 2** – Challenges of Modernity to Sikh Community – Sikh response to some modern concerns – Gender equality- Sikhs in Diaspora

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