

AN ARYAN JOURNEY

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Harsh Mahaan Cairae is a student of philosophy and religion, who has studied the scriptures of several religions. The Veds have been his special interest, as their meaning and linkages to later Indian philosophy are subject to a lot of speculations. He has been trying to decipher the code in which they have been written when he stumbled on the history of the Indo Aryans.

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The question of where the Indo Aryan originated from, and how they arrived in India, has baffled scholars through the ages.

"AN ARYAN JOURNEY" tries to find answers to these questions in an attempt to bring out the early history of this ethno-linguistic group, using the literature they left behind as their legacy. This meticulously researched book culls evidence from ancient texts to prove that the Indo Aryans came to India in trading ships, and were helped by the people of the Indus Valley to settle down with them. Using sources such as the Veds, the Avestha, Zoroastrian scriptures and the Shahnama of Firdausi, the author reveals that the Indo Aryans and the founders of Zoroastrianism belonged to the same ethnic stock. And, in making a strong case about the provenance of the Indo Aryan race, the author also sheds new light on the causes behind the end of the Indus Valley Civilization. Informative and illuminating, An Aryan Journey is a must read for those interested in knowing more about a vital chapter in the history of ancient India.