Week 2: Jan 21, 23, 25

Topic: Hinduism

Film: *Monsoon Wedding*

The reading is in the activity guide.

**Reminders:** Reserve your tickets for the Rosza Events online. [www.rozsa.mtu.edu](http://www.rozsa.mtu.edu) Click on the link for World Cultures. You have already paid for the 3 tickets with your course fee, but there is a penalty fee if you change seats or lose your tickets. You won’t be able to reserve tickets after Feb. 22 so do it soon!

Readings:

*Eastman:*

“The Hindu View of Life” pp. 16—22
“Selections, Bhagavad-Gita” pp. 40—53
“Chudala” pp. 59—65
“All Religions are Divinely Inspired” pp. 68—70

*Visual History:*

“India from the Beginnings to Invasion” pp. 68—71
“India” pp. 150—151, 240—241, 318—321, 414—415
“India’s Path to Independence” pp. 492—493
“British Commonwealth: Emancipation” pp. 500—501
“Pakistan and India” pp. 610—611

**Word List:**

- Moksa (moksha)
- Kama (karma)
- Artha
- Dharma
- Rig Veda
- Yajur Veda
- Sama Veda
- Atharva Veda
- The Vedas
- The Upanishads
- Bhagavad-Gita
diaspora
dogma
polytheism
pantheism
monotheism
henotheism
non-dualism
pantheon of gods
ascetic
ascetic
ahisma

- Reincarnation
- Bhuta
- Jnana Yoga
- Karma Yoga
- Aryan tribes
- Punjab
- Ascetic
- Ahisma

- Shiva
- Vishnu
- Brahma
- 4 Estates/Varna
- Mahatma Gandhi
Places to Find:

India                     Great Britain
Pakistan                  Burma
Afghanistan               Bangladesh
Nepal                     Himalayas
Bhouton                   Thar Desert
Calcutta                  Arabian Sea
Bombay                    Bay of Bengal
New Delhi                 Lacadive Sea
Southern Asia             Kashmir
Indian Ocean              Punjab

Study Questions:

1. There are 3 historical collections of Hindu sacred/religious texts. What are they? When were they written? What are they about?

2. Explain the relationships of monotheism, polytheism, and pantheism in Hinduism. How is monism different from monotheism, and which better describes Hindu philosophy?

3. There are some scholars who claim that another World War may find its seeds in the conflicts between India and Pakistan. Reconsider the Huntington reading (from last week) in light of what you now know about Hinduism and Indian Partition. What do you think?