

THE DEVELOPMENT OF HINDUISM\*

PERIOD	PROBABLE DATES	PROMINENT SCRIPTURES
I. Primitive Period	-----	-----
II. Dravidian Invasion	c. 3200 - 2700 B.C.	-----
III. Aryan Invasions	c. 2400? - 800 B.C.	Vedas
IV. Brahmanical Period	c. 800 - 500 B.C.	Aranyakas & Brahmanas <i>Aranyakas are probably later.</i>
V. Philosophical Period	c. 500 - 100 B.C.	Upanishads Laws of Manu
VI. Incarnation Period	c. 200 B.C. - A.D. 500	Epics & Puranas
VII. Muslim Invasions	664 - 1206	
VIII. Bhakti	c. 1200 - 1800	Tantras = "basic teachings" of the Bhakti sects
IX. European Influence	c. 1500 - Present	

\*Formation & Influence not "Inscripturation"

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