Themes & Readings in Hinduism

Background
-In addition consult www.wikipedia.org & The Encyclopedia of Religion on all topics

Recommended

History
-Also consult RISA discussion over Indo-Aryan Debate

Deities

Recommended

Text (The Vedas, Upanisads, DharmastraS, Puranas, Epics, Philosophy, Kama Sutra, Arthashastra)
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- The Rg Veda. Translated by Doniger, Wendy.
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Devotion/Bhakti

Recommended

Ritual/Sanskara & Pilgrimage

Yoga (and Tantra)

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Material Culture (Temples, Archeology, Clothing and Body Markings, Arts – Performing, Visual, Hindu Aesthetics)
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**Women**
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- Gurus In America. Forsthoefel, T & Humes, C. 2005

**Hindu-Muslim/Christian/Sikh/(Buddhist?) Relations**

**Hinduism and Politics**

**General Works on Hinduism outside India**
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