## THE ERASED HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA



Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati has said "Itihaasa is half-history, halfpoetry; not like modern history, which is half history, half fiction!" Swamiji had a sense of the impact on denigrated history on the cultural self-identity of Hindu society. How do we know our real history?

Dr. Raj Vedam gave a talk on the topic 'The erased history of ancient India' on July 15, 2016 at AVG, Anaikatti.

Dr. Raj Vedam is a founder member of the think-tank, **Indian History Awareness Research**, an initiative of Arsha Vidya Satsanga, Houston, USA.

Dr. Vedam told that the student of Indian prehistory faces a curious paradox. There is evidence for great antiquity of the civilization, and evidence of enormous amount of intellectual content by ancient personalities. But we are told that the Indian civilization was on the receiving end of knowledge

from other civilizations, notably the Greeks, Babylonians and Egyptians, and later, the Persian, Turkic, and European people. New discoveries continue to be made that challenge such existing narratives of Indian history.

They present Indian history beginning with Indus valley civilization dated to 4,000 years ago. This is because according to their biblical belief, nothing can be more older than 4,000 years.

Originally our history books were written by colonial missionary Europeans. Now it is controlled by Marxist historians.

Genetic study proves that human beings from Africa migrated to India before 45,000 years. Paintings in Madhya Pradesh discovered are 35,000 years old. Ancient Indian astronomers have recorded observations in the sky which happened 25,700 years ago. Narratives mentioned in the Mahabharata agree with the astronomical events which occurred 6,000 years ago. Our Sruti and Smruti are more than 6,000 years old. Aryan Invasion Theory has been dismissed by genetic studies.

A study of the prehistory of India by analyzing the evidence from genetics, astronomical dating, along with evidence of knowledge transfers from India to other cultures, will present a compelling case for a prehistory dating back possibly several tens of thousands of years ago.

The Aryan Invasion Theory continues to dominate the mainstream narrative. We have to rewrite the history of India, presenting the real history. When that happens, we can learn in our history textbooks, details about ancient Indian scientists and philosophers, their works and impact on world civilizations, and the antiquity of our ancient civilization.

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