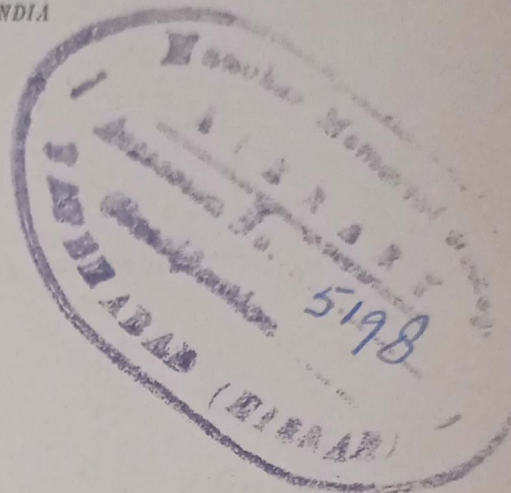


# ALBERUNI'S INDIA

AN ACCOUNT OF THE RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY, LITERATURE,  
GEOGRAPHY, CHRONOLOGY, ASTRONOMY, CUSTOMS,  
LAWS AND ASTROLOGY OF INDIA  
ABOUT A.D. 1030



*EDITED, WITH NOTES AND INDICES*

BY

DR. EDWARD C. SACHAU

Professor in the Royal University of Berlin, and Principal of the Seminary for  
Oriental Languages; Member of the Royal Academy of Berlin, and  
Corresponding Member of the Imperial Academy of Vienna  
Honorary Member of the Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, London,  
and of the American Oriental Society, Cambridge, U.S.A.

*TWO VOLUMES IN ONE*

VOL. I

POPULAR EDITION

S. CHAND & CO.  
DELHI — NEW DELHI — JULLUNDUR  
LUCKNOW — BOMBAY

# TABLE OF CONTENTS.

## CHAPTER I.

ON THE HINDUS IN GENERAL, AS AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR ACCOUNT OF THEM. Page 5.

## CHAPTER II.

ON THE BELIEF OF THE HINDUS IN GOD.

## CHAPTER III.

ON THE HINDU BELIEF AS TO CREATED THINGS, BOTH "INTELLIGIBILIA" AND "SENSIBILIA."

## CHAPTER IV.

FROM WHAT CAUSE ACTION ORIGINATES, AND HOW THE SOUL IS CONNECTED WITH MATTER.

## CHAPTER V.

ON THE STATE OF THE SOULS, AND THEIR MIGRATIONS THROUGH THE WORLD IN THE METEMPSYCHOSIS.

## CHAPTER VI.

ON THE DIFFERENT WORLDS, AND ON THE PLACES OF RETRIBUTION IN PARADISE AND HELL.

## CHAPTER VII.

ON THE NATURE OF LIBERATION FROM THE WORLD, AND ON THE PATH LEADING THERETO.

CONTENTS.

10

CHAPTER VIII.  
ON THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF CREATED BEINGS, AND ON THEIR NAMES.

CHAPTER IX.  
ON THE CASTES, CALLED "COLOURS" (VARṆA), AND ON THE CLASSES BELOW THEM.

CHAPTER X.  
ON THE SOURCE OF THEIR RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL LAW, ON PROPHETS, AND ON THE QUESTION WHETHER SINGLE LAWS CAN BE ABROGATED OR NOT.

CHAPTER XI.  
ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF IDOL-WORSHIP, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL IDOLS.

CHAPTER XII.  
ON THE VEDA, THE PURĀṆAS, AND OTHER KINDS OF THEIR NATIONAL LITERATURE.

CHAPTER XIII.  
THEIR GRAMMATICAL AND METRICAL LITERATURE.

CHAPTER XIV.  
HINDU LITERATURE IN THE OTHER SCIENCES—ASTRONOMY, ASTROLOGY, ETC.

CHAPTER XV.  
NOTES ON HINDU METROLOGY, INTENDED TO FACILITATE THE UNDERSTANDING OF ALL KINDS OF MEASUREMENTS WHICH OCCUR IN THIS BOOK.

CHAPTER XVI.  
NOTES ON THE WRITING OF THE HINDUS, ON THEIR ARITHMETIC AND RELATED SUBJECTS, AND ON CERTAIN STRANGE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF THEIRS.

CHAPTER XVII.  
ON HINDU SCIENCES WHICH PREY ON THE IGNORANCE OF PEOPLE.

CONTENTS.

11

CHAPTER XVIII.  
VARIOUS NOTES ON THEIR COUNTRY, THEIR RIVERS, AND THEIR OCEAN—ITINERARIES OF THE DISTANCES BETWEEN THEIR SEVERAL KINGDOMS, AND BETWEEN THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR COUNTRY.

CHAPTER XIX.  
ON THE NAMES OF THE PLANETS, THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC, THE LUNAR STATIONS, AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

CHAPTER XX.  
ON THE BRAHMĀṆDA. Page 6.

CHAPTER XXI.  
DESCRIPTION OF EARTH AND HEAVEN ACCORDING TO THE RELIGIOUS VIEWS OF THE HINDUS, BASED UPON THEIR TRADITIONAL LITERATURE.

CHAPTER XXII.  
TRADITIONS RELATING TO THE POLE.

CHAPTER XXIII.  
ON MOUNT MERU ACCORDING TO THE BELIEF OF THE AUTHORS OF THE PURĀṆAS AND OF OTHERS.

CHAPTER XXIV.  
TRADITIONS OF THE PURĀṆAS REGARDING EACH OF THE SEVEN DVĪPAS.

CHAPTER XXV.  
ON THE RIVERS OF INDIA, THEIR SOURCES AND COURSES.

CHAPTER XXVI.  
ON THE SHAPE OF HEAVEN AND EARTH ACCORDING TO THE HINDU ASTRONOMERS.

CHAPTER XXVII.  
ON THE FIRST TWO MOTIONS OF THE UNIVERSE (THAT FROM EAST TO WEST ACCORDING TO ANCIENT ASTRONOMERS, AND THE PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES) BOTH ACCORDING TO THE HINDU ASTRONOMERS AND THE AUTHORS OF THE PURĀṆAS.



CHAPTER XXVIII.	ON THE DEFINITION OF THE TEN DIRECTIONS.
CHAPTER XXIX.	DEFINITION OF THE INHABITABLE EARTH ACCORDING TO THE HINDUS.
CHAPTER XXX.	ON LANKĀ, OR THE CUPOLA OF THE EARTH.
CHAPTER XXXI.	ON THAT DIFFERENCE OF VARIOUS PLACES WHICH WE CALL THE DIFFERENCE OF LONGITUDE.
CHAPTER XXXII.	ON THE NOTIONS OF DURATION AND TIME IN GENERAL, AND ON THE CREATION OF THE WORLD AND ITS DESTRUCTION.
CHAPTER XXXIII.	ON THE VARIOUS KINDS OF THE DAY OR NYCHTHEMERON, AND ON DAY AND NIGHT IN PARTICULAR.
CHAPTER XXXIV.	ON THE DIVISION OF THE NYCHTHEMERON INTO MINOR PARTICLES OF TIME.
CHAPTER XXXV.	ON THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF MONTHS AND YEARS.
CHAPTER XXXVI.	ON THE FOUR MEASURES OF TIME CALLED MĀNA.
CHAPTER XXXVII.	ON THE PARTS OF THE MONTH AND THE YEAR.
CHAPTER XXXVIII.	ON THE VARIOUS MEASURES OF TIME COMPOSED OF DAYS, THE LIFE OF BRAHMAN INCLUDED.

CHAPTER XXXIX.	ON MEASURES OF TIME WHICH ARE LARGER THAN THE LIFE OF BRAHMAN.
CHAPTER XL.	ON THE SAMDHI, THE INTERVAL BETWEEN TWO PERIODS OF TIME, FORMING THE CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN THEM.
CHAPTER XLI.	DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "KALPA" AND "CATURYUGA," AND AN EXPLICATION OF THE ONE BY THE OTHER. Page 7.
CHAPTER XLII.	ON THE DIVISION OF THE CATURYUGA INTO YUGAS, AND THE DIFFERENT OPINIONS REGARDING THE LATTER.
CHAPTER XLIII.	A DESCRIPTION OF THE FOUR YUGAS, AND OF ALL THAT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE FOURTH YUGA.
CHAPTER XLIV.	ON THE MANVANTARAS.
CHAPTER XLV.	ON THE CONSTELLATION OF THE GREAT BEAR.
CHAPTER XLVI.	ON NĀRĀYAṆA, HIS APPEARANCE AT DIFFERENT TIMES, AND HIS NAMES.
CHAPTER XLVII.	ON VĀSUDEVA AND THE WARS OF THE BHĀRATA.
CHAPTER XLVIII.	AN EXPLANATION OF THE MEASURE OF AN AKSHAUHINĪ.
CHAPTER XLIX.	A SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE ERAS.

## CONTENTS.

## CHAPTER L.

HOW MANY STAR-CYCLES THERE ARE BOTH IN A "KALPA" AND  
IN A "CATURYUGA."

## CHAPTER LI.

AN EXPLANATION OF THE TERMS "ADHIMĀSA," "ŪNARĀTRA,"  
AND THE "AHARGANAS," AS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT  
SUMS OF DAYS.

## CHAPTER LII.

ON THE CALCULATION OF "AHARGANA" IN GENERAL, THAT IS,  
THE RESOLUTION OF YEARS AND MONTHS INTO DAYS, AND,  
VICE VERSĀ, THE COMPOSITION OF YEARS AND MONTHS  
OUT OF DAYS.

## CHAPTER LIII.

ON THE AHARGANA, OR THE RESOLUTION OF YEARS INTO  
MONTHS, ACCORDING TO SPECIAL RULES WHICH ARE ADOPTED  
IN THE CALENDARS FOR CERTAIN DATES OR MOMENTS OF  
TIME.

## CHAPTER LIV.

ON THE COMPUTATION OF THE MEAN PLACES OF THE PLANETS.

## CHAPTER LV.

ON THE ORDER OF THE PLANETS, THEIR DISTANCES AND SIZES.

## CHAPTER LVI.

ON THE STATIONS OF THE MOON.

## CHAPTER LVII.

ON THE HELIACAL RISINGS OF THE STARS, AND ON THE CERE-  
MONIES AND RITES WHICH THE HINDUS PRACTISE AT SUCH  
A MOMENT.

## CHAPTER LVIII.

HOW EBB AND FLOW FOLLOW EACH OTHER IN THE OCEAN.

## CHAPTER LIX.

ON THE SOLAR AND LUNAR ECLIPSES.

## CONTENTS.

## CHAPTER LX.

ON THE PARVAN.

## CHAPTER LXI.

ON THE DOMINANTS OF THE DIFFERENT MEASURES OF TIME IN  
BOTH RELIGIOUS AND ASTRONOMICAL RELATIONS, AND ON  
CONNECTED SUBJECTS.

## CHAPTER LXII.

ON THE SIXTY YEARS-SAMVATSARA, ALSO CALLED  
"SHASHTYABDA." Page 8.

## CHAPTER LXIII.

ON THAT WHICH ESPECIALLY CONCERNS THE BRAHMANS, AND  
WHAT THEY ARE OBLIGED TO DO DURING THEIR WHOLE  
LIFE.

## CHAPTER LXIV.

ON THE RITES AND CUSTOMS WHICH THE OTHER CASTES, BESIDES  
THE BRAHMANS, PRACTISE DURING THEIR LIFETIME.

## CHAPTER LXV.

ON THE SACRIFICES.

## CHAPTER LXVI.

ON PILGRIMAGE AND THE VISITING OF SACRED PLACES.

## CHAPTER LXVII.

ON ALMS, AND HOW A MAN MUST SPEND WHAT HE EARNS.

## CHAPTER LXVIII.

ON WHAT IS ALLOWED AND FORBIDDEN IN EATING AND  
DRINKING.

## CHAPTER LXIX.

ON MATRIMONY, THE MENSTRUAL COURSES, EMBRYOS, AND  
CHILDREB.

## CONTENTS.

## CHAPTER LXX.

ON LAWSUITS.

## CHAPTER LXXI.

ON PUNISHMENTS AND EXPIATIONS.

## CHAPTER LXXII.

ON INHERITANCE, AND WHAT CLAIM THE DECEASED PERSON  
HAS ON IT.

## CHAPTER LXXIII.

ABOUT WHAT IS DUE TO THE BODIES OF THE DEAD AND OF  
THE LIVING (THAT IS, ABOUT BURYING AND SUICIDE).

## CHAPTER LXXIV.

ON FASTING, AND THE VARIOUS KINDS OF IT.

## CHAPTER LXXV.

ON THE DETERMINATION OF THE FAST-DAYS.

## CHAPTER LXXVI.

ON THE FESTIVALS AND FESTIVE DAYS.

## CHAPTER LXXVII.

ON DAYS WHICH ARE HELD IN SPECIAL VENERATION, ON LUCKY  
AND UNLUCKY TIMES, AND ON SUCH TIMES AS ARE PAR-  
TICULARLY FAVOURABLE FOR ACQUIRING IN THEM BLISS  
IN HEAVEN.

## CHAPTER LXXVIII.

ON THE KARANAS.

## CHAPTER LXXIX.

ON THE YOGAS.

## CHAPTER LXXX.

ON THE INTRODUCTORY PRINCIPLES OF HINDU ASTROLOGY, WITH  
A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THEIR METHODS OF ASTROLOGICAL  
CALCULATIONS.