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Rajavaliya, Or, a Historical Narrative of Sinhalese Kings

Most people know something about their own religions. That knowledge is usually restricted to what is going on at the present time. When it comes to how their religions developed in their countries, their knowledge is on shakier grounds. As for religion in foreign lands, well, for many, that information is nonexistent. Author Leonard Pinto's *Being a Christian in Sri Lanka: Historical, Political, Social, and Religious Considerations* is a critique based on the observations and experience of a Sri Lankan Christian. Pinto shares the history and importance of religion in his native land. You'll learn about Portuguese, Dutch, and British rule in the country formerly known as Ceylon, and how each affected religion there. Pinto dispels popular views about how ruling countries dealt with Christianity and other religions, and with those who practiced them. You'll learn how religion is practiced today from someone who lives it firsthand. Pinto's book goes beyond the boundaries of Sri Lanka in assessing the problems faced by Christianity from the corrosive effects of the Age of Enlightenment. In *Being a Christian in Sri Lanka: Historical, Political, Social, and Religious Considerations*, Pinto comes to the conclusion Sri Lanka would benefit from a Sri Lankan national identity for all its citizens. Hegemony based on ethnicity and religion is dissuaded. You'll also find Pinto's conclusions relevant to other countries.

*Bibliography on Ceylon* Jonathan Cape  
 John Holt's groundbreaking study examines the assimilation, transformation, and subordination of the Hindu deity Visnu within the contexts of Sri Lankan history and Sinhala Buddhist religious culture. Holt argues that political agendas and social forces, as much as doctrinal concerns, have shaped the shifting patterns of the veneration of Visnu in Sri Lanka. Holt begins with a comparative look at the assimilation of the Buddha in Hinduism. He then explores the role and rationale of medieval Sinhala kings in assimilating Visnu into Sinhala Buddhism. Offering analyses of texts, many of which have never before been translated into English, Holt considers the development of Visnu in Buddhist literature and the changing practices of deity veneration. Shifting to the present, Holt describes the efforts of contemporary Buddhist monks in Sri Lanka to discourage the veneration of Visnu, suggesting that many are motivated by a reactionary fear that their culture and society will soon be overrun by the influences and practices of Hindus, Muslims, and Christians.

**Section C.. Fisheries** Routledge  
 Brief history of Sri Lanka.

**The History of the Tamils and the Sinhalese of Sri Lanka** Author-Publishers (AU)

Evidence for the earliest recorded horoscope (-5351 CE), eclipse (-5314 CE), earthquake (-5300 CE) and tsunami (-5300 CE) in world history. Rama-Ravana war took place in -5300 CE, from 25 November to 8 December (Gregorian) in Ceylon.

**Ceylon and Her People** Asian Educational Services

The civil war in Sri Lanka and the part that nationalism seemed to play in it

inspired the writing of this book some twenty-three years ago. The argument was developed through a comparative analysis of nationalism in Sri Lanka with the author's native Australia. At the time this constituted an innovative approach to comparison in anthropology, as well as to nationalism and its possibilities. It was not based on differences but on the way in which perspectives from within the two nationalisms, when seen side-by-side, could present an understanding of their implication in producing the violence of war, racism, and social exclusion. The book has lost none of its importance and urgency as proven by the chapters in the Appendix, written by top scholars working in Sri Lanka and in Australia. These contributions bring together new material and critically explore the book's themes and their continued relevance to the various trajectories in nationalist processes since the first publication of the book.

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*Legends of People, Myths of State* B. S. H. Indrasena

On the history of Ceylon, 11-13th cent.; articles by various authors.

**The Journal of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain & Ireland** Otto Harrassowitz Verlag

This volume is the product of two decades of field research by one of Sri

Lanka's distinguished anthropological interpreters.

Balboa Press

Contains the Society's Proceedings.

Intro To Structuralism Berghahn Books

First published in 1997, this is the first of

two volumes. It looks at the process of

European expansion which brought into

contact societies and cultures across the

world which had been initially alien to

one another. Conflict, and violent

conflict, was one aspect of this

interaction, but accommodation, mutual

adaptation, and institutional and

behavioural synthesis were also present

though often biased in favour of

European norms. The intent of this book

is to avoid treating 'colonization',

'dominance' and exploitation' as the

only focuses of attention. In the first

volume Robert Forster explores issues of

formative influences, the impact of

Eurocentrism on historiography and the

reaction against it, and the differing

approaches and perceptions of the

Europeans, notably the Spanish, French

and English. In this period he

distinguishes three modes of interaction:

that of the trading empires, generally in

Africa and Asia, where the European

control of the encounter was slighter;

and those of the regions of settlement,

as in North America, and of exploitation,

typified by the Caribbean, where the

European impact was profound. The

second volume focuses on the Americas,

and uses the topics of religion, class,

gender, and race as its points of entry.

*The Buddha in Sri Lanka* University of

Chicago Press

This book examines culture, religion and

polity in the context of Buddhism.

Gananath Obeyesekere, one of the

foremost analytical voices from South

Asia develops Freud's notion of 'dream

work', the 'work of culture' and ideas of

no-self (anatta) to understand Buddhism in contemporary Sri Lanka. This work offers a restorative interpretation of Buddhist myths in contrast to the perspective involving deconstruction. The book deals with a range of themes connected with Buddhism, including oral traditions and stories, the religious pantheon, philosophy, emotions, reform movements, questions of identity and culture, and issues of modernity. This fascinating volume will greatly interest students, teachers and researchers of religion and philosophy, especially Buddhism, ethics, cultural studies, social and cultural anthropology, Sri Lanka and modern South Asian history.

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Routledge

The first authoritative collection in any language to display the full range of possible applications -- in linguistics, psychology, anthropology, sociology and literature -- of a revolutionary new analytical technique which has dominated French intellectual life in recent years. Claude Lévi-Strauss, Roland Barthes, Edmund Leach, Ferdinand de Saussure, and others among the contributors. Postulating that all forms of human behaviour may be studied as codes, the structuralists apply their methods to phenomena as diverse as primitive marriage systems, fashions, ideologies and poetry. [Back cover].

*Volume I: The Longue Durée, Eurocentrism, Encounters on the Periphery of Africa and Asia* Coral Gables, Fla. : University of Miami Press  
Fictionalized account of the history of Sri Lanka from the earliest times; includes the spread and development of Buddhism in Sri Lanka.

*Translated Texts from the Age of the Discoveries* Motilal Banarsidass Publishe

Portuguese Encounters with Sri Lanka and the Maldives: Translated Texts from the Age of the Discoveries is designed to provide access to translations of 16th- and 17th-century documents which illustrate various aspects of this encounter, combining texts from indigenous sources with those from the Portuguese histories and archives. These documents contribute to the growing understanding that different groups of European colonizers - missionaries, traders and soldiers - had conflicting motivations and objectives. Scholars have also begun to emphasize that the colonized were not mere victims but had their own agendas and that they occasionally successfully manipulated colonial powers. The texts in this volume help to substantiate these assertions while also illustrating the changing nature of the interactions. The present volume contains chapters covering the Portuguese arrival in Sri Lanka and their first encounters with the island and its peoples, their subsequent relations with Kandy and Jaffna, and a final chapter on Portuguese relations with the Maldiv Islands. A historical introduction provides the context in which the documents can be read and a select bibliography indicates the most recent and authoritative secondary works on the subject

*Journal of social science* Penguin Books India

A look at the cultural, or intercultural, exchange that took place in the Silk Roads and the role this has played in the shaping of cultures and civilizations.

*History and Constructed Histories Between Portugal and Sri Lanka* Taylor & Francis

The island of Ceilao occupied a permanent and singular place in the political imagination of early modern

Portugal. Concurrently, the Portuguese left a strong imprint in the Sri Lankan collective memory of the period. Five centuries later, a group of historians, art historians, anthropologists, and linguists reflect on the multiple dimensions of this phenomenon by rethinking texts and maps, ruined churches and ivory caskets, oral tales and Creole communities. Authored by 15 international scholars, *Re-exploring the Links* is divided in four parts: "Political Realities and Cultural Imagination"; "Religion: Conflict and Interaction"; "Space and Heritage: Construction, Representation"; "Language and Ethnicity, Identity and Memory". While published on the occasion of the Portuguese arrival in Sri Lanka five centuries ago, this book is far from being a celebratory piece. *Re-exploring the Links* does not conform to nationalist models of historical interpretation and refuses both the rhetoric of discovery and the rhetoric of aggression. The aim of the volume is not to celebrate "encounters", but to reinvent an academic debate, independent of any political agenda and concerning a history that is Portuguese and Sri Lankan alike.

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