

MISCONCEPTIONS

1. Is God one or many? Is Hinduism monotheistic or polytheistic? [Page 32]
2. Caste system [V2 3:40-17:10]:
 - a. How is the caste system related to Hinduism? [Page 21]
 - b. I have heard that the Vedas support the caste system too. Is that so? [Page 22]
 - c. How is untouchability related to Hinduism? [Page 22]
3. Are women restricted from participating in religious rituals during the menstrual cycle? [Page 48]
4. Why are there erotic sculptures on temples? [Page 48]
5. Social issues [V2 23:39-30:20; V2 34:00-36:39]
 - a. Who/What is Sati? [Page 51]
 - b. Explain the practice of dowry [Page 51]
 - c. What guidance or rules emerge from Hindu scriptures on social issues pertaining to sexuality and medical interventions? [Page 58]
6. Why are cows regarded as sacred? Are they worshipped? [Page 52]
7. Why is the river Ganga considered sacred? [Page 52]
8. Hindu spirituality puts a lot of emphasis on the Self. Doesn't that mean Hindus are selfish? [Page 9]

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