

Scriptures

..unfold a variety of paths to the Truth

Shruti: [heard] realized by sages in meditation; philosophy; liturgy

Smriti: [remembered] Dharma; religious practices, laws; subject to time and place; subsidiary to *Shruti*

- Large Corpus; no single text
- Language: Vedic Sanskrit, classical Sanskrit, modern Indian languages
- Authorship is anonymous
- Date is unknown: at least 3000 years old
- Oral transmission; trained chanting

- Vedas & Upanishads (Shruti)
- Vedangas
- Puranas
- Itihasa: Historical epics (Ramayana, Mahabharat)
- Dharma Shastras
- Darshana Shastras: Brahma Sutras, Yoga Sutras
- Teachings of Saints
- And many explanatory texts

