



Ancient Indian Magic And Folklore: An Introduction

By Margaret Stutley

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Ancient Indian Magic and Folklore: An Introduction explores the classic 1400 B.C. text the Atharvaveda. Stutley describes aspects of magic and folklore such as various Indian charms relating health, longevity, demons, love, prosperity, and more. She also discusses amulets, curses, and cures. Holly Baker Reynolds, writing in the Journal of Asian Studies, found that the book contains a "lack of theory" that make it more effective as a "catalog" rather than a "study." A Choice contributor called Ancient Magic and Folklore a "well-written book with excellent note Many beliefs and customs associated with lightning have been found in folklore all over the world. The present study explores the beliefs and customs of Indian tribal societies of which many reflect those found in other parts of the world suggesting a Universal origin to such practices. These are broadly centered around ritual magic, the means to protect oneself and other beliefs portraying its divinity. The beliefs have been traced back to Vedic times and other literature thus highlighting a continuous tradition of mankind to adore Nature's wonderful powers.Â Indian people used many different outlets, including cultural appeals to non-Indian audiences, to craft survival strategies. Natalie Curtis's The Indians' Book (1907), a collection of Native music, art, and folklore, became one of these outlets. As an introduction to magic in ancient India, this book has some excellent features and is very interesting reading but there are a few major defects. First of all, there is no basic definition of either folklore or magic. Without a clear definition of these terms, which have multiple usages, any work about them can do little more than list various phenomena without explaining their significance. T he descriptions in this book tend to assume that magic is simply a part of religion and cult without considering magic as an essential part of folklore in general. Stutley centers her discussion on

Ancient Indian civilization developed in the area that now corresponds to Pakistan and western India. This territory is bordered to the north by the famous Himalayan mountain range (the highest on the planet), and in the south by the peninsula formed by the Deccan Plateau. In the center, there is a vast plain that is irrigated by the Indus, Ganges, and Brahmaputra rivers.