

Are not allowed (except Brahma) to read the sacred books ; these may only be read and explained to them by the priests.

Regard Sanskrit as the religious language ; it is used in worship and ceremonies, tho not understood by the people.

Bathe in the Ganges and certain sacred rivers to wash away sins.

Use Ganges water in various religious ceremonies.

Bow down to and utter prayers before idols.

Dress the idols in fine and showy and sometimes costly raiment.

At certain festivals have great processions, carrying the idols.

Pray to various gods and goddesses.

Offer sacrifices.

Say that when the priest utters certain words, the image they have made becomes alive by the indwelling of the deity invoked.

Are taught that there is a great merit in making pilgrimages to various sacred places and shrines.

Believe that at certain shrines miracles of healing are performed by this or that god.

Have great faith in amulets and charms as a protection against various misfortunes.

Are enjoined to fast on certain occasions.

Count beads in repeating the names of gods and goddesses, to invoke their assistance.

As a rule are forbidden to read the Bible, which the priests alone may read and explain.

Regard Latin as the sacred language ; it is used in worship, tho unknown to the majority of the people.

Are taught that they are regenerated by water in baptism.

Use holy water in the churches.

Bow down to and say prayers before images and pictures.

Clothe the images of saints in gorgeous apparel.

At certain festivals in Roman Catholic countries have great processions, in which sacred images are carried.

Pray to saints and angels and especially to the Virgin Mary.

Offer the sacrifice of the Mass.

Say that when the priest utters certain words, the wafer becomes the very Christ.

Are taught that it is meritorious to go on pilgrimages to Rome and other sacred places.

Believe that at certain churches and places miracles of healing are performed by this or that saint.

Wear medals blessed by the Pope as charms against misfortunes.

Observe prescribed fasts.

Count beads in saying prayers, especially to Mary.