

MISSIONARY FIELD.

THE RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF THE HINDUS.

Sir Alfred Lyall propounds views far more correct concerning the religious condition of the Hindus than those which have gained large acceptance in literary circles of late.

The average middle class Hindu might be brought by one part or another of his every day religious practice within any or many of these classes, namely:—

- 1. The worship of mere stocks and stones, and of local configurations which are unusual or grotesque in size, shape, or position.
2. The worship of things inanimate which are gifted with mysterious motion.
3. The worship of animals which are feared.
4. The worship of visible things, animate or inanimate, which are directly or indirectly useful and profitable, or which possess any incomprehensible function or property.
5. The worship of a Deo, or spirit, a thing without form, and void—the vague impersonation of the uncanny sensation that comes over one at certain places.
6. The worship of dead relatives and other deceased persons known in their lifetime to the worshipper.
7. The worship of persons who had died in some strange or notorious way—at shrines.
8. The worship in temples, of the persons belonging to the foregoing class, as demigods or subordinate deities.
9. The worship of manifold local incarnations of the elder deities, and of their symbols.
10. The worship of departmental deities.
11. The worship of the supreme gods of Hinduism, and of their ancient incarnations and personifications, as handed down by the Brahmanic scriptures.

It may be said of all (except the latest classes in the series) that these ideas are not so much the offspring of Brahmanism as its children by adoption; they have not sprung out of any authoritative teaching or revelation, which would control and guide their development, nor are they the decaying survivals, either of a higher faith or of a lower superstition.

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