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Title of the Manuscript:	<b>A Depiction of Castes, Rites and Rituals in Hinduism</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes, it is important for scientific community. It provides a comprehensive overview of castes, rites, and rituals in Hinduism, offering valuable insights into the ancient and enduring religion. It covers various aspects, including the origins and development of Hinduism, the perception of God, scriptures, and the caste system. Besides, it delves into the significance of religious rites and ceremonies (Samskaras) in Hinduism, highlighting their role in purifying individuals and shaping their spiritual, physical, and mental well-being. The manuscript serves as a valuable resource for scholars, researchers, and anyone interested in understanding the intricacies of Hinduism, its cultural practices, and its impact on society.</li> <li>2. Yes, it is suitable, as it accurately reflects the main topics covered in the manuscript. It provides a concise overview of the content and gives readers a clear understanding of what to expect from the article.</li> <li>3. Yes, it is comprehensive. It provides overview of the main topics covered in the manuscript. It introduces Hinduism as an ancient and enduring religion, highlights its fundamental aspects of life, such as Dharma, Kama, Artha, and Moksha. The abstract also touches upon the caste system in Hinduism, the significance of scriptures, and the inclusion of religious rites and rituals (Samskaras). Besides, it mentions other aspects covered in the article, such as concepts of God, the origin and development of Hinduism, religious institutions, dietary customs, festivals, and pilgrimages. However, the weakness of the abstract provided is that it briefly mentions various aspects of Hinduism, such as castes, rites, rituals, customs, ceremonies, festivals, and pilgrimages, without providing specific details or explanations. The abstract lacks depth and does not offer a comprehensive understanding of these concepts in Hinduism. Furthermore, it does not provide any critical analysis or address potential criticisms or controversies surrounding these practices. To improve the abstract, it would be beneficial to expand on each topic and provide more substantial information and analysis.</li> <li>4. Yes, the subsections and structure of the manuscript are appropriate. It covers various aspects of Hinduism, including the caste system, scriptures, and religious rites and rituals. However, it is important to ensure a logical flow and coherence between sections to effectively convey the information to the readers.</li> <li>5. Yes, it is scientifically correct. The information presented in the manuscript aligns with commonly known concepts and beliefs in Hinduism. It covers various aspects of Hinduism such as the caste system, rituals, scriptures, and the perception of God. It provides an overview of the historical development of Hinduism and the role of different castes within the religion. The manuscript also mentions the impact of other religions and external influences on the caste system.</li> <li>6. Yes, they are sufficient and recent. They provided cover a range of topics related to Hinduism, including its scriptures, caste system, rituals, and historical development. They include both classic and more recent sources, offering a mix of perspectives and scholarly insights.</li> <li>7. The weakness of the introduction section is that it lacks citations or specific references to support the information provided. While it mentions the Pew Research Foundation and briefly cites Koller (1968) and Larson (2009) for historical context, it does not provide specific in-text citations or a comprehensive list of references at the end. This makes it difficult for readers to verify the accuracy and reliability of the information presented. Adding proper citations and references would strengthen the introduction and enhance its credibility. Besides, the introduction could benefit from providing more specific details and examples to support its claims about the origins, development, and significance of Hinduism.</li> <li>8. The conclusion needs to be improved as it presents personal opinions and subjective statements without providing substantial evidence or supporting arguments. While the conclusion acknowledges the erosion of Hindu traditions and customs, it does not provide</li> </ol>	

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	specific examples or data to support this claim. Moreover, the conclusion mentions the influence of certain individuals like Raja Rammohan Roy, Vivekananda, and others, but it does not explain their contributions or provide any evidence of the extent of their influence on the contemporary world. To strengthen the conclusion, the researchers need to provide specific examples, data, or scholarly sources that support the assertions made about the erosion of Hindu traditions and the impact of influential figures.	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments  <b>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	The language and English quality of the article may not be suitable for scholarly communications due to several reasons. Firstly, the article's tone is more casual and conversational, which does not meet the expectations of formal academic writing. Secondly, informal expressions and phrases such as "There is no denying fact" and "the Hindu synthesis or concoction" detract from the precision and objectivity expected in scholarly discourse. Besides, the article lacks sufficient in-text citations and references to support the claims and information presented, which is essential for establishing credibility and allowing readers to verify the information. Furthermore, the article lacks depth and analysis, providing only brief descriptions without extensive scholarly references to support the statements made. For scholarly communications, it is important to adhere to the conventions and standards of academic writing, including using a formal tone, providing thorough citations, presenting well-supported arguments, and ensuring clarity and precision in the language used.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	In general, the article provides a brief analysis of Hinduism, highlighting its ancient origins, diverse nature, and fundamental principles. It touches upon concepts such as the Puruṣarthas (the four purposes of human life) and the influence of the Vedas. The article also briefly mentions the impact of other religions on the Hindu caste system and the role of scriptures in Hinduism. Furthermore, it acknowledges the erosion of Hindu traditions and the need to preserve the sanctity of the religion. However, the article could benefit from more specific details, citations, and references to support its claims and provide a deeper understanding of the topics discussed. The language used in the article could be improved to reflect a more formal and scholarly tone. Furthermore, a more thorough analysis and exploration of the subject matter would enhance the article's quality.	

**PART 2:**

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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