o.kkJe dk ,frgkfld i;kZYk¨pu

M,0 lqjUæ ikZYk flag*

if'pe ,f'k;k d xhd lekV lY;dl d jktnr exLFkuht ,flgkfld 0;fDr gA og ek; lekV pUnxlr ek; dh jktlHkk e vk; Fk] mUgku rRdkyhu Hkkjr dk lUnj o.ku fd;k Fkk] fdUr nHkkX;o'k vkt mldk vf/kdk'k Hkkx ylr gk x;k gA LVck] fM;kMkjl vkfn fofHkUu y[kdk d xUFkk e mn/kr mld v'kek= gh vkt miyC/k gA Hkkjro"k d lEcU/k e mul io fdlh Hkh fon'kh dk fo'okl;kX; o.ku ugh feyrk gA

exLFkuht d vulkj Hkkjr e lkr tkfr;k Fkh&nk'kfud] ;k)k] f'kYih] d"kd] i'kikyd] lnL; vkj ifjn'kdA oreku ,frgkfld ikB;xUFkk e Hkh mi;Dr lkr tkfr;k dk mYy[k feyrk gA mudk dguk g fd fdlh dk u rk viuh tkfr d ckgj fookg dju dh vuefr Fkh] u viuh ofRr dk NkMdj vU;ofRr xg.k dju dh vuefr FkhA ;Fkk & ;k)k] d"kd ugh cu ldrk vkj f'kYih] nk'kfud ugh cu ldrk &

No one is allowed to marry out of his own caste or to exchange one profession or trade for another or to follow more than one business. An exception is made in the favour of the philosopher, who for his virtue is allowed his privilege.[1]

^bl n'k dh jhfr d vulkj vUr tkrh; fookg fuf"k) g] mnkgj.kkFk d"kd]f'kYih tkfr dh fdlh L=h l fookg ugh dj ldrk gA iFkkulkj eu"; dk nk idkj dh ofRr;k djuk euk gA dkb ,d tkfr l nljh tkfr e io'kugh dj ldrk gA ;Fkk & dkb i'kikyd g] rk d"kd ugh cu ldrkA lHkh tkfr;k d ykx R;kxh cu ldr g D;kfd R;kxh dk thou lgt ugh] vfir loki{kk dBkj g*&

No one is allowed to marry out of his own caste or to exercise any calling or art except his own. For instance, a soldier cannot become a hubandman or an artisan a philosopher[2].

The custom of the country inhibits intermarriage between the castes, for instance the husbandman cannot take a wife from the artisan caste nor the artisan from the husbandman caste. Custom also prohibits anyone from exercising two trades or from changing from one caste to another. One can not, for instance, become a husbandman if he

*,l¨0 Á¨Qlj] lLd'r foHkkx lh0,e0ih0 egkfo|ky;] i;kxjkt

is a herdman or become a herdman if he is a artisan. It is permitted that the sophist only be from any caste, for the life of the sophist is not an easy one but the hardest of all.[3]

mi;Dr y[k l ;g iekf.kr gkrk g fd vkt l 2200&2300 o"k io Hkkjr e o.k vFkok tkfr tUetkr Fkh] de Hkh tUekulkj gh FkkA ;g fufookn g fd ml le; lekt eu d vulkj 'kkflr gkrk FkkA ;g ,d onf'kd dk fuji{k ikphure ,frgkfld iek.k ekuk tk ldrk gA

lkfgfR;d miU;klk] ukV;k l ge lhfer ck/k iklr gkrk gA ^pUnxlr* ukVd ;k Nk;kfp= dk n[kdj ykx i'u mBk;x] D;kfd mle rk pUnxlr d lkFk ;oujkt lY;dl dh dU;k gyu dk fookg mfYyf[kr gA ;|fi gyu doy ifjdYiuk gA bfrgkl e lY;dl dh fdlh dU;k dk o.ku ugh feyrk gA ofnd lekt dh dBkj 0;oLFkk dk xlr;x e mYy?ku vlHko Fkk&

There seems, however to be no room in his (Seleucos) family circle as we otherwise know it for any relationship of this kind...what is implied as a convention, a jus connubii between the two royal families. In the land of caste, a Jus connubii between the two people is unthinkable.[4]

exLFkuht u ckge.k vkj Je.k uked nk'kfudk d nk Hkn fd; FkA ckge.kk dh in&e;knk lokPp Fkh] fdUr tkrh; nf"V l mudh tul[;k de FkhA o riL;k djr vkj cgeT;kfr d n'ku djr FkA LQkbul uked ,d ckge.k r{kf'kyk ekfdnuh; okfguh d lkFk x;k FkkA xhd ykxk u mldk uke dykul j[kk Fkk D;kfd og lHkor% ^dY;k.k* dgdj vk'khokn nrk FkkA og ftrfUn; ugh Fkk ,o xhdk d lkFk Hkktukfn djrk Fkk] vr% n'kokfl;k u mldk f/kDdkj fn;k FkkA og Qkjl n'k e chekj iMk vkj mlu xhdluk d lkeu tyrh fprk ij p<dj ik.k R;kx fn;k&

Suddenly in Persia he (Kalanos) announced his resolution to live no longer. In sight of all the army he assended the pyre and adopted the due posture. As flames mounted and wrapped the figure of the sage, the onlookers saw it still motionless. This was the way in which Kalanos chose to take leave of the Yavanas.[5]

exLFkuht dk dguk g fd ^vkj tk lc dk; fd; tkr g mudk leFku ugh fd;k tk ldrk gA ;Fkk] o lnk vdy gh Hkktu djr gA lgHkkt d fy, dkb fufn"V le; ugh g*&

But other things they do which one cannot approve, for instance that they eat always alone and that they have no fixed hours when meals are to be taken by all in common.

bl rjg lHkh Hkkjrh;k d vdy Hkktu dju dh ckr dgh x;hA ,d gh vklu ij cBdj fd;k x;k Hkktu mfPN"V ekuk tkrk FkkA ;uku e lgHkkt dh ijEijk Fkh fdUr xhrk e mfPN"V Hkktu u dju dk fun'k feyrk g&mfPN"Vefi pke/; Hkktu rkelfi;eA egkHkkjr e txg&txg vkgkj lEcU/kh dBkj fu;ek dk fun'k g &

'knL; r dy gfUr o';L; i'kckU/kokuA
{kf=;L; fJ; gfUr ckge.kL; lopleAA
rFkkfPN"VeFkkU;kU; lEik'kUuk= l'k;%AA[6]

vFkkr 'knox d ,d lkFk Hkktu l mudk dy{k;] o';k dk ,d lkFk [kku l mud i'k vkj ckU/kok dk] {kf=;k d ,d lkFk Hkktu dju l mudh Jh dk uk'k rFkk ckge.kk d ,d lkFk Hkktu dju l mud rt dk uk'k gkrk gA vr,o ,d&nlj dk mfPN"V Hkktu furkUr vok¥Nuh; gA

nk'kfudk dh f}rh; J.kh ^Je.k* uke l dgh xb] ftldk vFk lU;klh g] ck) fHk{k ughA exLFkuht d vulkj gykfc, J"B Je.k g tk ou e jgdj dUney&Qy [kkr g] oYdy/kkjh vkj vtfy l tyiku dju oky cgepkjh gA jktk nrk d ek/;e l mul okrkyki djr gA fldUnj u vud ;kfx;k dk n[kk FkkA eUnuhl uked ftrfUn; dk fldUnj u viu ikl cyk;k] fdUr mUgku euk dj fn;k FkkA mUgku dgk Fkk fd mUg eR; ;k n.M fdlh dk Hk; ugh gA fldUnj u mudh cMh i'klk dh gA vkuflfdVl u r{kf'kyk d ikl vud ;kfx;k d n'ku fd; Fk&

Onesicritus found fifteen asceties some ten miles from the city Texila sitting naked and motionless in the sun so burning that one could not walkover the stones with bare feet.[7]

fpfdRldk dk LFkku nk'kfudk d ckn FkkA ljy thou oky mudk Hkktu pkoy vkj tk gA o vk"kf/k;k d }kjk oU/;Ro&fuokj.k rFkk bPNkudy xHk e i=&i=h dk fuek.k djk ldr FkA rFkkfi o vk"kf/k;k d ctk; iF; vkj vkgkj&l;e l gh jkxk dk ekpu djku dk i;kl djr gA Hkkjroklh lin'k&vkjkX; dj dj ldr FkA fldUnj d f'kfcj e lin'k d db vk>kvk dk ,d= fd;k x;k FkkA

{kf=; ;k jktkx.k d ckj e exLFkuht u fy[kk fd jktk d fy, fnokfunk dk fu;e ugh gA jktk fnuHkj U;k;lHkk e jgr FkA 'kjhj d enu d {k.kk e Hkh U;k;dk; cUn ugh gkrk FkkA o doy ;K vkj ex;k d fy, gh egy l ckgj fudyr FkA exLFkuht u dgk g fd iMkl e ;) pyrk jgrk g] fdUr fdlku fcuk fdlh ck/kk&foifRr d viuk dke djr gA nkuk i{k d lfud ijLij jDrikr djr g, Hkh d"kdk dk lrkr ugh] u gh dHkh 'k= n'k e vkx yxkr ;k o{kk dk dkVr gA

lekt e d"kd ox dh lokf/kd l[;k dk ftd exLFkuht djrk gA ,d gh le;] ,d gh LFkku ij ;) d gkr le; Hkh d"kd fuHk; gkdj viuh j{kk dk Hkkj lfudk ij ekudj [krh djrk jgrk gA ;g dk; Hkh fuEuox ij vkfJr Fkk] ftudk ;) ugh djuk iMrk FkkA nljh rjQ xhd tkfr d ykx ;) e fot; ikdj ml n'k d uxjk dk yVuk&tykuk] ?kk;yk dh gR;k djuk] cfUn;k dk xyke cukuk] ?kjk&o{kk] ouk] [krk dk tykuk] i'kvk dk o/k rFkk [krh d cht rd dk uk'k vkfn djr Fk&

It is regular matter even in civil wars to sack the conquerred city, to finish off the wounded, to slaughter or enslave all unransomed persons and all captured non-combatants to burn down the houses, the fruit tress and the crops to exterminate the live stock and to destroy the seed for future sowings.[8]

vo/k; g fd dVuhfr vkj v/ke;) e ioRr fonf'k;k l /ke;) dju l gh ofnd tkfr ckj&ckj ijkftr gbA 'k=vk dh ?kMlokj luk ihN l ;k cxy l Hkh"k.k vkde.k djd 0;g dk rkM nrh Fkh] fdUr Hkkjrh;k u lEe[k ;) dk R;kx ugh fd;kA

exLFkuht d o.ku l Kkr gkrk g fd 22&23 lk o"k io Hkkjr e o.kkJe 0;oLFkk n< :i l LFkkfir FkhA o.k ,o tkfr&Hkn tUe ij vk/kkfjr Fkk] de ij ughA dkb Hkh viu o.kxr de dk R;kx ugh dj ldrk FkkA nljh tkfr e fookg fuf"k) Fkk fdUr vuyke fookg e ck/kk ugh FkhA o.kldjrk ,o deldjrk u ml le; icy :i /kkj.k ugh fd;k FkkA vo/k; g fd fon'kh gku d ukr exLFkuht Hkkjrh; Hkk"kk l vufHkK Fkk fdUr phuh ;k=h g,ulkx u rk ;gk d Hkk"kk&'kkL=k dk v/;;u fd;k FkkA mll Hkh exLFkuht dh o.kkJe 0;oLFkk fl) gkrh gA goulkx u n'k dk Hke.k fd;k Fkk] vr% mld y[kk dk eY; lkekU; ugh gA og ck) Fkk blfy, ;g fuf'pr g fd mlu o.kkJe 0;oLFkk dk i{kikr dh nf"V l ugh n[kk gkxkA

goulkx dgr g fd fofHkUu tkfr;k e fookg ugh gkr FkA iFke tkfr ^ckge.k* /kkfed i#"k g] f}rh; {kf=; jktkvk dh tkfr g] rrh; o'; of.kd tkfr g] prFk 'kn df"kthoh gA bu pkjk o.kk e tkfr dh 'k)rk l viuk&viuk LFkku fuf'pr gkrk gA fudV vkReh;k e fookg fuf"k) gA dkb L=h ,d fookg d ckn iuh nljk Lokeh xg.k ugh dj ldrh &

The first is called the Brahmans, men of pure conduct. The second is called the kshatriyas, the royal caste. For ages they have been governing class. The third is called Vaishyas, the merchant class. The fourth is called Shudras, the agricultural calss. In the four classes, purity or impurity of caste assigns every one to his place. They donot

allow promiscuous marriage between relatives. A woman once married can never take another husband.[9]

goulkx u db ikUrk dk Hke.k fd;k Fkk ijUr mlu ?k.kk{kjU;k; l Hkh dgh ;g ugh ldr fd;k fd Hkkjr e o.kHkn iodky e dHkh Hkh tUexr ugh Fkk] dexr FkkA o.kkJe 0;oLFkk ofnd vk;lH;rk vkj lLdfr dh fo'k"krk gA ikphure ,frgkfld lk{;k l ,lk lkekU; iek.k Hkh ugh feyrk ftll ;g dgk tk; fd fdlh Hkh dky e Hkkjr e tUexr tkfr vkj o.kHkn ugh FkkA ikxfrgkfld dky e Hkh tkfrHkn FkkA

_Xon dk ge ikxfrgkfld le>r gA onkykpd dhFk u dgk g &^foKtuk E;j] ftEuj vkj coj vkfn d erkulkj _Xonh; ;x e fdlh idkj dk tkfrHkn ugh FkkA fdUr vk/kfud dky e tYej] U;cx d erkulkj tkfrHkn gku dh ckr dh tk jgh g&

The existence of the caste system in any form in the age of the Rigveda has been derived by high authority Muir, Zemner, Weber, though it has been asserted of late with increasing insistence (Gelmer, Niubarg).[10]

onk e tkfr Hkn ugh g bl er e dN lR;rk jgu ij Hkh Lohdkj djuk iMxk fd ^_Xon tkfr l eDr g* ble cgr dN c<k&p<kdj dgk x;k gA iR;r _Xon e dkb okLrfod iek.k ugh g fd ml dky e ijkfgr ¼ckge.k½ ,d fu#) vkj fuf"k)&io'k o'kxr tkfr ugh FkkA ^ckge.k* 'kCn l gh fn[krk g fd ikjkfgR; i#"kkudfed FkkA ckge.k d vfrfjDr fdlh vkj d ikjkfgR; dju d mnkgj.k ugh feyrA dhFk u dgk &

While there is much truth in the view, it must be admitted that it exaggerates the freedom of the Rigveda from caste. Moreover there is no actual proof in the Rigveda the Priesthood was not then a closed hereditary class. The term Brahmana seems, on the contrary to show that the preisthood was normally hereditary and there is no instance which can be quoted of any person who is said to be other than a priest appearing to exercise priestly practices.[11]

dhFk dk fo'okl g fd _Xon;x e ikjkfgR; vkj vkfHktkR; ¼{kf=;½ o'kkudfed FkA lxk= vkj fudV lEcU/kh e fookg ugh gkr FkA tkfr d ckgj rk fuEurj tkfr e gk ldrk Fkk&

There is good reason to believe that in the period of Rigveda the Priesthood and the Nobility were hereditary. There shall be no marriage with agnates or cognates and they require that aman must either marry in his own caste or if he marries out of the caste it must be into a lower caste.[12]

;tondky e tkfrHkn n< :i e oreku FkkA 'knk e Hkh viuh gh tkfr e fookg iFkk ipfyr FkhA ofnd vk; vkj vuk; nkuk gh viuh&viuh tkfr;k e fookg djr FkA

ofnd dky e efritk ugh Fkh] ;g er HkkUr gA vk/kfud ik'pkRR; y[kdk u ijh/kkeLFk JhtxUukFkno dh dk"Befr dk ck)efr iekf.kr dju dk i;kl fd;k gA ;g ;fDr Hkh crk;h fd txUukFk dh jFk;k=k ck)efr d jFk ij ifjHke.k l yh xb g]fdUr ;g lc HkkUr gA _Xon e nk#cge Jhi#"kkRreefr dk Li"V mYy[k g&

vnk ;nnk# lyor flU/kk% ikj vi#"keA
rnkjHkLo ng.kkru xPN ijLrjeAA[13]

vFkkr g mikld! nj n'k e len d rV ij ty d Åij tk nk#cge dh efr g] tk fdlh eu"; l fufer ugh g] mldh vkjk/kuk djd mudh dik l od.B dk iklr gkvkA

mMhlk e gkFkxEQk e dfyxjkt [kkjoy dh tk fyfi g mle Hkh uhe d dk"B l fufer efr dk mYy[k iklr gA [kkjoy] pUnxlr d 150 o"k ckn g, gA

pfd lukru /ke d lHkh 'kkL= oneyd gA on] Lefr] ijk.k vkfn dgh Hkh ikFkD; dk vodk'k ugh gA o.kkJe] tUexr&tkfrHkn vkfn Hkh ofnd/ke vkj ofnd tkfr e iFke l gh g]ble lUng ugh gA

vktdy db lfo/kkoknh ykx 'kkL=&ijk.kk e dgh l ,d&vk/k 'ykd dh euekuh 0;k[;k dj viu vk/kfud er dh LFkkiuk dju dk ;Ru djr gA ;Fkk xhrk d ^pkro.; e;k l"V x.kdefoHkkx'k%* bl 'ykdk) l ;g fl) dju dk i;Ru djr g fd iodky e x.k vkj deHkn l gh o.kHkn Fkk] tUexrHkn ugh FkkA xhrk egkHkkjr dk ,d v'k gA D;k egkHkkjr e dgh Hkh ;g g fd ml le; o.kHkn tUer% ugh Fkk] x.k&dekulkj o.k fLFkj gkrk Fkk\ D;k Hkxoku d".k u fdlh /kkfed 'kn dk ;k {kf=; dk ckge.k o.k e vFkok ckge.k dk {kf=; o.k e ifj.kr fd;k g\ lex 'kkL=k&bfrgkl e ,d Hkh ,lk n"VkUr ugh feyrk fd dkb blh tUe d ng d x.k&dekulkj ckge.k] {kf=;] o';kfn gvk gkA x.k vkj de dk ijh{k.k djd tkfr fu/kkj.k djxk dku\ loK] lo'kfDreku g, fcuk ;g lEHko ughA chl lky rd cPp d x.k vkj de dk lk/kkj.k fodkl Hkh ugh gkrk gA fL=;k d fy, xgde] lUrkuikyukfn lHkh tkfr;k e lk/kkj.kde gA mudk tkfrfoHkkx dl gkxk\ fdl me e tkfrfu/kkj.k gkxk\ dku fu/kkfjr djxk\ Qyr% tkfro.kHkn tUe l gh gk ldrk g] x.k&dekulkj djuk vlEHko gA xhrk e tkfr vkj o.k d tk mYy[k g mue Hkh tUekulkj ,o o'kkudfed o.kHkn & tkfrHkn gh fn[krk gA x.k ,o dekulkj tkfrfoHkkx dk vkj dkb Hkh iek.k ugh feyrk gA ldj vkj vLi'; tkfr dk Hkh mYy[k gkrk gh g &

fo|kfou;lEiUu ckge.k xfo gfLrfuA
'kfu pio 'oikd p if.Mrk% lenf'ku%AA[14]

bl 'ykd e lekt d mPp Lrj ij fLFkr ckge.k ,o fuEu Lrj d pk.Mky ,o fofo/k tkfr d i'k&i{kh lcd ifr gh cgefon d len'kh gku dh ckr dgh x;h gA

ek fg ikFk 0;ikfJR; ;fi L;% iki;ku;%A
fL=;ko';kLrFkk'knkLrfi;kfUr ijkxfreAA
fd iuckge.kk i.;k HkDrk jkt"k;LrFkkA[15]

idr LFky ij d".k u ckge.k] {kf=;] o';] 'kn] iki;kfu ¼vUR; t½& lHkh dk mYy[k fd;k gA iki;kfu 'kCn l tUetkr vLi';rk Kkr gkrh g] bl ij fopkj djuk pkfg,A

^pkro.;* d vFk pkj o.k ugh] pkj o.kk l fof'k"V o.kkJeh lekt gA bl 'ykd d ckn gh d".k u dgk&

ckge.k{kf=;fo'kk 'knk.kk p ijUriA
dekf.k infoHkDrkfu LoHkkoiHkoxk.k%AA[16]

bld ckn d lkr 'ykdk d i< yu d ckn rk bl fo"k; ij dN lUng gh ugh jg tkrk gA pkjk o.kk e iR;d o.k d LoHkko] tkrx.k d vulkj ,d&,d de fufn"V g&

r= r cf) l;kx yHkr ikonfgdeA
iokH;klu ruo fg;r g;o'kkfi l%A[17]

d".k d xhrk&iopu dk mnn'; gh Fkk&mud ifr:i ¼uj vorkj½ vtu dk ckge.k d de Hk{; ¼J;k HkkDr Hk{;eihgykd½ xg.k dju dh bPNk l fuoRr dj {kf=; d de /ke;) e ioRr djuk ,o bl min'kPNy l txr dk fu"dke de;kx dh f'k{kk nuk&

J;ku Lo/kek fox.k% ij/kekr Louf"BrkrA
LoHkkofu;r de doUuklukfr fdfYc"keAA
lgt de dkUr; lnk"kefi u R; trA[18]
J;ku Lo/kek fox.k% ij/kekr Louf"BrkrA
Lo/ke fu/ku J;% ij/kek Hk;kog%AA[19]

{kf=;J"B vtu dk Lo/ke D;k Fkk& ;)A ftl vtu d fy, dgk x;k&**u ;kRL; bfr eU;l] fuc)% Lou de.kk** dgk x;k] ekg u"V gku ij ogh vtu dgu yx&^**fLFkr% vfLe*¼;)k; fLFkr% vfLe½A dfj"; opu roA** d".k u lkd; dh fuUnk dh g&

ldjL; p dRrk L;ke migU;kfeek% itk%A[20]

vtu u io e dgk Fkk&

ldjk ujdk;o dy?ukuk dyL; pA
mRlk|Ur tkfr/kek% dy/kek'p 'kk'ork%AA[21]

;fn o.k vkj tkfrHkn tUexr ,o o'kkudfed ugh Fk rk dy d /ke vFkok tkfr/ke dh ckr dgk l vkrh g\ ,d gh firk d fofHkUu o.k d i=&dU;k gku ij dku ml fi.Mnku djxk\ rc rk lekt] tkfr] o'k] lLdkj] fookg] v'kkp] Jk) vkfn lHkh vlEHko gk tk;xA

mi;Dr i;kykpu l Li"V gk tkrk g fd Hkkjr e lnk l gh o.k vkj tkfr tUexr Fkh] dexr ughA vlo.k fookg ¼fo'k"k:i l ifryke fookg½ fufUnr Fkk&bldk ,frgkfld iek.k gA ikxfrgkfld ,o ikphuredky l gh tUexr o.kHkn iFkk pyh vk jgh gA onk e Hkh tkfrHkn d cgr iek.k feyr gA x.k&de Hkn l tkfr ,o bPNkulkj o.kifjoru d mnkgj.k ugh g] ,lk dguk vufpr ugh gkxkA tk ykx dguk pkgr g fd on jpuk d igy vfrikphure le; e o.k0;oLFkk ugh Fkh ,o nlj n'kk d vulkj LoPNUnde vFkok fookg vkfn Hkkjr e gkr Fk] mudk futh fopkj g] ijUr ;g fuf'pr g fd ofnd le; d io o.kkJeh ofnd tkfr vFkok lukru /ke dk vfLrRo Hkh ugh jgk gkxk] fQj rd dk volj Hkh dgk g\

lUnHk&

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