

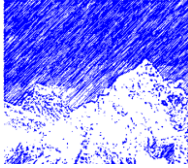
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Pashupatinath's Endless Cremations

At The Temple Of The Animals
In Kathmandu

Find A New Creature And New Life In...

The Temple Of Ceaseless Animal Cremations

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On the outskirts of Kathmandu, there is a Hindu temple that is considered to be the most important of all the Hindu temples in Nepal—more important than the large number (over 100) of the other Hindu temples that are located in Kathmandu itself, and more important than all those in the rest of the nation. It is the Pashupatinath temple, and it is dedicated to Shiva (the Hindu god of Death and Destruction) in his Pashupati form. It is here that all the Hindu people of Nepal bring the bodies of their deceased relatives and loved ones for cremation.

Non-Hindus are not allowed to enter the Pashupatinath temple itself, but those of other faiths and the roaming foreign visitors to Nepal can sometimes see the cremation rituals from a distance, as they are performed on ghats that are located to one side of it. The Pashupatinath temple sits beside a river which is also highly revered by Hindus. It is located right next to the edge of the famous Bagmati River, which Nepalese Hindus regard as a sacred "river of life."

Pashupatinath is precisely at the *very edge* of the ancient and revered Bagmati River, and it is almost on top of it—right on the banks of a special river that eventually merges with the even more famous Ganges River of India.

Pashupatinath is also called "The Temple of the Animals" by Nepalese Hindus.

Pashupatinath carries this additional name as "The Temple of the Animals"... and why is that? It is because Nepalese Hindus have for a long time believed that only a very few of their deceased Hindu relatives— among all the many corpses that are brought there for the almost daily cremations— have ever reached a higher spiritual level that will allow them to escape from an endlessly repetitious cycle of reincarnations... in the forms of a vast multitude of animals.

So most Hindus in Nepal are hoping and dreaming that someday they can escape from the misery of being trapped in an "animal" existence. They would prefer to be no longer trapped in an animal's life... to be never again suffering all the pain, unhappiness, troubles, and misfortunes of an "animal" existence on planet Earth.

The Temple of the Animals which is Pashupatinath would seem to be also a Temple of Endless Cremations for the people of Nepal... because most Hindus, according to their own belief-system, are trapped in an almost endless cycle of "animal" deaths that are almost always followed by "animal" rebirths.

We might therefore also call it a "Temple of Endless Cremations"... or maybe a "Temple of Endless Animal Lifetimes." I think it appears to be a temple and a cremation system that— even in accordance with the ancient Hindu belief-system— could never get a human being QUICKLY moved OUT of an animalistic earthly existence... and INTO the better existence of a Heavenly Paradise with the Almighty God.

The Jewish people of ancient Israel, during the earthly lifetime of Jesus Christ (approximately 2000 years ago) in Israel, also had a "Temple of Endless Animal Cremations" that they highly revered. It was the ONLY Jewish temple in their entire nation, however, so they just called it "The Temple."

For the rituals of their Jewish religion, the Jews of ancient Israel brought an endless procession of animals to be sacrificed before the eyes of the Almighty YHWH God... and they would always kill the animals in a ritual fashion, then let the priests eat a portion of the meat, and then burn (or "cremate") the remainder of each animal's body upon the holy altar of the Almighty YHWH God.

These Jews in ancient Israel didn't believe in the Hindu concept of reincarnation, and a lot of them (a big group of

Jews called the Sadducees) didn't even believe that there would ever be a Resurrection Day... or any "resurrection of the dead" that could get human beings a second lifetime in a physical Universe.

Why did all of these ancient Jews so regularly, on a daily basis, burn their animal sacrifices on the altar of that "Temple of Endless Cremations" in Jerusalem—the most important place in all of their nation... a spot that they called merely "The Temple"...?

Well, even though many of the Jews (especially the Sadducees group) didn't believe there could ever be a Resurrection Day or a "resurrection of the dead" for those Jews who were most faithful to their YHWH God... they all believed that Almighty God YHWH would judge the spirit of each person who died on Earth. His judgment would decide the eternal fate of each person in Israel... including even the very best, most faithful Jews that had ever lived.

And they believed also, based on all their Holy Scripture, that a lot of foreigners and even the Jewish people themselves would often end up becoming endlessly trapped in what we might call a "ceaseless life" after death—an afterlife of repetitious suffering. They saw that afterlife as potentially a miserable time of isolation from the Almighty YHWH God. It would be a time of endless agony and despair in a place of eternal punishment that was actually designed by YHWH God.

Hell was conceived by all the Jews to be a horrible and miserable place where the immortal spirits of human beings could be forever "locked up" in a kind of "eternal holding room"... a place where they would be kept forever with Satan and his demons... and be forever kept far away from the glorious Holiness of the Almighty God YHWH.

This place of torment and despair was originally designed by Almighty YHWH to be a location for the endless imprisonment of the undying spirits of Satan and his

demons, a kind of trap that would hold them in one location for all of eternity. But Hell's purpose was expanded after Mankind's Fall into Sin... and so it would also hold the undying spirits of all Satan's human followers, likewise, for all eternity. Both demons (which are really fallen angels that became monstrous in sin) and many human spirits would thus have to be consigned to an eternity in the miserable "holding room" of Hell.

We can think of it as rather like an Eternal Lunatic Asylum for undying spirits of Satan's demons and those Criminally Insane Human Beings who chose (during a temporary human lifetime on Earth) to follow after the evil demons in all of their sinful ways and activities. Hell is a special destination reserved for the spirits of all the rebels who have revolted against the Almighty YHWH God, for all those who have sinned and who have plotted evil against Him.

The faithful Jews of ancient Israel brought an unending parade of animal sacrifices to their own "Temple of Endless Cremations," right there in their capital city of Jerusalem, for a very important reason: They wanted to escape from the prospect of an Eternal Punishment in Hell. They were wise to do so, because as Bible Scripture correctly teaches us, "The fear of the LORD God YHWH is the beginning of Wisdom."

The ancient Jews felt sure that this ceaseless procession of "animal sacrifices" would win them favor with their Almighty God YHWH, so that He would forgive them of all their sins... and allow them to ESCAPE the prospect of an eternity trapped in a very unpleasant afterlife that is called Hell. They didn't want to suffer forever, with an eternal lifetime of endless pain, in an afterlife-world that was actually designed for all the many demons who had rebelled against Almighty YHWH!

The Bible indicates that there are many thousands and perhaps millions of such evil demons in our world... right now, at this very moment.

So you see, the ancient Jews thought they could be released from the horrible prospect of endless suffering by serving the Almighty YHWH with lots and lots of animal sacrifices... and they would ESCAPE from the punishment in the ETERNAL TRAP of Hell.

What most of them didn't realize back then was that their long-awaited Messiah had already come down to Earth from Heaven to rescue them from their sinful lifestyles, from the prospect of death being followed by an eternity in Hell.

Jesus Christ, the Messiah of the Jews, had come down from Heaven to Earth for this very purpose— to rescue them from their sinful ways and from the rituals of that "Temple of Endless Animal Cremations" which they so much revered!

A new kind of "reincarnation" was going on right before their very eyes... yet many of the Jews couldn't quite see the Truth of Jesus, the Divinity of this Holy One Who was the promised Messiah of the Jews and ultimately destined to become their King!

A new kind of "reincarnation" had come to the Universe and to the world of the Jews at that particular moment in their history!

What is the new kind of "reincarnation" that I am talking about now? Well, what a lot of the ancient Jews didn't understand about their Almighty YHWH God is that He is a Triune God, with Three Persons united in ONENESS as the basic foundation of His composition. The three Holy Persons contained in the ONE Almighty God YHWH are: 1) God The Father, 2) God The Son, and 3) God The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Christian Bible teaches us that all human beings are born with an eternal spirit... a spirit that can never die, even when the "animal" body of a human being dies and gets burned up. But when Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem in the tiny body of a human being... something truly miraculous and unique had occurred.

Jesus was born from His human mother (Mary) who was still a virgin at the time of His birth... because there was not a normal case here. This Holy Child was born without any human father, and Mary's husband Joseph was chosen by Almighty YHWH to be, instead, the Guardian and Protector of the Holy Child that had been born on the Earth.

For the first and only time in human history, a child was born who did not have a human father and who did not have a normal human spirit imbedded within His little body. Instead, a miraculous new kind of INCARNATION had occurred.

Almighty God YHWH, the Triune God of Israel, had placed inside the baby Jesus... not a normal human spirit... but an implantation of the spirit of that Divine Person Who is eternally God The Son. For the first and only time in the history of our world, a human being was actually GOD INCARNATE. The Almighty Triune God YHWH had in this Holy Birth created one of His most powerful miracles ever— He had imbedded inside the baby Jesus a major part of Himself... that Divine Person Who is eternally God The Son!

The human body of Jesus is the most marvelous and astounding example of "reincarnation" that the planet Earth has ever seen! Jesus was unique— His Heavenly Father had implanted within the human body of Jesus the actual spirit of God The Son. It was to be Jesus' permanent possession... not just for a day, not just for a week or a month, not for just a few years... but for all of the 33 years that were His entire earthly lifetime in that human body which Almighty YHWH had given to Him.

This is the marvelous "secret" that allowed Jesus to have Divine Knowledge of both Heaven and Earth... becoming the only human being to ever have a real and genuine "enlightenment"... in His total knowledge of both Heaven and Earth. His Divine Wisdom came from the fact that God The Son was imbedded within His human body. Through His

body's ceaseless inter-relationship with the spirit of God The Son, Jesus had regular access to the Omniscient and Universal knowledge of the Almighty Triune God YHWH.

Because Jesus' human body was the incarnation of God The Son, it became possible for Him to live the Only Sinless Life in all of human history... the Only Life of Perfect Obedience to the will of Almighty YHWH... His Heavenly Father.

Because Jesus was really God The Son in a human body, He was able to live a perfectly Holy Life on Earth, always speaking only the Truth when He was among human beings, and then He could still die Sinless on a wooden cross (in obedience to the will of God The Father) when the appointed time came for that. In this way, the Sinless and Holy Person Who is God The Son, part of the Divine Trinity of YHWH, was able to offer Himself as a human sacrifice for the sins of humanity.

In this way, Jesus Christ became the spotless Lamb of God that had been predicted in the Holy Scriptures of the Jews... the last of all the animal sacrifices. The Triune YHWH God of Israel would never again demand any kind of animal sacrifice as a way of hiding human sin from His Eyes. Never again would any Jew or human being need to offer a substitute animal to YHWH God, having it receive the punishment of death that they rightly deserved for themselves... in the fervent hope of covering over the sinful deeds of wicked human beings.

After that, it was never again necessary for any Jew to offer an "animal sacrifice" on the altar of the Temple in Jerusalem... although some of them continued trying to do that very thing. Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, was the only sacrifice that His Heavenly Father wanted or needed.

Jesus, the Holy Lamb of God, is more than enough to save anyone from an eternity in Satan's trap—the eternal Hell that

YHWH God has designed for Satan, for all the demons, and for all the human followers of Satan and his demons.

Jesus, the spotless Lamb of YHWH God, can also offer the world's Hindus a fast means of escape from their Wheel of Endless Suffering... from their own temples of Endless Cremations and their own temples of Animal Sacrifices.

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You gain Eternal Life with YHWH God by placing Jesus Christ, Who in the Trinity of YHWH God created our Universe, upon a throne at the center of your heart! He deserves that position and that kind of respect. He was first God The Son, but when born in human flesh He became the only sinless and righteous person who ever lived. Yet He has sacrificed Himself on a cross for your sake, taking all guilt and sins upon Himself— for you and for me, and for all people everywhere on Earth— that whoever wishes for salvation may be rescued from the due punishment of sins.

If you will do this, you will gain a new contentment and peace as you accept Triune YHWH God's great organizational plan for the Universe . . . because you'll be letting Triune YHWH God be the Ruler of All Things in this world . . . and in your own life.

All it really takes is a simple but sincere little prayer— one that you should make up in your own words. The prayer for deliverance and for the Triune YHWH God's leadership should come from your own heart!

Some important elements that you might include are:

- 1) your desire to turn away from the wrongness or evil of your past life, and your remorse over the sins of your previous life,
- 2) your desire for Triune YHWH God's forgiveness and mercy through the act of sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
- 3) your desire to know Triune YHWH God's leadership in your life,

- 4) your desire to learn more of Triune YHWH God's truth through Bible study,
- 5) your desire to find fellowship with genuine believers.

When you're saved, you'll know Jesus is King of the Universe, and also the Lord and Master of your life. You'll know the three faces of YHWH God Almighty: God The Father, God The Son, and God The Spirit.

His Holy Light will start to be visible in your own face and actions!

Jesus said of the people of God that "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that God has cast into the sea, and it gathers of every kind: When it is full, it will be pulled up on the shore, where they will sit down to sort the catch, and they will collect the good fish in baskets, but the bad things will be thrown away. This is the way it will be at the end of the world: The angels shall come forth, and they will separate the unrighteous persons from among those justified by God . . ."

Excerpt from the book of Matthew, who was a constant companion of Jesus and his devoted disciple [13:47-50]

Jesus spoke of the people of God as being like a seed that is growing secretly, saying, "As for the kingdom of God, it is as if a person should cast seed into the ground; and then he sleeps, and he rises up night and day to see that the seed is springing forth and always growing up, although he knows not exactly how. The Earth is bringing forth fruit from itself; first the blade, then the ears of corn, and after that the fullness of the ears of corn. And when all the fruit of the Earth has come forth, immediately God will use the sickle to reap the fields, because the harvest-time has come."

Excerpt from the book of Mark [4:26-29]

It's extremely important for all of us to remember this:

- 1) **WE SPEAK TO TRIUNE YHWH GOD** by our prayers.
- 2) **TRIUNE YHWH GOD SPEAKS TO US** by the words of His Holy Scripture, in the Word of God written by His Son.

So we must try to read His words and His Book just as often as we possibly can... on a daily basis!!

Almighty YHWH, The Triune God of Israel and all the Earth, wants to bless you through His Only Begotten Son of Man, Jesus Christ— Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel... the soon-coming King of Israel and all the Earth— so let Him reward your search with the grace of His forgiveness and enlightenment!

Triune YHWH God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live. He wants you to be spared from the normal wages of sin and the terrible Day of His Wrath that is yet to come— so let Him reward your lengthy search with the grace of His forgiveness and His enlightenment!

It's better to show good sense now—today— before His Judgment time arrives... so you can't end up regretting your choices for all eternity.

Life and Death have been placed before you. The Word of God says, "All those who hate Me love death." Choose eternal life with Jesus Christ and His Heavenly Father... not an eternal darkness with that evil ruler whom Jesus called "the Prince of

Darkness." As God's Only Begotten Son warned us long ago... the Evil One named Satan is forever a murderer and forever the Father of Liars.

Choose new life in Christ, not the ages-old tyranny of Satan... and you'll at last find the narrow path to Heaven... avoiding the popular Wide Road that leads only to the torments of Hell.

Acknowledge the Wisdom of Triune YHWH God... the Righteousness, Holiness, and Divinity of His Only Begotten Son of Man... and the Heavenly Father will no longer see your own sins and shortcomings. They will all be hidden from His sight by a cleansing in the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Choose to love YHWH God's Way of Life and growth—not the Liar's way of self-destruction!

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The Triune YHWH God is a very patient Farmer and quite a devoted Father...

He operates through God The Son in Jesus Christ, His Only Begotten Son of Man...

as He is continuously harvesting the Earth... as His long-range plan for the Earth's transformation goes ever forward...!