

NON-BINARY GENDER ROLES IN THE SERVICE OF THE DIVINE FEMININE

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Pangender Priestess of the Goddess
“Fire Maiden”
They/Them/Theirs



RAISING PRANA



THROUGH SONG, VERSE, SHARING & GENEROSITY

ELEMENT OF AIR



PRIMORDIAL BREATH SHARED BY ALL SENTIENT BEINGS, THOU ART INVITED INTO
THIS SACRED CIRCLE WITH BOUNDLESS LOVE & COMPASSION...

ELEMENT OF FIRE



PRIMORDIAL SPARK EMPOWERING ALL CREATIVE FORMS, THOU ART INVITED INTO
THIS SACRED CIRCLE WITH BOUNDLESS LOVE & COMPASSION...

ELEMENT OF WATER



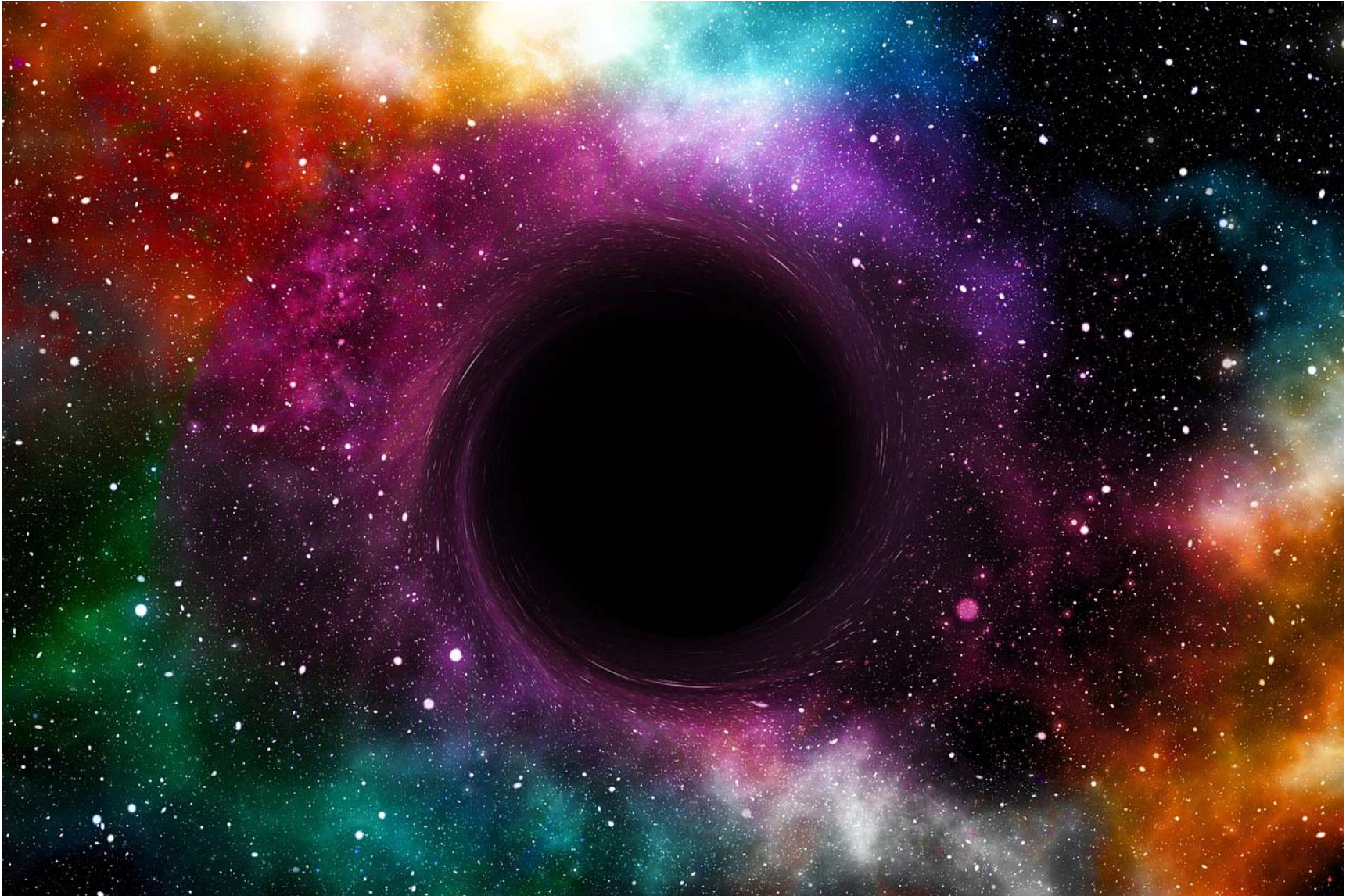
ELEMENT OF WATER, PRIMORDIAL LIFEBLOOD NOURISHING ALL REALMS, THOU ART INVITED INTO THIS SACRED CIRCLE WITH BOUNDLESS LOVE & COMPASSION...

ELEMENT OF EARTH



ELEMENT OF EARTH, PRIMORDIAL FOUNDATION UPON WHICH ALL REST, THOU ART INVITED INTO THIS SACRED CIRCLE WITH BOUNDLESS LOVE & COMPASSION...

ELEMENT OF SPIRIT



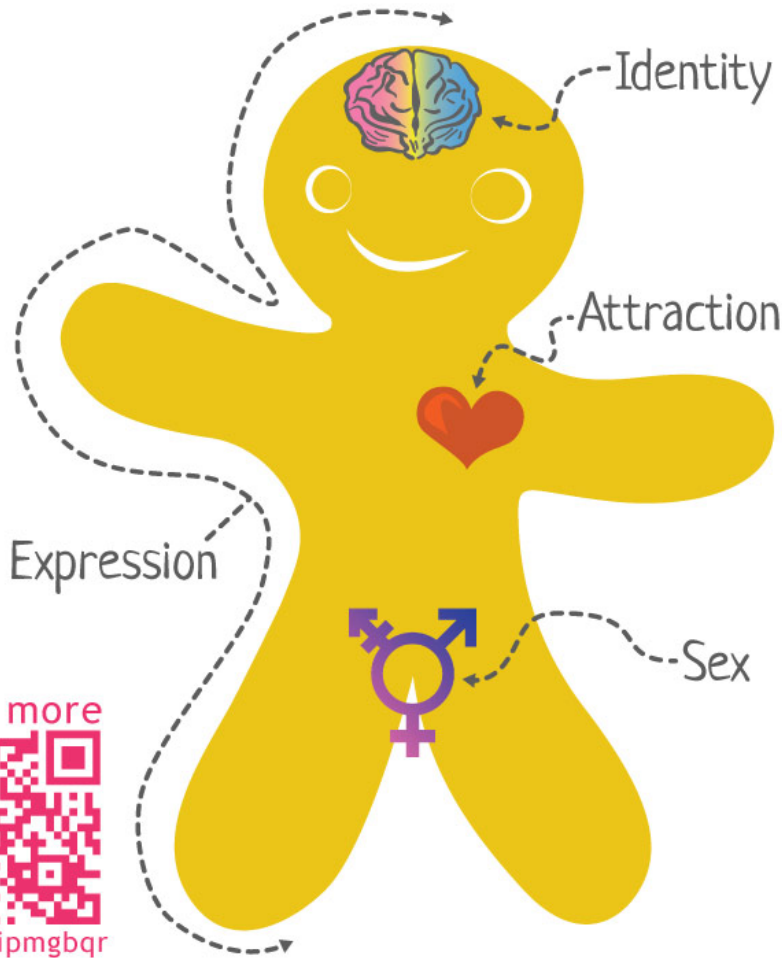
INANNA, FREYJA, BAHUCHARA MA INVOCATIONS...

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A REVIEW OF GENDER IDENTITY BASICS

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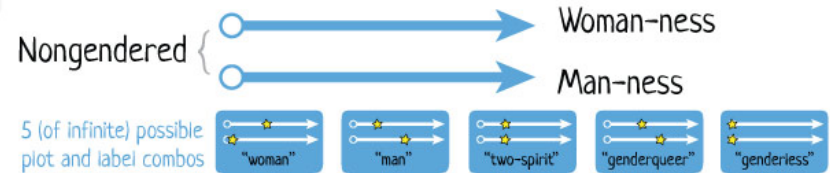
Gender is one of those things everyone thinks they understand, but most people don't. Like *Inception*. Gender isn't binary. It's not either/or. In many cases it's both/and. A bit of this, a dash of that. This tasty little guide is meant to be an appetizer for understanding. It's okay if you're hungry for more.



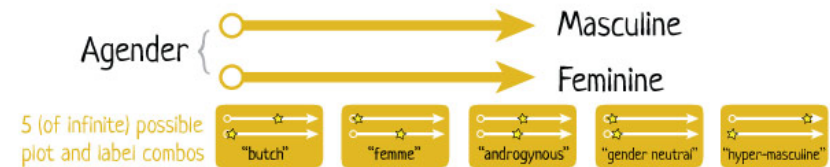
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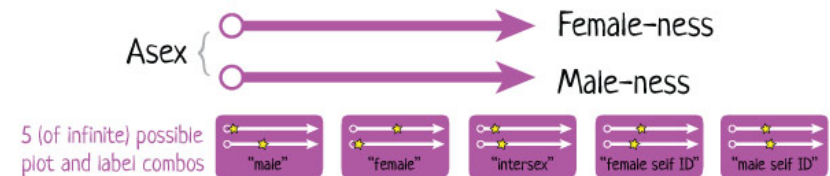
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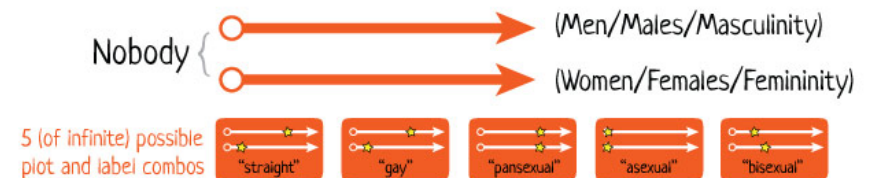
Gender Expression



Biological Sex



Attracted to






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Gender Pronouns

Please note that these are not the only pronouns. There are an infinite number of pronouns as new ones emerge in our language. Always ask someone for their pronouns.

Subjective	Objective	Possessive	Reflexive	Example
She	Her	Hers	Herself	She is speaking. I listened to her. The backpack is hers.
He	Him	His	Himself	He is speaking. I listened to him. The backpack is his.
They	Them	Theirs	Themselves	They are speaking. I listened to them. The backpack is theirs.
Ze	Hir/Zir	Hirs/Zirs	Hirself/ Zirself	Ze is speaking. I listened to hir. The backpack is zirs.

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A PRIMORDIAL ARCHETYPE

THE GODDESS, THE MEDIUM, THE MANIFESTATION

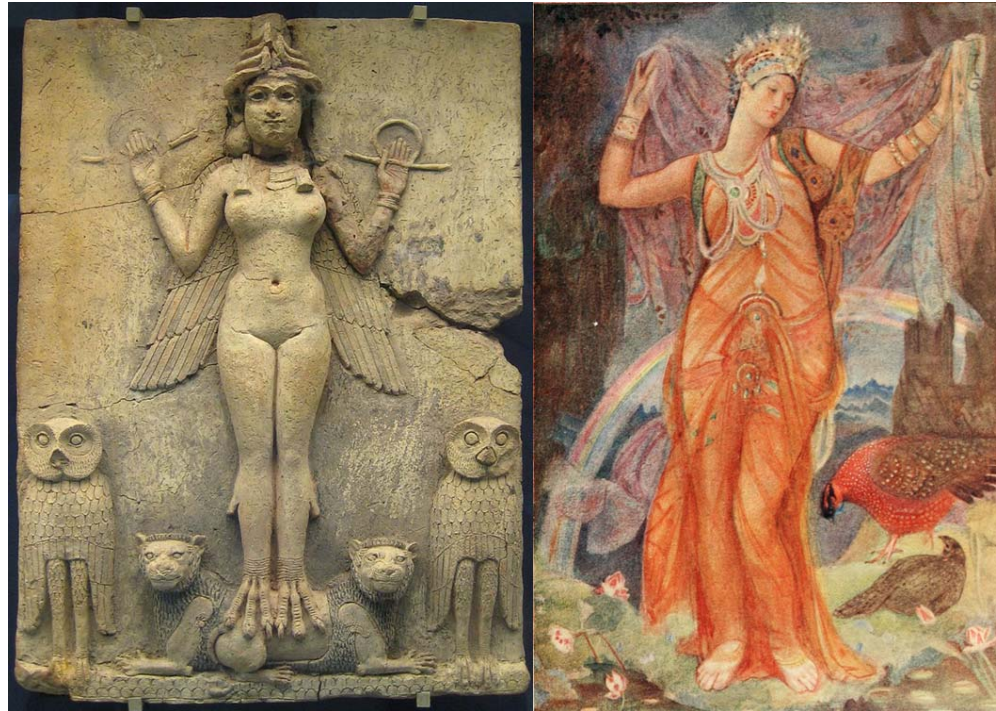
THE GODDESS: A SPECIFIC PRIMORDIAL FEMININE DEITY PRESIDING OVER AND REPRESENTING FERTILITY, PASSION AND OTHER DYNAMIC FORCES OPERATING IN NATURE AND HUMAN SOCIETY. ALSO SERVES AS ESOTERIC ARCHETYPE ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTANDING AND SURVIVING IN THE WORLD.

THE MEDIUM: HUMAN ASSIGNED MALE AT BIRTH, NON-BINARY GENDER IDENTITY, DEVELOPS PRIMARILY FEMININE GENDER EXPRESSION. SPIRITUAL STUDY AND PRACTICE DEFINE PERSONAL INTERESTS AND ROLES IN SOCIETY. WELLBEING DEPENDS UPON EMBODYING VIRTUES OF THE GODDESS.

THE MANIFESTATION: ATTESTATIONS OF THIS GODDESS AND POPULATIONS OF THESE MEDIUMS FOUND IN ALL CULTURES AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY. BOTH OBSTRUCTED AND WISDOM FORMS ARISE. RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN FAMILIES AND BROADER SOCIETY ARE OFTEN STRAINED AND PARADOXICAL.

INANNA

SUMERIAN GODDESS



PRESIDING OVER AND ARCHETYPAL REPRESENTATION OF FERTILITY, LOVE, BEAUTY, SENSUALITY, DEATH AND REBIRTH, WAR AND JUSTICE.

ATTESTATIONS ARE AMONGST THE EARLIEST EXTANT FOLKLORE.

KNOWN FROM HER EPIC MYTH OF DESCENT INTO UNDERWORLD, INVOKING THEMES AND CYCLES OF DEATH AND REBIRTH.

ASUSHUNAMIR

SUMERIAN MEDIUM



NON-BINARY GENDER BEING CREATED AS A COMPANION FOR INANNA.

THEY ASSIST HER JOURNEY THROUGH AND OUT OF THE UNDERWORLD.

PRIMORDIAL ORIGINS, OLDEST EXTANT RECORD OF NON-BINARY GENDER.

MANIFESTATION

INANNA AND ASUSHUNAMIR

HISTORICAL ORIGIN POINT OF WRITTEN ATTESTATIONS ~ 5-6000 YEARS AGO

POINTS TOWARDS A PRIMORDIAL SOURCE EXTENDING MUCH FURTHER BACK

SETS PRECEDENT FOR MANY FUTURE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND FOLKLORE

EARLY OBSERVATION OF POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF
URBANIZATION

IDENTIFIES SOCIETAL ISSUES STILL FACED TODAY BY NON-BINARY GENDERS

STATEMENT OF REFUGE IN THE PRACTICE OF THE GODDESS ARCHETYPES

WORKS WITH AND ULTIMATELY TRANSCENDS CYCLE OF DEATH AND
REBIRTH

FREYJA

NORSE GODDESS



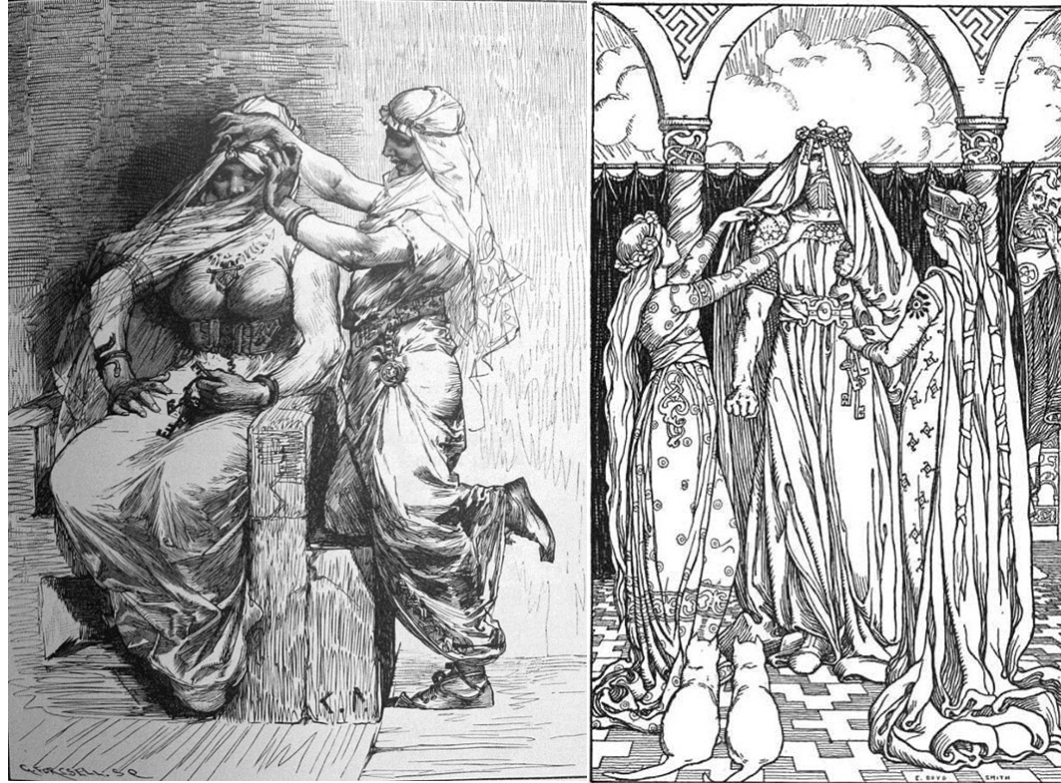
LOVE, FERTILITY, SENSUALITY, BEAUTY, NORSE SPELL-CRAFT *SEIÐR*.

PRESIDES OVER FÓLKVANGR, AN AFTERLIFE AND SPIRITUAL REALM
POPULATED BY HER CHOSEN FALLEN WARRIORS.

SHE AIDS LOKI AND THOR IN GENDER-FLUX JOURNEY *THRYMSKVITHA*.

SEIÐMAÐR

NORSE MEDIUM



TWO ASSIGNED-MALE DEITIES ENGAGING IN GENDER-FLUX PRACTICES TO ACHIEVE TASKS AND GOALS MADE OTHERWISE IMPOSSIBLE: THOR, LOKI...

EMULATED BY NON-BINARY POPULATION: THE SEIÐMAÐR

EMPOWERED TO SURVIVE INHOSPITABLE SOCIETIES AND ENVIRONMENTS.

MANIFESTATION

FREYJA AND SEIDMADR

MAJOR TRANSITION PERIOD IN EUROPEAN HISTORY ~ 800-1100 AD

A RELATIVELY NEAR TERM EXAMPLE OF HISTORIC EUROPEAN PAGAN
CULTURE

MANY SOCIETAL CHALLENGES ALREADY PRESENT BEFORE
CHRISTIANIZATION

PROOF THAT NO CULTURE IS TOO TOUGH FOR NON-BINARY GENDER PEOPLE
EXAMPLES OF GENDER-FLUX = TIME DEPENDENCY IN GENDER EXPRESSION

ATTESTATIONS OF GENDER VARIABILITY IN DEITY AS WELL AS MEDIUM

CASE STUDY IN THE CYCLIC AND NON-LINEAR NATURE OF CULTURAL
EVOLUTION

BAHUCHARA MA

HINDU GODDESS



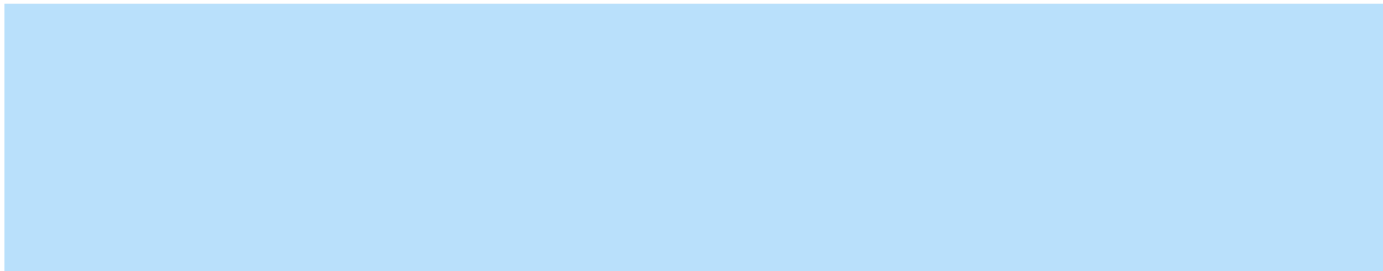
MANIFESTATION OF SHAKTI BRINGING FERTILITY AND AWAKENING OF KUNDALINI, PATRONESS OF THE KINNAR.

AN ENCOUNTER WHILE TRAVELING RESULTS IN THE FIRST KINNAR.

TEMPLE LOCATED IN BECHRAJI, MEHSANA DISTRICT OF GUJARAT.

KINNAR

HINDU MEDIUM



COMMONLY KNOWN AS HIJRA.

NEITHER MALE NOR FEMALE, LEGALLY CONSIDERED A THIRD GENDER.

AMONGST OLDEST EXTANT NON-BINARY GENDER LINEAGES. INTERSECTING POINT OF ANCIENT SPIRITUALITY AND MODERN SOCIO-POLITICAL ACTIVISM.

MANIFESTATION

BAHUCHAR MA AND KINNAR

A CONTINUOUS LIVING TRADITION DATING BACK MORE THAN 4000 YEARS

ROLES OF CONVEYING BLESSINGS ATTESTED TO IN THE MAHABHARATA

BLESSINGS SOUGHT IN TRADITIONAL WEDDINGS AND AROUND CHILD BIRTH

CROSS-CULTURAL SHARING: SIMILAR ROLE FOUND IN MUSLIM
COMMUNITIES

EXAMPLES OF LASTING DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS OF WESTERN COLONIZATION

FACE MANY CHALLENGES CAUSED BY POVERTY AND OVERCROWDING

JUXTAPOSITION OF ANCIENT LINEAGE AND MODERN SOCIETAL TRENDS

PANGENDER PRIESTESSES

A FUSION OF PRIMORDIAL SPIRITUAL AND GENDER IDENTITIES

ORIGIN PREDATES RECORDED HISTORY, CONTINUES TO PRESENT DAY
FOUND IN ALL CULTURES, SOCIETAL STRUCTURES, PHYSICAL
ENVIRONMENTS

SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH FEMININE DEITY ARCHETYPES

ESOTERIC PRACTICES PROVIDE ROLES, MEANING AND PURPOSE TO LIVES

EXPRESSION OF IDENTITY DEVELOPS CUNNING, TOUGHNESS AND RESILIENCE

CHALLENGE STAGNATE AND REPRESSIVE SOCIETAL STRUCTURES AND
TRENDS

ONGOING DIVERSIFICATION OF THE HUMAN BEING AND EXPERIENCE

QUESTIONS?

