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To.
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Subject: **HINDUISM TODAY'S HINDU HISTORY LESSON**

Namasthae Arumugaswami.

I have been aware for some years now of the poor presentation of Hinduism in our public schools. In fact, both parents and children have complained to me about it (**See enclosed examples**).

The Hindu religion is inadequately explained, and in unflattering terms in the elementary and middle school social studies and history books. And in many places, we can notice mutilation of facts about Hinduism and often these are getting quoted for subsequent references. By comparison, western religions such as Judism, Christianity and Islam receive much more accurate, comprehensive and sympathetic treatment.

I congratulate Hinduism Today for addressing this situation with its April, 2007 issue article, "Hinduism from Ancient Times" a 6th grade history lesson in Hinduism. This lesson corrects many of the errors in the current chapters on Hinduism, presents the religion in a sympathetic light and describes the religion in the way Hindus understand and practice it. Of course Hinduism (**Santana Dharma**) is a vast and ancient religion. It can hardly be encompassed completely in 16 pages. Nevertheless, the lesson is a commendable attempt to produce a simple history Of Hinduism that is acceptable to nearly all in our religion.

I recommend it both to supplement the teaching of Hinduism in our public schools (by contacting the state level education boards of each state) and a stand-alone lesson for temple classes. I plan personally to distribute 500 copies to Hindu Temple in Nashville.

Thank You.

Om Namas Shivaya.



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