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Those were the times when India was at the peak of Mughal Rule. The rulers of a large part of India were muslims and guess what, they had banned Cow Slaughter in that Mughal Empire. Nobody dared to kill cows and eat beef in that Muslim Empire.

The Mughal Empire and Cow

Babur, who invaded India all the way from Kabul and established the Mughal Empire in India, despite being an orthodox Muslim had banned Cow Slaughter in his empire. All successive Mughal Emperors – Humayun, Akbar, Shah Jahan, Jehangir, Aurangazeb, and then even Ahmad Shah had banned Cow Slaughter in their kingdoms. Hyder Ali and Tippu Sultan who ruled the Mysore State in the present day Karnataka had made cow slaughter and beef eating a punishable offence and the crime would be punished by cutting off the hands of the person who committed the crime!

Today in India we have over 36000 slaughterhouses!  How did this massive turn around take place?

Cow and The Hindu Civilization

To understand that first we need to get back to the importance of cow in the ancient Hindu civilization of India. Cows are the most sacred animals to the Hindus and this is not without any reason. In fact the very word Cow in English is derived from the [Sanskrit word](http://www.hitxp.com/articles/culture/sanskrit-greek-english-latin-roman-words-derived-pie-proto-indo-european-language/)**[Gau](http://www.hitxp.com/articles/culture/sanskrit-greek-english-latin-roman-words-derived-pie-proto-indo-european-language/)**[for Cow](http://www.hitxp.com/articles/culture/sanskrit-greek-english-latin-roman-words-derived-pie-proto-indo-european-language/).


Hindus believe that all Gods and Goddesses live inside a Cow

One of the most important reasons is that cows have been the backbones of Indian families and the Indian agricultural system ever since the dawn of this ancient Hindu civilization. Apart from the extensively used Cow’s milk which the ancient Indians used to collect only after the calf has had its share, the most important use of Cows was in Agriculture. Without Cow the Indian agriculture in those days was as good as gone, and this was one of the prime reasons why Hindus being nature worshippers also worshipped Cow.

Cows had their own shelters called Gaushalas (large places where the cows lived) which were many a times larger than the homes where people lived. There used to be people exclusively to look after the well being of the cows here and many a times they used to be the cow owners themselves who used to clean the Gaushalas everyday, feed the cows, take care of their health and so on . Every single festival of harvest had cow worship, house warming ceremonies had the ritual of taking the cow inside the house first and then pray to it to make the house prosper and flood with food grains, milk and butter.


Cows being fed at a Gaushala

Note that those were the days when food was grown in a healthy natural process. There was no industrial revolution, no artificial fertilizers, no chemical pesticides and insecticides. The entire Indian agriculture was based on the nature’s best fertilizer – Cow dung, and one of the nature’s best pesticide – Cow’s urine (along with the neem based solutions) were used extensively in the agriculture. Buttermilk again which is a derivative of Cow’s milk was used as an effective fungicide and weedicide.

And not without any reason, the Indian agriculture in those days was extremely productive thanks to the cow products. Farmers were happy, crops came on time, yield was high, prices were low for food crops, kingdoms even used to export their agricultural output, granaries were always filled, milk was abundantly available and so were its derivatives like Butter, Ghee etc which formed an important part of the Indian diet. Every religious institution, big farms, farmers, diary owners all had thousands of cows – the cows which had made the Indian economy rich and healthy.



Even today in African deserts were growing food is difficult and whatever grows must give a rich yield for people to have adequate food, fermented cow’s urine is used as a natural pesticide. Compare this with farmers today who spend thousands and thousands of rupees on artificial fertilizers and chemical pesticides, which not only make the food unhealthy, but also make the soil unproductive over time.

Cow slaughter and slaughterhouses are banned even today in Nepal. In India, very few are aware of the fact that Article 48 of the Indian Constitution (Directive Principles of State Policy) says clearly that the government must protect the cow, its progeny and other cattle used in agriculture, not just because the cows are sacred to Hindus but because Cows have been the backbone of Agriculture and milk production in this country ever since the dawn of civilization. To millions of poor families in India, even today Cow’s milk is the only source of nutrient to their kids and babies.

In India states like Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka etc have already banned Cow slaughter (Karnataka being a very recent addition). Cuba banned cow slaughter after its people virtually ate up all the cattle leading to a scarcity of diary products. Even Iran has banned Cow slaughter and note that it was at the request of a non-muslim –[Seth Merwanji Framji Panday that Iran – a muslim dominated nation banned cow slaughter.](http://www.fravahr.org/spip.php?article61) Now compare this with India today where our politicians are prepared to sell anything in return for votes.

British Rule and Slaughterhouses

Both Mahathma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru had declared before Independence that they would ban Cow slaughter in India after Independence. Obviously they didnt impose it. Why? Thanks to Robert Clive who had converted the Indian muslims (who never ate beef till the end of Mughal era) into believing that beef eating was their religious right. Cow slaughter had become a vote bank issue. How? Read below.

Robert Clive – the so called Founder of the British Empire in India who was twice the Governor of Bengal too – on entering India was astonished and amazed to see the success of the agricultural system here. He went on researching the reasons for the success of the Indian agriculture and discovered the root – The Holy Indian Cow. The entire hindu life style revolved around this animal, not just religiously, but socially. Cow was an integral part of a Hindu family as was any other human member in the family. He even found that in many places the total number of cattle was more than the number of humans living there.

OK, so he decided, to break the backbone of agriculture in India – the holy cows have to be targeted. And thus was opened the first slaughterhouse of cows in India in 1760 by Robert Clive at Kolkata. It had a capacity to kill 30,000 cows per day. And anyone can guess within a year’s time how many cows would have been killed. And within a century India had very little cattle left to sustain its agricultural needs. And Britain as an alternative started offering artificial manure, and in this manner urea, phosphate etc started getting imported from England. Indian agriculture had started becoming dependent on west invented artificial products and was forced to give up home grown natural practices.

Guess what, till 1760 most of India had banned not only cow slaughter, but also prostitution and drinking wine was banned as well. Robert Clive made all three legal and removed the ban.

Now the British had hit two birds with a single stone by this move. The first was to break the backbone of the Indian agriculture ie making cattle not available for agriculture. And the second?

Well, obviously Hindus did not work as butchers at the slaughter houses opened by the British. And of course the British were well known for their divide and rule policies which they practiced throughout their colonial kingdoms then. So what did they do? Well, they hired muslims as butchers and this was done in almost every slaughterhouse they opened. And this slowly pushed the muslims into believing that beef eating was their religious right.

What the Mughal empire had banned had been turned into a practice by the British empire. What Babur and Akbar termed as a crime was converted into a norm by Robert Clive. And today the soil of India is filled with artificial fertilizers and pesticides while the holy Cow cries in the slaughterhouses. While there were over 70 breeds of cows in the country at the time of independence, today we have only 33 and even among them many breeds are facing extinction.

Guess what happened to the man who started all this? Robert Clive became a opium addict and later committed suicide by stabbing himself with a pen knife after being unable to withstand the pain caused by the illness that had resulted from opium addiction.

**Beef eating and Islam**

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The centre of the killing is a village called Bhagvantapur in Faridpur but no policeman dares enter it because the last one who did so was beaten and hospitalized. According to Hussain there is not a single sura( chapter) in the holy Koran that allows any killing of cows or bulls. On the other hand there are instructions on what human being should eat . While instructing Adam, 'Allah had said ' While your wife and you lived in the paradise, I had given you fruits to eat. And now, wherever you liveI will provide fruits for you.'(2.35) There are four verses which specify fruits for man and promise him fruits in paradise. The famous Iranian Islamic philosopher and scholar Alghazali ( 1058-1111 A.D) who established the Islamic Academy of Baghdad says in his book *Ahya ul Deen* ( Revival of Religious Science) : 'The meat from cows beef is an illness(marz), its milk is pure ( safa) which means good for health and its ghee is a medicine. The cow is like a mother to all mankind . Everything it gives us is like a blessing to all human beings .Just as a mother breast feeds her baby, the cow gives her milk to the entire humanity. It has been scientifically proved that cow milk is good for the brain and increases memory power. A person who is strong in mind will always remember Allah.Therefore cow milk is a basic need for the development of mankind . It is a grave sin to kill such a useful animal that is like a mother herself. For Non Vegeterians there are other options in the meat .But for the humanity's sake , they should sacrifice the very idea of cow slaughter.It is not only the moral duty of mankind to protect the cow, but it is the religion of humanity itself to do so.' The Imam of the London-based mosque Shahjahan, Al Hafiz B S Masri says, the Koran is totally against cruelty to the cow.In many places in the holy Koran is clearly stated that kindness be shown towards animals and all living organisms in the world. In this book ' Protection of Animals in the Islamic world '', Al Hafiz Masri writes, it is a matter of shame for the manner in which Muslims the world over ,slaughter animals in the name of religion. The holy Koran says, -' You are answerable for the smallest harm you cause to a tiny bird.One who is kind to the smallest living being ,Allah shall ultimately return him the benefit in equal measure in this world and even beyond it .''Those Muslim invaders , who came to India and stayed on to make it their home and rule over it ,understood that the people of India had a special veneration for the cow .Hence as a mark of respect towards their feelings, the rulers prohibited the slaughter of cows. Babar in ' Tuzuk-e- Babari' while making a will in favour of his son Humayun , says that the people of India are very religious minded. You should respect their sentiments. They are extremely compassionate towards the cow. Hence do not allow the cow to be sacrificed or killed anywhere in the limits of the Mughal Empire. The day any Mughal emperor ignores this will, the common people or the citizenry shall reject him. ' Aurangzeb refuted the will and it did not take long for his downfall.In India, there have been many 'fatwas' which came up in the Daar-ul-fatwa of Deoband , Barelvi, Phuleri Shareef, Lucknow and Hyderabad in the matter of cow slaughter. There has always been a common thread amongst all the 'fatwas'; they were not in favour of cow slaughter. Because India attaches a lot of religious , social and scientific importance to the cow family ,its population comes into direct confrontation with those who destroy the cow on the basis of their religion fervour and fundamentalism. The government of India is more culpable than the Muslims in the matter of protection of the cow because its lame laws and appeasement of its vote bank stand as the biggest obstacle in its path. In 1857, Delhi remained independent for just four months. The brave sons of India dethroned the British Government and proclaimed the Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar as the king of Delhi. It seemed to be end of British rule in India. Unfortunately it was not.During this time, Bahadur Shah Zafar's efforts at Hindu-Muslim unity were immortalized in history.The proclamation of the Mughal Emperor in honour of the cow became an important document in history.The royal decree of 28 July 1857 banning cow slaughter reads as follows : ' Creation of the Lord ( Khalk Khuda Ka ), in the empire of the emperor , by the order of the supreme commander of the armed forces, whosoever slaughters or sacrifices a cow or a bull ,or a calf openly or surreptitiously in his house in this festive season of Bakra Idd, shall be considered an enemy of the emperor himself and will be punished by death' Not only within the Mughal Empire but in every Muslim kingdom and principality, were orders decreed regarding the cow. Contemporary kings and nawabs continued to make royal decrees in this regard and whenever necessary even issued 'fatwas' .Islam prohibits that act which hurts your neighbour's feelings, and that food item which when consumed creates ill-feeling in those who surround you .Hence it is a common sentiment that to preserve communal brotherhood or fraternity India must legally ban cowslaughter. Islamic scholars of different school of thought have until now issued 117 'fatwas' appealing to Muslims not to slaughter cows. Jamiat-ul-ulema president late Asad Madani had issued a statement requesting the Muslims not to kill cows on Bakra-Idd. Muslims have set up Goshalas ( cow-shelters) in many places .Sufi saints have nurtured cows. In Nagpur one such Muslim saint and his wife used to run a goshala.Tajjuddin Baba was famous for his devotion to cows. Urdu poets have written poems in the praise of cows. If Raskhan is famous in Hindi for this, then the late poet Mohammad Ismail of Meerut is equally well-known in Urdu. His poetry is recited by students in Urdu schools and they sing in praise of the cow. Please stop this illegal killing in Bareilly , Aonla and Badaun voluntarily .

**The Srimad Bhagavad-Gita
and the Sacredness of All Cows**

**by Jagannath Das**

**Lord Krishna states in Srimad Bhagavad-Gita: chapter 10, verse 28**

***dhenunam asmi kamadhuk***

***dhenunam-*among cows*, asmi-*I am*, kamadhuk-*the wish fulfilling cow**

**Among cows I am the wish fulfilling cow.**

**In this verse Lord Krishna reveals that among cows He is manifested as the *kamadhuk*meaning kamadhenu the original wish fulfilling cows known as the *surabhi cows*. Just who and what are the *surabhi cows* and how the *surabhi cows* attained such an elevated and exalted position that they are able to represent a portion of the energy of the supreme Lord Krishna will be revealed in the following information given in the *Anusasana Parva of the Mahabharata by Krishna Dvaipayana Vyasa.***

**The *surabhi cow* descended from the spiritual worlds and manifested herself in the heavenly spheres from the aroma of celestial nectar for the benefit of all created beings. The direct descendants of the *surabhi cows*are the sacred cows from the continent India which are uniquely distinguished the same as the *surabhi*by the beautiful hump on their backs and the wonderfully soft folds of skin under their necks. Since all cows in existence in the world today are factual descendants of the sacred cows of India they are all holy as well and should always be lovingly cared for and protected with the highest esteem and greatest respect. One should never cause harm to cows in any way even in a dream and one should never ever even think of eating the flesh of cows as there is no action more sinful in all of creation then cow killing.**

**Cows are the mothers of all creatures. Cows are verily the mothers of the 33 crores of demigods that administrate creation in the material existence throughout all the universes. Cows are the goddesses of the gods and the refuge of all auspiciousness. Cows bestow every kind of happiness and for these reason they always are worshippable. Cows are the support of all the worlds for by their milk they nourish terrestrials beings and by their ghee offered in sacrifice they nourish the denziens of the celestial realms. Nothing superior to cows.**

**A cow should not be owned by one who is a killer of cows or a seller to killers of cows, by one who is unrighteous, by one who is sinful, by one who is untruthful in speech, and by one who is outside of the Vedic culture nor should cows ever be given to one such as these. Gifts of cows should be made after ascertaining and determining the qualification of the receiver. Cows should never be given unto those whose residence they are likely to suffer from fire or sun. Cows should always be given away accompanied by their calves. Those cows who have been rescued from situations of distress or have been received from humble farmers unable to continue to take care of them properly are considered to be most auspicious.**

# One should never show disrepect for cows in any way nor should one feel any repugnance towards the urine and dung of a cow because these things are also pure. When cows are grazing or laying down relaxing one should never disturb or annoy them in any way. Cows should never be killed in any type of sacrifice or slaughtered in any way for food as the killing of cows constitutes the most heinous of all sins in existence.

**Cows are the foremost of all creatures in all the worlds. It is from cows that the means for sustaining the worlds has established. Cows are auspicious and sacred and the bequeathers of every blessing. Cows benefit humans with milk, yoghurt, cheese, butter and ghee. The Vedas have stated that the milk of a cow is equivalent to ambrosial nectar and that ghee derived from cows milk is the best of all libations poured onto the sacred fires of brahmins.**

**Cows of various kinds and diverse colors are always worshippable. They are the foremost of all creatures existing in all of creation. Morning and evening one should bow ones head in reverence to cows. One should never show any disregard to cows in any way but should always show them respect. When one awakes in the morning one should always remember cows. Before falling to sleep at night one should always remember cows. Cows are always auspicious. Cows are also fragrant. The wonderful scent of the *amytis agallochum*emantes from out of their sacred bodies.**

**Cows are the great refuge of all creatures. Cows constitute the greatest source of blessings for all creatures. Cows are the past. Cows are the future. Cows are the source of evolution and eternal growth. Cows are the root of prosperity. Whatever is given to cows always produces good fortune and is never in vain. It is solely and exclusively from the ghee of cows that the sacred rituals prescribed and authorised in the Vedas are empowered and able to be performed. Without the presence of cows ghee there is no possibiity of performing sacred rituals that will gratify the 33 million demigods who are responsible for universal management. Neither will the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna be pleased and satisfied. Ghee comes exclusively only from cows from whom flow offerings of milk and milk products. Thus cows verily establish the purity of all sacred rituals and constitute the very essence of performing all sacred activities being the very source of sacred activities.**

**Cows represent sacred acts themselves and without cows there can be no performance of any sacred act. This is the pure, sublime and supremely exalted position and pre-eminence of cows above all creatures in all the worlds. One who knows the pre-eminence of cows and the selfless service cows render to all creatures and does not protect them affectionately is a sinner and offender and their destination is certainly hell. Cows are equal to the rays of the sun that travel through the universe giving light, warmth and nourishment.**

**In previous yugas the Vedic injunction was given *jiyaite pare yadi tabe mare prani veda-purane ache hena ajna vane*that means in the Vedic scriptures known as Puranas there are injunctions declaring that one can take the life of a living being only if they are able to revive it back to life again by chanting Vedic mantras. But we find that this injunction has been terminated in todays age of kali yuga by the *Brahma-Vaivarta Purana*where it is stated that in the present age of *kali yuga*it is forbidden to kill cows under any circumstances.**

**Cows are equivalent to our mothers for when the mothers milk has dried up the cow gives her milk unselfishly to noursih and strengthen us. How can one who has ever drunk cows milk justify the killing and eating of such a mother as the sacred cow. One should never even in one's mind do injury to a cow or ever think of harming cows as well as bulls. One should show all respect and compassion for cows and sincere reverence should be offered unto them all without reservation.**

Those who fail to give cows reverence and protection and choose to foolishly oppose and whimsically ignore the injunctions of the Vedic scriptures by selling a cow for slaughter, by killing a cow, by eating cows flesh and by permittings the slaughter of cows will all rot in the darkest regions of hell for as many thousands of years as there are hairs on the body of each cow slain. There is no atonement for the killing of a cow.

### In Sri Caitanya Caritamrita adi lila, chapter 17 verse 166 Caitanya Mahaprabhu confirms:

***go-ange yata loma tata sahasra vatsara***

***go-vadhi raurava-madhye pace nirantar***

*Cow killers and cow eaters are condemned to rot in hell for as many thousands of years as there are for each hair on the body of every cow they eat from.*

**In comparison to the contrary, sanctified living beings with purified souls that make gifts of cows to worthy twice born in the three higher ashrams established in the Vedas attain celestial realms for as many years as there are hairs upon the body of the cows given away in charity. There is no gift higher in merit than the gift of cows to a Vaisnava or duly initiated brahmana of the Vedic culture in one of the four authorised sampradayas.**

**Cows constitute the highest good. Cows are the root of great blessing for all living beings.. Cows are the source of eternal growth. Cows are the past and the furure. Evolution itself depends upon cows. The mantras used for Vedic rituals such as *Swaha*and*Vashat*without which no Vedic rites are complete are eternally establishe d in cows. Cows verily are the fruit of all Vedic rituals because all Vedic rituals are dependent upon the ghee from cows for the performance of sacred rituals which benefit all of creation. Thus the protection of cows is the greatest dharma or eternal duty for all living beings.**

**There is no wealth that is equal to cows. To talk about cows, to hear others speak about cows, to offer gifts of cows to worthy people and to see cows are all auspicious activities. There is never any inauspiciousness in cows. On Earth cows represent high energy and are endued with the elements of strength and energetic exertion. There are also elements of great wisdom in cows and they are bestowers of great happiness upon all creatures. The country or nation where cows are protected and live without fear of slaughter becomes exalted and the sins of that country are evaporated. Cows constitute the stairs that lead to heaven. Cows are adored in heaven. Cows are goddesses competent to grant every righteous wish and desire. Verily there is nothing in the worlds more elevated or superior to cows.**

**Cows are superior to all yogis and ascetics and because of this liberated divine being perform their austerities in the company and presence of cows. Cows do not feel cold or heat nor can rain afflict. Cows are never to be sacrificed they are to be given as gifts to worthy brahmanas. The ruler who gives gifts of cows to the foremost of brahmanas is sure to overcome every calamity he encounters. It is ordained in the eternal Vedas that ghee from the cow is the best of all ingredients offered as libations into the sacrificial fire. For this reason one who makes a gift of a cow to worthy brahmanas who will then use the ghee from this cow to perform Vedic ceremonies, that fortunate gifter is regarded as making a gift of a libation for sacrifice. A bovine bull is considered to be the embodiment of heaven. One who offers a bovine bull to an accomplished brahmana has factually reserved themselves a place in heaven. Cows that have been rescued and protected and cared for in distress give even more merit as well as cows received from persons in distress due to an inability to properly take care of their cows.**

**A cow must never be given to a tiller of soil. Only a bovine bull may be given to a tiller of soil but never a cow. Neither a cow or a bull should ever be given unto one who will kill them. Nor should a cow or a bull be given unto an atheist or one who makes a business selling or trading cows. The Vedas have stated that one who gives away cows or bulls to such sinful persons suffers interminably in a hellish condition.**

**There is no gift that is higher in merit than the gift of cows. A cow lawfully acquired if given away in charity protects the whole dynasty of the giver. Cows are the source of that immortality which Vedic sacrifices prescribe. They have within them the nature of both the sun and the moon. Cows verily constitute and determine the eternal destiny of creation.**

**Cows are the life breath of all living creatures therefore one who makes a gift of a cow is said to be making a gift of life breath to all living creatures. Cows are also constituted as the great refuge of all living creatures thus one who makes a gift of a cow is said to be making a gift of that which is the great refuge of all living creatures.**

**When the *surabhi cows* first manifested from the aroma of ambrosial nectar they performed severe penance for 100,000 years for the purpose of acquiring the spiritual merit to be the foremost of all things needed for the performance of Vedic rituals and ceremonies; thus only from cow milk exclusively is sanctified ghee produced for the performance of Vedic rituals. Whatever is produced from any and all other types of milk is not authorised by Vedic scriptures and thus not being sanctioned by the Vedas can never be used in any Vedic rituals or ceremonies.**

**At the conclusion of the *surabhi cows*austerities Brahma himself appeared before them and granted their wishes blessing them with the benediction that cows would eternally be the sustainers of all creatures. This is why cows are sacred and most holy and the foremost of all creatures in creation and verily the refuge of all the worlds.**

The cow is extremely important regarding the destiny of the total human species in all the worlds and creation itself that her value is impossible to overestimate. The name for cow in the Vedas is known as *aghyna* which means invioable. Another name is *ahi*which means not to be killed and another is *aditi*which means never to be cut into pieces.

Some scholars and indologists in India as well as from western countries without having ever experienced the Vedic culture as a way of life have speculated that cows and other animals were sacrificed in Vedic ceremonies. They take unorthodox interpretations of obscure verses in the Vedas, out of context to postulate this point of view. Two examples of this we are giving as follows.

First in the Satapatha Brahmana, 3.1.2.21 there is a gross interpolation from western scholars echoed by indolologists around the world that the great sage Yajnavalkya would eat the tender meat of cows and bulls. The word *dhenu* which they translated as cow factually refers to the milk products of the cow only and not the cow herself and the sanskrit word *anaduh* factually refers to the grains produced by the bull from ploughing the fields. What exactly Yajnavalkya has stated in this verse is that he can eat what is *amsala.* The interpolators, some being ignorant and some not so ignorant of the rules of Panini have translated *amsala*as being tender flesh. Panini is the authority on all matters concerning the rules of Sanskrit grammar and according to sutra 5.2.8 of Panini the word *amsala* can only mean nourishing and strength bestowing. Also in the Amarakosa 2.6.44 it states that *amsala* is *mamsala* which never applies to flesh tender or otherwise. *Mamsala*specifically aplies to cream and sweets made from milk products as well as fresh and dried fruits. So there is no basis according to sastra for translating *amsala* as flesh.

Secondly some scholars with an extremely limited fund of knowledge want to postulate that meat was an essential ingreient of *madhuparka*because of one verse in the Rig Veda VI.44.21 which equates Indra as having the strength of a bull and also mentions the sweet drink *madhupeya.*So they then interpolated the translation to say that bull meat was a part of *madhuparka.*In this way due to their academic status they are able to mislead the public. The root word *madhu* means sweet and is sometimes even referred to honey. In the Monier-Williams Sanskrit-English Dictionary page 780 the meaning of *madhuparka*is offerrings of honey and milk also sometimes containing equal parts of curds and ghee to a respected guest. No where in the Vedas can be found any reference to meat being an ingredient of*madhuparka*.

So other examples like the previous two interpolators have found useful for their obscure translations; but the clear, direct, unequivocal statements found throughout the Vedas against cow killing they ignore. We will give a few relevant examples now.

In the Rig Veda X.87.16 we find: One who partakes of human flesh, the flesh of a horse or of another animal and deprives others from milk by slaughtering cows ; if such a fiend does not desist then even cut off their heads by your powers Oh king.

In the Atharva Veda VIII.6.23 we find: Those who eat cooked or uncooked flesh, who eat eggs and embryos are following an evil addiction that must be put to an end

In the Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 11, chapter 5, verse 14 we find: Those who are ignorant of the absolute truth and believe they are virtuous although wicked and arrogant who kill animals without any feeling of remorse or fear of punishment are devoured by those very same animals in their next birth.

In the Mahabharata, Anusasana-parva, 115.43 -116.45 we find: That wretch among men who pretending to follow the path of righteousness prescribed in the Vedas, would kill living creatures from greed of flesh would certainly go to hellish regions.

In the Manu-samhita, chapter 4, verse 162 we find: A guru, a teacher, a father, a mother, a brahmana, a cow and a yogi all should never be killed.

Even in the Old Testament of the Bible which applies to both Christians and Jews in Issaih, chapter 66 verse 3 we find: He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man. He that sacrifices a lamb is as if he slit a dogs neck, he that offereth it as an oblation is as if he offered swines blood, he that burneth it as incense as if he blessed an idol. Yea they have chosen their way and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

In the Mahabharata, Anusasana-parva, 114.6, 115.6 it states: As the footprints of all moving, living beings are engulfed in those of the elephant, even thus all religions are to be understood by *ahimsa* which is non-violence to any living being by thought, words or actions.

So from these examples it can be clearly understood that cow killing and cow eating were definitely not sanctioned by the Vedic scriptures to the contrary they were condemned; and also according to the authority of the Bible cow killing is not sanctioned in the Christian religion either.

**Just recently in the year 2000 the publication Scientific America reported a complete Cow Human Genome comparison had been completed. Among the 768 genes on the cattle RH map, 687 genes or 89.5% had putative human orthologs. Among the 687 mapped genes, 548 genes had human GB4 RH mapping information. 22 were mapped exclusively on the G3 panel and 68 had human cytogenetic assignments exclusively.**

**All cow chromosomes with the possible exception of BTA9 and BTA23 have centromere repositioning relative to human chromosomes. Four cattle chromsomes show complete conservation of syntegy with their human homologs. The four are: BTA12 and HSA13, BTA19 and HSA17, BTA24 and HSA18, BTAX and HSAX . For all of these chromosomes multiple rearrangements were observed. BTA3 was the only cow chromosome that showed no internal rearrangments when compared with the homologous segment on HSA1. Fifteen cattle chromosomes are seen to be comprised of genes found on only one human chromosome.**

Cow milk is the most compatible with human mothers milk then any other species in existence. This is because the DNA of the cow was specifically constructeds to be harmonious with mammalian human DNA. So it can be clearly understood that cow DNA was designed so humans could benefit from cows products being milk, cheese, butter, cream and yoghurt.

We will end our treatise now as we do not want this discourse to be to voluminous.

This knowledge is highly esoteric and confidential and incomprehensible to those outside the purview of the Vedic culture. It can only be known by that segment of society that is spiritually developed enough to completely abstain from all animal killing and flesh eating while understanding that the soul is eternal and exists in all living beings.

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## [www.bhagavad-gita.org/Articles/holy-cow.html](http://www.bhagavad-gita.org/Articles/holy-cow.html)Cow Slaughtering

**Dark Chapter of Cow Slaughter**

* **1760 :** Robert Clive established in Calcutta the first abattoir of the country.
* **1861 :** Queen Victoria wrote to Viceroy of India prompting to hurt the Indian sentiments towards cows.
* **1947 :** At the time of independence, India had a little more than 300 abattoirs. Today there are more than 35,000 approved ones. There are thousands of unapproved slaughter houses.
* The cow-breeds have fallen from 70 to 33. Even among the remaining breeds, some are at the verge of extinction.
* Cow population has reduced by 80% after independence.
* **1993-94 :** India exported 1,01,668 ton beef, with a target of 2,00,000 tons for 1994-95.
* We slaughter cow for its hide to make vanity bags and belts, bone-meal for tooth paste, blood for vitamin tablets and intestines (especially of calves) for making gold and silver wafers to stick on sweets.
* It is believed that series of earthquakes like the ones at Lathur in 1993 and in Bihar in 1994 are caused because of cow-slaughter.



Human-Cattle Population Ratio



## Religious Status

### [Hindu](http://eng.gougram.org/religious-status/hindu/)

Hindu Religion
Even the gods pray to the cow. She contains the divinity of all the Gods. A pious day starts with her worship. She has prominence in various religious festivals. Sankranti and Deepavali are specially cow related festivals. Cow products are essential in different religious rituals. Thus, cow is integral part of our life.
Cow in [...]



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### [Jainism](http://eng.gougram.org/religious-status/jain/)

Cow protection in Jainism

Jain religion’s mainstay is non-violence. Hence, they do not harm cow or any other animal or bird.
When Jainism flourished, they were active in cow protection. They built huge cowsheds and made cow rearing part of their lifestyle. Cruelty against cows, starving them, overloading, mutilating their body were all prohibited by [...]



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### [Abode All Gods](http://eng.gougram.org/religious-status/abode-all-gods/)

Cow, the abode of all the Gods
Every atom in cow’s body is abode of the 33 crore Gods. All the 14 mythical worlds exist in the limbs of cow.

Brahma and Vishnu on the root of two horns
All the sacred reservoirs and Vedavyasa on the tips of the horns
Lord Shankara on the centre [...]



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### [Budhism](http://eng.gougram.org/religious-status/bouddha/)

Cow protection in Budhism

Gautama Budha preached about the utility and importance of cows. He advocated against cow slaughter and gave great importance to cow rearing.

यथा माता सिता भ्राता अज्ञे वापि च ज्ञातका ।

गावो मे परमा मित्ता यातु जजायंति औषधा ॥
अन्नदा बलदा चेता वण्णदा सुखदा तथा ।
एतवत्थवसं ज्ञत्वा नास्सुगावो हनिं सुते ॥
Like parents, [...]



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### [Sikhism](http://eng.gougram.org/religious-status/sikh/)

Cow protection in Sikhism

Guru Govind Singh, the 10th Guru, told Pandit Prithwiraj that Khalsa sect was established to care for the economy, right behaviour, cows, Brahmins, and protection of the down-trodden.
Guru Govind Singh’s first Guru was against killing of any animal – not only cows.
In 1871, under the leadership of Guru [...]



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### [Yahudi](http://eng.gougram.org/?page_id=81)



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### [Parsi](http://eng.gougram.org/?page_id=82)



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### [Islam](http://eng.gougram.org/?page_id=83)



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### [Christian](http://eng.gougram.org/?page_id=84)



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### [Other Religions](http://eng.gougram.org/religious-status/other-religions/)

Concern for cow in other religions

Bible has praised ox as God.
Jews respected cow and were excellent cowherds.
Among the four legged animals, cow is the supreme; treat it with respect – Hajarat Mohammed.
Cow’s milk and butter are great medicines. Its meat is a cause for diseases. – Hajarat Ayesha and Ullas [...]



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## Scientific

### [Research](http://eng.gougram.org/cow-urine-medicine/research/)

Cow related Researches

1. Cows Urine as an Antimicrobial Agent :
Kumari Namrata Y. Mahurker
Dessertation for MSc Microbiology 2006, Shri Shivaji Education Society / Amravti’s Science College, Nagpur
- Gram Negative, Gram Positive bacteria, Fungi were significantly inhibited by concentrated cows urine.
Some of the constituents of urine which is related for microbicidal properties
Halogenated Phenol                -     Antifungal.
2 Phenyl [...]



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### [Patent](http://eng.gougram.org/cow-urine-medicine/patent/)

Patents in relation to Cows
1. May 24.2005 – 6896907 :
Use of bioactive factor from cow urine distillate as bioenhancer of antiinfective, anticancer agents. Khanuja et al. CSIR.
2. June 25,200 – 6410059 :
Pharmaceutical composition containing cow urine distillate and an Antibiotics. Khanuja et al. CSIR.

3. Nov.13-2003 – 0211119 AI – 2003 :
Chandrashekhar Nautiyal et.al
Synergistic [...]



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