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Introduction to
Sarasvatī River Valley Civilization

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Vedic River Sarasvati and Hindu civilization



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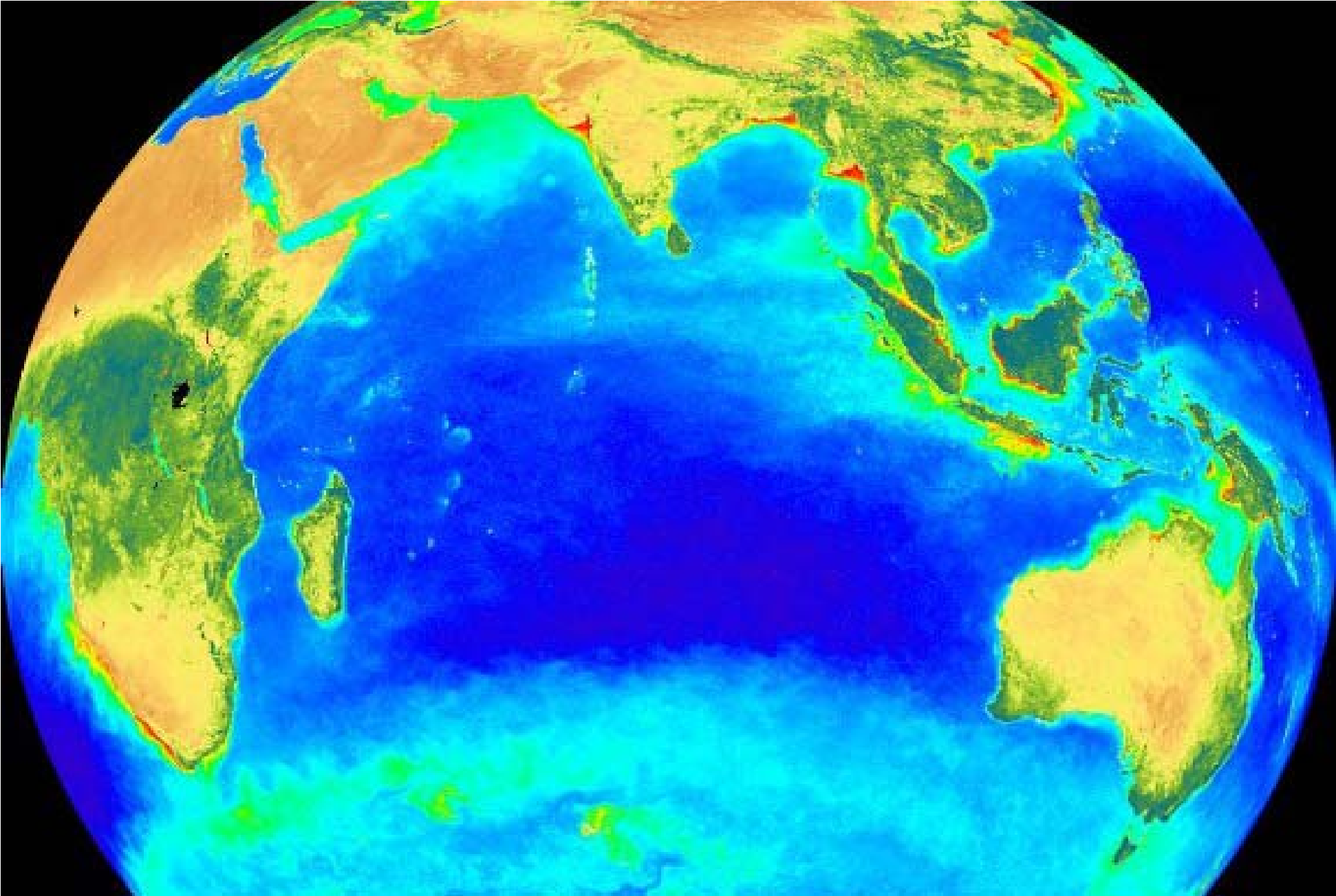
- ❑ Introduction –
- ❑ What is the “Sarasvatī River Valley Civilization”
- ❑ Reference Material
- ❑ Research Topics
- ❑ Discussion

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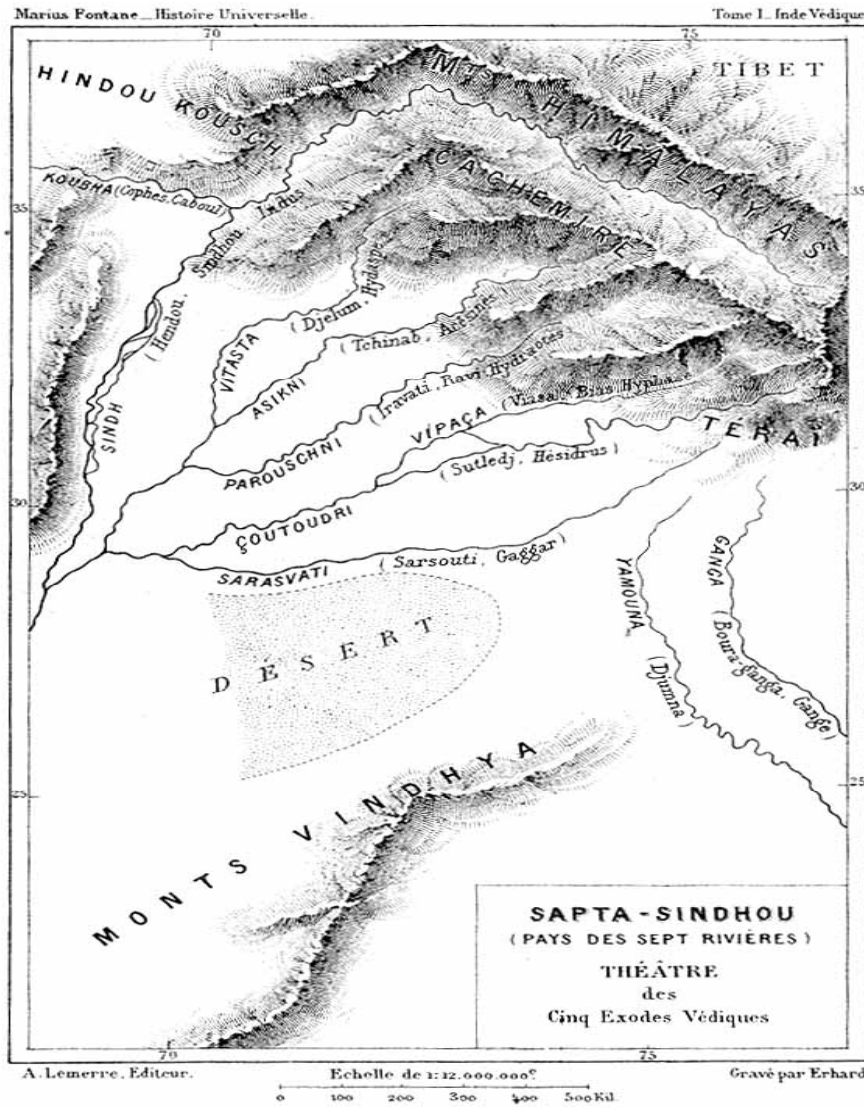
Research Methodology

- Excavations
- Satellite Photography (LandSat Photos)
- Interpretations
- Inferences Based contemporary and past and later References
- Comparisons to other Civilizations
- What happened to the River course?

Satellite image of Indian Ocean Rim States

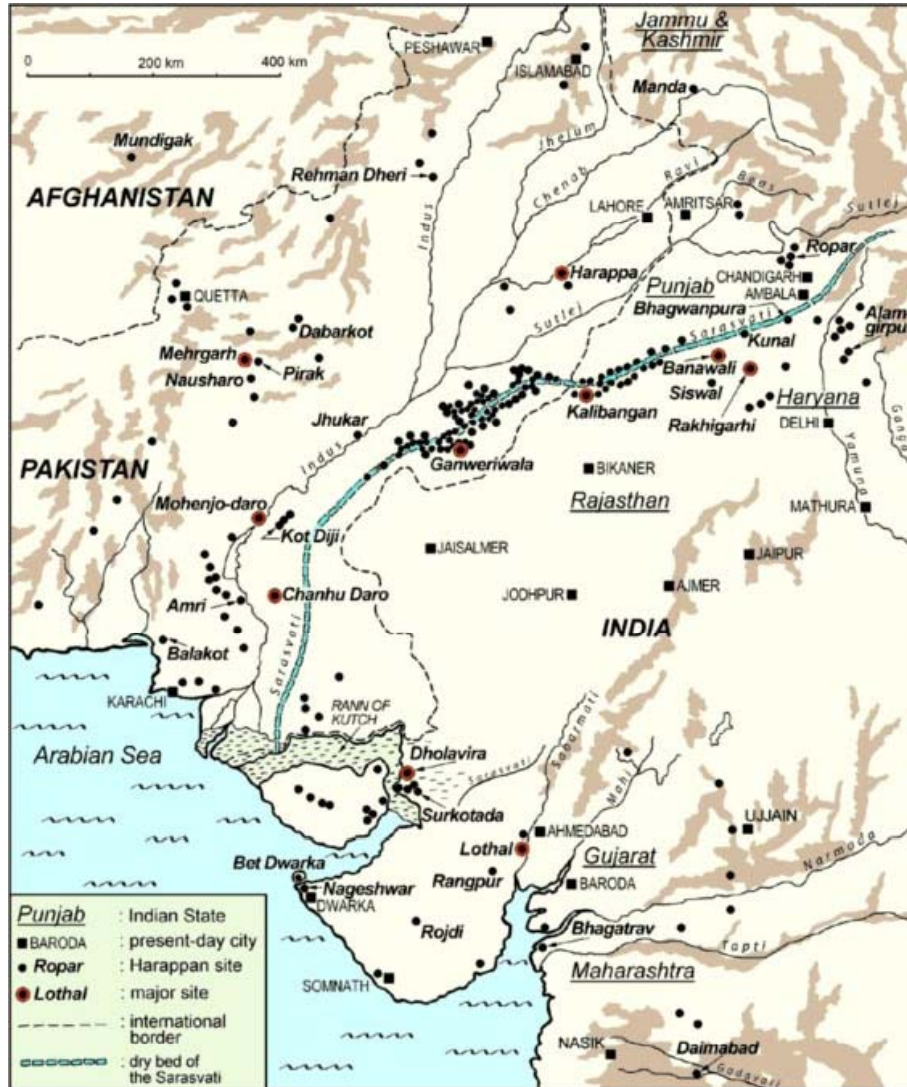


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1. Etymologically, sarasvati means `abundance of lakes (saras)'. The synonym of sarasvati (goddess of vAk = speech or language) is brAhmi which is the name given to the early scripts used in aSOka's epigraphs of circa 300 BCE .
2. The sUkta 6.61 of the Rigveda is a dedication to sarasvati river; sUkta 75 is the nadi sUkta dedicated to sindhu river.
3. The trio: drshadvati, Apaya and sarasvati are extolled in Rk 3.23.4. Other Rks dedicated to the river are: 1.3.10, 1.3.11, 1.3.12, 2.30.8 , 7.95.1, 8.21.17 and 18.
4. References are made to yajnas performed by king citra on the banks of the River.[Apaya may be a branch of the Chitang river; this may also have yielded the sememe: ab, Ap = waters].

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Rgveda (rg) has many references to Sarasvatī River

- Talks about the Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswati, life around the river banks, ornaments & Flora, how the river provides wealth & nourishment to people

Rg. 1.164.49, Rg 1.3.10, Rg 1.3.13, Rg 1.3.12 , Rg. 2.30.8

Rg 6.61.2 , RV 3.23.4, Rg 10.75.5, RV. 2.41.16, Rg 7.36.6 ,Rg 7.95.1

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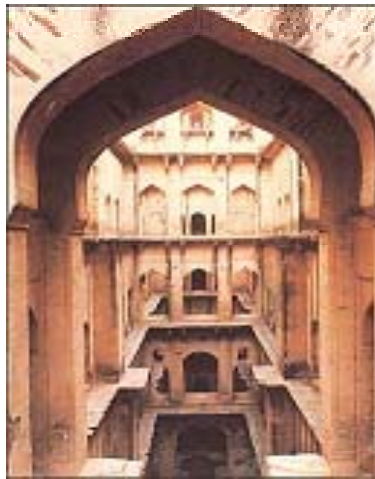
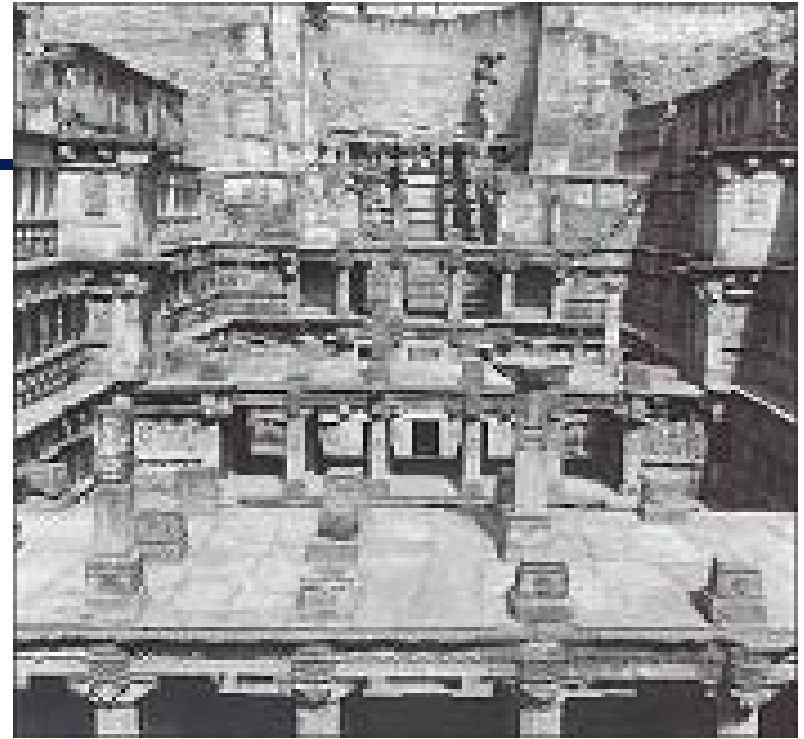
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See also 'Bronze-age trade and meluhha writing system':

<http://www.india-forum.com/articles/114/1/Bronze-age-trade-and-meluhha-writing-system>

(provides an overview of the 'rosetta stones' supporting the cracking of the code of the writing system; this note includes details of two pure tin-ingots found at Haifa in a ship-wreck, recording Sarasvati hieroglyphs).



WATER TEMPLES

Panna Mia stepped-pond; Vasant Garh stepped-pond, Rajasthan; Rani-ki-vav, Patan, Gujarat

Hadi Rani Well, Toda Raisingh, Rajasthan; Nimrana stepwell, Rajasthan

Stepped well in S'iva vadi temple, Bikaner; Cistern, Nahgarh fort, Jaipur [After Morna Livingstone, Milo

Beach, 2002, *Steps to Water; The Ancient Stepwells of India.*]



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Conclusions of Research Team

- ❑ River flowed from North (Himalayas) to west in to Arabian Ocean near Dwāraka (Dṛṣadvatī)
- ❑ Over 1000 sites dating before 3,000 BCE were discovered
- ❑ Prior to Circa 10,000 BCE (high point)
- ❑ Vedās originated on the banks of Sarasvatī River
- ❑ River Dried around 4,000 BCE
- ❑ Harappa & Mohenjodaro - Around 3000 BCE

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Conclusions of Research Team ..contd

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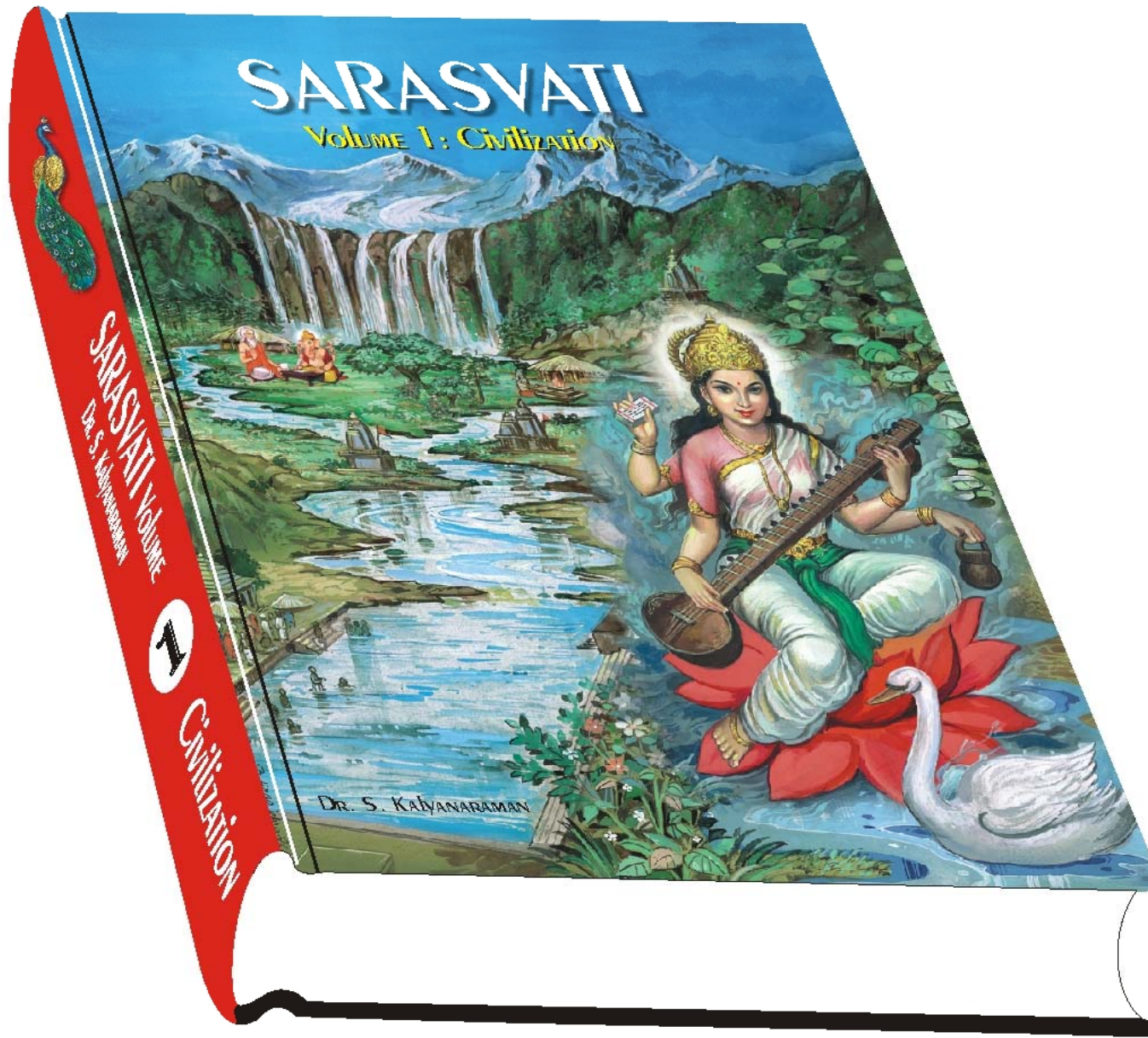
- This is consistent with K.S. Valdiya's evidence for the existence of Vēdic River Sarasvati as an independent river system, running parallel to and about 300 kms. east of River Sindhu, flowing from Mt. Kailas in the Himalayas and joining the Arabian sea. K. S. Valdiya, "*Sarasvati, the River that Disappeared*"

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Vedic River Sarasvati and Hindu civilization

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About the book

- The book is a **summary of 14 books of the author on the subjects of Sarasvati civilization, language and writing system**. The book is an answer to the ongoing attacks on Hindu symbols: Sarasvati, Vedic language and cultural traditions. The discovery of over 2000 archaeological sites on the banks of Vedic River Sarasvati and the possibility of identifying Vedic people from new discoveries such as those in Bhirrana provide a challenge to all researchers to unravel the language spoken by the creators of the Sarasvati civilization. There is an ongoing attack from some in Western academia, on Hindu symbols including svastika and the denial of the Vedic River Sarasvati whose ancient channels have been emphatically, scientifically identified. This state of academic denial is pathetic and is governed by a compulsive motive to establish Aryan supremacy through invasion or migration scenarios. Such Aryan Invasion/Migration Theories are in fact the myths. Sarasvati is not a myth but a reality and will flow again in North-west India thanks to the brilliant effort of scholars, researchers, scientists and engineers of Hindusthanam.”



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Research Topics

- ❑ Understand and Interpret
 - ❑ Sarasvatī, Vedic language and cultural traditions
 - ❑ Writing system on Sarasvatī hieroglyphs or so-called Indus Script epigraphs
- ❑ Participate and support in the Excavations and Explorations

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Thank you for your patience

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Bringing Back the Sarasvati

AHMEDABAD, INDIA, August 18, 2002: The government of India, with the assistance of hydrologists, geologists, archaeologists and space scientists, is trying to bring back the Sarasvati River, which dried up in Vedic times. The dry bed of the "mythological" river was spotted in satellite photos, five miles wide, coursing from the Himalayas to the Arabian Sea. Some water still flows along this course, but underground. The government's attempt is to tap this water in wells and reservoirs, so that Hindus may once again be blessed by the Sarasvati's sacred waters.

From: <http://www.the-week.com/22aug18/cover.htm>



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Mohenjodaro. Statuette of priest (muni?) wearing uttariyam, leaving right-shoulder bare