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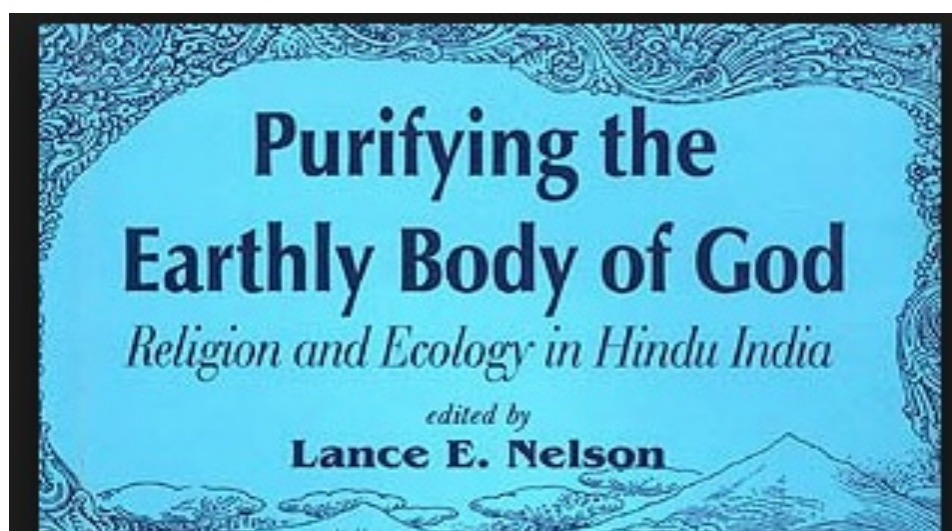


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The Hindu idea is that this whole world is a forest. To keep this world as it is, we have to keep the world forest intact. Hinduism describes everything in terms of divinity and in relation to the Ultimate Reality. The different aspects of this Ultimate Reality are all to be found in the various forms of the physical world.

Hindu tradition describes three basic categories of forests - one is SHRIVAN, the forest that provides your prosperity. Then there is TAPOVAN - where you can contemplate as the sages did and seek after truth. The third is MAHAVAN - the great natural forest where all species of life find shelter. Each of these categories must be preserved.

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by Banwari (Asha Vohra, Translator)

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