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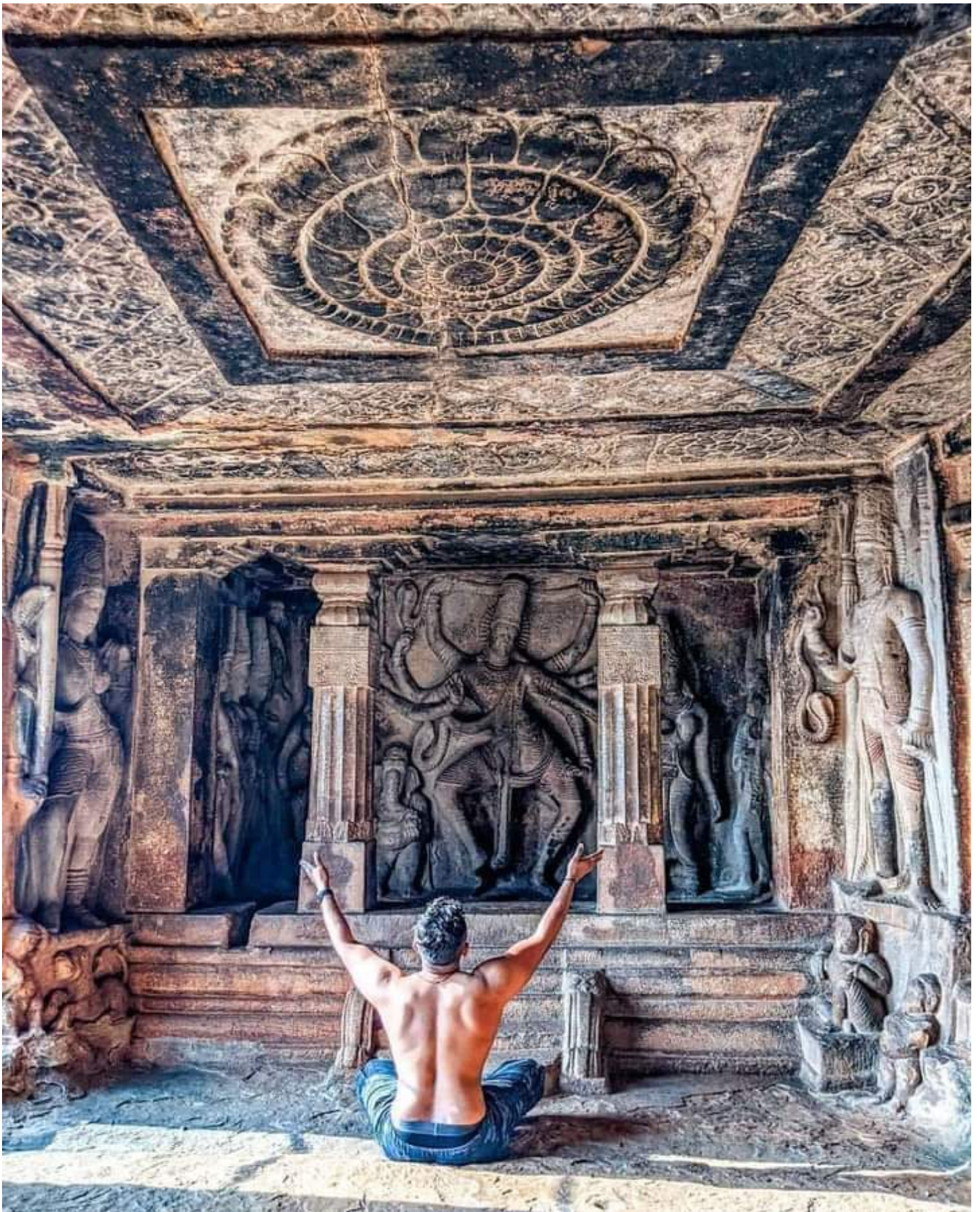
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Rock-cut architecture –

The below is a rock-cut Hindu temple of Ravana Phadi in Aihole, Karnataka. Supposed to be made during 550 AD. Aihole, used to be the capital during the rule of Chalukya dynasty, with around 125 temples, and mostly rock cut one's.



Ravana Phadi temple is cut in rock, and Lord Shiva is worshipped in the temple. Wide-ranging artwork of Lord Shiva, Parvathi, Ganesha and Vishnu can be seen inside the cave.

We have two compartments on the sides of the Mandapa.

To the left, we have stairs that lead to one of the chambers that contains a stunning artwork of Lord Shiva in Nataraja incarnation. There are also reliefs (sculptural technique) of Ganesh, Parvati, etc... We have Shiv holding snake in his hands and one more in his neck,

Ganesha appears with only 2 arms. And, finally to the right we have another chamber which does not possess any carvings.