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The biggest contribution of Bharatiya Vaidika Arya Hindu Culture to the entire world in terms of Upasana is the Tantrika concept of 'Devo bhootva devam yajet', which has inspired Sufis Christianity etc. The concept is present in code form in the Vedas but expanded thru Tantras. +

Modern historians and indologists including Hindu ones like to attribute different type of evolution in the shastras, some of it is true, some of it is enforced. Before understanding this unique and revolutionary concept, remove the mindset that Yoga Upasana etc came into Vedas thru Tantra.

Also people like Winternitz confined the word Tantra only to the Shakta school, which also is a huge blunder and the modern understanding of this word has become limited to magic stuff. Which also isn't true. So by tantra I mean the Agamas, Vaishnava Shaiva Shakta Saurashtrika etc.

Coming to the concept, 'devo bhutva devam yajet' means 'worship the deva by yourself becoming a deva'. This can be seen why Vaishnavas first cleanse and purify themselves, they invoke the divinity in self first. Then also add 12 tilakas on 12 places. +

Just like Vishnu, they wear the shankha chakra also. Only a divine being can worship and establish union with the divinity. This is a very advanced understanding what most indologists and academicians fail to shed light upon, they're only focused on enforcing liberalism. +

The Shaivas Pashupatas esp have this concept of being a Rudra post Diksha. There are infinite number of Rudras, above that is Ishwara and above that is Sadashiva. (Generalization so don't catch my tongue), after Diksha the Dikshita is one of the Ganas of Shiva and establishing union

There is a unique Tadatmya as we see in love relationships as well. What I own is not different from my wife, as now she's become a part of me. There is no difference between us, we are interconnected with each other, and are now inseparable. What she likes is now my liking +

So even though Tantras maintain the difference of entity (like husband wife are different based on entity) but they establish a Tadatmya (Unity) between the Upasaka and the Upasya. The Upasaka is like the wife who considers Upasya his Lord and Protector. +

The Worshiper is a part of the Upasya (god) now like wife is the Ardhangini. So there is nothing that can separate both of them. There is complete reliance on the Pati, and feeling of servitude like ideal wife should have for husband. There also is complete undividedness like a wife

Should never think about being another man. Similarly the devotion should be unadulterated. This is starkly different from the Smaarta understanding of Upasana where the Pratima is just a Pratika (replica/representative) of the Deity but not the Deity itself. Nor does the Worshiper

Desire any intimacy with the Deity or desire unadulterated devotion, but such concept of mono-devotedness crept into many Advaitis, namely Shridhara Swami and Madhusudana Saraswati. The Advaiti wants to do Bhakti for the purpose of attaining knowledge of the self, and he wants

to lose himself, only after he sheds his identity he will be Brahman. The devotion is just like a lift. Once you reach a certain platform you leave the lift. The intimacy and love for the Deity remains until death, after death. The self ceases to exist and you have become brahman.

The concept of intimacy, treating the Deity as your lord, husband, friend, protector, and even foe (Kamsa Putana etc got mukti even they worshipped him as foe) is accepted in Tantra. When you continuously think of someone, you become inseparable Unit of his. The concept of Unity

through devotion is exclusively the contribution of Agamas. And Bhagavata Purana also is called the book of Sattvatas (Vaishnavas) which has detailed on this a lot. The entities never become 1 like Advaita but are United and Inseparable.

This can be achieved through outer signs like Utsavas, Charya, Vratas and doing whatever the Deva likes, eating only the Deva's Prasada, and making your life revolve around the Deity. From inner ways are the Yoga practices mentioned in the Tantras.

The concept is there inside the Gita "brahmarpanam brahmahavih" and also in the Rigveda "sarve hotaro...bhavanti" (where all the Worshipers become 1). Yajna...devah (the Devas did Yajna of the Yajna by the Yajna). The concept has been well elaborated by Tantras and Bhagavata P

The ideas of intimate worship crept into Sufism and Christianity. Worship in Christianity is Carbon Copy of Pancharatra and Bhagavata Purana. That I will cover in some other thread, but Avatarhood of Yeshu, surrendering unequivocally, having being made divine +

through baptism in the holy water and Diksha process called sacraments also involve anointment of the Holy Spirit by the Father. Which kind of makes you holy enough to worship God. Islam does not have concept of loving Allah like Christianity has, there is only fear no intimacy.

Not Christianity but Sufism has the concept of being United (not complete Advaita as many like to believe) but being a lover and being united with the Deity. All this is a gift of Tantra, specifically Pancharatra to these philosophies. This has been completely ignored by most.

The fear and hate of Abrahmic religions has made us reject each and everything remotely similar to Abrahmiks. But these Abrahmiks have taken a lot from us, that is why the entire conspiracy of missionaries to date BP post Jesus. And say deliberately say Tantras are unimportant.

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