

## **Hinduism: 330 Million Gods Questions for Reflection**

### **With Mr. Sharma**

According to M. K. Sharma, Tourist Guide and Pandit.....

- \*Who is Kali?
- \*What is "God"?
- \*What are statues and images of gods?
- \*What is Hinduism?
- \*Who is a Hindu?

### **At the Ganges**

- \*What is the significance of the River Ganges (Ganga) for Hindus?
- \*Why do Hindus go on pilgrimage or have festivals at such places at the Ganges?

### **In an Indian village**

According to Shivesh Thakur, Professor of Philosophy in Surrey, England....

- \*What is life like in describe home village of Vishbhagwanpur from the vantage point of his British education?
- \*How is the goddess Saraswati related to schooling in Vishbhagwanpur?
- \*Who are the best known of the 330 million gods?
- \*What is caste? What is problematic with caste today?

### **With Mahatmya the Sanyassi (a renunciant)**

- \*What did the Mahatmya do before his renunciation?
- \*How does he respond to that question?
- \*Why should a religious aspirant leave his home?
- \*What relation is the Mahatmya to Shivesh?

### **With Brahmin priests**

- \*What and for what reasons are the Brahmin priests chanting?
- \*Can people understand the chants of the priests? Does it make any difference?
- \*What are the responsibilities of high caste religious experts?
- \*Are there skeptics in the village?
- \*What is the significance of the sacred thread for young brahmin boys?

### **At the Shiva Temple**

- \*What does Shiva represent?
- \*How is Shiva worshipped?

### **With householders of the village**

- \*What are the four stages of life for Hindus?
- \*How should one spend old age in an ideal Hindu sense?

How does Ronald Eyre compare Hindu gods with Catholic saints?

Broadly speaking, how would you compare the Sanyassi's life with that of householders?

Could Ronald Eyre's sideburns be a manifestation of Vishnu?