

HINDUISM

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1. Definitions:

- **people beyond the Indus River**
- ***sanatana dharma***
- **Vedic religion**
- **not Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Jain**
- **Neo Hinduism**

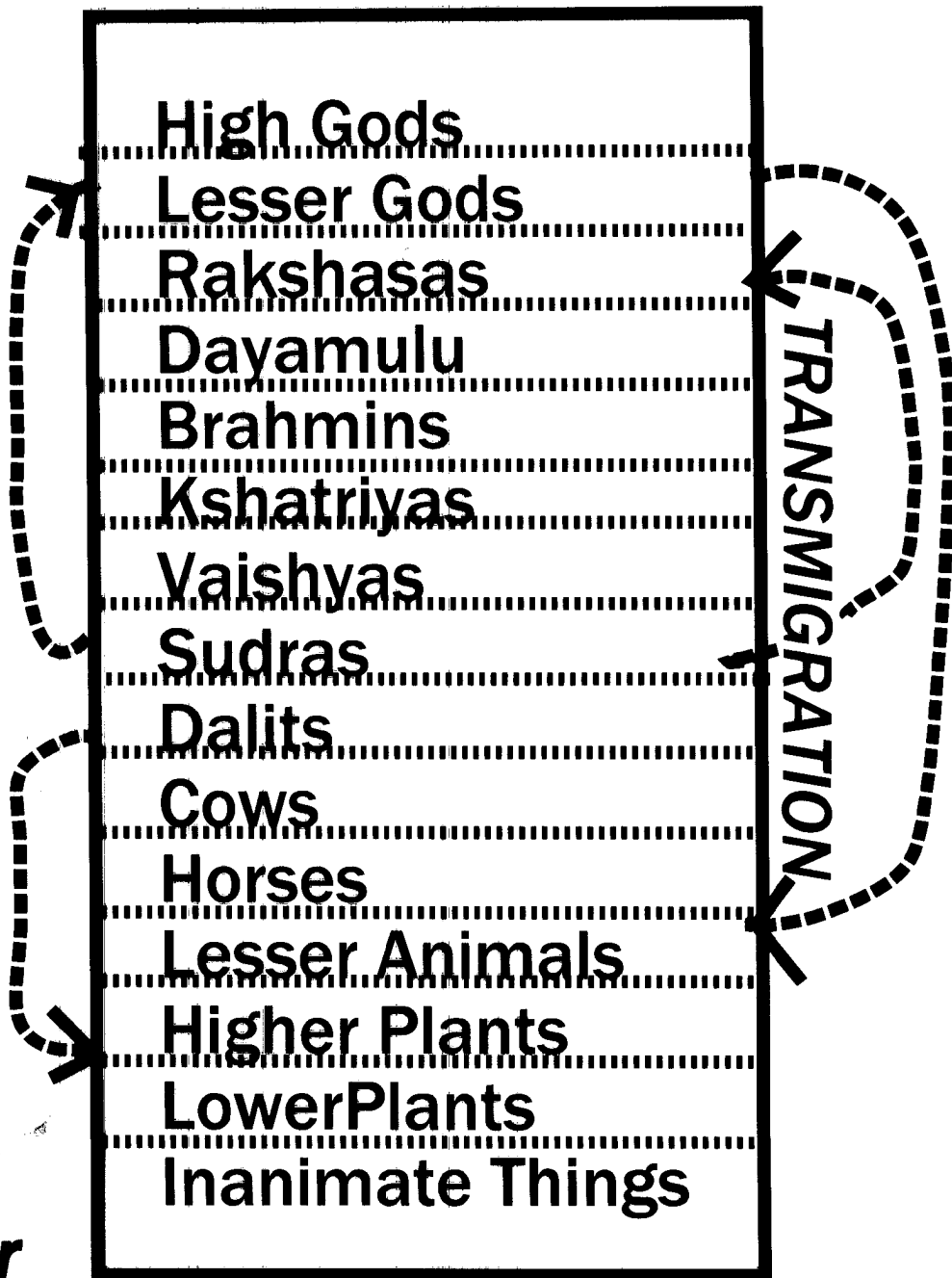
THE HIERARCHY OF LIFE

[*eka jivam*—all life is one]

Pure Spirit



Pure Matter



2. Revitalization Movements:

- **conversion movements**
- **accommodation movements**
 - *Brahmo Samaj*
 - *Prarthana Samaj*
- **revitalization movements:**
 - *Arya Samaj*
 - *Rama Krishna Mission*

3. Neo-Hinduism:

3.1 Spiritualized Hinduism

- Rama Krishna Mission
- Arya Samaj
- Vishwa Hindu Parishad [VHP]
- Guruism
- Temples, Festivals, Pilgrimages

3.2 Politicized Hinduism–

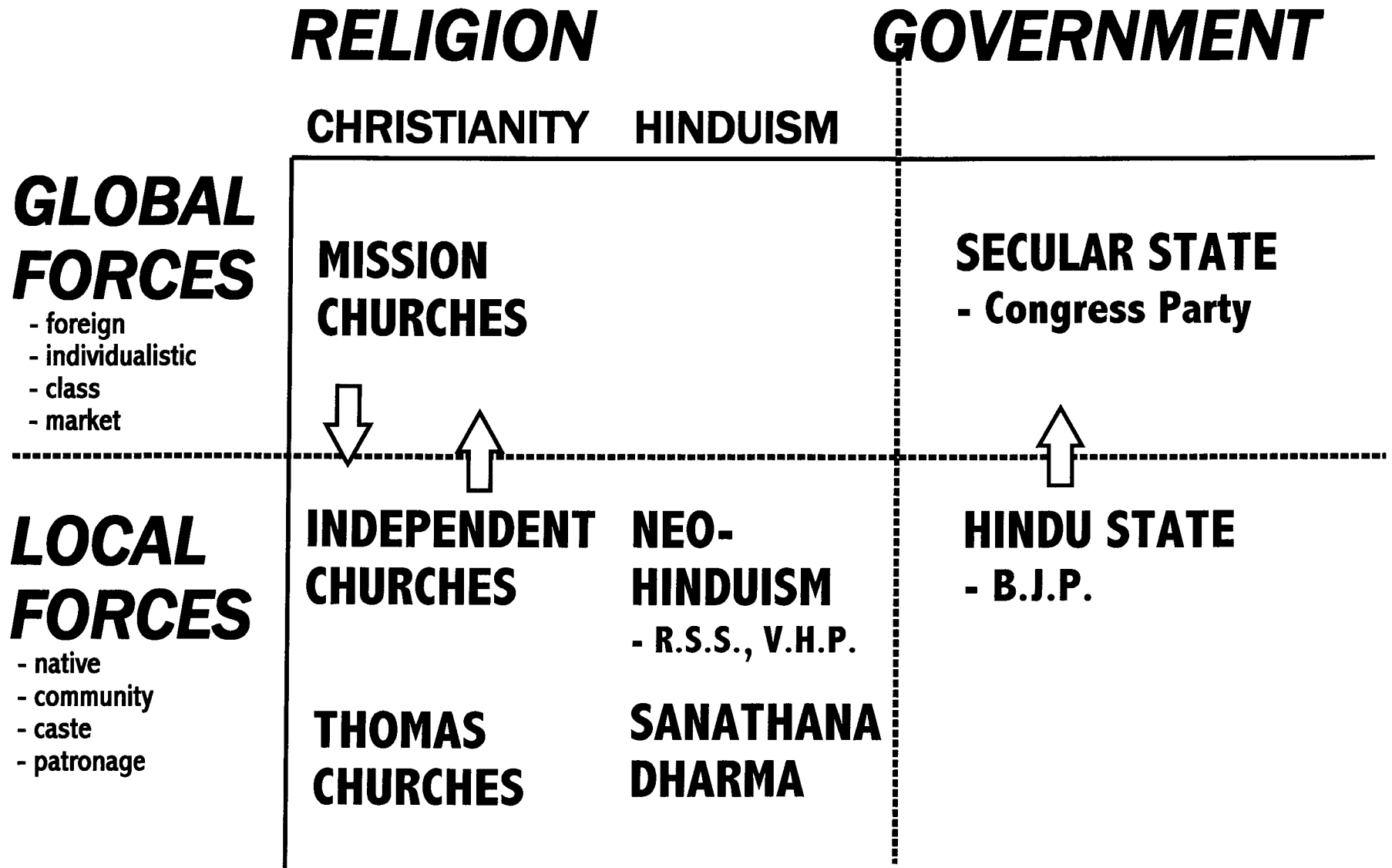
- Hindu Mahasabha
- Rastriya Swayamsevak Sangh [RSS]
 - Aryan cultural nationalism
 - Hindudom: Hindi, Hindu, Hindustan
 - Hindu religious state: submission
 - other religions are foreign and must leave or submit
- Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP]
 - political nationalism

3.3 Hindu Missionary Movements:

- Ramakrishna Mission
- Vedanta Society
- Self-Realization Fellowship
- Gurus

3.5 Hindus of the Diaspora:

COMPETING FORCES IN INDIA



Religious Communities in India

(in millions)

RELIGION	1900	1970	2000
HINDU	184	433	700
MUSLIM	31	63	122
CHRISTIAN	4	23	62

CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA

1. Protestant Missions:

1.1 Missions to Tribals

1.2 Missions to Tribals

1.3 Contributions:

- planted the church in India
- dignity to untouchables, tribals
- schools and hospitals

1.4 Shortcomings:

- foreignness of Gospel and church
- fragmentation of church
- failure to contextualize adequately

2. Indian Indigenous Christianity:

2.1 Indian Initiated Christian Churches [IICs]

2.2 Churchless Christians

3. Reflections:

3.1 Global – local tension

- global–local forces in the Church
- global–local forces in missions
- global-local forces and the Gospel

3.2 Caste and Church unity

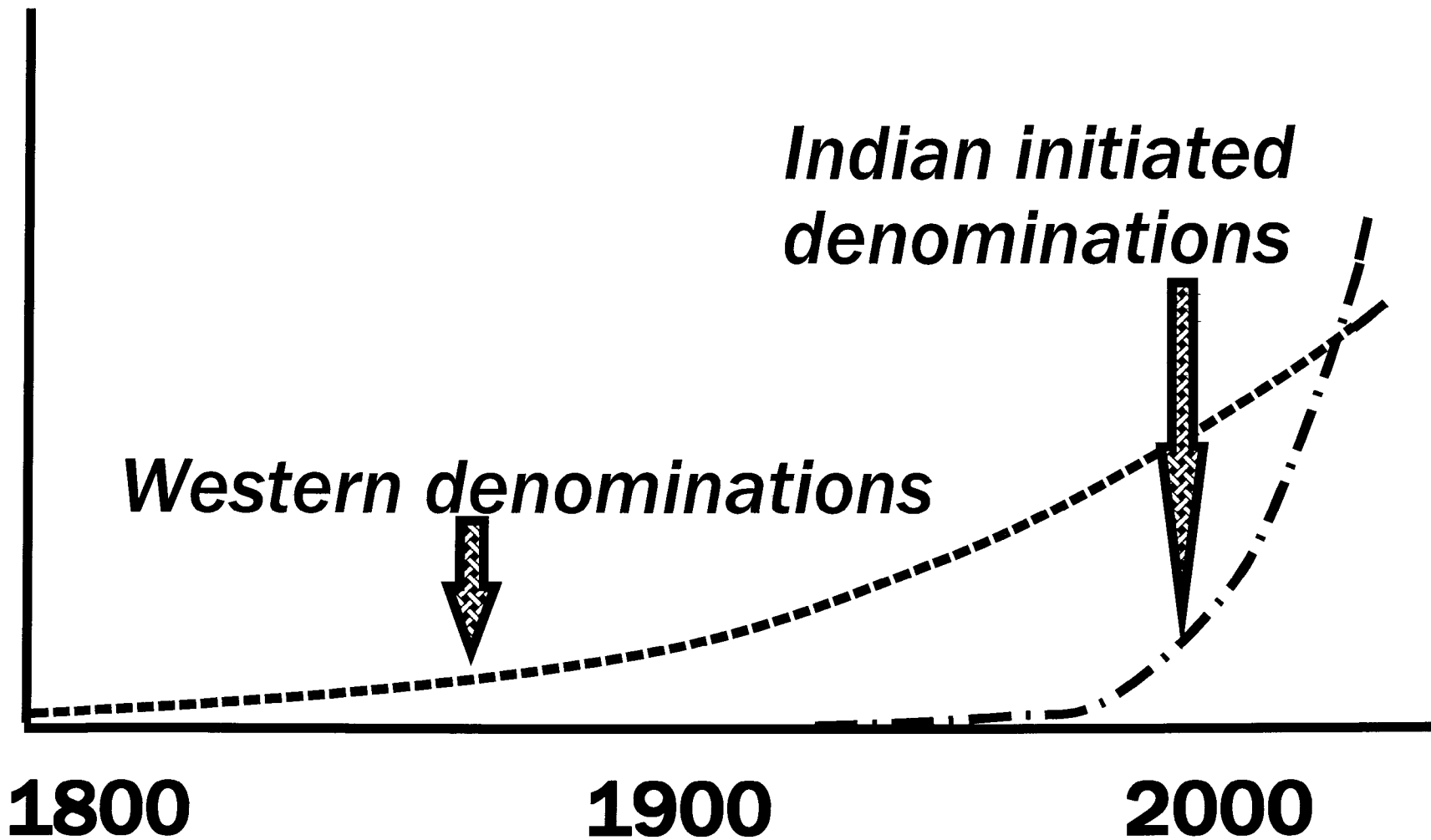
3.3 Challenge of Religious Pluralism:

3.4 Christian Response to Persecution and Suffering:

3.5 The Unfinished Mission:

- mission to Hindus and Muslims
- mission to Hindus of the diaspora
- mission to Western Christians

GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN INDIA



RELIGIOUS REVITALIZATION MOVEMENTS

