

Our Tertiary Indo-Aryan Ancestors

—Not Nomads—

But

Autochthonous Agriculturists

In

the Land of the Seven Rivers.

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INTRODUCTION

The whole of our Vedic literature, and especially the Rig Veda—the oldest document in the world—reveals the fact that we—Indo-Aryans—better known as Hindus, have never been Nomads, but autochthonous agriculturists, in the Land of the Seven Rivers, known as सप्तसिंधवः.

Great misapprehension prevails, however, among many Oriental and Occidental scholars, with regard to our cradle land of Aryavarta. Nay, even diametrically opposite views have been held in the matter, and many think us—Indo Aryans—though erroneously, to be but foreigners in the land of the *Sapta Sindhus*.

Obviously, this has given rise to another fundamental error, which describes us, as *Nomads*. But, the idea having been found untenable, has been altogether exploded, as will appear evident from what has been stated in the sequel. (vide *infra* pp 13, 14, 15 *et seq*, and pp 28 -31).

1 In respect of the *remotest past* of the Rig-Veda, the celebrated Orientalist, Sir William Jones says thus:—
“ We cannot refuse to the Vedas the honour of an antiquity—the most distant.”

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