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Religious beliefs of the Tai Ahoms at the time of their advent to the Brahmaputra Valley

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The Tai Ahoms who were an offshoot of the great Tai or shan race dwelt, in the region of south East Asia, before they came to the Valley of Brahmaputra. Their advent to the Brahmaputra valley is very important event so far as the Socio religious and political history of Assam is concerned. During the entire period of their migration these people came in contact with various religious beliefs such as Taoism, Confuciousism and Buddhism. While they were in china they came in Contact with Taoism which developed during the 6th to 3rd century B.C. On the other hand when they were in China they came in to contact with confuciousism but when they penetrated into the South East Asian region, they came into the influence of Buddhism. After Coming to upper Burma the Tais came in Contact with Brahmanical Hinduism.

The aim and objective of our study is to discuss about the religion of Tai Ahom when they entered into the Brahmaputra Valley. We would like to discuss about their conventional religious ceremonies, and examine the liberal character of the religious beliefs of the Ahom kings. We also peep out how the Conservative customs and tradition of Brahmanical Hinduism entered in the royal court and what types of consequences they, the Society and mass people had to confront.

In the first part of the 13th century when the Ahom immigrated to Brahmaputra valley and indigenous form of animism, the worship of Nut sprits, Various religious beliefs of Indian origin including several

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