

# **NEGATIVE REPRESSED SIDE OF MONOTHEISM**

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As Jan Assmann (*The Price of Monotheism*, Stanford University Press, Stanford), observes about monotheism, “Everything and everyone is excluded that refuses to take up the (its) imitation. Monotheism thereby became invasive, at the very least and occasionally aggressive as well. What Assmann discovers “is the repressed and forgotten side of monotheism, so to speak, which has remained present in the cultural memory of the West as an object of negation and denial at best. That we are dealing here with a case of “repression” in the classical (that is, Freudian) sense can be deduced from the eruptive forcefulness with which this repressed dark side has continually returned to haunt the West,” which thanks to the universal spirit of Hinduism has not been the case among the Hindus, thus allowing “The Others” to live side by side without incurring any hostility just because of one's belief. Thus, the Zoroastrians not only survived only in India out of other places they migrated after the Arab invasion but also thrived there, but not the ones who stayed in Iran and got decimated in numbers due to constant persecution.