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ENVIRONMENTAL POSSIBILITIES IN THE WORSHIP OF SACRED MOUNTAINS AND TREES IN INDIA

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This presentation examines the worship of trees and mountains in India and explores the environmental possibilities within this practice. Particular emphasis will be given to the anthropomorphic ritual process of dressing sacred trees and stones and adding a face to them for the purpose of establishing and enhancing an intimate relationship with them. Consideration will be given to the difference between such anthropomorphism and anthropocentrism. The resulting ornate trees and stones will be illustrated with the use of powerpoint slides.

Thursday, April 14 at 3:30
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