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Subject: Corrections in the School Text Books of California State

Dear Ms Green and respected Members of the Board,

This is in continuation of our letter dated 21-11-2005. Since then many more scholars in India have endorsed our viewpoint that there was **no Aryan Invasion of India**. However, we are not forwarding these names to you. Instead, we are bringing to your notice extracts from the writings of **distinguished non-Indian archaeologists**, one from the UK and three from the USA, as follows:

In his book, *Archaeology and Language* (London, 1987 pp. 188,190) Lord Collin Renfrew (UK) writes:

When Wheeler speaks of "the Aryan invasion of the Land of the Seven Rivers. The Punjab," he has no warranty at all, so far as I can see. If one checks the dozen references in the Rig Veda to the seven rivers, there is nothing in any of them that to me implies an invasion.

...Despite Wheeler's comments, it is difficult to see what is particularly non-Aryan about the Indus Valley.

Professors Jim G. Shaffer and Diane Lichtenstein (Case Western University), in their paper, 'Migration, Philology and South Asian Archaeology', published in *Aryan and Non-Aryan in South Asia : Evidence, Interpretation and Archaeology* (Harvard University, 1999, p.256) state:

A few scholars have proposed that there is nothing in the "literature" firmly placing the Indo-Aryans....outside of South Asia, and now archaeological record is confirming this....As data accumulate to support cultural continuity in South Asian prehistoric and historic periods, a considerable restructuring of existing interpretive paradigms must take place. We reject most strongly the simplistic historical interpretations, which date back to the eighteenth century, that continue to be imposed on South Asian cultural history. These still prevailing interpretations are significantly diminished by European ethnocentrism, colonialism, racism and anti-Semitism.

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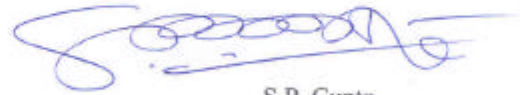
Professor J.M. Kenoyer (Wisconsin University), in his book *Indus Valley Civilization* (Oxford University Press, 1998, p. 174) writes:

....There is no archaeological or biological evidence for invasions or mass migrations into the Indus Valley between the end of the Harappan Phase, about 1900 B.C. and the beginning of the Early Historic period around 600 B.C.

We very much hope that the California State School text books will be amended accordingly.

Thanks a lot,

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.P. Gupta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

S.P. Gupta