

LEPCHA AND HAWAIIAN CULTURES

The culture of the Native Hawaiians is about 1,000 years old and has its origins in the Polynesians who voyaged to and settled Hawaii. These voyagers.

Tourism introduces a different kind of self-consciousness when it advances foreign models of native culture. It is like a perpetual mela or fair, but spotlessly clean and smoke free. We were told Sikkim has about 100 priests employed in temples and working independently. As a Bongthing, my message is that we should all live in peace and harmony. I never wanted to interfere with his life. Western contact, colonization and immigration[edit] In the 18th century, interactions between Hawaii and other western cultures such as Mexicans, Portuguese and Spanish began. There are 20 to 30 Bongthings in Sikkim. We have eight temples in Sikkim, with the newest in Namphing. Today there are Hindu temples being built in Britain. The most important food eaten was Taro, which was used to make poi ; this was a big part of their everyday diet. I have trained many brahmacharis and priests. Since at least the 8th century this area has received Buddhist migrants from Tibet, known as Bhutias. Likewise, I would have allowed him to become a Hindu priest, if he had wanted. For example, our marriage ceremony can be done in one hour. It was unfortunate to see that the Thakurbari Temple, dedicated to Lord Rama, Lakshman and Sita, has fallen on difficult times. It enshrines an imposing foot statue of Lord Kirateshwar, a popular local Deity regarded as an incarnation of Lord Siva. So it is some sort of cycle which keeps on moving, and our Sanatana Dharma by and large remains unruffled by all this. Nepalese, Lepchase, Bhutias and Tibetan Buddhists alike visit and pray here, and there are Buddhists on the temple management committee. Almost everyone I met gave the impression of being in a state of meditation or just coming out of one. While most Lepcha can identify their own clan, Lepcha clan names can be quite formidable, and are often shortened for this reason. The original Lepchas are 6. Yet, a version of Hawaiian culture is promoted and sold to visitors - and Hawaiians are hired to participate in the process. We preach that first we are Hindus and then Saivites or Vaishnavites or Pranamis. He is my only son and it is fine with me that he serve the people of this area as a lama. We visited several temples in the area around MG Road.