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Q1. From where is the word 'Hindu' derived?

Ans. The word 'Hindu', like the term 'India' is derived from the river Indus. It was used by Arabs and Iranians to refer to people who lived to the east of the river, and to their cultural practices, including religious beliefs.

Q2. Why did kings want to control the Silk Route?

Ans. The kings want to control the Silk Route because they could benefit from taxes, tributes and gifts that were brought by traders travelling along the route.

Q3. Who was Kanishka?

Ans. The most famous Kushana ruler was Kanishka, who ruled around 1900 years ago. He organized a Buddhist council, where scholars met and discussed important matters.

Q4. Who were bodhisattvas in Buddhism?

Ans. Bodhisattvas were supposed to be persons who had attained enlightenment. Once they attained enlightenment, they could live in complete isolation and meditate in peace.

Q5. What was emphasized under the system of bhakti?

Ans. Those who followed the system of Bhakti emphasized devotion and individual worship of a god or goddess, rather than the performance of elaborate sacrifices.