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Devotional Paths to the Divine

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Ans. Mirabai was devoted to Krishna and composed innumerable bhajans expressing her intense devotion. Her songs also openly challenged the norms of the "upper" castes and became popular with the masses and were handed down orally from generation to generation.

Q2. How Chola and Pandya kings contributed for the growth of the Bhakti movement?

Ans. Between the tenth and twelfth centuries the Chola and Pandya kings built elaborate temples around many of the shrines visited by the saint-poets, strengthening the links between the bhakti tradition and temple worship.

Q3. What were the teachings of the saints of Maharashtra?

Ans. These saints rejected all forms of ritualism, outward display of piety and social differences based on birth. In fact they even rejected the idea of renunciation and preferred to live with their families, earning their livelihood like any other person, while humbly serving fellow human beings in need.

Q4. For either the Virashaivas or the saints of Maharashtra, discuss their attitude towards caste.

Ans. The Virashaivas argued strongly for the equality of all human beings and against Brahmanical ideas about caste and the treatment of women. Saint of Maharashtra rejected all forms of ritualism, outward display of piety and social differences based on birth.