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## HINDUISM AND THE PROBLEM OF SELF- ACTUALIZATION IN THE COLONIAL ERA: CRITICAL REFLECTIONS

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### ABSTRACT

Over the years, scholarly perceptions of colonial Hinduism have visibly shifted trajectory. From being 'discovered' in the eighteenth century, we have now moved towards understanding Hinduism as something discursively 'imagined' or 'invented' in the nineteenth. What this shift of paradigm is often reluctant to take on board is the mutating perceptions of the historical actors themselves,- the Hindus of British India.

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