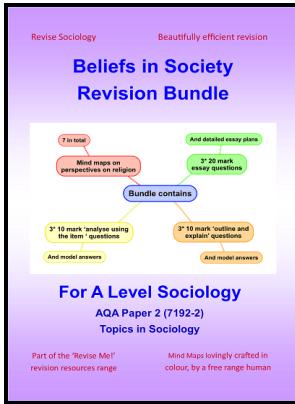


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They also demonstrate exceptionally clearly how such role models have been variously constructed to suit or challenge different dominant ideologies in a variety of eras and social settings. Sunil Sethi, an Indian journalist, describes Phoolan in these stereotypical terms: 'Phoolan's two great gifts are rabid cunning and fatal chann-an irresistible combination and a great achievement in a woman who is so brutal.'

Lynn Thomas

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This article explores different ways in which the assertion that the king makes the age can be understood. It was the coalition of low-caste male politicians in the Samajwadi Party who drew on a long-standing tradition of political rhetoric focusing on emasculation of the enemy and foregrounded Phoolan's castrating persona as a beacon to mobilize low-caste voters against high-caste political opponents. While this deity is usually identified as Siva in the Purāṇas and later texts, the present paper contends that the situation is rather different in the Mahābhārata, and probably points to an earlier stage in the myth's development.

Prof Padma M. Sarangapani

Whereas Kali embodies the pure power of destruction and is a manifestation of ultimate disorder, Durga is self-controlled and protective, a

representative of the true cosmic order. I have continued to research and publish on the Mahabharata, focusing in particular on aspects relating to kingship, time, narrative structure, human rights, and gender. In the Purāṇas and later texts of classical Hinduism the deity most readily associated with the periodic destruction of the world is Siva.

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