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where we have individually or collectively acted with hate and in haste. We need to educate our national and local leaders, our policy makers, we need to educate our neighbors, the members of our faith tradition here and around the world, and above all, we need to educate ourselves. Maybe it will save a life, maybe it will spare a family from untold grief, maybe it will lead to peace in the community, in the village, in the world.

And one can still learn so many lessons from history. At its heyday, when Angkor was rising, Hindu kings and queens regularly endowed to and sponsored temples and *asramas* for the followers of Vishnu, Shiva, and the Buddha. Later on, Preah

Khan, a Buddhist temple built by the Mahayana devotee Jayavarman VII (12th century), was constructed such that it has a stupa in the middle, a giant linga in the west side, and shrines to Vishnu on the north side. In south India, kings gave land for Muslim dargahs; the tomb of Shahul Hamid in Nagore, rests on such a piece of land given by the king of Tanjore. Thousands of such examples can be cited; and yet, we forget them in times of violence. It is these stories we can remember, these that should become part of our archetypes; not just the founding narratives of war and violence.

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Annual Meeting
Friday, November 22, 2002
Saturday, November 23, 2002
**at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/
 Society of Biblical Literature**
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Panel Discussions on "Negotiating Multiple Religious, Ethnic, and Political Identities in the Contemporary ISKCON Membership" and "Hindu and Christian Worship: Parallels, Differences, Appropriations" as well as the Annual Business Meeting.

Both parts are open to all who are interested.

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