

[The Origins of Indian Cultures]

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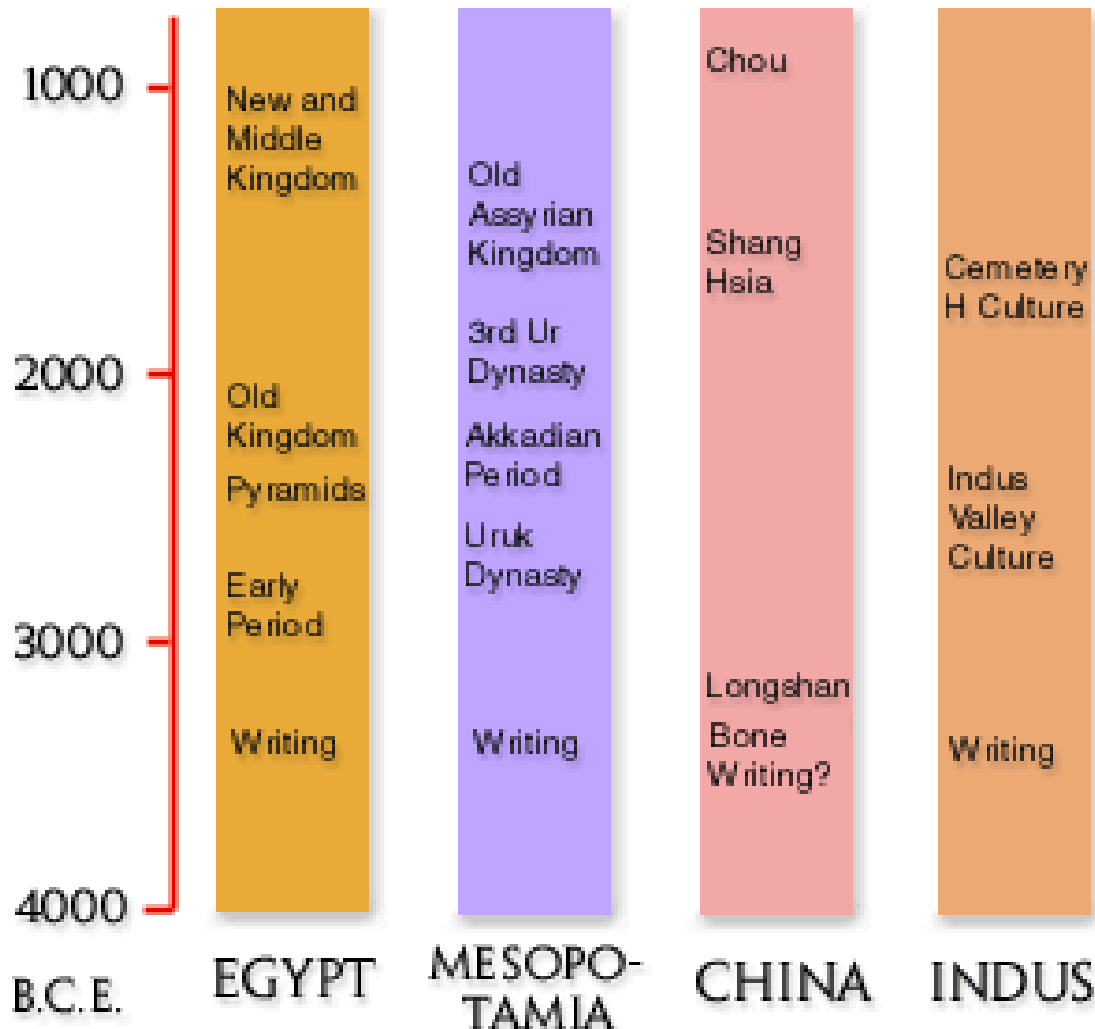


General Chronology

- **3500-1500 B.C.:** Indus Valley Culture
- **1500-600 B.C.:** The Indo-Aryans
- **600-325 B.C.:** Mahājanapadas
- **325-184 B.C.:** Maurya Empire
- **184 B.C.-320 A.D.:** Janapadas
- **320-550 A.D.:** Gupta Empire
- **600-1.100 A.D.:** Golden Age
- **1.100** Beginnings of Islamization



Chronology of the Indus Valley Culture



Mohenjo Daro



Harappa: Drainage Area



Cart from Harappa



Proto-Śiva

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Script



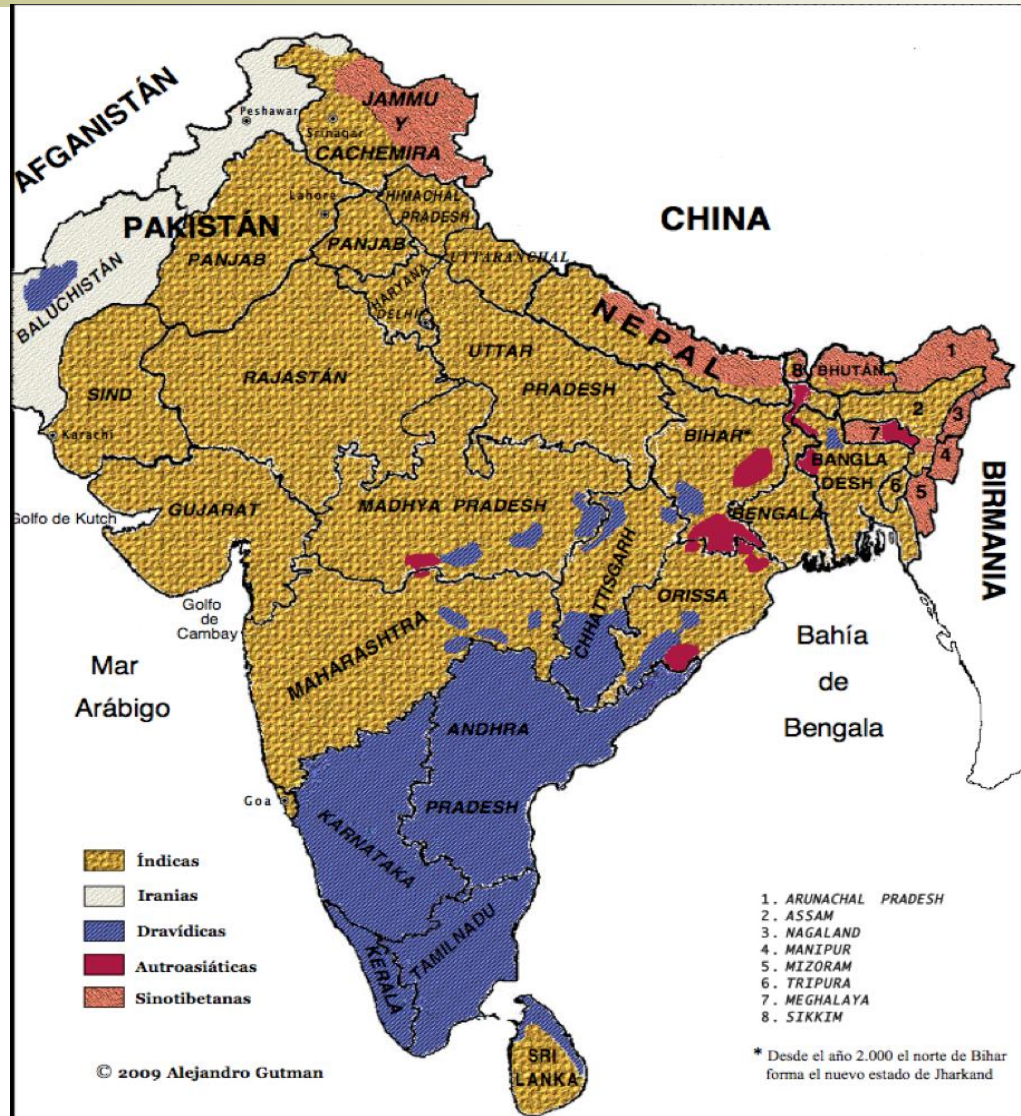
Identifying the Indus Language

■ *Families of Languages in India*

- Indo-Aryan
- Dravidian
- Munda / Austroasiatic
- Tibetan-Burmese
- Burushkasi
- “Language X” (Masica’s)



Distribution of languages



[The Indo-Aryans]

skt. *arya-* / *ārya*

○ “hospitalary” > “noble”

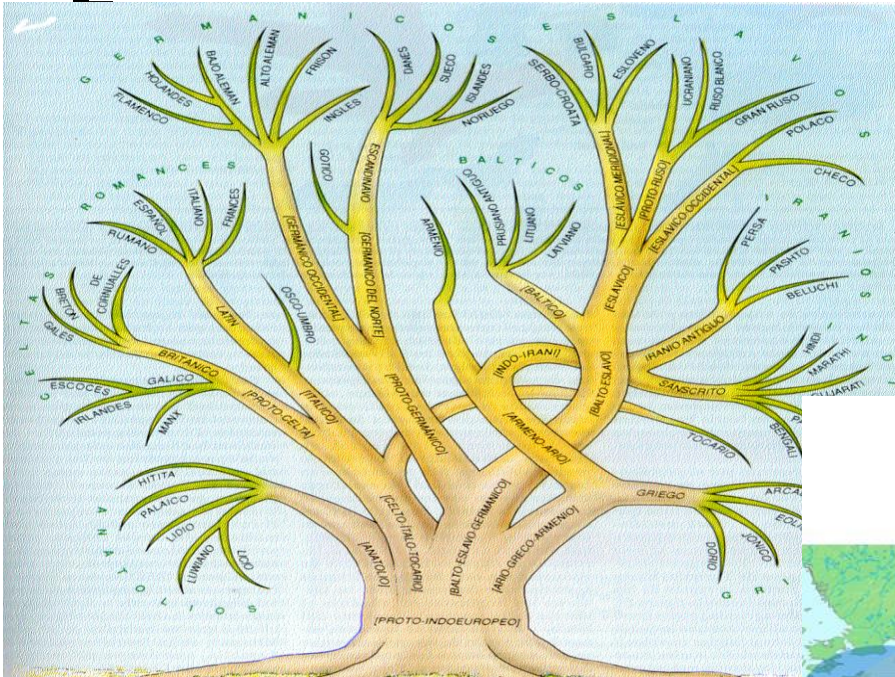
Designates

-Vedic Indians

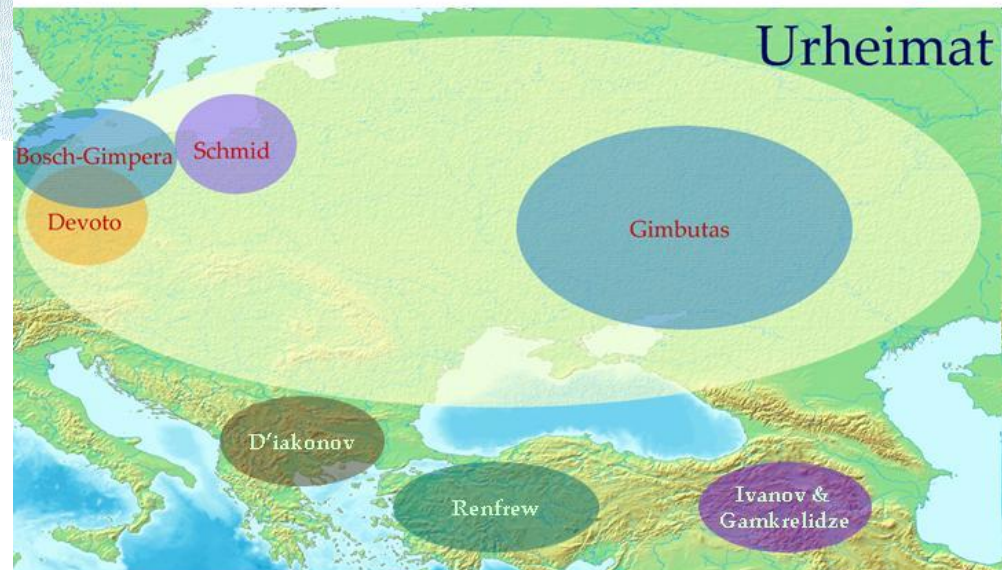
-Iranians: Darius' Persian empire
Oriental Iranians (*Avesta*)



Indo-European languages



Some theories about the Indo-European *urheimat* (homeland)



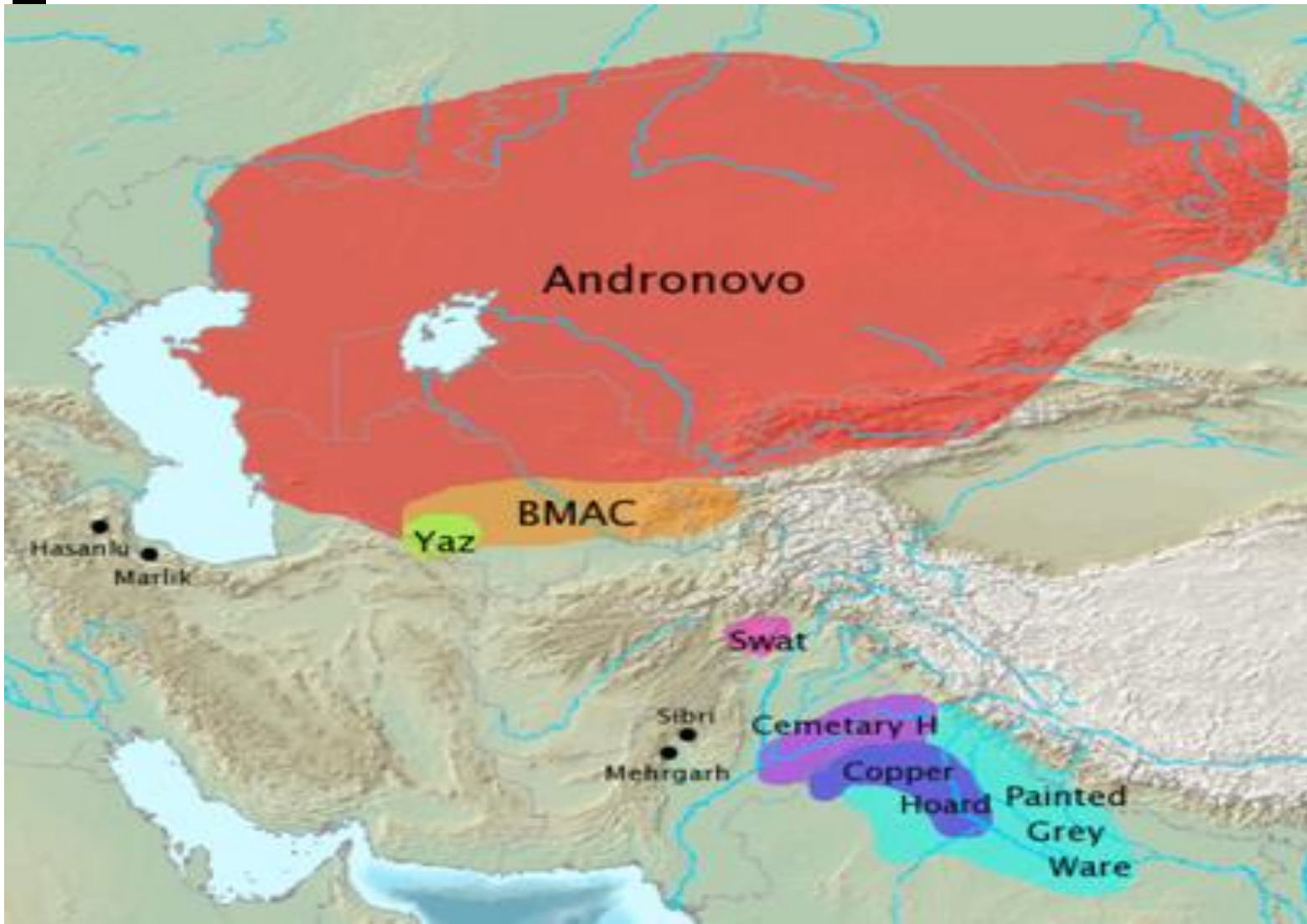
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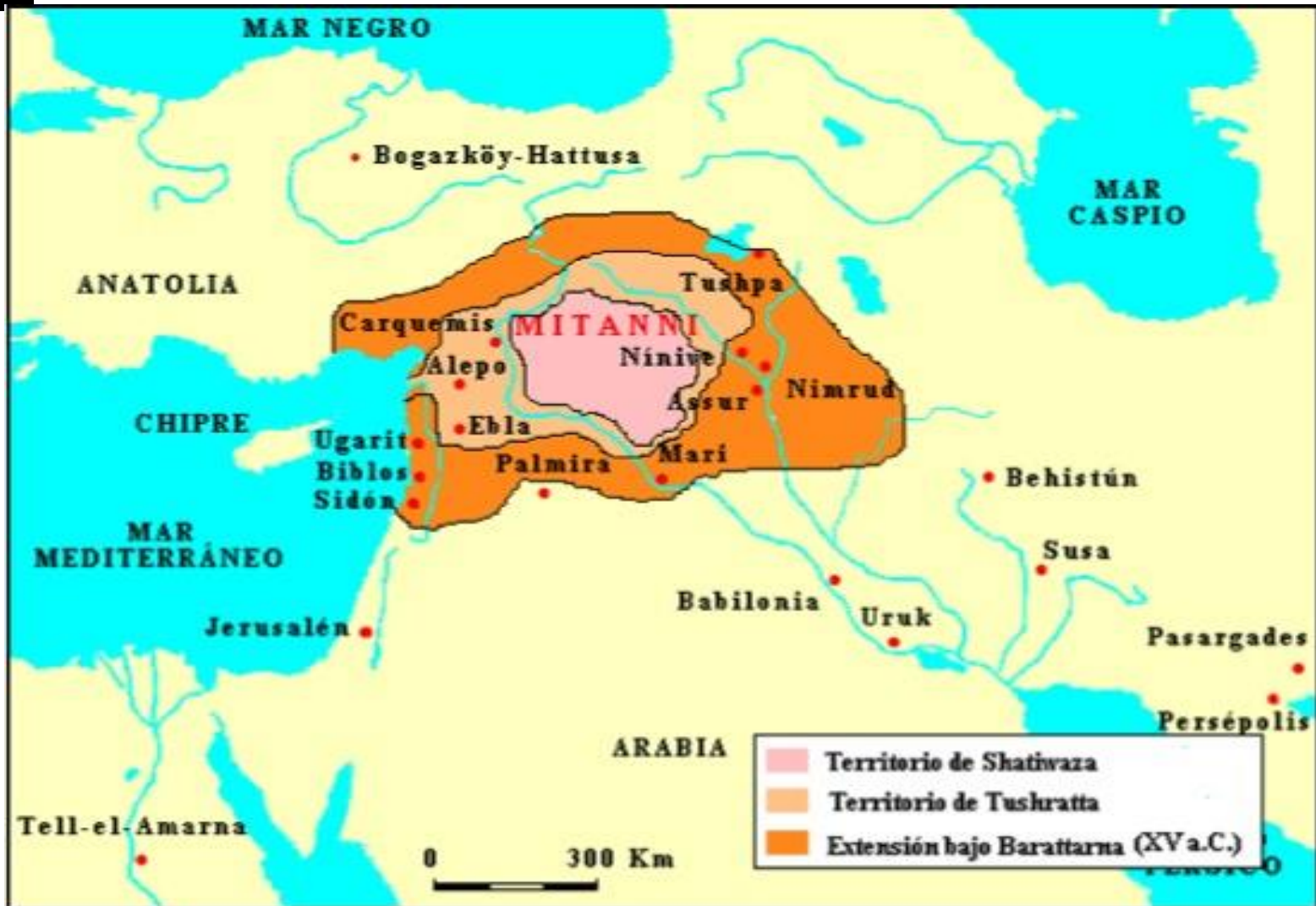
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[The Andronovo Culture]



Mitanni Empire



[The Language of the Mitanni]

Ritual Formula

- **Mitanni**

Mitraššil Uruwanaššil Indara Našsatiyaššil

- **Ṛgveda**

- Mitrāvaruṇā Indra Nāsatyā



Texts from the Vedic Period

Ca. 1500-800
aC

- *Ṛgveda*
- *Sāmaveda*
- *Yajurveda*
- *Atharvaveda*

Ca. 800-500
aC

- *Brāhmaṇas*
- *Āranyakas*
- *Upaniṣads*

Ca. 500-200 aC

- *Sūtras*



Geography of the R̥gveda

Map of Vedic India

