

A Hindu Legend



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A very old Hindu legend tells that there was once a time when all men were gods. But they misused so much their divinity that Brahma, the gods' Lord, decided to take the divine power from them and hide it in a place where it would be impossible for them to find it. The problem was, however, where to find such a hiding place.

He then called up a meeting with the minor gods to solve this problem, and they proposed that the divinity of man should be buried deep into the earth. But Brahma replied that would not be enough, because man would dig the earth and find it.

Then the gods suggested that the divinity be thrown deep into the sea. Again Brahma replied that sooner or later man would explore the sea depths and would find it and take it again.

The minor gods said they did not know where to hide it because it did not seem that a hiding place could ever exist on earth or in the sea that man would not be able to reach one day.

Brahma then said: "Look what we will do with the divinity of man: we will hide it deep in himself because this is the only place where he will never think of looking for it".

And since that time, so goes the legend, man went round the world, explored it, climbed mountains and digged holes, dived into the oceans, always looking for something that is inside himself.

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About the Author

Dulce Rodrigues was born in Lisbon, Portugal. After a professional career that took her to other cities and countries, she now spends her life either travelling or among books; writing for children is for her a rewarding challenge and an engaging act of creation.

Following the publication some years ago in Belgium of her first book for children, now also published in English, Dulce Rodrigues created the pedagogical project www.barry4kids.net that opened the way to collaborations in different European countries, namely France, Belgium, Luxembourg and even Romania.

Dulce Rodrigues has university courses in the field of science as well as languages and literatures, and she was awarded scholarships in Germany and Belgium. A few of her children's tales and stories were awarded literary prizes in France at European level contests. She speaks six living languages and writes regularly in at least three.

Her books have been published in more than one European country, and performances of her children's play "Penguin and the Fig Tree" have already taken place in Romania and Luxembourg. The Portuguese version of "Father Christmas has the Flu" was performed in Portugal and her recent script play "Há Festa no Céu" was also performed in Luxembourg.

Books for children by the same Author

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Der Weihnachtsmann ist verschnupft, 2010 – play

Father Christmas has the Flu, 2010 – play

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Le Théâtre des Animaux, 2008 – play

A Aventura do Barry (CD-Rom), 2001 – tale (out of print)

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