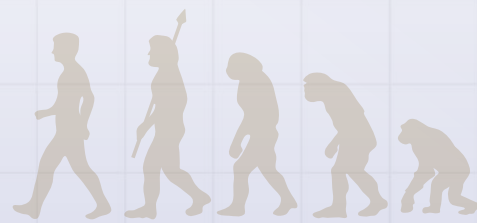
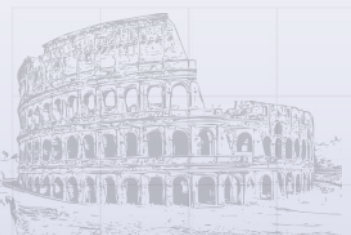




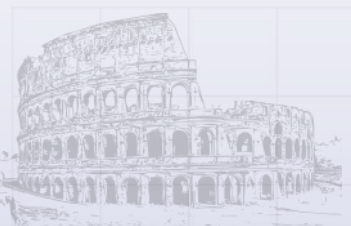
Later Vedic Period

- **Samhita** means collection of Vedic hymns or mantras.
- **Yajurveda Samhita** contains hymns and rituals.
- **Samaveda Samhita** contains Rigvedic prayers set to tune.
- **Atharvaveda Samhita** contains charms and spells to ward off evils and diseases.
- Later Vedic texts were compiled in the **upper Gangetic basin**.
- PGW means **Painted Grey Ware**.
- Later Vedic people used **iron weapons**.
- Iron was called **Shyama** or **Krishna Ayas**.
- Iron axe helped in clearing forests for agriculture.
- Main crops were **barley, rice and wheat**.
- Rice was called **Vrihi**.
- Weaving was confined to women but practised widely.
- Four pottery types were Black and Red Ware, Black-slipped Ware, Painted Grey Ware and Red Ware.
- People lived in mud brick houses or wattle and daub houses.
- Rigvedic assemblies lost importance and royal power increased.
- **Vidatha** completely disappeared.
- Women were no longer permitted to sit in the **Sabha**.



- **Primogeniture** means throne going to the eldest son.
- The king received **Bali** from common people.
- **Rajasuya Yajna** gave supreme power to the king.
- **Ashvamedha Yajna** was for unquestioned control over territory.
- **Vajapeya Yajna** involved the royal chariot winning a race.
- Tax collection officer was called **Sangrihitri**.
- The king did not have a standing army.
- Vaishyas were the main tribute-payers.
- Shudras served the upper three varnas.
- Upper three varnas were entitled to **Upanayana Sanskar**.
- Shudras were denied sacred thread ceremony and Gayatri Mantra recitation.
- **Rathakara**, or chariot-maker, enjoyed high status.
- **Gotra** appeared in Later Vedic times.
- Gotra exogamy means no marriage within the same gotra.
- Life was divided into four Ashramas.
- Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh became important.
- **Pushan** came to be regarded as the god of Shudras.

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