

## Transition from Early to Later Vedic Ages (ca 1200-800 BCE)

A very simple and perhaps overly schematic representation

PERIOD & TIME	<b>EARLY VEDIC (aka Rig Vedic) Age c. 1500-1000 B.C.E.</b>	<b>LATER VEDIC AGE c. 1000 - 600 B.C.E.</b>
OCCUPATION	<b>Pastoral Nomads</b>	<b>Becoming Agriculturalists (iron ca. 1000 BCE?)</b>
GEOGRAPHY	<b>“Sapta Sindhu” Region</b>	<b>Eastward Movement to Gangetic Valley</b>  <i>The two above provide context for the Guha and Gadgill chapter</i>
LABELS	<b>People (“Jana”)</b>	<b>States (“Janapada”)</b>
POLITICAL ORGANIZATION	<b>Simpler Tribal or Lineage Councils</b>	<b>Emergence of Kingship and/or more complex leadership patterns</b>
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS	<b>Simpler Religious Ideas Gods such as Indra, Varuna for Nature or War</b>	<b>More Abstract Ideas (overlap with UPANISHADIC thought)</b>
SOCIAL HIERARCHIES	<b>Simpler Social Formation such as the ARYA DASA divide</b>	<b>More Complex Social Formations VARNA IDEOLOGY outlined, for instance, in the Purusa Hymn about the sacrifice of the Cosmic Man.</b>