

Mother Teresa is Dead



# Helen Edmundson

- ◆ Born in 1964
- ◆ Studied at Manchester University where she was a drama tutor
- ◆ Is also an actress and screenwriter
- ◆ Founded female agitprop group Red Stockings
- ◆ Dramaturged for Northwest Playwrights





# Her Works

- ◆ Has been a recognized playwright since 1990 with the debut of *Flying*.
- ◆ Adapted Jamila Gavins novel *Coram Boy* into a “play with music” and the musical *Zorro*
- ◆ Has a specialty for adapting literary works to plays. Ex *Anna Karenina*, *War and Peace*.
- ◆ Other writings include *The Mill on the Floss*, *The Clearing*,



# Her influence

- ◆ Video of Artistic Director Polly Teale of The Shared Experience Theatre talking about the influence of Helen Edmundson
- ◆ Did her stage adaptations at TSET
- ◆ <http://www.sharedexperience.org.uk/videos.html>



# The play itself

- ◆ First performed at the Royal Court Theatre in 2002.
- ◆ Play very well received in England, but America not so much





# The play

- ◆ 'One is immediately gripped by the dramatic situation, and the skill with which Edmundson draws her characters- The Guardian of The Royal Theatre Company
- ◆ 'What the play powerfully captures in the guilty terror that must sometimes overwhelm all thinking, feeling Westerners when they consider the grotesque privilege of their lives – a privilege that does little to make us happy- The Guardian of The Royal Theatre Company
- ◆ Most regrettably, the playwright concludes by offering a degree of comfort; it may be of a bittersweet kind, but it remains self-serving- Ted Hoover of the Pittsburgh City Paper
- ◆ "In a sad way, it's more resonant now than in 2002 because we have had so many examples of disparity in this country ... and the lack of anyone taking responsibility here - Tracy Brigden AD for City Theatre



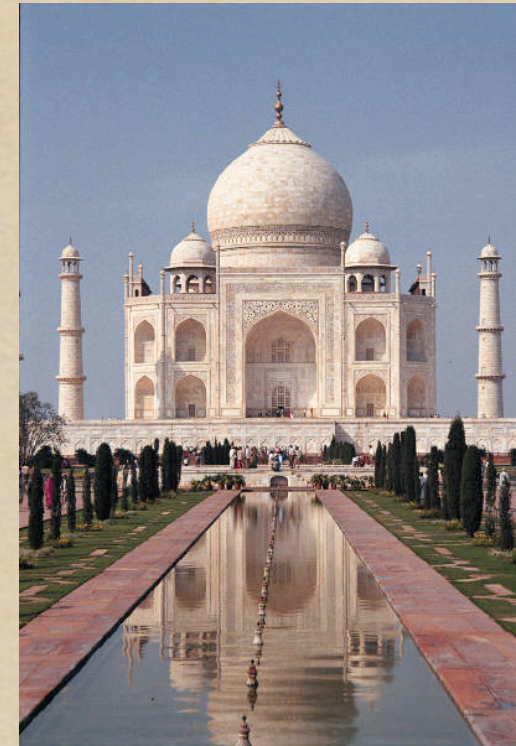


# India

- ◆ Officially the Republic of India
- ◆ Seventh largest country by land mass, second by population
- ◆ Is the worlds eleventh largest economy











# Religion in India



# Religion

- ◆ Both religious diversity and tolerance are set in custom and law.
- ◆ Birthplace of four of the world's major religions Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism
- ◆ As of 2001 census, 80.5 Hindu, 13.5 Islam, 2.3 Christianity







# Culture and life

Indian daily life varies from person to person. For some, a job is the driving force, for others, finding a way to live is another.





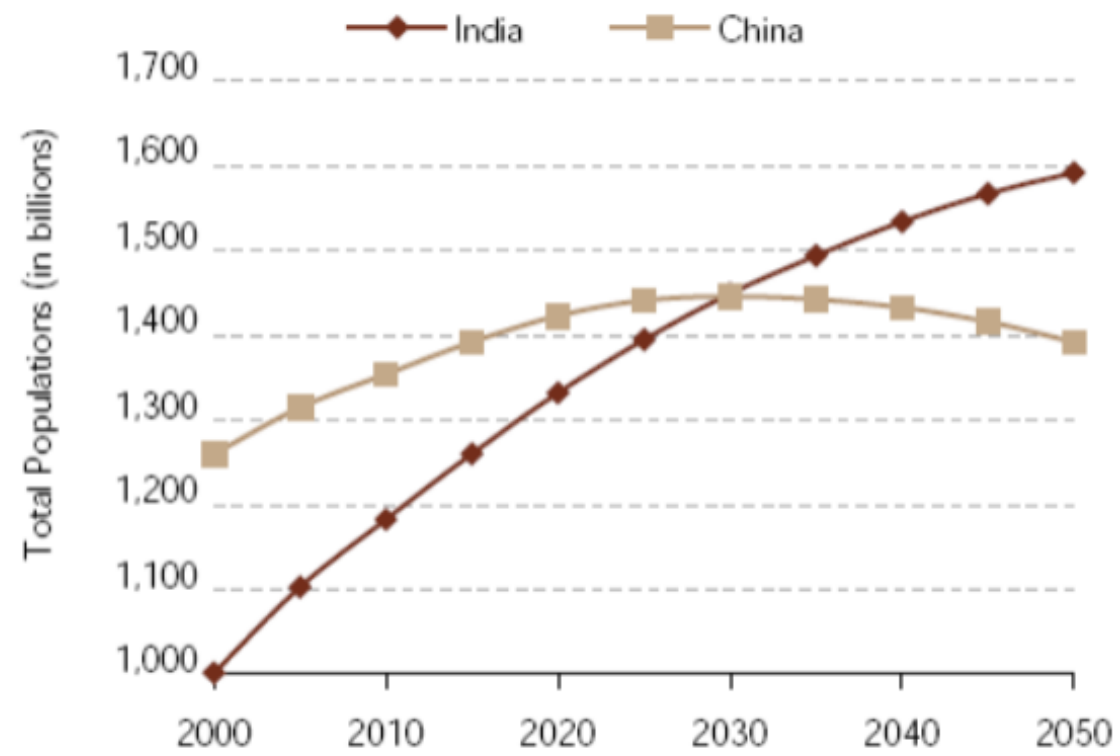
# Daily life

- ◆ India implements the caste system
- ◆ Is expected to surpass China in population in the working class





### India overtakes China in 2030



Source: UN Population Division: Medium variant



# Orphanages

- ◆ In 2005, an estimated 25,700,000 children between the ages of one and seventeen were in an orphanage











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