Hare Krishna Centre - Leicester, UK - The Vedic Temples Of Cambodia

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'Angor Wat' is seen as one of the great wonders of the world possessing walls one and half miles long on either side and as a temple which was constructed 1000 years ago its name is formed the language of Sanskrit whose meaning is the city (nagara) of temples (vat).

'Angkor Wat' was originally known as 'Visnuloka' constructed in honour of 'Visnu' by a great Vedic King named 'Suryavarman' a name from the language of Sanskrit whose meaning is one who is protected (varman) by the god of the sun (surya).

'Angkor Wat' has been described as the Vedic universe written within stone as its cosmology and astronomy are embedded within this monumental edifice whose central towers represent 'Mount Meru' the cosmic axial mountain and home of the gods.

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Within the lands of Cambodia and the province of 'Preah Vihear' there exists an amazing temple (pictured above) whose name is the 'Prasat Preah Vihear' and this resides upon a cliff which serves as the border between the countries of Cambodia and Thailand.

Over one thousand years ago this temple was constructed by the Vedic dynasty known as the 'Khmers' and just as the temple of Angkor Wat is a glorification of the cosmic axial mountain known as 'Meru' so this temple represents Meru and the home of the gods.

Sitting some 2000 feet above sea level this temple has a name formed from the language of Sanskrit as in 'prasad' whose meaning is 'temple' as in 'priya' whose meaning is 'beloved' as in 'vihara' whose meaning is 'abode' as in the temple (prasad) of the beloved (priya) abode (vihara).

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