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Estonia is a country which has had many belief systems imposed upon it in the form of 'Catholicism' 'Lutheranism' 'Russian orthodoxy' and 'Soviet atheism' yet once these impositions have peeled away it reveals a country whose true identity is within the land and mother nature.

'Maa' is their word for 'land' and this becomes the ancient name for the Estonians which is 'Maarahva' whose meaning is the people (rahva) of the land (maa) it also becomes 'Maavald' the realm (vald) of the land (maa) and it becomes 'Maausk' the all pervading presence the Estonians honoured as 'mother earth'.

'Maa' whose meaning is 'land' possesses a more expansive meaning which includes the land, the country, the earth and the personality behind it 'mother earth' just as its cognate 'matr' a word from the language of Sanskrit means both 'mother' and 'mother earth'.

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As one passes throughout the countryside of Estonia we find hundreds and hundreds of villages which are known as 'kula' a word from the language of Estonia whose meaning is 'village' and within the language of Sanskrit we also find that 'kula' means 'family' 'community' and 'village'.

Villages throughout the countryside of Estonia not only possess the same word as Sanskrit for 'village' they also possess names which are obviously Sanskrit such as 'Indra Kula' 'Hindu Kula' 'Kali Kula' 'Raja Kula' 'Kuru Kula' 'Maha Kula' 'Nava Kula' and many more.

According to academics its simply a coincidence that Estonia has the word 'kula' for 'village' and Sanskrit has the same word 'kula' for 'village' and as for the regions of 'Raja Kula' 'Indra Kula' and 'Kali Kula' its nothing more than a random event.

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