

BARAKA: SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE CULTURES.



Buddhism is one of the religions in India. A monk like this recites chants or 'mantras' all day. The goal is to reach enlightenment and be free from desire, which causes suffering.



The Kecak dance is from Bali. It is a story. Bali is famous for dance and art. In the countryside, every village has 3 temples for the main Hindu gods, –the creator (Brahma), the protector (Vishnu), and the destroyer (Shiva). Bali is Hindu, but the rest of Indonesia is mostly Muslim.



The Maasai are from Kenya and Tanzania. Their culture has not been destroyed by modern society. Cattle are the center of the Maasai's daily life.



The Aborigine culture is from Australia. Many of them practice their traditional culture, but most of them live day-to-day life just like any other Australian. In the Aborigine culture, 'Dreamtime' is a time before time, when everything is 'all-at-once'. This is different from the real world where things are 'one-after-another'.



The Kayapo are from Brazil. Their culture has changed very little throughout the ages, but the forests of Brazil where they live are disappearing very quickly.