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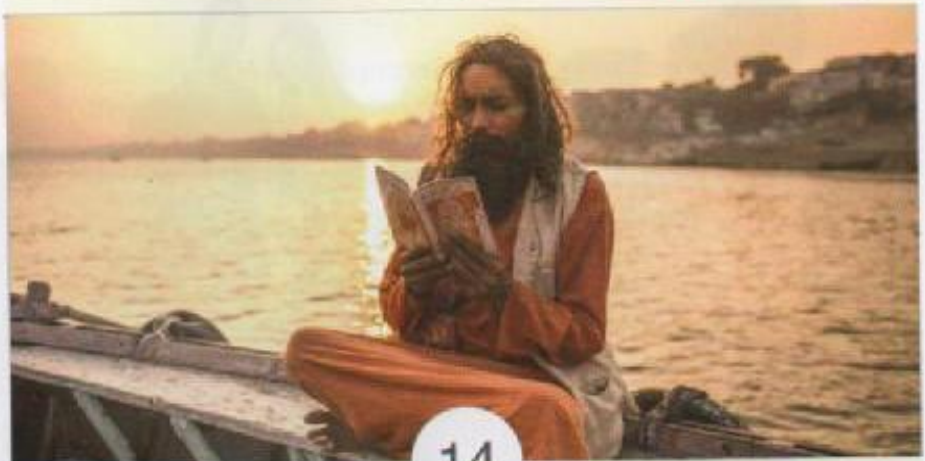
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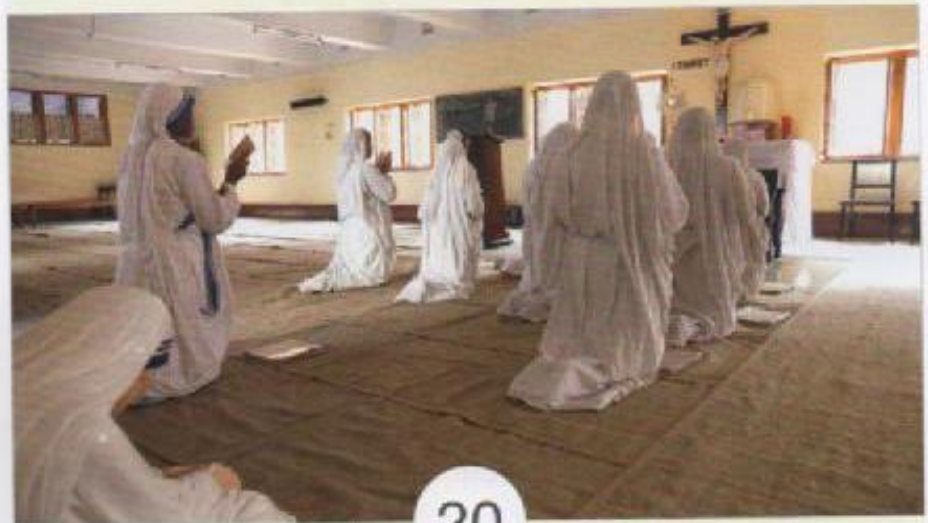


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## A QUEST FOR DEPTH

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Nearly all major religions of the world were born in Asia. A brief study of some common traits of Asian spirituality – inner journey, search for depth, silence, detachment, nonviolence, honesty – shows their significance in modern times.



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## THE POWER OF PRAYER

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Prayer is a powerful resource in human life, yet many do not know how to practice it, even finding it burdensome and only turning to it as a last resort. A sincere longing of the heart for God lies at the origin of prayer that must be accompanied by daily perseverance and self-discipline.

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