

# Origin of Human Library Concept in Vedic Knowledge System: Some Evidences

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## Introduction and research problem

All cultures have found ingenious ways to pass on their knowledge systems, through developing formal and informal ways of communication and preservation. When examining some significant ways in which India preserved and transmitted its knowledge, it was noted that India's oral tradition has followed both fixed and floating patterns of transmission, in codified and un-codified forms. While the knowledge is contained in the Vedas, its ancillary branches have been transmitted through an established, meticulous code of memorization.

Human library is a concept where the human beings are treated as books for reference purpose. The first human library was developed in Copenhagen in the spring of 2000 as a project for Roskilde Festival by Ronni Abergel, his brother Dany and colleagues AsmaMouna and ChristofferErichsen. Human Library Organization has helped the Human Library movement to grow steadily across the world, and today, it is estimated that the Human Library has been presented in more than 70 countries around the world, most of them in partnership with local organizers. The purpose of this research study was to identify the evidences to prove the origin of the human library concept in the Vedic knowledge system.

## Methodology

An interdisciplinary study was specially focused on this area in a different point of view to develop a new idea for debate. Using a mixed method viz., exploratory research method and descriptive research method, this study explains the identified elements of the Vedic knowledge system as like as human library concept.

## Discussion, results and conclusions

In contrast, the preservation of large portions of the Vedic corpus has been carried on for centuries through a complex, highly codified method of transmission. An elaborate, highly sophisticated and foolproof mnemonic and idealistic methods were

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