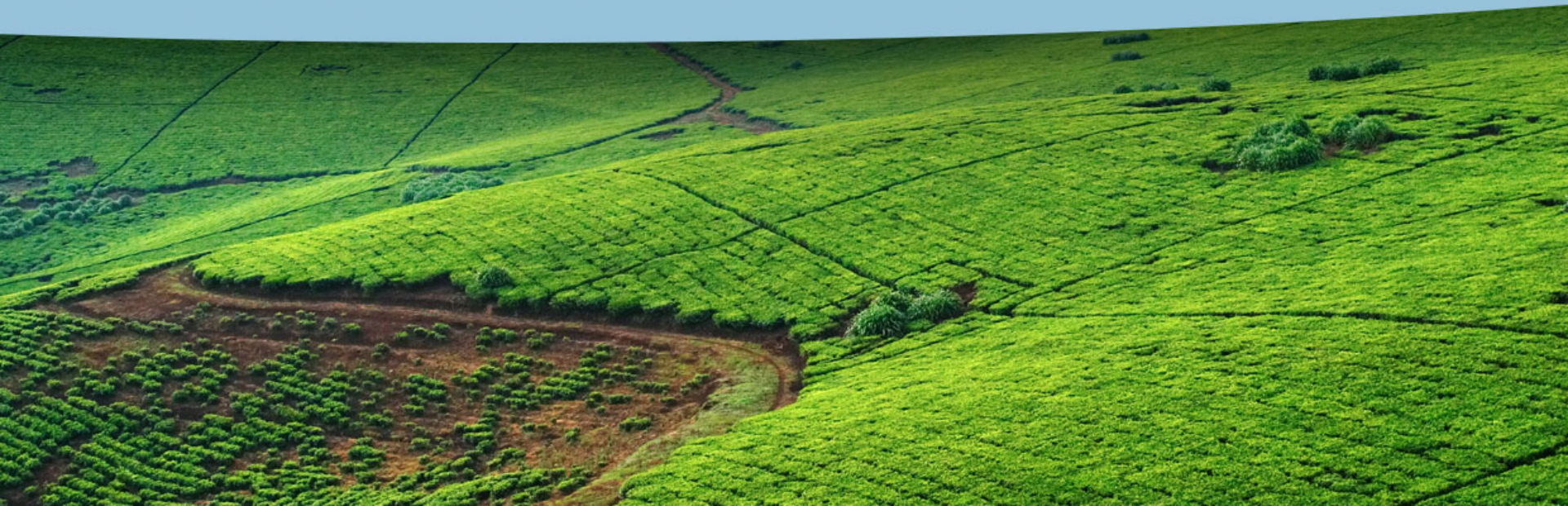


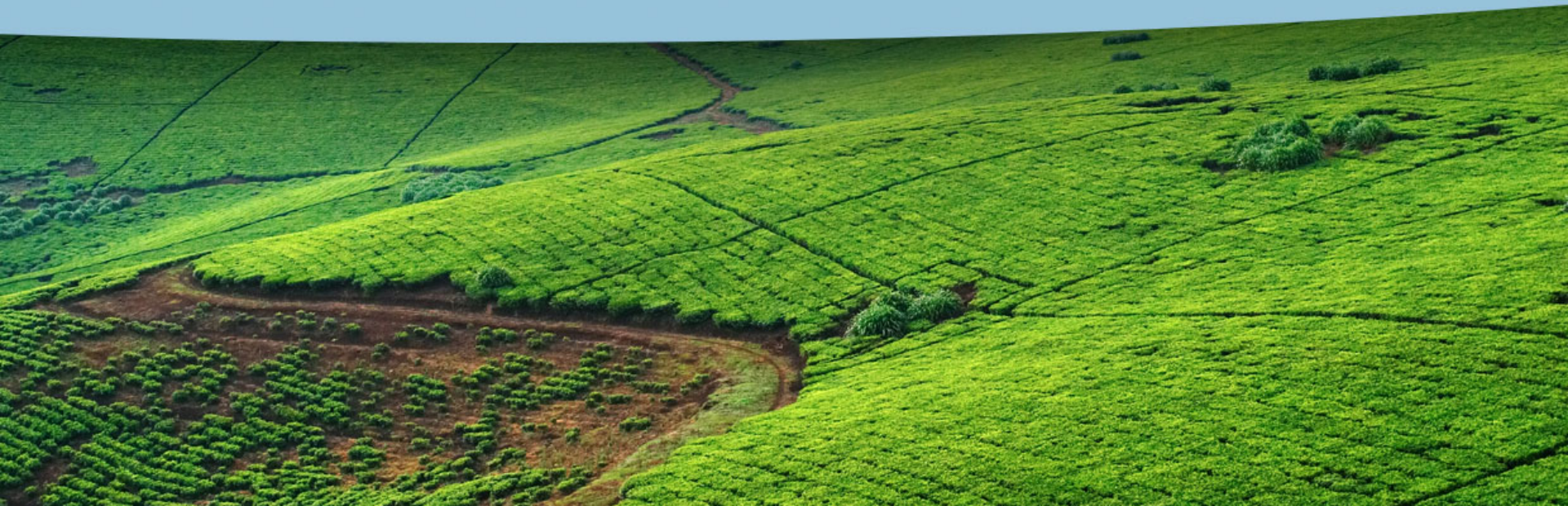
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Women in Hinduism



Women in Hinduism

- In the Hindu law book (The Laws of Manu) there are contradictory views on women



View #1

- Women must be honoured, and adored by their fathers, husbands and brothers, and brothers-in-law who desire welfare.
- Where women are honoured, there the Gods are pleased, but where they are not honoured, no sacred rite yields reward



View #2

- By a girl, young woman, or even by an aged one, nothing must be done independently, even in her own house.
- In childhood a female must be subject to her father, in youth to her husband, when her lord is dead, to her sons. A woman must never be independent

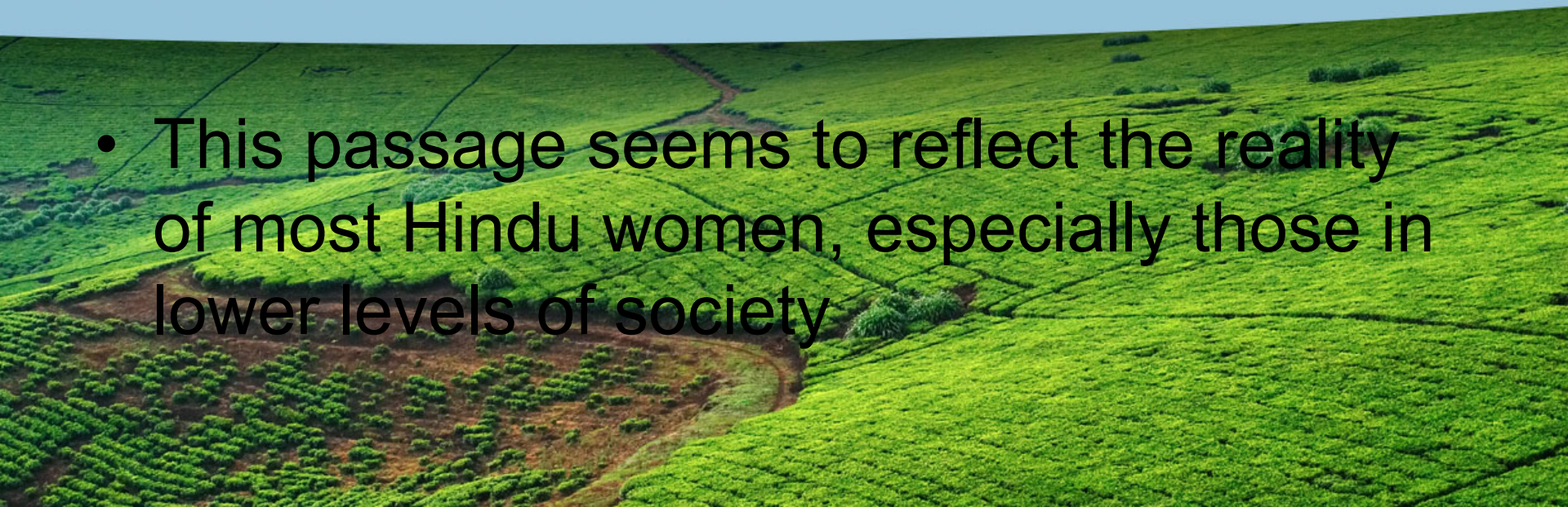
Passage # 1

- What does the first passage suggest?
- Women hold a place of honor in the home
- Sacred duty of the men to honor and provide for them



Passage #2

- What does this passage tell us?
- Secondary to and dependent on the men in their life
- This passage seems to reflect the reality of most Hindu women, especially those in lower levels of society



Women in Society Today

- Not encouraged but is allowed in today's Hindu world
- More women are working outside the home and gender roles are changing but.....
- Women still carry the bulk of the household duties

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- Government, educational and religious institutions are providing better opportunities for women to develop literacy skills and participate in work force
- Hindu women from the privileged classes have been working and excelling for years



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- Higher class women working as



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Check Your Understanding

- Pg 129 #'s 1-4
- In #2 You do not have to indicate significance of Ganesha

