Origin of Untouchability in India

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Abstract: Untouchability is rooted in the Indian soil and it is a national phenomenon. The caste system and untouchability have religious sanction. The evolution of Scheduled castes with the advent of Muslim rule the lot of the Shudras improved. The write up traces the history of untouchability and its causes. When the British and Europeans powers began to rule there was much conversion.

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