



Between Myth and Ritual: Clay and its many forms in India

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*Earth, thy centre and thy navel
All forces that have issued, from thy body
Set us amid those forces, breathe upon us.
I am the son of the Earth
Earth is my Mother*

- Atharva Veda VII 3



Kabir (1440-1518)

*Eka hi mathiya,
Ek khumhara,
Ek sabhi ka srijanhara,
Ek chak sabhi chitra banaya,
naad bind ke Madhya smaya.*

One pot,
one potter
one who is the creator of us all,
one wheel which has created so many forms
with one point in the center where the core
dwells.











Indus valley Grave 3000BCE

















that depict the process by
which these pots are made













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