The light of many suns

The shrine of Pashupatinath is one of the most sacred in the Hindu world. We had come to see it for myself.

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Today, Pashupatinath is a two-tiered pagoda temple with heavily gilded roof, heavy silver doors that are closed to non-Hindus, and in the centre of a vast conglomeration of temples, shrines, ghats, burning and bathing ghat held together by an aura of religious fervour, bathing and burning ghats held together by an aura of religious fervour, bathing and burning ghats held together by an aura of religious fervour, bathing and burning ghat.

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