

**Let us light the candle to signify the
start of our Worship today.**

**In the name of God The Father, God The
Son and God The Holy Spirit.**



Welcome Words –

God is spirit.

**Let us worship him in spirit
and truth.**

Hinduism



Hinduism is over 4,000 years old, making it one of the world's oldest religions. It is made up of a variety of different religious beliefs and practices. It originated near the Indus River in India. The name 'Hindu' comes from the word Indus.



What is Hinduism?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/zmpp92p>



What do Hindus believe?

Central to Hinduism is the belief in a supreme God **Brahman**.

Brahman is present everywhere and there is a part of Brahman in everyone.

Brahman takes many forms.

Especially three forms called the **Trimurti**





Brahma is the creator of the world and all creatures. He is usually shown with four heads.



Vishnu is the preserver of the world. His role is to return to the earth in troubled times and restore the balance of good and evil. He has blue skin and four arms.



Shiva is the **destroyer** of the universe. Shiva destroys the universe in order to re-create it. Shiva has blue skin, a third eye and carries a trident.

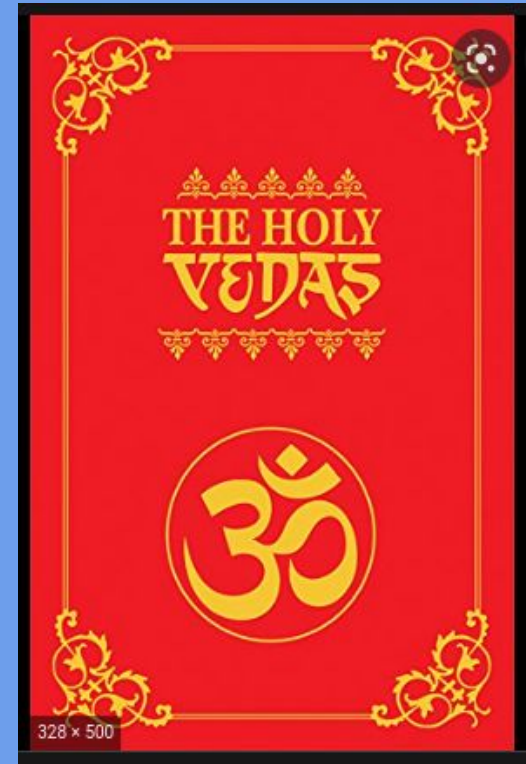
Hindus believe that life is a cycle of birth, death, and rebirth. They also believe that the next life depends on how the previous life was lived.



What are Hinduism's holy books?

Hinduism does not have a single holy book, but many ancient texts and scriptures.

The most important is **The Vedas** which is a collection of hymns praising the Vedic gods. Veda means 'knowledge'.



Where do Hindus worship?

- Hindus worship in a temple called a **Mandir**. Mandirs vary in size from small village shrines to large buildings, surrounded by walls.
- People can also visit the Mandir at any time to pray and participate in the **bhajans** (religious songs).
- Hindus also worship at home and often have a special room with a shrine to particular gods.





Hindu Temple

Hindu temple in Bali, Indonesia. Although most Hindus live in India, there are some Hindu areas in other parts of the world, like Indonesia and Nepal. Many Hindus also live in the UK.



Sree Meenakshi temple

The Meenakshi temple in Madurai, Southern India. The main deity of the temple is Meenakshi (a form that the Goddess Parvati takes).



Shrine to Lakshmi

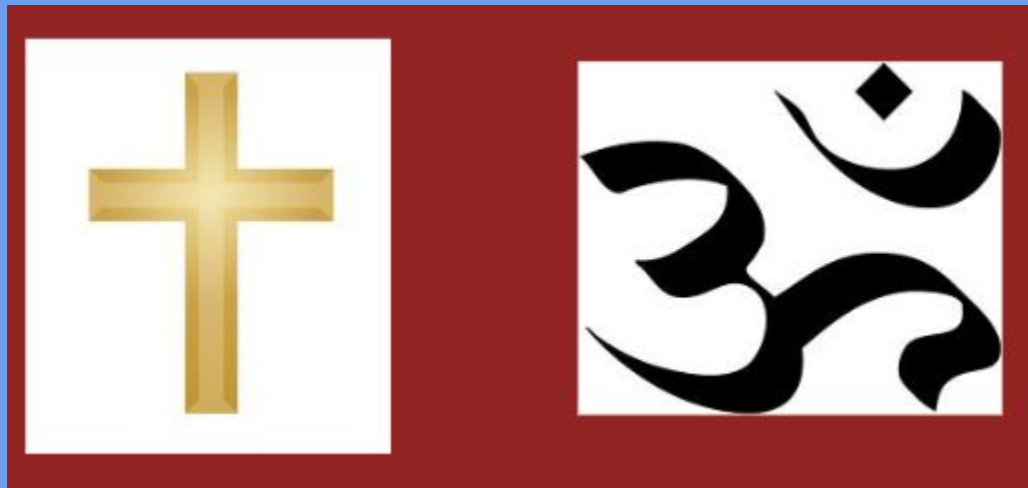
Hindus often worship at shrines to various deities. This is called puja. This is a shrine of Lakshmi during Diwali. Offerings are made in the form of food.



Varanasi

Varanasi, located on the river Ganges, is considered by Hindus to be the holiest city. Many Hindus pilgrimage here to die, believing it will release the soul from the cycle of reincarnation.

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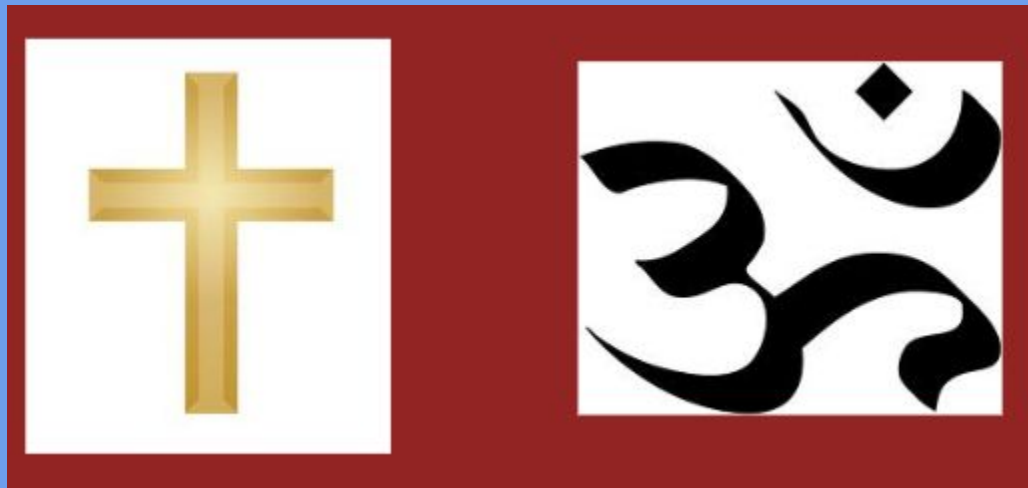


Similarities between Christianity and Hinduism

- * Both believe in one God
- * Both use prayer in their daily lives
- * Both demonstrate important values such as love, peace, friendship, respect

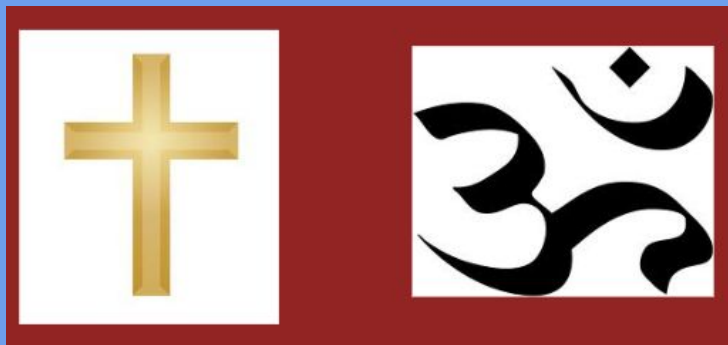


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Differences between Christianity and Hinduism

- * Christians have one Holy book, the Bible, whereas Hindus have several books that guide their lives.
- * Christians worship in a church whereas Hindus worship in a temple called a Mandir.



Let's sing



Let's pray



Closing Words –

**Grace, mercy and peace be
with you**

and also with you.