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LT: I can explain Hinduism's pantheism.

Do Now: Is a drop of water the same thing as the entire ocean? Explain. _____

Hinduism: Gods & Goddesses

What is Hinduism's belief in God?

How does pantheism work?

Pantheism

God with form: Hindus say that it is not enough to just believe in God. We need to make the effort to find God while we are alive. Some Hindus believe it is easier to connect to God by thinking of him/her as a person. This is why we see God being portrayed in so many different forms in Hindu temples. These are all different ways used by different Hindus to think of and reach the same one God.

God can be thought of as a personality but without shape: Some Hindus prefer to think of God without form. The best way they can describe a formless God is by calling (him) Love and Truth. They say that if we try to discover the real nature of these qualities, we can find God.

Vocabulary
Monotheism: Belief in _____ _____
Polytheism: Belief in _____ _____
Pantheism: _____ _____

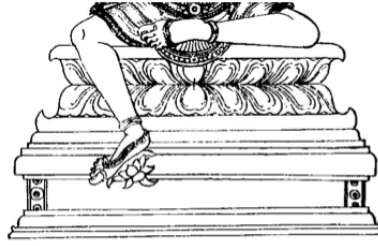
How can God be both with and without shape?

In the same way, God can be both with and without shape. It is the love of the devotee which freezes a formless God into the form of his choice.

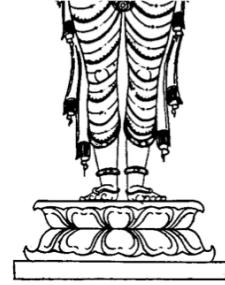
How is the god/goddess sitting?



Lotus posture: a state of spiritual enlightenment.



1 leg down: a desire to help others.



Standing: Action

What do the hands look like?



Fearlessness



Generosity



Teaching



Meditation



Vigilance

Common Symbols

Lotus Flower



Spiritual purity

Trident



Power/Courage

Book



Knowledge

Rosary



Meditation

Noose



Maya

Dagger



The spiritual path

Mace



Karma

Water Jug



The energy that created the universe

Conch Shell



Instruction

Wheel



Samsara

Snake






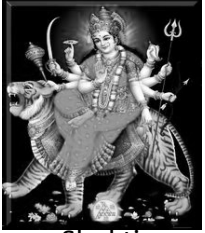

Control of one's worst emotions

Axe



Severing one's bond to the maya

What are the main gods of Hinduism, and what do they represent?

Deva (Deity)	What is he or she the god/goddess of?	Symbolism in their form
 <p>Brahma</p>		
 <p>Vishnu</p>		
 <p>Shiva</p>		
 <p>Shakti</p>		
 <p>Ganesha</p>		