Vocabulary

Monotheism: Belief in 1 god.

Polytheism: Belief in many gods.

Pantheism: God is everything and everyone. Everyone and everything is God.

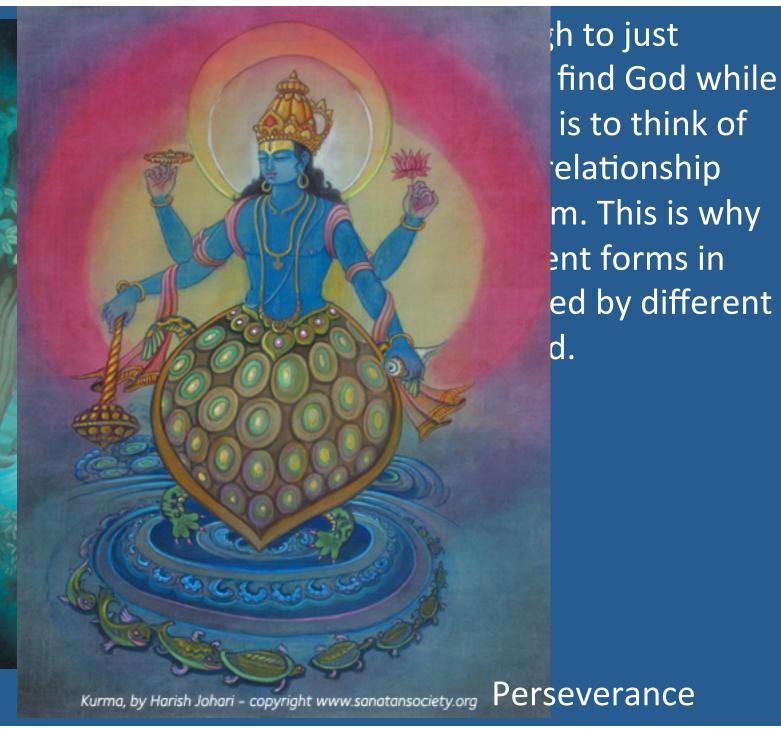


Pantheism

God with form (body)

God without form

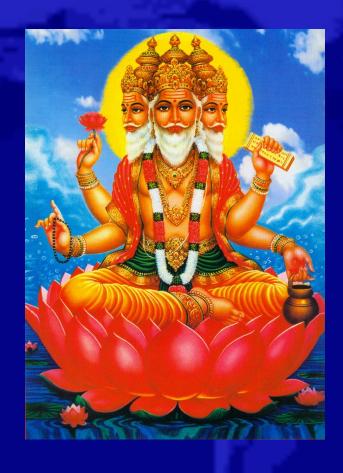
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God can be thought of as a personality but without shape: Some Hindus prefer to think of God without form. The best way they can describe a formless God is by calling (him) Love and Truth. They say that if we try to discover the real nature of these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

How can God be both with and without shape?

Ice has a shape, but water does not. 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.



Brahma

Creator of the universe.

4 Faces: 4 Vedas

4 arms: the 4 directions

Lotus flower:
Supreme
Reality, the
essence of
all things

Book: Knowledge

Water pot: the cosmic energy that created the universe.