

Hinduism

Mandir The Hindu place of worship.

Brahman The Hindu God and life force that is present in everything. The different Hindu Gods are all expressions of Brahman.

Brahma One of the Trimurti, Brahma the creator, is a Hindu god who created the world and all living things on it.

Trimurti The Trimurti, three forms, are the three aspects of Brahman: Vishnu, Shiva and Brahma. Often depicted in statues as one person with three faces

Vishnu The Hindu god responsible for protecting and preserving the universe.

Shiva A part of the Trimurti, Shiva is the Hindu god of destruction.

Tridevi The Tridevi is the joining of the three Hindu goddesses Saraswati, Lakshmi and Parvati.

Saraswati She is the Hindu goddess of knowledge and the arts and consort of Brahma the creator.

Lakshmi She is the Hindu goddess of wealth and purity and the consort of Vishnu.

Shakti Shakti is honoured as the mother goddess, a universal source of energy, power and creativity.

Ganesh The son of Shiva and Parvati, Ganesh is depicted as having a head of an elephant and a human body and gives good fortune and wisdom.

Hanuman He is the symbol of strength and energy. A devotee of Lord Rama, who fought with him against the demon king, Ravana

Reincarnation In Hinduism, it is believed that life is a cycle of birth, death and rebirth. The rebirth doesn't have to be in human form and could be an animal or plant.

Moksha Leaving the cycle of birth and rebirth to become one with the God.

Karma The belief that for every action there is a consequence. In Hinduism, Karma is the belief that the actions performed in this life will effect what happens to you in the next life.

Dharma Duty, religion, virtue and morality, Dharma is what is expected of each individual to uphold order - it is the 'right way of living'.

Atman Atman means 'eternal self' and it is the belief that there is a part of Brahma in everyone.

Puja The Hindu act of worship (often undertaken at home), where shrines of gods are offered food, treated as guests and prayed to

Murti A statue of a god or goddess.

Diwali The Hindu festival of lights is associated with many stories. The main one being a celebration of the return of Lord Rama after an exile of 14 years, where he killed the demon king Ravana.