



God in Hinduism



One Universal, transcendent Divinity
(*Brahman*, Consciousness, Pure Spirit)



Brahman is immanent in creation as its Source
(*Ishwara*, Supreme Lord)



Brahman is worshipped in many names and forms
called *Murtis*.

- *Murtis* symbolize ideals and invoke devotion.
- They do not have to be human forms only.
- Symbols carry significant meaning.



Many names and forms; one Source

.. pluriform monotheistic ..

Rest your mind in God “by any means whatsoever”

Brahman: No form, no attributes; indescribable but can be experienced

Ishwara: No form, has attributes: all-knowing, all powerful, eternal etc.

Deity (Bhagavan/Bhagavati/Devata/Devi): Has form, has attributes helpful in connecting with the all powerful higher being that is the One ultimate reality

Six special attributes (bhaga):

- knowledge, detachment, sovereignty, righteousness, renown, glory

Seen as presiding over cosmic forces and forces within us; can incarnate

Choose what suits you at your level of understanding