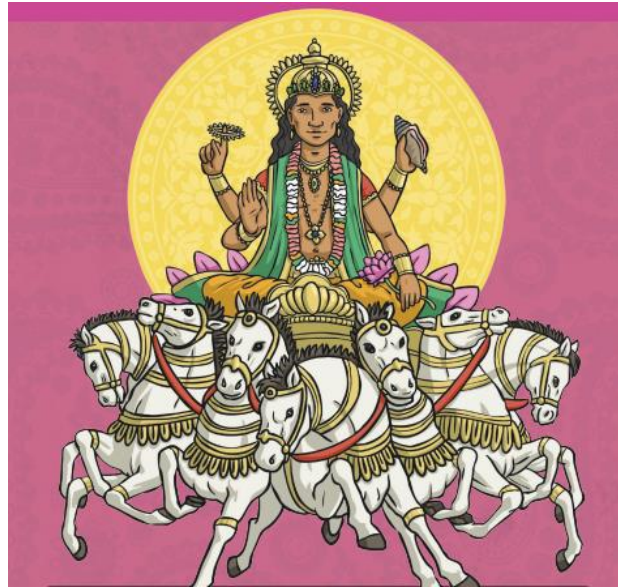


Hindu Dharma



Hindu Dharma is the oldest of the 6 major religions. Hindu Dharma has over 1 billion followers worldwide, with about 95% of Hindus living in India.

| Key Vocabulary | Definition |
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| Brahman | The one supreme being, God |
| Atman | The eternal spirit or soul held within a physical body. |
| Trimurti | Three image which consists of three most important deities |
| Brahma | In charge of creative power. He is often shown with four heads. |
| Vishnu | The preserver of the universe and of dharma. He protects human beings and restores order to the world. |
| Shiva | In charge of opposites, e.g. creation and destruction. |
| Deity | Gods and goddesses, a visual representation. |
| Aum (Om) | The first sound of the universe according to one of the Hindu creation stories. |
| Puja | Hindu word for worship |
| Mandir | Hindu place of worship |
| Diwali | Festival of lights, where Hindu people remember the story of Rama and Sita. Also, the Hindu New Year. |
| Reincarnation | The belief that after death, a being is reborn into a new life. |