

How do Hindus make sense of their world ?



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Hindus can worship at home or in a mandir. In a mandir, Hindus can perform puja. Some mandirs are very tall buildings. Hindus believe it brings them closer to heaven. In a mandir, there are shrines and lots of murtis for different gods. Offerings of flowers are brought to the murtis.

Special Festivals

Holi is the 'festival of colours' and marks the beginning of spring with bonfires and lots of singing and dancing. Old rubbish is burnt to mark a fresh start and colour is thrown on people.

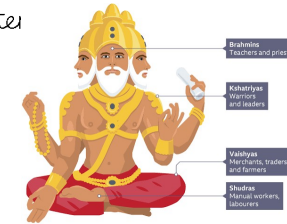


Hindu Dharma

Hindu Dharma is one of the oldest of the world's religions. It is now practised all over the world, but originated in South East Asia. It is a mix of different beliefs, cultures and traditions dating back over 4000 years.

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There are holy scriptures in Hindu Dharma. The scriptures support Hindus in their life and guide prayer. Shruti texts are knowledge from gods. Smriti were written by sages.



Diwali

Diwali is the 'festival of lights' and is celebrated in late autumn. Diwali celebrates good's victory over evil with lots of lights around homes. Fireworks, presents and new clothes are used to celebrate.



Symbols

A religion as intricate, complex and long lasting as Hinduism is surely filled with symbols and beliefs that have penetrated through the sands of time. Several symbols, marks and ideals could have been lost over course of time. But till today there are a few Hindu symbols that are exclusive to this incredible religion.