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How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?

The Tri-Murti



Brahma: the god responsible for the creation of the world and all living things.

Vishnu: the god that preserves and protects the universe.

Shiva: the god that destroys the universe in order to recreate it.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Brahman	In Hinduism, the highest universal principle and reality in the universe.
deity	A god or goddess.
essence	Parts of what make something what it is.
eternal	Having no beginning or end. Something which lasts forever.
generation	A group of people who were born around the same time.
impact	A strong or powerful effect.
mantra	A word or phrase which is repeated. Different mantras are believed to bring different things to those who speak them.
meditation	Sustained thought or concentration for the purposes of religious devotion or relaxation.
perception	The way someone understands or becomes aware of something.
polytheistic	A religion which believes in more than one god.
purpose	What something/someone was designed or made to do.
representation	The showing or picturing of something in a different form.
society	The members of a community or group considered together.
soul	The part of human beings thought of as the centre of feeling, thought and spirit.
Tri-murti	The trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Brahman

Brahman is a term used by Hindus to describe God or the Supreme Being. It can also refer to the 'divine consciousness'. Brahman is a supreme, universal spirit that is eternal and unchanging.

Hindu holy books refer to Brahman as being present throughout the entire universe and Hindus believe that all living beings carry a part of Brahman within them. This divine spark is known as the atman, or soul, and it is immortal.

Symbols

Aum: Represents the Brahman (from where the whole universe came).

This symbol is the most important and special symbol in Hinduism.

Lotus Flower: Hindus believe the Creator Brahma came from a lotus flower.

The lotus is also important in Hinduism because, despite coming from muddy waters, it becomes a beautiful flower. People should also become kind and good, and should never turn into bad people.

