

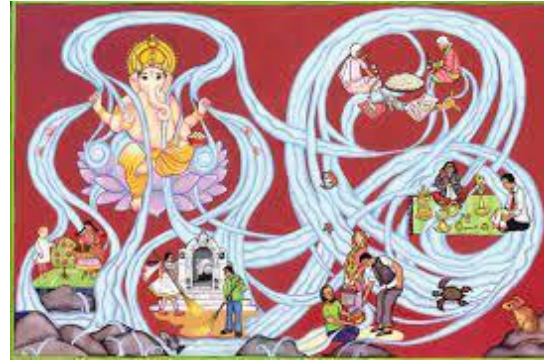
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Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus to lead good lives?

Visual depictions of key Hindu beliefs



Karma



Moksha

Key Vocabulary	Definition
ancient	Belonging to the very distant past.
Atman	The Hindu word meaning 'essence' or 'soul'.
Brahman	In Hinduism, the highest universal principle and reality in the universe.
eternal life	Traditionally referred to in the Christian faith as a continuation of life after death.
Hinduism	The religion of the majority of people in India and Nepal. Hinduism has over 900 million followers worldwide. Unlike most other religions, Hinduism has no single founder, no single scripture, and no commonly agreed set of teachings.
karma	In Indian religion and philosophy, this is the universal causal law by which good or bad actions determine the future modes of an individual's existence.
Moksha	The end of the death and rebirth cycle and is classed as the fourth and ultimate Artha (goal).
Mokshopath	Path to Salvation. (Moksha meaning Salvation)
reincarnation	The process of birth or rebirth. Being born inside a new body (human, plant, animal) after death, until Moksha is achieved.
salvation	Deliverance from ruin or loss.
scriptures	Sacred writings.
samsara	This process of reincarnation is called samsara, a continuous cycle in which the soul is reborn over and over again according to the law of action and reaction.
Shruti	Holy scriptures.

Snakes and Ladders



Snakes and Ladders is an ancient Indian game which was brought to the west by the British in 1892. It was called Mokshapath meaning Path to Salvation. (**Moksha** meaning Salvation)

Special places for Hindus

Hindus can worship at home or in a Mandir.
In a Mandir, Hindus can perform Puja (worship)
Some Mandirs are very tall buildings.
Hindus believe it brings them closer to heaven.



Special texts

There are many holy scriptures in Hinduism. The scriptures support Hindus in their life, and guide prayer. Shruti texts are considered to be knowledge from gods. Smriti were written by Hindu spiritual leaders.

