

The Basics



1.2 BILLION



World's Third Largest Religion



World's Oldest Religion (c. 2000 BCE)



Integral Part of Indian Culture



80%
of
India



Hinduism is a way of life, a dharma. Hinduism can best be defined as a way of life based on the teachings of ancient sages and scriptures



The word 'dharma' connotes "that which supports the universe," and effectively means any path of spiritual discipline which leads to God.

DHARMA

Fruit represents various sects and subjects

Branches represent various theological traditions

Trunk represents the spiritual experiences of sages, gurus, and saints

Roots represent the Vedas and Vedantas



Hinduism has no clerical orders



Hinduism has no principle religious authorities



Hinduism has no central holy book



Hindus are allowed to hold nearly any kind of belief in deities they choose, from monotheistic to polytheistic, from atheistic to humanistic. So while Hinduism has been defined as a religion, but it may more appropriately be described as a way of life that includes any and all scholarly and spiritual practices that can be said to lead to enlightenment or human progress.

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