

# Hinduism – What do Hindus believe God is like?

The Hindu tradition is diverse and ever changing and according to the 2021 Census, 1.7% of the population of the UK are Hindus.

The ultimate reality is known as **Brahman** who is the source of everything in the universe. The **atman** is a spark of Brahman in every living creature and the **namaste** welcome is a way of recognising the spark of Brahman inside every living creature. The **Aum** symbol represents Brahman but also the first sound in the creation of the universe.

Aum



What is the Trimurti and why is it important?

Shiva = transformer and recycler



Brahma = creator



Vishnu = sustainer and protector



<b>Hindu</b>	A follower of Hinduism	<b>Namaste</b>	bowing slightly and putting hands together as a form of respect
<b>Brahman</b>	a formless, ultimate reality, one energy or consciousness in the universe, the source of everything	<b>Shiva:</b>	the destroyer of things so new things can begin
<b>Deity:</b>	Brahman channelled into different forms	<b>Aum</b>	the sacred symbol that describes Brahman
<b>Lakshmi:</b>	the deity of wealth and prosperity	<b>Vishnu:</b>	the sustainer of all living things
<b>Brahma:</b>	the creator of things who created the universe, people and creatures		



Brahma



Vishnu



Shiva



Lakshmi