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America is not a Christian nation. We are, it is true, a nation founded by Christians, and according to a 2008 survey, 76 percent of us continue to identify as Christian (still, that's the lowest percentage in American history). Of course, we are not a Hindu—or Muslim, or Jewish, or Wiccan—nation, either. A million-plus Hindus live in the United States, a fraction of the billion who live on Earth. But recent poll data show that conceptually, at least, we are slowly becoming more like Hindus and less like traditional Christians in the ways we think about God, our selves, each other, and eternity.

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Julia Roberts, the Hollywood actress, has disclosed that she is a practising Hindu who goes to temple to "chant and pray and celebrate".

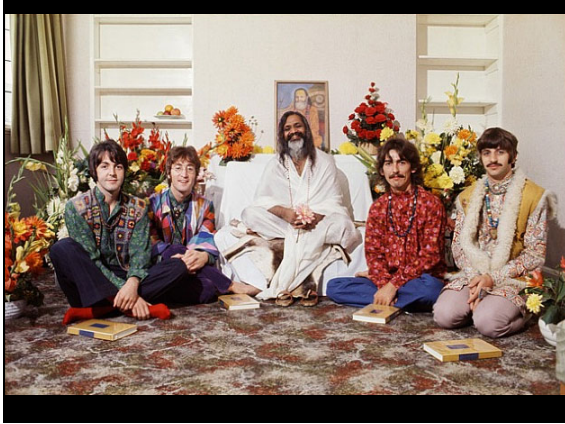
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The 42-year-old, who married the cameraman Daniel Moder in 2002, said the couple worship at temple together regularly with their three children.

She added that she hopes to be reincarnated as "something quiet" after the stresses of celebrity.

Roberts, who was born to Baptist and Catholic parents, is thought to have made the religious conversion while shooting her new film, *Eat, Pray, Love*, in which she plays a woman hoping to find herself through Hindu spirituality.



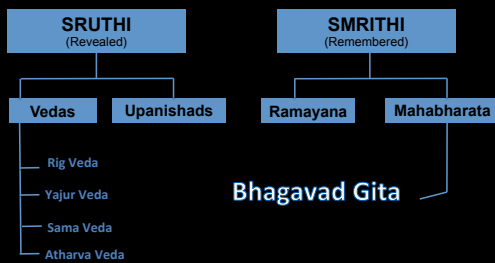


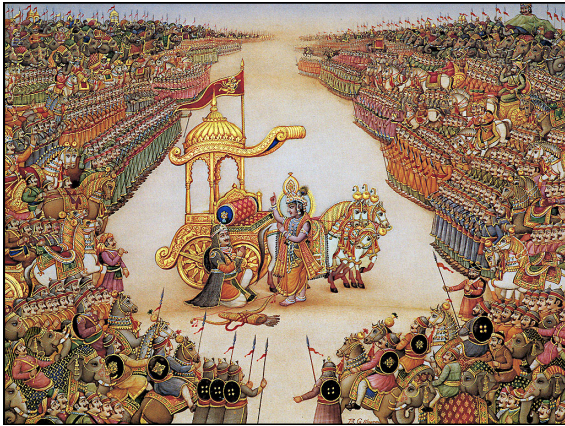
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Thamasoma Jyothir Gamaya
Mrithyoma Amritham Gamaya

From the delusion lead me to truth
From darkness lead me to light
From the death lead me to life.

Brhud Arayaka Upanisad (1.3.28).

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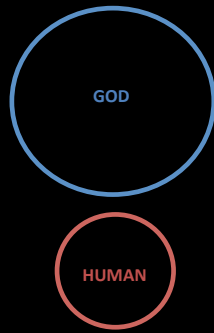
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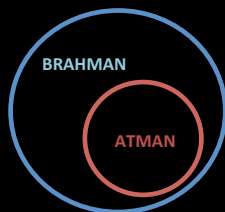
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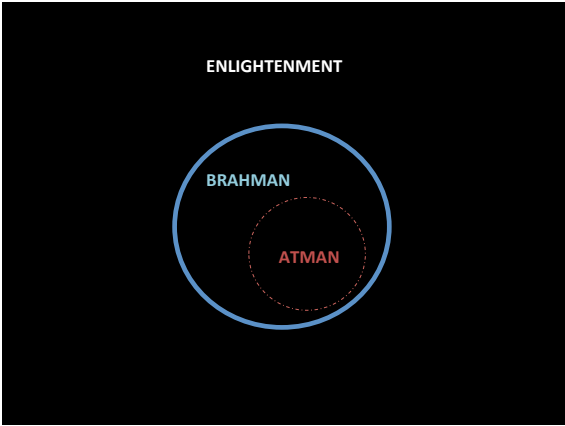
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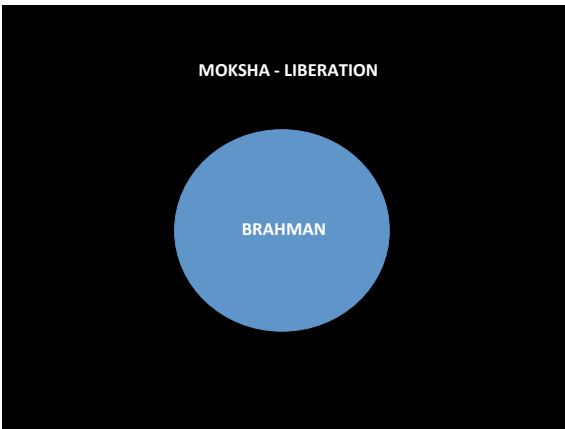
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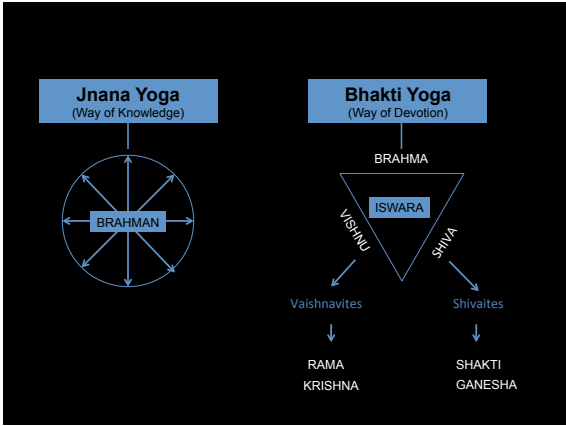
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Krishna

Rama

THEOLOGY OF HINDUISM

'Sanatana Dharma,'
Universal Law/Duty

"Ekam Sat Vipra, Bahuda Vadanti"

"That which exists is One:
Sages call it by various names."

With eyes on all sides and mouths on all sides,
with arms on all sides and feet on all sides,
the One God created the sky and the earth,
fanning them with his arms.

Rig Veda, 10.81.3

The All-Maker is vast in mind and vast in strength.
He is the one who forms, who sets in order and
who is the highest image.

Rig Veda, 10.82.2





THE AVATAR

“When goodness grows weak,
When evil increases
I make myself a body.
In every age I come back
To deliver the holy
To destroy the sin of the sinner
To establish the righteous”

Bhagavad-Gita : IV: 7-8

“For the Son of Man has come to
seek and to save that which was lost.”

Luke 19:10



*“And indeed, there was no other victim
for sacrifice but that one Prajapati.
They did offer up Him.
These were the first ordinances.”*

(Satapathabrahmana 10.2.2.1-2)

*“Now, one half of that Prajâpati was mortal,
and the other half immortal,”*

(Satapathabrahmana 10.1.3. 2)

**Asathoma Sath Gamaya
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“I am the truth (sath)” (John 14:6)

“I am the light (joyothir)” (John 8:12)

“I am the life (amritham)” (John 14:6)
