

HINDUISM

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Basics

- no central messiah or founder
- various sects, forms of worship



What Ties Them Together?

- agreement on philosophy rather than doctrine
- belief in veneration of life (cow)
- belief in transmigration of soul
 - dharma, reincarnation



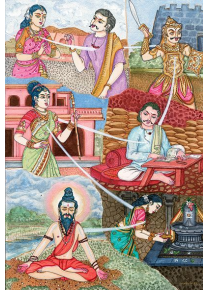
Concept of God

- no difference between God and man and b/t man and other living things
- believe everything created from same divine spirit

Dharma



Karma

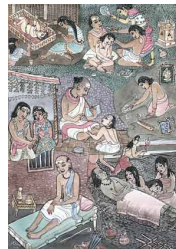


Gods

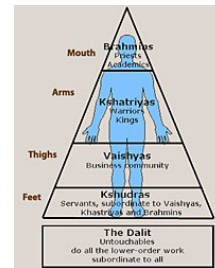


Four Stages of Life

- Student Stage
 - study with guru
- Householder Stage
 - obtain wealth, marry
- "Going to the Forest"
 - drop out of society
- Wandering Holy Man
 - free of ego and personality



Caste System



HINDU DEITIES

Iconography

- description or interpretation of symbols, themes, visuals of a subject

Vishnu



Shiva



Krishna



Kali



JAINISM

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- 700 BCE- challenges arise to Brahmins
- nonviolence



BUDDHISM

Overview

- Siddhartha Gautama... "The Buddha"
- spread from India to China by Silk Road



Beliefs

- Four Noble Truths
 - Life is suffering
 - Suffering caused by desire
 - There is way out of suffering
 - Must follow the Eightfold Path



- Eightfold Path



Foms

- Theravada Buddhism
 - "Way of the Elders"...original form
 - monastic orders
 - Buddha was a mortal man

- Mahayana Buddhism
 - "Greater Vehicle"
 - came about from spread along trade routes
 - more ritual
 - Buddha = deity

