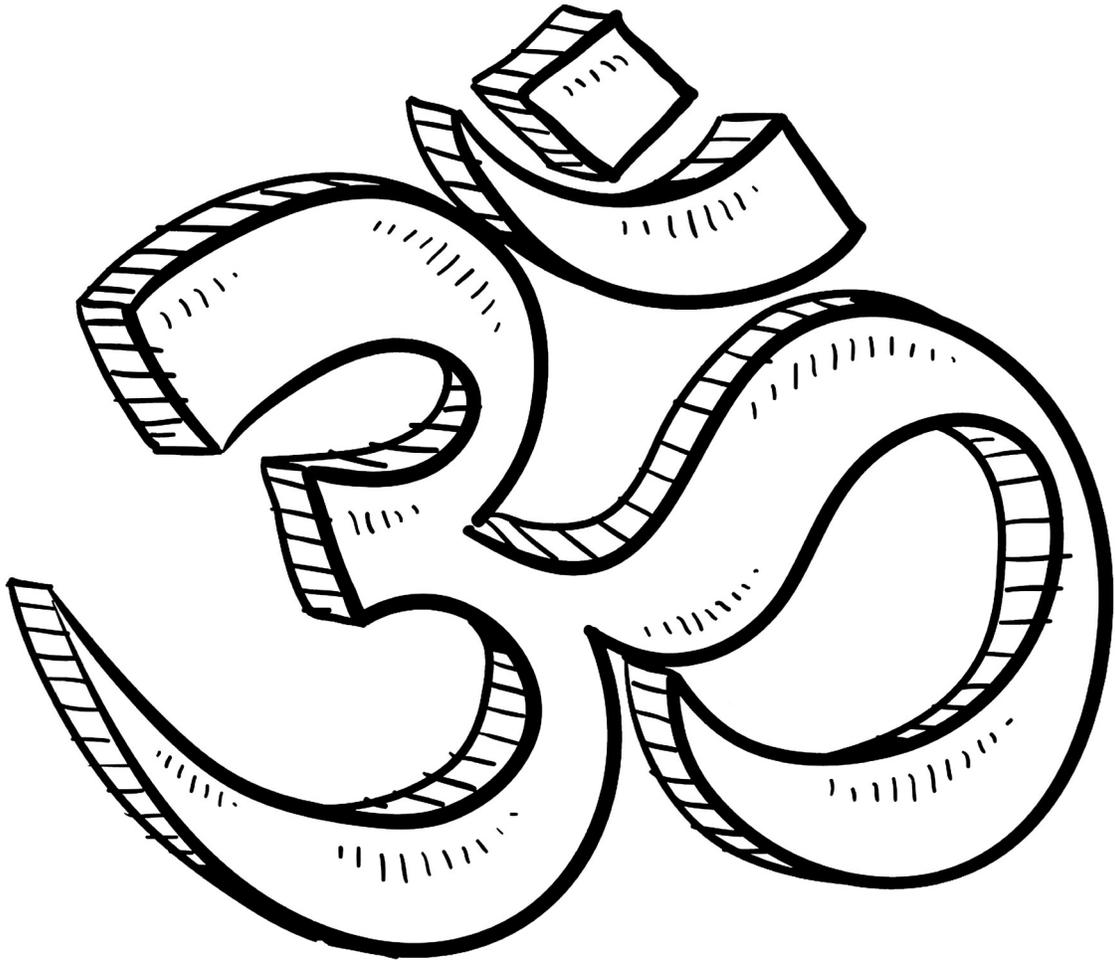
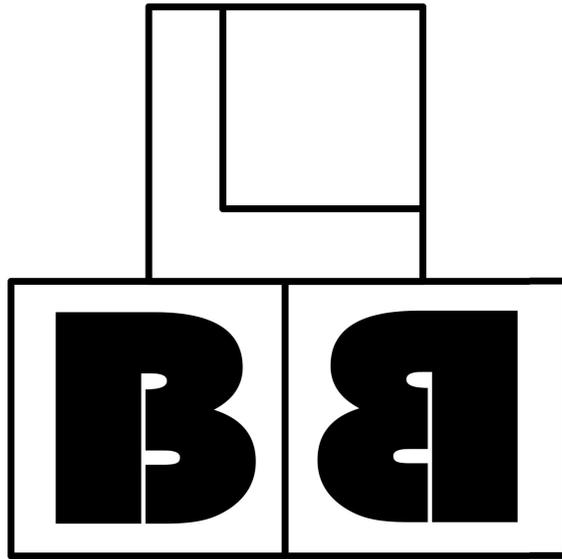


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BRAHMA—THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE

Brahma is one of the "Trinity Gods" along with Mahesh (Shiva) and Vishnu. He is the "Creator of the Universe" and he sometimes appears as a four-headed God with each head representing one of the four directions of the horizon. Some Hinduists believe that Brahma has 5 heads and because the fifth head was full of pride, Shiva cut it off. The legend tells us that Brahma, although he is the Creator of the Universe, he evolved to become a creator, via a lotus flower from the navel of Vishnu. He was probably sleeping in a vast sea of nothingness before he decided to create the Universe. Brahma travels with his swan or goose vehicle (Vahan) and he lives in a sacred, heavenly place called Brahmaloaka. He is the God of Wisdom in Hinduism and he has unlimited powers...

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Ganesh, Protector of this 2020 Calendar

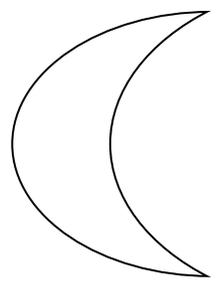


*"In a day, when you don't come across any problems -
you can be sure that you are travelling
in a wrong path..."*

- Swami Vivekananda

January — Krishna

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Moon Phases:

First Quarter Moon: January 3, 2020

Full Moon: January 10, 2020

Last Quarter Moon: January 17, 2020

New Moon: January 24, 2020

***"Perform all work carefully,
guided by compassion..."***

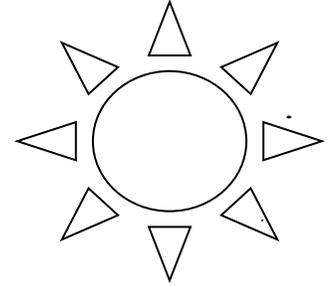
- Ved Vyassa (The Bhagavad Gita)

Krishna is a major Hindu God who is also known by the names Govinda, Gopal, Vasudeva or Madhusudan. According to the legend he is the eighth incarnation of God Vishnu and he is considered one of the greatest philosophers of Hinduism and a powerful warrior. His parents were Devaki and Basudev who brought him to life in order to kill his uncle Kansa who was King of Mathura. Krishna got away from numerous murdering attempts against him. There's a festival in India called "Krishan Janmastami" where people celebrate the birth of Krishna. He is one of the heroes in the epic Mahabharata in which he takes part in the battle of Kurushetra without any weapon but as a chariot rider for Arjuna. Krishna provided wisdom and knowledge to Arjuna in order to win the battle (knowledge of the Gita).

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February — Saraswati

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Moon Phases:

First Quarter Moon: February 2, 2020

Full Moon: February 9, 2020

Last Quarter Moon: February 15, 2020

New Moon: February 23, 2020

"God is not present in idols. Your feelings are your god. The soul is your temple..."

- Chanakya, 350 BC

Saraswati is a very important Hindu Goddess. She is associated with eternal wisdom, music and education. Her alternative name is Sharada. Saraswati was married to God Brahma who is the creator of the Universe. She is often represented with her vehicle (Vahan) which is either a swan or a goose. Saraswati is a Goddess of Tridevi, the female representation of Tridevs in Hinduism. She is known to be very beautiful and she usually appears with four hands carrying a Veena, a traditional musical instrument. She is worshipped by many Hinduists who observe her on the first day of Spring (the day of Basantapachami). This is the day when her followers and devotees wake up very early and go to her temples so as to be blessed with knowledge and wisdom.

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Moon Phases:

First Quarter Moon: March 2, 2020

Full Moon: March 9, 2020

Last Quarter Moon: March 16, 2020

New Moon: March 24, 2020

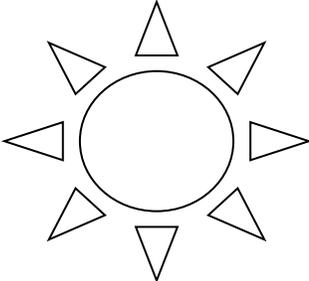
"As soon as the fear approaches near, attack and destroy it..."

- Chanakya, 350 BC

Ram is a powerful God of the Hindu Pantheon. He ruled over the Kingdom of Ayodhya. His parents were Dasharatha and Kaushalya. He was considered to be the seventh incarnation of God Vishnu. Ram is also known as Ramchandra or Rama. Today people in India celebrate the God's birth with a festival called "Ram Nawami". Ram was a big hero of the epic Ramayana where his step mother Kaikeyi tried to exile him from the kingdom so he would never become a King. His exile lasted for 14 years. During this time Ram got married to Sita, a lovely wife and he had his brother Lakshman by his side. According to Ramayana, Lord Ravan, King of Lanka abducted Ram's wife Sita and this incident led to a great war where Ram defeats Ravan once and for all.

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April — Durga



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Moon Phases:

First Quarter Moon: April 1, 2020

Full Moon: April 8, 2020

Last Quarter Moon: April 14, 2020

New Moon: April 23, 2020

First Quarter Moon: April 30, 2020

"Not thinking about anything is Zen. Once you know this, walking, sitting or lying down, everything you do is Zen..."

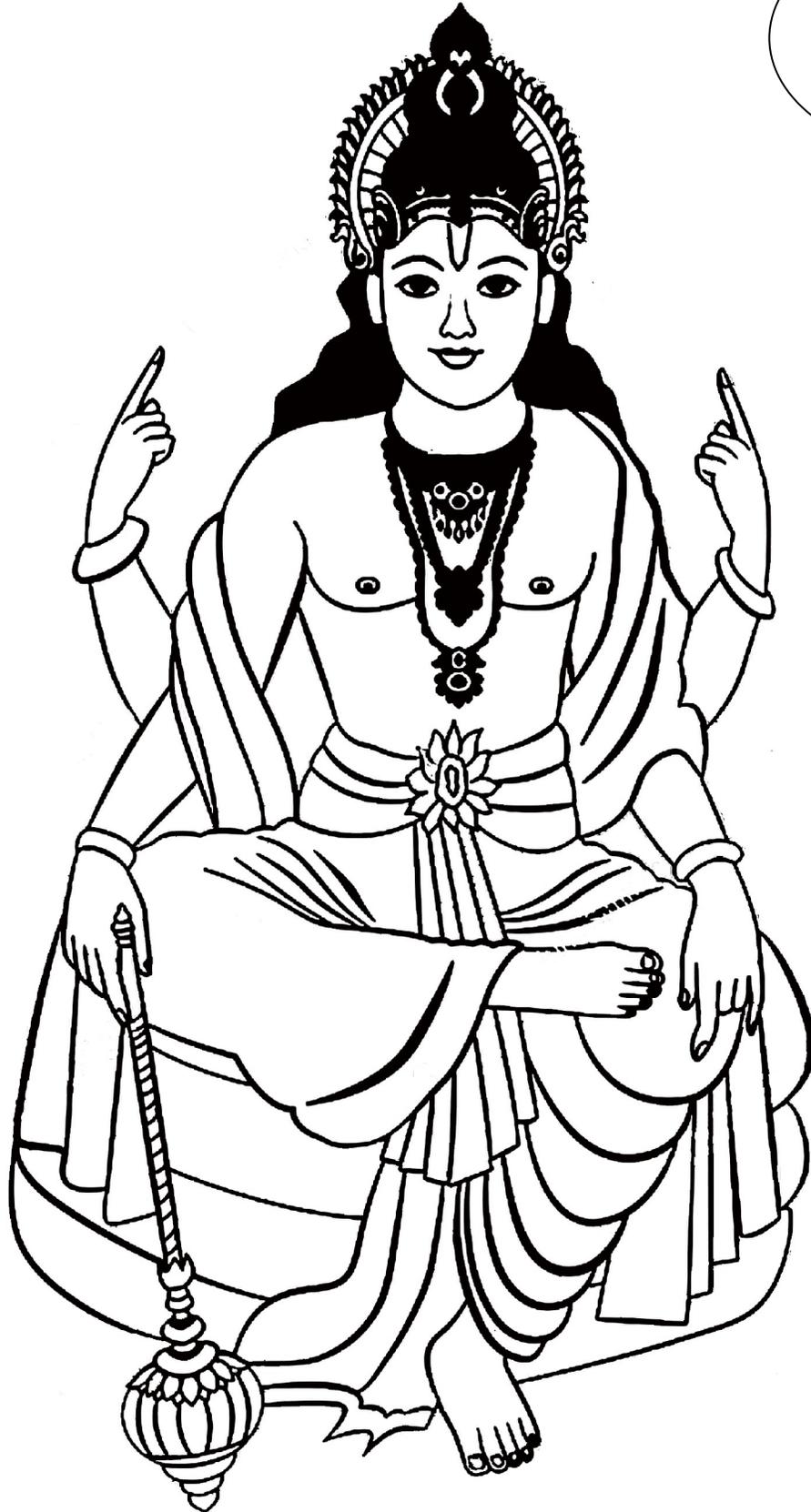
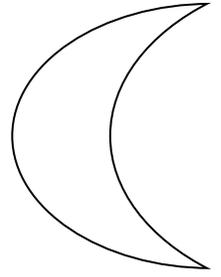
- Bodhidharma

Durga is a powerful Goddess is considered to be the most famous manifestation of Shakti (Divine Energy). During Navaratri (Dashain), an important festival for Hinduists, Durga is the first Goddesses to be loved and worshipped. This festival is probably the most important for Hinduists and celebrates the death of a very strong and evil demon called Mahisasur. This demon could only be killed by a female. Mahisasur believed that no woman could be so powerful so as to kill him, but Goddess Durga managed to do it successfully with her Trishul (sword) as her weapon. This is why they call her "Mahisasur Mardini" (Slayer of Mahisasur). Durga is closely associated with the feminine powers and the Cosmos. She is often represented with multiple hands, holding her sacred sword and riding a lion or tiger.

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May — Vishnu

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Moon Phases:

Full Moon: May 7, 2020
Last Quarter Moon: May 14, 2020
New Moon: May 22, 2020
First Quarter Moon: May 30, 2020

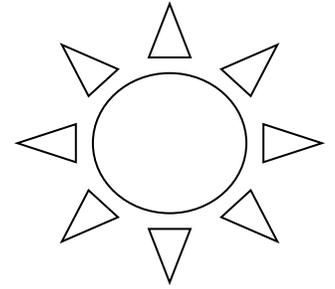
***"Different creeds are but
different paths to reach the
same God..."***

- Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Vishnu is one of the most ancient Hindu Gods and he is considered to be the "Protector of the Universe". He belongs to the Trinity Gods along with Shiva and Brahma. Some call him by the names of Hari or Narayan. The legend tells us that before the creation of the Universe, Vishnu was sleeping in a big sea of nothingness. In Hinduism, Vishnu is well known for his incarnations (Avatars). As the Protector of the Universe, Vishnu and his incarnations are responsible for the world's protection from everything evil. He is also a maker of peace, harmony and order and he works to bring peace to the world. Vishnu has 9 incarnations and according to Hinduists, the tenth incarnation will arrive a few years before the end of the world. He has a bird as his vehicle, the mythological Garuda and his base is the Vishnuloka.

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June — Tulsi



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Moon Phases:

Full Moon: June 5, 2020
Last Quarter Moon: June 13, 2020
New Moon: June 21, 2020
First Quarter Moon: June 28, 2020

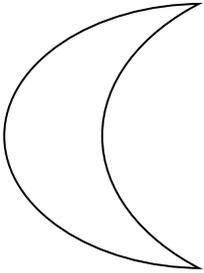
"But if a mirror ever makes you sad, you should know that it does not know you..."

- Kabir, 1440 AD

In Hinduism, Tulsi is associated with the plant Basil and she is often represented as this plant. Basil is an important plant/herb in Hinduism and it is believed it carries medicinal and mythological qualities. The legend associates Tulsi with Vrinda and Jalandhar who was born from the third eye of God Shiva and became so powerful that he threatened the rest of the Gods and their existence. One reason he became so powerful was because of the devotion of his wife, Vrinda who was a follower of God Vishnu. The Gods decided to kill Jalandhar for his insults. Vishnu disguised as Jalandhar and approached Vrinda in an erotic way. Vrinda's "infidelity" caused Jalandhar to lose his powers. When Vrinda realized what Vishnu had done she cursed him and threw herself into a fire. She was then reborn as Goddess Tulsi.

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July — Ganesh



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Moon Phases:

Full Moon: July 5, 2020
Last Quarter: July 12, 2020
New Moon: July 20, 2020
First Quarter Moon: July 27, 2020

***"In a conflict between the heart
and the brain, follow your
heart..."***

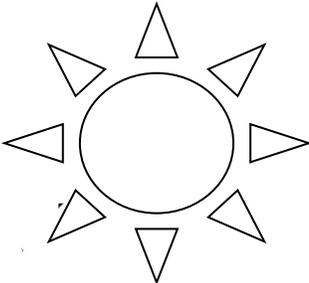
- Swami Vivekananda

Ganesh is (maybe) the most important God of Hinduism. He is also known as the "Elephant God". Ganesh was the second son of Parvati and Shiva. Kumar Kartikeya (another important God) was his brother. In Hinduism rituals, Ganesh is the first God worshipped. According to the legend, Shiva (his father) did not know Ganesh was his son and he cut off his head after being frustrated with Ganesh. Then, when Shiva realized that Ganesh was his son he tried to revive him and placed the head of an elephant on Ganesh's body. With that head, Ganesh would be the first God in order of importance. Today it is believed that elephants are afraid of mice but back then Ganesh had a mouse as his vehicle (vahan). In Hinduism, Ganesh is considered to be the God of Good Luck (Mangal).

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August — Lakshmi

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Moon Phases:

Full Moon: August 3, 2020

Last Quarter: August 11, 2020

New Moon: August 19, 2020

First Quarter Moon: August 25, 2020

***"Those who worship don't know,
and those who know don't
worship..."***

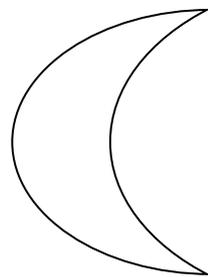
- Bodhidharma

Lakshmi is probably the most famous in Hinduism because she is associated with abundance, fertility and wealth. Her followers worship her greatly in the Deepawali festival (also known as the "Lights Festival"). During the night of the festival, Lakshmi chooses the most beautiful and the cleanest house, this is why her followers clean their houses and decorate them with beautiful flowers and various lights. Lakshmi is one of the Goddesses of Tridevi, the feminine part of Tridevs in Hinduism. She is married to Vishnu, the Protector of the Universe who is reincarnated with her on Earth. Lakshmi not only symbolizes wealth but also honor, joy and glory. She is often represented with her vehicle (Vahan) which is either an owl or the Airawat, the white elephant.

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September — Hanuman

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Moon Phases:

Full Moon: September 2, 2020

Last Quarter: September 10, 2020

New Moon: August 17, 2020

First Quarter Moon: September 24, 2020

***"To seek is to suffer. To seek
nothing is bliss..."***

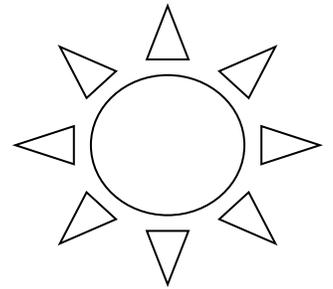
- Bodhidharma

Hanuman is a Hindu God also known as "Monkey God". He is one of the Eight Immortals and a son of the God of the Air, Vayu. The legend tells us that Hanuman once tried to eat the Sun. He was a very naughty God who enjoyed causing trouble to others and especially to those who didn't worship him but to other Gods as well. This is why he lost some of his powers in the ancient age. After losing his powers Hanuman fell sorry for all the trouble he had caused and he went to meet Ram, another great Hindu God who became his Master. Hanuman played a great role in the epic Ramayana where he successfully burned down the Kingdom of Ravan along with his ally, Ram. To show his gratitude to Ram, Hanuman once carried a mountain of herbs in order to save Ram's brother Lakshman. Hanuman, as a Hindu God, symbolizes devotion...

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October — Radha

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Moon Phases:

Full Moon: October 1, 2020

Last Quarter Moon: October 10, 2020

New Moon: September 16, 2020

First Quarter Moon: October 23, 2020

Full Moon: October 31, 2020

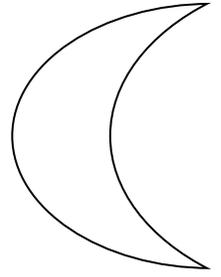
***"When your last breath arrives,
Grammar can do nothing..."***

- Adi Shankara, 788 AD

Radha is a powerful entity of Hinduism who is usually represented as a partner of Krishna. Hinduists also call her Radharani or Radhika. She is the other half of Krishna but in a friendly way (after all Krishna is married to Rukmini). They both feel incomplete if they don't have each other. Radha represents the divine power of God Krishna (Shakti). She is considered to be in a higher level than Rukmini (Krishna's wife) who is an incarnation of Goddess Lakshmi. Radha is always devoted to Krishna and through this devotion she seeks unification with the Supreme. Her devotion led her to become a wise Goddess and she is always worshipped by many Hinduists. Radha is associated with philosophy and eternal wisdom. For others, she symbolizes the ultimate female to male devotion.

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November — Mahesh (Shiva)



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Moon Phases:

Last Quarter Moon: November 8, 2020

New Moon: October 15, 2020

First Quarter Moon: November 22, 2020

Full Moon: November 30, 2020

***"I am time, the great destroyer of
the world..."***

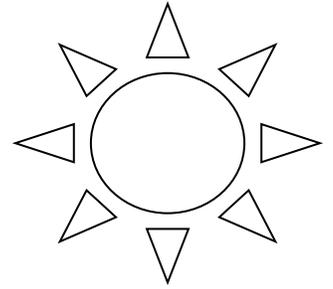
(Bhagavad Gita 11.32)

Mahesh or Shiva is a powerful Hindu God also known as Ashutosh or Mahadev. He is the "Destroyer of the Universe" and belongs to the "Trinity Gods" of Hinduism along with Brahma and Vishnu. While Vishnu and Brahma live in heavenly places, Shiva resides on Earth in the mountains of Kailash. Shiva has many personalities. So, we see him as a loving father and husband but also in other forms as a powerful destroyer, ultimate warrior and a slayer of evil demons. He always promotes the authentic principles of Hinduism and he works to spread the true knowledge to Earth's inhabitants. He is the God of Meditation and Yoga and he is often represented with the sacred river Ganga and a moon (Chandra) on his head. He enjoys living a simple life through meditation and he is a most worshipped God...

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December — Kali

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Moon Phases:

Last Quarter Moon: December 8, 2020

New Moon: December 14, 2020

First Quarter Moon: December 21, 2020

Full Moon: December 30, 2020

"Love does not grow on trees or brought in the market, but if one wants to be LOVED, one must first know how to give unconditional LOVE..."

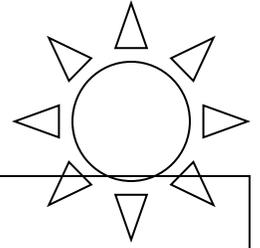
- Kabir

Kali is one of the most powerful Goddesses in Hinduism. She is a representation of Shakti (Cosmos or Divine Energy). According to the legend, Kali is the destroyer Goddess and the one freeing the soul and providing moksha (release from the cycle of rebirth). It is believed she is an incarnation of Goddess Durga (Parvati). Kali was born in order to fight a strong evil demon called Raktabeech who had the power to create new demons from drops of his blood. Her destiny led her to become fierce and angry in order to fight Raktabeech. She had to wound the demon and fill a bowl with his blood and drink it. This is why Kali is often represented with a knife and a bowl. Because she tasted the demon's blood she became very destructive and aggressive. Shiva was the only God who could calm her down and thus protect the world from her anger and this is why he married her.

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The Four 2020 Seasons...



Vernal Equinox (Spring begins)

March 20th

*Sun on Equator, crosses the line North,
enter the sign of Aries, the Ram.*

Summer Solstice (Summer begins)

June 20th

*Sun runs high, at Northern tropic (turn),
enters the sign of Cancer, the Crab.*

Autumnal Equinox (Autumn begins)

September 22nd

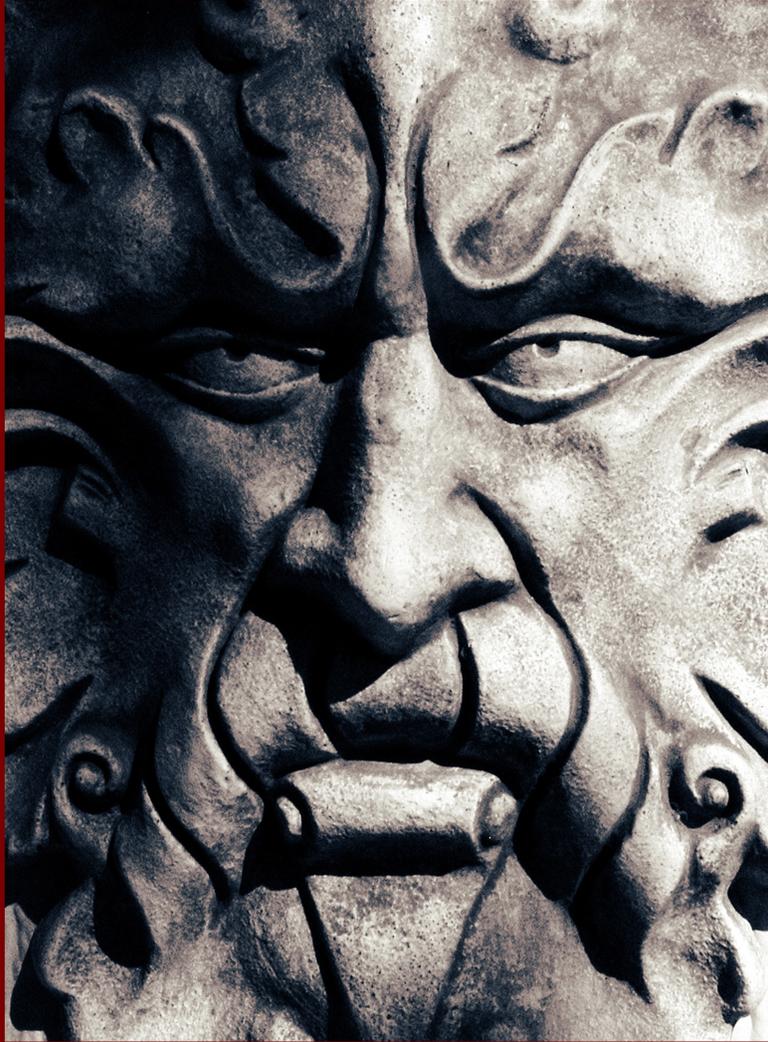
*Sun on Equator, crosses the line South,
enters the sign of Libra, the Balance.*

Winter Solstice (Winter begins)

December 21st

*Sun rides low, at Southern tropic (turn),
enters the sign of Capricorn, the Goat.*





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