THE HINDUISM

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Agenda

- Terms and Definitions
- Etymological Origin
- The basic texts
- The Gods and Incarnations
- Reverence – Holy Cow
- Vedic chants
- Movie clip
- Asatoma Sadgamaya - ThanQ
Sanskrit – Language of Hinduism. The origin of most of Indian languages

Veda(a) – (means “knowledge”) Vedas are the oldest testament available and form the basis for Hinduism

Rishi – An Indian sage

Shri – is something equivalent to Mr. (But typically refers to affluence)

Maha – the great
(HINDU) SINDHU = INDUS (INDIA)

- River Sindhu is named in Sanskrit to refer to river
- "Hindu" is an Avestan name. Avestan is a prehistoric language of Persia
- The name "Indoi" used by Greeks to refer to people of the Indus. Hence, came "India" in to English & equivalent names in other European languages
The Basic Texts

- The Vedas
  - Rig Veda
  - Sama Veda
  - Yajur Veda
  - Atharvana Veda
- The Epics
  - The Ramayana
  - The Mahabharata* (video of episode 1)
* "Bhagavad Gita" is part of Maha Bharata
The Gods

- Three main Gods
  - Brahma: The creator
  - Vishnu: The Preserver/Ruler
  - Shiva: The destroyer/scavenger

- Their respective consorts
  - Saraswati: The goddess of learning
  - Laxmi: The goddess of wealth
  - Parvati: The goddess of destruction
Gods and Godesses
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Incarnations

- Shri Rama
- Shri Krishna
Festivals

- Depend on seasons, days important with respect to Gods etc.
- Some of the important festivals include:
  - Sankranti
  - (Hindu) New Year Festival
  - Shri Rama Navami
  - Shri Janma Ashtami
  - Dussera / Vijaya Dashami
  - Diwali
Following sayings from ancestors:

- Matru Devobhava – Your mother be your god
- Pitru Devobhava – Your father be your god
- Acharya Devobhava – Your teacher be your god
- Athithi Devobhava – Your Guest be your god

The concept of “God” is attributed to everything that is venerable.

Holy “Cow” happened to be something that is revered.
Some Vedic chants are called “Mantras”
They are either in praise of a god or they are chanted for peace for all .
Mantras supposedly give peace to heart.
A vedic mantra recitation(s)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5G_ilgDcLk&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fkvvm4rLmg8
Movie time.

- Neodämmerung
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57WXnReRksM

- End Credits
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWHEHdM7jm8
Asatoma Sadgamaya

- A modern Indian musical version:
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQfJ2tOmuBs&feature=related

Let peace be to all
Thanks