

hin-du-ism (noun)

- India's first major religion
- Hinduism has shaped Indian life in countless ways.



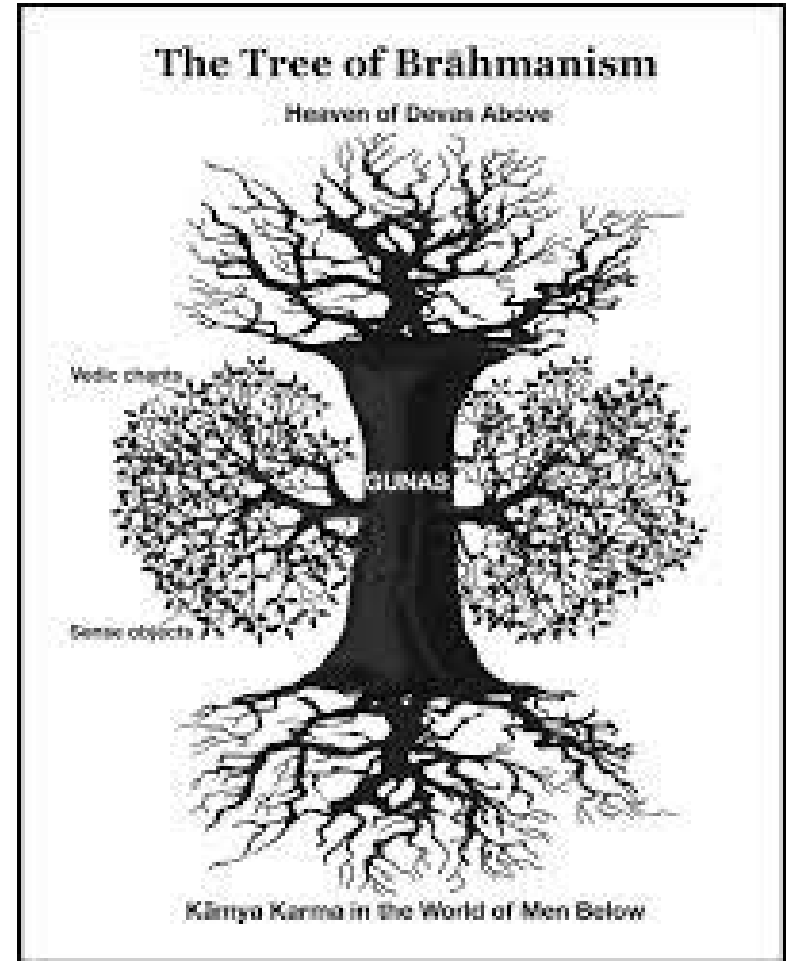
Ve-das (noun)

- a collection of Hindu sacred writings
- The Vedas are a collection of sacred texts.



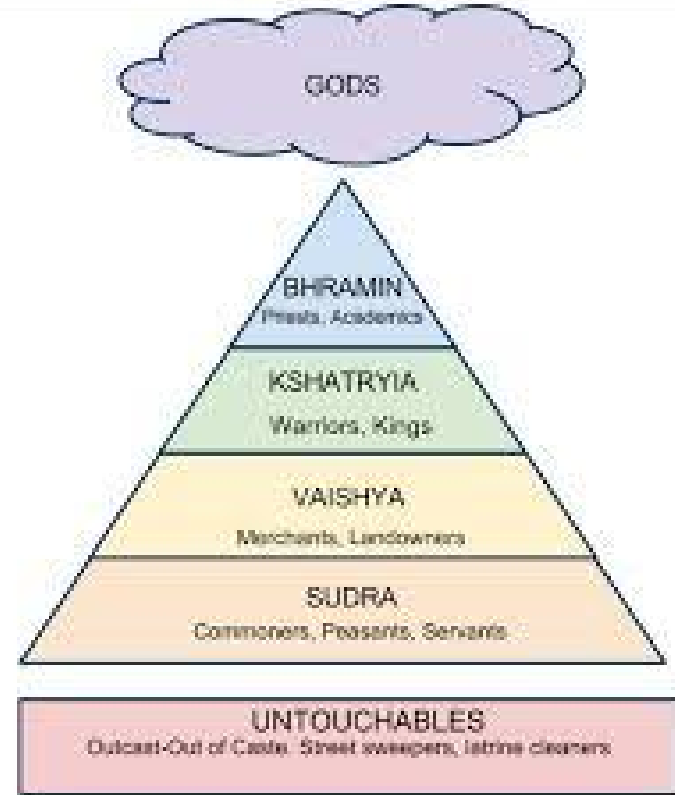
brah-man-ism (noun)

- an ancient Indian religion in which the Brahmins are the dominant class.
- Vedism is often called **Brahmanism**.



caste (noun)

- a class, or group, in Hindu society
- The **caste** system is composed of four social classes.



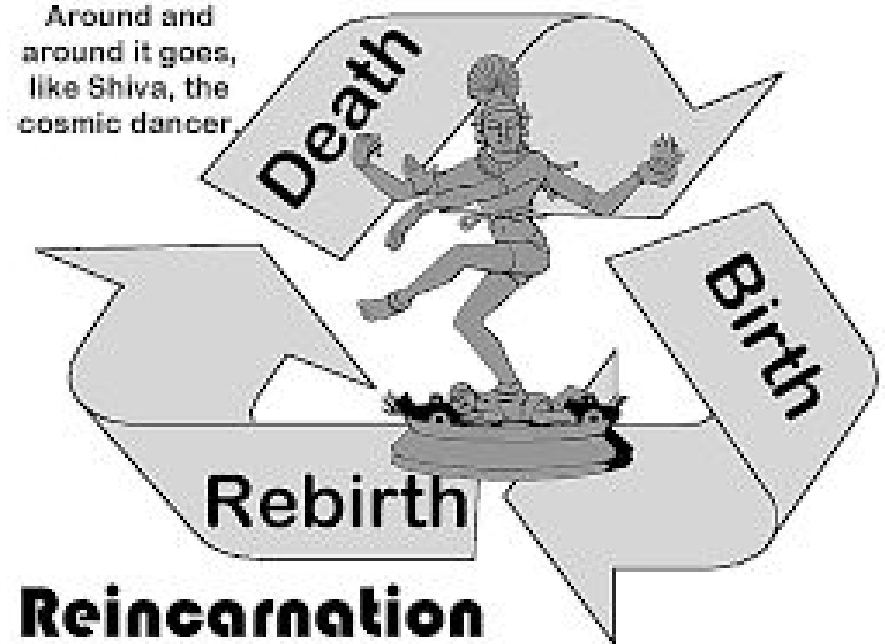
dhar-ma (noun)

- one of the basic beliefs of Hinduism that stands for law, obligation, and duty
- To follow one's **dharma** means to perform one's duty.



re-in-car-na-tion (noun)

- the belief that a person's soul is reborn into a new body after death.
- People escape the cycle of **reincarnation** by following the basic beliefs of Hinduism.



pil-gri-mage (noun)

- a journey to a holy place.
- Indian's of ancient times go on holy journeys called **pilgrimages**.

