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The Confusion Around Idol Worship in Hinduism!

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GOD IS FORMLESS

Why Idol Worship then?



The belief that God is a singular being is prevalent in India. God is formless. India is controversially renowned for its ancient statues of gods. What causes this contradictory circumstance to occur? Everyone would have at some point heard the phrase "God is one."

either in motion pictures or intellectual discussions on religious harmony. I grew up hearing sermons about how the Puranas, the Smritis, and the Shrutis all describe God as existing in the way that the devotee sees him.

I questioned how God could have form when there are sculptures and paintings to give it shape. These forms are clearly identified by their complex structural details. Hinduism's idol worship is in conflict with the fact that God has no physical form.

Giving Form to God – Psychological effects of Idol Worship

Helen Keller is a name that we have all heard of. It's a well-known legend that she first experienced water as a chilly fluid flowing around her fingertips.

But she had a great deal of difficulty understanding such basic ideas and was very frustrated.

Such challenges go unnoticed. No one would choose to experience such suffering if they could see the shape of the water rather than learn from a description. To believe anything, people need to see it and observe it.

Many of our friends and relatives would have rather to witness what we saw for themselves than believed us when we told them about it. Sometimes, even we would not have believed our friends.

Hindu idol worship is likely about the psychological repercussions - about giving God a physical shape. Our thoughts are influenced by what our eyes observe. Consider how difficult it is for us to picture a cloud simply by hearing about it.

We can better understand a cloud when we can see it. Then a cloud is likewise not what we perceive it to be when we are close up, is it?

The same is true for worshipping God with complete commitment; simply expressing your feelings about God is insufficient. God is thus given a clearly defined form, which leads to Hinduism's idol worship. Or, to put it simply, God is presented in a shape that you would like to see

Each religion has its own interpretation of the God sign. Muslims have the moon and star; Christians have the cross. Yahudis revere fire as their god. Shilpa Shatra first appeared in the Puranas, and then people began to carve statues of God. For a mental connection, they do it.

The shape and form are there for you to perceive and relate to, since, as the saying goes, beauty is in the eyes of the beholder.

The development of the soul and idols

They might develop their spiritual side by concentrating on sculptures or god symbols. Having a focal point is important since the human mind is prone to distraction.

The idols of God are imbued with devotion, and this practice gained importance in the early days of the bhakti movement. It can practice devotion everywhere, including at home and in small temples, thanks to idol worship. As a result, idol worship also aids in concentration.

The truth is that God has no form. By the Vedas, God is described as the unfathomable cosmic mind. It is widely indisputable. The first step to experiencing Spiritual enlightenment is accepting and embracing this concept.

As a result, early on, spiritual seekers largely need idols, forms, shapes, and images. Yes, idol worship is common because it helps everyday people in their busy lives practice commitment and concentration.

A common man can find hope, tranquilly, and happiness in this idea during the early phases of his spiritual development. These are some of the reasons why idol worship is important in Hinduism.

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