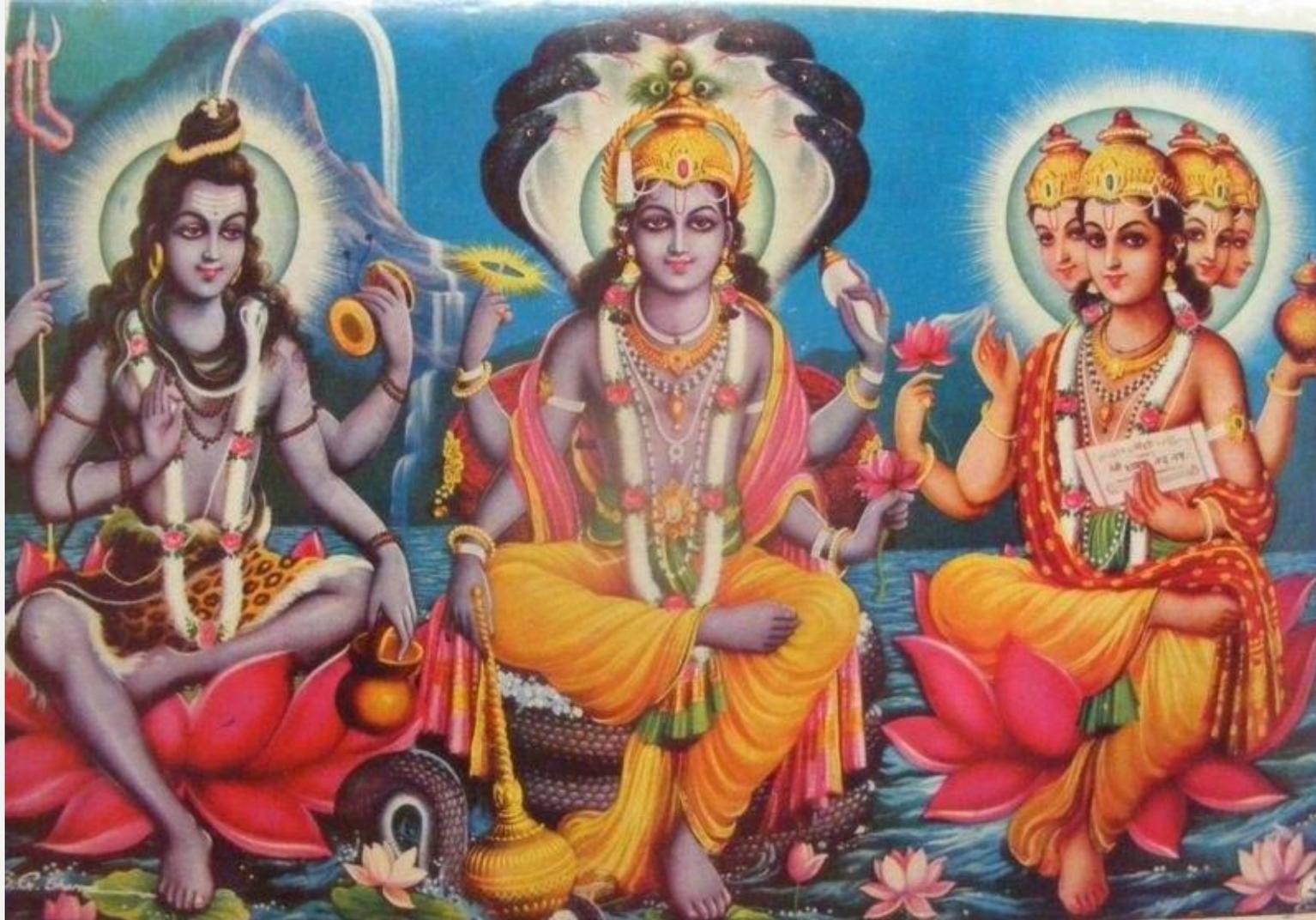


INDIAN MYTHOLOGY & HISTORY

LORD BRAHMA

TRINITY



WHO IS BRAHMA

- Creator in the Trinity
- Either born from navel of Lord Vishnu or is Self-born (Swayambhu) or born from Shiva as per some puranas.
- He is the creative aspect of Brahman, the ultimate God.
- Has 4 heads that signifies
 - the creator of all 4 Vedas.
 - 4 directions
 - 4 casts
 - 4 natural forces
- Very few temples in India as he has already finished his work.



HOW BRAHMA CAME INTO BEING

- In the Beginning there was Nothing.
- It was the Maha Pralaya.
- Vishnu, on Serpent Ananta. Dreams of creation.
- Lotus sprouts from navel of Vishnu
- Brahma appears on navel
- No starting point, but, hears the instruction to create universe from nothing.
- He settled on a symmetric form.



CREATION OF UNIVERSE

- He created the four Kumara Rishis, Sanaka, Sanatan, Sanata and Sanat, from his mind.
- Brahama ends up frowning, from which Rudra is born.
- Brahma created then ten more sons from his body. Angira, Atri, Bhrigu, Daksha, Kratu, Marichi, Narad, Pulastya, Pulaha and Vashista.
- From Brahma's mouth was born his daughter Saraswati.



SARASWATI

- He was so much in love with the beauty of his own creation that he added a 5th head but Shiva cut off his head as it was not necessary.
- So, he realized that it's a mess so he starts creation all over again.
- This time he first created a brilliant body for himself and then divided it into two, the primordial man, Manu and woman, Shatrupa.
- They were married and had two sons Priyavarta and Uttanpad and three daughters: Aakooti, Devhooti and Prasuti.

VEDAS & EGO

- Brahma also sprouted the four Vedas from his mouth and created such things as Dharma(righteousness or Truth) and Adharma(un-Truth), anger, desire, fear, attachment, joy and suffering.
- He proudly thought he owned the Creation or Prakruti(Nature). But as Prakruti began to multiply and take on many different forms Brahma grew afraid.
- Brahma sprouted four heads looking in four directions in an attempt to control Prakruti.
- So full of himself was Brahma that he sprouted a fifth head, his Ego. With Brahma's ego becoming too big for his own good, the very balance of nature was now threatened. There was no option but for Shiva to step in and chop Brahma's fifth head off.
- With his ego gone, Brahma no longer associated himself with Prakruti. He neither feared her nor wanted to control her.

WHY NO TEMPLES?

- One version says that his work is done.
- Other is as follows:
 - Lord Brahma and Vishnu kept searching for years. Vishnu realized the fact that Shiva was the greatest among the Trinity. But Brahma decided to trick Shiva. He requested the Ketaki flower to testify before Shiva that Brahma had reached the uppermost part of the lingam and had seen the end. The Ketaki flower agreed. When brought before Shiva, the flower falsely testified that Brahma had seen the end. Lord Shiva became furious at this lie.
- Another story
 - Saraswati didn't show up for a ceremony thinking that guests haven't come.
 - But priest is in a hurry, so Brahma marries Savitri.
 - Saraswati comes to know about and curses Brahma.
- Another Story
 - Shiva cut his 5th head coz he married Saraswati – his own daughter and said that no one will worship him.

DA STORY

- Devatas – Damyata – restraint
- Humans – Dana – Charity
- Demons – Dayadhvam - Mercy

FURTHER STUDIES

- <https://www.hindubhagwan.com/lord-brahma-the-world-creator-story>
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