

# The God I Would Like to Emulate

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*“Lord Brahma” By: Kaasinath Balagurunath*

The Hindu religion has many marvellous gods with many wonderful abilities. For me however, Lord Brahma stands out of the rest. And if someone were to ask me what god I would like to emulate the most, I wouldn't think for a moment, and say, “The god is Lord Brahma, because he is the god of creation, he is the only god with no weapons in the Hindu Religion and he usually wears red, and he gets to write the destiny of all of his own creations, and he has 4 heads and multiple arms”. The word “Brahma” derived from the Sanskrit word “Brahman” which means “The Creator”. Brahma is the Father of Truth.

I like the fact that he is the creator because I have always been intrigued in creating my own “imaginary animals” with their own special attributes, and purposes that would one day be a part of life in an ecosystem. Additionally it would be a puzzle to create the correct balance of Creatures so that one species doesn't dominate the rest (Except Humans). Also it would be gratifying to me that I was the creator of these wonderful animals all thought up by me. It would almost be like playing a game! As you can see, one significant reason why I like Lord Brahma is because he is the Creator.

Besides the fact that he creates life, I like that he carries no weapons and that he wears red. I think that having no weapons is a sign of self-confidence. Unlike the other 2 trimurthy's, in the Hindu mythology, Lord Brahma is the only god with no weapons. I think that this was just an extra fear producer. The reason that I like that he has no weapons is obvious (Symbolises non-violence), but Red is plain crazy! Actually, studies have shown that if you wear red, it makes you more confident, and it makes the other people around you heavily intimidated. So even his choice of colour in clothing shows his dominance! His Vehicle is a swan, which is believed to be able to separate water and milk when mixed together. This virtue indicates that a person should separate the good from the evil, and that justice should be given to all creatures. So, not only Lord Brahma stands out from the rest of the gods, his mode of transportation is legendary, which is a double bonus for my inclination.

Of course everything that has a life has to have an end. That holds good even for the stars and planets. Lord Brahma gets to write the end, and destiny of all of the good, and bad creatures in this universe. For example he writes the end of parasites, and thieves, so that the world doesn't have to stand their harmful ways anymore. I know for a fact that most of the time, Lord Brahma puts a more painful end for bad people, and a more “Peaceful” end for good people. This practice shows that Lord Brahma was fair to all creatures and not partial. Also when he writes the destiny he looks at the subject's other births, and wrote the destiny based on how much good and bad he or she did. No wonder he is called the father of truth.

One of my favourite things about Lord Brahma is that he has 4 heads, with which he reads the 4 Vedas (Rig, Augur, Sama, Atarva), and multiple arms. In fact, Lord Brahma created the Vedas! Just imagine how many things you could do at once if you had 4 heads and 8 arms! It shows that Lord Brahma was a very busy person. It implies that Lord Brahma wouldn't need that many limbs if he wasn't very busy.

A captivating thing about Lord Brahma is that he lives in "Brahmaloka", and in Brahmaloka, the ultimate place of happiness "The Heaven" is there. Brahmaloka is a universe that has the splendours of all of the 3 worlds (Earth, Heaven, and sky). According to the Hindu religion, Heaven is considered to be place where all good souls go and enjoy the fruit of their karma after they attain their end. Plus, according to the Hindu philosophy, you get prosperity, happiness, peacefulness, in Heaven. We have to do good deeds throughout our lives to go to Heaven. People try to do good things in their day to day life to go to Heaven. This Heaven, to which people are trying to go after they attain their ultimate end, is located in my favourite god, Lord Brahma's abode, The Brahmaloka. According to the Hindu Philosophy, the Universe exists for a single day called "Brahmakalpa" or 4 billion Earth Years. After which Brahma's life ends and a new Brahma is born (Like us, he goes through birth and death). So unlike other Hindu gods, who never die and who are considered to be eternal, you can associate Lord Brahma with all of his creations who go through the process of life and death.

All these attributes, makes me lean towards Brahma more than the other gods found in the Hindu religion. Though, most of the other gods have many temples (There are only a handful of Brahma temple in the entire world) all over the place and many million devotees following them and praying them every day, the very fact that our creator is more unique and possess many greater virtues and performs the most difficult task of producing everything in this universe, makes him number one on my list. According to the Hindu religion we consider Matha (Mother who creates life inside her womb) the most significant and number one person, then comes father, guru and god (The saying goes as Matha, Pitha, Guru, Deivam). I consider Brahma (the creator of life just like a mother) my most significant god.

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