

## An Introduction To The Principles Of The Hindu Faith

**Hinduism** is unique among the great Religions of the world in that it had no single founder or Messiah nor a single book as a source but grew gradually over a period of several thousand years. The Hindu society is the product of many races and many cultures with several forms of practice. It has no single Holy book as a source to guide all, like a Bible or Koran or Dhammapadam. Most of their beliefs and practices are based on the teachings of the Vedas, Agamas, Upanishads and several books written, based on these texts. Large portions of these texts are lost.

**Hindus believe** that their religion is without beginning, even preceding the creation of human race and the creation of the universe. They believe that creation of the universe and its lives are eternal. The name Hindu is derived from the Persian scholars to the people settled on the River Sindhu. Some believe the name has a much older origin in the scriptures. Scholars often referred to this as the Brahmanical faith. Hinduism is an agnostics as much as it accepts various forms of worship of the Divine.