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This article is about the Hindu gods. For the film, see Trimurti (film).

The Trimūrti (English: 'three forms'; Sanskrit: त्रिमूर्ति: trimūrti), Tri Murati or Trimurati, is a concept in Hinduism “in which the cosmic functions of creation, maintenance, and destruction are personified by the forms of Brahma the creator, Vishnu the maintainer or preserver and Shiva the destroyer or transformer.”[1][2] These three gods have been called “the Hindu triad”[3] or the “Great Trinity”,[4] often addressed as “Brahma-Vishnu-Maheshwara.” They are different forms of the One person called the Supreme Being or Svayam Bhagavan/Lord Krishna/Parabrahman.

1 Evolution

The Puranic period saw the rise of post-Vedic religion and the evolution of what R. C. Majumdar calls “synthetic Hinduism.”[5]

This period had no homogeneity, and included orthodox Brahmanism in the form of remnants of older Vedic faith traditions, along with different sectarian religions, notably Shaivism, Vaishnavism, and Shaktism that were within the orthodox fold yet still formed distinct entities.[6] One of the important traits of this period is a spirit of harmony between orthodox and sectarian forms.[7] Regarding this spirit of reconciliation, R. C. Majumdar says that:

Its most notable expression is to be found in the theological conception of the Trimūrti, i.e., the manifestation of the supreme God in three forms of Brahmā, Viṣṇu, and Śiva... But the attempt cannot be regarded as a great success, for Brahmā never gained an ascendancy comparable to that of Śiva or Viṣṇu, and the different sects often conceived the Trimūrti as really the three manifestations of their own sectarian god, whom they regarded as Brahmān or Absolute.[8]

Maurice Winternitz notes that there are very few places in Indian literature where the Trimurti is mentioned.[9] The identification of Vishnu, Shiva, and Brahma as one being is strongly emphasized in the Kūrma Purāṇa, where in 1.6 Brahmā is worshipped as Trimurti; 1.9 especially inculcates the unity of the three gods, and 1.26 relates to the same theme.[10]

Historian A. L. Basham explains the background of the Trimurti as follows, noting Western interest in the idea of trinity:

Early western students of Hinduism were impressed by the parallel between the Hindu trinity and that of Christianity. In fact the parallel is not very close, and the Hindu trinity, unlike the Holy Trinity of Christianity, never really “caught on”. All Hindu trinitarianism tended to favor one god of the three; thus, from the context it is clear that Kālidāsa’s hymn to the Trimūrti is really addressed to Brahmā, here looked on as the high god. The Trimūrti was in fact an artificial growth, and had little real influence.[11]

Freda Matchett characterizes the Trimurti system as one
of “several frameworks into which various divine figures can be fitted at different levels.”[12]

The concept of Trimurti is also present in the Maitri Upanishad, where the three gods are explained as three of his supreme forms.[13]

2 Views within Hinduism

2.1 Sauram

The Saura sect that worships Surya as the supreme person of godhead and saguna brahman doesn’t accept the Trimurti as they believe Surya is God. Earlier forms of the Trimurti sometimes included Surya instead of Brahma, or as a fourth above the Trimurti, of whom the other three are manifestations; Surya is Brahma in the morning, Vishnu in the afternoon and Shiva in the evening. Surya was also a member of the original Vedic Trimurti, which included Agni and Vayu. Some Sauras worship either Vishnu or Shiva as manifestations of Surya, others worship the Trimurti as a manifestation of Surya, and others exclusively worship Surya alone.

2.2 Vaishnavism

Vaishnavism generally does not accept the Trimurti concept. For example, the Dvaita school holds Vishnu alone to be the supreme God, with Shiva subordinate, and interprets the Puranas differently. For example, Vijayindra Tirtha, a Dvaita scholar interprets the 18 puranas differently. He interprets the Vaishnavite puranas as satvic and Shaivite puranas as tamasic and that only satvic puranas are considered to be authoritative.[14]

Unlike most other Vaishnavite schools such as those of Ramanuja, Madhva and Chaitanya, Swaminarayan, guru of the Hindu Swaminarayan sects (including BAPS), did not differentiate between Vishnu and Shiva; Swaminarayana notably differs from practically all Vaishnavite schools in holding that Vishnu and Shiva are different aspects of the same God.[15] (see also verses 47 and 84 of Shikshapatri, a key scripture to all followers of the Swaminarayan faith.)[16][17] Moreover, Swaminarayan followed a Smarta approach (see more detail on the Smarta view below) by instructing his followers to venerate all five deities of the Panchayatana puja with equal reverence.[18]

2.3 Shaivism

Shaivites hold that, according to Shaiva Agama, Lord Shiva performs five actions - creation, preservation, dissolution, concealing grace, and revealing grace. Respectively, these first three actions are associated with Shiva as Sadyojata (akin to Brahma), Vamadeva (akin to Vishnu) and Aghora (akin to Rudra). Thus, Brahma, Vishnu and Rudra are not deities different from Shiva, but rather are forms of Shiva. As Brahma/Sadyojata, Shiva creates. As Vishnu/Vamadeva, Shiva preserves. As Rudra/Aghora, he dissolves. This stands in contrast to the idea that Shiva is the “God of destruction.” To Shaivites, Shiva is God and performs all actions, of which destruction is only but one. Ergo, the Trimurti is a form of Shiva Himself for Shaivas. Shaivites believe that Lord Shiva is the Supreme, who assumes various critical roles and assumes appropriate names and forms, and also stands transcending all these.[19]
2.4 Smartism

Smartism is a denomination of Hinduism that places emphasis on a group of five deities rather than just a single deity. The “worship of the five forms” (pañcāyatana pūjā) system, which was popularized by the ninth-century philosopher Śankarācārya among orthodox Brahmins of the Śaṅkara Śaiva tradition, invokes the five deities Ganesha, Vishnu, Shiva, Devī and Sūrya. Śankarācārya later added Kumara (Muruga/Subrahmanya/Karttikeya) to these five, making six total. This reformed system was promoted by Śankarācārya primarily to unite the principal deities of the six major sects on an equal status. The monistic philosophy preached by Śankarācārya made it possible to choose one of these as a preferred principal deity and at the same time worship the other four deities as different forms of the same all-pervading Brahman.

3 See also

- Harihara
- Tridevi
- Trinity
- Triple deities

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Trimurti (film)

Trimurti (Hindi: त्रिमूर्ति, translation: “Trinity”) is an Indian film starring Anil Kapoor, Jackie Shroff and Shahrukh Khan, which was released in 1995. It was the last completed film for director Mukul S. Anand who died while filming Dus in 1997. The film failed to do well at the box office.

1 Plot

The notorious Khokha Singh entraps dedicated police inspector Satyadevi Singh (Priya Tendulkar). She has three extraordinary, powerful children Shakti (Jackie Shroff), Anand (Anil Kapoor) and Romi (Shahrukh Khan), the last of whom was born while she was in jail. They are her Trimurti, who she hopes will assist her in avenging her humiliation. What she doesn’t know is that Anand and Shakti had a fight when they were young. Anand left the house and is assumed dead.

After 18 years Shakti and Romi live together and think their mother is dead. Their uncle tells them she is hoping that the brothers will once again become their mother’s Trimurti. Shakti works for the military. Romi is in love with a higher class girl named Radha. They love each other so much that they decide to die when they cannot get married. After pleading with his brother and almost drinking poison, he and Shakti go to Radha’s house to ask for her hand. Shakti is humiliated.

Romi runs away from home and become successful. He starts working for Khokha Singh without knowing the issues between Khokha Singh and his mother. Romi meets Sikander, a rich man working in the black market; he feels sympathy for Romi because he is a romantic at heart. He helps Romi become rich.

Sikander goes to Romi’s village after hearing some religious music from there. He sees a picture of his mother — who is Shakti and Romi’s mother. He slowly tries to rekindle his relationship with Shakti, but once again they have a fight and Shakti learns that he is Anand. After 18 long years, Satyadevi is released from jail due to good behavior. She learns from her brother, Bhanu, that all is not well with her sons. Shakti is an emotional wreck; Anand is missing; and Romi works for Khokha Singh, who has assigned him the task of abducting and killing Satyadevi. In the end after a lot of hardships, the three brothers come together, kill Khokha Singh, and save their mother.

2 Cast

- Shahrukh Khan as Romi Singh
- Anil Kapoor as Anand Singh / Sikander
- Jackie Shroff as Shakti Singh
- Priya Tendulkar as Satyadevi Singh
- Mohan Agashe as Khokha Singh
- Tinnu Anand as Himmat Singh
- Saeed Jaffrey as Bhanuwala
- Gouthami Tadimalla as Jyoti
- Anjali Jathar as Radha Chaudhary
- Himani Shivpuri as Janki Singh
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