

# DEMIGODS & THE SUPREME BEING

Let's understand the difference between the demigods and the supreme being.

All the gods are demigods as the Lord Krishna is the Supreme

But let's understand about some of the main demigods who are worshipped by people considering as the supreme:

**Brahma** was born from a lotus which grew from the Navel of Vishnu before the formation of the universe.

That is how Brahma gets one of his names 'Nabhija', which means born from the stomach.

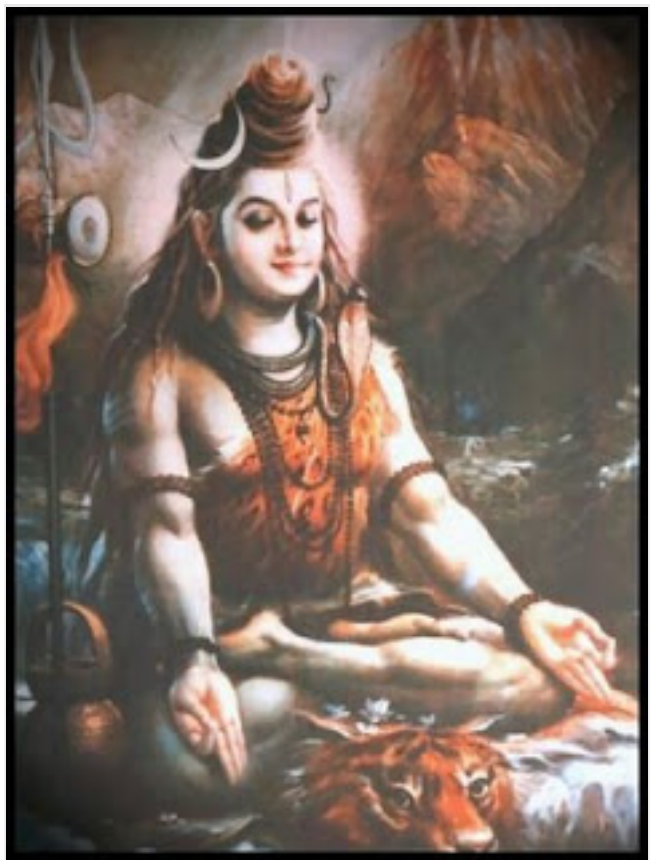


Brahma is depicted as having four heads, faces and arms. Each of his head chants one of the Vedas (Rigveda, Samaveda, Yajurveda, Atharveda). Brahma's vehicle is a Swan, a holy bird which can differentiate good from evil. Brahma is considered to be the Creator of the entire universe

He is represented as an old man to show the never-ending nature.

One day Shiva was not happy with Brahma being smitten by his own creation (hankering after a female girl created by himself) and directed that no one will worship Brahma. Therefore Brahma is not worshipped and also has only one temple in the whole world in Pushkar ji.

**Shiva** is called the destroyer, has four hands, four faces and three eyes in each face. The third eye always keep power to destroy the creation.



In the Vedas, a collection of ancient sacred texts, God Shiva is also called the storm god Rudra. Shiva’s vehicle is Nandi (a bull). Shiva was born from the center of the eyes of Brahma ji. He is the param Vaishnava always being concentrated on worshipping Lord Krishna.

**Durga Mata (Shera wali Mata)**, is a devi with eighteen arms, carrying various weapons in each hand and riding a ferocious lion. She is the protection goddess, and is one of the most angry and aggressive forms, who fights and conquers demons wearing red clothes.



she has various names like Kali “the black” , Chandi “the fierce”, Bhairavi, "the terrible."Uma, Gauri; Parvati and Jagatmata, "The-Mother-Of-The-World". Also Mata Vaishno devi, is the collective spiritual strength of Mata Lakshmi, Kali and Saraswati. She is called the Maya deva, and her duty is to

keep the prisoners of the material world here only.

**Hanuman Ji** is the son of Vayu, the God of Wind. He is humble yet very brave. His divine strength, mental discipline and spiritual purity have made him extremely popular in Hindus all over the world. He is the incarnation of Lord Shiva as a monkey. The birth was by the blessings of God Pavan, who thus became Hanuman's father and Hanuman is named as PavanPutra.



He was a great devotee as we all know of Lord Rama in Treta yuga and chanted the name of Lord Rama till Dvapara yuga to meet him again and finally he met Lord Krishna as it is in the Dvapara Yuga. He illustrates the true example of a great devotee for all of us.

**Shani Dev**, is the son of Surya dev (Son of Brahma ji) and Sandna (Daughter of Daksh Prajapati), has three brothers Yamraj ji (Also a great devotee of Lord Krishna himself), Manu ji and Ashwani ji and two sisters Yamuna ji and Tapti ji, guru of Shani dev is God Shiva.



Shani dev is a great devotee of Lord Krishna and this duty to punish the people of their misdeeds



was given to him by Lord Krishna himself when he appeared to him as it is after being felicitous from his bhakti.

So, this was all about the briefing about the main demigods who are worshipped by people as the supreme. Actually in Kaliyuga, people make a demigod as their supreme if their material wishes are fulfilled. But even the demigods have to worship the Lord to get the sight of him.

So, let's read a true story now.

## TRUE STORY



Junagad was an ancient Gujarati town, which was culturally advanced. Narshima Mehta was a Brahmin by birth and was born in Junagad. He lost his parents when he was seven. He was a great devotee of God Shiva. Narshi went into the temple and embraced the Shivalinga and cried out, "Shiva, Shankara, Mahadeva, Neelakanda" and prostrated (bowed down) in front of him. He became totally engrossed (engaged) with the lord that, Narshi started meditating on Lord shiva. Seven days passed. He didn't eat anything and didn't feel anything. He kept chanting the Panchakshara mantra "Namashivaya". Lord shiva on seeing Narshi's unwavering bhakthi and vairagya revealed himself and said to him, "My child, I am pleased with your bhakthi. Tell me what your heart desires."

Narshi embraced the feet of lord and said, "I am an ignorant child. O' Shiva, I want to know that in whom worhip you are always so engaged. Lord Shiva gave him Gnana and blessed him with a divine vision by which Narshi saw the river Yamuna in Vrindavan with lord Krishna dancing with the Gopis.

He was thrilled with the vision of the rasaleela, performed by the lord, in which numerous Krishna forms and numerous Gopis took each others hands, dancing in pairs. In his vision Lord Krishna even explains the truths about jeevathma and paramathma and blesses Narshi with the divine ability to compose hymns (anthems) on the lord. Narshima Mehta was always engaged in the bhakti of Lord Krishna. The Lord himself personally helped Narshimsa Mehta to get his daughter and son married comfortably. Finally, Narshima Mehta went back to the godhead.

**CONCLUSION:**

**People worship god and Lord the supreme being because of 4 reasons:**

- 1) Love (the utmost point)**
- 2) Duty**
- 3) Desire**
- 4) Fear**

**Demigods are worshipped by people mainly because of their material desires as they are pleased easily but if you ask for anything being material/ immaterial from a demigod that has to be sanctioned by the Lord Krishna because he is the supreme.**

**So, we should engage ourselves in the bhakti of Lord Krishna, the supreme personality of Godhead, to get rid from the vicious circle of birth, diseases, old age and death because only he can help us to clear this big ocean of the material world (also called as dukhalayam).**