

Hindu Gods: Vishnu and his attributes

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- 1 Disc
- 2 Mace
- 3 Conch shell
- 4 Lotus
- 5 Seven-headed cobra
- 6 Caste mark (placed by priest during worship)
- 7 Garland of forest flowers



The great god Vishnu appears on earth in various forms known as avatars – descents. Traditionally ten incarnations have been identified, though only two (Rama and Krishna) play a significant role in the life of Hindu worshippers.

The ten incarnations of Vishnu

1	MATSYA Fish
2	KURMA Tortoise
3	VARAHA Boar
4	NARASIMHA Man-lion
5	VAMANA Dwarf
6	PARASHURAMA Rama with the axe
7	RAMA Prince
8	KRISHNA Young hero and lover
9	THE BUDDHA
10	KALKI Incarnation yet to come