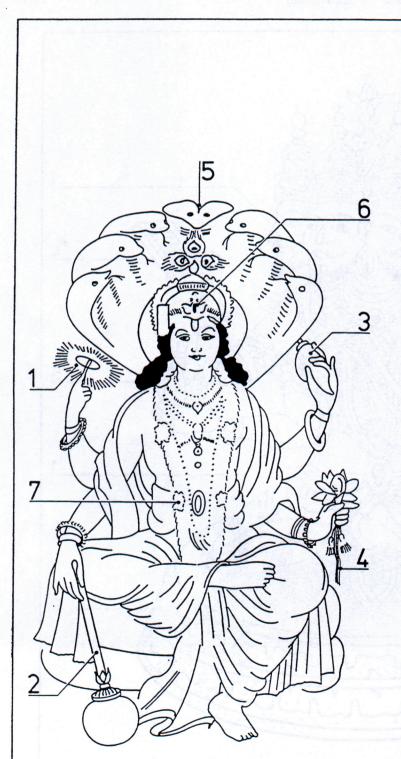
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- 2 Mace

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



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

MATSYA ·

KURMA

2 Tortoise

3 VARAHA

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

KALKI Incarnation yet to come