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Introduction

Hinduism has many words beginning with “Brahm”, each with their own meanings. It can be confusing for someone who does not have knowledge of Hinduism, and of Sanskrit as it is the sacred language. Like How Islaam uses Arabic and how Judaism & Christianity use Hebrew, Hinduism uses Sanskrit, or Saṃskṛta. So it is important to learn these terms and to know the difference as Hindus, and as others who want to understand Hinduism.

Though there are several terms with Brahm- as a suffix, we will just do two for now. Those two terms are the well-known “BRAHMAN” and “BRAHMA”. Let us know the difference between these two Sanskrit Terms.

Brahman v. Brahma

Both Brahman and Brahma have a common suffix, the BRAHMA-.

BrahmaN with an N represents something different from BrahmaA with an A ending. BrahmaN with an N represents the cosmic energy or the Universe. It represents the Almighty God. He is formless, genderless, woundless, sinless, and limitless. He is the Almighty God. This Concept of Brahman is the Same Concept To Allaah in Islaam, Yahweh in Judaism, and The Lord/Father in Christianity. The same God is mentioned in the Veda as BRAHMAN.

BrahmaA with an A ending is different from BrahmaN with an N. BrahmaA with an A represents the Creator God. He is the Creator of the Universe, and is often given a form with 4 heads and a white beard. Though this is one major way to differ from both BrahmaN and BrahmaA, this concept of a form for Brahma goes against Yajurveda 32:3, Yajurveda 40:8, Yajurveda 40:9, and Svetasvatara Upanishad 4:19-20.

BrahmaA is also part of the Hindu Trinity, or Trimurti. Though again this is one major way to differentiate between the -A and the -AN, it also goes against the Veda by having multiple Gods, which is prohibited according to Rigveda 1.164.46, Rigveda 10.114.5, Atharvaveda 13.4.12, and Chandogya Upanishad 6.2.1.

Conclusion

In conclusion, both Brahma and Brahman have similar names, but different and distinct meanings. And it is important for a Hindu or a Sanskrit learner to know the difference, especially for someone who is new or unaware of the language and religion of Hinduism.

THANK YOU!