

BALVIKAS: SARVA DHARMA: Part One – The World's Major Religions

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the major religions of the world and we will:

- 1) Have an introduction (week 1)
- 2) Understand why we need to have a religion (week 2)
- 3) Understand the religions themselves (week 3 and 4)
- 4) Understand that all religions are one (week 5)
- 5) TEST (week 6)

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL NEED TO COME EVERY WEEK OR YOU WILL NOT UNDERSTAND THE WORK WE WILL BE DOING IN BALVIKAS.

Let the different faiths exist, let them flourish, and let the glory of God be sung in all the languages and in a variety of tunes. That should be the Ideal. Respect the differences between the faiths and recognize them as valid as long as they do not extinguish the flame of unity.
Sathya Sai Baba



Hindu Om: Listen to the primeval *Pranava* (Om) resounding in your heart as well as in the heart of the Universe.



Buddhist wheel: Remember the wheel of cause and consequence, of deed and destiny, and the wheel of *dharma* that rights them all.



Zoroastrian fire symbol: Offer all bitterness in the sacred fire and emerge grand, great, and godly.



Islamic crescent and star: Be like the star, which never wavers from the crescent but is fixed in steady faith.



Christian cross: Cut the "I" feeling clean across and let your ego die on the cross, to endow on you Eternity.

SARVA DHARMA PRAYER

**Om Tat Sat Sri Narayana Tu
Purushottama Guru Tu
Siddha Buddha Tu Skanda Vinayaka
Savita Pavaka Tu
Brahma Mazda Tu Yahve Shakti Tu
Ishu Pita Prabhu Tu
Rudra Vishnu Tu Rama Krishna Tu
Rahima Tao Tu
Vasudeva Go-Vishvarupa Tu
Chidananda Hari Tu
Advitiya Tu Akala Nirbhaya
Atmalinga Shiva Tu
Om, Thou art that, Thou art Narayana,**

God in the form of man;
Thou art the Embodiment of perfection and the perfect master.
Thou art enlightened Buddha;
Thou art Subramanya and Ganesha, the remover of obstacles;
Thou art the Sun-fire;
Thou art Brahma, the Creator;
Mazda, the Great One;
Thou art Jehovah and the Divine Mother, the creative Energy.
O Lord! Thou art the Father of Jesus.
Thou art Rudra, the Transformer, and Vishnu, the Preserver;
Thou art Rama and Krishna;
Thou art Rahim, all kindness, always giving and expanding;
Thou art the Tao.
Thou art Vasudeva, the Sustenance of all, omnipotent and
omnipresent;
Thou art Hari, Destroyer of illusion, the blissful Spirit.
Thou art unparalleled, beyond time and fearless of adversities;
Thou art Shiva, Creator of the lingam, Symbol of the formless
Absolute