

BASIC BELIEFS IN HINDUISM

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Belief in one God

- monoisme not monotheism
- all deities reflecting features of the one GOD
- Lord Ganesha/Pillaiyaar/Vikneswaran - God in the form of sound
- Lord Muruga - Lord in the form of Knowledge
 - Vel- Knowledge should be deep, wide and sharp
 - Look of Lord Muruga - Knowledge is a beautiful attainment
 - Icha sakhti and Kriya Sakhti-If handled well, the knowledge would be able to control your mental and physical powers
- Lord Sakhti/Ambal - God in the form of love
 - *Love is power*
- Lord Vishnu - The care-taker of the People
- The Sun
 - *GOD in the form of enlightenment*
 - *Vitamin E – good for skin*
 - *Surya Namaskaram – since the early days of Hinduism*
- Lord Siva/Nadarajan
 - *Si – Sirappu – The greatness, glory*
 - *Va – Vanappu – Undefinable, no beginning and no ending*
 - *Philosophy of 'Dance of Nadaraja' – the science & philosophy*
 - *Philosophy of Sivalingam – symbol of Lord Shiva*

The Saints/Prophet

- Saiva guru/Prophet 4 –
 - *Thirunyanasambanthar*
 - *Thirunaavukarasar/Appar*
 - *Sundaramurthi Nayanar*
 - *Manikkavasagar*

- 63 Nayanmar/saints – from various background attained the GOD

The Holy Scriptures for the Saivaitis

- Thirumurai
 - *divided into 12 chapters,*
 - *the 12th chapter – Peria Puranam (history of the 63 nayanmar)*
- Philosophy of Saivism
 - *14 Meikanda Sastra*

Saadanas – the route to attain GOD

- Sariyai – Service in the name of GOD
- Kiriya- rituals and temple worship - Thirumurai
- Yogam - Meditation
- Nyanam – the enlightenment by the GOD's grace