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The Ladies of the Hindu Trinity



SARASWATI



LAKSHMI



PARVATI

Saraswati

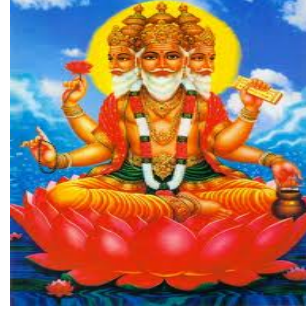


Saraswati

- Goddess of

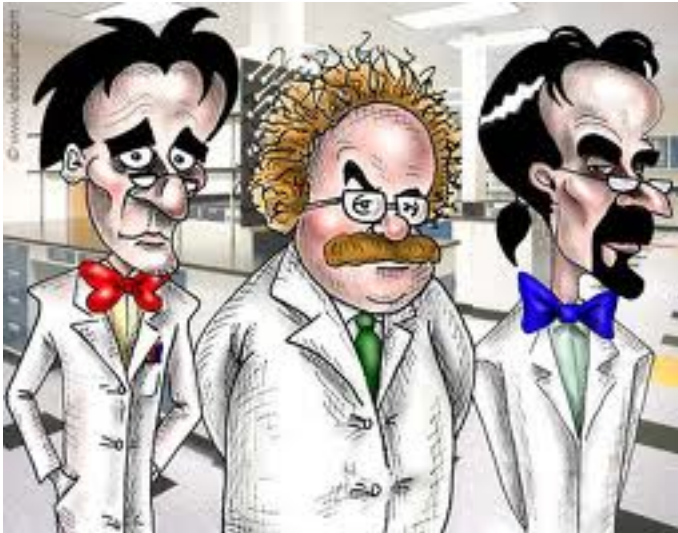


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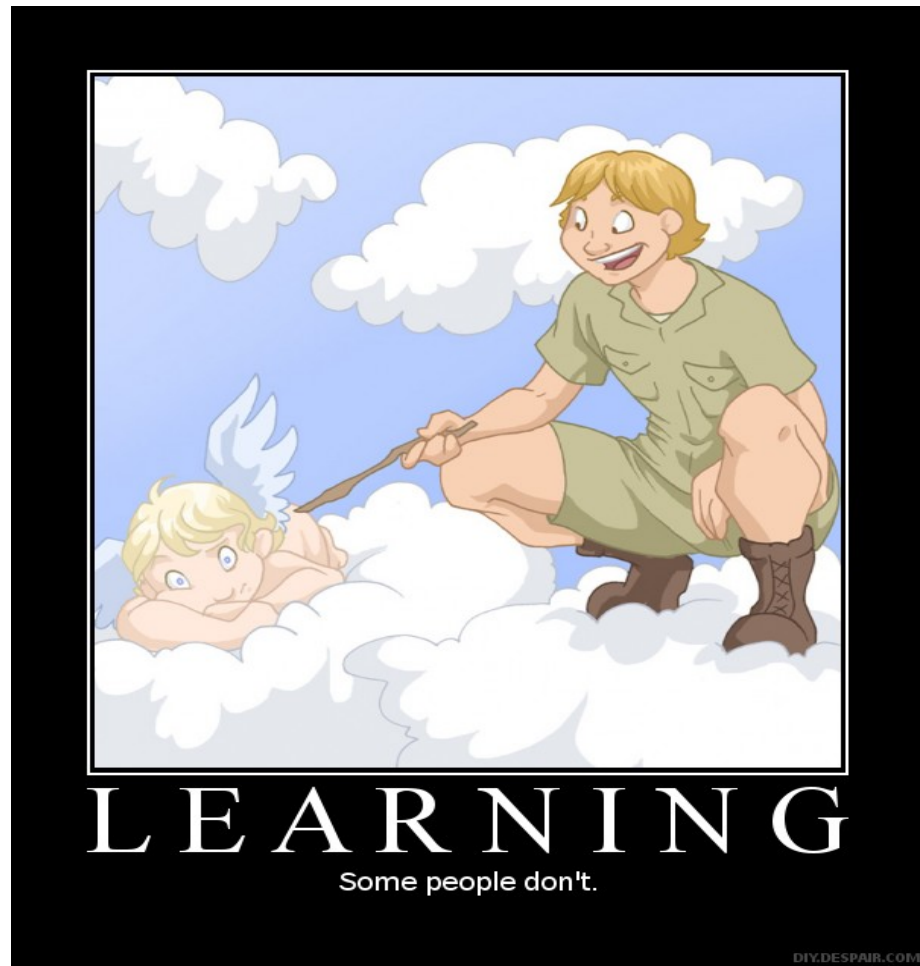
- She is the companion of
- Since knowledge is necessary for creation, Saraswati symbolizes the the creative power of Bramha
- Saraswati is worshiped by all people interested in knowledge and wisdom, especially:

Saraswati



Saraswati

- In return she provides her worshipers with:



Saraswati

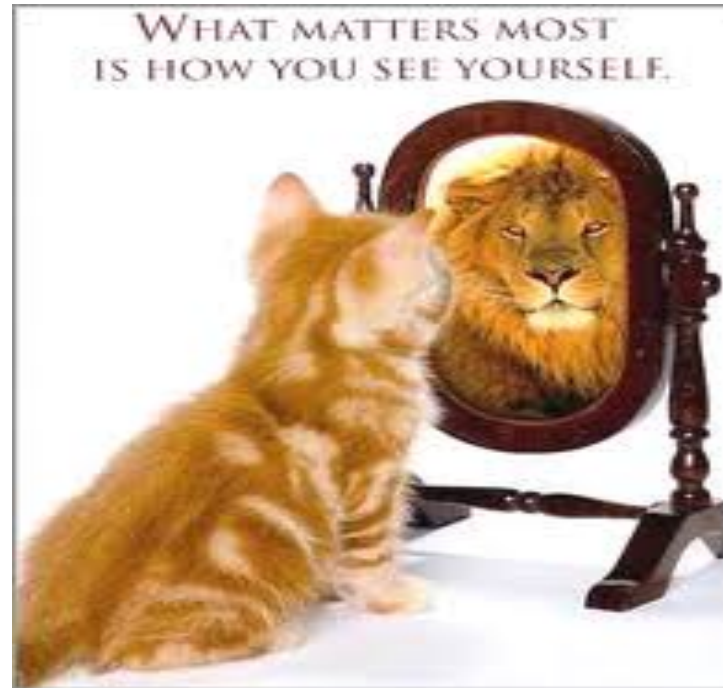
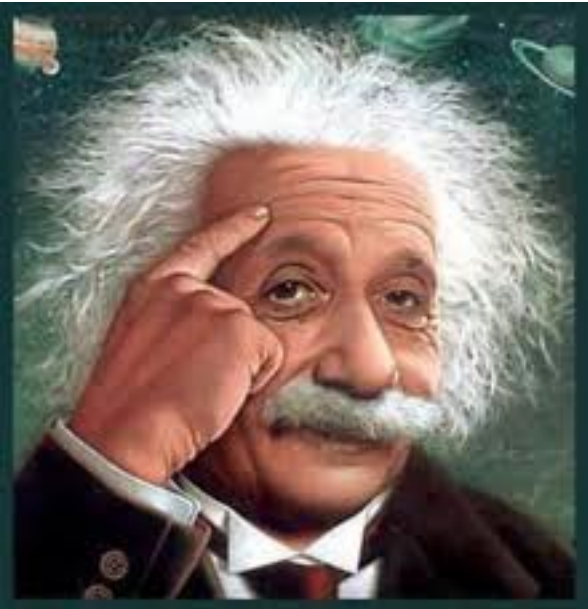
Appearance

4 arms

Represent the 4
elements of the inner
personality:



4 Elements of Personality



Saraswati

Appearance

Sacred Scriptures

(Vedas) representing
that knowledge
acquired must be used
with love and kindness
to promote prosperity
of mankind



Sawaswati Appearance

The Rosary

Signifies concentration,
meditation, and
contemplation that
leads to **Samadhi**,
or union with God



Saraswati

Appearance

With her other two hand she is shown playing the music of love on a string instrument called a **veena**.

Seeker must tune his mind and intellect to live in harmony with the world



Saraswati

Followers believe that
Saraswati can grant
them “moksha”



Lakshmi



Lakshmi

- Goddess of



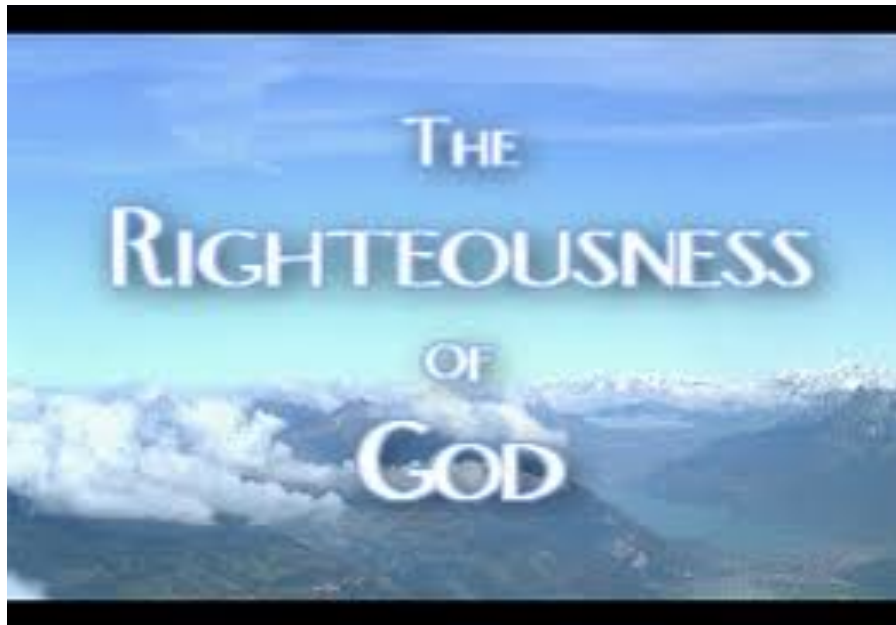
Lakshmi

- Is the companion of Vishnu
- She is said to bring good luck and is believed to bring good luck and to protect devotees from money related problems
- Worshiped daily, in every household, especially by business men and women

Lakshmi Appearance

Her four hands represent the four
ends to human life:

DHARMA



Lakshmi



Kama

Artha

Moksha

Lakshmi Appearance

Standing and holding a lotus
signifies

Beauty, fertility and purity



Lakshmi Appearance

Gold Coins

Suggest that those worshipping
her will gain wealth

Gold Embroidered Red Clothes

Red symbolizes activity and the
gold symbolizes prosperity



Lakshmi Appearance

Elephant spraying water in the background:

True devotee should not earn money to make a name for themselves or to satisfy his own material desires

But they should share with others to bring happiness to others in addition to themselves



Parvati



Parvati

Goddess of power

Is the companion of Shiva

Parvati is the one that gives life energy to all beings, and without her, all beings are inert

Parvati lives in all living beings in the form of power

Without power, one can do nothing, including yoga

Parvati

Appearance

A tiger symbolizes unlimited power

riding a tiger indicates that She possesses unlimited power and uses it to protect virtue and destroy evil



Parvati

Appearance

A conch in one of the Goddess's hands signifies the ultimate victory of virtue over evil and righteousness over unrighteousness.

Other weapons in the hands of Durga such as a mace, sword, disc, arrow, and trident convey the idea that one weapon cannot destroy all different kinds of enemies



Parvati

Appearance

Different weapons must be used to fight enemies depending upon the circumstances

For example, selfishness must be destroyed by detachment, jealousy by desirelessness, prejudice by self-knowledge

