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Hinduism Symbols and Icons



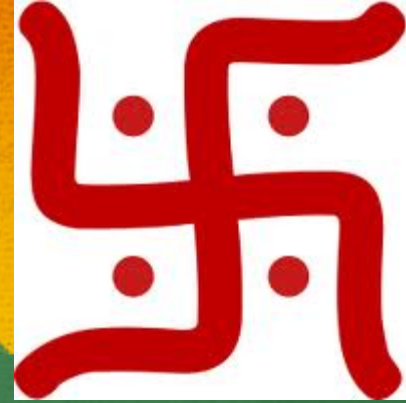
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- Sacred symbol that represents the universe
- Used in the beginning and end of all mantras or prayers
- Represents God in three aspects:
Brahma (A), Vishnu (U), and Shiva (M)



Swastika



- Represents “well being”
- Usually used on:

and rituals
to bring
good luck
and protect
from evil





Dancing Shiva

His dance symbolizes energy and the endless cycle of creation and destruction

Forehead Marks



Tilak indicates the deity that they worship

Symbolizes the third eye of wisdom

Many married Hindu women mark their foreheads with a red dot called a “Bindi”

It represents that the woman is married and should be respected as such

