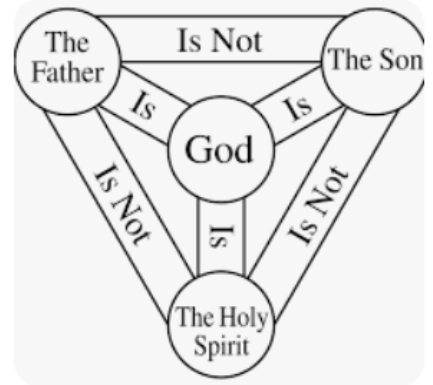


# Who or what is God and how is the divine

## understood in theistic worldviews?

Key Vocabulary
theistic—believing that God or Gods exist
monotheistic—a belief there is only one God
polytheistic—a person who worships more than one God
Old Testament—the story of God's relationship with the Israelites before Jesus was born
New Testament—the story of Jesus; his life, his death and his
The Holy Trinity—one God as three—God the Father, God the
Divine—something special that is like God or comes from God
soul—what makes you "you" - personality, feelings etc...
Shahadah—the belief in Allah is the one true God
tawhid—believing that Allah is the One and Only God
philosopher—someone who thinks deeply and seriously about 'big' questions
Waheguru—the word Sikhs use for God, meaning "wonderful Lord" or "Wonderful Teacher"
deity—a supernatural being, such as a god or goddess that people worship
Trimurti—how many Hindus describe the divine... Brahma as creator, Vishnu as preserver and Shiva as transformer or destroyer



### Key questions to complete...

Who or what holds power in your worldview?

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Long ago, God was often illustrated by European artists as an old white man with a beard. Why would this be a problem now?

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How do Hindus worship God?

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### Key Information

Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva as part of the Trimurti



Moses ben Maimon (1138-1204), commonly known as Maimonides was a Jewish philosopher who became one of the most prolific and influential Torah (Jewish scriptures) scholars of the Middle Ages.

The foundation of foundations and firmest pillar of all wisdom is, To know that there is a First Being, that He caused all beings to be, and that all beings from heaven and earth,...

MISHNEH TORAH, FOUNDATIONS OF THE TORAH 1:1

