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**Introduction**

 Hinduism is an Indian religion and a code of life. Being one of the oldest philosophies of life and spirituality, Hinduism originated in India almost 4000 years ago. Although it is ranked as the third largest religion in the world, with more than 900 million followers, many scholars consider it the largest religion.

**Many manifestations of One Supreme God**

 Although Hindus believe in One Supreme God and worship him as the creator, sustainer and the destroyer of the universe, there are several other manifestations of Him being worshipped in various regions of the world. One of the possible reasons for this behavior is that people in India have created a perception of that one Supreme Authority in their own different ways according to their culture, languages, and traditions.

**What word might work for the manifestations besides God?**

 There are numerous other terminologies assigned to these different manifestations of God by Hindu preachers and scholars like Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. There are also many other names like Rama, Krishna, Ganesha, Indira, Deva, Trimurti, Agni, Surya and many more.

**Difference between the manifestations of God in Hinduism and other religions**

 The Gods or manifestations of various forms of God in Hinduism are represented in multiple forms like idols and pictures. However, the most common form of these manifestations is in the form of idols. The representation of Gods in Hinduism differs significantly as compared to the other religions, as in most religions, no physical representation of the Supreme Authority is present.

 One of my fellows thinks that Hindus have so many different manifestations of the same One Supreme Authority because they have made perception of Him in their minds according to His various attributes and powers. This point of view sound legit to me as every individual has a different perception and thinking about everything, which may also be applied in the context of Hinduism. One of my other fellows is of the view that the physical representation of God in Hinduism facilitates in the worship process and it becomes easier for them to ask or pray from the Supreme One. I do not agree with this concept much, because, according to me, a physical form or representation is not an essential characteristic to become worthy of worship.