

The Faith Calendar Project: Hindu

1. Who was interviewed? How did the guest introduce the faith tradition? How did the guest talk about the diversity and unity with the Hindu tradition?
2. How did the guest introduce the concept of time and how months and years were determined?
3. The Hindu religious calendar is a lunar calendar. Compare/contrast how Hindu holidays move (or don't move) through our solar calendar with how other religions in this series handle this lunar/solar difference.
4. The Hindu podcast is a good opportunity to reflect on the issue of religions that didn't start in America. What are some of the differences between how holidays are celebrated here in America vs. how they may be celebrated either in a religion's "home" region or areas where adherents to the religion are more numerous?
5. List three things about the following holidays/"holy days" that you learned:
 - a. The weekly event
 - b. *Janmashtami*
 - c. *Navaratri*
 - d. *Durga Puja* (and various names, especially in India)
 - e. *Diwali*
 - f. *Holi*
6. As you listen to the podcast on Jewish and Hindu holidays, note the similarities in how holidays that began as agricultural festivals (like in the Hindu tradition) became more complex and had other levels of meaning "layered" on top of this original experience.
7. How did the guest answer the question, "What do you want participants in these holidays/"holy days" to experience?"

Vocabulary to Define

Santana Dharma

Arya Samaj

Rama and *Krishna* (and the importance of the story of the *Ramayana*)

Rishis

Agnihotra/Havan (rituals involving fire)