

A definition of Hinduism, given by the first Vice President of India, who was also a prominent theologian, [Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan](#), states that Hinduism is not "just a faith", but in itself is related to the union of reason and [intuition](#). Radhakrishnan explicitly states that Hinduism cannot be defined, but is only to be experienced.^[50] Similarly some academics suggest that Hinduism can be seen as a category with "fuzzy edges", rather than as a well-defined and rigid entity. Some forms of religious expression are central to Hinduism, while others are not as central but still remain within the category. Based on this, Ferro-Luzzi has developed a 'Prototype Theory approach' to the definition of Hinduism.^[51]

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In 1995, Chief Justice P. B. Gajendragadkar was quoted in the Indian Supreme Court ruling: "When we think of the Hindu religion, we find it difficult, if not possible, to define Hindu religion or even adequately describe it. Unlike other religions in the world, the Hindu religion does not claim any one prophet, it does not worship any one God, it does not subscribe to any one dogma, it does not believe in any one philosophic concept, it does not follow any one set of religious rites or performances, in fact, it does not appear to satisfy the narrow traditional features of any religion or creed. It may broadly be described as a way of life and nothing more".

Another way of describing Hinduism is that, "Hinduism is an amalgam of various kinds of beliefs and practices". In Hinduism, you are a free-bird. You can fly to the direction you wish to move. In another sense, "you are moving the religion", while in Christianity "you are moved by the religion". In Hinduism, a person has her/his own personal choices. You may be a staunch devotee of Vishnu, at the same time you will remain in Hinduism. You may be a faithful follower of Siva, at the same time you are in Hinduism. You may worship both Vishnu and Siva, so also you are a Hindu. You may be a Krishna devotee or a Kali devotee, you will still remain in Hinduism. Without believing in any of these gods, and without going to a temple, you can remain in Hinduism.