

# Class 6

CHAPTER 10 – TRADERS, KINGS AND PILGRIMS MODULE 4

## 1. The beginning of Bhakti

- It is generally understood as a persons devotion to his or her chosen deity.
- Anybody, whether rich or poor, belonging to the so called high caste or low caste, man or women could follow the path of Bhakti
- The main deities included Shiva, Vishnu and Durga
- Worship of Deities became central feature of later Hinduism
- The idea of Bhakti is present in the Bhagavad Gita, a sacred book of the Hindus
- According to Bhakti if a devote worships the chosen deity with a pure heart, the deity will appear in the form in which he or she may desire.
- Artist made beautiful images of deities.

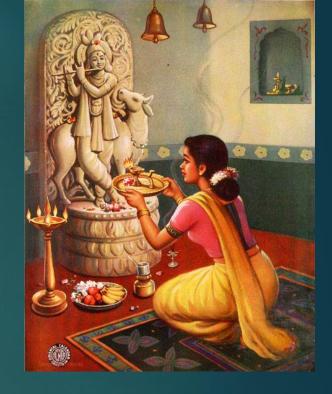




### **Meaning of Bhakti**

- Comes from a Sanskrit term bhaj.
- This suggests a very intimate relationship between the devotee and the deity.
- Deities were placed in special homes called temples.
- The word Hindu was derived from river Indus.







## 2. Christianity

- Emerged in West Asia about 2000 years ago
- Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem
- Christs teachings appealed to ordinary people.
- The Christians of Kerala, known as Syrian Christians are amongst the oldest Christian communities in the world.
- Their holy book is called as Bible
- 4 It mentions all the teachings of Jesus and his disciples.





#### 3. Picture reading time

