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Good question. A little background info first to put things in perspective. Brahman has no form. It is an experience. However, for upaasana certain forms are ascribed to it by Vedas which fully encapsulate the actual tatvam of Brahman. So when a certain form is chosen for upasana

> I need your opinion on something else as well...
> There is story of Camel being the vahanam of Hanuman... how true is it? Seems very prevalent in Telegu literature!
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several things are ascribed to that form - a recognition of its power, Sakti, which is a feminine quality and hence worshiped as a consort, parivaara devataas (ones who always serve that form and show others how it's done), and a vaahana. Here, Vaahana does not only mean

a vehicle. Vaahana is actually a conduit. It tells you what kind of devotion is required in order to be always in service of that diety and to be chosen by that form. Vaahana is also an insignia or a Dwajam that espouses the gunas of that diety.

Now, coming to the question. Hanuman is usually worshiped as Raamadaasa, Raamadhuta, etc. However, there are Hanumadh upaasakas who specifically worship Hanuman as Brahman complete with Avataras. There are many mantra sastras that support this. In fact, they say Ha nu ma

are subtle syllables within the A U Ma Omkara itself, which means one needs to probe deep in order to understand the actual Hanumad tatvam. Hanuman is really a Brahmachari no doubt but, like I said above, upasana vidhis require that He be worshiped with a consort and vaahana

That consort is Suvarchala Devi and vaahanam is the camel, which is called Ushtra in Sanskrit. Ushtrarudaaya veeraya mangalam Sri Hanumathe is a managalasasanam for Hanuman. Reason for choosing the ushtra is that it is said Hanuman wanders around the Pampa river (the place where

He met His Swamy, Raama) & circumabulates the Raama Setu daily as part of His nityaanushtana) on the camel. Pampa back then was a highly sandy place, which makes the camel a perfect vaahanam. You can find many temples doing pujas with Hanuman Suvarchala Devi and Ushtra vahanam■■