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Guru as Trinity - #Thread

This sloka is taught to all of us in early childhood. This is very popular sloka. This sloka can be recited in front of any Guru. The widely prevalent meaning of this sloka is to worship Guru as the form of Trinity & hence Parabrahma.



But, there is more profound & philosophical purport for this sloka. There is not an iota of doubt that a Guru is always the embodiment of Brahma, Vishnu & Shiva as they do creation, sustenance & dissolution (not destruction) respectively.

In other words, a Guru is Brahma, Vishnu & Shiva to a disciple by His actions. A Guru gives birth like Brahma, sustains like Vishnu & finally leads to merger with the Supreme like Shiva. Though parents give birth to the body, Guru gives Dukkha Janma i.e. new life ..

i.e. new life after initiation into spiritual life. Cycle of births & deaths is still possible after this worldly birth, but there is no worldly birth after Guru gives dīkṣā (initiation).

Thus, He is Brahma



Later, Guru holds the disciple steadfast in this resolution, sustains this knowledge in the disciple, protects in this mundane life and preserves disciple's spiritual practices.

Hence, He is Vishnu.



Gradually, with his teachings and by his actions, Guru develops contentment, dispassion, detachment, and gives knowledge about Brahman finally merging the soul in divine.

So, He is Shiva/Maheswara.

Thus, Guru is the embodiment of Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswara.



Hence, He is also the Parabrahma. Guru is the Supreme Brahman that can be experienced directly by our senses.'

If this sloka is recited with utmost devotion and complete concentration, one shall certainly obtain everything here and hereafter.

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