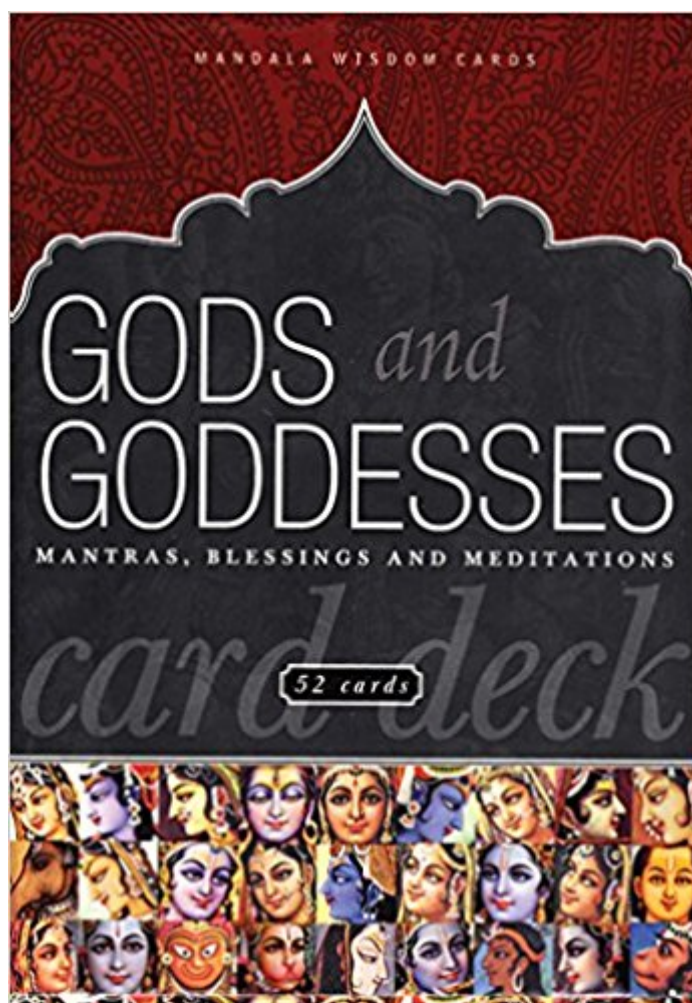


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# Gods And Goddesses Card Deck: Mantras, Blessings, And Meditations (Mandala Wisdom Decks)



## Synopsis

Mandala Publishing presents an exotic collection of Gods and Goddesses artwork in this fabulous new card deck. Each card highlights a particular deity of the Hindu pantheon and provides corresponding mantras, meditations, prayers and blessings. These cards reveal a "who's who" in the spiritual world and identify which roles particular gods and goddesses play in the universe. For greater intelligence, petition Saraswati. For the removal of obstacles, invoke the presence of Ganesh by chanting his mantra. These delicately detailed cards make attractive home centerpieces and great gifts for both young and adult. Pronunciation guide included.

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## Customer Reviews

Indra Sharma was born in 1923 in the small town of Nathdwara, in Rajasthan, India. He learned the art of painting from his family and did his first creation at the tender age of ten. He graduated with an MFA from the Sir J. J. School of Arts in Mumbai. His work combines contemporary and traditional elements. Remaining humble and devoted to his Hindu faith and profession, he creates icons of Hindu gods and goddesses that are altars of worship for millions.

Each card has the image of the deity on the front with a short description of the deity and a mantra for them on the back. The deck is great for any altar as you can use the image of your chosen god/goddess for meditation or prayer. I don't understand why they chose to put such long and complex mantras on the backs of these cards though. It would've made more sense to have the

basic mantras with the bija sounds instead since a card deck like this would be most commonly purchased by those whom want more familiarity with the Indian gods. For example. One of my favorite mantras to recite is that of Saraswati - "Om Aim Saraswatyai Namaha" (Aim is the bija sound) Anyone, even a beginner can recite that basic 4 word mantra 108 times for their meditation practice. But the one they've chosen to put in the back of the card instead is this one "ya kundendu-tusara hara-dhavala ya subhra-vastravrta ya vina-vara danda mandita kara/ ya sveta-padmasana ya brahmacyuta-sankara-prabhrtibhir/ devaih sada vandita sa mam patu sarasvati bhagavati nihses jadyapaha."um...Why? A mantra like this is one I would expect to find in a book about mantras, not in the back of a card. Maybe some people will memorize and chant this 108 times, but they are not likely to be in the audience of those who purchase a reference deck. Ganesha's basic mantra "Om Gum Ganapatayei Namaha" (Gum is the bija sound) But the mantra they chose to put down for Ganesha's card is so much longer and more complex. The artwork is beautiful and the cards feel good quality, but I think they would've been more useful if less space was taken up for these long mantras that few people will recite and more space used describing the attributes and story of the deity- which I think are lacking by comparison.

Beautifully illustrated! I'm currently working on an animation story line that includes religious gods and goddesses and this has been the perfect reference for meanings, terminology and ascribed characteristics of god and goddesses. Even if you aren't religious these cards are beautiful to look at and simply admire.

Rather disappointed in these cards for several reasons: 1. As another reviewer has noted, many of the mantras are obscure and much too long for japa. 2. The Goddess is woefully under-represented. Why not include the 10 MahaVidyas? They included all the avatars of Vishnu. 3. Very strongly biased toward Krishna bhakti. They publish a whole deck of cards on Krishna, so why so much emphasis here? 4. I was fooled by the box cover into thinking the artwork would rely heavily on Indra Sharma's work, but it does not. Unfortunately, much of it is the more insipid (to my taste) B. G. Sharma. 5. There is no explanatory book included that presents a method for using these cards. I give one star for good quality cardstock and the publishing "effort." Sadly, this deck will not be useful for my devotional purposes.

The cards are beautifully designed with vivid imagery and a variety of artistic styles. Some images seem to come from tapestries, others seem like Bali-wood ads, while others, still, evoke a deep

religious reverence. Not, necessarily an oracle deck, but a great deck to choose a 'theme' from, one that casts a light over an entire reading session.

These are gorgeous! I love them The information is wonderful. I appreciate the booklet as well describing the symbolism of the various objects found in the Hinduism iconography. Exactly what I was looking for!

Beautiful artwork--but very little explanation. Is this divination? Or just a book in deck format? Very interesting but a little more guidance would have been helpful.

I love this deck. The cards are very sturdy and look as described. The paintings of the Gods and Goddesses are beautiful. Each card has a mantra on the back for that deity. Someone with interest in Hindu pantheon should buy it. I would definitely recommend it.

My fiancée is big into mythology, especially Hindu mythology. I bought this for her as a stocking stuffer, expecting it to fall by the wayside, never to be used - I couldn't have been more wrong - she regularly references the cards. They are very colorful, printed on thick cardstock, and are full of interesting facts. A must for anyone with even a passing interest in Hindu gods.

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