

## THE NATURE OF GOD – HINDUISM

A story from the **Chandogya Upanishad** in the **Sama Veda**. (A Hindu Sacred text) Svetaketu had just returned home to his father after 12 years of education. When he came back he believed he knew all there was to be known. However, his father could see Svetaketu had knowledge but not wisdom – and did not yet understand the nature of reality.

*“Father, please teach me the deepest truth”.*

*“Certainly my son. Put some salt into water and then come back in the morning.” Svetaketu did as he was instructed.*

*“Bring me the salt which you put into the water yesterday,” the father said to him.*

*The boy searched for the salt, but of course, found it had dissolved.*

*“Now take a sip of water from the top. How does it taste?” asked his father.*

*“Salty,” was the boy’s reply.*

*“Take a sip from the middle. How does that taste?”*

*“Salty.”*

*“Finally, take a sip from the bottom. How does it taste?”*

*“Salty.”*

*His father said to him:*

*“You cannot see the inmost reality of things, but it is there all the time. And the whole universe has an inmost reality. It is that which is most true. You are that reality!”*

