

# JAYADEVA & THE BHAKTI MOVEMENT

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# BHAKTI MOVEMENT

- Hinduism reform movement that emphasized individual enlightenment and passionate devotion
- *bhakti* = participate, belonging, devotion, piety
- Movement was encouraged by a wide array of poet-saints who composed hymns to gods
- Devotion to Vishnu became central to some of these poems, helping spread Vaishnavism

# KRISHNA

- 8th avatar of Vishnu
- Vedic tradition relegates him to a minor role; however, he has since become one of the main figures of present-day Hinduism
- Central text is the *Bhagavad Gita*
- Numerous legends imagine him as love incarnate



# JAYADEVA

- Born in the 11th-century with exact historical facts being a point of scholarly contention
- *Jayadeva* = 'God of Triumph'
- The *Gitagovinda* is his best known work, and has emerged as a seminal piece of Hindu literature

