

2000 Years of Pointing Out That They Are Not Reconcilable. Convinced Yet?

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I'm writing a blog on lila, a Hindu concept of (religion as) “play” which is used to explain religion and even to weave meaning into life without taking oneself too seriously. Hinduism says “life is a game: play it”, and this playfulness is central in many Hindu traditions like Bhakti, Krishna consciousness, etc. It also allows us permission to give up the need to rationalize everything always, opens up the possibility of innocence. If we approach religious practice as a Lila, we may get a bit closer to E'S ideal of religion as a source of pure, unalloyed pleasure.