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| **Across**  **4.** The belief that all animals have sacred souls and are not to be eaten.  **6.** The cycle of rebirth souls go through.  **7.** The manifestation of the goddess Parvati that oversees the destruction of evil.  **8.** A sacred sound meditated on to grow closer to Brahman and enlightenment.  **11.** A 9-night festival celebrated in intervals of worship of the three main female goddesses.  **13.** Spoken sacred words or phrases recited during meditation.  **14.** A type of yoga conducted to show a Hindu's devotion to Brahman.  **15.** The final destination for souls with Brahman after escaping rebirth.  **17.** The 'Hindu Christmas' festival of lights celebrating Lakshmi, Vishnu, and triumph over ignorance.  **18.** An early civilization that practiced Hinduism since around 1500 BCE.  **19.** An unofficial caste isolated from society due to their 'unclean' occupations.  **20.** The sacred duty to follow their caste, stage of life, and fulfill their moral responsibilities. | **Down**  **1.** The stage of life that marriage and family life fall under.  **2.**  When the soul is reborn based on its karma.  **3.** Puja given to the gods in the form of burnt offerings.  **5.** The caste of warriors and rulers that values strength, courage, as well as leadership.  **9.** The god in the Hindu Trinity that oversees the preservation and salvation of the universe.  **10.** The supreme god and soul of the universe that all deities manifest from.  **12.** The stage of life involving giving up everything to attain salvation.  **16.** The 40+ milestones recognizing the Hindu's deep respect for life and growth. |