

What does 'Kirtan' mean?

The root of kirtan is *kirt* (Sanskrit: कीर्त).^[16] The root is found in the [Samhitas](#), the [Brahmanas](#) and other Vedic literature, as well as the [Vedanga](#) and [Sutras](#) literature. *Kirt*, according to Monier-Williams contextually means, "to mention, make mention of, tell, name, call, recite, repeat, relate, declare, communicate, commemorate, celebrate, praise, glorify".^[17]

Kirtan, sometimes referred to as *sankirtana* (literally, "collective performance"),^[18] is a [call-and-response chanting](#) or musical conversation, a genre of religious performance arts that developed during India's *bhakti* devotional traditions.

Wikipedia

- So Kirtan can be roughly translated as 'singing the Divine names'

And in singing the Divine names, we align with the qualities of the aspect[s] of the Divine embodied within that name or deity

See also

<https://kripalu.org/resources/beginners-guide-kirtan-and-mantra>

Kirtan to listen to: Earth

https://open.spotify.com/artist/61BGddcK45NRhF2oIfDPop?si=8KIGbZf4RPqj_5_d520Rhw

Snatam Kaur

Krishna Das

Sivani Mata <https://www.sivanimata.co.uk/>

Narayani/ Bhavana <https://francesnarayanibaker.bandcamp.com/album/remembrance>

Tim Chalice <https://www.timchalice.com/>

not Kirtan but beautiful! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6J3vSFNN04>

other youtube links I like!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vq6Ot2RiEc&t=837s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gS61DtchJ4s>

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