

# Śrī Rāma is Puruṣottama and a Real Hero of Rāmāyaṇa

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## ABSTRACT

If there is any holy book of India which is spontaneously inspired the life of every Hindu, It is undoubtedly said the Rāmāyaṇa of Vālmiki. The sage Vālmiki is called the celebrated author of the great epic, the Rāmāyaṇa. He is the earliest saint whose Ashrama was visited by Śrīrāma through the forest after leaving his Kingdom Ayodhyā. He sheltered Sītā when Śrīrāma banished her. The story of the origin of the Rāmāyaṇa is found at first when the epic starts. And once the sage Nārada reached the hermitage of Vālmiki and who gave him honor and courtesies, and Nārada told him the story of Śrīrāma in a brief. The text which is available to us and it contains the verses about 24000, and divided into Seven Kāṇḍas, and each Kāṇḍa is divided into Chapters or Sargas. The entire work is almost written in Anuṣṭup Metre and the bigger meters like Indravajrā and Upendravajrā. The present paper highlights the character of Śrīrāma and how the noble qualities have reflected in this great Scripture and also how he is known to all as Maryādā Puruṣottamama and a real hero.

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## INTRODUCTION

Rāmāyaṇa is one of the greatest epics among the two major Sanskrit works of ancient India. This Epic like Rāmāyaṇa is called Ādikāvya, and it is traditionally ascribed to the Sage Vālmiki. The Rāmāyaṇa narrates the life of Śrī Rāma, who is the legendary prince of Kośala Kingdom. Śrī Rāma adopted his fourteen-years exile to the forest by the order of his father, King Daśaratha. Śrī Rāma killed Rāvaṇa and rescued Sītā.

The Rāmāyaṇa is one of the largest epics in the History of World Literature. There are twenty-four thousand slokas in this epic and it is divided into Seven Kāṇḍas. So the Rāmāyaṇa is called 'Caturviṃśati Sāhasrī Samhitā'.

Śrī Rāma is the Crown Jewel of the Raghu dynasty. He is the Supreme Brahma and incarnated himself for keeping dharma and rescue the masses which is the only intention of his birth. He was a sea of noble qualities and He possessed qualities like Honesty, softness, kindness, compassion, modesty, desirelessness, love, delicacy, simplicity, faithfulness to Brahmins, affection for brothers, controlling the wicked, etc. In the Ayodhyā Kāṇḍa of Vālmiki Rāmāyaṇa described his merits vividly.

### Śrī Rāma does not get sleep without his younger brother Lakṣmaṇa

Śrī Rāma who is the best among the men does not get sleep without his brother Lakṣmaṇa, and also he did not get any food to eat however delicious food may be, without lakṣmaṇa.

Na Ca Tena Vinā Nidrām Labhate Puruṣottamaḥ/  
Mr̥ṣtamannamupānītasnāti Na Hi Tam Vinā// (Vālmiki  
Rāmāyaṇa, 1.18.30)

Śrī Rāma was always ready to save the Cow, Brāhmaṇa, and he worked for the development of the province. So He says:

Gobrāhmaṇahitārthāya Deśasyāsyā Hitāya Ca/  
Tava Caivāprameyasya Vacanaṁ  
Kartṛmudyataḥ// (Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa, 1.26.5)

### Śrī Rāma defeated to Parśurāma

Śrī Rāma was a Great Hero. He defeated Parśurāma, and his heroic deeds proves it. At that time, the Sage Parśurāma praised Śrī Rāma and said to him that, Oh Rāma, you are matchless of heaven and further the sage told him, I realized that your touch of nature is not mutable. You are the gods of gods and the exterminator of the devil Madhu. O Parantapa ( enemy inflamer ), blessedness betides you. The Rāmāyaṇa says:

Akṣayyaṁ madhuhantāraṁ Jānāmi Tvāṁ Sureśvaram/  
Dhanuṣo'sya Parāmarśāt Svasti te'stu  
Parantapa// (Val.Rāmāyaṇa, 1.76.17.)

### Śrī Rāma is a real lover and a real husband

Śrī Rāma was a real lover and an affectionate husband. He has felt great sorrow due to the absence of his wife, Janakanandini Sītā. Śrī Rāma expresses his hearty affection in the place of seeing the ornaments of his wife. The description of Vālmiki in Rāmāyaṇa is as follows:

Yathaiva dhenuḥ Sravati Snehāt Tasya Vatsalā/  
Tathā Mama Api Hṛdayam Maṇi Ratnasya  
Darśanaāt//(Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa,5.66.3)

Śrī Rāma says my heart is now melted through the seeing of this Magnificent jewel like a cow who is very affectionate towards her offspring and gushes forth milk due to her love towards her calf.

Further in another place, his loveliness has seen and Śrī Rāma said to her younger brother Lakṣmaṇa that, O gentle one, I cannot survive even for a moment without Sītā and who is black-eyed and If she lives for a month without me, means, she is living for a long time. The Rāmāyaṇa says:

Ciram Jivati Vaidehi Yadi Māsam Dhariṣyati/  
Kṣaṇam Saumya Na Jīveyam Tām Asit  
Īkṣaṇām//(Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa,5.66.10)

Śrī Rāma says to Hanumān, O Hanumān, tell me now about my Sītā and by your information I will surely survive as a sick person lives with the help of medicine. The description of Rāmāyaṇa is like this.

Kim Āha Sītā Hanumān Tattvataḥ Kathayasva me /  
Etena Khalu Jīviṣye Bheṣajena Āturo Yathā//(  
Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa,Sundara kāṇḍa.76.14)

### Śrī Rāma is the best one with a bow in hand (Dhanurdhara)

Śrī Rāma is a great hero, at the time of Setubandha to Lankā Śrī Rāma said harsh words to the Ocean, O Ocean, I will make you dry along with your region like Pātāla.

Athovāca Raghurasthah Sāgarān Dāruṇam Vacaḥ/  
Adya Tvām Śoṣayiṣyāmi Sapātālam  
Mahārṇava//(Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa,2.22.1)

And further Śrī Rāma says in another place to the Ocean that my arrow should not go in vain. It will reach its destination. So in which direction it will be descended.

Tambravittadā Rāmaḥ Sṛṇu me Varuṇālaya/  
Amoghā'yam Mahābāṇaḥ Kasmin Deśe  
Nipātyatām//(Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa,2.22.1)

Śrī Rāma was a source of joy for his father. And he is like a Brahmā among all the living beings, and he is also the most virtuous person among all his brothers. The Rāmāyaṇa says: Teṣāmapī Mahātejā Rāmo Ratikaraḥ Pituḥ/  
Svayambhūriḥ Bhūtānām Bābhūva  
Guṇavataṛaḥ//(Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa,2.1.6)

Śrī Rāma was a Hero of valor and also a very beautiful person. He was like Dasaratha by his virtues and an

incomparable son on this earth. And He is a man without envy.

Sa Hi Rupopannaśca Vīryavānanasūyakaḥ/  
Bhūmāvānūpamaḥ  
Sūnurguṇairdaśarathopamaḥ//(Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa.,Ayodhyā  
kāṇḍa.,Sarga.1.,Sloka.9)

Śrī Rāma did not remember the number of bad things due to his good bent of mind but he feels very glad even one good deed is done towards him.

Kathamcidupakāreṇa Kṛtenaikena Tuṣyati/  
Na Smaratyapakārāṇām  
Śatampayātmavattayā//(Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa.,Ayodhyā  
Kāṇḍa.,Sarga.1.,Sloka.11.)

Śrī Rāma has always possessed a calm and serene mind and speaks gently to others and never told harsh words in his reply to others. The description of Vālmiki Rāmāyaṇa is very beautiful like this.

Sa Tu Nitya Praśāntātmā Mṛdupūrvam Ca Bhāṣate/  
Ucyamāno'pi Paruṣam Nottaram  
Pratipadyate//(Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa.,Ayodhyā  
Kāṇḍa.,Sarga.1.,Sloka.10.)

### Conclusion

From the above discussion, It is concluded that Śrī Rāma is Puruṣottama and there is no one in this World who is equal to him. 'Puruṣesu uttamaḥ Puruṣottamaḥ'. A common man cannot look the same as his qualities. He possesses extraordinary qualities. And he is the real hero of the Rāmāyaṇa. There is no such character in Rāmāyaṇa like him. Rāmakathā is like nectar in this kali yuga. The Rāmāyaṇa will exist till the end of this Creation. So it says:

Yāvat Sthāsyanti Girayaḥ Saritaśca Mahitale/  
Ramyā Rāmāyaṇī Kathā Lokeṣu Pracariṣyati//(  
Vāl.Rāmāyaṇa.,Bāla Kāṇḍa.,Sarga.2.,Sloka.36.)

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