

1) Opening salutations

Om Shri Maha Ganapathaye namaha

Om Nama Shivayya

Om Shri Durgaye Namaha

Om Shri Sita Ramabhyam namaha

Om Shri Hanumate Namaha

Kujantam rama rameti madhuram madruraksaram;

Aruhya kavita sakham vande valmiki kokilam

2) The value of Ramayana is like a lighthouse.

Too often we fall into the trap of arguing, kind of like the following dialogue from the video clip* of the lighthouse that you can find on YouTube:

“Again this is the USS Montana requesting that you immediately divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision. Over.”

“Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid collision.”

The American end of the conversation is now taken over by the ship’s captain.

“This is Captain Hancock. You will divert your course. Over.”

“Negative captain. I’m not moving anything. Change your course. Over.”

“Son. This is the USS Montana, the second largest vessel in the North Atlantic Fleet. You WILL change course fifteen degrees North or I will be forced to take measures to ensure the safety of this ship. Over!”

“This is a lighthouse mate. It’s your call...”

Ramayana is like a light house beaming for years. The current version of Valmiki Ramayana is attributed to **Sveta varaha kalpa (current one), vaivashvata Manvantara (current one) but treta yuga belongs to 24th mahayuga where in we are in Kali yuga of 28th maha yuga. So roughly Ramayan is 18 to 19 Million years old. It is difficult to grasp or identify, even the NASA images which tell the age of Rama setu (Adam Bridge) around 1.7 million year old, but it is roughly 1/10th of the actual age of Rama setu mentioned in valmiki Ramayana.

A legend about Sage Shankaracharya goes like this. When the Acharya came to ***Sringeri, he saw an unusual sight on the banks of the Tunga. A cobra was seen spreading out its hood over a frog, to give it shadow from the scorching mid-day sun. Struck with the sanctity of the place, which could infuse love between natural adversaries, the Acharya chose this very location to establish His first Math. Hallowed for all times by Sage Rishyashringa who stayed and performed Tapas here, Sringeri attracted the great Acharya with a remarkable sight.

3) Relationship between Ramayana and nature****.

When Valmiki maharishi wondering why he got so angry and cursed the krouncha pakshi’s with ‘Manishada” sloka, Brahma ji appears and informs Valmiki

a) sloka came because of his inspiration.

b) Whenever he sits for writing Ramayana, he will have a darshan of what and how each scenario happened.

c) Ramayana will be on earth as long as the rivers and mountains flourish on earth.

d) As long as Ramayana is alive, Valmiki maharishi will be in the upper worlds with him.

As Ramayana premi's we all have the responsibilities to protect the nature that way Ramayan will be there to bless us.

4) Panchabhootas memorandum to Brahma during Putra kameshti *****

Under the advarya of sage Rushya Sringa, King Dasaradha started performing Putrakameshti after successfully completing one year of Aswamedha yaga.

All devatas and Brahma came to the yaga to take their portions called havissu. Once Devatas's saw Brahma ji, they started telling their experiences with Ravana, who is torturing them.

Vayu mentioned the encounter of Ravana with Vali and how Ravana surrendered and made friends with Vali. But after that incident Ravana started torturing Vayu as he did not help him, when he is gasping for air.

Similarly Ravana goes and gets in to trouble with more powerful beings, but torments panchabhoota's and he will not let them do their work properly.

Brahmaji told after listening patiently to all devatas that the time has come for a solution. Then Lord Narayana comes down with Shanka, chakra gada and assures that he will choose King Dasaradha as father and born as his 4 sons.

Immediately after that Agni purush comes out of putra kameshti yaga kund and offers the payasa patra to King Dasaratha. In turn King Dasarath offered it to his three dharmapatnis.

We need to be careful and should not have intentions of harming others how tiny they are and be in tune with the nature.

5) Closing prayers

Swasti prajabhya paripala yantam. Nyayena margena maheem maheesah.

Go- Brahmanebhyah shubhamastu nityam. Lokah samastah sukhino bhavantu

mangalam-kOsalEndrAya mahaNeeya guNATHmanE

chakravarti-tanUjAya sarvabhowmAya mangalam

VEDAVEDANTA VEDYAYA MEGHASHYAMALA MOORTHAYE

PUMSAM MOHANAROOPAYA PUNYASHLOKAYA MANGALAM

6. References:

* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKlvC0O6o>

**Yuga, kalpa time calculations

- Satya+Treta+Dwapara+Kali yuga is one maha yuga. Roughly 4.32 million years.
- 71 mahayugas + 1 satya yuga is one manvantara
- 14 manvantaras + 1 satya yuga is a kapla.

*** history of Sringeri- <http://www.sringeri.net/history>

**** Valmiki Ramayana - Balakanda-2nd Sarga.

***** Valmiki Ramayana - Balakanda-15th Sarga.

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