

Winning Mantra from the Ramayana



Trivia

- The legend of Ayodhya's prince Ram who was forced to go exile by his step mother Keikeyi and her attendant Manthara
- His wife was kidnapped by demon king Ravana
- Ram met monkey general Hanuman who introduced him to his friend Sugreeva
- Ram along with Hanuman and Sugreeva attacked Ravana and got back his wife
- Ram went back Ayodhya where he was crowned as the king.
- Teaches ethics, morality as well as management

The Ramayana

- Balkand - Deals with the birth of Ram and his education
- Ayodhyakand - Deals with the evil plan which forced Ram's exile
- Aranyakand - Deals with Ram's journey through Dandaka forests and kidnapping of Sita
- Kiskindhakand - Deals with Ram's friendship with monkey king Sugreeva and killing of his brother Bali
- Sunderkand - Dedicated fully to Hanuman and used during his worship. Deals with his adventures across Lanka and burning of Lanka
- Yudhkand - Deals with fight of Ram & Ravana
- Uttarkand - Deals with crowning ceremony of Ram and his sons followed by the salvation of Sita - Ram.

The dynamic and static behaviour

- Ram - fully static
- He accepted exile without any objection
- He believed in the theory that nothing can be wrong - Whatever happens is for my welfare
- Was responsible for tragic acts

Neither heard nor seen nor read anywhere, a golden deer was not even imagined, still Ram went behind him - What a fool!

Sage Chanakya

It was wrong for the part of Ram to test for Sita's purity and banish her just because few foolish courtiers demanded it

Sage Valmiki

- Continuously believed in destiny

Whatever I get or lose is due to my destiny

Lord Ram

- Laxman - fully dynamic
- Insulted king Janaka in front of whole conference just because Janaka thought earth to be devoid of brave men
- Knew that if Ram alone goes to exile, he would be fooled easily, so, joined him in the journey
- Utter disbelief in destiny

One who is either coward and powerless or lazy, only such a person believes in the destiny

Lord Laxman

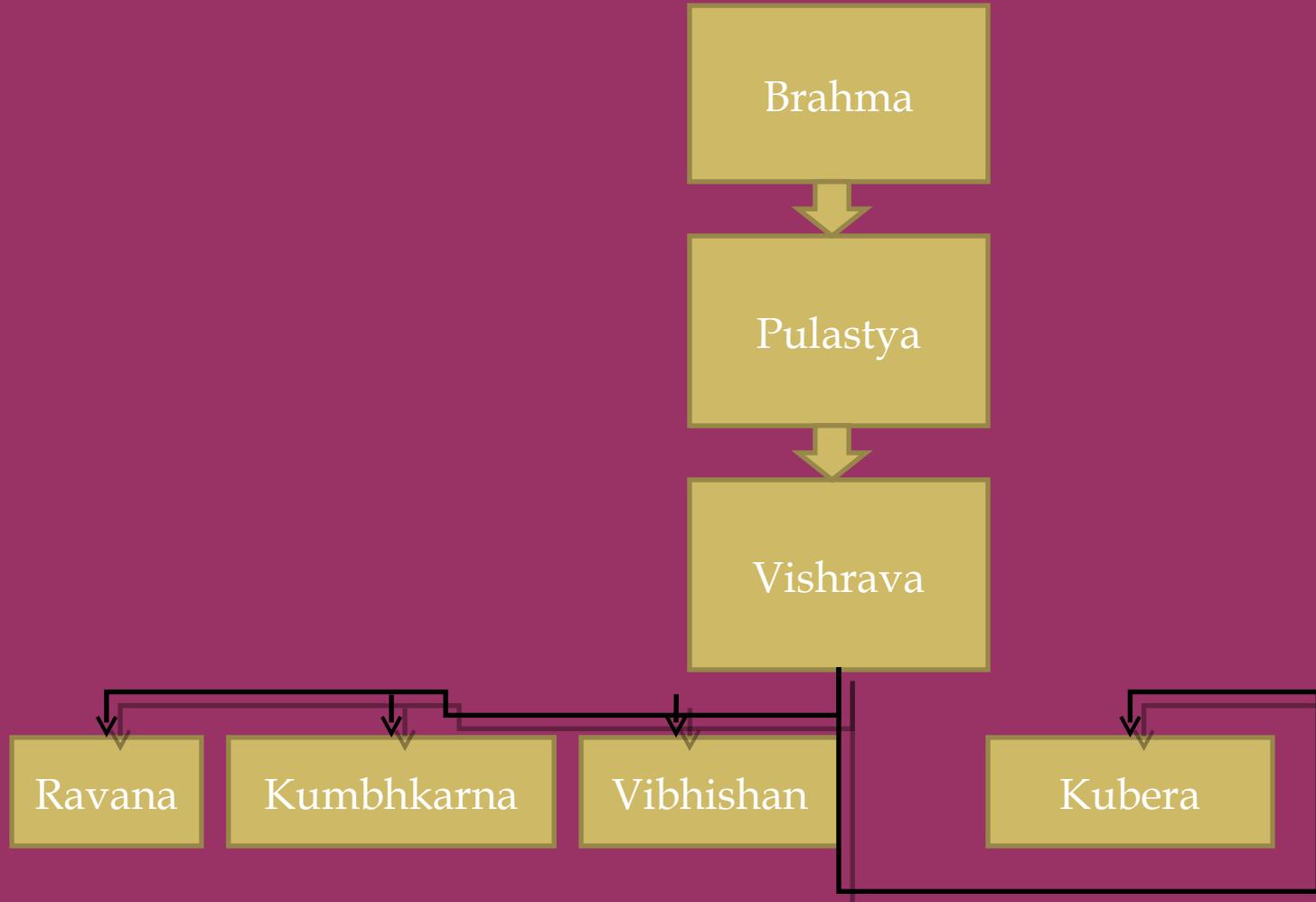
- Did not hesitated in telling the truth even to Sita

If I could have agreed to what Laxman said, I won't be kidnapped, may that son of Sumitra forgive me.

Goddess Sita

The divine character of Ravana

- Brahma's lineage



- ❑ Ravana - the well versed and skilled Brahmin

I know that Ravana is wiser than Brahma and more powerful than Vishnu himself

Sage Agastya

- ❑ His all subjects always satisfied by him
- ❑ He pleased Shiv by the tremendous amount of devotion
- ❑ Wrote Tandava stotra which is widely sung during the worship of Shiv
- ❑ An undefeatable warrior

Unless you accept your own defeat, not even almighty can ever think of defeating you

Lord Ravana

Then,

Why Ravana is considered a
demon

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The thought process

- ❑ Ravana was ambitious

Counter Part: What's wrong in that?

- ❑ Ravana was arrogant

Counter Part: Even most of the deities were arrogant

- ❑ Ravana was lusty person so, he kidnapped Sita

Counter Part: He did not kidnap Sita to prove his strength or his lust, he just did so as a revenge for laughter of Sita on his fall in a conference

- ❑ Ravana was unfortunate in this regard

Is that so?



Did Ravana really wanted to fight?

- Had control over all the 3 worlds
- No need to fight with a mere human being
- Still fought for his reputation in society
- Physically fought but mentally blessed Ram for his victory
- Ravana's army = 12.193×10^{34} brave demons
- Ram's army = 18.0005×10^{32} monkeys
- All demons were skilled and had terrible powers with them
- Most of the monkeys (Except Sugreeva, Hanuman, Angad, Nal and Neela) were powerless and coward.

How Ram won

- Let's think out of the box
- Insufficient resources, dangerous opponent - how to cope up?
- Such situations always arise during our day - to - day life
- We need team force, drive, determination, wits and intelligence to accomplish all this
- How Ramayana teaches that?
- Let's analyze them one by one

Team force

- Monkeys divided to search for Sita
- Ram knew that Hanuman could do it so gave him a ring
- Ram told him to show his powers to Ravana
- Then Hanuman succeeded in searching Sita
- He showed his powers by burning Lanka
- After knowing this, Ram himself embraced him
- All monkeys supported Ram for the fight

Have right persons assigned for the right task

Wits & intelligence

- Vibhishan told Ravana that he is wrong
- Ravana banished him & told him to meet Ram
- Vibhishan agreed & went away
- Ram made him king and said, “Now, you are illegal king. To be the official king, tell me how to kill Ravana”
- Vibhishan agreed & told the ways to kill Ravana
- Ram succeeded in killing Ravana

Never let anybody explore your secrets

Ravana's spies

- Ravana sent Shuka & Sharana to investigate Ram
- They were recognized by Vibhishan
- Ram did not kill them but behaved in a friendly manner
- Spies went back & kept praising Ram's army
- This demoralized Ravana
- Even Malyavan (Ravana's maternal grandfather) praised Ram & his monkeys

Must know how to turn enemies into friends

Ravana's powers

- Used many illusionary powers
- Fired many deadly weapons
- Still all undone by Ram
- Ravana sent many demons to kill Ram
- Demons tried their best to defeat Ram
- Meghnad managed to make Ram cry
- Ram's tears demoralized the monkeys
- Still monkeys never lost their confidence

Never lose confidence & remain an optimist

Who saved Ram ?

- ❑ Hanuman - the most powerful emissary
- ❑ The actual hero of Ramayana
- ❑ Even Ravana praised him

I know that Ram & Laxman are half dead without Sita, you (Angad) & Sugreeva have mutual enmity & Nal & Neela know about building bridges (they know nothing about fighting). However, There is 1 monkey named as Hanuman who is really powerful and he frightened me.

Lord Ravana

Have such members who are capable of frightening enemy

Drive & determination

- Though there were mere monkeys, demons were afraid from them

A monkey is capable of burning entire Lanka, can you imagine what harm can entire army do

Malyavan, Ravana's grandfather

- Ravana was left alone, still he fought with monkeys
- Ram cut his heads but Ravana – still alive
- Vibhishan told the ways to kill Ravana

Have trustworthy men with you so that enemy is dead

**FINALLY
THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
TEACHING
NECESSARY
FOR ALL**

- Hanuman went to search for Sita
- He met Sita & gave her a ring
- Then he decided to eat fruits
- He destroyed the entire forest
- All the demons went to kill him
- Demons were killed instead
- Ravana's son Aksha also died
- Still Ravana laughed at Hanuman when the latter entered inside
- Paid by getting his whole city (Lanka) burned

Never underestimate anybody

WHY?

- ▣ If you underestimate your friends
 - They lose trust in you
 - Try to behave like enemies
 - Friendship gets broken

- ▣ If you underestimate your enemies
 - Case same as that of Ravana & Hanuman
 - Ravana ruined for that decision

Quick revision at a glance

- Have right persons assigned for the right task
- Never let anybody explore your secrets
- Must know how to turn enemies to friends
- Never lose confidence & remain an optimist
- Have such members who are capable of frightening enemy
- Have trustworthy men so that enemy is dead
- Never underestimate anybody

After the battle

- Vibhishan crowned as the king
- Ram went back to Ayodhya along with Sita, Laxman, Hanuman etc.
- He was crowned as the king
- Ram - rajya still considered the most sacred kingdom
- Ram even banished Sita just because his kingdom demanded
- Sita gave birth to 2 twins - Luv & Kush
- Ram did Ashwamedha whose horse was taken by Luv & Kush
- Later on Ram's men got the horse back

In the end

- Luv & Kush sung Ramayana
- Ram wanted to see their mother
- Sita was called back
- To prove her chastity, she went straight to earth
- 10,000 years later, Ram told Laxman to depart
- Then, Ram himself went to finish his life
- Whole Ayodhya followed him
- Vibhishan & Hanuman became immortals so, are alive till pralaya

