

The Ramayana- My favourite Book

The Ramayana is my favourite book. It is an epic in 'Sanskrit written by Balmiki. It has been rendered into beautiful Hindi poetry by Goswami Tulsi Dass, the Saint poet of India, It deals with the life story of

Rama, the king of Ayodhya. The Hindus worship Rama as an incarnation of god.

The Ramayana is the Bible of the Hindus. It is read with devotion by them. There is hardly a Hindu family in Northern India which does not possess a copy of it. The book depicts an ideal father and an ideal son; an ideal wife and an ideal husband. It also depicts an ideal brother and an ideal king. It teaches to be obedient to parents, to be loyal to wife and to be loving to brothers. Mahatma Gandhi spoke of it very highly. Rama was his hero and his administration was a model for him. Ram Rajya became his political dream.

The book is a literary gem. Its style is easy and forceful. Written in simple Hindi it is easily understood by hits readers. The couplets and quatrains easily stick to the memory of the reader. It is one of the most treasured books of Hindi literature. As a piece of literature it is read with interest throughout the world.

The book gives me immense pleasure in reading. Every time I read if I find it more interesting. I have never felt tired of reading it. It has become a guide for me. It has influenced my life greatly. I feel greatly uplifted. In many homes it is a practice to start the day's work after bowing low before a copy of the Ramayana.

The Ramayana is a book of great social importance. It is the Magna Carat of the Joint Hindu family. People read it and worship it. They look to it for deliverance. It is said that the great poet Tulsi Dass composed it under divine inspiration. It is full of devotional songs besides tenets of social importance. It is full of devotional songs besides tenets of social wisdom.

I have still to come across a book which teaches man how to live a full and contented life in better way. It has influenced my thought and character greatly. I think a life is not worth living unless it conforms to the standards set by the characters in this great book.