

Study Programme Modules: The Significance, Path and Goal of the Vedas from the viewpoint of the Ramayana

In this study program we will study the Significance, Path and Goal of the Vedas from the viewpoint of the seven chapters of the Epoch Ramayana. As we will see the Ramayana is full of practical wisdom and each of its chapters, though complete in themselves, are intimately connected to each other just as life is interconnected with the whole. Moreover, the Ramayana is full of practical wisdom which we can apply in our daily lives as tools to continue our spiritual path and in the lives of others in the direction of full enlightenment.

Module I: Introduction and Significance of the Epoch Ramayana

Study Unit 1

Introduction – Salutations to the Guru, Saints, etc. – The Story of Sati – Shiva’s Marriage – The Birth of Ravana and his Brothers – King Dasharatha’s Desire for a Son – The Ashvamedha Yagya – The Birth of Rama and his Brothers

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; foreword, preface and BALAKANDA pages 3-21
Ramacaritamanasa; BALAKANDA pages 1-144

Module II: Rama’s Childhood and Marriage with Sita

Study Unit 2

Vishwamitra and the Young Princes – The Killing of Tataka – Siddhasrama – Redemption of Ahalya – Ganga - Arrival and Welcome at Mithila – The Story of Vishwamitra - King Janaka’s Garden – The Bow of Shiva – The Breaking of the Bow – The Marriage of Rama & Sita – Parasurama

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; BALAKANDA pages 22-79
Ramacaritamanasa; BALAKANDA pages 145 - 248

Module III: Queen Kaikeyi’s Decision for Rama’s Exile

Study Unit 3

Preparations for Sri Rama’s Installation as Prince Regent of Ayodhya – Manthara, The Maid – Kaikeyi’s Decision – King Dasharatha’s Lamentation – Kaikeyi’s Talk to Rama – Lakshmana’s Anger – Kausalya’s Blessings – Sita’s Request – In the Presence of Dasharatha – A Painful Farewell – Dasharatha’s Despair

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; AYODHYAKANDA pages 82 - 145
Ramacaritamanasa; AYODHYAKANDA pages 249 - 298

Module IV: Start of the Journey, The King’s Death and Bharatha’s Return

Study Unit 4

On the Banks of the Tamasa – The Journey Starts – Guha – Passage across the Ganga – The Ashram of Bharadvaja – Sri Rama and Valmiki – Arrival at Chitrakuta – Sumantra returns to Ayodhya – The Death of King Dasharatha – Bharatha’s Return to Ayodhya – Bharatha’s Oat – Last Rites for the King

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; AYODHYAKANDA pages 146 - 184
Ramacaritamanasa; AYODHYAKANDA pages 299 - 366

Module V: Bharatha in Chitrakuta

Study Unit 5

Bharatha on his Way – Sage Bharadvaja – Sita’s Dream – Lakshmana’s Outburst -
Bharatha’s Arrival at Chitrakuta – Bharatha meets Rama - Vasistha’s Speech – King
Janaka’s Arrival – Dialogue between Vasistha, Sri Rama and Bharatha - Bharatha asks for
the Panduka’s – Bharatha’s Farewell & Return – Bharatha’s Stay at Nandigrama

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; AYODHYAKANDA pages 185 - 219

Ramacaritamansa; AYODHYAKANDA pages 367 - 460

Module VI: The Kidnapping of Sita

Study Unit 6

The Dandaka Forest – The Killing of Viradha – Meeting with Sages – Agastya’s Ashram –
In Panchavati – Shurpanakha – The Battle with Khara – Shurnapaka’s Revenge – The
Golden Deer – Ravana kidnaps Sita – The Combat of Jatayu – Shabari’s Ashram – The
Pampa Lake – Rama’s Grief – Rama’s Meeting with Sage Narada

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; ARANYAKANDA pages 220 - 300

Ramacaritamansa; ARANYAKANDA pages 461 - 506

Module VII: Rama’s Stay at Kishkindha

Study Unit 7

Hanuman meets Rama – Alliance between Rama & Sugriva - Vali and Sugriva – The
Killing of Vali – Rama justifies his Action – The Coronation of Sugriva and Angada –
Rama’s Impatience – The Beginning of the Search – The Despair of the Vanara’s – Arrival
at the Seashore - Sampati, the old Eagle – The Greatness of Hanuman

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; KISHKINDHAKANDA pages 303 - 360

Ramacaritamansa; KISHKINDHAKANDA pages 507 - 530

Module VIII: Hanuman meets Sita

Study Unit 8

The Leap over the Ocean – Hanuman enters Lanka – Hanuman meets Vibhishana -
Hanuman finds Sita – The coming of Ravana – Hanuman meets Sita – Sita’s Message to
Rama – Destruction of the Ashoka Garden – Hanuman meets Ravana in the Court –
Burning of Lanka – The Return of Hanuman – Sugriva’s Madhuvana – Sri Rama’s March
to the South – Ravana loses Vibhishana

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; SUNDARAKANDA pages 363 - 421

Ramacaritamansa; SUNDARAKANDA pages 531 - 572

Module IX: Preparations for the War

Study Unit 9

Rama and Vibhishana – Preparations for the War – The Building of the Bridge – The Cross
over the Ocean – Mandodari (Ravana’s wife) praises the Divine Powers of Rama - Ravana
tries to distress Sita – Angada’s Mission – Sita sees Rama on the Field

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; LANKAKANDA pages 424 - 469

Ramacaritamansa; LANKAKANDA pages 573 - 609

Module X: The Death of Ravana’s Sons

Study Unit 10

Ravana sends Prahastha – Ravana on the Battlefield – The Valour of the Princes – Indrajit
– Lakshmana unconscious – Hanuman sent for the Sanjivini Herb – Dialogue between

Bharatha and Hanuman – Hanuman’s Return - Ravana sends Kumbhakarna to the Battlefield – The Death of Kumbhakarna – Yagya at Nikumbhila – The Killing of Indrajit – Ravana’s Grief

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; LANKAKANDA pages 470 - 520

Ramacaritamanasa; LANKAKANDA pages 610 - 627

Module XI: The End of the War

Study Unit 11

Ravana Sets out to the Battlefield – Lakshmana & Ravana - Sanjivini Again -- Indra’s Victory Chariot – Dialogue between Sita and Trijata – Combat of Hanuman and Ravana - The Final Combat between Rama and Ravana – Sri Rama kills Ravana – Ravana’s Funeral - Vibhishana’s installation as King of Lanka – Rama sends Hanuman to Sita - Sita enters the Fire – Sri Rama and Sita leave for Ayodhya

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; LANKAKANDA pages 521 - 550

Ramacaritamanasa; LANKAKANDA pages 628 - 673

Module XII: The Coronation of Rama: Ramraj

Study Unit 12

Hanuman in Nandigrama – The Return of Rama in Ayodhya – The Coronation of Sri Rama & Sita – Greatness of Sri Rama’s Reign – Birth of Sons to the Four Brothers – Sri Rama and Sage Vasistha – Greatness of Ramayana – Tulsidas’ Prayer and Reward of reciting this Poem

Literature

Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam; UTTARAKANDA pages 551 - 562

Ramacaritamanasa; UTTARAKANDA pages 675 - 775

Literature Vedic Science & The Epoch Ramayana Study Program (1,5 year)

1. Sri Ramacaritamanasa (with Hindi Text and English Translation)
Gita Press, Gorakhpur, India; 782 pages
2. Ramayana, Kamala Subramaniam;
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay-7, India; 562 pages

Thesis

Conditions:

A. This thesis (min. 30 pages) must be based on the description and analysis of a theme, chosen by the student.

B. An outline of how the thesis should be written:

- it should be worked out on an A-4 sheet
- the space between lines must be 1 ½ cm
- the front page must contain the title and the name of the educational centre
- first page must contain the title, name of the institute, teacher, student, location and year
- preface and introduction
- table of contents with page numbers
- length of the thesis must be approximately 40 pages
- conclusion
- list of literature

Other study programs in VEDIC SCIENCES

Beside the Study Program Consultant Vedic Sciences & Ramayana there is the possibility to choose the study programme Consultant Vedic Sciences & Upanishads (DUC-diploma Master CVSU) or to specialize in one of the following subjects in order to obtain a DUC-diploma Master CAHHC or Master CVA.

This option must be discussed with both the DUC Dean and the teacher/tutor of the course prior to the beginning of this program.

1. Consultant Ayurvedic Health Care – to make the Ancient Holistic Approach of Health Care practical for Every Individual and Society on Earth
2. Consultant Vedic Astrology - Self-knowledge and Mastery over Time and to make the Wisdom of Vedic Astrology practical for every Seeker of Truth