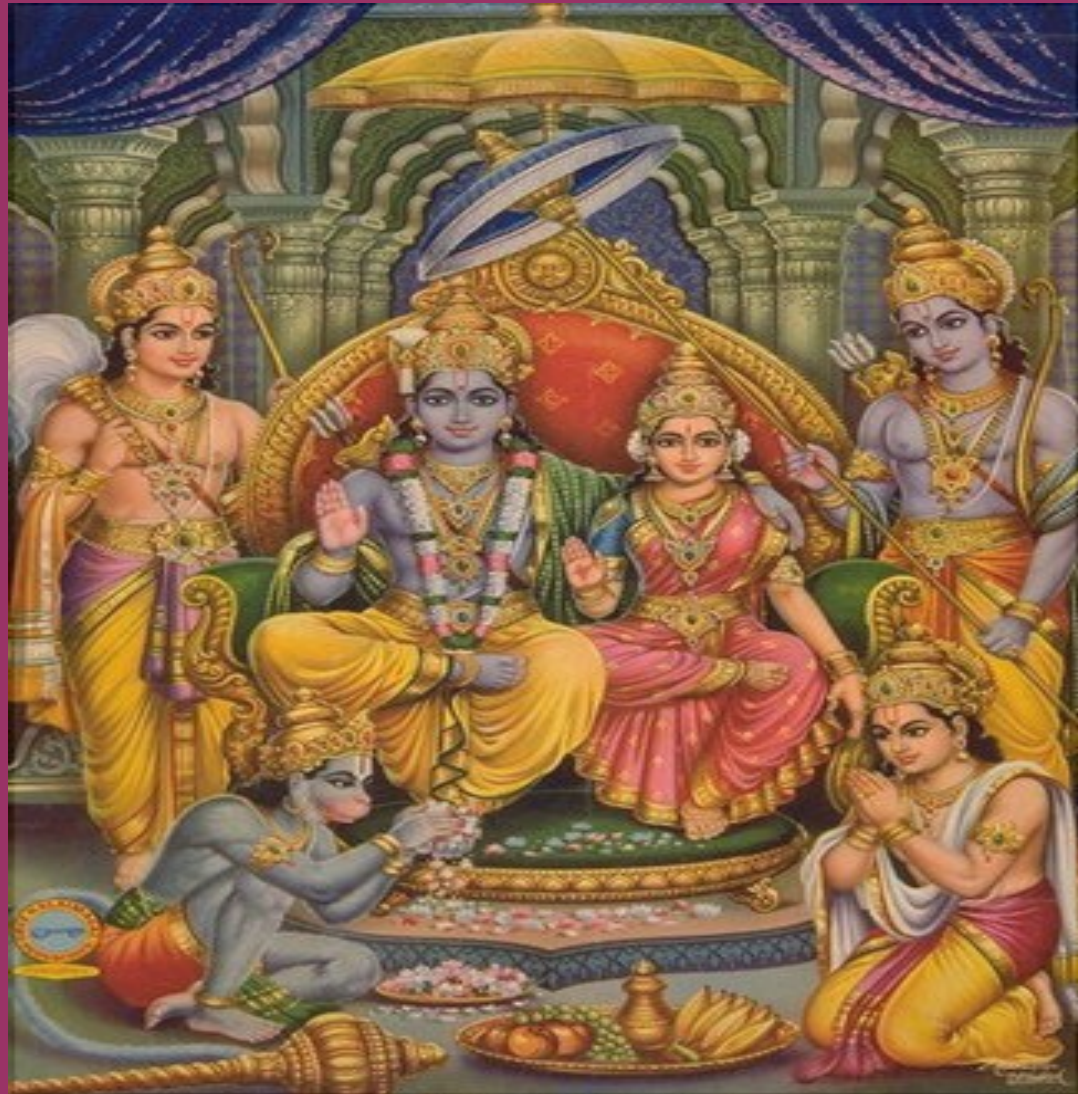


# Winning Mantra from the Ramayana



# 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**

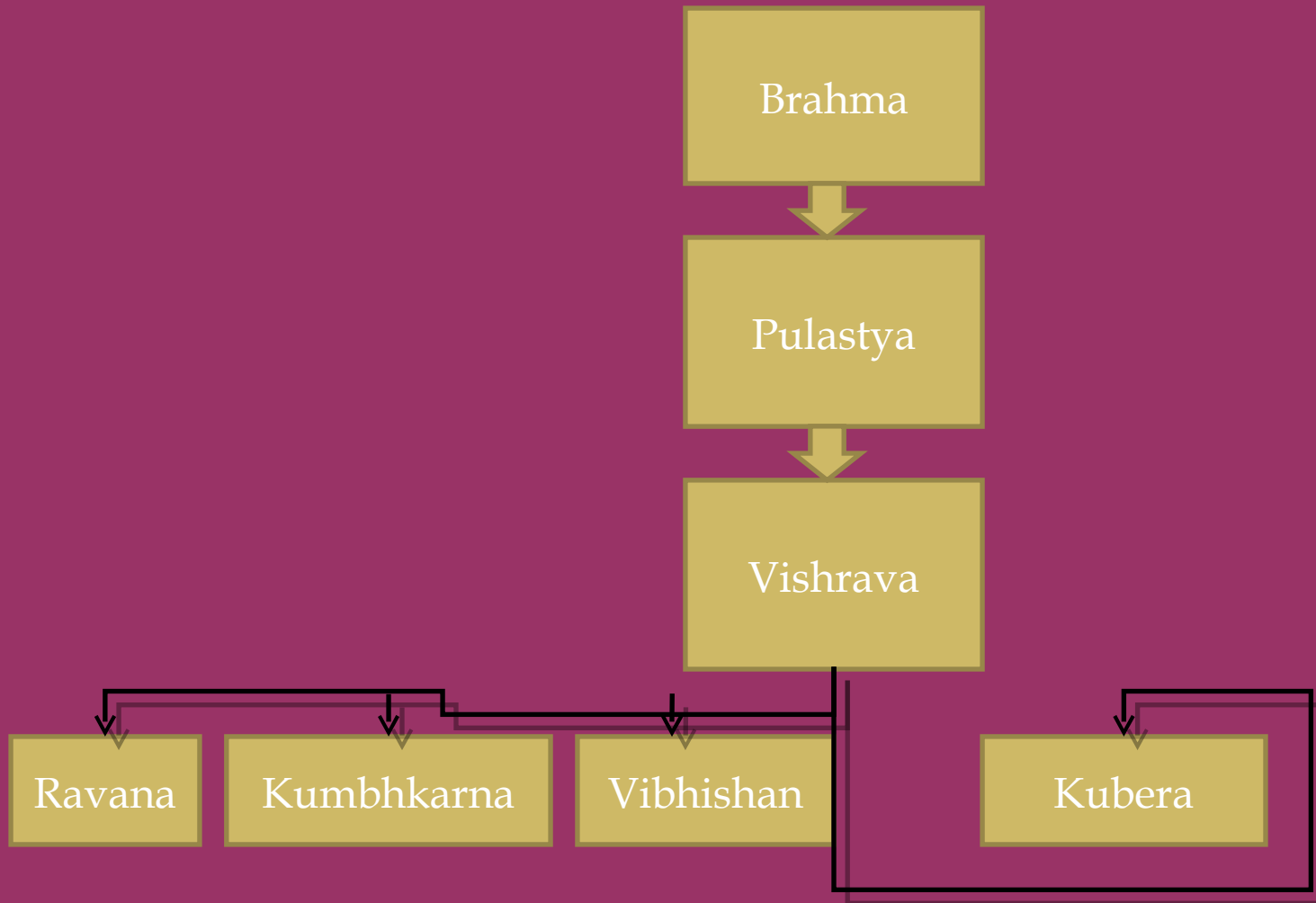
- Did not hesitated in telling the truth even to Sita

**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 =  $12.193 \times 10^{34}$  brave demons
- ▣ Ram's army =  $18.0005 \times 10^{32}$  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

