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अनादृत्य तु तद्वाक्यं रावणः कालचोदितः ॥51॥

जगाम सह मारीचस्तस्याश्रमपदं तदा ।

anādṛtya tu tadvākyaṃ rāvaṇaḥ kālacoditaḥ ॥51॥

jaḡāma saha māricastasyāśramapadaṃ tadā |

Disregarding his words Ravana, incited by fate left for the hermitage of Rama along with Maricha.

तेन मायाविना दूरमपवाह्य नृपात्मजौ ॥52॥

जहार भार्या रामस्य गृध्रं हत्वा जटायुषम् ।

tena māyāvinā dūramapavāhya nṛpātmajau ॥52॥

jahāra bhāryāṃ rāmasya ḡrdhraṃ hatvā jaṭāyuṣam



He with the help of deceitful Maricha drew the princes (Rama and Lakshmana) far away from their hermitage abducted Sita the wife of Rama and slaughtered vulture Jatayu,

गृध्रं च निहतं दृष्ट्वा हतां श्रुत्वा च मैथिलीम् ॥53॥

राघवश्शोकसन्तप्तो विललापाकुलेन्द्रियः ।

ḡrdhraṃ ca nihataṃ dṛṣṭvā hṛtāṃ śrutvā ca

maithilīm ॥53॥

rāghavaśśokasantapto vilalāpākulendriyaḥ |

Having seen and heard from the eagle Jatayu struck down by Ravana that Sita had been abducted Rama bewailed, choked with tears his senses dulled by distress.

ततस्तेनैव शोकेन गृध्रं दग्ध्वा जटायुषम् ॥54॥

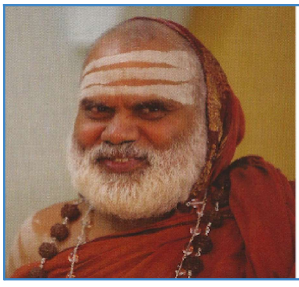
मार्गमाणो वने सीतां राक्षसं सन्ददर्श ह ।

कबन्धनाम रूपेण विकृतं घोरदर्शनम् ॥55॥

tatastenaiva śokena ḡrdhraṃ dagdhvā jaṭāyuṣam ॥54॥

mārgamāṇo vane sītāṃ rākṣasaṃ sandadarśa ha |

kabandhannāma rūpeṇa vikṛtaṃ ghoradarśanam ॥55॥



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Then he performed in the midst of tears the funeral rites of the vulture Jatayu. Wandering in search of Sita, he beheld a rakshasa named Kabandha who was dreadful, in deformed in appearance.

तं निहत्य महाबाहुर्ददाह स्वर्गतश्च सः ।  
स चास्य कथयामास शबरीं धर्मचारिणीम् ॥56॥  
श्रमणीं धर्मनिपुणामभिगच्छेति राघव ।

taṃ nihatya mahābāhurdadāha svargataśca sa: |  
sa cāsya kathayāmāsa śabarīṃ dharmacāriṇīm ||56||

śramaṇīm dharmanipuṇāmabhogaccheti rāghava |

Mightyarmed Rama, having killed Kabandha, consigned his body to flames. While leaving for heavens he informed him saying, 'O Raghava, there is a female ascetic in Sabari community, performing religious duties and proficient in practising austerities. You may visit her'.



सोऽभ्यगच्छन्महातेजाशशबरीं शत्रुसूदनः ॥57॥  
शबर्या पूजितस्सम्यग्रामो दशरथात्मजः ।

so'bhyagacchanmahātejāśśabarīṃ śatrusūdana: ||57||  
śabaryā pūjitassamyagrāmo daśarathātmaja: |

Rama son of Dasaratha, destroyer of enemies and possessing great splendour approached Sabari who duly worshipped him||

पम्पातीरे हनुमता सङ्गतो वानरेण ह ॥58॥  
हनुमद्वचनाच्चैव सुग्रीवेण समागतः ।

pampātīre hanumatā saṅgato vānareṇa ha ||58||  
hanumadvacanāccaiva sugrīveṇa samāgata: |

On the bank of Pampa he met a monkey named Hanuman on whose advice he made friendship with Sugriva.

सुग्रीवाय च तत्सर्वं शंसद्रामो महाबलः ॥59॥  
आदितस्तद्यथावृत्तं सीतायाश्च विशेषतः ।

sugrīvāya ca tatsarvaṃ śaṃsadrāmo mahābala: ||59||  
āditastadyathāvṛttaṃ sītāyāśca viśeṣata: |

Mighty Rama related to Sugriva all that had happened right from the beginning, more importantly Sita's abduction and also to Hanuman.



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सुग्रीवश्चापि तत्सर्वं श्रुत्वा रामस्य वानरः ॥60॥

चकार सख्यं रामेण प्रीतश्चैवाग्निसाक्षिकम् ।

sugrīvaścāpi tatsarvaṃ śrutvā rāmasya vānara: ||60||

cakāra sakhyaṃ rāmeṇa prītaścaivāgnisākṣikam |

Hearing everything that story from Rama, Sugriva was very pleased and made a pact with Rama in the presence of Agni as witness.



ततो वानरराजेन वैरानुकथनं प्रति ॥61॥

रामायावेदितं सर्वं प्रणयाद्दुःखितेन च ।

tato vānaraājena vairānukathanam prati ||61||

rāmāyāveditaṃ sarvaṃ praṇayāddu:khiteṇa ca |

Thereafter Sugriva, king of monkeys filled with sorrow narrated to Rama out of friendship the entire account of his hostilities (with Vali).

प्रतिज्ञातं च रामेण तदा वालिवधं प्रति ॥62॥

वालिनश्च बलं तत्र कथयामास वानरः ।

pratijñātaṃ ca rāmeṇa tadā vālivadhaṃ prati ||62||

vāliṅśca balaṃ tatra kathayāmāsa vānara: |

Then Rama vowed to slay Vali. The monkey (Sugriva) described Vali's prowess to Rama.

सुग्रीवश्शङ्कितश्चासीन्नित्यं वीर्येण राघवे ॥63॥

राघवप्रत्ययार्थं तु दुन्दुभेः कायमुत्तमम् ।

दर्शयामास सुग्रीवो महापर्वतसन्निभम् ॥64॥

sugrīvaśśaṅkitaścāsīnnityaṃ vīryeṇa rāghave ||63||

rāghavapratyayārthaṃ tu dundubhe: kāyamuttamam |

darśayāmāsa sugrīvo mahāparvatasannibham ||64||

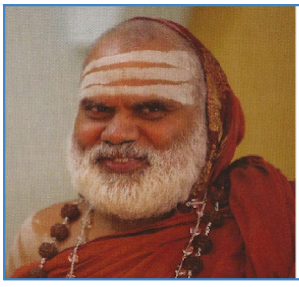
Doubtful of the prowess Sugriva of Rama Sugriva in order to get convinced showed him the huge (dead) body of Dundubhi resembling a big mountain.

उत्समयित्वा महाबाहुः प्रेक्ष्य चास्थि महाबलः ।

पादाङ्गुष्ठेन चिक्षेप सम्पूर्णं दशयोजनम् ॥65॥

utsmayitvā mahābāhu: prekṣya cāsthi mahābala: |

pādāṅguṣṭhena cikṣepa sampūrṇaṃ daśayojanam ||65||



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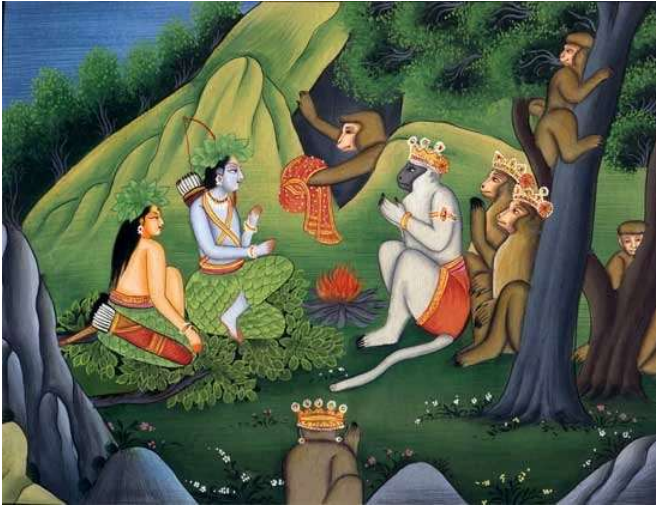
The strong armed Rama, who was endowed with great strength, looked at the skeleton and smiled within himself for a while. He kicked off the skeleton with the great toe of his foot completely to a full distance of ten yojanas (eighty miles).

बिभेद च पुनस्सालान्सप्तैकेन महेषुणा ।

गिरिं रसातलं चैव जनयन्प्रत्ययं तथा ॥66॥

bibheda ca punassālānsaptaikena maheshuṇā |

giriṃ rasātalaṃ caiva janayanpratyayaṃ tathā ||66||



Again in order to create confidence in Sugriva, he released a single mighty shaft which penetrated seven palmyra trees, a mountain and the Rasatala.

ततः प्रीतमनास्तेन विश्वस्तस्स महाकपिः ।

किष्किन्धां रामसहितो जगाम च गुहां तदा

॥67॥

tata: prītamānāstena viśvastassa

mahākapi: |

kiṣkindhāṃ rāmasahito jagāma ca guhāṃ

tadā ||67||

Pleased with Rama's action and convinced of his prowess he left thereafter with Rama he left for Kishkindha which was

like a cave.

ततोऽगर्जद्धरिवरः सुग्रीवो हेमपिङ्गलः ।

तेन नादेन महता निर्जगाम हरीश्वरः ॥68॥

tato'garjaddharivara: sugrīvo hemapiṅgala: |

tena nādēna mahatā nirjagāma harīśvara: ||68||

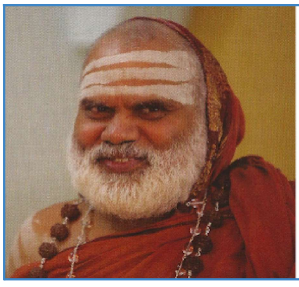
On entering the city of Kishkindha, Sugriva the best of monkeys of reddish yellow hue roared with a great voice. There upon Vali, the lord of monkeys came out (of the cave).

अनुमान्य तदा तारां सुग्रीवेण समागतः ।

निजघान च तत्रैनं शरेणैकेन राघवः ॥69॥

anumānya tadā tāraṃ sugrīveṇa samāgata: |

nijaghāna ca tatraiṇaṃ śareṇaikena rāghava: ||69||

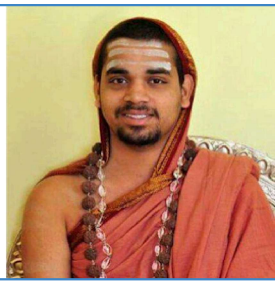


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After convincing his wife Tara, who was dissuaded from this, Vali entered into a combat with Sugriva. There, Rama killed Vali with a single shaft.

ततस्सुग्रीववचनाद्धत्वा वालिनमाहवे ।

सुग्रीवमेव तद्राज्ये राघवः प्रत्यपादयत् ॥70॥

tatassugrīvavacanāddhatvā vālinamāhave ।

sugrīvameva tadrājye rāghava: pratyapādayat ॥70॥

After he killed Vali in the combat in compliance with the words of Sugriva, Rama installed Sugriva as king.



स च सर्वान्समानीय वानरान्वानरर्षभः ।

दिशः प्रस्थापयामास दिदृक्षुर्जनकात्मजाम् ॥71॥

sa ca sarvānsamānīya vānarānvānararṣabha: ।

diśa: prasthāpayāmāsa didṛkṣurjanakātmajām

॥71॥

The best of monkeys (Sugriva) gathered his monkey forces and dispatched them in various directions in search of Janaka's daughter (Sita).

ततो गृध्रस्य वचनात्सम्पातेर्हनुमान्बली ।

शतयोजनविस्तीर्णं पुप्लुवे लवणार्णवम् ॥72॥

tato gṛdhrasya vacanātsampāterhanumānbālī ।

śatayojanavistīrṇaṃ pupluve lavaṇārṇavam ॥72॥

At the suggestion of the vulture, Sampathi

mighty Hanuman leapt over the saltocean extending over a hundred yojanas.

तत्र लङ्कां समासाद्य पुरीं रावणपालिताम् ।

ददर्श सीतां ध्यायन्तीमशोकवनिकां गताम् ॥73॥

tatra laṅkāṃ samāsādyā purīṃ rāvaṇapālītām ।

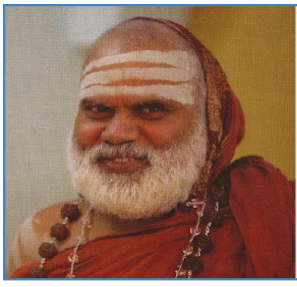
dadarśa sītāṃ dhyāyantīmaśokavanikāṃ gatām ॥73॥

Hanuman arrived at the city of Lanka ruled by Ravana and found Sita in the Ashoka garden meditating on Rama.

निवेदयित्वाऽऽभिज्ञानं प्रवृत्तिं च निवेद्य च ।

समाश्र्वास्य च वैदेहीं मर्दयामास तोरणम् ॥74॥

nivedayitvā''bhijñānaṃ pravṛttiṃ ca nivedya ca ।



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samāśvāsyā ca vaidehīṃ mardayāmāsa toraṇam ||74||

Hanuman delivered Rama's ring to Sita as a token of recognition, related the whole story and consoled her. He then crushed the arch (of the outer gate of the garden) before leaving.

पञ्च सेनाग्रगान्हत्वा सप्तमन्त्रिसुतानपि ।

शूरमक्षं च निष्पिष्य ग्रहणं समुपागमत् ॥75॥

pañca senāgragānhatvā saptamantrisutānapi |



śūramakṣaṃ ca niṣpiṣya grahaṇaṃ samupāgamat ||75||

After killing five commanders, seven sons of the counsellors, stamping out valiant Akshayakumara, the son of Ravana, Hanuman got himself captured (to be taken as captive).

अस्त्रेणोन्मुक्तमात्मानं ज्ञात्वा पैतामहाद्वरात् ।

मर्षयन्नाक्षसान्वीरो यन्त्रिणस्तान्यदृच्छया ॥76॥

ततो दग्ध्वा पुरीं लङ्कामृते सीतां च मैथिलीम् ।

रामाय प्रियमाख्यातुं पुनरायान्महाकपिः ॥77॥

astreṇonmuktamātmānaṃ jñātvā paitāmahādvārāt |



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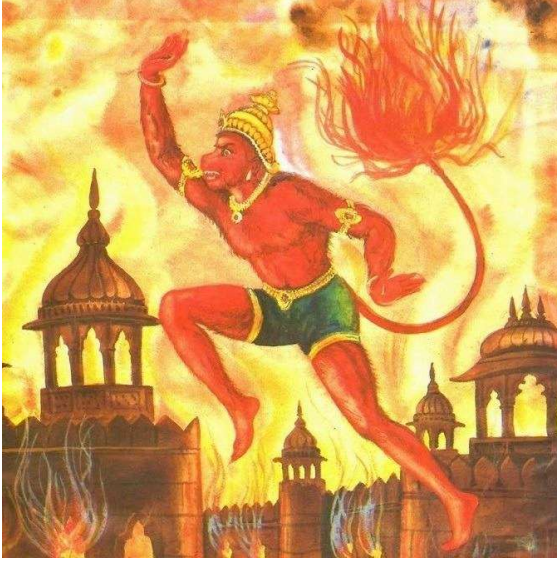


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marṣayanrākṣasānvīro yantriṇastānyadṛcchayā ||76||  
tato dagdhvā puriṃ laṅkāmrte sītāṃ ca maithilīm |  
rāmāya priyamākhyātum punarāyānmahākapi: ||77||

The heroic Hanuman came to know that he could be released from the entanglements of the weapon granted to him through a boon by Brahma. He allowed himself to be restrained by the rakshasas with the ropes for the sake of achieving his other objective of seeing Ravana. Thereafter, he burnt the whole of Lanka except the place where Sita was and returned to deliver the good news to Rama.



सोऽधिगम्य महात्मानं कृत्वा रामं प्रदक्षिणम् ।  
न्यवेदयदमेयात्मा दृष्ट्वा सीतेति तच्चतः ॥७८॥

so'dhigamya mahātmānaṃ kṛtvā rāmaṃ  
pradakṣiṇam |

nyavedayadameyātmā dṛṣṭvā sīteti tattvata: ||78||

Reaching Rama the great Hanuman gifted with boundless intellect circumambulated him and in fact informed him that he had seen Sita.

ततस्सुग्रीवसहितो गत्वा तीरं महोदधेः ।  
समुद्रं क्षोभयामास शरैरादित्यसन्निभैः ॥७९॥

tatassugrīvasahito gatvā tīraṃ mahodadhe: |

samudraṃ kṣobhayāmāsa śarairādityasannibhai: ||79||

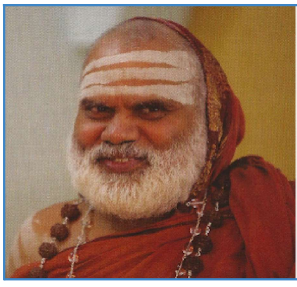
Thereafter, Rama reached the shore of the ocean together with Sugriva and saw the ocean agitated with shafts burning like the Sun.

दर्शयामास चात्मानं समुद्रस्सरितां पतिः ।  
समुद्रवचनाच्चैव नलं सेतुमकारयत् ॥८०॥

darśayāmāsa cātmānaṃ samudrassaritāṃ pati: |  
samudravacanāccaiva nalaṃ setumakārayat ||80||

Samudra, lord of rivers, (afraid of Rama's anger) and having appeared in his own form, and on his advice got a bridge built with the help of Nala.





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तेन गत्वा पुरीं लङ्कां हत्वा रावणमाहवे ।

रामः सीतामनुप्राप्य परां व्रीडामुपागमत् ॥81॥

tena gatvā purīm laṅkāṃ hatvā rāvaṇamāhave |

rāma: sītāmanuprāpya parāṃ vrīḍāmupāgamat ||81||



Rama entered the city of Lanka by means of that bridge, killed Ravana in the battle and recovered Sita. Thereafter he felt greatly embarrassed (for accepting his wife who had stayed with others.

तामुवाच ततो रामः परुषं जनसंसदि ।  
अमृष्यमाणा सा सीता विवेश ज्वलनं सती  
॥82॥

tāmuvāca tato rāma: paruṣaṃ  
janasaṃsadi |  
amṛṣyamāṇā sā sītā viveśa

jvalanaṃ satī ||82||

Rama spoke harsh words about Sita in the assembly. Sita, incapable of enduring such words, entered fire.

ततोऽग्निवचनात्सीतां ज्ञात्वा विगतकल्मषाम् ।

बभौ रामस्सम्प्रहृष्टः पूजितस्सर्वदैवतैः ॥83॥

tato'gnivacanātsītāṃ jñātvā vigatakalmaṣām |

babhau rāmassamprahrṣṭa: pūjitassarvadaivatai: ||83||

With the testimony of the fire god, Rama was exceedingly pleased to know that Sita was sinless. All the gods adored him.

कर्मणा तेन महता त्रैलोक्यं सचराचरम् ।

सदेवर्षिगणं तुष्टं राघवस्य महात्मनः ॥84॥

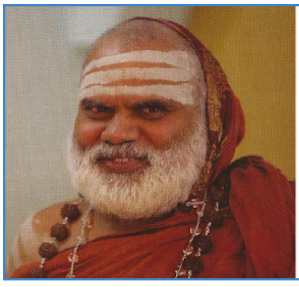
karmaṇā tena mahatā trailokyaṃ sacarācaram |

sadevarṣigaṇaṃ tuṣṭaṃ rāghavasya mahātmana: ||84||

All the animate and inanimate beings, gods and sages in the three worlds were very pleased at this noble deed of the great Rama.

अभिषिच्य च लङ्कायां राक्षसेन्द्रं विभीषणम् ।

कृतकृत्यस्तदा रामो विज्वरः प्रमुमोद ह ॥85॥



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abhiṣicya ca laṅkāyāṃ rākṣasendraṃ vibhīṣaṇam |  
kṛtakṛtyastadā rāmo vijvara: pramumoda ha ||85||

After coronating the rakshasa chief Vibhishana in the city of Lanka, Rama free from distress, exceedingly rejoiced after having accomplished his objective.

देवताभ्यो वरं प्राप्य समुत्थाप्य च वानरान् ।  
अयोध्यां प्रस्थितो रामः पुष्पकेण सुहृद्वृतः ॥86॥

devatābhyo varamṃ prāpya samutthāpya ca vānarān |



ayodhyāṃ prasthito rāma:  
puṣpakeṇa suhr̥dvṛta: ||86||

Having obtained a boon from the devatas who had come to see Rama, revived all monkeys fallen in the battle and set out for Ayodhya accompanied by friends in the pushpaka (aerial car).

भरद्वाजाश्रमं गत्वा  
रामस्सत्यपराक्रमः ।  
भरतस्यान्तिकं रामो हनूमन्तं  
व्यसर्जयत् ॥87॥

bharadvājāśramaṃ gatvā rāmassatyaparākrama: |

bharatasyāntikaṃ rāmo hanūmantamṃ vyasarjayat ||87||

Rama who was a delight of all whose strength lies in truth went to the hermitage of Bharadwaja (as promised) and despatched Hanuman to Bharata as his messenger.

पुनराख्यायिकां जल्पन्सुग्रीवसहितश्च सः ।  
पुष्पकं तत्समारुह्य नन्दिग्रामं ययौ तदा ॥88॥

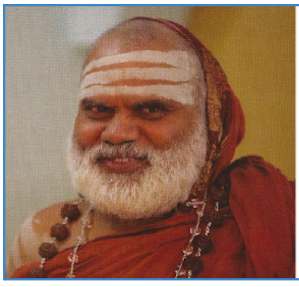
punarākhyāyikāṃ jalpansugrīvasahitaśca sa: |

puṣpakaṃ tatsamāruhya nandigrāmaṃ yayau tadā ||88||

Again accompanied by Sugriva and recalling earlier incidents and after both of them discussed with each other, Rama departed to Nandigram riding that pushpaka chariot.

नन्दिग्रामे जटां हित्वा भ्रातृभिस्सहितोऽनघः ।  
रामस्सीतामनुप्राप्य राज्यं पुनरवाप्तवान् ॥89॥

nandigrāme jaṭāṃ hitvā bhrātr̥bhissahito'nagha: |  
rāmassītāmanuprāpya rājyaṃ punaravāptavān ||89||



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At Nandigrama sinless Rama arrived, met his brothers. They shed their matted locks. With Sita restored he regained his kingdom.

प्रहृष्टमुदितो लोकस्तुष्टः पुष्टस्सुधार्मिकः ।  
निरामयो ह्यरोगश्च दुर्भिक्षभयवर्जितः ॥१०॥

prahṛṣṭamudito lokastuṣṭaḥ puṣṭassudhārmikaḥ ।  
nirāmayo hyarogaśca durbhikṣabhayavarjitaḥ ॥१०॥

The entire world rejoiced with happiness with their desire fulfilled they were content. All people were following the path of righteousness. There was no fear of sufferings or agonies, diseases or famine.



न पुत्रमरणं किञ्चिद्द्रक्ष्यन्ति पुरुषाः क्वचित् ।  
नार्यश्चाविधवा नित्यं भविष्यन्ति पतिव्रताः ॥११॥

na putramaraṇaṃ kiñcidrakṣyanti puruṣāḥ kvacit ।  
nāryaścāvidhavā nityaṃ bhaviṣyanti pativrataḥ ॥११॥

During the period of Rama's rule, no where would men witness the death of their sons or women widowed. They would ever remain chaste and devoted to their husbands.

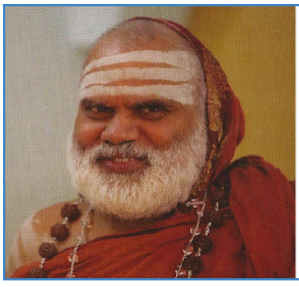
न चाग्निजं भयं किञ्चिन्नाप्सु मज्जन्ति जन्तवः ।  
न वातजं भयं किञ्चिन्नापि ज्वरकृतं तथा ॥१२॥

na cāgnijaṃ bhayaṃ kiñcinnāpsu majjanti jantavaḥ ।  
na vātajāṃ bhayaṃ kiñcinnāpi jvarakṛtaṃ tathā ॥१२॥

na cāpi kṣudbhayaṃ tatra na taskarabhayaṃ tathā ।

There (in the kingdom of Rama) was no fear of fire, water, wind, disease, hunger and also theft.

नगराणि च राष्ट्राणि धनधान्ययुतानि च ॥१३॥  
नित्यं प्रमुदितास्सर्वे यथा कृतयुगे तथा ।  
nagarāṇi ca rāṣṭrāṇi dhanadhānyayutāni ca ॥१३॥



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nityam pramuditāssarve yathā  
kṛtayuge tathā |

All the cities and villages  
were affluent with wealth and  
food grains. People lived  
happily as though they lived in  
Kritayuga.

अश्वमेधशतैरिष्ट्वा तथा  
बहुसुवर्णकैः ॥१९४॥

गवां कोट्ययुतं दत्त्वा ब्रह्मलोकं  
प्रयास्यति ।

असंख्येयं धनं दत्त्वा ब्राह्मणेभ्यो  
महायशाः ॥१९५॥

aśvamedhaśatairīṣṭvā tathā  
bahusuvanṛakai: ||94||  
gavāṃ koṭyayutaṃ datvā  
brahmalokaṃ prayāsyati |  
asaṃkhyeyaṃ dhanam datvā  
brāhmaṇebhyo mahāyaśā:  
||95||

Highly renowned Rama, having satisfied the gods with the performance of a hundred of aswamedhas and many suvarnakas bestowing hundreds of thousands of cows and immense wealth on the brahmins, will return to Brahmaloaka.

राजवंशान्शतगुणान्स्थापयिष्यति राघवः ।  
चातुर्वर्ण्यं च लोकेऽस्मिन् स्वे स्वे धर्मे नियोक्ष्यति ॥१९६॥

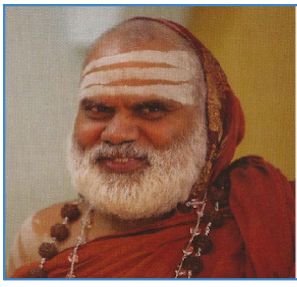
rājavamśānśatagunaṅsthāpayiṣyati rāghava: |  
cāturvarṇyaṃ ca loke'smin sve sve dharme niyoṅkṣyati ||96||

Rama will establish hundredfold royal dynasties and employ the four castes to do their respective duties, in this world.

दशवर्षसहस्राणि दशवर्षशतानि च ।  
रामो राज्यमुपासित्वा ब्रह्मलोकं प्रयास्यति ॥ १९७॥

daśavarṣasahasrāṇi daśavarṣaśatāni ca |  
rāmo rājyamupāsitvā brahmalokaṃ prayāsyati || 97||

Rama, reigning the kingdom for eleven thousand years, will attain Brahmaloaka.

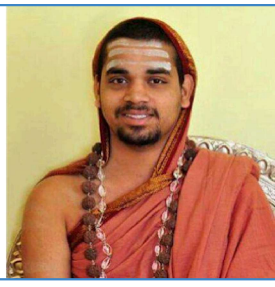


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इदं पवित्रं पापघ्नं पुण्यं वेदैश्च सम्मितम् ।

यः पठेद्रामचरितं सर्वपापैः प्रमुच्यते ॥98॥

idaṃ pavitraṃ pāpaghnaṃ puṇyaṃ vedaiśca sammitam |

ya: paṭhedrāmacaritaṃ sarvapāpai: pramucyate ||98||



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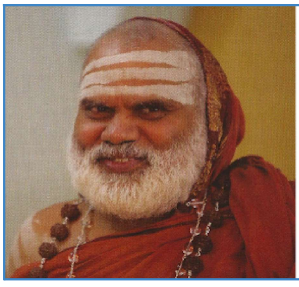
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सपुत्रपौत्रस्सगणः प्रेत्य स्वर्गे महीयते ॥99॥

etadākhyānamāyuṣyaṃ paṭhanrāmāyaṇaṃ nara: |

saputrapautrassagaṇa: pretya svarge mahīyate ||99||

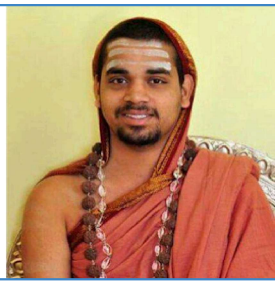


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वणिग्जनः पण्यफलत्वमीयात् जनश्च शूद्रोऽपि महत्वमीयात् ॥100॥

paṭhandvijo vāgrṣabhatvamīyāt syātkṣatriyo bhūmipatitvamīyāt |  
vaṇigjana: paṇyaphalatvamīyāt janaśca śūdro'pi mahatvamīyāt ||100||

A brahmin becomes proficient in the eighteen branches of learning, a kshatriya gets lordship over landed possessions, a vaisya gets the fruits of his business and sudra also attains greatness by reading Ramayana".

इत्यार्षे श्रीमद्रामायणे वाल्मीकीय आदिकाव्ये बालकाण्डे (श्रीमद्रामायणकथासङ्केपो नाम) प्रथमः सर्गः ॥  
ityārṣe śrīmadrāmāyaṇe vālmīkīya ādikāvye bālakāṇḍe (śrīmadrāmāyaṇakathāsaṅkṣepo nāma)  
prathama: sarga: ||

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