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Uni5 RAMAYANAM - 20. Forest life

This article talks about Rama - Sitha's discussion about the forest life. Rama refuses to take Sitha to forest. But she did not accept it. Finally she also left with him. The forest mentioned in Ramayanam is not the mere forest. It is the symbolism of human birth and life upon Earth. Rama asks Sitha to stay in Ayodhya. Ayodhya means a city which cannot be conquered by enemies. The enemies mentioned here is the selfish self-ego.

But when the atman [Sitha] stays with the conscious [Rama] and awareness [Laxmana] there is no harm in this forest. But the materialistic ego will make the jeeva - atman to come out of awareness and by which it will be abducted by Ravana - ego. This makes the jeeva and consciousness to get separated. Again an Acharya - Hanuman must help the jeeva to reunite with the consciousness. This is the crisp interpretation of whole Ramayanam. Now let us listen to this couple's conversation in their room.

"Dear wife! You are born in a good family and brought up in a good way. It is better to stay here and perform all great deeds. By this I will be peaceful.

You cannot live in a jungle. You do not have a physical fitness to face a jungle life. It is very tough and dangerous to live in a jungle. It is better to listen my advice.

I wish to do good favor for you. So better stop thinking to live in jungle with me. The life within a jungle is full of fear, worries and problems.

It is very scary to see the land forms and water forms in dense woods. There are many wild creatures which are dangerous to us at any time. There are no proper ways to walk. You have sleep only on a bed made with dry grasses and leaves. You must be ready to give up all your physical attachments and materialistic comforts. But as a man you need to perform all your spiritual duties, customs, prayers according to the day and time daily. Whatever you get you must be prepared to eat. So it is better to stay back in this beautiful city.

I took this decision after thinking a lot. I feel it is always good for you to be in Ayodhya"

Jai SithaRam!