Husband-Wife Relationship in Ramcharitmanas

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Ramcharitmanas teaches us the art of leading a good life. At the time of its writing, the general masses in India were leading a very unrestful life. Society was divided on the basis of caste, religion and other factors, and people were discriminated against on a large scale. Tulsidas wrote the Ramcharitmanas with the aim to help the masses overcome these worries. He wanted the people of his time to defeat such evils and come together to form an ideal society full of peace and harmony, love and brotherhood; happy and free of worries. He found all these qualities in the life story of his aaradhya Ram. The story of not only Ram but of his entire family provided a great example for society. The ideals shown by the family of Ram and the concept of Ram-Rajya are guiding not only Indian or Asian people but the whole world till date.

The life of Ram and Sita as narrated in the Ramcharitmanas is full of struggle and conflict. Before Ram reaches adulthood, he is taken by Muni Vishvamitra with him to the jungle. There he fights and defeats Yagyan and Munis from attacks of Rakshas. Just after marriage he is announced king and is then exiled for fourteen years.

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