

Religious and Moral Values in Maharshi Vakmiki's *Ramayan*

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Introduction:

Maharishi Valmiki was also a learned astronomer. He has made sequential astronomical references on important dates related to the life of Sri Ram indicating the position of planets, the zodiac constellations and the other stars (Nakshatras). Sri Ram was born on January 10, 5114 BC.

Valmiki universally accepted and acclaimed as Adikavi, the first among the poets at least in India and particularly in Sanskrit was the first to discover a metrical expression of epic dimension and vision to match the emotional ecstasy of an elevated soul endowed with compassion and concern for all living beings. It was in such a state of identification of the individual with the universal that his immortal epic, the Ramayan, originated from his heart. Earlier he had equipped himself enough to produce an epic based on the qualities of an ideal man narrated by the celestial sage, Narada. Valmiki himself was a great sage, Maharshi by virtue of

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