

THE EVENTS IN THE VALMIKI RAMAYANA

This is the first epic of the world and was written by Sage Valmiki in India . It describes the occurrence of an eclipse season . As described in this work , the king of Ayodhya in India was worried that one of the nodes of the moon (Rahu) was approaching the asterism (Lunar Mansion) of his birth . He wanted to abdicate the throne in favor of his eldest son, Rama . Based on the descriptions in the Ramayana, the dates of birth , and coronation of Rama were determined using Steps 5 and 6 as March 4, 3347 BC , and March 20 , 3335 BC respectively . Since the demon Rahu (as the Hindus believed at that time) was approaching the sun, it must have been an eclipse season. In that case, one could check into the dates of eclipses around that time. A search was made as discussed above, and it was found that indeed, the solar eclipse took place on March 15, 3335 BC, and the lunar eclipse on March 29 / 30, of this year.

TABLE 1 : POSSIBLE DATE OF BIRTH OF LORD RAMA

PLANETS	3347 BC (- 3347/3/ 4)	RANGE ALLOWED	EXALTED ZODIAC SIGN
	Degrees	Degrees	
1	3	4	5
VENUS	346.1	330 - 360	PISCES
SUN	6.7	0 - 30	ARIES
MARS	288.4	270 - 300	CAPRICORN
JUPITER	122.5* (120)	90 - 120	CANCER
SATURN	219* (210)	180 - 210	LIBRA
MOON	84.4	80 - 93.3	PUNARVASU ASTERISM

TABLE 2 : POSSIBLE PLANNED CORONATION DATE OF LORD RAMA

PLANETS	3335 BC (-3335/3/20)	RANGE ALLOWED
	Degrees	Degrees
1	3	4
SUN	22.8	0 - 30
MARS	36.8	
MOON	96.8	93.3 - 106.6
RAHU	22	
DATE OF SOLAR ECLIPSE	-3335 / 3 / 15	
DATE OF LUNAR ECLIPSE	-3335 / 3 / 30	