



Environmental Thought in The Ramayana

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Ecology was sacred for Vedic man. As far as he is concerned earth is an entity to worship and not to exploit. The scientific study of the inter relations between living organisms and their environment is said to be ecology. The well-known fact is that the human centered view is the reason behind the exploitation and destruction of the nature and its environment. In order to change man's destructive attitude towards nature Vedic writers make use of an idea that there is a harmony, rhythm and order in the universe. They accepted the predominance of nature and admitted that nature is a whole of which humans are only a part.

A movement is started for writing literature with the inclusion of Mother Nature promoting moral for man on his responsibilities and duties for the ecological uplift of our living place. Our epic *The Ramayana* contains adequate opportunities for eco-critical reading of the incidents of the

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