

work into five parts: the story of Ram, the person of Ram, devotion, Ram's devotees and Ramarajya. He has also given us a few beautiful scenes from Ramarajya, the ideal kingdom of Ram. This book gives us the message of humanity as a powerful means to overcome the evils in our society today and tomorrow. It places before us the ideal character of Lord Ram: the ideal king, the perfect order and welfare in his country, the correct understanding of caste and state of life, parents, children, brothers and sisters, the ideals of self-discipline and truthfulness, his love for his devotees.

This interpretation of '*Sri Ramacharitamanas*' is a timely study which is very relevant in this age of tensions: tensions among the nations, around the nations among us, around us and within us. This is also an age of corruption and oppression. But through this small but beautiful poem, the poet, Tulsidas, tells the need of devotion to Lord Rama, the ideal man.

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