

Class-2 Chapter-5 (Lecture Sheet) Great Men and Religious Books

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Religious Books: The book that tells about religion is called religious book. Religious books deal with much knowledge. Religious books give man honest advice. They teach us to be good man. The main religious book of the Hindus is the Veda. Besides, there are other religious books. For example, the Gita, the Upanishad, the Purana, the Ramayana, the Mahabharata etc. In this class, we shall learn about Ramayana and Mahabharata.

The Ramayana: Ramachandra was the eldest son of Dasaratha, the king of Ayudha. Ravana, the demon King of Lanka abducted Sita, the wife of Ramachandra. As a result, a fierce battle was fought between Ramachandra and Ravana. In the battle Ravana was extinguished with all his Kith and Kin and Sita was rescued. Then religion prevailed and irreligion diminished. Ancient poet Valmiki composed the story of the Ramayana in Sanskrit language. This was translated into Bengali by Krittibash.

The Mahabharata: The descendants of Kuru and Pandu fought a fierce battle in Kurukshetra. The detailed description of the battle is contained in the Mahabharata. The Pandavas won the battle because they were righteous. The advice delivered to Arjuna by Sri Krishna during the battle are contained in the Gita. It was proved in the battle of Kurukshetra that truth prevails and falsehood is destroyed. The original Mahabharata was written by the great sage Vedavyasa. This was translated into Bengali by Kashirama Das.

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