

Ramachandra, is a major deity of Hinduism. Two such texts, for example, are the Adhyatma Ramayana – a spiritual and theological treatise considered foundational by Ramanandi monasteries, and the Ramcharitmanas – a popular treatise that inspires thousands of Ramlila festival performances during autumn every year in India. Though born in a royal family, their life is described in the Hindu texts as one challenged by unexpected changes such as an exile into impoverished and difficult circumstances, ethical questions and moral dilemmas. The entire life story of Rama, Sita and their companions allegorically discusses duties, rights and social responsibilities of an individual. His ancient legends have attracted bhasya (commentaries) and extensive secondary literature and inspired performance arts.