

Hanumanji = Chiranjivi

A Chiranjivi (Chiran = permanent; Jive = lived) is one who is truly **immortal** – In Hinduism, it refers to those immortals who are to remain alive on Earth through Kali – Yuga until it's very end.

Hanuman's immortality is a **combination** of multiple boons. First of all, as described in the Kishkindha Kanda of the Ramayana, when Hanuman was a child, he saw the sun and thought it was a fruit, so he flew toward it in an attempt to eat it. When Indra saw Hanuman coming, he threw his Vajra (thunderbolt) to strike him down, in the process injuring Hanuman's left cheekbone. Vayu the wind god, who was Hanuman's father, was furious at his son's injury, so he refused to circulate air in the world anymore:

When the world was being roiled with breathlessness, all the administrative gods of universe were bewildered, and they started to plead with Vayu Bhagavan for his grace. While doing so, **Brahma** gave you a boon decreeing your "**indestructibility by any missile.**" On scrutinising that Hanuman was unhurt even after hit by his Thunderbolt, the Thousand-eyed **Indra** kind-heartedly gave you a choicest boon saying that your **death occurs only by your own volition.**

Brahma's boon and Indra's boon are two of the causes of his immortality.

The third is described in this excerpt from the Uttara Kanda of the Ramayana. After Rama was told by Yama, the god of death that his time on earth is over, Rama prepares to go into the Sarayu river along with his brothers Bharata and Shatrughna (as Lakshmana was already dead). Before he did so, he gave boons to various people, and in particular this was the boon he gave to Hanuman:

[Rama] said to Hanuman: "It is settled that thou shalt live forever, do thou, now observe thy promise. As long as my history shall run current in this world do thou at my command live happily." Being thus addressed by high-souled Raghava Hanuman attained to great delight and said: "As long as the sacred theme shall pass current in this world I shall live here carrying out thy commands."

HANUMANJI'S BOONS

[Here is a fuller description of the boons Hanuman received as a child, from the Uttara Kanda of the Ramayana:](#)



LORD INDRA

"I grant him the supreme and wonderful boon that from this day onwards he will be invulnerable to my thunderbolt."



SURYA BHAGAVAN/THE SUN GOD

"I bestow upon him one percent of my effulgence. When he is able to study the scriptures, I shall give him understanding of the scriptures, by which he will become eloquent. There will be no one like him in understanding of the scriptures."



VARUNA BHAGAVAN

"For millions of years he would not die from my noose or from water."



YAMA BHAGAVAN

"I grant him health and invulnerability to my rod of chastisement"



KUBERA – LORD OF WEALTH

"I am very pleased. I grant him the boon that my mace will not cause his death in combat and that he will not become tired in combat."



LORD SHIVA

"I grant this child the supreme boon that he will be invulnerable to death by me or my weapons."



VISHVAKARMA,
THE UNIVERSAL ARCHITECT

"Being invulnerable to the divine weapons made by me, he will be long-lived."



LORD BRAHMA

"This child will be long-lived and great. He will be invulnerable to my rod of chastisement and to curses uttered by brahmanas."