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“RETROGRADE MALEFICS AND THE BIRTH OF DEMONS”

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Dear God-brothers, God-sisters, Clients, and friends,

Obeisances and greetings to all of you. By Srila Prabhupada’s divine grace, may each one of us remain ever protected by the power and grace of the *mahamantra*:

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

As we write, Mars and Saturn are in retrogression, a not uncommon occurrence called *vakra* (lit. “crooked” in Sanskrit). Mars, aside from moving in an apparent reverse motion, is also debilitated and will remain so for an inordinate period time. In this edition of the Astrological Newsletter, we will try to look at forthcoming world events based upon the consequences of these powerful malefics or “*paapi* planets” in *vakra* or retrogression.

Saturn entered Virgo on 9 Sept. 2009. On Jan 11th, just one day before the Haiti earthquake and four days before a wicked solar eclipse we dubbed “Eclipse Jagai”, Saturn ground to a halt overhead. Shanideva, the greater malefic, stood practically stationary until Jan. 18th when he turned around and went backwards. As predicted and published by this office over a month earlier (see our article from Dec. on Dandavats), a great tragedy would strike. Indeed, when its fury was unleashed in the form of a great temblor over two hundred thousand would perish in one of the worst tragedies of the last one hundred years. Very few saw it coming. Where were all the so-called astrologers—either Vedic or Western—when these ill omens were gathering momentum?

In tandem with Saturn, Mars the next great malefic is likewise moving *vakra*. Mars, the planet of strife and war, entered into Cancer or Karkata on 6 Oct. of last year. Cancer is Mars’ sign of debility. Mars usually remains in a *rashi* or sign for around a month and a half, but extraordinarily Mars has found a home in Cancer until 27 May. During this rare nearly seven months of transit within one sign—and that too in debility—Mars will be retrograde from 21st Dec. 2009 till 11th March 2010.

Our authority for the ill effects of Saturn and Mars is the *Srimad Bhagavatam*. Note that the phenomenon of these two retrograde malefics was long ago discussed by Sage Vyasadeva in the matter of the birth of the twin demons Hiranyakashipu and Hiranyaksha. In the *Srimad Bhagavatam* 3.17.14 Shri Vyasa noted:

*grahān puṇyatamān anye bhaga ṇ āmś cāpi dīpitāḥ
aticerur vakra-gatyā yuyudhuś ca parasparam*

grahān—planets; *puṇya-tamān*—most auspicious; *anye*—others (the ominous planets); *bha-gaṇān*—luminaries; *ca*—and; *api*—also; *dīpitāḥ*—illuminating; *aticeruḥ*—overlapped; *vakra-gatyā*—taking retrograde courses; *yuyudhuḥ*—came into conflict; *ca*—and; *paraḥ-param*—with one another.

“Ominous planets such as Mars and Saturn shone brighter and surpassed the auspicious ones such as Mercury, Jupiter and Venus as well as a number of lunar mansions. Taking seemingly retrograde courses, the planets came in conflict with one another.”

BHAKTIVEDANTA PURPORT: “The entire universe is moving under the three modes of material nature. Those living entities who are in goodness are called the pious species—pious lands, pious trees, etc. It is similar with the planets also; many planets are considered pious, and others are considered impious. Saturn and Mars are considered impious. When the pious planets shine very brightly, it is an auspicious sign, but when the inauspicious planets shine very brightly, this is not a very good sign.”

From this description above, we can understand that many demonic entities are now taking birth all over the earth due to *varna sankara*, or population created from illicit sex life. Hiranyakashipu and his brother were born after Diti fell victim to her own lust and ignored the ill-effects of sex at sundown (when Lord Shiva travels about accompanied by different ghosts and *pisachas*). Such demonic entities only serve to give trouble the world they live in along with its inhabitants.

In this regard, Srila Prabhupada comments on the next verse, “Diti was so lusty that she forced her husband to copulate at a time which was inauspicious, and therefore the demons were born to create disturbances. In having sex life to beget children, one should observe the process for begetting nice children; if each and every householder in every family observes the Vedic system, then there are nice children, not demons, and automatically there is peace in the world. If we do not follow regulations in life for social tranquility, we cannot expect peace. Rather, we will have to undergo the stringent reactions of natural laws.”

Since Mars is in the watery sign of Cancer, it can be understood that the forthcoming Caribbean storm season as well as the rainy season in India will be severe. America, too, will likely face tornado damage in the Midwest or South. Some shipping disasters* are likely to hit the headlines before Mars leaves Cancer. Gigantic storms are expected for the islands around Jamaica and the Southern USA coast. Massive floods will grab the headlines in India and environs. Retrograde Saturn will only serve to underscore the accompanying long-term miseries that such miseries of material nature induce. For affected areas, therefore, suffering will be long and wide-spread.

Perhaps the grimmest visage of this retrograde, debilitated Mars with retrograde Saturn is the build-up of war vessels around the Gulf of Aden in Yemen. Reports inform that battleships from the USA, Russia, China, Japan, Germany, UK, France, Saudi Arabia, Iran, the EU, United Nations, Blackwater and even land-locked Switzerland are patrolling the waters around the area, which is near the entrance to the Suez Canal. Ostensibly, the ships are on patrol there for village pirates from Somalia in rubber or wooden dinghies. The truth is that Yemen is swiftly becoming a new target for the bogeyman war on terror as the UK and America move toward their unstated goal of global totalitarianism through fomenting unnecessary wars. The position of retrograde Mars and Saturn burning brightly overhead for the next few months only underscores the grim possibility of a war soon to be launched at sea. There is likelihood of some military conflict in the months to come, but how far this will go will be anybody's guess.

Cancer, where Mars is now, is an emotional sign. Saturn, now in Virgo, is the planet of the masses. That the two malefics are retrograde describes the large-scale emotional responses to forthcoming natural and political disasters that will echo in different places on earth. Massive suffering is on the horizon due to increasingly aggressive war by the American superpower, and natural disasters caused by wind and water.

In the difficult months before us, let us remain as a worldwide family united in Krishna consciousness. As Srila Prabhupada says, "Materialistic demons sometimes appear to be very powerful and are seen to establish their supremacy throughout the world." But His Divine Grace has also promised us that no show of demonic force can deter Lord Chaitanya's sankirtan movement.

*Note: as we send this out, we note the headline of a collision at sea between the anti-whaling ship Bob Barker and a demonic Japanese whale-killing vessel.

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