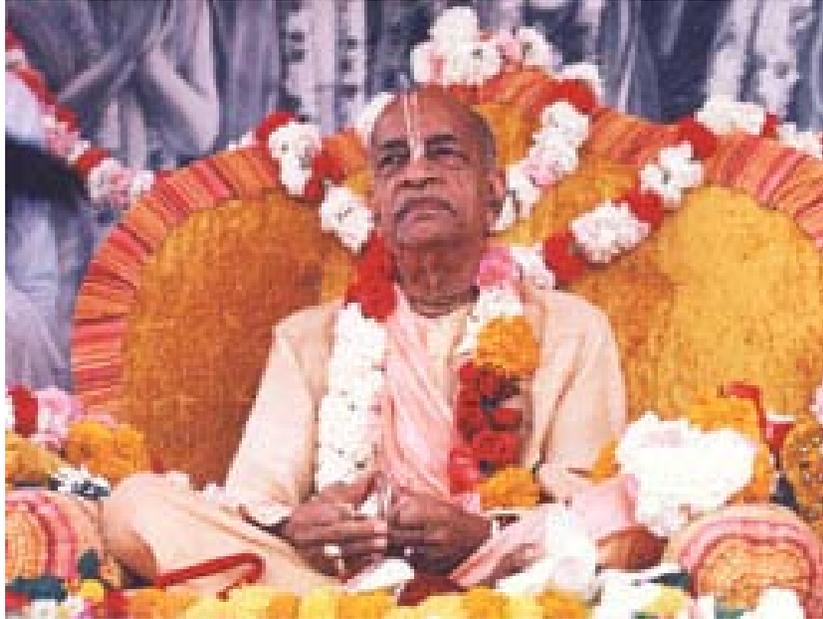


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Dear Prabhus: Welcome to the issue. We love the rapport we have with our subscribers. From us to you, thanks to all of you for your trust and support. The dark clouds of three eclipses gathering overhead are the main subject of this newsletter, but first please allow us to regress.



Tonight Abhaya and I have just returned from the farm project that we are carving out of tiny Porominovo village in the Kyustendil region, just north of Blagoevgrad. The charming town of Blagoevgrad, where we live now, is a wonderful little city which I call “the Berkeley of Bulgaria.” It has given us many opportunities for college classes and *Gita* lectures at the local

American University.

This evening Abhaya transplanted tomato plants that she has raised from seeds. Perhaps a bit optimistically we are calling the house (a fixer-upper with a nice garden) “the New Gauda Mandala Bhumi devotee self-sufficiency farm project.” But when it has the blessings of Srila

Prabhupada (who encouraged me to do this some forty years ago) as well as the Holy Name as its inspiration, then success is the only option. It is a seedling project, but seeds grow, especially with the *mahamantra* as their nourishment!

We are inviting all other devotees to come down and have a look around the lovely wooded hills, pristine streams and heavenly weather. Visit Porominovo (or some more developed devotee community) and secure your own transcendental homestead in preparation for the gathering storm caused by demonic world powers. We would like to see devotees take over the entire village of Porominovo someday.

The entire project has been supported by the kind *dakshina* you *mahatmas* have offered to the astrological office. One reader wrote just today, “Thank you very much for always encouraging me about the New Gauda Mandala Bhumi Project in Bulgaria. I am 100% sure that this is a very safe and healthy place and for that one reason is that I like to support you by ordering horoscopes.”

There are many advantages to living in southern Bulgaria. These include a mild Mediterranean climate with a short winter season (we are 90 miles north of Greece). There is little industry and a populace that is accustomed to growing their own food right in their front yards. The people are laid back, but friendly if approached. Bulgaria is a member of the EU. The white cheese, soft yellow cheese and yoghurt are fantastic. Fruits and vegetables taste delicious like they are supposed to, and produce is plentiful and very cheap. There is a growing devotee community in many parts of the country. A fixer-upper with a garden can be purchased for around \$15,000. For double that you can have a really nice place. Also the dirt trails into the Rila Mountains carry the adventurer into the relative safety of remote mountain villages just in case the storm clouds gather too densely in the valleys. Hence, a diesel 4-wheel drive vehicle is a good idea.



As always, thanks for sharing **The Astrological Newsletter** with your friends.

Always wishing you the very best,
Patita Pavana das Adhikary, Ed.

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When the planets gather together for a rare meeting, vast changes are upon the horizon, as Abhaya Mudra dasi explains.

The Great Yuga Yoga of 13th May 2011

Abhaya Mudra Dasi

A *yuga yoga* is described as an instance wherein all seven planets (minus Rahu and Ketu) align in two signs. Readers can understand from its name that it foretells impending changes. The fact that this month's *yuga yoga* precedes by a couple of weeks a threesome of eclipses is a sign of an impending shift upon the horizon. The *yuga yoga* which occurs maybe twice in a century, heralds drastic transformation not only for the environment but in the mentality of the masses as one period transforms into another.



Such a conjunction of planets produces a result that could be compared to a group of executives who are meeting to share their confidential plans and finalize some agreement. Although each one of them must leave the

assembly and go their respective ways after the get-together, the moment of agreement will continue to be reflected in their future activities. In other words, the contractual influence of the meeting remains binding until their next gathering. Similarly, the planetary pow-wow called *yuga yoga* creates a lasting influence upon each one of the planetary deities.

The conditions for the formation of *yuga yoga* simply state that all planets should be in two signs. On May 13th these five Sun (the king), Mars (the commander and owner of the sign), Mercury (the crown prince), Jupiter (the head priest) and Venus (the priest of the demons) met together in the war-like Aries. Meanwhile, six signs away, Moon (the deity of nourishment) and Saturn (the wily old master) assembled in earthy Virgo. Of all the planetary deities only Shanideva was *vakra* or retrograde, looking back.

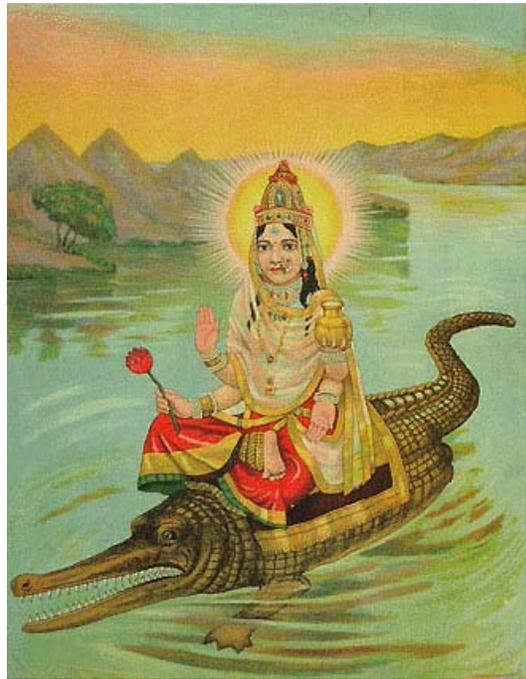
The meeting began at the *tithi* corresponding to the auspicious eleventh day of Vaishakha-*masa shukla-paksha*, the sacred day of Mohini *ekadashi*. As Srila Prabhupada reminds us time and again, **“The demigods are servants of the Lord deputed to look after the management of various activities of universal affairs.”** (SB 3.2.32 Purport). Therefore, the fact that this meeting of planetary deities began on the sacred day of Sri Hari is of great significance to devotees. The meeting continued through *dwadashi*, the holy appearance day of Goddess Lakshmi in Her Form as Sri Rukmini Devi, and it ended on *trayodashi*. These are all auspicious *tithis* of an auspicious fortnight in a most auspicious month during *vasant-ritu*, the auspicious spring season. The quickest planet (Moon) and the slowest “generational” planet (Saturn) met in the fertile soil sign of Virgo (mutable earth). This demonstrates the need for a quick move towards the age old system of agriculture in the coming hard times ahead. The meeting of the other five planets in Aries, the sign of war, is ominous. As Prabhupada used to say: “After the war, preaching will be very good.” And preaching means re-establishing the cow and the bull to their rightful place as the sacred mother and father of the entire system of *varnashram dharma* for the good of the beleaguered planet.

Sometimes *gola yoga* will appear in the heavens before the occurrence of *yuga yoga*. The definition of *gola yoga* is that all seven planets should be positioned in one sign. *Gola* means “ball,” but the understanding is “universe” as in “great universal changes.” After the appearance of a *gola yoga*, a new period allegorically compared to a *yuga* commences as seen through the next step of *yuga yoga*. This is typically initiated when the

swiftest of planets, the Moon, rushes out of the meeting. This *gola yoga* phenomenon of all planets meeting in one sign was last observed on February 3rd 1962 in Makara. The *gola yoga* continued for 3 days until February 5th when the Moon moved into Kumbha *rashi*. In that *gola yoga* all the planets were aligned in Capricorn along with the South Node Ketu. When the Moon broke the alignment of planets, by moving into Aquarius, the next step or *yuga yoga* appeared in the heavens.

This significant event must have marked the early beginnings of the promised 10,000 years of Satya Yuga, which is supposed to occur after 5000 years of the present Kali Yuga. This is described in the *Brahma-vaivarta Purana* 4.129. Krishna spoke to Mother Ganga about the future events which would come to pass after His departure from Earth about 5000 years ago. Mother Ganga was very disturbed by the fact that Kali Yuga was coming and she was afraid that nobody would protect her. Sri Krishna promised her some relief with the following words:

“O Ganga devi, on the earth 5,000 years of Kali will be sinful and those sinners will deposit their sins in you by bathing. Thereafter by the sight and touch of those who worship Me by My *mantra*, all those sins will be burnt. O Ganga devi, the whole planet will become a pilgrimage sight by the presence of Vaishnavas, even though it had been sinful. In the body of My devotees remains eternally [the purifier]. Mother Earth becomes pure by the dust of the feet of My devotees. For 10,000 years of Kali such devotees of Mine will fill the whole planet. After the departure of My devotees there will be only one *varna* [outcaste]. Devoid of My devotees, the earth will be shackled by Kali. Saying this, Lord Sri Krishna departed.”



It is stated in *Srimad-Bhagavatam* (12.2.31) that Kali Yuga began when the constellation of ursa major or the seven sages (Sapta Rishis) passed through the lunar mansion of Magha located in Leo. Vedic astrologers have calculated that this occurred at 2:27 a.m. on February 20, 3102 BC. It took place some 36 years after Lord

Krishna spoke *Srimad Bhagavad Gita* to Arjuna. The initial 5000 years of Kali Yuga which were so full of darkness ended in 1898. This year is significant because Srila Abhaya Charan De had appeared in 1896 and now at age the age of two the future world *acharya* was already imbibing spiritual lessons from His father Sri Gour Mohan De. By then, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, the father of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati was actively involved in translating and presenting the Vaishnava literature into English. His son Sriman Bimala Prasada Dutt (the future spiritual master of Srila Prabhupada) was now in ascendance. In 1905 Bimala Prasad accepted initiation from Srila Gaura Kishore das Babaji and became Srila Barsabanabidevi Dayitaya, and later Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati. Therefore, the emerging first rays of the Golden Age began to spread their light concurrent with the lives of these three *acharyas* as they lay the foundation for the spreading of Lord Chaitanya's Hare Krishna movement throughout the world. It is significant that historically we can trace that a *yuga yoga* also occurred back then in the signs of Libra and Scorpio on 6 November 1899.

As noted, the alignment of planets in two signs occurs about every 50 years. Since they may occur twice in a century, *yuga yogas* are not exceedingly rare. However, the occurrence of *gola yoga* which aligns all planets in one sign is very rare. The 1962 event issued new promises to the world. This is especially true since not only seven planets conjoined in a single sign, but Ketu, the planet of liberation, was also involved. This was the exact time Prabhupada was printing his Delhi *Srimad Bhagavatam* in preparation for world enlightenment.

After this *gola yoga*, the world looked to technological improvements marked by the sign of Aquarius (the point of breaking the *yoga* was caused when the Moon entered into the next sign of Aquarius.) Two years after the occurrence of this *gola yoga* Srila Prabhupada, ventured west and founded the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. He taught that technology, such as this computer you and I are communicating with, should be utilized in Krishna's service.

The *yuga yoga* conjunction of 13-15 May 2011 marks a mini cycle that is linked to the alignment that occurred from 3 to 5 February 1962. Let us investigate the significance of the present *yuga yoga* occurring in the signs of Aries and Virgo, two very dissimilar signs. Aries being ruled by the ever-youthful Mars and being the first sign of the zodiac is the sign of new beginnings. Aries is full of Martian energy, self-confidence and dynamic

enthusiasm. Virgo, the sign of mother Earth, is very detail- and service-oriented. Being ruled by the young “prince of the planetary deities,” Mercury, Virgo is also swift. Thus this *yuga yoga* promises the conflicting aspects of care for the environment combined with destructive military campaigns. Ongoing wars and the ones to come will ostensibly be claimed for bettering the situation on Earth. Since Aries is hardly known as a caring sign, warlike megalomaniacal world mis-leaders may employ inhumane activities while claiming to strengthen the world’s situation for better. We will witness many battles between the forces of good and evil before the good prevails, until the next *yuga yoga* comes around in October 5th 2040. That *yuga yoga* which will be the longest one possible. It will occur in the signs of Virgo and Libra and will last for five days. We foresee by the planetary positions that Virgo-ruled agriculture giving way to peace, beauty and harmony--qualities consistent with Libra--will eventually prevail.

After examining the *yuga yogas* of the past many centuries, none included the nodes Rahu and Ketu except the rare event in 1962, the one that proclaimed the person Bhagavat and written *Bhagavat* would come West. As per our understanding, the *yuga yoga* of this month foreshadows that over the next three decades (until the next *yuga yoga*) the following effects in different parts of the world:

-Though **Japan** will suffer on the domestic front, the Japanese people will learn a few stark lessons from the recent disaster. The country will attract investors and others who are willing to assist them on their terms. Japan will ultimately rise out of the present nuclear-age crisis and will aggressively strive to re-develop its own influence. The Japanese will want to take the fate of their nation in their own hands rather than relying on super-powers like the US whose General Electric company is said to have knowingly built the nuclear facility in an earthquake zone next to a tidal wave prone area. As far as Vaishnavism is concerned, many little Krishna temples will arise. Devotees will find that book distribution becomes more popular as many take shelter of the eternal *dharma* of Krishna consciousness.

-**Australia** will work in partnership with others because its business interests will appear to decline. Krishna Consciousness will attract many new followers. Communities of devotees will struggle for maintenance, while traveling and sponsoring festivals will stand as the optimum methods of getting the message across.

-**India**'s business interests will continue to grow. The self-esteem of the land of sages will grow as India ascends into one of the leading industrial nations of the world. Paralleling India' economic success, many great new temples will arise attracting many influential personalities to support Krishna Consciousness. India's reputation as a force to contend with in the world will continue to advance.

-**China** can count on its good fortune increasing. The spirituality of the country will be boosted, and it won't be surprising if Krishna Consciousness gains countless followers in this country by the will of Srila Prabhupada. China somehow appears to be one place that is more or less protected by the impending dangers.

-**Russia** will continue its emergence as a world power. Business will prosper and Krishna Consciousness will receive great support. Everything there is on the increase.

-Though **Eastern Europe and Eastern Africa** will face many difficulties on their domestic fronts, the overall riches of these areas will enjoy a new affluence. It will not be surprising if some nations that were once looked upon as poor gradually become rich. In these areas, Krishna Consciousness will be developed through building local communities.

-**Western Europe** will only remain powerful if due recognition to natural methods of agriculture are acknowledged. By this formula, good fortune can be continued. Europeans will increasingly demand for foods produced by natural agricultural methods and the governments must promote food that is ecologically wholesome if they wish to remain credible.

-Many nations of **Africa** will understand the need to throw off the terrible yoke of Western corporatism that has exploited this rich continent's mineral resources for decades leaving uncounted poor in the wake of first world greed. In some countries caring leaders will arise to show the world that they can succeed. They will demand a chance for self-determination through lessening of outside political and economic interference which props up undesirable leaders in manipulative political legerdemain that purposely creates countrywide chaos. In other words, they will break away from first world exploitation and succeed by taking the reigns of their own fate as a surprising example to the world.

-**South America** will focus on their local riches and inherent culture as the tide turns away from looking north to Uncle Sam, who few any longer

there have any faith in (except the most motivated). Their main focus will be banking and economic development. Seminar-type preaching will be responsible for spiritual growth. This part of the world will remain a bit isolated from the rest of the world as these countries delve into their own histories and explore their own assets.

-The **United States** will be forced to examine what is wrong with its image as the world's enforcer on a one way street. The nation that today claims to be the world's richest overall must consider why it has the most debt-ridden economy that is bolstered by a sagging dollar and propped by the printing of worthless currency. As over the coming years world leaders snub the eager handshake of American salesmen in the dressed of elected officials, the USA will find itself receding from its place of active world leadership. The people will turn to re-discovering their own happiness by re-developing local agriculture. Many communities of devotees will increase. This tendency will be followed mostly in the eastern part of the country. California especially will refuse to read the handwriting on the wall and there may be a diversion of opinions. That may surprisingly form two distinctively different cultures. The western part of US will try to hold onto the present Kali Yuga "values" by focusing on movie production and other propaganda-saturated media. Spiritual values in this part of the country will be at the lowest ebb.

We envision that because this *yuga yoga* is part of the *gola yoga* that occurred in 1962, technology will not be abandoned but may actually be utilized for solving some of the ongoing problems in the world. The overall picture of the next 30 years is painted in shades of red (Aries) and green (Virgo) with the Martian qualities often overriding the green quality of Mercury. Both Mars, the commander in chief, and Mercury, the prince, are young, and hence impetuous. The path to the coming mini-Satya Yuga is narrow and beset with dangers. War will continue to spread indiscriminately in many places. Yet, in the many battles that lie ahead, Krishna Consciousness will finally prevail.

-For more on *gola yoga and yuga yoga*, see *TAN #4, 30 Mar. 2010*:
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Three Big, Bad Eclipses on the Horizon

Patita Pavana das Adhikary

“I’m 62 years old and in all my life I’ve seen nothing but disasters. Therefore devotees need farm communities away from the cities.” HH Shivarama Swami of New Vraja Dham, Hungary, when asked about the “preparing for the coming disasters.” (Skype conference, May 2011)

As reported in our Early Dec. 2010 edition of **The Astrological Newsletter***, we are now submerged in a sequence of seven eclipses, the maximum that can occur in a year’s time. In that newsletter we pointed out the momentous eras of history that were precipitated by a “sequence of seven.” We shall explain in a nutshell the ominous significance of eclipses. We know that the life-givers of the Universe are the masculine Sun, the king of day, and the feminine Moon, the queen of night. In *Bhagavad Gita* (11.19), Arjuna, gasping in awe at Sri Vishwarupa, tells Sri Krishna *shashi-surya netram*, “Your eyes are the Sun and the Moon.” The Sun and Moon are the loving eyes of the world by which Sri Krishna spreads His benediction rays of nourishment for the benefit of His parts and parcels. When the eyes of the Universal Form are blackened by the demon Rahu, there are naturally reactions upon the Earth. Thus, when the eyes of the day and night are eclipsed, it is natural that the earth and its little “leaders” here below should suffer untoward results.

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According to the science of *jyotish*, various regions of the globe are ruled by the different signs of the zodiac. Much of this branch of the science, called mundane astrology (“the astrology of the *mundus* or world”) or *gola jyotish* (“global” astrology) has been lost. Here at Mithuna Twiins Astrological Services, we are researching some of these lost elements of *jyotish shastra* as you will see in this article. By observing those places of the world that are affected during lunar cycles related to eclipses in the various signs, we have found a deductive method that might offer rough clues to the *rashis* or signs of nations. What is more important, however, is that eclipses tend to affect those places where they are visible. Nonetheless, Rahu’s poisonous cloud is all-expansive.

The full Moon of Vaishakha-*masa* appeared this year on 17 May. As the swifter Moon pulled ahead of the Sun, beginning the first *tithi* of Jyaishta-*masa*, or Krishna *pratipad*, so we entered into a lunar fortnight that ends with an eclipse of the Sun, and which will be followed by two others in the coming two fortnights.

The three eclipses coming in June / July are as follows:

- 1.) 01 June 2011: **New Moon--Partial solar eclipse in Taurus**
- 2.) 15 June 2011: **Full Moon--Total lunar eclipse in Scorpio**
- 3.) 01 July 2011: **New Moon--Partial (slight) solar eclipse in Gemini***

*For details regarding areas of visibility, see: <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/OH/OH2011.html>

Furthermore, Rahu and Ketu will be changing signs into Scorpio and Taurus, their respective signs of debility, on 7 June. Places on earth that are affected by these three signs, Vrishabha, Vrischika and Mithuna are also likely to suffer negative impact. Add to this the rare *yuga yoga* preceding this coming threesome, which is also discussed in this edition of **The Astrological Newsletter**. Taken together, what does this combination of omens mean?

To arrive at some sort of deductive conclusion, let us turn our attention to those places of Mother Earth that were affected by eclipses in the Taurus / Scorpio axis and also Gemini in the Twentieth Century.

Table: 20th Century Eclipses in Taurus, Scorpio and Gemini (Part One)

22 Nov 1900. *Solar eclipse in Scorpio.*

-Half a lunar cycle (2 wks) before the eclipse US Pres. William McKinley is sworn into office, only to be assassinated the following year. (*Note: Signing of important documents, major purchases, political*



appointments etc. should not be enacted under the shadow of either impending or recent eclipses.)

18 May 1901. *Total solar eclipse in Taurus.*

-The stock market crashes the day before the eclipse. (*Note: Taurus/Scorpio eclipses have disastrous effects on America*)

-The Caerphilly mining disaster in Wales takes the lives of 78 miners on 24 May. (*Note: Taurus is a fixed earth sign, hence it rules*

places like mountains where the earth is considered solid. This is disrupted by an eclipse in Taurus; hence mining disasters seem to be more frequent at this time).

28 June 1908. *Eclipse of the Sun in Gemini.*

-Simmering domestic revolt against the Sultan of Turkey now forces him to call elections and spells the coming doom of the Ottoman Empire. The Sultan of Morocco is likewise soon thereafter deposed. (Note: Eclipses generally foretell the fall of leaders all over the world.)

7 Dec 1908. *Eclipse of the Moon in Taurus.*

-28 Nov. Pennsylvania mining disaster takes 154 lives.

-28 Dec. Italy's 2nd largest city of Messina is destroyed by an earthquake. The quake triggers a tsunami which engulfs Reggio killing 70,000. (Note: More disasters involving "earth" after an eclipse in an earth sign).

4 Jun 1909. *Eclipse of the Moon in Scorpio.*

17 Jun 1909. *Total eclipse of the Sun in Gemini.*

-16 July 1909 Persia crowns the new Shah who at the time is only twelve years old, exactly 30 days (one lunar cycle) from the total solar eclipse. Shah Reza Pallavi will prove to be the last Shah of Iran. (Note: Though he reigned for many decades, his time in power was a checkered one. Hence, the effects of the eclipse-tainted inauguration would prove to follow him.)

27 Nov 1909. *Eclipse of the Moon in Taurus.*

12 Dec 1909. *Eclipse of the Sun in Scorpio.*

-11 Nov 1909. The ill-fated naval base of Pearl Harbor is founded. (Note: Never begin new ventures, buy vehicles, marry, or buy a house under an eclipse cycle).

-13 Nov 1909: Illinois mining disaster causes deaths of 259. (Note: Here we see another mining disaster after an eclipse in an earth sign. Scorpio also rules holes deep in the earth, hidden places. See how the effects of eclipses are often felt about 30 days (one solar or lunar cycle) from the event indicating that an eclipse contaminates the full luni-solar cycle that it involves).



-18 Nov 1909: 2 US warships are sent to Nicaragua after 500 revolutionaries are ordered executed by country dictator Zelaya. (Note:

Scorpio is a watery sign ruled by the fiery, war-like Mars, hence the involvement of battleships.)

-17 Dec 1909: Death of King Leopold of Belgium. (*Note: Leaders should take due caution. Death of kings, queens and public figures occur often around eclipses.*).

17 Nov. 1910. *Eclipse of the Moon in Taurus.*

-23 Oct. 1910. King Rama of Siam dies.

-8 Nov 1910: Coal mine disaster in Colorado (USA) kills 79. (*Note: Earth sign, disaster*).

-20 Nov 1910: Mexican Revolution begins. Pancho Villa leads a peasant army in revolt against the President of Mexico, Porfirio Diaz. The uprising is financed by ex-political prisoner Francisco Madero from his stronghold in San Antonio, Texas. (*Note: Rahu is a “shadow plant”. Hence, shadow government interference is often at work in eclipse cycles. Therefore we must ask, who in America supplied Madero with the money to support an entire revolution?*)

-15 Dec 1910: Prince Chun of China is forced to resign and is taken from Peking under armed guard. China soon becomes a Republic under Sun Yat-sen. (*Note: The prince was taken in custody 28 days or exactly 1 lunar cycle from eclipse*).

8 Jan 1917: Eclipse of the Moon in Gemini.

-11 Jan. 1917: Kingsland explosion goes off in New Jersey by “German saboteurs,” becomes a reason for American entering WW1. (*Note: No solid evidence was ever given that the explosion was caused by Germans*).

-19 Jan 1917: Silvertown explosion in Essex, UK, a munitions factory goes up as a result of a fire. 73 die, 400 injured, 900 buildings destroyed. (*Note: two big explosions thousands of miles apart under Gemini, an air sign*).

-31 Jan 1917: Germany declares submarine war on England. (*Note: Rahu rules secret and subversive tactics*).

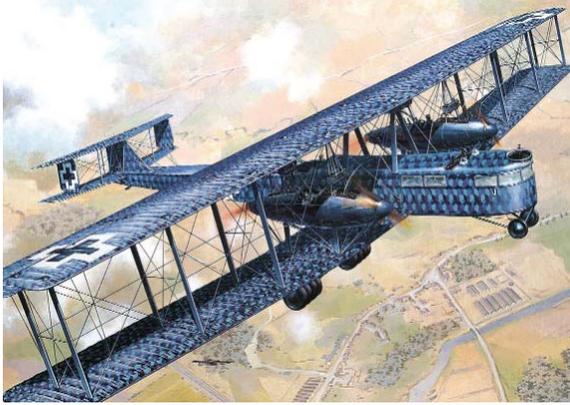
19 Jun 1917: Eclipse of the Sun in Gemini. (*Note: This is part of an eclipse threesome involving a lunar event in Sag on 4 July and a solar event in Cancer on 19 July*)

-5 Jun 1917: Draft (conscription) begins in USA (*Note: Rahu rules shadow interests who seize governmental power*).

-8 Jun 1917: Montana ore mine disaster kills 163.

-13 Jun 1917: London faces first bombing attack from German airplanes leaving 162 dead. (*Note: Gemini is an air sign, hence--in this case--death from the air*).

-26 Jun 1917: First US troops arrive in Europe for WW 1. (Note: Rahu rules intrigue and secrecy, and America's reasons for entering the war, or even the war itself for that matter, have never been satisfactorily established).



-1 Jul 1917: E. St Louis, IL, racial riots leave 250 dead. (Note: Riots and skirmishes are very common during eclipses when mob mentality rules.)

-16-17 July 1917: Russian troops mutiny and abandon their posts in Austria, many hundreds are gunned down by their commanding officers. (Note: Unregulated chaos reigns during

times of the unregulated outcaste Rahu).

18 August 1917: Great Thessaloniki, Greece fire leaves 70,000 homeless and destroys one third of the city. (Note: The fire is exactly one lunar cycle after the last eclipse of this threesome).

14 Dec 1917: Eclipse of the Sun in Scorpio.

-6 Dec 1917: The Halifax Explosion, French ammunitions ship Mont Blanc and the Belgian freighter Imo collide in Halifax (Canada) Harbor. Over 1,900 are dead and blast is felt 60 miles away. (Note: Scorpio is ruled by incendiary Mars).

-12 Dec 1917: The century's second worst railway disaster shakes France with nearly 550 dead.

8 June 1918: Eclipse of the Moon in Gemini

-8 June 1918: The first Romanov is murdered in Moscow, Grand Duke Michael Romanov. The very day of the eclipse marks the beginning of the rise of the Bolsheviks and the beginning of the end of the old guard in Russia.

-22 Jun 1918: Indiana (USA) railroad disaster results in 68 deaths.

-9 Jul 1918: 1 day past one solar cycle, a Nashville (USA) train accident claims lives of 101. (Note: Similar accidents often coincide under eclipses).

Part Two of "Table of 20th Century Eclipses in Taurus, Scorpio and Gemini" will appear in the next issue of The Astrological Newsletter.

The Dark Weeks Ahead

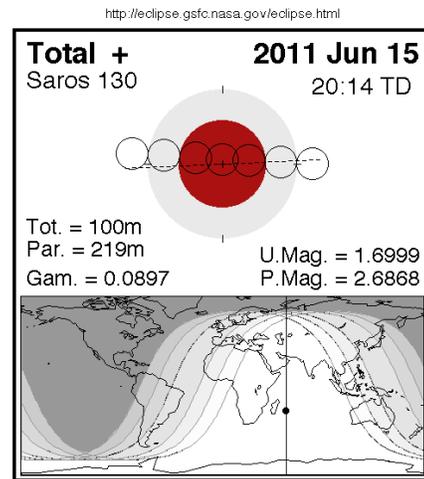
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So what lies before us? First of all, the occurrence of a sequence of seven, of which the forthcoming threesome is a part, never fails to create disastrous consequences all over the earth. This has been discussed in previous editions of **The Astrological Newsletter** (see p. 11 for link).

As far as the immediate future is concerned, there was *yuga yoga* on 13 May. Next were three eclipses, Sun-Moon-Sun in earth-water-air signs. The eclipse in Gemini is very slight and will be “visible” only towards the South Pole where no one may actually witness it. However, the fact that all three eclipses are linked in a threesome occurring every lunation or fifteen days causes the influences of one sign to overlap the others. Here are the facts:

1 June 2011: Partial solar eclipse in Taurus: The first event occurs in the far north, from Siberia to Northern Canada and Iceland.

15 June 2011: Total lunar eclipse in Scorpio: The lunar event of 15 June will be 100 minutes in length, the longest one since the year 2000. According to an article by Bhattotpala in *Modern Astrology Magazine*, this will be the longest lunar event for nearly a thousand years. It will be visible in much of Europe, Asia (including India) and Africa, Australia, Philippines and throughout South America. This eclipse is bound to wreak havoc since (1.) Rahu will be debilitated in Scorpio for the eighteen months following his entrance into that sign on 7 June, and (2.) the Moon is also debilitated in Scorpio. The eclipse begins in Jyeshtha *nakshatra* and ends in Moola. Take note if you were born under one of these.



01 July 2011: Partial (slight) solar eclipse in Gemini: Seen only from the Antarctic area south of Africa.

Effects so far: Already the effects are gearing up. California is strongly linked to Gemini since it is the home of many forms of communication from Silicon Valley and the computer industry to the evils of Hollywood. An early casualty of the eclipse was the fall of ex-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger who admitted to fathering a child out of wedlock some ten years ago. The 14 May arrest of Dominique Strauss-Kahn, head of the International Monetary Fund, in the wake of sexual assault charges against a hotel maid in New York was another instance of the fall of a high and mighty personality. In the past two weeks, the Mississippi River has risen to a serious flood situation (Scorpio is a water sign) and several tornadoes have destroyed a few American towns (Gemini is an air sign). A twister in Joplin, MO “cut the town in half” (killing over 100) just as we are scribing these words. Furthermore, as just as we are going to press, a large volcanic eruption has occurred in Iceland with a Rahu-like ash cloud moving towards UK. (Scorpio is ruled by fiery Mars).

Visibility: The first eclipse of the dark triad will be visible in the Northern Hemisphere including Siberia, No. China, Iceland and No. Skandania where the residents will witness a highly inauspicious “midnight Sun eclipse.” Note that Iceland, an eclipse touch-down point, is already affected. On 15 June, Europe will witness the rising of an eclipsing Moon, a dreadful augury. The third event will be the eclipse nobody may witness due to it occurring in towards the South Pole.

Coming events: Prediction requires a look at trends; a due consideration of *rashis*, planets and omens; a knowledge of current events as well as “gut feelings.” We shall hazard a few ideas, and the picture for America is not a pretty one. In the coming 2-3 months, America will certainly experience a devastating hurricane season, with more tornadoes on the way. Obama’s grip on the American public will continue to loosen as his ratings fall in the wake of rising martial zealotry at home and abroad, unfulfilled promises and senseless wars waged against innocent civilians. More scandals will rock the American finance world and another major player in the American corporate government will become implicated. Shake ups and scandals in America’s puerile world of sports can be expected. Since Scorpio is the sign ruling private affairs, a few major sex scandals are sure to come to light. The financial woes of California will deepen as more people are forced into homelessness and abject poverty with rising unemployment. The possibility of an earthquake in California looms large. The grim specter of riots with brutal police response is not out of the question in some of

the larger cities where taxpayers now find themselves frustrated by Washington, DC's empty promises. Several attacks on innocent crowds by Rahu-like mad men armed with high-powered weapons are naturally expected. The dollar of a stagnant economy will continue to weaken stirring the powers that to force its young men and women into more senseless wars. Some act of terror may strike, but the perpetrator will remain unseen.

South America will be subject to increasing wars on either the political front, from drug lords or both. Some insurgency or fall of government amidst scandal there is a possibility. South America will continue zealously throwing off the influence of its friendly big brother to the north, the Estados not-so-Unidos.

Another major earthquake, from possibly in the Mediterranean area to the Middle East and Afghanistan could hit the headlines. More problems are due for Australia, which is still recovering from serious flooding in the north. The Philippines will face guerilla tactics from rebel insurgents. The wars in Africa and the unrest in the Middle East will continue to spread uncontrollably as a few more governments will crumble in those areas. There will be many water-connected disasters such as shipping accidents or more tsunamis or floods or the like in different parts of the world. An outbreak of an epidemic or mass food poisoning may hit the headlines, and for this we look towards the Orient. India will suffer usual landslides in the hilly regions, mob riots, separatist violence and building collapses during the monsoon. Some terror arrack cannot be ruled out. More heads will roll in Indian government in the current efforts to weed out corrupt officials and politicians.

In the wake of all this cosmic activity, I expect that there is a reasonable possibility of a comet showing up later this year and--if it does--many of these unhappy circumstances will find themselves terribly exacerbated. During the advent of Mathuranath Sri Krishna, Narada purposely provoked Kamsa to force the Lord's advent. As the world spins out of control, the mass of people, realizing how they have been cheated, lied to and manipulated by the powers that be will become ripe for the teachings of Bhagavat-*dharma*. Hence the growing planetary desperation when people are arising from complacency creates a wonderful opportunity for preaching the glorious message of the Supreme Absolute Truth.

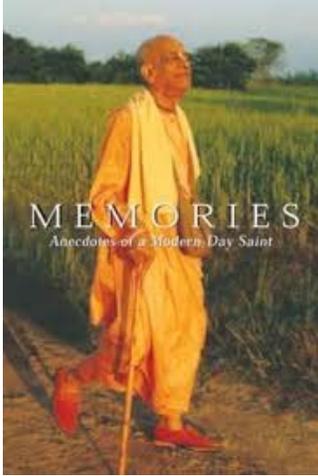
But, by factoring in the *yuga yoga* of 13 May, the overall picture grows far brighter. Much of what we are foreseeing for the remainder of 2011 and into 2012, appears to be a sort of cleansing in preparation for the coming mini-Satya Yuga at hand. Not only is this a likely result of the May 13th *yuga yoga*, but notice the extraordinary length of the 15 June lunar event. According to the source quoted above (*Modern Astrology* June 2011), it is the longest for a thousand years. That means that after things bottom out, there will be improvement, but only if you chant and preach. Next, notice that the Gemini solar eclipse is practically invisible and only covers an area near Antarctica, which is an unknown region of earth. Hence the last eclipse is very difficult to analyze. Occurring in an unknown region gives a glimmer of hope arising out of hopelessness.

It is felt that what we are witnessing are the events leading up to the narrow bridge to the mini-Satya Yuga inaugurated by Mahaprabhu and brought West by Srila Prabhupada. Chaos will increase before the Moon of Lord Gauranga and Sun of Lord Nityananda are fully appreciated all over the world. Devotees must be vigilant during this interim period. Only the chanting of the Holy Names of the Lord can accelerate the great changes that are at hand, and that means keeping up our sixteen rounds per day. Let us pray together that *sankirtan yagna* will once again echo throughout the world as it did during the times of Srila Prabhupada's manifest *lila* as the only panacea for the rough times ahead. Apart from that, people of faith must band together in order to lend mutual protection to one another.

On a practical note, during the weeks overshadowed by eclipses, it is best to keep a low profile and not to make any major changes if they can be avoided; especially on the days of eclipse when travel is forbidden. Those born with the signs of Gemini, Taurus and/or Scorpio sitting prominently in their horoscopes (*lagna* or especially as the Moon sign) should be doubly cautious. During eclipses, the rays of the Sun and Moon turn poisonous. Unsightly birth marks on new born infants reveal that their mothers might have ventured out during Rahu's mischief. No food is taken during an eclipse, and any cooked food is consumed before the event or given to dogs. Chant Hare Krishna and throw off the effects of Rahu. ·

Memories: The Past Life of a Pure Devotee Hari das Prabhu

Note: Your Editor once showed Srila Prabhupada's horoscope to a renowned astrologer, Sri Shashikant Jain, whose hospitality and insight I enjoyed in Bangalore for many memorable weeks in 1976. The pandit noted that all Prabhupada's planets were in perfect order. But he commented "There's one minor flaw in the chart. That flaw was put there so that he would have to appear on earth. Otherwise he could not take birth." He pointed to the conjunction of exalted Moon with Mars in the 6th house of medicine. I told the pandit how in 1968 Prabhupada had related to us that he had been "medically-connected" in his past life, but



had killed a snake by accident. For that one misdeed he had to take birth again. The pandit immediately agreed that this was indeed a plausible explanation for the combination. It was not until 2010 that I would discover the entire story, from watching the Memories Series of Videos by Sriman Siddhanta das Prabhu. This one is taken from DVD #30 (or vol. 3 of the books), an interview with Sriman Hari das Prabhu of Hare Krishna Land. The following episode took place in Srila Prabhupada's quarters Hare Krishna Land, Bombay around 1976.-Ed.

Haridas: One day Prabhupada was alone in his room. Usually he was quiet, but this day he was laughing and talking with himself. I went by his room and inquired, "Srila Prabhupada, why are you laughing?" Prabhupada said, "The reason I was laughing was that I just remembered my past life." Then I asked, "So, Prabhupada, what was your past life?" He replied, "I was a medical person and I had not committed any sin. I had a *guru*. I was fanning my Guru Maharaja and he could see in the rain that there was one snake and he make me go kill that snake." Then he said, "Now I remember why my Guru Maharaja made me kill that snake, so I had to take birth again in this life to save so many snakes like all of you." ·

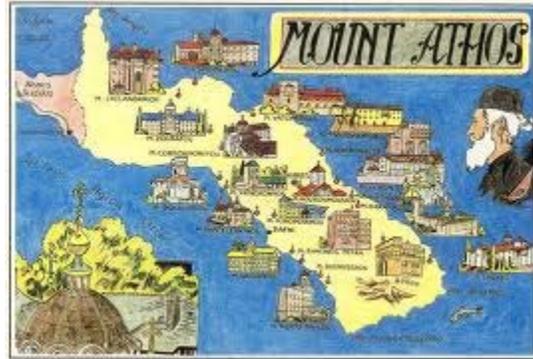


Pilgrimage to "Vedic Europe"

Reader Deva Narayana das of Canada forwarded us this article about a large community of “Christian sannyasis” who live in a cloistered community upon Mt. Athos in Greece. We have edited the article for brevity.-Ed.

The Monks of Mount Athos **Krishna Chandra Das**

I just returned from a pilgrimage to the holy Mount Athos in Greece, considered the spiritual center of the Orthodox tradition. Athos is an independent state and only monks can live there. There are (about two) thousand monks and few visitors are allowed to enter.



Especially if one is non-orthodox, a special visa is required of which only four per day are issued. Meat is not allowed. There are also no cars, no restaurants and no buildings other than monasteries. For the last 1200 years it is forbidden for women or children to enter. For the past 1000 years also no female animals - that means also no milk and eggs.

The monks arise at 11 PM and chant *japa* for 3 hours in a completely dark room. Their "*mantra*" is the traditional Christian prayer *kyrie jesu christo eleisonme*: “Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.” They chant this with the *kombustini*, a string with 100 knots resembling very much our *japa mala*. In the *Bible* it is mentioned, "You should pray without interruption." (Luke 18:1, 21:36, Ephesians 6:18, Timothy I 5:5, etc.) From 2 till 6 am they have *mangala arati*, singing and praying in the Kattholikon, the orthodox church.

When the monks are asked what they are doing they reply, “Only praying and dying. Nothing else.” They fast 260 days a year and sleep very little. And whatever they do, cooking, walking, eating, sleeping, they are advised to chant "*kyrie jesu christo eleison me...*”

[Full article: <http://www.veda.harekrsna.cz/bhaktiyoga/bhaktiyoga-6.htm#2>].

Secrets of Byzantine Time **Patita Pavana das**



The monks of Mt. Athos trace many of their traditions to the Byzantine Empire, which grew out of the Eastern portion of the Roman Empire and included parts of West Asia and Eastern Europe. Its capital Constantinople was founded on the site of an existing city, Byzantium, now Istanbul. As in the Vedic tradition, the Byzantine king held absolute authority. The king's decrees were supported by the Christian Church, which later transformed into various forms of Eastern Orthodox Christianity. The Byzantine Empire finally fell to the Turks in the mid-15th Century, but Mt. Athos survives as a living remnant of the religious practices of the day.

Intrigued by Sri Krishna Chandra's article about his visit, I located an April 2011 broadcast of the American TV show "60 Minutes" on YouTube featuring reporter Bob Simon's visit to Mt. Athos. [Take an arm chair pilgrimage here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9nQI6T3Ajw>]

If the life of the monks at Mt. Athos reminds you of more ancient, lingering Vedic roots, here is another clue to their distant Vedic tradition, Byzantine time. In the show, the reporter is shown standing before a clock that reads half past eight. Yet, he notes that his own watch reads two thirty in the afternoon. "That's because," he explains, "the monks set their clocks from sunset." He has made a blunder; the monks do not set their clocks from sunset, but from sunrise. In other words, the first hour from sunrise is one o'clock, and so on. Hence, if sunrise is at 6:00 am, then at 2:30 pm the clock will read 8:30, meaning "eight and a half hours after sunrise."



This system of so-called Byzantine time actually reflects the older Vedic system of beginning a day at the time the day actually starts, the first *sandhya* or sunrise (when the solar globe is half way upon the Eastern horizon). This system is still followed by Vedic *pandits* and astrologers. The time of day is further intricately intertwined with astrology, and this is a detail that the monks of Mt. Athos are likely unaware of, and will scoff at. For example, Sunday is named for the Sun since the first hour on that day is ruled by the Sun. The first hour of Monday is ruled by the Moon, etc. According to Vedic time from sunrise, as the minute of sunrise moves forward or backward, so the time of day is adjusted accordingly.

Since time immemorial, this ingenious system of Vedic time has its origin in none other but Lord Sri Krishna the Supreme Personality of Godhead. By the dictates of Vedic time, the week-days carry the same names in Sanskrit as their equivalents in practically every language of the world, because Sanskrit language and culture are the oldest on earth. Sunday is Raviwara or Suryawara. Monday is Somawara or Chandrawara, etc. (*wara* means “day”). Daily measurement of time is a branch of *gyotish shastra* is called *hora shastra*, or “the science of hours.” The word “hour” is also derived from Sanskrit. It originates from the last syllable from *aho*, Sanskrit for “day” and the first syllable from *ratri* or “night.”

And just one more thought: Since this method of time measurement naturally accommodates the flexibility of a changing calendar due to days that either constantly lengthen or shorten, there is no fixed midnight point either. In other words, the time of Sri Krishna’s Appearance on Janmashthami is not at 12:00 midnight, but is at the point that bisects sunset and sunrise of the next day, the “mean midnight hour.” In the same way, the time of Lord Ramachandra’s appearance at mid-day is not at 12:00 noon, but at the *Abhijit muhurta* or “mean noon” that bisects sunrise and sunset.

The science of *hora shastra* is useful in obtaining a good *muhurta* in a jiffy, one which assures a successful outcome whether embarking on a long journey or merely going to the store. For more on the fascinating science, read our well-received article here: <http://www.dandavats.com/?p=7057>

The astute Vedic historian Sri P.N. Oak offers in his book *World Vedic Heritage* a very rational explanation as to why the *mleccha* cultures of Europe began changing the clocks in the middle of the night, at midnight. He conjectures that this is a tradition that began with deference to the time of sunrise in Delhi. When Delhi, or rather Indraprastha, was the world capital, the kings of Europe decreed that their kingdoms should keep time in deference to the time in India. When it is midnight in London, the sunrise of a new day has begun in Delhi. This is similar to the not-unheard-of practice of following a fast according to the day the event occurs in Vrindavana or Mayapur, though one may live on the other side of the world. Though this theory of why the date is changed at the midnight hour warrants further research, the idea appears sound in light of the fact that we know

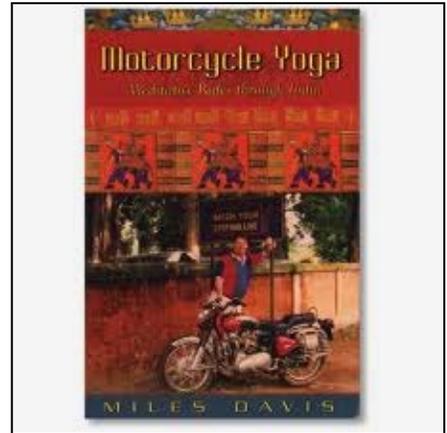


the Maharaja of Indraprastha was indeed the ruler of Bharatavarsha, or the entire seven islands of the Earth. ·

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Letters to the Editor

(edited for brevity)

“Successful Surgery”

Dear Brother Patita Pavana Prabhu,
Pamho. |By your blessings and careful timings the surgery was a success, and I am now healing, Yes, it was scary, but by Krishna's grace and the prayers of the Vaishnavas all went well. The doctor commented it was the toughest cataract he had removed in over 10 years, and was worried if he could do it. Though it was worse than the last one on the other eye, but afterwards he said I wish I had a third eye! And the doctor has given me permission to fly to the Prabhupada reunion in LA this May 28!

Again thank you so much for your loving encouragement and also the timing which I followed meticulously.

G.D. (USA)

Your recovery will be our reward. -Ed.

“Blown Away”

Dear Patita Pavana das Adhikary,

Thank you for this amazing work! I am blown away and need much reflection. I wanna go to India NOW Honestly I think of India every day, all day at work and well just letting the Lord know how I feel about pure devotion and preaching. I don't have much time left in my Jupiter so I need to find a way. I know this is the launch pad I need. I trust the Lord in all of this but I feel trapped by my past misdeeds.

With love,

R. (NYC)

As far as being trapped by misdeeds, that is the situation of each one of us. For this, only Hare Krishna--and not astrology--can save you. -Ed.

“Tears of Happiness”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu,

Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble *dandavats*. All glories to all the glorious Vaishnava *acharyas*.

Prabhu, I am sorry I have been so out of touch! I wanted to let you know that my daughter has been so pleased with her beautiful chart. As you suggested, I bought some lovely parchment paper and when I printed it, all the wonderful graphics and fonts you did stood out so beautifully. It looks gorgeous. You and Abhaya Didi do really outstanding work, Prabhu. Thank you so much. And, beyond the physical presentation, my daughter has been so encouraged to read that things will improve for her. When she opened the gift and saw that it was her chart, she said, "You had my chart done for me? Are things going to get better?" and when I answered 'yes,' her eyes filled with tears of relief and happiness. So thank you both, Prabhus, for the gift of encouragement and hope that you supplied for her.

My best and most humble regards to both you and Abhaya Didi. I remain,

Your servant,

PD (USA)

We are happy in your happiness. But of course all this is all Krishna's will. Astrologers who read the development of karma through the dasha system are like news anchors who report the news, but do not create it. But it is our pleasure that we had good news to report. -Ed.

“TAN is of Great Importance to the Community”

Dear Patita Pavana Das Prabhu,

My regards and *dandavats* to you and your good wife. Hare Krishna. I want to thank you again for your astrological news letter. My sincere realizations are that now more than ever The Astrological Newsletter is of great importance to the devotee community. It opens the mind to the reality of the workings of the material world and what goes on behind the scenes. It reveals of the truth of this world and its ongoing transformations through disasters of epic proportions!

The past decades in Kali Yuga have been hugely horrific for America and the entire world. False flag wars, corrupt governments, hellish oil companies, greedy banksters and the elite demonic rich trying to grab it at the expense of the middle and poor classes. It seriously behooves the entire ISKCON society and all devotees to take a seriously look at your astrological predictions and do the needful. We must stop acting like nothing is wrong because we are Krishna's devotees. "I'm OK, you're OK," is not OK. We must prepare for the serious hard times that have just begun. All the best,

Your friend, Godbrother and servant,
JD (Russia)

As Billy Joel sings, "We didn't start the fire; it was always burnin' since the world was turnin'." Here's something you'll remember!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFTLKWw542g> -Ed.

Bitterly Regrets Not Listening to Astrological Advice

Hare Krishna Respected Prabhuji,

Prabhuji, do you remember I wrote you an email long back, for checking how our horoscopes matched? By the time I received your mail, things had gone much ahead and it was completely different situation, so after speaking with my spiritual master we went ahead and got married.

Now, as you mentioned, it is really a great, great, great austerity and I am going through many heart breaking situations. I really think now how all this happened. Many devotees were involved in this, to some extent I feel, I really got influenced...

But Prabhuji, now I have taken it for life, I can not blame any one, I need your help, as how can I correct the situation. Please do not send me anything negative, I do not have any strength to bear any negative predictions OR thoughts now. I am completely collapsed now. I have lost my appetite for philosophy also now. I recently went to Mayapur, switched off my mobile, chanted 64 rounds during Gaur Purnima and gaining strength every day. I am slowly getting up and again fall, when I face new situations.

Prabhuji, I will be really, really, really grateful to you, if you can guide me of any solution for this. Also, I beg at your lotus feet for your prayers. Prayers of devotees are only hope for me now.

Your servant,

BD (India)

Though we also regret your situation, we do not know how things took a different course between the time you wrote to us and the time we responded. We immediately replied to your query with no request for dakshina. Material life is a situation wherein we are forced to make the best use of a bad bargain. Astrology helps us get a better bargain, though it cannot be perfect due to the nature of Material Energy to punish us for the residual, lingering effects of our past karmas. Since you did not care to take our advice seriously, now you must take responsibility for your own decision without blaming others. This is why pandits do not give free advice. Even those words which can save one's life when received for free are mistaken as worthless. -Ed.

“Fascinating and Enlightening”

My Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu,

Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to HDG Srila Prabhupada! Just writing to thank you very much for your current issue of **The Astrological Newsletter**. I especially found very fascinating and enlightening the article "Srila Prabhupada's 12 Year Separation." It certainly is quite revealing and a constant reconfirmation of HDG's most unique and sacred transcendental position.

Incidentally your quote "the eclipse of the Sun in Gemini on 1 July does not look good for California. “America’s showpiece of unlimited sense gratification will face severe disasters, crime and economic crisis in the final months of 2011. More on this in coming issues.”

This has significance to me and other devotees who live here in California, so I especially look forward to the upcoming issues, by the way, any "sneak preview" would be greatly appreciated, as I plan/hope to move in the near future.

Once again, thank you very much for your most wonderful and thought-provoking newsletters.

Your humble servant always,

LN (California)

The first California casualty of the coming eclipses is the marriage termination of your former Governor, Arnold Terminator. Let us see what follows next in his pawprints, er-r-r-r footsteps, to obscurity. -Ed.

“Genuinely Care for Others”

Hare Krishna Prabhu and Mataji,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada! I just read your whole April newsletter and I loved it. Thank you for always remembering me. I can see this must be taking so much time and effort to put together. Honestly, your kindness makes me feel softer, and it makes me realise that there are devotees who genuinely care for others!

Yours,

BD (South Africa)

Prabhupada's family is precious and he cares for all of us. -Ed.

“Over-dependence on Astrology”

Haribol!

Please share any story you know or any experience related to misuse of Astrology and over-dependence on Astrology.

Ys, Sri Radha Govinda dasi.

The entire history of astrology since it landed in Egypt with the sages of India long before the appearance of Christ is one of misuse. As Prabhupada said, “Western astrologers do not even know the present what to speak of the future.” Today's Western astrology is to pure Vedic parampara jyotish shastra as modern medicine (which keeps the world doped on pills for “syndromes” that don't exist) is to ayurveda. Just as genuine medicine, that is natural ayurveda, is 99% lost so it is with astrology.

Jyotish shastra is a vedanga, a “branch” or anga of the Vedas. Any astrologer or other person who tries to place astrology in some different light abuses a divine science. Astrology may be the eye of the Vedas and is therefore very useful, but it is not the root. As far as a devotee is concerned, he may benefit by keeping it in its place as a light. When you need a flashlight in the dark, you shine the light, then put it away. That is all. Only a fool would worship that light. If a devotee chooses not to use the light of jyotish, as the sadhus say, “to tear up the horoscope” that is also fine. That is an individual choice. Astrology is an option. The best use of astrology is when Srila Prabhupada consulted Asutosh Ohja in his antya-lila period. Prabhupada appeared to consult the pandit, but instead the pandit became a devotee by the paramhansa’s influence and would years later depart this world listening to Prabhupada’s bhajans.

For those devotees who are interested in this subtle science, astrology illuminates with a very bright light and in very exacting detail many facets of the Mind of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna. Of course, it would be madness to think that one can know Krishna completely, but astrology is nothing but one of the Lord’s sciences. Astrology shows the many differences in the Lord’s artistry because it reveals the fine-tuned individuality of each uncountable living entity throughout the infinite cosmos. Astrology therefore reveals the inconceivable uniqueness of each part and parcel of the Supreme Lord. If we understand that all this distinctiveness we are confronted with every day is but a mere reflections of the original identities existent within spiritual kingdom, then the vast lessons of astrology are meaningful indeed. That which demonstrates the Great Creative Hand of the Masterful Artist behind all that ultimately originates in Him, and which also leads the sage towards Him and not into further entanglement, cannot be bad. -Ed.

“Astrology Has Nothing to do With Krishna Consciousness” (?)

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Narayana Gurudeva

Jai Sri Radhe

Dear Prabhu,

Srila Prabhupada said that Astrology has nothing to do with KC, He told us, his disciples not to have our chart done.

Your servant,

Isa das

If astrology has nothing to do with Krishna consciousness then why has Prabhupada discussed astrology as an important factor in deciding marriages? Have a look again, Prabhu, at the very Bhaktivedanta Purport I gave in the April newsletter, the one you are blindly criticizing. Here's one more that you might try to consider: “Therefore any gentleman, dhira, must be interested in jyotisha, astrology.” (S.B. 10.8.5, Purport).

Sorry, Prabhu, your logic falls short and neither you nor your faulty reasoning impress me one iota. Actually all our work at Mithuna Twiins Astrological Services is meant for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada, especially in the area of marital compatibility as well as conveying a basic understanding of the practicality of this most subtle of all sciences. Therefore, for your benefit, Prabhu, I will close with a quote from the Bible, “As much as a man loves one master, to that degree he hates the other.” -Ed.



Yantra: Budha, Parashurama, Krishna, Vamanadeva, Rama, Narasimha, Matsya, Kurma, Varaha