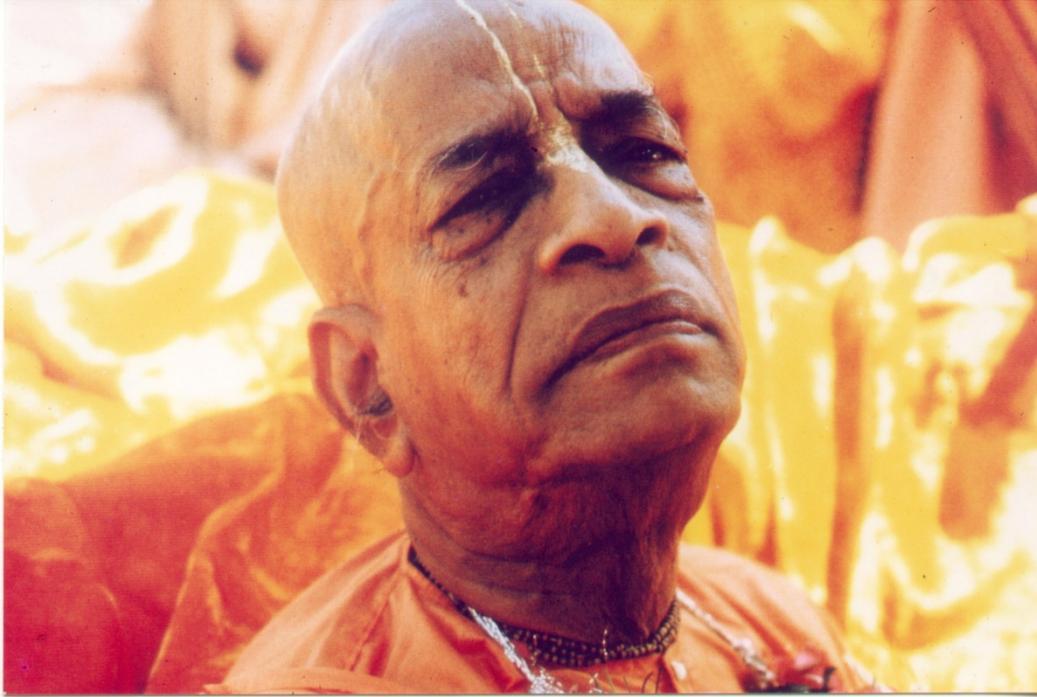


ALL GLORY TO SHRI GURU AND SHRI GAURANGA



-His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Founder Acharya: International Society for Krishna Consciousness

“A *brāhmaṇa* or *sannyāsī* is qualified to ask charity from others, but if he takes more than necessary he is punishable. No one can use more of the Supreme Lord’s property than necessary.” (SB 8.19.17, Bhaktivedanta Purport).

THE ASTROLOGICAL NEWSLETTER

Mithuna Twins Astrological Services
“Home of the Bhrigu Project”

In this issue: About Rahu and Ketu
Also: Science of Omens from Mahabharata

Chant this mantra:

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

...and your life will be sublime

14 June 2012 (#30) Ashadha *krishna dashami* 526 *Gaurabda era* corresponding to the tenth day of the waning Moon of the Vaishnava month of Vamana. Disappearance of Shri Shrivasa Pandit.

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An Urgent Appeal for Your Help!

Dear Prabhus,

Dandavats to the Vaishnavas and welcome to the issue. We owe each of you our gratitude for your continued support of our work in Krishna consciousness. Thank you.

With this, our 30th issue, comes our urgent appeal for your assistance.

If you have benefitted from The Astrological Newsletter or from our devotee-oriented services, we fall at your feet and request your help. We are the only devotees of ISKCON in this part of the world and Shrila Prabhupada is always pushing us to preach the message of Mahaprabhu.

Now we are opening a new preaching center here in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria and we are finding that we cannot do it alone. We have spent \$40,000 on the project already— money saved through great austerity, but now we have run out of funds. This is the first time we have turned to you with out palm outstretched. Vaishnavas are oceans of mercy. Our project is urgently in need of your support. ***Additionally we need to show the government some funds in the bank account by 30th June or they will issue me walking papers instead of a visa.*** We have

till the end of this month to come up with \$3,000 in order to show our financial viability to the local authorities and then use those funds to make the last payment to the workmen for ongoing repairs. The workers have kindly agreed to wait till the visa authorities are satisfied before being paid for the work they have completed in the new facilities.

If you have a mind to assist this Krishna conscious project for the pleasure of Shрила Prabhupada, you can lend your valuable support in the following ways:

- (1) Donate to the Blagoevgrad Hare Krishna center. Any small amount will do. If everyone who receives this were to give a dollar, the problem would be solved. This is a very poor (yet vibrant and beautiful) country and raising funds locally is not a viable option yet.
- (2) Or consider allowing us to serve you with our services, such as the Full Life Reading, the 10,000 word report which is also an educational experience on the workings of Vedic astrology through your own chart. Vedanga Jyotisha is a science, which all *brahmanas* must know something about..
- (3) Tell your friends about our services and encourage them to act now when their support will mean the most.

For those who have the mind and means to offer some amount, funds are easily transferred via paypal.com through this address: yaminidasi@yahoo.com



As Shрила Prabhupada said, *brahmanas* can collect for the sake of spreading Krishna consciousness, but if one cent of Krishna's wealth is used in sense gratification, they will be punished for their cheating propensity. By the grace of some clients we already have a store room of Bulgarian Bhagavatams ready for distribution. Now we need to finish the project. Once it is completed and the guest room is in order, we expect a visit from each one of you to sample this heavenly, hidden place that is so ripe for Krishna's message. This region has been neglected in the past because it is poor, but the people are open to *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Thanks once again for considering our request and for helping us serve the mission of Shрила Prabhupada and Shri Krishna, our life and soul.

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

About Rahu and Ketu

Abhaya Mudra Dasi

“It is sometimes said that when one is influenced by evil stars like Saturn, Rāhu or Ketu, he cannot make advancement in any prospective activity.” (SB 7.4.37. Bhaktivedanta purport)

Ketu is the severed body of Rahu. When a person becomes influenced by Ketu (the south node of the Moon) he acts as if he doesn't have a head. His head is lost in remembering the past and in trying to re-enact his past actions again. The influence of Ketu demonstrates the irrelevance of time past to our present existence. During periods of life that are influenced by Ketu, such as Ketu *mahadasha* or *bhuktis*, the living entity clings to illusions created in the past as if they continue to exist in the present. At times those illusions have nothing to do with the present body, but are traces of existence from previous lives. What is the use of forcing a fish to live out of water?



Rahu is the exact opposite of Ketu, or the other side of the same coin. Being the head, his main senses are intact, and through their help he is aware that he can obtain everything he wants. Rahu gives the desire to daydream about the future, wherein the soul can lose himself in what is going to be. By his own accord Rahu also keeps the soul locked away from the present moment.

The eighth canto, ninth chapter of the *Bhagavata Purana* describes the birth of Rahu and Ketu. Shрила Prabhupada comments in his summary of that chapter, “But one demon, named Rāhu, dressed himself like a demigod and sat down in the line of the demigods. He sat beside the Sun and the Moon. When the Supreme Personality of Godhead understood how Rāhu was cheating, He immediately cut off the demon’s head. Rāhu, however, had already tasted the nectar, and therefore although his head was severed, he remained alive.”

The clever demon Rahu, plotted to drink the nectar of immortality to which only the demigods were entitled. The Sun and the Moon, who are the eyes of God in this universe, spotted Rahu sitting in the midst of the demigods. They reported his presence to Lord Vishnu. Then Shri Vishnu in the form of a beautiful woman named Mohini Murti sent His *chakra* to behead Rahu, who had just begun drinking the nectar. Though his head was severed, the nectar remained in his throat giving him immortality. Ketu, the separated body of Rahu died in an instant but bears the mark of the divine weapon of Vishnu.



Had Mohini Murti not severed the head of Rahu, then the whole body of the demon would have stayed alive. But that is not possible in the same way that neither the past nor the future can be united with the present in the material world. It is similarly impossible for the soul to become God and live independently from Lord Shri Kṛṣṇa. The connection of past, present and future is only possible for the liberated living entity in the company of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, but not in the material world where time is divided. Rahu and Ketu are the keys to understanding the three divisions of time in this world as well as the eternality in the next.

What is the connection between Rahu and Ketu now when they floating opposite one another in the space? Though separated, they remain connected by their experience with Lord Viṣṇu's Sudarshan Chakra. The head and the body stay as Moon's invisible nodes in the sky. The Moon represents the mind, while Rahu and Ketu are the invisible dark shadows responsible for eclipsing the intelligence. Together they keep the mind estranged from eternal time, dwelling always on the past or the future. The bliss of the present moment remains elusive to the conditioned soul. The current moment, beautiful as Sudarshan chakra, speeds by like a bolt of lightning.

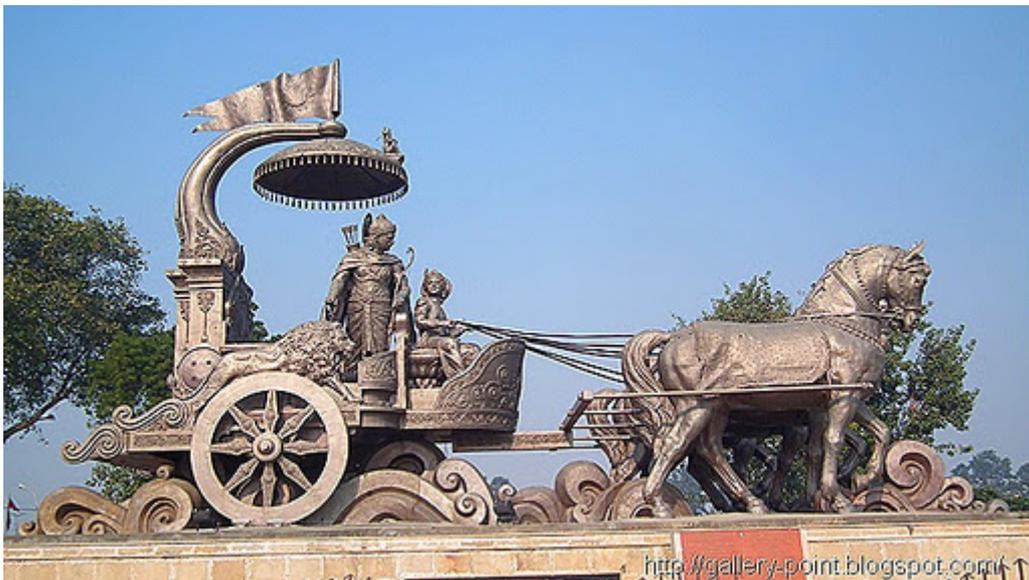
It is very rare to witness this Sudarshan Chakra, whose name means "hard to see." Who can define the cycles of time represented by the divine weapon? How many spikes does he have; what is his form; how is he decorated; what is his metal or composition? These questions are impossible to answer except for souls who know the truth. Time keeps moving like the spinning of Sudarshan and those who recognize the present can gaze at the *chakra* remaining motionless.

Another meaning of Sudarshan is that which is most beautiful to see. If we could follow Sudarshan, if we become faster and catch the present moment by becoming faster than the division of time, we will see Lord Viṣṇu or Kṛṣṇa. Sudarshan Chakra always returns to Viṣṇu. He belongs to the Lord. In the intimate pastimes of Shri Kṛṣṇa's Sudarshan becomes the *gopi* named Sudevi, who leads us to Shri Shri Radha and Shri Krishna. ♪

Science of Omens from Mahabharata

Patita Pavana das Adhikary, Ed.

The Mahabharata, of which Bhagavad Gita is the essence, is well known as a jewel-filled ocean of Vedic wisdom. Here, from the very pen of Shri Krishna Dvaipayana Vyasa—the literary incarnation of the Supreme Lord—are some examples from that great itihasa (book of historical events) of nimmita-shastra, the science of omens. The translation is from Shri Kisari Mohan Ganguli, section 143, though we have updated the English.



Shri Krishna, the Charioteer of Arjuna, Kurukshetra

(Speaking to Shri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead) Karna said: Many different frightful visions are visible, O Madhusudana, as well as many terrible portents and fierce disturbances. O Varshneya (descendant of Vrishni), all these omens—which make the hairs of those who see them stand on end— indicate the defeat of Dhritarashtra's son and the victory of Yudhishtira.

ASTROLOGICAL PORTENTS: O Madhusudan, that fierce planet of great effulgence, Shanaischara (Saturn), is afflicting the constellation Rohini (in Taurus) in order to harm all creatures of the earth. Angaraka (Mars) is in Anuradha (Scorpio) and is now moving towards Jyeshtha indicating a great slaughter of friends. Without doubt, O Krishna, a terrible calamity approaches the Kurus when especially the planet Mahapati (Chandra) occupies the constellation Chitra* (the Mars-ruled constellation that bridges the Virgo-Libra cusp), O Varshneya. The spot on the lunar disc has changed its position; and Rahu** also approaches towards Surya. Meteors are falling from the sky*** with loud noises and trembling motions (of the earth). Elephants are sending

forth frightful cries, while the steeds, O Madhava, are shedding tears, without taking any delight in food and drink. They say, O Mighty Armed, that on the appearance of these portents, a terrible calamity approaches, resulting in a great slaughter.



* Here we learn the specific *nakshatras* that Saturn, Mars and Moon occupied at the start of the war.

**Hence, the famous solar eclipse that loomed over the battleground. To this day, lakhs of pious souls congregate at Kurukshetra during solar eclipses.

***Thus, the activity of the fierce Ketu, as well as the vile Rahu, was evident.

OMENS RELATING TO ANIMALS: O Kesava, in all the divisions of Duryodhana's army—amongst the steeds, elephants and soldiers—it is seen, that while small is the food these take, ample is their excreta, O Madhusudan.* The wise have said that this is an indication of defect. The elephants and steeds of the Pandavas, O Krishna, all seem to be cheerful, while all the animals wheel along their right. This also is an indication of their success. The same animals, O Kesava, pass by the left side of Duryodhana's army, while disembodied voices are constantly heard speaking from overhead. All these are indications of defeat.

*Passing irregular amounts of stool at the wrong times does not bode well.

FLOCKS OF BIRDS, DRUMS, SOUNDS FROM WELLS: All auspicious birds, such as peacocks, cranes, *chatakas* (hornbills), *jivajivas*, and large flights of *vakas* (ducks?) follow the Pandavas, while vultures, *kankas* (herons), hawks, *rakshasas*, wolves and bees—moving in flight or in herds—follow the Kauravas. The drums in the army of Dhritarashtra's son (Duryodhana) yield no sounds, while those of the Pandavas yield sounds even without being struck. The wells in the midst of Duryodhana's encampment send forth loud roars like those of huge bulls. All this is an indication of defeat.



VISIONS, CIRCLE ABOUT THE SUN, CRIES OF JACKALS: Flesh and blood fall from the sky, O Madhava, on Duryodhana's soldiers. Vapory edifices of great effulgence with high walls, deep trenches and handsome porches are suddenly appearing in the skies (over the Kuru encampment). A black circle surrounding the Sun has come into view. Both twilights at sunrise and sunset indicate great terrors. The jackals are yelling hideously. All this is an indication of defeat.



ONE-EYED BIRDS, FIERY APPARITIONS: Diverse birds—each having but one wing, one eye, and one leg—utter terrible cries. All this, O slayer of Madhu, indicates defeat. Fierce birds with black wings and red legs hover over the Kuru encampment at nightfall. All this is an indication of defeat. The soldiers of Duryodhana betray their hatred for *brahmanas* first, then for their preceptors and then for all their affectionate servants. The eastern horizon of (Duryodhana's encampment) appears red; the southern horizon has taken on the hue of weapons; and the western horizon, O Madhusudana, has taken on an earthy hue. All the quarters around Duryodhana's encampment seem, O Madhava, to be ablaze. By the appearance of all these portents great danger is indicated.

DOOMSDAY VISIONS: O Achyuta, in a vision I have seen Yudhishtira ascending with his brothers a palace supported by a thousand columns. All of them appeared with white turbans and dressed in white robes. And all of them appeared to me to be seated on white seats. In the midst of the same vision You, O Janardana, were covering the blood-dyed earth with weapons. Yudhishtira at the same time was of immeasurable energy and ascending upon a heap of bones. He was gladly eating buttered *payasa* (sweet rice) from a golden cup. I further beheld Yudhishtira swallowing the earth which You handed over to him. All these omens indicate that he will verily rule the earth. I saw that tiger among men of fierce deeds, Vrikodara (the “wolf-bellied” Bhima), standing on the summit with mace in hand as if devouring this earth. This plainly indicates that he will slay each one of us in fierce battle.

O lord of the senses, I know that victory dwells where righteousness is present. I saw also the wielder of the Gandiva bow Dhananjaya (Arjuna, “the winner of wealth”) seated on the back of a white elephant with You, O Hrishikesha, and with great beauty blazing forth from him. I have no doubt, O Krishna, that You will slay in battle all the kings headed by Duryodhana. I saw Nakula and Sahadeva along with that mighty car-warrior Satyaki who was adorned with white bracelets, white garlands, white robes and white armor about his chest and back. This tiger among men was seated upon excellent vehicles borne on the shoulders of men. And I saw that umbrellas were held over the heads of all the three. O Janardana, amongst the soldiers of Dhritarashtra's son I saw three of them decked with white turbans. Know, O Keshava, that those three were Aswatthaman, Kripa and Kritavarman of Satwata's race. All other kings, O Madhava, were seen by me to have blood-red head gear. I saw also, O Mighty Armed, that those mighty car-warriors Bhishma and Drona were ascending on a vehicle drawn by camels. O Janardana, Dhritarashtra's son and I proceeded to the quarter ruled by Agastya*. This indicates that we shall soon must proceed to Yama's abode. I have no doubt that I and the other kings—indeed, the entire assemblage of Kshatriyas—will enter into the Gandiva's fire.

*The south. Karna is drawing a parallel between the earth and the universe. Just as Aghastya crossed the Vindhyas and lived in *dakshina-desha*, so Yama's planet, the *mandir* of the dead, is in the southern part of the universe. There Yama is the ruler of the southern direction.

(Lord Shri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, replied) Indeed the destruction of the earth is at hand when My words, O Karna, have not been heeded by you. O sire, when the destruction of all creatures approaches, wrongfulness assuming the semblance of righteousness leaves not the heart.



Shri Krishna tells Arjuna to slay Karna, thus fulfilling Karna's dark prophetic vision

From the Bhagavata (SB 1.4.20)

*ṛg-yajuh-sāmātharvākhyā vedās catvāra uddhṛtāḥ
itihāsa-purāṇam ca pañcamo veda ucyate*

“The four divisions of the original sources of knowledge (the *Vedas*) were made separately. But the historical facts (*itihāsas* or *Mahabharata*) and authentic stories mentioned in the *Purāṇas* are called the fifth *Veda*.” ☞

Modern Miracles of the Hare Krishna Movement:

Taiwan Miracle Story

A reader sent us this remarkable essay from 20th March 2006. The devotee author is Lin Tulip of Taiwan.

Yashoda Mata's 85-year-old foster father passed away two months ago. During his stay in the hospital, Yashoda Mata prepared a tape recorder and played the Hare Krishna *mahamantra* all day long in his ward. Her foster father was actually in semi-coma, but miraculously when he heard the *mahamantra*,

gradually he awoke and with closed eyes he appeared to enjoying the music and the sound vibration. He started to follow the tempo by tapping his hand on the edge of his bed. His finger ring made the sound like “don, don, don...” He appeared as though he was absorbed in total meditation upon the *mahamantra*.

Suddenly he spoke, “Look! There is a huge five-clawed man, and his head looks just like a lion’s, he is coming into my ward. Don’t you see him? He is coming ...” The foster father still with eyes closed said “Oh, yes, I forgot you all cannot see him, but he is really here. I do not know who He is?”



At that moment Yashoda Mata and her daughters looked at each other in great surprise and answered. “Father, He is Lord Nrsimhadeva.” “What dev? I do not know Him. But He is nodding His head to tell me that He is.”

Yashoda Mata felt great ecstasy in hearing this for in her house she keeps a Deity of Lord Nrsimhadeva just like the one from Mayapur. She had been offering her heartfelt prayers to Him so that her father could leave the body without any attachment and that his soul can become Krishna’s devotee in his next birth. Continuously her father said, “Look, He is smiling at me and starting to speak again. Oh, He is telling me that I have to learn to chant what you are chanting now...What exactly are you chanting?”

He said, “It is a *mantra* to call the holy name of Lord.” Yashoda Mata replied, “I do not know what *mantra*, but please teach me,” he said. “All right father, please repeat after me and listen carefully:

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

Yashoda Mata taught her foster father word by word patiently. Without taking much time he learned, and chanted so nicely. The next day he passed away with tranquility.

During that weekend, we devotees here congregated together to do the *kirtan* for Yashoda Mata’s father at the memorial service. Yashoda Mata prepared the

prasadam garland, Ganga water, *tulasi*, and put *tilaka* on her father, which have all been done nicely and properly according to her Guru Maharaj H. H. Giridhari Swami's telephone instruction. Her foster father's face looked so peaceful, his cheeks were a little pink, and his body was soft. After some customary ceremonies he was taken for cremation.

A Few hours later the people who work in the memorial service came to us and exclaimed in amazement, "We have never seen anyone's ashes look so white and beautiful like jade as your father's! What happened to him? What were you chanting for him?"

"Could you write it down for us? We want to learn and we think we can also chant while doing our service here." Why the Lord Himself personally appeared before someone who we consider is not a devotee proves the shastric statement that if one is always engaged in the devotional service of the Lord, their family members will be benefited as well.

Thus Spake Shrila Prabhupada



Lord Nṛsimhadeva said, "My dear Prahlāda, not only your father, but your father's father, his father, up to fourteen generations, all are liberated. Because you are born in this family." So anyone who has become a Vaiṣṇava, a devotee of the Lord, he is giving the greatest service to the family. Because in relationship with him, his father, mother, anyone, they will be liberated. Just like we have got experience, if a person dies in the fight immaturely, his family is taken care of by the government. Similarly, to become a devotee is the greatest qualification. He has got everything. *Yatra yogeśvaro*

hariḥ yatra dhanur-dharaḥ pārthaḥ (Bg. 18.78). When there is Kṛṣṇa and when there is devotee, all victory, all glories are there. That is guaranteed."

Lecture on *Bhagavad-gita* 2.4-5, London, August 5, 1973 ♪

True Age of the Pyramids



Reader Natabara das Adhikary sent us this tidbit of overlooked historical evidence, now available on Youtube. This stuff is in the *Forbidden Archaeology* territory that Shriman Drutakarma das Prabhu and all Hare Krishna devotees love. New and undeniable proof of a far more ancient history of this Earth calls for the timetable of the pyramids to be adjusted back in time by well over six thousand years!

It is hard for us devotees to believe, but there are still millions of so-called educated creationists out there who think that the world was created some 10,000 years ago as God's beginning point in history. Or, there are similarly ignorant evolutionists who believe that man evolved from the monkey about that time.

A recent discovery of a celestial map in an 5-inch duct in the Great Pyramid of Cairo, as seen in the following video, proves that the gigantic tomb was not built in 2540 BCE but around 9200 BCE, far predating the present guesstimation that Egyptological scholars swear by. We urge you to consider the stunning evidence presented in this well-documented eight minute video on the true age of the largest structure in the world:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbztRHBauV4&feature=share> 

Tick Tock



Is time running out on your personal clock? Chant Hare Krishna!

Letters to the Editor

(Edited for brevity)

“Incredible Document of Astrological Analysis”



Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu and Mataji Abhaya Mudra dasi! Please accept my humble obeisances. Thank you very much, I was very happy to receive my Full Life Reading. Your whoistic approach covered all aspects of my life. It revealed my strengths and weaknesses. I thank you for all advice and suggestions. It is an incredible document of astrological analysis, which I will read many times more.

VP (Russia)

“Prabhupada is Pleased”

Dear Patita and Abhay prabhus
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I just want to take this opportunity to thank you so much for caring for the worldwide Vaishnava community so nicely with the brilliantly conceived and written astrological newsletters. I think you will forgive me for saying that Srila Prabhupada is very pleased with your sterling efforts. Well done dear friends
Much Love ~JD (UK)

“A Fan of the Newsletter”

Dear Prabhus,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to our dear Shrila Prabhupada! I've been a fan of your newsletter for sometime after being introduced to it by a friend. I have to admit that previously I was not at all a believer in the advantages of being aware of astrology, but I was not able to deny the effects of the planets after entering Saturn period, and became a “believer” the hard way.

I am visiting a small devotional community and many devotees here are in need of astrological help of different kinds. I am forwarding them to you, partly because you are in that general area of the world so you have the perspective to appreciate them, partly because you both work as a team- which I feel has advantages, and of course considering your depth of expertise and care you both take to help the devotees. There is a dire need for qualified counseling amongst devotees in general, but I am convinced that if a counselor is not aware of the astrological effects pounding on them, the “counseling” may totally miss the mark. Thank you for your service! Blessings from the Holy Dham!
Your humble servant,
KK (Mathura Dist.)

“Thanks for the Advice”

Dear prabhu,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Its been a long time since I was last in touch with you, if you recall, you'd mentioned about property buying only after Jan 15. 2012 (after the eclipse). Around the 16/17th Jan. we finalised our new home, and that also the exact location where we wanted in a residential area where there are other devotee friends living, which helps tremendously in terms of spiritual life through association and daily programs. Thank you for that advice!

Ys,
AG (London)

“Botched Surgery at Time of Eclipse”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu,

Please accept my most humble obeisances, and best wishes for your life in Krishna consciousness. As you know, the second recent eclipse hit the whole Pacific region and was visible for about 5 hours. Very bad. So we had an “eclipse party” at the local temple, that is, we stayed up chanting from 10:30 pm to 3:30 am and maybe abit more. It was not easy. Very difficult hours, but somehow we managed and about a dozen devotees joined us. Sadly, several devotees sat out in it during the seige. What to do?

We have a friend who had surgery about the time of the first eclipse, against our heartfelt protests, and the surgery was botched and who knows what will happen now? He told us, I dont believe in eclipses, and after nearly bleeding to death, he seemed anxious to know more about eclipses and planned to observe the second one. Its strange how people only have to learn only once from Rahu. There was a wedding in one temple on the eclipse day and the kitchen caught fire, and smoked up the whole kitchen and hall. Black as if Rahu had visited there.

What to do? We have to practice extreme detachment when we see something and the person refuses to hear it. I guess you have to do that too. Much love to you both,

Your servant and sister,
GD (USA)

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Shri Guru and Gauranga! Thanks for the heads up while sending the newsletter. Getting prepared for eclipse and future events to be able to continue devotional service without too much disturbance. Hari bol!

UG (Mexico)

“Like Looking in the Mirror for the First Time”

All glories to Shrila Prabhupada. I offer my deepest respect and most humble obeisances. I am overwhelmed by the kindness you and Abhaya have extended to me. Your thoroughness and concise detail in preparing this chart is truly impressive. It is like looking in the mirror for the first time.

I have read through my chart and am still digesting the vast amount of information presented while at the same time re-evaluating the events of my life with this new light of knowledge. With Krishna's mercy, I am realizing His influence in my life since before this birth. My grandfather foretold of my birth, describing me in great detail to my mother. When I was born, his vision was confirmed as I was exactly as he saw in his vision. There have been many, many events since my birth that I believed were orchestrated with divine intervention. So I began searching at the age of 13 with my first baptism. It took 40 years to find my way home.

I would also kindly request that you prepare my Astro-Cartography. I believe that will be a most valuable asset for my future. I will transfer the funds later this day. Your kindness and thoughtfulness to a much lower aspiring devotee is very humbling.

Hare Krishna
PK (USA)

“Kushakratha - No Idea Who We Are Dealing With”

Patita Prabhu,
Dandavats. All glories to Shrila Prabhupada. Thanks for the latest newsletter. Fantastic as always. I always look forward to that particular email of yours announcing the “new one.” Thanks for including the piece on Kushakratha Prabhu. It is always nice to appreciate our God-brothers. We have no idea who we're dealing with.

YF
SD (USA)

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu,
Great story on Kushakratha das Prabhu. It is good that he is acknowledged for who he is/was and what he has accomplished. There must be a few more humble devotees out there who have done wonderful things and were true mystics, so look forward to more pieces on these great devotees.

YS
RS (Hong Kong)

“Brilliant”

Abhaya's article on Lord SuryaNarayana is brilliant. Your May newsletter is awesome, the article on Kusakratha Prabhu is fascinating. My dandavats are to you both.

MD (USA)

“Newsletters are Essential”

Hare Krishna dear Patita Pavana Prabhu,

M obeisances to both of You. All glories all glories to Shrila Prabhupada. Your newsletters are essential so please continue your work and I pray to the Lord that dedicated devotees come forward and give support to your project. I was thinking there is the Vaishnava retreat at the Black Sea where we might meet.

Your servant,
DG (Germany)

“You Would Fall to the Ground”

Dear Prabhuji,

Hare krishna, dandavats. Thank you for the wonderful article that reveals through astrology how “Shrila Prabhupada was (is) an eternally liberated pure devotee who appeared on this earth as *acharya* for our deliverance. I heard about an incident involving a group of visiting Shree Vaishnavas meeting Giriraj dasa then-Brahmachari in 1970's I think, at Mumbai, when he was the assistant to Shrila Prabhupada.

In the absence of Prabhupada, these Shree Vaishnavas asked Giriraj Maharaj twice who Prabhupada was. Giriraj dasa then replied that Prabhupada was his Guru Maharaja. The Shree Vaishnavas then explained that just as their *acharya* Shripada Ramanuja (who was none other than the incarnation of Adishesa) had spread the Holy Names throughout Bharatavarsha, similarly who actually was Shrila Prabhupada, who has spread the Holy Names throughout the whole world?

Giriraj dasa then understood the query but could not reply. After a couple of days finding a suitable moment when Prabhupada returned to Mumbai, Giriraj dasa asked Prabhupada who he really was? To which Shrila Prabhupada replied, “If I tell you then you will fall down on the ground.”

Your servant
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**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare**