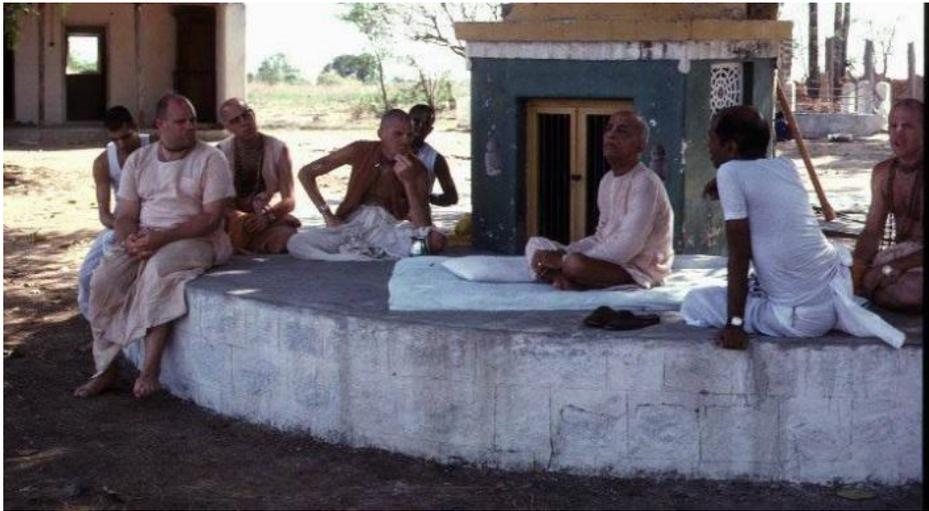


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“In *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* you will find many things which are foretold. There is mention of Lord Buddha’s appearance and Lord Kalki’s appearance. There is also mention of Lord Chaitanya’s appearance. Although the *Bhagavatam* was written five thousand years ago, the writer knew past, present, and future (*tri-kala-jnana*), and thus he could predict all these events with perfect accuracy.”
(Shrila Prabhupada, *Journey of Self Discovery*, 6.4)

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

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Dear Prabhus,

Dandavats to the Vaishnavas—and welcome to the issue. Just as the seasons are important elements of a year, so the *yuga* cycles are important in considering Vedic astrology. Macrocosms are made of microcosms. Ancient texts describe astrological combinations that the planets can no longer form such as Sun and Mercury in opposition. In other words, even the planets move differently in different ages. And in the present Iron Age of Quarrel and Discord—Kali Yuga—the demonic Kali can even appear to control the planets. Indeed many so-called astrologers, *gurus*, world leaders, etc. are little more than mouthpieces of this shadowy figure named Kali. In the lead article of this issue of **The Astrological Newsletter** Shrimati Abhaya Mudra Dasi reveals how Kali functions and, most importantly, how his influences can be transcended.

There's a lot more, too, and we thank you one and all for having a look.

Yours at the lotus feet of the servants of Shrila Prabhupada,

Patita Pavana dasa Adhikary, Ed.

Deciphering the Codes of Kali

Abhaya Mudra Dasi

O learned one, in this iron age of Kali men have but short lives. They are quarrelsome, lazy, misguided, unlucky and, above all, always disturbed. (SB 1.1.10)

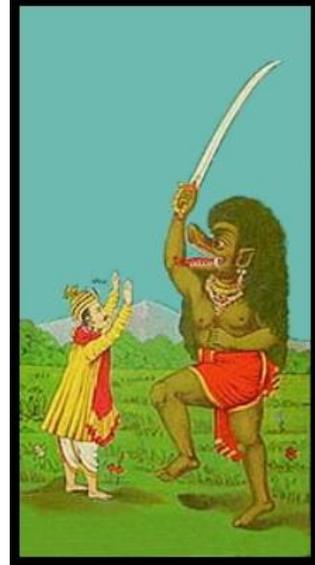
Rule of Kali

Many have tried to pinpoint the origin of the world's evils. In the game of finger-pointing, one group always blames another. Frequently named culprits include the Vatican, Washington DC, London bankers, and Hollywood. Others point to secret societies, Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Then there are the world corporations and the financial institutions that run them. Many simply accuse unqualified world leaders who opportunely act like bumbling idiots whenever it becomes convenient.

Yet few can pinpoint the original cause of their suffering and the problems of the world. Shрила Prabhupada sums it up, "When there are too many materialistic activities by the people in general all over the world, there is no wonder that a person or a nation attacks another person or nation on slight provocation. That is the rule of this age of Kali or quarrel."

The first canto of *Shrimad Bhagavatam* gives the full picture and names the supreme ruler of this Age of Quarrel and Discord as the demon Kali. As Shрила Prabhupada points out in his Purport to *SB 1.1.16*, "The age of Kali is the most condemned age due to its quarrelsome features. Kali-yuga is so saturated with vicious habits that there is a great fight at the slightest misunderstanding."

According to *Mahabharata*, Kali was born from the back of Brahma. He is the grandfather of Svarochita Manu, the second Manu in the present day of Brahma. Kali has the mystic power of transferring himself from one body to the next making his hidden intentions and clandestine influences difficult to spot. Therefore blaming a particular community or even a conspiratorial group as the sole cause for the problems in Kali Yuga is an oversight. Kali's mystic power is to thrive under the guise of different religions or creeds, countries or genders, races or nationalities. He even infiltrates the sacred



order of the *brahmanas* for the sake of misleading society and sending the entire world to hell. In this age his draconian influences are found everywhere.

Kali and the Tamil Tradition



There is an interesting account from Tamil lore about the birth of Kali. When Kali was born he appeared so terrifying that the demigods asked Lord Vishnu to destroy him. Then and there the Supreme Lord cut him into six pieces. Those six pieces consequently appear in six successive *yugas* of which the present *yuga* is the last. Each of the six forms was destroyed by different incarnation of Lord Vishnu. The fifth of these forms was the Kaurava King Duryodhana who appeared at the end of the previous Dwapara Yuga. Although he was not actually slain by Lord Vishnu, he was killed by Pandava Bhimsena under the personal direction of Shri Krishna. The last and sixth portion of Kali is described as the most vicious form of the demon.

All of the six forms of Kali are meant to facilitate the pastimes of Shri Krishna in the material universe. In *Bhagavad-gita* (4.7) the Lord explains to Arjuna:

*yada yada hi dharmasya glanir bhavati bhārata
abhyutthanam adharmasya tadatmanam sṛjamy aham*

Whenever and wherever there is a decline in religious practice, O descendant of Bharata, and a predominant rise of irreligion—at that time I descend Myself.

According to the Tamil tradition, the 6th portion of Kali who resides in this Kali Yuga was created by Lord Shiva. Before his birth in this *yuga*, Kali requested a form in which he would not be killed as he was in earlier times. Otherwise he would refuse to appear. Rather he would create havoc for the demigods throughout the universe who will also have difficulty spotting his presence. Thus Lord Shiva tricked him into being born in a body that in some ways appears to resemble the all-attractive attributes of Lord Vishnu. In other words, just as the Lord is all-attractive to His devotees, so the sinful Kali is attractive to almost all people in Kali Yuga.

In this incarnation, Kali was not born by a normal birth. He appeared out of the ground, inauspiciously emerging feet first from the earth. For this reason

his head became stuck for a long time in the soil. And due to this incident Kali himself becomes confused about his own identity. In this way he affects the people of this age in similar fashion. Due to his influence they can not actually fathom their real identity. With their minds boggled, they have lost their historic roots and are unaware of their actual duties. They do not know to which caste, nationality, race or sometimes even gender that they belong to. Thus Kali easily provokes enmity between confused factions and confounded individuals, since their own identifications are locked in illusion. The people of Kali Yuga are unaware that they are servants of Shri Krishna since the presence of the Supreme Lord appears lost to them in this age. In this way the atheistic population takes shelter of atheistic science and philosophies controlled by Kali and conclude that there is no God.

In previous *yugas* the almighty Lord Vishnu personally came to annihilate Kali. But in this *yuga* the *yuga avatara* Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is not inclined to physically kill the demons. This is seen in the incident of Jagai and Madai as described in *Shri Chaitanya Charitamrita (Adi-lila 17.17)*, and summarized by Shrila Prabhupada in the ninth chapter of *Nectar of Devotion*.

When the present or sixth portion of Kali was born, Shiva decided to bless him as happens with every newborn. Kali requested boons that guaranteed he will appear well educated, intelligent, artistic and cultured. At that time Lord Vishnu also appeared in front of him and Kali asked the Supreme Lord for His crown and *chakra*. Since the intelligent Vishnu appeared in front of Kali in the form of a beggar, He could also able beg from Kali. Shri Vishnu begged back His *chakra* and His crown. He then placed curses upon them and returned these items to Kali in form of money. Today we see that money is the main force of Kali Yuga. However since money has been cursed, it ultimately leads one to realizing the nature of Kali Yuga. Shrila Prabhupada often admonished his leaders not to hoard money, but to make a million dollars every day and to immediately invest it in Krishna's service. That means spending towards expanding temples and *sankirtana*, for *prasadam* distribution and printing and distributing of books. In this way the money would be invested in a making the world a more suitable place for everyone.

Lord Vishnu also told Kali that if he harms any beggars in Kali Yuga he will lose his power. Thus we see that the Kali's powerful and chosen elite are very careful not to loose their power. To maintain their status, they involve themselves in all kinds of charitable activities for the needy such as feeding the poor, opening hospitals or providing emergency relief. Despite the

outward show, such altruism may also reflect the influence of Kali Yuga if they are not presented in a Krishna conscious way. Charitable activities performed without the advantage of genuine Vedic knowledge do not actually help the eternal soul to realize his position as servant of the Supreme Lord Shri Krishna. In fact, they usually merely add to the power of Kali under the false guise of mundane altruism. As proof of their collusion with Kali we can simply look at the fantastic salaries that leaders of many so-called charities take home, or examine their fabulous life styles.

Indeed, the real beggars in Kali Yuga are the devotees of the Lord who go out on *sankirtana* to chant the Holy Names of Shri Krishna for His pleasure, and to distribute Vaishnava literature such as *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*. These rare *mahatmas* have realized that they do not actually own anything since they know that everything belongs to Shri Krishna. The begging of a devotee amounts to beseeching the world to become Krishna conscious through chanting Hare Krishna. Each pure devotee's only wish is to engage everyone and everything in the service of the Supreme Lord.

As Kali is confused, he may forget his own interests and try to harm the real beggars of this world, Shrila Prabhupada's holy army of devotees—although he know that his powers will become diminished if he interferes with the devotees. Therefore there is no need for devotees to be fearful. They must preach boldly and without unnecessary compromise, fully certain that their *yagna* will please the Supreme Lord and his demigod representatives while chasing away the darkness of Kali. Even if Kali attempts to harm them, his powers will be lost and the *sankirtana* army will prosper and grow stronger.

Lord Shiva's Boons upon Kali

The following is a list of a few of the boons that Kali received at birth from Lord Shiva and which empower him to control the people of this Yuga:

Powers and features of Lord Siva: Kali will appear in the feature of destruction. In this age many things are built up only to be torn down.

Powers and features of Shakti: Women will become powerful in Kali Yuga. Immoral members of the fair gender control the world through films, fashion, television, entertainment, politics, etc.

Power of Austerity: Austerities in Kali Yuga are mostly performed in *tama guna* for not only blind material advancement but for gaining control over the masses.

Power and features of Lakshmi: People will boast of false prosperity, including primitive cars, electronic gadgetry, dining out, paper currency, plastic items, home loans, credit cards, etc.

Power and features of the *devas*: People worship false icons, including Hollywood, Bollywood, sports, music, fashion, Nobel laureates, politics, etc.

Power and features of Yama: People are always fearful of death and in this way they are controlled by life insurance, false promises of created religions, police, science and medicine.

Power and features of Saraswati: People will appear learned but in fact they will be greatly confused about their origins and will invent scientific theories (like evolution or the big bang). Education becomes a study of impractical subjects and useless scientific-sounding mental speculation.

Power and features of Ganesha: For whoever submits to Kali difficulties will appear to be easily removed and for this reason many big demons prosper and appear to live easily (before departing for the hellish regions).

Power and features of Kartikeya: Armies will appear very capable of war. In fact war is waged only be for the purpose of destruction since the governments are bereft of genuine *kshatriya* principles of warfare. Senseless killing will be waged in the name of protecting the citizens by *shudras* posing as military leaders. Countries are destroyed in the name of freedom.

Power to screen the activities of Paramatma: People will attempt the surveillance activities of others while remaining blind to the soul.

Qualities and features of prophets: Many false religions are created in Kali Yuga, and each of them poses as the only way to understand the Absolute Truth. Someone calculated that there are 30,000 Christian sects.

Power and features of the whole universe: Each person will consider himself as the center of the universe while assuming that he understands everything about its origins and reaching its limits.

The technique of transferring from one body to another: Kali can easily live and influence the masses by living in their bodies.

The technique of destroying the world by serious diseases and robbery: In this age epidemics in the form of diseases and plunder run rampant.

The technique of making the whole world fall asleep by which he might fulfill his needs: The technique of hypnotizing is being used by the mass media. Media mass hypnosis involves presenting different points of view for the sake of keeping the populace ignorant of the central truth of any given situation. A further technique of Kali's media is repetition of the same message stated in different ways to make it sound reasonable. People are also bamboozled by the entertainment industry, and cannot even recognize their own miserably compromised situations on the road to hell.

The capability of sensing danger: Kali can abruptly change his tactics in such a way that he is never caught.

The technique of controlling one's power of speech: Kali is a master of persuasion who controls the politically-correct mind police.

The technique of separating husband and wife: Women have been made to appear falsely equal to men (and vice versa) and thus the family union is being rapidly destroyed by forcing women to work as slaves for ungrateful bosses. Further, Kali also confuses the roles of men and women by creating androgynous creatures who are baffled even about their own gender.

The technique of creating frustration among common folk by which to destroy them: People only see the differences of one another rather than understanding their equality as spirit souls. By dividing them through using their bodily differences through a form of supposed liberal egalitarianism, Kali easily controls them and incites them to vote as he likes.

The technique of killing by practicing magic: Kali can use soft power to kill others by giving people perks like cell phones, internet, luxury cars, etc. all of which appear to be magical. In fact in these devices are embedded with harmful sounds and rays that can kill, as well as eavesdropping technology.

The technique of arresting the actions of Nature: Kali is controlling the weather through wicked devices like HAARP, chemtrails, burning huge amounts of oil (the lifeblood of the earth), and giant dams—each of which cause havoc in the world.

The manipulation of the embryo: This is created through demonic science in the form of microbiology, abortions, planned parenthood, etc.

The rules and regulations for practicing witchcraft, black magic etc: Some are fooled into thinking that practicing the left-handed paths of *tantra*,

vama marga, wicca, voodoo, etc. can save them, but instead they become voluntary victims of Kali's worst punishments.

The capability of controlling and creating desires: People are controlled and directed into a never-ending stream of consumer goods, each one "better and more advanced" than the last.

The rules and regulations of *puja*: People are induced into false systems of religion that are composed of invented, speculative and concocted forms of worship.

The technique of floating on water and fire: Mystic powers are achieved through technology. The oceans are filled with huge party boats and war ships, while in the sky giant aircraft filled with sense gratifiers or bomb-dropping airships are flying about here and there.

The capability to land on and control the Moon: America's Moon landing hoax was a merely another shadowy scam of a Kali-controlled government for robbing the people through raising taxes upon them.

The techniques of commanding and controlling animals: Millions and millions of animals are being tortured *daily* in the name of so-called medical research and supposed consumer safety.

The techniques to control the planets and astrological phenomena which might disturb him: Kali is expert in creating planetary wars and other phenomenon like comets that are described as being inauspicious and signal the birth of demons. The Sun is the chief amongst astrology's *nava-grahas*. In Kali Yuga the rays of the Sun become scorching or even poisonous due to the influence of Kali. Kali pollutes the water which serves as fuel for the Sun and pollutes the air which filters his rays. In this way the Sun becomes angry and he contributes to the miseries inflicted on human beings. By confusing the different solar calendars, Kali has also created many useless forms of astrology and ignorant astrologers posing as cheap *gurus*.

The formula of curing disease (medicine): In Kali Yuga people are kept in poor health on the pretext of needing to consume large doses of medicines daily that promise magic cures. In fact, such "remedies" only control the disease but cannot cure anything. Even if the unsuspecting patients are not sick, doctors create some syndrome to accommodate their consumer mentality, and to hook them on psychotropic pills forever. For this the psychiatric doctors even target small children with mind-altering drugs and turn them into killing machines.

The forms of Trimurti—the technique of knowing origins of Vishnu, Shiva and Brahma and commanding them: By the powers of Maya, the shadowy Kali will appear capable of creation, maintenance and destruction according to his own will.

The birth of *devatas*: Some agents of Kali will be artificially made to appear to possess superhuman influence, beauty, riches, knowledge and fame.

The formula and technique of flying: People will fly in the sky but with very crude oil-burning machines that have a high frequency rate of crashing onto the ground.

The formula of commanding various demigods: Kali will easily control the false gods of consumerism, media, science, education, religion and medicine that he has created.

The formula of screening: Kali will seem to know what is best in any given situation: best candidate for president, best solution for any given problem and so on. Those who have fallen under his power will enjoy a false sense of assuredness that they have made the “right” decision by his influence.

The formula for commanding Shri Vishnu: To the faithless atheists the sinister Kali will appear even greater than the all-pervasive Supreme Lord Vishnu. At the same time, the Vaishnavas or devotees of Shri Krishna will appear in the world as insignificant beggars even though they are engaged in the highest welfare activities of saving fortunate souls who are meant for deliverance from the evil clutches of Kali Yuga.

The formula for commanding Shakti: Women will be confused about their duties in this ways the universal femininity of motherhood and nourishment will fall under the control of Kali. Rather than for maintaining the sanctity of the home, the feminine principle will also be employed for seduction and mass control through a sex-oriented media which seeks to “liberate” women by turning them into slaves of depraved men.

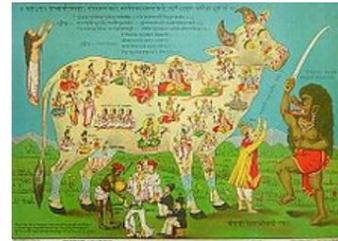
The formula for knowing future destinies: Kali will predict what will happen and will plant clues in movies, TV and in books and then execute what has been foretold there. All this has been already planned by him well in advance. But since his plans are known only to his few elects, his predictions will appear as miracles.

The technique of stopping various exploding weapons and escaping from them: Kali influence creates terrible machines of war that bomb innocent people while keeping cowardly soldiers who launched the missiles or dropped bombs at a safe distance in airplanes or battleships.

The formula for controlling various venomous beings: Kali uses different poisons to control the world through biological warfare which is also called disease control. “Disease control” does not refer to controlling diseases, but rather to controlling how it is surreptitiously spread. Kali gives the atheistic scientists the intelligence to create virus-caused epidemics and then forces the world to accept a litany of vaccinations as a supposed defense against created epidemics. Kali uses guinea pigs in the form of infants, the elderly and persons from third world countries for such ploys.

Kali in Mahabharata

“The activities (of King Parikshit) are ... wonderful because he chastised Kali, who was attempting to kill a cow. To kill cows means to end human civilization. He wanted to protect the cow from being killed by the great representative of sin.”
(*Bhaktivedanta Purport SB 1.4.9*)



According to tales from the *Mahabharata* and the *Markandeya Purana*, Kali first appeared as a *gandarva*. In the *Mahabharata* it is related how he attended the *swayamvara* marriage ceremony of Princess Damayanti to which all other demigods had been welcomed. However, Kali arrived late.

Jealousy is certainly prominent in the demigods from the *gandarvas* or heavenly musicians right up to the king of heaven Indra. When Kali discovered that Damayanti had chosen Nala, a mere human, for her husband he was raging with envy and decided to break Nala in every possible way. He adopted different methods by which to load the dice at the royal gambling matches. Nala lost the game of dice in which he had bet his entire kingdom including his new bride. Later Damayanti retrieved her husband through her chastity and she cursed anyone who was involved in her husband's downfall to become a demon. In this way a *gandharva* was turned into the demonic Kali, and was reborn with evil intentions from the back of Lord Brahma the creator. Since being cursed by Damayanti, he has kept his enmity with humans and enjoys punishing them in every possible way due to his disgrace.

[Read the full narration of Nala and Damayanti as it was told to the Pandavas during vanavasam by Sage Brihadhasva here: Condensed version <http://www.sacred-texts.com/hin/iml/iml25.htm>; Or read the full Nalopakhya Parva of Mahabharata here: <http://www.sacred-texts.com/hin/m03/m03052.htm>.]

Lord Shiva has blessed Kali with immunity from death for the length of Kali Yuga, although at the end of the *yuga* he will get his comeuppance via the steel sword of Lord Kalki.

Although the dark influence of Kali will be felt throughout this *yuga*, for the coming 10,000 years his cursed presence will be greatly diminished. This loss of his influence is entirely due to the advent of Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu—and the Krishna Consciousness movement inaugurated by Shrila Prabhupada. The chanting of the Holy Names of Shri Krishna is the direct mercy of the Supreme Lord that not only diminishes the influence of Kali, but it places the Lord’s sincere devotees in direct contact with Shri Krishna. The chanting of the holy name is the only way for gaining positive results and for overcoming the ill effects of Kali Yuga.



The mighty King Parikshit chastised and banished Kali for harming a cow and a bull. The Kalki Purana describes Kali as “huge, the color of soot, and with a large tongue, and a terrible stench.”

Devotees are well acquainted with the episode of King Parikshit’s encounter with Kali beating a bull as related in the first canto of the *Bhagavata*. King Parikshit drew his sword, but Kali begged from the king to spare his life.

Since Maharaja Parikshit could not kill one who had taken shelter of him, he exiled Kali to several designated places:

*suta uvacha: abhyarthitas tada tasmai sthanani kalaye dadau
dyutam panam striyah suna yatradharmash chatur-vidhah*

Suta Goswami said: Maharaja Parikshit, thus being petitioned by the personality of Kali, gave him permission to reside in places where gambling, drinking, prostitution and animal slaughter were performed. (*SB* 1.17.38)

From the above verse we can see that today Kali has gained an enormous influence. The only way to counteract these vices is through taking shelter of the Holy Names of the Lord and following the four regulative principles of no meat eating, no gambling, no intoxication and no illicit sex.

The bull is the personification of *dharma*, the representative of true religiosity. Protecting the cow and the bull, the beloved animals of Shri Krishna, is also a very important for overcoming the influence of Kali Yuga. The cow is like a mother and the bull is like the father to the humankind. Through their services the needs of human beings are fulfilled. But in Kali Yuga the milk of the cow has become tainted due to the shameful treatment of cows as cattle meant for slaughter. Human beings suffer numerous diseases as result of the terrible ways cows are fed and raised. As another trap of *maya*, many are attempting to totally renounce milk products instead of promoting the protection of cows and bulls as per Vedic instructions.

When the influence of Kali finally becomes somewhat diminished, the following by-products of *dharma* will become visible. These are mentioned in the 7th chapter of *Vishnu Purana* as the personifications of the grand daughters of Daksha, each of whom married Dharma. As the control of Kali lifts, their gracious influence will gradually begin to pervade the atmosphere.

The Progeny of Dharma by the Daughters of Daksha

By Sraddha Dharma fathered Kama (desire);

By Lakshmi, Darpa (pride);

By Dhriti, Niyama (precept);

By Tushti, Santosha (contentment);

By Pushti, Lobha (cupidity);

By Medha, Shruta (sacred tradition);

By Kriya, Danda, Naya, and Vinaya (correction, polity, and prudence);

By Buddhi, Bodha (understanding);

By Lajja, Vinaya (good behaviour);

By Vapu, Vyavasaya (perseverance).
By Santi, Kshema (prosperity);
By Siddhi, Sukha (enjoyment); and
By Kirti, Yashas (reputation).

The son of Dharma, Káma had Hersha (joy) by his wife Nandi (delight).



We think that we have met Your Goodness by the will of providence, just so that we may accept you as captain of the ship for those who desire to cross the difficult ocean of Kali, which deteriorates all the good qualities of a human being. (SB 1.1.22)

In the current *yuga* Kali appears to be omnipresent. He has been vested with tremendous influence by the demigods. His greatest weapon is illusion by which he engages the world in the game of pointing their fingers at different groups or individuals in order to keep discord and quarrel alive. To overcome his influence a person must attain to real knowledge. As explained in *Shrimad Bhagavatam* (6.1.11) the power of knowledge is the weapon that can destroy ignorance:

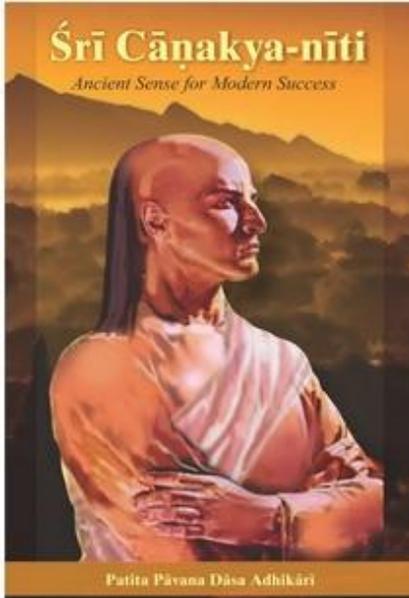
shri-badarayanir uvacha
karmana karma-nirharo na hyatyantika ishyate
avidvad-adhikarivvat prayashcittam vimarshanam

“Shukadeva Goswami, the son of Vedavyasa, replied: My dear King (Parikshit), since acts meant to neutralize impious actions are also fruitive, they will not release one from the tendency to act fruitively. Persons who subject themselves to the rules and regulations of atonement are not at all intelligent. Indeed, they are in the mode of darkness. Unless one is freed from the mode of ignorance, trying to counteract one action through another is useless because this will not uproot one’s desires. Thus even though one

may superficially seem pious, he will undoubtedly be prone to act impiously. Therefore real atonement can only be enlightenment in perfect knowledge, *Vedanta*, by which one understands the Supreme Absolute Truth.”

Supreme Controller is none other than Lord Krishna Himself and Kali is actually powerless before Him and His devotees. As Prajapati Daksha prays in his Hamsa Guhya Prayers (SB 6.4.31) “Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto the all-pervading Supreme Personality of Godhead, who possesses unlimited transcendental qualities. Acting from within the cores of the hearts of all philosophers, who propagate various views, He causes them to forget their own souls while sometimes agreeing and sometimes disagreeing among themselves. Thus He creates within this material world a situation in which they are unable to come to a conclusion. I offer my obeisance unto Him.” ॐ

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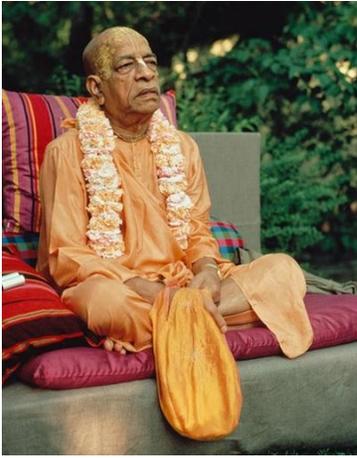
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From the sacred Bhagavata we can discover many things about the planets that control material Nature. We can also learn how the lunar landing claimed by the Americans is an impossibility. As Shrila Prabhupada says, Lord Vishnu expands as the demigods known as Agni, Vayu, Surya and Chandra, who are simply parts and parcels of His body (SB 5.20.3-4, Bhaktivedanta Purport) ...

Worship of Soma

The Demigod of the Moon Planet

Since the Moon demigod is an expansion of Lord Vishnu, he is worthy of worship as seen in the following Bhagavata verses and purport.



“Strictly following the cult of *varnashrama-dharma*, the inhabitants of those islands* who are known as Shrutidharas, Viryadharas, Vasundharas and Ishandharas, all worship the expansion of the Supreme Personality of Godhead named Soma, the Moon-god.” (SB 5.20.11)

**“Those islands” refers to the seven tracts of land that were divided by the son of King Priyavrata, King Yagnabahu.*

(The inhabitants of Shalmalidwipa worship the demigod of the Moon with the following words)

“By his own rays, the Moon-god has divided the month into two fortnights, known as *shukla* and *krishna**, for the distribution of food grains to the *pitras* and to the demigods. The demigod of the Moon is he who divides time, and he is the king of all the residents of the universe. We therefore pray that he may remain our king and guide, and we offer him our respectful obeisances.” (SB 5.20.12)

**Shukla and krishna refer to the waxing or “white” fortnight and the waning of “dark” fortnight. They are known as the Moon’s pakshas, or “wings” and are like two wings of a pakshi or bird.*

The Bhagavata teaches that the Moon is the Lord of all vegetation, and simultaneously shows us how the bluffing scientists did not go to the Moon.

My dear King Parikshit, when Soma, the king of the trees and predominating deity of the Moon, saw the fire and wind burning all the trees to ashes, he felt great sympathy because he is the maintainer of all herbs and trees... (SB 6.4.6)

Bhaktivedanta Purport: It is understood from this verse that the predominating deity of the Moon is the maintainer of all the trees and plants

throughout the universe. It is due to the moonshine that trees and plants grow very luxuriantly. Therefore how can we accept the so-called scientists whose Moon expeditions have informed us that there are no trees or vegetation on the Moon? Shrila Vishwanatha Chakravarti Thakura says, *somo vrikshadhishthata sa eva vrikshanan raja*: Soma, the predominating deity of the Moon, is the king of all vegetation. How can we believe that the maintainer of vegetation has no vegetation on his own planet? ♪

Shrila Prabhupada explains ...

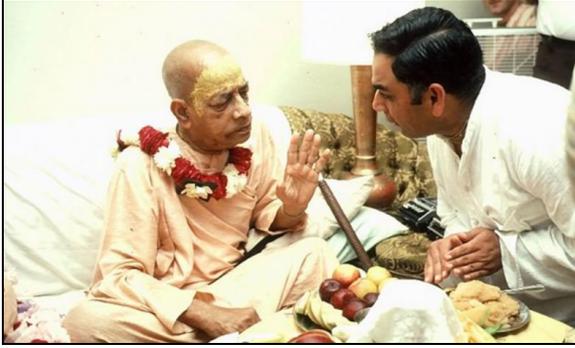
Hasta Samudrika Shastra:

The Science of Palmistry in a Nutshell

In a letter dated 28 October, 1969, Shrila Prabhupada explained the science of palmistry which is called *hasta samudrika shastra*. *Hasta* means “hand” and *samudrika* means “pertaining to the ocean” which refers to the Garbhodakashayi Ocean. This is the sea of Lord Vishnu’s divine perspiration upon which the Lord floats with Sheshanaga as His couch. At the beginning of creation great sages gathered by the side of Lord Vishnu in order to read and interpret the marks on His all-transcendent body. Since that time palmistry and the reading of physical marks in general has become known as *hasta samudrika shastra*.

Shrila Prabhupada wrote in a letter dated 28 October 1969: “There are markings on the chest and feet of the Personality of Godhead. That is the distinction between Him and ordinary living entities. Just like in our palms there are certain marks for a particular person indicating his fame and fortune. Similarly the Supreme Personality of Godhead has got certain signs on His Lotus Feet which are unique for Him only, and they are not to be found in ordinary living entities. In Vaikuntha all the inhabitants have exactly the same bodily features as Narayana, but Narayana is made distinct by the marks on His chest and lotus feet. The Goddess of Fortune recognizes Her husband by these symptoms. That is the version of devotees.”

In *Shrimad Bhagavatam* (5.18. 23) Goddess Lakshmi praised Her Husband with the following prayer: “O infallible one, Your lotus palm is the source of all benedictions. Therefore Your pure devotees worship it, and You very mercifully place Your hand on their heads.



In this photograph the elevated mounds and length of the fingers of Shri Prabhupada's left hand are evident.

I wish that You may also place Your hand on My head, for although You already bear my insignia of golden streaks on Your chest, I regard this honor as merely a kind of false prestige for me. You show Your real mercy to Your devotees, not to me. Of course, You are the supreme absolute controller, and no one can understand Your motives.” ॐ

Is the science-based dream of a world that can control Nature about to turn into a nightmare—a world from which waking up is almost impossible? Forty-five years ago, one American author predicted with stunning accuracy our plight in the 21st Century ...

Coming End of the Dream

Author Philip Wylie penned his prophetic novel *The End of the Dream* about the last days of our science-dependent so-called civilization in the late 1960's. He died in 1971, and the book was published to widespread acclaim a year or two after his death. Though presented as a futuristic sci-fi narrative, his words are prophetic as any reader with 20 / 20 hindsight can recognize. What follows are a few quotes from the text, though we urge readers to pick up their own copy of Wylie's *The End of the Dream* and see today's world through the eyes of a long-departed seer.

“By 1970 it was estimated that industry and allied human activities were dumping into the environment at least *half a million chemical compounds*, many of incredible complexity of which tens of thousands were known or could be surely predicted to have toxic effects on some species. None of these five hundred thousand diverse chemicals was of the sort that existed in Nature, so that all life forms encountering any *one* of them would have no genetic or inherent capability for managing to co-exist with the substance. These additives ended up in the seas, brought by rivers, runoff or rain. And while some of them were small in quantity, thousands and thousands of them went to the sea by thousands or *tens* of thousands of *tons*.

“Finally, not only were their effects unknown, though sure to be deleterious in some mammoth, undreamable degree, but the seas themselves were a chemical factory. That is to say, these alien materials were certain to be intermingled and to form ‘x’ thousands of different, *additional* compounds unknown to science.” (pp 34-5)

“The American public is under severe and constant stress owing to known disasters and odd ecological reports. With the rapid increase of nuclear reactors under the rush program presumably demanded by electric power demands, there is bound to be an increase in planning, design, construction and operating faults. To date, the many and increasing numbers of minor nuclear accidents have been effectively belittled or even hushed up. The two now under consideration involve a far larger number of victims and much wider area than past mishaps. Others of far greater magnitude are probable, not open to concealment by whatever ‘cover yarns’ or policing may be used.” (p. 91)

“RIVER EXPLODES! WORLD’S WORST DISASTER”

“**Cleveland, O. August 6, 1979.** At 10:10 this morning Cleveland was devastated by an explosion (in the Cuyahoga River) so cataclysmic it was attributed to an atomic bomb. A ring of fire as much as two miles across now rages on the perimeter of an area of total ruin and thousands of smaller fires elsewhere in Greater Cleveland are still burning. More than one hundred thousand people are dead or missing and the number of the injured cannot as yet even be estimated. Beyond the area of total destruction in the city core is a ring of fire, and farther out building walls are still collapsing and flames are still spreading, and both are taking their toll.” (p. 119)

Forty-five years ago when Wylie’s prophetic rant posthumously appeared, his writings were taken by many as science fiction. After all, who had heard of a river exploding? Only today what he wrote sounds more like frequent headlines on the *Daily News*. And things grow worse as it becomes apparent that trusting atheistic science is the downfall of the modern age. Through his sagacious vision, Wylie was aware of something few cared to recognize way back when, and now that his vision has become a reality in thousands of ways, it appears that mankind has truly approached the “end of the dream.”

Kali Yuga is a time when the stronger men declare a de facto war on the weaker female. Mother cow is raised only for slaughter. Daughters are raised to become prostitutes as soon as they come of age. Women are forced to endure plastic surgery or to undergo sinful abortions. The Earth Mother is repeatedly raped with dangerous drilling for oil, fracking, damming of rivers, polluted run-offs, insecticides, chemical fertilizers, chemtrails, weather manipulation, mining and other unnecessary outrages, while entire forests are denuded. The holy *Vedas*, the mother of truth, is assailed by Mayavadis who atheistically assert that there is no personal God in control.

Back in 1970 few other than Wylie ever considered that waterways, the veins of mother Earth, could catch fire. *Just as in Wylie's book Ohio's Cuyahoga River was declared a fire hazard and then exploded, now kitchen tap water can be ignited in areas where fracking is allowed. The handwriting is on the wall.*



The Astrological Newsletter has time and again shared the warnings given by our own great Guru Maharaja, a modern prophet, who also gave the solution in the form of simple living and high thinking on collective self-sufficient Krishna conscious farms.

The planet Saturn will enter Sagittarius in a little over two years and by the time he transits the sign of the bowman, a wise person will find himself ensconced in a relatively safe and self-sufficient environment. ♃

Thanks to kind reader Gupta dasa Prabhu for sending me a copy of The End of the Dream at my request.

Letters to the Editor

(Edited for conciseness)



“Happily Married with a Son”

Hari bol prabhuji,

Yes, we got married last year. We sent our horoscopes to you for matching and you suggested to us that we should go ahead with the marriage. So we are happily married now. And this year we are blessed with a baby boy and we would like you to prepare the horoscope of our son. Thank you for everything.

Ys, G (Mumbai)

One of the efficacies of matching charts is that when the husband and wife are astrologically compatible, good progeny appears more easily. This is the wisdom of the ancient devotee sages like Parashara Muni who laid down the tenets of Vedanga Jyotisha for the benefit of all mankind. –Ed.

“Needs Full Life Readings for Entire Family”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu,

Firstly I would like to thank you for your newsletters, which I always find very interesting. I am originally from Peru but been living abroad for several years. The reason for my letter is because I am very interested in obtaining from you astrological readings for my husband, my daughter and myself.

Thank you for taking your time to read this email.

Looking to hearing from you, Hare Krishna!

Ys, DD (Australia)

“Article on Biblical Prophecies was Amazing”

Dear Abhaya Mudra Dasi,

Your article on the prophecies of the *Book of Revelations* (Feb-March issue) was amazing. I really loved this article so much so I printed and filed it and I intend to make a study of it. This sort of thing is right up my ally so, please, please do send me more! We should all be knowledgeable in this subject. Many people do not realize that Shrila Prabhupada knew the *Bible*. I got wind of that fact from a *Back To Godhead* article wherein he quoted a few Biblical verses.

So keep these types of articles coming and I will read them all. This is a Feast for my brain and mind. I really enjoyed these scholarly publications. Not very often I find anything so rich—most of what we find today is mud-slinging gossip about who did what and the sort. Again, I really enjoyed your article.

Jai Shrila Prabhupada.

Your ever well wisher,

JD (USA)

Yes! We agree that as devotees we can be knowledgeable in various scriptures, as long as first and foremost our understanding of our spiritual master's writings is firm. –Ed.

“Changed Our Lives”

Hare Krishna, All glories to Shrila Prabhupada! Please accept my humble obeisances....and with gratitude over and over for your guidance via our life readings last year. I can not tell you how many times we both have reflected back on them only to feel a boost of Krishna guidance through your words. Thank you so much for your service. It truly has changed our lives. Thank you.

I would like to send our two sons' information to have their readings done at your suitable time. Much gratitude to your service.

Peacefully and In Service,

LR (USA)

“Very Impressed with Your Work”

Hare Krishna,

I am very impressed with the work that you have done for a couple acquaintances of mine, and I have decided to try your services. I might be interested in a yearly reading life chart? Respectfully your servant,

DD (USA)

“Very, Very Happy”

Hari bol and many many thanks to the both of you. I have received and glanced through and am very happy. I will take the time throughout the next few days to read and reread very carefully but I am very, very happy. Thank you so very much!!!

SD (USA)

“Very Grateful”

Hare Krishna Prabhu ji & Mataji!

Please accept our most humble obeisances. All Glories to Shrila Prabhupada. We both thank you for our charts and we feel very grateful that both of you had made our chart.

We thank you both again and we beg for your blessings so that both of us can progress spiritually and please the Vaishnavas.

Hare krishna!

VDD and AKD (Mauritius)

Dear Matajis, kind words like your make our lives worthwhile! –Ed.

“Entire Family”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu and Abhaya Mudra devi,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Shrila Prabhupada. I had a chart done by you about 5 years ago, which we appreciated, and now would like one for my wife and daughter. Recently my wife’s sister had her chart and her daughter’s done by you. So now we ask your blessings for a reading for my wife and daughter, and when we can save up again, we will do my son and new baby coming this summer.

KD (Canada)

“Came at the Right Time”

Dear Prabhus,

Thank you both for preparing my horoscope, it was very enriching for me. It helped me to understand and accept myself more. I went through my chart several times thoroughly. You two have helped me tremendously by preparing my chart and answering my question. It came just at the right time.

GD (Czech Republic)

“Please Help”

Subject: Kindly help

Dear Prabhuji,

Dandavat, Hare Krishna. I am writing to you for the first time. Prabhuji, I am now 49 years old, however, I am still not well settled in life. Always having problems and I have not been able to accumulate any money. I do not have my own house; still on rental house. My daughters are in college and still I am struggling for bread and butter. I do not understand what to do with my life. I am working with Pharma company as a representative, with less pay. Please suggest if I can do some business for financial growth and I shall be highly obliged. My date of birth is XXXX
Thank you.

RD (India)

Hare Krishna. It is nice to know you. You did not mention the name of your Shri Guru. Guru does so much for the disciple; I like to know who has given initiation to my clients. Mother Abhaya Mudra Dasi and I are looking over your chart. It appears as though you are Cancer rising, though two minutes after the time you have given Leo began rising. But from your situation we are going with Karkata lagna.

You write that you are not well settled in life. Well, who is well settled? Can you name one person? No one is well settled. As soon as one thinks he is well settled then Yamaraja comes along. So to be well settled you must be a devotee because only the devotee is well settled, not materialists. No one can own a house either. Our guru Maharaja has famously stated that a man who becomes too attached to his house can come back as a cockroach in that house. So house ownership is another trick of Maya. The house remains long after the so-called “owner” departs for destinations unknown to his

bereaved relatives. Since the house exists for longer generally, and the resident must pay continually to live there, it appears that the house is the owner of the dweller and not the other way around.

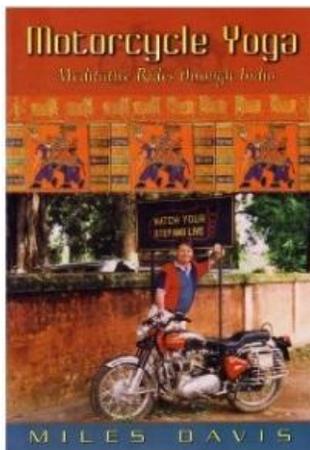
As far as accumulating money, you appear to have exalted Rahu in the 11th house of gains. So you have so many desires, and it appears that you cannot control them. Ask yourself if you had better managed your money you could have more property, at least in your name temporarily. Do not let your desires get out of hand. At least you have sharala yoga for an easy life. So give more concentration on chanting the Holy Names of the Lord and your easy life will become a perfect life. So count your blessings, the next time you see someone who is really struggling.

Since you are Makara rashi ruled by Shani, it is understood that you are to undergo many tests in life. That is the nature of your rashi and it comes with the territory. And in 2+ years you get sade sati for 7.5 years. So it is best that you do not venture anything at this time but maintain your status quo and be thankful to Krishna that He is keeping you well. You will always have sufficient, but He will not give you too much.

The strength of your chart is in study. Lord of the 3rd house of literature in the 3rd with Budha-Aditya Yoga. So you should read each day some shastra. And lord of the 5th vidyastan in the 5th. You can easily become a learned preacher of Krishna consciousness and in that way all the true desires of your heart will be fulfilled.

Please consult with your guru over this and more and more take shelter of the Holy Names of the Lord constantly. Are you chanting your 16 rounds daily and studying Prabhupada's books? It is this more than income that appears lacking.

*Yours in the service of Prabhupada's servants,
Patita Pavana dasa*



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