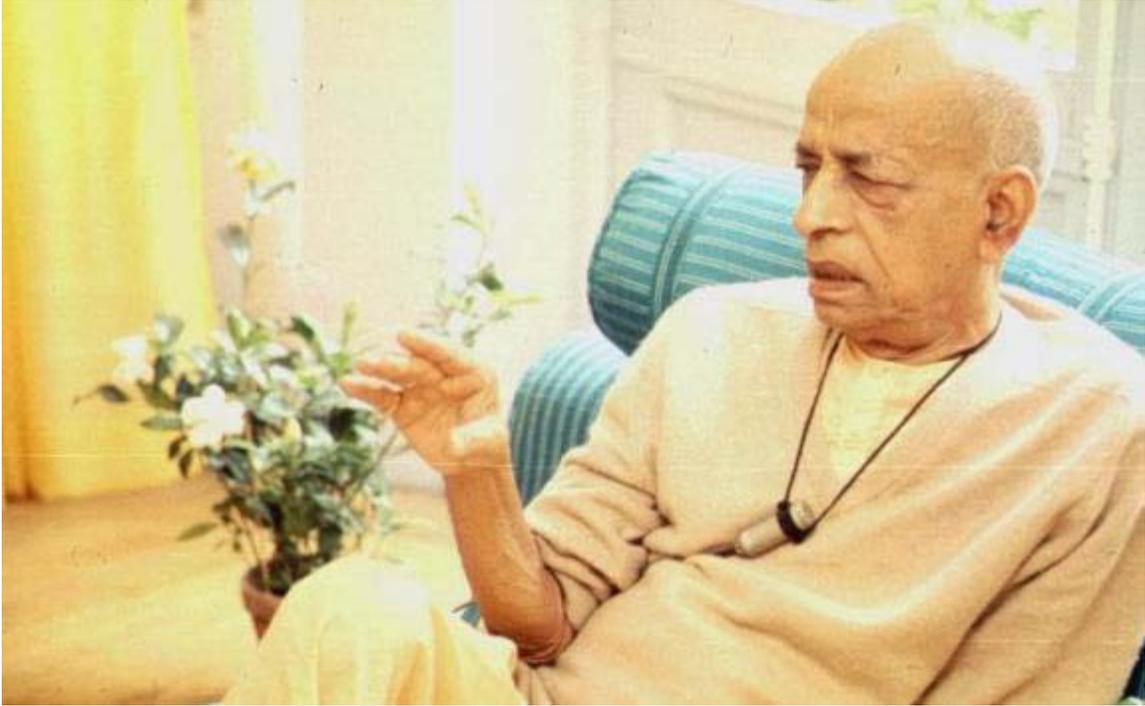


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"The Vedic literatures give information about the living entity's eternal relationship with Krishna, which is called *sambandha*. The living entity's understanding of this relationship and acting accordingly is called *abhidheya*. Returning home, back to Godhead, is the ultimate goal of life and is called *prayojana*. (CC Madhya 20.124)

*Chant this mantra:*

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**Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

*...and your life will be sublime*

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## **Sarvajna the Astrologer**

In the twentieth chapter of *Madhya-lila* of *Sri Chaitanya Charitamrita*, Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu instructs Sanatana Goswami upon the Science of the Absolute Truth. To explain, the Lord gives the example of Sarvajna the Astrologer in the following verses. After studying them, listen to Srila Prabhupada’s lecture on the Lord’s instruction. The lecture is from the very early days of ISKCON, recorded in November at 26 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, New York. Below, you will also find an audio link along with a transcription of the speech. As you listen to this wonderfully intimate talk that Srila Prabhupada delivered to his very first students, you will be transported to the first ISKCON temple by the magic of transcendental sound vibration. So please join **The Astrological Newsletter** for a journey back in time to the pioneer days of Krishna Consciousness.

***First, the verses (CC Madhya 20.127-136):***

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, said to Sanatana Goswami:

"The following example may be given. Once a learned astrologer came to the house of a poor man and, seeing his distressed condition, questioned him. (127)

"The astrologer asked, 'Why are you unhappy? Your father was very wealthy, but he did not disclose his wealth to you because he died elsewhere?' (128)

"Just as the words of the astrologer Sarvajna gave news of the poor man's treasure, Vedic literatures advise one about Krishna consciousness when one is inquisitive to know why he is in a distressed material condition. (129)

"By the words of the astrologer, the poor man's connection with the treasure was established. Similarly, Vedic literature advises us that our real connection is with Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. (130)

"Although being assured of his father's treasure, the poor man cannot acquire this treasure by such knowledge alone. Therefore the astrologer had to inform him of the means whereby he could actually find the treasure. (131)

"The astrologer said, 'The treasure is in this place, but if you dig toward the southern side, the wasps and drones will rise, and you will not get your treasure. (132)

" 'If you dig on the western side, there is a ghost who will create such a disturbance that your hands will not even touch the treasure. (133)

" 'If you dig on the northern side, there is a big black snake that will devour you if you attempt to dig up the treasure. (134)

" 'However, if you dig up a small quantity of dirt on the eastern side, your hands will immediately touch the pot of treasure.' (135)

"Revealed scriptures conclude that one should give up fruitive activity, speculative knowledge and the mystic *yoga* system and instead take to devotional service, by which Krishna can be fully satisfied. (136)

**Now, from 26 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Srila Prabhupada tells the story of...**

## **The Poor Man and the Astrologer**

A lecture delivered by Srila Prabhupada in Nov 1966, NYC.

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**...THEN go down and click onto the article “The Vedas Are Your Astrologer” ( 48<sup>th</sup> from the top):**

**SRILA PRABHUPADA UVACHA:** (Bengali *shloka*) Now, the poor man asked the astrologer, "Yes, what you say is right. I have heard also that my father is very rich man and he has left some money for me, but where he has kept, I do not find. Will you please let me know how I can find out?" So the astrologer... Astrologer, a perfect astrologer is called *sarvajna*. *Sarvajna* means he knows past, present and future. A real astrologer means he will tell you about your past life and he will tell you about your present life and your future life also. There is a system of astrology in India which is called *Bhrigu-samhita*. Any man will go, and if the expert in *Bhrigu-samhita* science, he will at once tell you what you were in your past life, how you are acting in this present life, and what is your next life. Therefore, perfection of astrology is in the *Bhrigu-samhita* and they is called *sarvajna*. In old Indian system, as soon as child is born, an expert astrologer will be called forth and there will be ceremony, *jata-karma*, just after the birth. Just like, before giving birth to the child, there was some ceremony which is called *garbhadhana* ceremony, and between the birth-giving ceremony and the child is born, there are two other ceremonies, (*sadhavaka?*). So after the birth of the child, the astrologer is called forth and he begins to tell about the future of the boy.

In the *Srimad Bhagavatam*, when Maharaja Parikshit was born, his father was dead, his grandfather. You know, his father was only sixteen years old when the boy was in the womb of his mother. In the battlefield he died. So when the child was born, the grandfather, Arjuna, and his elder brother, they are very much anxious to know how this child will become in future. Because a responsible king, they wanted to know "Whether the child is worth to our family?" So everything was spoken that is described in the *Srimad Bhagavatam*, that "This child will be like this, like this," and it was foretold that at the last stage of his life, he will be cursed by a *brahmana* and he will die out of snake bite. "This child will die by snake bite." That was also foretold. And because the *brahmana* cursed, a *brahmana* boy cursed him that "Within seven days the king will die by snake bite..."



That's a long story. Therefore, Maharaja Parikshit, he was not very old, but he understood that "I will have to die by snake bite, so let me get free from this royal responsibilities." He at once handed over his kingdom to his son and went to the bank of the Ganges and sat down there tight, without taking any food and drink, for seven days, and he heard *Srimad-Bhagavatam* from the authoritative source of Shukadeva Goswami, and he died at the end of seven days. A snake came and bit him.

So this astrological calculation were then; still there are. In the *Srimad Bhagavatam*, when *Srimad Bhagavatam* was written, it was five thousand years before. It is stated there that in the beginning of Kali-yuga, there will be *buddha-avatara*, incarnation. *Bhavishyati*. *Bhavishyati* means "there will appear." These are *shastra*, these are astrological calculation, everything perfect. The other day, when I was discussing about Sanatana Goswami, how even an ordinary hotel keeper, he kept an astrologer who told the hotel keeper that "This man has got eight golden dollars." Just see. This is astrology. Even a thief could be conducted, guided by astrologer, and what to speak of others. So that was their system in India. So that example is being placed here by Lord Chaitanya that the *Veda*, that is astrology for your guidance. For your guidance, the scripture is your astrologer. He knows your future, he knows your past. So therefore you should consult, you should consult, for our

guidance. Now, the astrologer is supposed to give some instruction to the poor man.

*ei sthabe ache dhane - yadi dakshina khudibe  
bhimarula - baruli uthibe, dhana na paibe*

Now, the astrologer says, is giving him, it is figurative, that "If you want to search out the Absolute Truth by ritualistic method..." Mostly people are attached to the particular faith and its ritualistic method. They consider this is everything. *Veda-vada-ratau partha nanyad astreti vadinah*. They think that performing these rituals of a particular religion and faith, that is all; no more. So Lord Chaitanya says, Lord Chaitanya in the shape of that astrologer says, that if you follow—it is given figuratively, that he is searching after the wealth left by his father. Similarly, we have got our father, the Supreme, and He is the supreme proprietor of everything. If we try to find out our father and father's property by the ritualistic process—there are ritualistic processes in every religion and in every scripture—but if we stick to that, then the result will be they will be entrapped by the search, fanaticism, and it will be not possible to make progress.



This is called *dakshina* system. *Dakshina*, *dakshina* means if he is giving him instruction that "Your house is bounded by east side, west side, north side and south side. So if you go to the south..." South is translated into Sanskrit, *dakshina*. And *dakshina* also means giving something to the priest in respect of his service for performing rituals. So this is figuratively being used, *dakshina*. *Dakshina* means priesthood. If you follow the priesthood,

then the result will be that *bhimarula-baruli uthibe dhane na paibe* . "There are some poisonous insects which will bite you, and you will not be able to dig out the wealth left by your father." So this poisonous effect is that the priesthood, they are for business. They will never give you the right thing, not it is in their power. Not it is in their power. That is going on. But if you find out, if you want to find out the Absolute Truth through this rituals and priesthood, then the result will be that you will be bitten by some poisonous insects and your attempt will be unsuccessful. *Pashchime. Pashchime khundibe. Pashchime khundibe taha yaksha eka haya se vighna(karibe)--dhane hata na padaya.*

Then again, the system of *ahangama pasanaa* , pantheism, philosophical speculation, pantheism, monism, atheism, agnosticism, so many isms there are. So if you follow these isms, there is a *jata*, there is another danger which you will not get any information of the Absolute Truth. (Sanskrit) There is a philosophy which is called *karma-mimamsa*. *Karma-mimamsa* means there is no need of making your relationship with God. God is Supreme, accepted, but He is bound to give you the result of your honest work. This is another philosophy. So you work honestly, there is more or less moral principles. If you stick to the moral principle, ethics and morals, then you will be entrapped by the prideness that "Oh, I am very moral. I do not speak lies. I do not steal. I treat with my neighbors very nicely. So I have no necessity to search out father. I am quite all right." That means, this mundane moralist, if you become mundane moralist, or if you become mundane philosopher or if you stick to the ritualistic process of your particular faith, then there is no hope of reaching to the Absolute Truth. Mundane scriptural, ritualistic way and dry speculative philosophy and mundane moralists. Just like Arjuna and his brother. His eldest brother is Maharaja Yudhishira; he was very moralist, Dharmaraja. His name was "the king of



religious principles," Dharmaraja. So Krishna Himself advised him that "You go to Dronacharya and tell him a lie, that 'Your son is dead. Your son is dead.'" Now Maharaja Yudhisthira, he was a mundane moralist, so "How can I tell lie? How can I tell lie? I have never spoken lie in my life." So there was some argument. Of course this was, fight was, some compromise was made between them in the camp. So he became a mundane moralist. He did not consider that "The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna, is asking me to tell lie." So he could not transgress his moral principles so he could not become a devotee of Krishna. He (was) considered mundane moralism, so it was not possible for him to become a Krishna conscious person. He could not take Krishna's order as the Supreme. But Arjuna, in the beginning, he was hesitating to fight and kill his kinsmen, and when he understood that "Krishna wants this fight," he decided, "Yes, I shall do." This is Krishna consciousness.



So these are the principles. If we stick to the particular type of ritualism—because I confess a particular type of faith, and my faith describes this sort of ritualism, I must follow—then you stick to that, you cannot make any progress. And if you go on simply philosophizing — this ism, that ism, that ism, nonsense-ism — then also you will not be able. And if you become mundane

moralist, then also you will not be able. You have to become transcendental to all these mundane principles; then it will be possible to become perfectly Krishna conscious. So it is not transgressing, because as soon as you become really Krishna conscious, then you become all: you become a philosopher, you become a ritualistic, you become actually moralist.

What is the standard of morals? Can you explain? What is the standard of morality? Can you explain? Can any one of you say? Have you got any idea what is the standard of morality? The standard of morality is to obey the Supreme. That is standard of morality. Standard of morality does not mean that you manufacture something morality out of your concoction. No. Standard of morality is to obey the Supreme. That is standard of morality. Example. Example is, just like this State, the State has law that if you commit murder, then you will be hanged. It is immoral. If you commit theft, then you will be punished. But when the State says that you go and become a spy and become a thief and bring out these documents on the enemy's camp, that is morality. If you kill a man, you will be hanged. But when the State order, if you kill an enemy, hundreds of enemy, you will be awarded gold medal. So if you stick to the principle, theft and murder, and do not follow the State order, you will be considered, what is called, tyrant, or what is that? Traitor. Traitor.

So if in our practical experience we see to obey the order of the Supreme is morality, standard of morality, don't you think to obey the supermost supreme, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, to obey Him, that is morality. That is morality. So if you stick to the mundane principle, then it will not be. Therefore the astrologer advises the poor man,

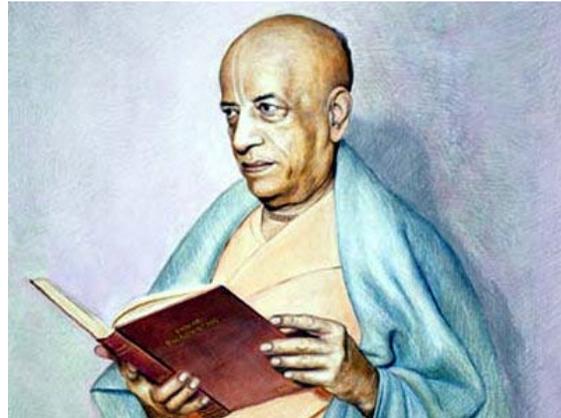
*purva-dike tate alpe khudite  
dhanera jhari padibeka tomara hatete*

In other words, that if you take this process of Krishna consciousness, devotional service, a slight attempt will give you the treasury house of that wealth. A slight attempt. *Sv-alpam apy asya dharmasya trayate mahato bhayat.* This is the only, only path. *Bhaktya mam abhijanati yavan yash chasmi tattvatah* [Bg. 18.55]. In the *Bhagavad-gita* you will find that if you actually want God, then you will have to follow this process, Krishna consciousness, and transcendental loving service to the Supreme Lord. That will make you successful. Even if you execute a little percentage of this process, then you will touch at once, at least you will know, "Oh, here is the hidden box containing the treasure." Now, gradually, you open it and then enjoy. But at once you will get information, "Here is the thing." So this is the process. *Aiche shastra kahe—karma, jnana, yoga, tyaji.*

Now, Lord Chaitanya is explaining this system, different system, ritualistic, philosophical, meditation, morality, all these in *shastra-kahe*. Real Vedic

instruction... Just like, what is *Veda*? *Veda* means the words of the Lord. That is *Veda*. Scripture means the words of the Lord. God says, "Let there be light." God says, "Let there be creation." These words are scripture. Now one who takes out... Just like sound is transmitted from a certain place, and one who catches by the machine, he gets the information. Similarly, *Veda* means instruction transmitted by the Supreme Lord, and there are capable personalities, just like Brahmā, that capture it, and that is distributed, either in writing or by tradition, by hearing. That is scripture. The words of God. Now, here the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna, is personally speaking *Bhagavad-gita*. Is it not *Veda*? That is *Veda*. That is real *Veda*. *Sarva-upanisade*. In the *Gita-mahatmya* it is said, "This is the essence of all *Veda*." This is *Vedanta*. Simply by studying *Bhagavad-gita* one becomes a learned science in the science of God. So *shastra-kahe*. And what is that *shastra*? The essence of all *shastra*, the essence of all scripture, asks you to do—the *shastra* says, the Lord says—*sarva dharman parityajya mam ekam sharanam vraja*. [Bg. 18.66] "Give up everything, just surrender under Me." This is the most confidential part of knowledge.

So "give up every thing" means there are different processes, different processes, ritualistic process, different religious processes, philosophical processes, meditation, so many. "Give up all them. Simply surrender to Krishna." So Lord Chaitanya is stressing on that point, that *aiche shastra kahe— karma, jnana, yoga tyaji. Karma. Karma* means general activities on moral principle. That is called *karma*. *Karma* means, real *karma* means that you have to live, so you have to work. So work in such a way that you may not be entangled. Just like honest businessman, he works, he works according to the law.



He does not play any blackmailing, and he pays the proper income tax to the government and the other taxes. He does nicely. This is called work, *karma*. You have to live. Without working you cannot live. But you work in such a way so that you may not be entangled. That is called work, *karma*. Now, this work is not the solution of your human life. You can get some morsel of bread and eat and drink and sleep and just enjoy your life and die

like cats and dogs, that's all. And then you will take with you the result of your good work or bad work. That is *karma*.

That is not solution. Then the next stage is, above this *karma*, this ordinary, general people, there is a class, they are thinkers. They are thinkers: "Whether this is the solution of life?" So thinkers, some of them are dry thinkers, they have no knowledge, but they think only. They do not get the source of knowledge from higher authorities; they manufacture their own way.



So apart from that, those who are bona fide thinkers, they are called *jnani*. *Jnani* means that this process of *karma* cannot make solution of life. They push some philosophical thesis that "This is the solution of life." They are called *jnani*. The others, *yogis*, they meditate. So what they meditate? Not they meditate falsely; they meditate, they concentrate the whole senses and put the focus on the soul and the Supersoul. So their endeavor is to make, reestablish with the Supersoul who is sitting in my heart. That is *yoga* system.

So all these systems can be adjusted only in one system, Krishna consciousness. That is the version of all the *shastra*, all the *Vedas*. Lord Chaitanya also confirms that.

*aiche shastra kahe--karma, jnana, yoga tyaji  
bhaktye Krishna vasha haya, bhaktye tanre bhaje*

If you want Krishna, if you want God, then you don't try to follow all these processes. You just try to follow devotional service to the Lord, *bhakti*, Krishna consciousness. That will please Krishna. Then by His pleasing, He will reveal to you. He will reveal to you. God being pleased with your sincere service and love, He will let you know. Just like Arjuna is being

instructed by the Supreme Lord, and He says, "My dear Arjuna, I am



speaking to you the most confidential part of knowledge." So if we become friends like Arjuna to Krishna, then Krishna will reveal Himself, as He is revealing Himself, "I am this, I am that, I am this, I am that." (indistinct) So if you actually want to reestablish your lost relationship with Krishna and God, then you have to adopt this Krishna consciousness and nothing more.

**Thank you very much.**

The Astrological Newsletter offers thankful obeisances to the devotees at the Vedabase and ISKCON Desire Tree for their incredible service to Gaudiya Vaishnavas.



# Tastes, Planets and the Food We Eat

Abhaya Mudra Dasi

In Vedic Astrology the 2nd house reveals one's preference for food. The planets influencing it may decide one's favorite taste. In addition, one should avoid the tastes of the planets that are likely to bring on disease. Suppose one is running a *dasa* or *antardasa* of the Moon in the 6th house ruling diseases. Then some suffering related to Moon is possible. Moon can give problems related to blood pressure as he governs liquids in the body. So eating too much salty food during such a period may result in high blood pressure. Similarly, one should cut down on sweets during a period in which Jupiter related troubles are indicated. Or, one may develop too much fat (Jupiter) or find himself prone to other Jupiter-related diseases.

When we offer food to the Deities we wish those preparations to be palatable and acceptable by the Lord. In *Nectar of Instructions* (1) Srila Prabhupada states: "There are six kinds of *rasas* (tastes), and if one is agitated by any one of them, he becomes controlled by the urges of the tongue." For this reason it is desirable that we offer all six tastes to the Lord while making an offering of food to Sri Krishna. Nonetheless the offering should contain only foodstuffs pleasing to the Lord and not be offered to Him with the intention of our enjoyment. Only then liberation from the material world is possible. The Deity of Sri Krishna is not a machine for producing *prasadam*.

The seven planets (excluding Rahu and Ketu) rule the tastes as follows:

## **Sun Rules Pungent**

(Sharply affecting the organs of taste or smell, as if by a penetrating power; biting; acrid.)



Pungent taste is present in spicy foods and in digestive enzymes. Pungent spices stimulate by irritating the lining of the digestive tract and other membranes. Made of the fire element, pungent tastes are sharp and concentrated, fast-acting and intense, spreading quickly to all tissues. The forceful, constant contact of fire element penetrates, burns, ulcerates, cuts and cauterizes. Black pepper and chilies are quintessential pungents. The body flushes pungent irritants by

thinning the blood, dilating blood vessels and increasing the heart rate. Pungent taste thus improves circulation and liquefies, softens, secretes and flushes breaking up and dissolving thick or hardened masses such as mucus. Pungent taste stimulates courage and valor because blood flow is movement of *prana*. The immune system is in the blood. Good circulation, stimulated by ginger, black pepper or other pungents, helps improve immunity and resolve sore throats.

### **Moon Rules Salty**

(Tasting of or containing salt; saline.)



Salt brings out the flavor in food and brings enthusiasm for life. It stimulates secretions improving digestion. Salt is a laxative breaking up all hard masses in the digestive tract. Salt in excess obliterates all other tastes and causes thirst. Excess salt increases flabbiness and wrinkling of the skin. In excess salt damages fluids, decreases libido, hardens muscles, damages bones, causes premature aging and spoils the blood.

### **Mars Rules Bitter**

(Having a harsh, disagreeably acrid taste, like that of aspirin, quinine, wormwood, or aloes.)

The body perceives bitters as a poison and stimulates various organs for protection. In case of edible bitters, this has a beneficial, stimulating effect on digestion. Bitters stimulate peristalsis, release of bile in the liver and gall bladder, and clears the blood. Bitters are the missing taste in the modern diet but they are the most common taste in nature. Bitters are drying to the body,



increase metabolism, and scrape fat. Bitter purifies the body and dries up all secretions. Bitter resets the taste buds and destroys food cravings. It increases ether element. Bitters are light, cooling, clearing and drying. They cleanse the body of toxicity. Bitters create a descending action that alleviates dizziness and fainting from heat conditions including fevers. Bitters are used to treat fever because they also clear the blood plasma of impurities and

sweet taste. Bitter taste clears wounds and purifies the skin and muscle tissue. This was the favorite taste of Lord Chaitanya.

### **Mercury Rules Mixed Tastes**

Every food has a 'taste personality'. Generally eating a food daily for two weeks will help discover the personality of the food. Emotions come from the mind but they are expressed with the mouth. As stated by Srila Prabhupada in *Nectar of Instruction* (1), the tongue, belly and genitals are all situated in a straight line, and they fall in the same category. Lord Chaitanya said, *bhala na khaibe ara bhala na paribe*: “Do not dress luxuriously and do not eat delicious foodstuffs.” (Cc. Antya 6.236) Those who suffer from diseases of the stomach must be unable to control the urges of the belly, at least according to this analysis. When we desire to eat more than necessary we automatically create many inconveniences in life. However, if we observe fasting days like Ekadashi and Janmastami, we can restrain the demands of the belly.



### **Jupiter Rules Sweet**

(Having the taste or flavor characteristic of sugar, honey, etc.)



Sweet taste includes nourishing foods like carbohydrates, fats and proteins. Sweet taste means good tasting not necessarily sugary. Sweet taste is rare in nature and desirable. We need sweet taste to survive. After the agricultural revolution sweet taste became abundant. It dominates the modern grocery store. Sweet taste is cooling, heavy, oily, and sticky. It brings softness and stability. Sweet taste coats the tongue and throat. It facilitates elimination of bowels. It is beneficial to children, in old age, and in debilitated persons. Sweet taste alleviates thirst and nourishes the mind. Sweet taste helps in wound healing as long as the wound is not infected. Excess use of sweet taste, especially refined grains and refined sugars, thicken blood plasma. Thick, sticky blood plasma bogs circulation causing stagnation and high blood pressure. Poor circulation also causes swelling in the hands and feet. Healthy lungs depend on good circulation to keep them

hollow. Otherwise, the lungs fill up with mucous and water. Excess sweet taste causes mucous buildup in the lungs and back of throat.

### **Venus Rules Sour**

(Having an acid taste, resembling that of vinegar, lemon juice, etc.; tart.)

When something spoils or goes rotten it becomes sour. Sour foods include yogurt and pickles. Generally sour foods spoil the blood. Fortunately, nature provides us with healthy sours as well including acidic fruits like citrus and sub-acidic fruits like peaches. Acidic fruits include citrus fruits like lemons, limes and oranges. Sub-acidic fruits include peaches, apricots, cherries and apples. Sub-acidic fruits are the most sattwic of all sours. Sours moisten and refresh a dry palate, encouraging salivary secretions which improve taste. Gastric secretions in the stomach improve digestion.



### **Saturn Rules Astringent**

(cool, rough, dry taste)



Foods with astringent taste make the mouth feel rough or dry. Astringent tastes cleanse the mouth but may cause difficulty swallowing. Leafy greens, green bananas and cranberries are astringent. Astringent taste makes an apple crunchy. It makes lentils and peeled potatoes stick to each other. Emotionally, astringent taste helps one cool and collect scattered thoughts.

Astringent in the physical analog of fear causes the cells of the body to withdraw.

**We can recommend a diet that is appropriate to you horoscope.**

# Letters to the Editor

(Edited for brevity)

**Pray for the Devotees in the Gulf States:**

## **“The Florida Situation is Beyond Belief”**

Hare Krishna! Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for your newsletters. There are many devotees in the SE US area who are considering relocation, many who aborted plans to move here, many who do not even want to know what is going on, and many who are finally beginning to understand the importance of sustainability. (My personal concern is the air quality and the safety of our children at this time. Can't grow anything in poisoned air...)

However, many devotees are relocating inwards to their devotional hearts, praying, awaiting and acting upon guidance, and experiencing how the suffering situation of the material world has a different flavor for the devotees. It is like the living analogy of the different experience of the kitten and the rat in the mouth of the cat.

There are snakes, but the fangs are removed for a person seriously dedicated to service to Krishna. Our inner murkiness has to get cleaned up, and so there are many levels of challenges with this oil mess. The real thing now is to become fearless and clear-headed. If your newsletters can help inspire this, it would be most wonderful.

What is going on here is really beyond belief, and it seems to change every moment. New Talavana, being in southern Mississippi, is closer to the actual site of the eruption, so is obviously more affected at present. It can no longer be kept hidden that the oil/chemical/gas mix is now not only in the Gulf but up the Florida Atlantic coast also, and even up to North Carolina. Florida is kind of in a toxic sandwich.

If you feel that my brief note was of any value, maybe you would like to put it out to your mailing list on your next newsletter, with a request for prayers for the devotees and the preaching mission in the US and all over. The oil and chemical mix will very likely be heading out over open ocean via the

Gulf Stream very soon. I hope that our balance of (physical) preparedness and preaching will go to the core of people's hearts and enact some change of consciousness. If this event can re-awaken our collective preaching spirit and re-ignite our own personal dedication to the process of Krishna consciousness, then it is a great blessing. Thank you! I hope you are well.

With love,

Your servant,  
Kamra devi dasi

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*Somehow, by working together as members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness as per Srila Prabhupada's desire, and with the holy names as our weapon, we will triumph. But we must work together, not independently. We must learn this from the BP disaster. There are many services available for devotees who are fed up with an oil-based "civilization". Hereunder is a chance to live in heavenly Gujarat absorbed in Krishna consciousness (as seen on PAMHO) -Ed.*

*"We need two devotees for helping in the manufacture of cow product in Gujarat we will give nice salary so please contact me at 9726732139 No need of education, nor is there any age bar. Only good environment, organic fresh food, no air pollution, no noise, far from city, peaceful place, many cows, peacocks like Vrindavan, big big trees and greenery, good running water, pure ghee, pure milk, in shelter of Sri Sri Radha- Vrindavan Chandra so please send me e-mail or call me.*

*Hare Krishna*

*Ghanshyam (das) MVG (Vrindavan - IN)"*

## **“Christ Consciousness is Krishna Consciousness”**

Dear Patita Pavana das Adhikari,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Indeed, I thank you for your newsletter and also that I am now on the list to

receive them. I speak with Cyavana on a daily basis and see him at least on a weekly basis. He has been somewhat of a mentor for me in giving me some advice, as well as a dear friend.

I am 68 yrs of age in this body and was (still am) an 'independent' Catholic Bishop, but I am also a devotee, of course. I have spent most of my life in work for God, as you can surmise. Cyavana often told me that my preaching and outreach would be to the Christian people. I found that he has been so right in that observation....and -- I had the idea of my website and that is directed to bringing Christians to *bhakti*, devotional yoga. It does seem to be working and not bad for a beginning. It does not connect with any Krishna websites since I do not want to alarm people who may be taking an interest in *bhakti*. After they would be prepared and ready, then I would lead them to Krishna Consciousness and the *mahamantra*, and primarily through our wonderful Srila Prabhupada. A slow and continuing work, but it goes on. So, if you are curious, here is the website: <http://www.jesusrealization.com/>

Again, thank you for adding me to the mail list.  
Your grateful servant,  
Radhanatha das

*Thanks very much for writing, Prabhu. Lord Jesus Christ kijai! If we have been able to understand his sacred message, it is only because of the modern Jesus, Srila Prabhupada. Let me respond to you with a letter Srila Prabhupada wrote in Nov. 1965, a full year before the above lecture was delivered. He wrote the letter below to Smt. Sally Agarwal, the American-born wife of his Indian host in Butler, Pennsylvania. -Ed.*

## **Srila Prabhupada as “Swami Jesus”**

My dear daughter Sally,

I beg to thank you for your kind letter of the 16th instant and I have noted the contents carefully. I am glad to learn that you had been to your parents' house for a few days and now you have returned home. I am still more glad to learn that you are going to observe the third birthday of Miss Kamala Agarwal on Saturday next. On this occasion I should have presented her some ornaments but as I am a Sannyasi I can simply offer my blessing for her long life and good prosperity. She cannot now read otherwise at least I should have presented a set of my books. But you set aside one set of my

books for her future reading when she will grow up a beautiful and educated girls with full God consciousness.

I am obliged to your good daughter for awarding me a good degree as SWAMI JESUS which is actually a great honour for me. Some time the Lord speaks through innocent child and I take this honour as sent by Lord Jesus through an innocent child free from all formalities of the current society. Lord Jesus preached the message of God and I have taken up the same mission, and it would be a good luck for me if I can follow the foot prints of Lord Jesus who preached the message of God in spite of all persecution. Lord Jesus is a living example how one has to suffer in this material world simply for the matter of preaching the message of God. In *Bhagavatam* also there is another example like Lord Jesus. He is Prahlada Maharaja a boy of five years old but because he was a great devotee of God and preaching the message of God among his little class mates, his atheist father tried to kill him. So the atheist class of men are always inimical to the devotees of God even though such devotee happens to be the atheist's son like Prahlada.

I proposed for starting the restaurant with a view that you may become one of richest family in America. If you can invest \$20,000/- in a property in New York which is worth \$100,000/-, you can have at least \$1000/- per month as the rent of the house. So that in 15 years time you become the proprietor of good house in New York which would fetch you \$1000/- rent per month. That is my next proposal. I think you can invest \$20000/- some way or other and if you can please do it immediately because that is chance also.

You can send me \$40/- and it will help me going over California. I have decided like this. I am expecting a letter of reception from California and if I get it then I shall start for the country otherwise by the first week of December next I shall return to India. If I return to India then I shall return your money before I start otherwise I shall spend it for my California journey.

I hope you are all enjoying good health and with my blessings for you all, I am

Yours affectionately,  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami  
New York City

19 November 1965

## Eclipse Blues

Dear Brother,  
Pamho,

So another big eclipse is hitting on July 11, so what to do? Life in the material world. Last year, I celebrated the 6½ minute solar eclipse by chanting for hours with my friend Rasajna, we had an eclipse party at her house in Austin, TX, and chanted the whole duration, never stopping. She passed away to the sounds of the holy names four months later. I am trying to decide where and how long to observe this one. It will hit South Pacific and is not visible here. But I am of the opinion that even if not visible, they affect the whole planet and our lives, especially if the rashi/degree point is in the vicinity of any planets in one's charts.

The observatory people only tell you when and where an eclipse is visible because they relate only to how and where to SEE it. There are even eclipse cruises, cruise ships just for seeing it. Truly nuts, eh?

Hope alls well in your world. I am very concerned that the projects I have been working on so long, will come to naught if a hurricane comes and blows oil all over the coast. My mother is 3 hours NE of Houston, only 100 miles from the Gulf Coast. Alas. Yes, the poison gases are there every where. I don't want to fly in, but may have to. I don't need any benzene in my system. What to do?

Your servant,  
Govinda dasi  
Hawaii

My dear Sister Govinda dasi,  
My humble obeisances at your feet.

As you point out, eclipses--and these in particular-- are fearsome events. Lord Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, says in the Gita that both the Sun and the Moon are His eyes in this world. When the brazen Rahu, lord of smoke and deception, has the impertinence to blacken the eyes of God, then what good can be expected for us here below? The solar

eclipses of this year are especially menacing because, to reiterate; (1.) The longest eclipse of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century occurred right on top of Makara Sankranti, mid-Dec. 2010 when the Sun begins his six-month northern movement or *devayana*. At the time, Saturn, the planet of sorrow was stalled. Saturn, lord of Makara (Capricorn) was motionless in Virgo--neither moving forward nor retrograde. Stopped dead. (2.) The forthcoming eclipse |of July 11<sup>th</sup> is just five days shy of the Sun's turn-around, or his entrance into the *pitrayana*, the southern path into the region of the ancestors. Not surprisingly, comets and meteor showers appeared in the interim. Along with those portents, Mars remained debilitated in Cancer (a water sign, hence liquids!) for eight months, or the longest period anyone I know remembers.

**Therefore the entire six month uttarayana or demigodly solar track of 2010 was sandwiched in between two eclipses from Day One until (only five days from) the end of the cycle.**

These eclipses are the Prelude for a scenario out of Philip Wylie. Have you read Wylie? His last book (1972) *The End of the Dream* spoke with the premonition of a prophet. Decades in advance, he revealed how the manipulation and exploitation of Earth's resources by an artificial civilization propped-up by the manipulation of mock-scientific manipulation of natural laws and energies can only revert upon itself. With its warning of rivers catching afire, gaseous clouds, and toxic oceans, it should be required reading for today's "Mega-Disaster 101". Those who have read Wylie need not be taken by surprise at today's events. Of course the same holds true--and more-- for *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* (which unlike any mundane novel holds very real and timeless solutions).

Here are a few words about *The End of the Dream* from a customer review at Amazon:

“(The book has) incredibly searing images...of various disasters, from a SST crashing into a New York skyscraper (due to a multi-state wide power outage...), to the death wave moving up 5th Avenue from a deadly concentration of noxious gases, to the golf course built over a landfill that suddenly collapses into a bubbling stew of toxic chemicals. Perhaps the sharpest, most biting image is of a sudden attack by trillions of mutated sea worms that come ashore and attack practically anything moving, with the sharp irony that the defense against these creatures is to spread oil all around

the chosen defended area, which naturally will, in time, become another eco disaster.”

And with an astronomical 27,000 wells lying dormant in the Gulf, what do these oil-greedy scoundrels expect? How would it feel to be pricked by 27,000 needles?

Our office, Mithuna Twiins Astrological Services, sent out warnings to devotees in December of last year, while the entire world’s so-called “astrological community” was silent. Our worry then was that the overshadowed period began during the Mayapur pilgrimage, so we urged devotees to be cautious while traveling. We met stiff opposition from many astrologers and members who said we were marketing ourselves through fear. But the terrible events that followed (and continue to unfold) speak for themselves. Now devotees along the Gulf region are faced with eventful decisions, as seen in the first letter above. Whatever the messages--or hieroglyphs--on the wall say, the bottom line is this: devotees who are struggling to live independently should consider re-uniting with their brothers and sisters in Krishna consciousness within solid, co-operative agrarian units. It takes hard work to make fields fertile and productive, but moving a mouse on a mouse pad does not grow food.

In America all the food is in the hands of giant corporate Rahun who have lured family farmers into the suburbs through the most underhanded massive land-grab in history. With all food production in the hands of a few demonic mega-controllers, Americans (who are dependent on eighteen-wheel trucks for food) must ask a few basic questions. Like, how will they feed their families when the powers that be decide to control the masses through hunger.

The situation can only gain intensity in America. It has already spread to Europe, whose domino-like countries are following the bloated super-power into the whirlpool of financial collapse. Of course, for those who live in Iraq or Afghanistan and are forced to tolerate daily the unwarranted aggression of “civilized nations” hungry for their oil, what is the use of further discussions on the topic of war as far as they are concerned?

The horrible sin of cow slaughter must react, as chickens come home to roost. And the analogous chickens of rampant gluttony have re-incarnated as a whirlpool of liquidated dreams to an oil-saturated hell. Foolish meat-eaters who have been taken unaware by the sprouting seeds of their own vikarmic

retributions have only themselves to blame. We devotees should not be surprised, warning of these current events to blind and complacent karmis for over forty years, because Prabhupada explained it all to us. We should only be surprised that Bhumi Devi, our beloved Mother Earth, has been so tolerant and patient with the horrible ugra-karma of a demonic civilization. It might have happened years ago, but it is happening now.

Now there must be shelter. Here in Bulgaria our vision is New Gauda Mandala Bhumi, a collection of individual farms in a village around ten miles outside the city. It is in its seedling stage only. We invite others, especially devotee citizens of the EU, to come and shelter of beautiful Swarga Valley and wait out the coming storm. All over the world, devotees must find a protected environment since, as Gaudiya preachers, they alone are the protectors of the Absolute Truth for the forthcoming age. The city temples of course must be kept up and running, but there should be a lifeline to productive devotee farms and *go-shalas*. The line upon the earth has been drawn, and we must make peace with our individual destinies as representatives of Sri Guru and Gauranga.

By the way, were you present at the Chaitanya Charitamrita lecture given above? I know that by the time I finally surrendered and joined Prabhupada's saffron army at 26 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., you were already 100% engaged in Guru-seva. Your pen and ink drawings on the covers of the early *Back to Godheads*, like Sri Narada holding his *vina*, revealed a devotional mood that overcame me with a stunning and unshakable effect. Thank you.

Your humble servant always,  
Patita Pavana das Adhikary, Ed.