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Thus spake the prophet: “Chant, dance and be happy” - SF Rathayatra, 1974

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**In this issue: “ Srila Prabhupada’s Twelve Years
of Separation”**

Chant this mantra:

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

...and your life will be sublime

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Dear Prabhus: Welcome to the issue. Krishna consciousness means serving the spiritual master together with the Supreme Lord and thereby becoming qualified to get out of this material world. Is liberation seen in the horoscope? This is an interesting question because the horoscope—though “the most subtle of all sciences” – is basically material. In this issue we look at *jyotish shastra*’s Lakshmi yoga from the point of view of the *Bhagavat Maha Purana*, through the window of Srila Prabhupada’s Bhaktivedanta Purports.

We are also pleased to report that the 2nd edition of your Editor’s book *Motorcycle Yoga* has been released. We hope that you will purchase a copy from us.

We enjoy feedback from the readers of **The Astrological Newsletter**. We are well aware of the great responsibility of presenting astrology in its bona fide form and—of equal importance—the great debt we owe all of you, our devotee clients. We cannot thank each of you enough for your kindness and generosity. We shall blissfully continue our vow to live as impoverished *brahmanas* and to use any extra funds for the development of the New Gauda Mandala Bhumi devotee self-sufficiency project in the heavenly Rila River Valley at Porominovo, Bulgaria.

Thanks for sharing **The Astrological Newsletter** with your friends.

Always wishing you the very best,

Patita Pavana das Adhikary, Ed.

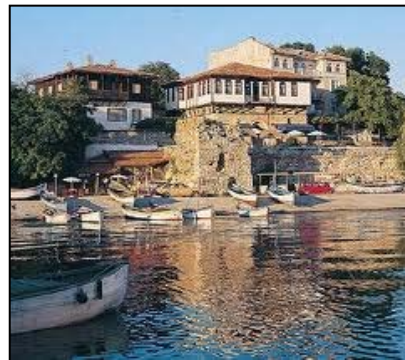
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Vedic Astrology on the Black Sea Coast

Mithuna Twiins Astrological Services

will be offering lessons on all levels of Vedic Astrology this summer in the beautiful resort village of St. Vlas, Bulgaria at the lovely Vita Mores resort (www.vitamores.com). The resort is a two minute walk from the spacious and lovely beach. The waters are perfect for swimming. The hotel has all facilities, including *yoga*, massage, a pool, sauna, touring the ancient Vedic city of Nessebar (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nessebar>), etc. There is even a morning devotional programme of *aratik*, *japa*, etc. There is a free shuttle to morning meditations at a secluded spot for Mantra Sunrise. Airport pick up and drop off can be arranged for only \$15 at the time of your arrival in nearby Burgas, Bulgaria. Inexpensive flights may be purchased through Gani at Silver Skies Travel in San Francisco sstravel@pacbell.net.



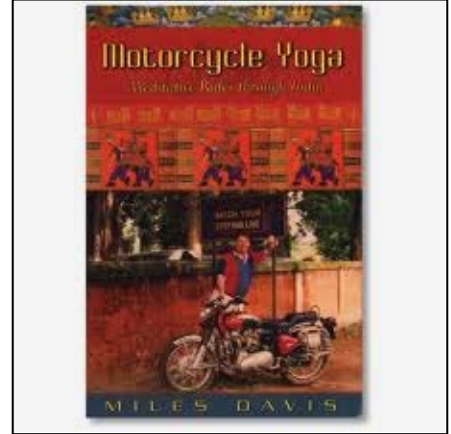
Vita Mores Resort is run by two English-speaking brother devotees Thakur Haridas and Shaktyavesh Avatar Prabhus, and their parents. Shared rooms (two per room) are around \$25 per person and that includes one full meal. The instructions in astrology will be taught on a one-on-one basis and the price will be just \$30 per hour, one or two hours a

day. This is an excellent opportunity to learn to use the complex Jagannath Hora’s free software. Interested? We are a little flexible, so let us know

what dates you'll be able to come. Available months are May, June, Sept and Oct. Contact us at dkrishna108@yahoo.com .

Motorcycle Yoga: Now in Second Edition

We are pleased to announce that Motorcycle Yoga by Miles Davis (Patita Pavana das Adhikary), your Krishna conscious tour guide through Central India on two wheels, is once again in print.



From the Ed: Come share adventures with me as we explore India's central state of Madhya Pradesh from the saddle of a Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycle. Hundreds of devotees have also appreciated its friendly, yet uncompromising, approach to preaching Krishna consciousness, and we hope that you will, too. **To order your copy, please send USD \$17 for UK, \$20 for Europe or \$23 for USA (covers air fare postage) via PayPal to yaminidasi@yahoo.com.** .

Srila Prabhupada on Astrology

Srila Prabhupada explains the essence of astrological compatibility.

From SB 3.21.15:

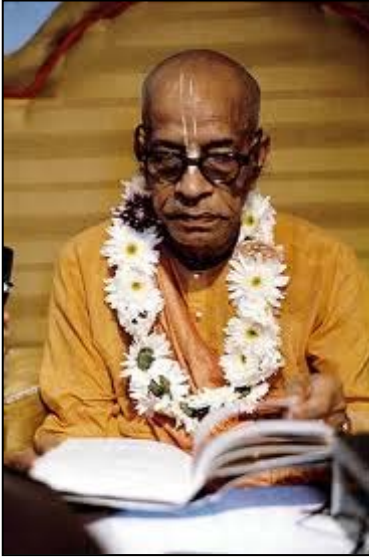
(Kardama Muni said to the Supreme Personality of Godhead): “Therefore, desiring to marry a girl of like disposition who may prove to be a veritable cow of plenty in my married life, to satisfy my lustful desire I too have sought the shelter of Your lotus feet, which are the source of everything, for You are like a desire tree.”

*tathā sa cāham̐ parivoḍ hukāmaḥ samāna-śīlām̐ gr̥ḥamedhadhenum
upeyivān mūlam̐ aśeṣa-mūlam̐ durāśayaḥ kāmādughāṅghripasya*

tathā—similarly; *saḥ*—myself; *ca*—also; *aham*—I; *parivoḍhukāmaḥ*—desiring to marry; *samāna-śīlām*—a girl of like disposition; *gr̥ḥamedha*—in married life; *dhenum*—a cow of plenty; *upeyivān*—have approached; *mūlam*—the root (lotus feet); *aśeṣa*—of everything;

mūlam—the source; **durāśayaḥ**—with lustful desire; **kāma-dugha**—yielding all desires; **aṅghripasya**—(of You) who are the tree

Bhaktivedanta Purport



In spite of his condemning persons who approach the Lord for material advantages, Kardama Muni expressed his material inability and desire before the Lord by saying, “Although I know that nothing material should be asked from You, I nevertheless desire to marry a girl of like disposition.” The phrase “like disposition” is very significant. Formerly, boys and girls of similar dispositions were married; the similar natures of the boy and girl were united in order to make them happy. **Not more than twenty-five years ago, and perhaps it is still current, parents in India used to consult the horoscope of the boy and girl to see whether there would be factual union in their psychological conditions. These considerations are very important.** Nowadays marriage takes place without such consultation, and therefore, soon after the marriage, there is divorce and separation. Formerly husband and wife used to live together peacefully throughout their whole lives, but nowadays it is a very difficult task.

Kardama Muni wanted to have a wife of like disposition because a wife is necessary to assist in spiritual and material advancement. It is said that a wife yields the fulfillment of all desires in religion, economic development and sense gratification. **If one has a nice wife, he is to be considered a most fortunate man. In astrology, a man is considered fortunate who has great wealth, very good sons or a very good wife. Of these three, one who has a very good wife is considered the most fortunate.** Before marrying, one should select a wife of like disposition and not be enamored by so-called beauty or other attractive features for sense gratification. In the *Bhagavatam*, Twelfth Canto, it is said that in the *Kali-yuga* marriage will be based on the consideration of sex life; as soon as there is deficiency in sex life, the question of divorce will arise.

Kardama Muni could have asked his benediction from Uma, for it is recommended in the scriptures that if anyone wants a good wife, he should

worship Uma. But he preferred to worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead because it is recommended in the *Bhagavatam* that everyone, whether he is full of desires, has no desire or desires liberation, should worship the Supreme Lord. Of these three classes of men, one tries to be happy by fulfillment of material desires, another wants to be happy by becoming one with the Supreme, and another, the perfect man, is a devotee. He does not want anything in return from the personality of Godhead; he only wants to render transcendental loving service. In any case, everyone should worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead, for He will fulfill everyone's desire. The advantage of worshiping the Supreme Person is that even if one has desires for material enjoyment, if he worships Krishna, he will gradually become a pure devotee and have no more material hankering. •

Do You Have Lakshmi Yoga in Your Chart?

Patita Pavana das Adhikary



According to *jyotish shastra*, there are various planetary combinations that reveal natives who have been blessed by the Goddess of Fortune. All permutations of Lakshmi *yoga* relate to the 9th house of fortune. The 9th is called variously the *bhagyastan* or *dharmastan*. For a Lakshmi *yoga* to be formed there must be a relationship of the planetary lord of the 9th house to the lord of the 1st house of self, the *atmasthan*.

(1.) Lakshmi *yoga*: When the *lagna* lord is abundantly strong, and the lord of the 9th house occupies a *kendra* or *trikona* identical to his own house, his *moolatrikona*, or his place of exaltation, then the native has the blessings of the Goddess of Wealth. As a result of Sri Lakshmi's grace: "*the native is good looking, virtuous and learned. He grows quite wealthy, owns vast lands, and rises to the post of a king. He is widely renowned, blessed with numerous comforts, and many*

good children.” Given here in number 1 are the credentials of a truly powerful Lakshmi yoga.

According to B. V. Raman’s *300 Combinations*, other types of Lakshmi yoga confer similar, but lesser results. From understanding the 9th house, it becomes clear how pious *dharma*-centered activities performed in previous births manifest as *bhagya* or “good luck” in this lifetime. Service to Lord Vishnu (*dharma*) in previous lives manifests as His wife’s blessings (*bhagya*) next time around.

(2.) Lakshmi yoga: Caused by the mutual association of lords of *lagna* and the 9th.

(3.) Lakshmi yoga: Caused by the lord of the 9th and Venus being posited in own or exaltation places which should be *kendras* or *trikonas*.

That the 9th house rules both *bhagya* or good fortune as well as *dharma* infers that only the pious are blessed. This is because *dharma*, or rather *sanatana dharma*, is thoroughly pleasing to the Supreme Lord. *Dharmam tu sakshad bhagavat-pranitam.* (SB 6.3.19) “*Dharma* is prescribed directly by the Supreme Personality of Godhead.”

One who pleases Lord Vishnu automatically pleases His Wife and as a result becomes qualified to receive Her blessings. There is a technique, however, that Srila Prabhupada demonstrated. When His Divine Grace was a baby, an astrologer predicted that he would become the richest man in India. By 1962 Srila Prabhupada was a poor *sannyasi* who couldn’t afford the three cent bus fare to the printer in Delhi. So he walked. A few years later when he was questioned in Tompkins Square Park in New York City--still penniless--His Divine Grace responded, “Oh I have so many temples, so many disciples, there is so much opulence. But you cannot see it. It is separated from us by a thin wall of time.”



Srila Prabhupada had a rare horoscope. All the great astrologers of India whom I had the pleasure to discuss his chart with (including Pt. Vijaya Ranamukhadevaji, Dr. D. Arkasomayaji, Sri PN Oak, Dr. BV Raman and Pt. Shashikant Jain) all agreed that His Divine Grace was an empowered personality.

Dhanush *lagna* was inevitably accepted as Prabhupada's ascendant by each of the grand masters of the science. According to that arrangement of planets, Srila Prabhupada had the rare combination of not only a powerful Lakshmi *yoga* of the highest variety, but also Hari *yoga*. Furthermore His Divine Grace's chart shows both Saraswati *yoga* as well as a form of Brahma *yoga*. This is an incredible combination because it reveals that Srila Prabhupada had the *yogas* of both Goddess Lakshmi as well as Her Husband Lord Hari. Additionally his chart reveals the *yogas* of both Goddess Saraswati as well as her husband Lord Brahma. I have never seen this ever before, two pair of divine "husband-and wife *yogas*" in a single chart. And that is why the astrologer who visited the De family soon after Prabhupada's appearance declared that Abhaya Charan De would be India's richest man and would open temples all over the world. Srila Prabhupada demonstrated that the blessings of Lakshmi must be used to please Lord Narayana, and that is why limitless wealth would eventually come into his hands. Every penny Srila Prabhupada ever touched was used for Krishna's service.

Incidentally, we have our own thoughts about the identity of the astrologer who cast the horoscope for Sriman Gour Mohan De on 1 Sept. 1896. •

Sri Mantra: Written By Goddess Lakshmi



In *Srimad Bhagavatam* (5.18.18), Srila Prabhupada gives a *mantra* that is directly written by Goddess Lakshmi Herself. He states that by chanting this *mantra*, one can achieve "complete liberation from material bondage." Therefore, the ultimate blessing of Goddess Lakshmi is not for material opulence, but to return back to home back to Godhead in this very lifetime. Here is Her *mantra* to Her Husband Lord Hrishikesha.

o m̐hrā m̐hrī m̐hrū m̐
o m̐namo bhagavate h ṛṣ̐ īkeśāya
sarva-guṇa-višeṣair
vilakṣitātmane ākūtīnā m̐
cittīnā m̐ cetasā m̐višeṣ āṇ ām̐
cādhipataye ṣoḍaśa-kalāya
cchando-mayāyānna-mayāyām ṛta-
mayāya sarva-mayāya
sahase ojase balāya kāntāya
kāmāya namas te ubhayatra bhūyāt

om—O Lord; *hrām hrīm hrūm*—the seeds of the *mantra*, chanted for a successful result; *om*—O Lord; *namaḥ*—respectful obeisances; *bhagavate*—unto the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead; *hṛṣ̐ īkeśāya*—unto Hṛṣ̐ īkeśa, the Lord of the senses; *sarva-guṇa*—with all transcendental qualities; *višeṣair*—with all varieties; *vilakṣita*—particularly observed; *ātmane*—unto the soul of all living entities; *ākūtīnām*—of all kinds of activity; *cittīnām*—of all kinds of knowledge; *cetasām*—of the functions of the mind, such as determination and mental effort; *višeṣāṇām*—of their respective objects; *ca*—and; *adhipataye*—unto the master; *ṣoḍaśa-kalāya*—whose parts are the sixteen original ingredients of creation (namely the five objects of the senses and the eleven senses, including the mind); *chandaḥ-mayāya*—unto the enjoyer of all ritualistic ceremonies; *anna-mayāya*—who maintains all living entities by supplying the necessities of life; *amṛta-mayāya*—who awards eternal life; *sarva-mayāya*—who is all-pervading; *sahase*—the powerful; *ojase*—who supplies strength to the senses; *balāya*—who supplies strength to the body; *kāntāya*—the supreme husband or master of all living entities; *kāmāya*—who supplies all necessities for the devotees; *namaḥ*—respectful obeisances; *te*—unto You; *ubhayatra*—always (during both day and night, or both in this life and the next); *bhūyāt*—may there be all good fortune.

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Hṛṣ̐ īkeśa, the controller of all my senses and the origin of everything. As the supreme master of all bodily, mental and intellectual activities, He is the only enjoyer of their results. The five sense objects and eleven senses, including the mind, are His partial manifestations. He supplies all the necessities of life, which are His

energy and thus non-different from Him, and He is the cause of everyone's bodily and mental prowess, which is also non-different from Him. Indeed, He is the husband and provider of necessities for all living entities. The purpose of all the Vedas is to worship Him. Therefore let us all offer Him our respectful obeisances. May He always be favorable toward us in this life and the next." ·

Bhaktivedanta Purport

In this verse the word *mayamaya* is further explained in regard to how the Lord expands His mercy in different ways. *Parasya shaktir vividhaiva shruyate*: the energies of the Supreme Lord are understood in different ways. In this verse He is described as the original source of everything, even our body, senses, mind, activities, prowess, bodily strength, mental strength and determination for securing the necessities of life. Indeed, the Lord's energies can be perceived in everything. As stated in *Bhagavad Gita* (7.8), *raso'ham apsu kaunteya*: the taste of water is also Krishna. Krishna is the active principle of everything we need for our maintenance. This verse offering respectful obeisances unto the Lord was composed by Ramā, the goddess of fortune, and is full of spiritual power.

Under the guidance of a spiritual master, everyone should chant this *mantra* and thus become a complete and perfect devotee of the Lord. One may chant this *mantra* for complete liberation from material bondage, and after liberation one may continue to chant it while worshipping the Supreme Lord in Vaikunthaloka.

All *mantras*, of course, are meant for this life and the next life, as Krishna Himself confirms in *Bhagavad Gita* (9.14):

*satataṁ kirtayanto mam yatantash ca dridha-vratah
namasyantash ca mam bhaktyanitya-yukta upasate*

“Always chanting My glories, endeavoring with great determination, bowing down before Me, the great souls perpetually worship Me with devotion.” A devotee who both in this life and the next chants the *maha-mantra*, or any *mantra*, is called *nitya-yuktopasaka*. ·

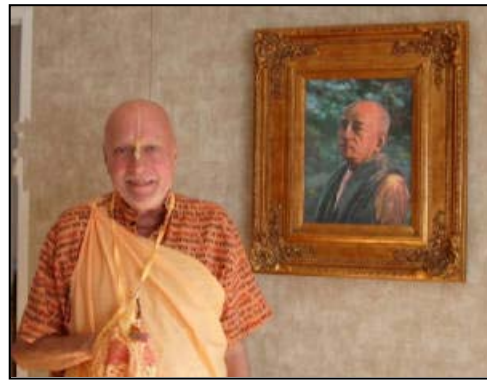
Prabhupada's Moment of Separation

Patita Pavana das Adhikary

We've all heard the story of how Srila Prabhupada arrived in New York aboard the Jaladutta. We revel in the stories of Srila Prabhupada's early friends and disciples like the fortunate Agarwal family, Mukunda Goswami, Brahmananda,, Govinda dasi, Shyamsundar das, Gurudas and the others. But who actually encountered His Divine Grace first in America? Read the following letter from His Holiness Srila Chyavana Swami of Camp Garuda Center for Vedic Studies, and decide.

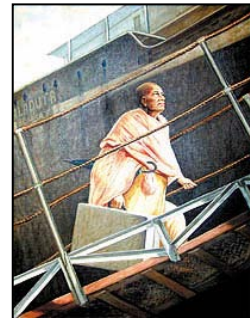
Thank you Patita Pavan Prabhu,

Please accept my obeisances...I was stationed aboard a Coast Guard Cutter at Boston Harbor, and on that Sunday, 19 September '65 when Prabhupada's Jaladutta was moved from the anchorage over to Constitution Wharf, I was on duty on the Quarterdeck. It is a Maritime custom that when two ships pass they offer a "salute" by lowering, then



raising again the Ensign or Flag at the stern of the ship. I offered the American Flag to Srila Prabhupada's Jaladutta in this tradition, and when I looked up I was looking directly at him and he was looking directly at me. I was transfixed by his effulgence, and **stood frozen in time as his ship passed**. He acknowledged the greeting by slightly raising his left hand, palm outward.

Six years later I was initiated, also in Boston. The night before the ceremony, Prabhupada called me up to his room, he asked me to read two verses from *Bhagavad Gita*, he commented briefly then ordered me to go to Africa to open centers and preach to the people there. I only wish I could to more.



I hope this meets you well, look forward to your next newsletter...world falling apart...just chant Hare Krishna!

Your servant,

Cyavana Swami (www.campgaruda.tripod.com)

When Srila Prabhupada arrived in NYC; His Divine Grace unloaded the cases of his League of Devotee *Srimad Bhagavatams*. He had included in the *Bhagavatam's* Introduction the *Shikshataka* verses of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Of *Sri Shikshataka's* eight verses, we find in Verse VII some insight into his mission. Here is the BBT's Verse VII with Sanskrit transliteration from *Sri Chaitanya Charitamrita, Antya-lila 20.39*:

“My Lord Govinda, because of separation from You, I consider even a moment a great millennium. Tears flow from My eyes like torrents of rain, and I see the entire world as void.”

*yugäyitaâ nimeñeëa cakñuñä prävãñäyitam
çünyäyitaâ jagat sarvaâ govinda-viraheëa*

yugäyitam—appearing like a great millennium;
nimeñeëa—by a moment; *cakñuñä*—from the eyes;
prävãñäyitam—tears falling like torrents of rain;
çünyäyitam—appearing void; *jagat*—the world;
sarvam—all; *govinda*—from Lord Govinda, *Kãñëa*;
viraheëa me—by My separation

Notice that the words *yugäyitaâ nimeñeëa* means that a “moment” (nimesh = about 1/11th of a second or a blink of an eyelid) “is equal to a yuga” (which as we know at the very least measures 432,000 years).

Yet in the original Delhi *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Srila Prabhupada* translated yuga” as twelve years. Why? To add our own astrological observation, twelve years equals “one tapa.” This is an amount of time that many yogis vow to perform a penance, a period of tapasya. Twelve years also equals one 360° round of Jupiter through the zodiac. In other words, penance is often undertaken for one round of Jupiter. Here is *Prabhupada's* original translation of *Shikshataka Verse VII*:

“Oh Govinda! Feeling Your separation I am considering a moment as twelve years or more than that and tears are flowing from my eyes like the torrents of rains. I am feeling all vacant in the world in the absence of your presence.”

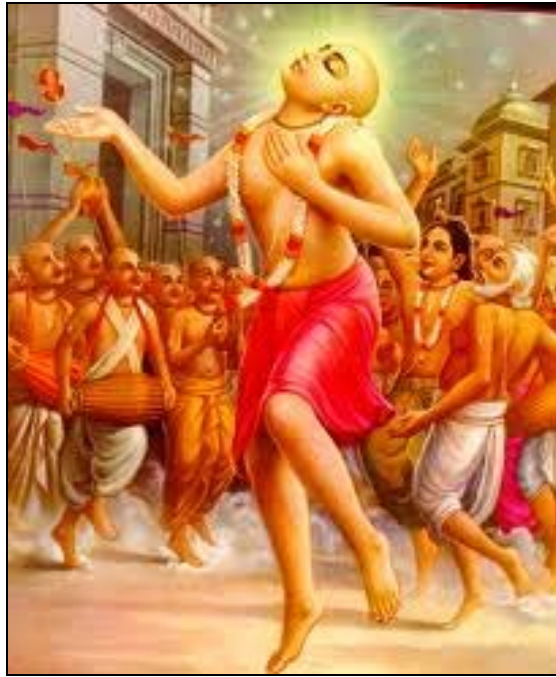
A few years later by, 1967, mimeographed *Back to Godhead* magazines were already being printed and stapled in *Brahmananda Prabhu's* office.

Here is the translation of verse seven given in the 15 Feb.1967 issue (BTG No. 8 - translator is not given):

“Feeling Thy separation, O dear Lord, to me a moment is a millennium. When may I see Thee, at last, O Krishna? Now, as Thy rain, tears flow down my cheeks. I am lost without Thee in a vacant and empty world—O Thou Shining One, Answerer of all, be merciful.”

Next we give the translation of His Divine Grace Srila Sri Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaja. Note that our Paramhansa Param-Guru Maharaja translates a nimesha as a “batting of an eyelid:”

“Govinda, the world is simply an immense void in Your absence. My eyes are raining tears like monsoon-laden clouds, each batting of an eyelid seems to last a millennium.”



Our purpose is not to debate the merits of these translations. In our mind they are all wonderfully transcendental. But we are left with the question as to why Srila Prabhupada translated the word *yuga* as “twelve years or more.” We remain bewildered, that is, until we understand that Srila Prabhupada’s tour of duty was his “moment of separation.” His circling the world twelve times to pick up fallen conditioned souls and place them

at the lotus feet of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu His Divine Grace arrived in New York City on 19 Sept. 1965 and then departed this world on 14 Nov. 1977.

Do the math: Srila Prabhupada's "tour of duty" to his Guru Maharaja—his "moment of separation" —was just a little over twelve years, 1 month and 3 weeks: "Twelve years or more than that." His Divine Grace is eternally united with the *sankirtan* party of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, but he had to face twelve years of separation during which period he saved a planet, which includes you and me.

Right from the beginning His Divine Grace was telling us how long we would be blessed to have his direct personal guidance. As usual, the voice of the prophet is not perfectly understood until his transcendental presence is no longer manifest. For those of us who followed His Divine Grace personally—in our attempts to attain his benedictions—it was a twelve-year *yuga* of *sankirtan* bliss, one which we will en Srine in our heart of hearts forever. •



When Lord Krishna Garlanded Prabhupada

Bahushiras Das Adhikary

*The following narration is from the visionary **Memories** series of Sriman Siddhanta das Adhikary. It is the remembrance of Sriman Bahushiras das Adhikary given in DVD 44 and in vol. 3, p. 334 of the book **Memories-Anecdotes of a Modern-Day Saint**.*

*After **Srila Prabhupada's disappearance**, [Patita Pavana das] asked if I'd like to assist Satswarupa's *Lilamrita* project by interviewing people in India who had known Srila Prabhupada. One of them was Acharya*

Prabhakar Misra, Prabhupada's first disciple. Acharya Prabhakar Misra was clean-cut, well-behaved and articulate. His demeanor impressed me. He held a MA and PhD and was a very cultured Sanskrit scholar and teacher. In Jhansi, Prabhupada had told Acharya Prabhakar. "I met you because I saw you in a dream and I knew that I was supposed to come here." Prabhupada and he would do *bhajan* together. They'd hold Rathayatra festivals and they'd have programme in villages in the area.



Acharya Prabhakar said that on Sri Krishna Janmashtami in 1954, he had to go to Delhi. When he returned to Jhansi, he took a little rest, woke up at 1:00 am and heard Srila Prabhupada ecstatically playing *mridanga* in the temple room. Prabhupada was chanting in total bliss. Acharya Prabhakar went upstairs and saw Srila Prabhupada bouncing around the temple room performing *kirtan*. Prabhupada was wearing a *kadamba* flower garland that went all the way down to his feet. *Kadamba* flowers are very rare in Jhansi and when they are available they are usually the size of a golf ball. But the ones Prabhupada was wearing were big, the size of tennis balls. And he said that the atmosphere right down to the atoms in the room was not material, *aprakrita*. The place was surcharged with the fragrance of the heavenly planets. Acharya Prabhakar wanted to ask Srila Prabhupada, "Where did this garland come from? It is not available from the market." But Srila Prabhupada would not answer. His Divine Grace just kept on performing *kirtan*, bouncing round the room and chanting. The next morning Acharya Prabhakar asked Srila Prabhupada, "Where did you get



the garland, why did it have such a rich fragrance, and why were you feeling so blissful?"

Srila Prabhupada told him, "I was chanting to Krishna and feeling some love for Him. And He appeared and gave me this garland. I went to touch His feet and He disappeared. Because of that I was dancing around the temple room." Srila Prabhupada was crying.

Acharya Prabhakar was very believable and I felt that what he told me was valid. He also said

that sometimes Srila Prabhupada's mood was to perform *kirtan* intensely. He would chant on and on and on for three days straight. We hear that sometimes he wouldn't eat for long periods, especially near the end of his manifest *lila*, but remarkably in Jhansi, he was doing kirtan for a long period of time without eating or sleeping. And the result of his *bhajan* was that Krishna appeared. •



Letters to the Editor

(edited for brevity)

**“Your Sheer Accuracy Leaves Me Breathless
and in Awe”**

Hare Krishna,
AGTSP, Dandavats Prabhu,

While you had already highlighted most of the past disasters and events that have happened during the past string of 7 eclipses including mentioning the 1986 Chernobyl nuke blowout...the multiplicity of events over the last weekend in Japan (even Beijing felt the tremors) and your sheer accuracy leaves me breathless and in awe. You had mentioned that China may face a huge Natural Disaster.

Well, it happened in Japan, it seems....But the scale was anticipated as you had correctly warned. An update would be very useful to those who heed SAGE Advice...Hope this helps us all to seek intense shelter of the Holy Name.

Please keep me under Your Grace and blessings...

Thanking you.

KM (Mumbai)

*Thanks for keeping up with our Newsletter, Prabhu, and we truly enjoy your e-sangha. It is impossible for us to devote every issue to world or mundane astrology. But for your information, and since you asked, the Solar New Year began on 14 April 2011 with the ingress of Lord Surya Narayana into Mesha rashi while the 14th degree of Makara was rising at Washington, DC. That puts lord of lagna Shani in the house of dharma aspected by three planets from the third house of literature. **Americans are looking for spiritual answers and there will never be no better time than these coming months for old fashioned, hard and honest preaching***

*of Srila Prabhupada's message. Times must be judged differently from the days of soft-selling the message of the Gita in the 70's. In the beginning we were poor brahmanas appealing to rich people to help out something that as entirely new to them. This required a different tact. Now the tables are turned. The temples are relatively well off and the American people are sinking financially. What many Americans are facing is a near-refugee situation with a new poverty and homelessness facing millions. **Only honest and straight forward book distribution can flourish now.***

*As citizens awake from the American dream to the nightmare of reality, the people are naturally disgusted. **They have been cheated and lied to by their parents, scientists, doctors, religious leaders, teachers and—most of all—their government.** They know that something is wrong, and that there must be a slution, but only the brahmanas of society—ISKCON's devotees—can articulate what is wrong and more importantly how to fix it. **During these hard times, dedicated street preaching devotees—book distributors—should approach the masses and speak to them truthfully.** We must not be misers with Prabhupada-vani. The Supreme Absolute Truth is Sri Krishna and without surrendering to Him, the great kingdom of Ravana called America will be washed away with the tsunami of time. The GBC must re-invigorate the yuga dharma with renewed discipline and enthusiasm, even if it means that the temple presidents and GBC members must set the example by shouldering heavy book bags for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada.*

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

Back to the New Year Chart at Washington, DC: with the exalted Sun totally lacking dig-bala in the 4th people are losing faith in a government that is at once both powerful and wholly ineffective. More than ever before, they fear a totalitarian trend invading their homes, their lives and their families. The following films by political watchers (none of whom have a clue to the solution as given in the Gita) are telling:

<http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/bush-family-fortunes/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAaQNACwaLw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9tvrYg85qU>

- Ed.

“All (So-called) Astrologers Are Cheaters”

Dear Prabhus,

Sri Guru Gauranga Jayate All glories to Srila Prabhupad. First of all please accept my dandavats. It is most magnanimous of you to provide this genuine service in an age where all astrologers are cheaters. It is my good fortune that I have been able to contact you. As I am very fallen, I beg a special glance from you.

With obeisances to you,

Fallen,

JD (India)

Prabhu, it is we who are blessed by you. Without you we are absolutely nothing. -Ed.

“Ah Ha! Now I See!”

Dear Patita Pavana das,

Thank you for your services and my reading. Words cannot express the feelings I've had this past week re-reading my chart to encounter many moments of “Ah ha! Now I see!!!” Once again I am thankful to Krishna's mercy in allowing me this unique opportunity to glimpse at a map of my life: past, present and future.

With love,

SD (Australia)

It is not us who deserve a shred of credit. Jyotish is Krishna's science, a gift of light from which we all derive benefit. -Ed.

“Extraordinary Service for Devotees”

Dear Prabhus,

Please let me express you both, once again, my gratitude. The reading you sent me is not only useful but well focused on my humble purpose. Thanks a lot for your kindness and the extraordinary service you are offering to persons who start having the desire of becoming a devotee of the Lord.

J C (Spain)

Just as you say, Prabhu, if the Vedic sciences like astrology do not lead us to Krishna, then what use are they?-Ed.

“Mind Blowing! Amazing!”

Dear Panditji and Abhayaji,

Hare Kṛṣṇa! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! Wow! I read the whole horoscope. This is mind blowing! I am going to read it again and again until I understood everything, there is

a lot to think about. This science of Jyotish is amazing. This is amazing how you can actually find out details about a person's past life, and predict certain events that will unfold in the future. Thank you for this most valuable service.

Be blessed,
Y (Israel)

-Astrology is a leaf on the Vedic tree the root of which is Sri Krishna Himself. If one leaf is so amazing, then consider the whole tree. -Ed.

“Excellent”

Dear Patita Pavana das,

Thank you for a great reading. I wasn't prepared for the amount of detail so it's going to take awhile to work through it and understand it completely. What I've read so far is excellent. I especially like the structure of the last section by date ranges.

Thank you from a very satisfied customer!

DK (USA)

The best customers, devotees of the Supreme Lord, deserve the best work. -Ed.

“Devotees Are Benefited”

HARE KRSNA Prabhujī,

Please accept my humble obeisances! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! Thank you so much for the wonderful service. I am sure so many devotees are benefited by your service via astrology. I could see your effort and time spent on this matter. I forwarded some of the devotees and they all mentioned and appreciated the detail nature of chart analysis. I am looking to meet your grace sometime in future to thank personally. Please convey my obeisances and thanks to Mataji as well. I would like to seek blessings from your grace, so everything goes well and I become more and more KRSNA conscious.

Aspiring to be your servant,

GGK (Australia)

It will be our privilege to meet you also when by Sri Krishna's grace we share one another's company. -Ed.

“Best thing In My Life”

Jai Ho! I have made good use of your astrology services, it was the best thing I've done in my life!!! Haribol!

DC (Croatia)

And having devotee clients like you is the best thing that can happen to us.

-Ed.

“Engrossed and Fascinated”

Dear Patita Pavan,

I was so engrossed and fascinated by the astrological reading you made for me that I forgot to even send you an acknowledgment of thanks. So first of all I wish to thank you and Abhaya Mataji with all my heart. Specialized devotees like you are extremely rare and the reading is actually worth much more than the paltry sum that I sent you. I can now understand why astrology has been given so much importance by the Vashnava acaryas in our lineage.

Nitai Gaura Haribol!

Patita Pavana Maharaj Ki Jaya!

Abhaya Mataji Ki Jaya!

Always fallen,

JD

You are always welcome to send more! (Our promise is that it will all be employed in the service of Goddess Lakshmi's Husband!) -Ed.

“Representing Gaudiya Sampradaya”

Haribol Prabhus,

Please accept my most humble dandavats. All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga. Your reading is most encouraging. Wow! I have just taken a quick look and am amazed at the depth and insight of your work. Thank you so much, Prabhu! So thank you again, Prabhus. You are such wonderful representatives of our Gaudiya *sampradaya*.

With my humble gratitude, I remain your servant,

PD (Seattle)

Mataji, whatever we are is by the grace of devotees like you. -Ed.

