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Srila Prabhupada inaugurates the Golden Age of Lord Chaitanya (San Francisco Ratha Yatra 1974)

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Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

...and your life will be sublime

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Dear Prabhus,

Welcome to the issue. Since we skipped an issue we thank you for your patience.

With this issue we present some original research by Abhaya Mudra Dasi on the combined influences of Saturn and Jupiter and the effects that these two “Titans of the Nava Grahas” have on world events. If the necessary technical details prove too ponderous, just skip ahead to the stunning predictions at the end of the article regarding the dawn of the expected mini-Satya Yuga. Those who enjoy the technical aspects of *Jyotish Shastra* will be amazed by this original research which is a first in the field. We expect that this information will also raise the eyebrows of some of India’s learned *pandits*.

Incidentally, before explaining why we missed the last issue, let me say that we did try to stay in touch with the e-*sangha* of devotees by sending articles to www.dandavats.com. Abhaya’s “Year 2012” <http://www.dandavats.com/?p=9851#more-9851> has received many favorable reviews from some of ISKCON’s senior most members. My article <http://www.dandavats.com/?p=9862> on Jayadeva Prabhu’s remarkable biography about his spiritual journey from drummer with a major 70’s band, to spiritual healing and past life regression to sold-out

sankirtan devotee has also been well-received. Incidentally, Dr BV Raman's talented daughter Smt. Gayatri Devi Vasudeva, the Editor of *Modern Astrology Magazine* (Bangalore), to which we have both contributed in the past, has invited us to contribute for the 2012 annual issue.

Many wrote to ask why we missed the last issue. In a word, travel. Abhaya and I drove across six countries to attend the Polish Woodstock Festival and to see our Prabhus' horoscopes in the devotee astrology tent. As guests of our dear friend and brother HH Indradyumna Maharaja and the Russian / Polish troupe we were happy for the opportunity to associate with so many talented *bhaktas*. These included not only the 300+ wonderful devotees who had gathered for the non-stop festivities (which were attended by 600,000+ people). But we were also blessed with *sadhu-sagha* of the master of transcendental sounds Sri BB Govinda Maharaja, and the most potent *avadhuta* preacher Sri Bhakti Vishrambha Maharaja whose explanations of the Absolute Truth can enlighten any living entity.



After the festival Sriman Vaiyasaki Prabhu and Smt Kaishori Devi accompanied Abhaya and me to stay with the devotees in Praha. Beyond a doubt the lovely community in Praha, where Their Lordships Sri Sri Nitai-Nabadwip Chandra are reverently adored, has been directly blessed by Lord Gauranga and Srila Prabhupada. There, a beautiful transcendentalized estate I call "Villa Gauranga" has arisen in the gorgeous countryside within the lake-filled region surrounding the Czech capital. In our three-week stay with the wonderful devotees we experienced their exceptional level of pure and simple spiritual advancement. Their blessings linger upon us like the wafting fragrance of sandalwood incense after the *arotik*.

We had our share adventures like the engine exploding in flames in the fast lane at rush hour. Anyway we hope that our Dear Readers will accept our explanation for the skipped issue. We can only hope and pray to Sri Radha-Rasaraja, our family Deities here in Blagoevgrad, that each of you will be blessed to join the Woodstock Festivals and/or visit the Prague devotees at some point on your road to perfecting your lives going back to Godhead.

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



Jupiter-Saturn Face Off



Abhaya Mudra Dasi

On 15th Nov. 2011, when malefic Saturn enters Libra--his sign of exaltation--he comes face to face with benefic Jupiter in war-like Aries at the opposite end of the axis. Abhaya Mudra Dasi examines the possible effects on us and the world with an eye to past encounters of Saturn and Jupiter.

When Saturn enters Libra, his sign of exaltation, on the 15th of November this year, he will find himself facing off with Jupiter. By now Jupiter is already positioned on the other end of the axis from Libra in the sign of Aries. Jupiter has been patiently waiting in the sign of the warrior Aries since 9 May of this year. Undoubtedly, this forthcoming opposition of Saturn and Jupiter is a heavy omen for times ahead, whether in the near or relatively distant future.



These two planets are the titans of the zodiac. The slow Shanideva is the planet of the masses, of *karma* and of generations. His decision is firm and his verdict is far-reaching. Soon he will be directly glancing over to Brihaspati, the chief priest of the *devatas* and the greater benefic of the zodiac. What can be expected out of the mix of this coming cosmic showdown? For the answer to that question this article will explore in detail times past when this infrequent combination has taken place. We will examine how a Jupiter-Saturn face-off has played an important role in the world scene over the last century. We will also look at the innate traits and characteristics of both these great demi-gods. In this way we give our due reflection upon times that are yet to come culminating in a mini Satya Yuga to become more apparent around 2040.

Many times throughout history Saturn and Jupiter have moved into opposition when their combined strength has acted as an omen that has dramatically shifted the course of world events. When the major benefic and the chief malefic form a planetary handshake across the zodiac it is a sure sign that significant changes are upon the horizon. For ready reference, a 120-year “Table of Saturn-Jupiter Conjunctions and Oppositions” appears at the end of this article.

To understand the personalities and propensities of these two giants, the reader may study the nature of two *nakshatras* ruled by both Shanideva and

Brihaspati. This pair is inextricably linked near the very end of the zodiac, in Aquarius and Pisces. These *nakshatras* are Purva Bhadra ruled by Saturn and Uttara Bhadra ruled by Jupiter. Called “the scorching pair,” they are symbolized by a “death cot” with each *nakshatra* owning two legs at each end of the bed. They are the 25th and 26th *nakshatras* respectively and from them the student may understand the combined Saturn-Jupiter energy. Uttarabhadra is represented by Lord Ananta at the bottom of the Universe and Purvabhadra is represented by Lord Shiva who emanates from the forehead of Ananta.

Ruled by Jupiter, Purva Bhadra mostly lies in the sign of Saturn-ruled Aquarius. Uttara Bhadra is exactly the opposite. Positioned entirely in the sign of Pisces, which is ruled by Jupiter, Uttara Bhadra is ruled by Saturn. These two heavy *nakshatras* are also famous for their detachment. They deal more with affairs that pertain to death and the afterlife than with worldly matters. From studying their combined influences we can draw some clues from the past about coming events. Today changes in consciousness are leading to higher understandings of the Absolute Truth or Krishna consciousness as the flood of *sankirtan* prepares to engulf the planet.

1900-1910

The world celebrated the beginning of the 20th Century on 1 Jan 1901. Ominously, the new century began with a conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in the sign of Sagittarius the archer. The shared energies of the titans were then combined through conjunction rather than through opposition. And in this case, their conjunction was not as inauspicious as the coming face-off in Nov. 2011 since Jupiter-ruled Sagittarius is also a philosophical sign. However, Sagittarius as the wielder of the bow is also a warring sign. The



1901 Saturn-Jupiter duo therefore foreshadowed new and idealistic changes in the years ahead, though changes would be wrought through bloodshed.

With this conjunction of Shani and Jupiter in the sign of the Centaur, the horsemen of wide-scale war would soon gallop onto the world scene. The dawn of the 20th century started with many battles, especially in Europe. America had just emerged victoriously from the Spanish-American War and the stage had just been set for Uncle Sam to emerge as a world power. Queen Victoria’s death in January marked the end of the longest monarchical reign in British era and the end of the

“Victorian Era.” The Sultan of Turkey posted 50,000 troops to Bulgaria to quell unrest against the Ottoman Empire in Macedonia. The Boxer Rebellion was raging in China. Heavenly omens had been scribed and soon the gathering clouds would lead to the winds of the First World War. In 1903 Jupiter and Saturn were conjunct again, this time in the movable, earthy sign of Saturn, Capricorn.

In 1910 the faster moving Jupiter moved into an historical opposition with Saturn. Jupiter was now positioned in Mercury-ruled Virgo, while Saturn was positioned in the sign of Jupiter, Pisces. Along with the appearance of Halley’s Comet, which appeared in May of 2010, this opposition foretold the drawing together of forces in preparation for the First World War (1914-1918). Historians debate whether the ensuing WW II and the others that followed that up till today are but mere continuations of WW I. That these many wars are not actually separate conflicts but are in truth the ongoing aggressions of the same powers receives heavenly affirmations from the titans in the sky.



As foretold by the Saturn-Jupiter opposition of 1910, massive offensives would be organized both on water (Pisces) as well as on earth (Virgo) on a scale never before witnessed. Now for the first time, airplanes would soon drop bombs on whole armies causing unprecedented numbers of infantry deaths.

In 1911 Jupiter aspected Saturn from Libra while debilitated Saturn returned the glance from Aries. Debilitated Saturn in the Mars-ruled sign of conflict Aries is particularly significant in the case of ruthless wars. Then in 1914 just prior to the advent of WW I, Jupiter was debilitated in Capricorn and aspecting Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn. In turn, Saturn was positioned in the sign of Taurus, another earth sign. The war “ended” in 1918 with Jupiter moving into the stable sign of Taurus, the same position where Saturn had been at the beginning of the war.

1920-1940’s

In 1920 Jupiter and Saturn joined one another in Leo, the fiery sign of the king. Just as at the beginning of the century, there seemed to be a promise for a better world tomorrow. But the prosperity of the “Roaring Twenties” would prove to be short-lived.

In 1922 Saturn and Jupiter re-joined in the next consecutive sign of Virgo, an earthy *rashi*. Both titans have a liking for Virgo but the pressure within this sign of nourishment and the patterns of the heavens appeared to foreshadow the coming Great Depression still a few years down the road. In 1929 the stock market crashed forcing millions into poverty.



In 1931 Jupiter and Saturn again found themselves in opposition. Now Jupiter was in airy Gemini while Saturn was in fiery Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter. Two years after this opposition, Hitler arose as the Chancellor of Germany and paved the way for the Second World War. Opposing forces of fire and air soon would serve to create swift incendiary repercussions. As hostilities once again surfaced, Allied saturation bombing from above and German guided missiles would verify the prophecy.

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In 1932 there was a repeat of the opposition of Jupiter and Saturn, except that now it occurred in the signs following the earlier opposition. Saturn was now stationed in his own sign of Capricorn while Jupiter was exalted in Cancer, strong positions for both titans. This opposition foretold Hitler's concentration camps and the use of other unfair means by which the Second World War would be fought. The strong position of the two giants created an unfavorable aspect to each opposing sign because Jupiter was debilitated in Capricorn and Saturn was helpless in the fast moving sign of watery Cancer. **And whenever an opposition of Saturn and Jupiter occurs in two consecutive signs, disasters of enormous proportions can be expected.**

In 1939 Jupiter and Saturn conjoined in Pisces and the fated movement of history could not be halted by this restless and watery sign. Like an angry torrent, the WW II raged on for six years, exactly half a Jupiter cycle. In 1941 Jupiter and Saturn conjoined in Aries, the sign before Pisces. As Saturn entered into debility in Aries, Germany appeared to be gaining an upper hand. Germany is ruled by Aries. This debility of Saturn demonstrated how the power of Germany, though apparently provoked by the stars, had no real substance to achieve Der Fuehrer's imagined glory. Saturn's movement from debility into the fixed earth sign of Taurus was a sign that the war would be winding down and a new stability would arise. With the end of WW II prosperity soon returned as Saturn and Jupiter were then moving

through the two signs owned by Mercury, the planet of commerce: Jupiter was now in Virgo and Saturn was in Gemini.

1950- 1960's

In 1950 Jupiter and Saturn were again in opposition from two fixed signs: Jupiter in Aquarius and Saturn in Leo. This opposition put both planets in relatively strong but compromised positions heralding the coming cold war. Now Saturn, a cold planet, was in the hot sign of his father the Sun (Leo). Jupiter, a hot planet, was in the cold but technologically evolved sign of Saturn (Aquarius).

By 1952 Jupiter and Saturn were once again opposing one another, this time from the signs of Pisces and Virgo which follow the duo of signs that saw them in opposition in 1950. The opposition was similar to the one that occurred at the dawn of the century, though now the positions were reversed. Jupiter was in Pisces and Saturn was in Virgo. This opposition created the illusion of world stability and peace which gave mankind a chance to reinvent itself through new technologies, sporting events, mass traveling and consumerism.

Amazingly, 1953 found Jupiter and Saturn in opposition for the third time since 1950. This was a rare event since Saturn stays in a sign for 2½ years and Jupiter generally stays in a sign for about a year. Saturn was now exalted in Libra, and Jupiter had moved into Aries (the formation which will be repeated in Nov.



2011). Three successive oppositions gave the world the feeling that in the wake of new science and technology an abiding faith in God was no longer needed. An atheistic independence overtook the post-war generation and it became fashionable for people to do whatever came to mind. Though an illusion of unshakable peace had been created, many secret wars were orchestrated in various parts of the world notably by the CIA. Meanwhile, this warring mentality became slowly imbedded into the public psyche through the subtle Maya created by television and other devices. The powers-that-be were making sure that the masses could now consider war to be normal and even entertaining.

In 1961, in a scene resembling the beginning of the century, Saturn and Jupiter joined together in Sagittarius. And in the following year they met once again in Capricorn. These historic conjunctions further promised a change in consciousness by the means of philosophy. The Vietnam War was now in full swing. To oppose this cruel war, the hippy movement arose upon the horizon as well.

In 1969 Jupiter and Saturn again moved into opposition with one another from Pisces and Virgo, as they had back in 1952 and earlier in 1910. The next year Saturn went into Aries and Jupiter into Libra. The world stage was a play with global powers playing cat and mouse. The Viet Nam War raged on and threatened to spread into a world war. Eventually when the war ended with the fall of Hanoi in 1975 Srila Prabhupada would credit the *sankirtan* movement and his tireless book distributors for the cessation of hostilities.

1980- 1990's



1979 witnessed Jupiter and Saturn conjoined in Leo, heralding happy-go-lucky times when everything seemed to be good in the world. While a consumer-oriented society in the West appeared to have unlimited resources, the computer appeared and would eventually change everything. In the East the Communist regimes began awakening to free markets and were doing well. The next year Jupiter and Saturn conjoined in Virgo and abundance seemed to be everywhere.

In 1990 the two titans again moved into opposition in the Sagittarius-Gemini axis. Saturn was now in the bow-wielder's *rashi* and Jupiter was in the airy sign. Just as this particular combination foretold the Second World War's airborne offensives, so the Persian Gulf War with its Operation Desert Storm witnessed saturation air strikes. America had effectively created an enemy in Iraq and now the self-appointed World's Cop was playing that enemy to its full advantage. This opposition foretold a large number of reactions that still haunt the world with the USA leading the pack under the guise of so-called NATO forces or United Nations "peacekeepers."

Meanwhile the Eastern Bloc in Europe began to disintegrate when USSR leader Mikhail Gorbachev instituted Perestroika or a "restructuring" of the Communist Party. The next opposition of Jupiter and Saturn was formed in



1991. Their respective strongholds of Capricorn and Cancer mirrored the *yoga* of 1932 and set a scene that was all too familiar. Just as Hitler had arisen in 1932, now the rise of a totalitarian corporate New World Order became evident. The ensuing persecution to which innocent Muslim people became subjected can be compared to the suffering of Jews (and others including Gypsies, Communists and the mentally ill) in Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War.

The New Millennium

As the 20th century had begun with Saturn and Jupiter conjoined in fiery Sagittarius, so the 21st century dawned with the conjunction of the two titans portentously locked in another fire sign, Aries. Of these two *Agni rashis* Aries, as “the unstoppable force,” is especially the sign of brute power, recklessness and a lack of feelings. At its higher octave, Aries can inspire right action at the right time. But not in this case. The doorway to the new century witnessed the implementation of new forms of subtle yet ruthless power and control. The rule of brutal giant corporations so powerful they could influence policy in hundreds of countries contradicted the image



conjured by Aries, which rules the head. Now the inferior qualities of Aries would prevail. The world’s citizens were to fall under the spell of ruthless corporate control mostly without realizing it. Neither did the average person have any voice or power with which to fight back.

In 2001 Jupiter and Saturn conjoined in Taurus, the sign of the bull which by now had been completely eliminated from agriculture. Huge corporations ruled mechanized farms and the traditional farmers have become virtually extinct. The food supply was now gripped dangerously in the hands of a few.

Coming Soon: 14 Nov. 2011

On 15 November of this year we will witness the next historical opposition of Saturn and Jupiter. We have already seen these two in opposition several times in recent months. The titans were in Pisces and Virgo respectively during June to October 2010 and then again from December 2010 till April of this year. Jupiter moved in Aries in May. As of this writing he is not in opposition with Saturn yet who is still in Virgo. But in a mere two months

when Saturn enters Libra, another opposition will be formed. At this time Saturn will be in his sign of exaltation aspecting Jupiter in Aries—Saturn’s sign of debility. **As we have observed during this brief but historical overview, when there is a conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, far-reaching events are set into motion. Next, when these two form a consecutive opposition the events foretold by their conjunction fructify.**

Times to Come

Oppositions involving Jupiter and Saturn in the Aries-Libra axis have been witnessed in the 20th century on a few occasions. In 1911 Jupiter in Libra opposed Saturn in Aries. Again, in both 1953 and in 1970 Jupiter in Aries became opposed by Saturn in Libra. The future of the world could mirror to some degree the opposition which occurred in 1970, except that the 1970 opposition was preceded by conjunctions of Saturn and Jupiter in both Sagittarius and in Capricorn. This time the conjunction occurred in Aries (2000) and Taurus (2001).

Taurus is the ruler of the Muslim world and countries of the Middle East. Exalted Saturn represents hard and fast rules while Jupiter in Aries stands for raw power. Considerations regarding ensuing consequences will hardly phase the Powers that Be when Jupiter tries to break the well-established world order. Besides the opposition of Saturn and Jupiter, Mars will be transiting Leo for nearly seven months from 31st October 2011 through May of 2012. Jupiter will lend his favorable aspect to Mars and together they will try to pull down the rules and regulations that Saturn strives to accomplish. Their techniques of operation will be shadowy because Mars will be aspecting the subversive Rahu who is shamelessly debilitated in the negative sign of Mars, Scorpio. During the next six months, especially after 31 October, unfathomable covert military schemes will be set into motion in many parts of the world.

The June edition of **The Astrological Newsletter** offered some details regarding this years’ maximum number of seven eclipses, of which two remain. These eclipses will also occur in the signs of Taurus and Scorpio respectively on 25 November (solar) and 10 December (lunar). This situation further implements the countries which are under Taurus and which are rich in oil. Oil is a murky dark liquid ruled by the watery sign of Scorpio. Therefore corporate-sponsored military conflicts of significant proportions are expected. The powerful position of an exalted Saturn should not be overlooked. Corporate and banking perpetrators while hiding behind banners

proclaiming “Democracy” or “Freedom” would like to take as much oil as they can lay their hands on in exchange their for rapidly declining fiat currency. Saturn will remain in exaltation until 4 Nov 2014, long after Mars has exited Leo on 2 Jun. 2012 and Jupiter has abandoned Aries on 16 May 2012. From what we can discern, in June 2012 some major conflicts will be resolved. There will be no world war; at least until the next meeting of the titans.

The future is but the cyclic repetition of the past. Today the wheel of time is set to duplicate the positions of Saturn and Jupiter at the beginning of the 20th century. There will be conjunctions of Jupiter and Saturn in Capricorn off and on during 2021-22. Then there will be the opposition of Saturn and Jupiter from the signs of Libra and Aries in 2029 and again in Scorpio and Taurus respectively in 2030. Saturn will be debilitated in Aries after 2027 and this situation always leads to self-appointed power-hungry individuals wreaking havoc upon the world.

Saturn and Jupiter will find themselves opposed in the Taurus-Scorpio axis in 2030, something the world has not seen for 2½ centuries. This is a sign of imminent change throughout the world. The years following 2030 will be crucial, a situation that can only be rectified by the *sankirtana* movement of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Only the *yuga dharma* of *sankirtan* as bequeathed to the world by Srila Prabhupada can save the Earth from grave dangers and destruction.

Let us pray therefore for the mercy of their Lordships Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai that They may empower all Their devotees throughout the world for the deliverance of the fallen conditioned souls.

Date of the Coming Satya Yuga

The time clock in Kali Yuga is set in such a way that planets move at a relatively higher motion. Even slow-moving planets like Saturn, who stays in a sign for 2½ years, and Jupiter, who remains in a *rashi* for about a year, appear to speed up. Periods in Kali Yuga appear to be defined by the opposing mutual aspects of Saturn and Jupiter. The titans tend to repeatedly oppose one another from particular signs until they move to the neighboring two signs and oppose one another again. At the beginning of Kali Yuga single conjunctions and oppositions were the rule but then, as we have documented here in our description of the 20th and 21st Centuries, multiple oppositions and conjunctions started to occur in two consecutive signs. But

even more significant and rare are the Saturn-Jupiter conjunctions in three consecutive signs which happened from 1950 to 1953.

This event was followed in 1962 by the most significant *gola yoga* which marked the resetting of Universal time. It slowed the fan of Kali Yuga and lead to the promised mini Satya Yuga.

Oppositions of Saturn in Libra and Jupiter in Aries have become commonplace in the 20th and 21st centuries as these two signs rule the 1st and the 7th houses. The 1st house signifies the “self” while the 7th represents “others.” Hence, when the titans occupy the 1st and the 7th the meeting stands for the monarchy and the plebeians; or the corporations and the ordinary folk; the “I” and the “You” factor; the Godhead and the individual ego. Over the past 2¼ centuries the most frequent Saturn-Jupiter oppositions have occurred either in the axis’ of either Aries/Libra, Virgo/Pisces or Gemini/Sagittarius. The cycle of these three particular oppositions instigated towards the end of the 18th Century will slow down around 2040. At that time we will observe two consecutive *yuga yogas* (please see the article in **The Astrological Newsletter** # 21, 28 May 2011). These world-shaping planetary alignments will occur within two months of each other in 2040 on September 5th and October 5th. After 9 October 2040 oppositions between Saturn and Jupiter will become infrequent and short-lived. Furthermore, consecutive sign conjunctions of the two titans will no longer be the rule of the day. These serve as optimistic yet certain indications that the horrible wars today victimizing helpless nations by super powers will diminish.

From 2041 onwards the promised mini-Golden Age of Satya Yuga will gradually gain further ascendancy. • (written 9 Sept. 2011)

Table of Saturn / Jupiter Conjunctions and Oppositions

CONJUNCTIONS	OPPOSITIONS
Sagittarius/Capricorn 1900/1901	
	Jupiter in Virgo/ Saturn in Pisces 1910 Jupiter in Libra/ Saturn in Aries 1911
Leo/Virgo 1920/1922	
	Jupiter in Gemini/ Saturn in Sagittarius 1931 Jupiter in Cancer/ Saturn in Capricorn 1932
Pisces/Aries 1939/1941	
	Jupiter in Aquarius/ Saturn in Leo 1950 Jupiter in Pisces/ Saturn in Virgo 1952 Jupiter in Aries/ Saturn in Libra 1953
Sagittarius/Capricorn 1961/1962	

	Jupiter in Pisces/ Saturn in Virgo 1969 Jupiter in Aries/ Saturn in Libra 1970
Leo/Virgo 1979/1980	
	Jupiter in Gemini/ Saturn in Sagittarius 1990 Jupiter in Cancer/ Saturn in Capricorn 1991
Aries/Taurus 2000/2001	
	Jupiter in Pisces/ Saturn in Virgo 2010 Jupiter in Aries/ Saturn in Libra 2011
Capricorn 2021/2022	
	Jupiter in Libra/ Saturn in Aries 2029 Jupiter in Scorpio/ Saturn in Taurus 2030

NOTE: yellow: Jupiter/Saturn oppositions in the Aries/Libra axis
grey: Repeated patterns from the WW II as reflected in the 80's and 90's

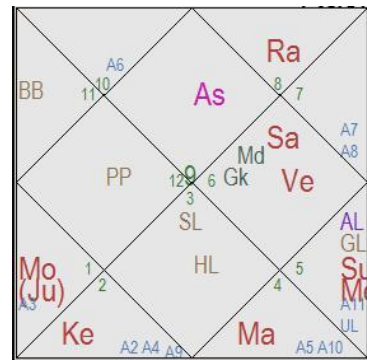
The Reno Air Show Disaster

...And What the Muhurta Teaches Us

Patita Pavana das Adhikary

There are lessons to be learned from the blunders of others. The recent tragedy at Reno, one that cost nine lives and caused dozens of serious injuries, can be a lesson in the science of muhurta for devotees.

As a lad I looked up to my Dad who at 6'2" was a towering figure. He was an officer in the American Army during WW2 who had survived the treacherous landing with the Allied Powers on the beachheads of Normandy. As part of the Second Armored Division's assault on occupied France, he had gotten a hefty chunk of German hand grenade shrapnel through his metal helmet and into his head. As a result, he now wore the Purple Heart, a medal awarded soldiers injured in combat. The head injury had also made Dad somewhat touchy, so I instinctively knew that--father or not--I should keep him at arm's length, short as those youthful arms were. By the time I was nine in 1956, Capt. LW Davis was instructing other soldiers at the Ft. Bliss, Texas Guided Missile School in the grand art of raining Nike bombs onto the civilian heads of civilians of "enemy" countries. There in El Paso I



grew up delighting in the sometimes live ammunition we 3rd and 4th graders would bring home, brass shell casings that littered the desert floor after Army training. I also had quite a collection of Army patches which I had begged from the local dry cleaners. In the afternoons I adored putting together innocent-looking plastic model airplanes that I never considered were replicas of vehicles meant for mass destruction.

One day Dad, decked out in his Army uniform, took my two brothers and me to watch an air show at the White Sands Proving grounds. As a pilot stormed his F-100 Super Sabrejet out of the blue to display the killing machine's awesome fire power, the plane roared in too low. To correct the situation, the pilot pulled up to quickly. But it was too late. Before our astonished eyes the jet exploded just a few feet from the ground and burst into a bright orange ball of flame. Soldiers were running here and there as scattered debris shot in all directions. The air show was cancelled. Dad drove us home in characteristic silence and never mentioned it again.



It is amazing at what huge cost in the form of human life and equipment the great military powers present their air shows. Wiki has an astoundingly long list of air show disasters at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_airshow_accidents_and_incidents. Any sane person would terminate this medieval form of perilous bravado and derring-do after one glance at this roster of tragedies. In one Sacramento disaster, a vintage jet plane crashed into an ice cream parlor killing entire families. Air shows are deadlier than anything the Romans gladiators could have imagined. Nor does Wiki even mention the air show disaster I bore witness to that day in 1956 on the once pristine sands of New Mexico's desert. This leads one to consider that many other deadly incidents might not made the list. Certainly these are catastrophes that the military-industrial complex will be understandably reticent to publicize.

There have been an incredible 136 (listed) disasters since 1956 or five or six crashes every two years. Unbelievably, since the Reno tragedy this week another air show crash occurred the very next day in West Virginia.



One of the Revell styrene model airplanes I enjoyed gluing together during my days at Mesita Elementary in El Paso, Texas was the single-prop P-51 Mustang. It was an agile WW2 fighter used in supporting B-24 four-engine “Liberators” in their missions of saturation bombing over hundreds of European cities during American and British incursions. Of course, as a naive lad I had been spoon fed the company line that dropping bombs on cities inhabited by innocent civilians was a good thing to do for the world. After all America--the “land of the free” with its mowed lawns, hot dogs, baseball, and democracy-loving citizens--was a place that any red-blooded, freckled-faced individual could believe in. Could anything be wrong with the home of the Mickey Mouse Club?

Karma Rains Out of the Sky

Those old memories returned to haunt like ghosts galloping in from the past when I read of Nevada’s Reno Air Race disaster which lit up the net’s headlines yesterday. Later, the report on Wiki was cold and matter-of-fact:



“On September 16, 2011, at the Reno Air Races, a (WW2 fighter plane) piloted by James K. “Jimmy” Leeward crashed into spectators, killing nine people including the pilot, and injuring at least 69. Leeward, the 74-year-old pilot of a North American P-51D Mustang called *The Galloping Ghost*, was in fourth place and had just rounded the last pylon when the airplane abruptly pitched up, rolled inverted, then pitched down. The aircraft hit the tarmac in the front of the grandstands in an area containing box seating.”



Horrified spectators gasped as the vintage P-51 fighter nose dived like a missile into the VIP stands at over 500 miles per hour.

Nothing was left of Jimmy Leeward's \$2½ million vintage racer which disintegrated into tiny pieces. His death fulfilled the modern adage that "there are bold pilots and there are old pilots, but there are no old, bold pilots." The philosopher in us wonders about the *karma* of those upon whom such an untoward destiny rained from out of the blue. One young victim in the front row was in a wheel chair, a sufferer of a paralytic disorder seated next to his father. He died instantly while his father suffered only minor injuries. Why? As Chanakya (*Chanakya Niti* 13.15) wryly notes,

*yathā dhenu-sahasreṣu vatso gacchati mātaram |
tathā yac ca kṛtaṁ karma kartāram anugacchati ||15||*

As a calf finds its mother among a thousand cows, so the (good or bad) deeds of a man follow him.

...And that in a nutshell is the basis of astrology, a divine God-given science which in a language of its own explains the great handwriting of the sky. The *karma* of each living entity born to die within the confines of the material universe is written in the heaven and upon the forehead at birth--and follows him throughout his life.

There is much useful information to be gleaned from the horrendous Reno Air Race accident as far as the science of *muhurta* is concerned. The exact moment of the incident--4:15 pm PDST on 16 Sept.--was portentous. Any *pandit* at once will spot that the 8th house of death or *mrityustan* was occupied by a debilitated Mars. Not only was Mars at his lowest ebb in the house of death, but Rahu was debilitated in the 12th house of loss in Scorpio, which is owned by the debilitated Mars. As a general rule *muhurtas* during which the *dustans* 8th (especially) and 12th are afflicted are considered unacceptable. Furthermore, the *nakshatra* of the Moon at the time was the star of birth and death Bharani, ruled by Yamaraja. As far as *muhurtas* are concerned, Bharani is a *krura* or "cruel" star that is said to be suitable for nefarious deeds. It is said that Duryodhana was born under Bharani.

The Sun was in his own sign of Leo in the 9th house of travel. Surely this lord of the 9th in the 9th might have saved the day, except that the Sun was a mere ¼ of a degree and 6½ hours from entering into Virgo, the sign preceding Sun's debility (*neechabhilasi*). This shows the powerlessness of planets that are lost in the last degree of a sign at 29°+. Sage Parashara compares such planets to senile old men, feeble and worn out. The *lagna* point was similarly weak being only about one minute of time away from

changing from Sagittarius to Capricorn. This is another lesson of *muhurta* regarding obtaining a strong rising sign: the *lagna* should be fortified and it should not be near either the beginning cusp or the end. Furthermore, Shanideva, planet of fate, was ominous by moving in the 10th, especially when factoring in the other unsavory aspects.

The *parivartana yoga* or exchange of houses between 5th house Chandra and the 8th house Mangal rang the final death knell. Mars in the house of Moon and vice versa destroyed the effects of *gaja-keshari yoga*, or the union of Jupiter and the Moon in the 5th *vidya*. A 5th house Jupiter should have offered protection considering Jupiter's *drishti* or "vision" over the *lagna*. As the old dictum states, "Jupiter's aspect to the *lagna* destroys a crore (10 million) *doshas* (faults). Jupiter was like a leaking lifeboat considering that his dispositor, Mars (who rules Aries where Jupiter is stationed), was debilitated in the 8th. This is an example of the importance of dispositors in assessing a *muhurta*.

Sign of Scorpio and ISKCON

It should be noted that the sign of Scorpio, where Rahu remains in debility till the last week of 2012, plays an important role in ISKCON. Scorpio on the ascendant is frequently seen amongst the leaders of the Hare Krishna Movement. In this regard, Natabara das Adhikary, Jyotish Shastri, has noted, "Whenever the Moon is in Scorpio (for around 2½ days each month) something out of the ordinary occurs in the Society."

Rahu entered into Scorpio around three months back on 6 June and slowly retrogrades in that sign for a total of 18 months. Shortly after Rahu entered Scorpio, a serious car accident occurred in Mayapur wherein one of our Matajis was injured in a taxi hit-and-run. By the grace of Sri Guru and Gauranga, she is recovering under loving devotee care. So the point is that as long as Rahu is debilitated devotees must exercise extreme caution especially while traveling. (Abhaya and I narrowly escaped danger when our engine exploded in Czech. And while we were in Praha, a Prabhu was in a freak single car roll over in which he was seriously injured). And that warning is all the more emphatic while Mars is debilitated in watery Cancer (now until 31 Oct. 2011).

To some degree, a good *muhurta* can be obtained--or a bad one somewhat counteracted--simply by ascertaining a good hour or *hora* whenever traveling or getting behind the wheel of a vehicle. For a quick lesson on that subject, known as **Hora Shastra**, please refer to this article:

<http://www.dandavats.com/?p=7057>. It is by far the most widely-read article ever on Dandavats with over twice the number of hits (118, 062) scored by the second runner-up. And why should it not be? Srila Prabhupada said that the most important thing, more important than saving others, is saving oneself. Since Lord Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, has given us this divine light of Jyotish Shastra for the protection of devotee preachers who travel extensively, it should be utilized. • (written 18 Sept. 2011)

Shani Funny



So you think that you were born under a heavy Saturn?!

Letters to the Editor

(Edited for brevity)



“You Nailed Me Exactly”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu,

Please accept my obeisances, and my obeisances also to Abhaya Mudra also. All glories to the process of Krsna consciousness. I received and read my chart - it was exactly what I hoped for in that there was always the proper Vaisnava insight given for every part of it. I study astrology a bit, and have had my chart done a few times by others, and have several software programs, and I found your readings to be the most internal and revealing, as well as enlightening as to the bigger picture regarding the soul's path and *karma*. Most other readings tend to focus on externals, predictions etc., so this was quite

deeply introspective for me. It will certainly take some time for me to digest, as there are layers of truth there that need much contemplation. I sent it to (my *siksha gurus*) as you suggested, and they already called and said they feel you nailed me exactly.

Like Mukunda, who Lord Caitanya said would return to him after millions(?) of years, I can easily tolerate 10 years of trials knowing that Krsna consciousness on steroids awaits. We will be saving money to get my wife and charts done at some point in the coming year or two. Thank you Prabhus, for doing the wonderful service of making Vedic astrology "Vedic" again, in that it is all about our journey home, not our temporary visit here.

Your servant,
K D (Canada)

Dandots

Dear Dhimana Krsna Prabhu (Patit, Patita Pavan, Patit Uddharan (didn't you also use that name for awhile?)),

Dandots (Brijbhasha pronunciation of Dandavats)! Joy Srila Prabhupad (Bengali pronunciation of Jay). Jay SriSri Radha-Kunjabihari! First off, thank you very much for your newsletters. I read them very carefully as soon as I receive them.

Also thanks for the chart that the Maharaja commissioned you to do for me. I was overwhelmed. Never before have I seen anyone tie everything so deftly together! In the realm of knowledge I think this is the single, most prominent obstacle - to get the big picture, 'to see the mix'. Many can't see the forest, because of the trees / *mayayapahrta jnana*. Time is a great teacher, and all the time you two have put into your work and the experience you have accumulated is thus a conspicuous asset.

KN (India)

-We are humbled by your kind words, Prabhu. Srila Prabhupada named me Patita Pavana das at my initiation on Oct. 29, 1968. Some weeks later he wrote to change it to Patita Uddharana, but remarked that "the meaning is practically the same." Check the Vedabase and see the letters in this regard. In the subsequent years he called me either name at different times. When I tire of those who pronounce my name as OO der-ahn, instead of ooDHARan I switch gears. You who know some of the languages of Bharata-bhumi may call me either as you wish! Dhimana Krishna is sort of a nick name kindly given by a higher authority that I use in my web addresses. Thanks for asking. -Ed.

“Prabhupada’s ‘Yuga’ of Separation”

Dear Patit Pavana das,

I especially liked the article [see April issue #20] about Srila Prabhupad's *Moment of Separation*. I recently wrote to Hari Sauri Prabhu regarding a comment he had made to me about something Srila Prabhupad had said to him. This is his reply:

“Srila Prabhupada in 1976 told me that the period from 1954 to 1966 was the most difficult of his life, but looking back he could see that it was his greatest asset: [From *A Transcendental Diary* vol. # 3 August 4, 1976 - New Mayapur]

[Srila Prabhupada] fell silent for a while, occasionally still coughing, but at least not dislodging the heavy mucus of just a few days ago. After five minutes of contemplative silence he said, "From 1954 to '66 I struggled very hard, alone."

"Twelve years."

"Yes. Twelve years means one *yuga*."

I was puzzled. "One ...?"

"One *yuga*." Prabhupada repeated. "And big *yuga*, another."

"Oh, the term is used differently? It can be used in different ways? We always think of one *yuga* as being like Kali-*yuga*, or ..."

"Yes, that is a big *yuga*, this is small *yuga*."

"It's very fortunate for us that you were so determined," I told him."

I am especially curious if this difficult period in Srila Prabhupad's life corresponds to a particular celestial influence (well obviously it does; I just wonder more specifically what that influence might have been).

Kunjabihari Adhikari

-Very astute observation, Prabhu. As far as Sriman Hari Sauri Prabhu's voluminous Transcendental Diary is concerned, I feel that significant labor of love will emerge as the most important Vaishnava literature of the current era after Srila Prabhupada's books themselves. No wonder he works on those illuminating volumes with such intense and single-minded devotion. Their reading should be mandatory for all members of ISKCON because he has succeeded in writing shastra about the Person Bhagavat.

As far as the time frame you mention, Srila Prabhupada's dozen years or yuga of struggle, His Divine Grace began his Budha mahadasha in 1954. Then in 1966 the World Acharya began his sub-period of Jupiter or Budha / Guru bhukti. Budha is exalted: in the karmastan and could have given wondrous results since Budha creates bhadra mahapurush yoga alone and (with other planets) instigates wonderful combinations like chamara, jaya, raja, veshi, mridanga, Hari, Brahma and Saraswati yogas. But as we can see, Lord Krishna really tested Prabhupada as much as He tests the greatest of His elects. Hence, this was indeed an exalted period.

Incidentally, Srila Prabhupada's horoscope reveals his position as a shaktyavesh avatar. This is the opinion of authorities who consider that His Divine Grace appeared under Dhanush lagna. I presented this to His Divine Grace in 1977 and (according to Tamal Krishna Goswami) Srila Prabhupada much appreciated this conclusion. His is the only chart I've seen that has both yogas for Lord Narayana and His Wife: Hari and Lakshmi yogas. And both yogas Brahma and his wife: Brahma and Saraswati yogas. Needless to say, this is very, very rare.

Proper Planning Though Astrology

Dear Prabhu,

I desire to utilize the next 5 years (of Ketu mahadasha) in preparing myself by sincere *sadhana*, reading, hearing and doing lot of services for the Mission and equipping myself

to become a powerful soldier in Srila Prabhupada's army. I desire to render all my services with humility and gratefulness. I desire to complete make my lifestyle completely conducive to rapid progress in Krishna consciousness, Krishna willing. Prabhujii, please give me lot of blessings. I feel Srila Prabhupada's blessing through you.
Your servant,
GN (India)

-Ketu period can be a huge trial. In a material sense, Ketu is headless, hence life appears to be directionless, or at least the native who refuses to accept the constraints of his dasha perceives it in that way. However, since Ketu's last impression was of Lord Vishnu's Sudarshan chakra, Ketu has been promoted to the position of moksha-karaka, astrology's spiritual planet. Losing material assets (the path to liberation) can be painful, but voluntarily renouncing them is joyous. So you are making the best use of what appears to be a bad bargain, but is really Lord Sri Krishna's mercy on you. May He bless you more and more through the grace of Sri Guru and Gauranga. -Ed.

“Shed Light on My Dilemma”

Dear Prabhu & Mataji,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you SO much for the chart. We can really see that you and Mataji took the time to carefully analyze it. I've only just scanned it right now, but read some of the specific areas in detail e.g. the letter where you address my concerns, and I was touched and impressed by the fact that you took the time to address them. By the end of reading that part I was in tears as I felt that finally some light has been shed on my dilemmas and the genuine personal care you took ensuring a quality chart was delivered.

I will definitely be recommending your services, as I felt from the heart that this was well worth the investment. In fact, I'm kicking myself for not doing it earlier. I'm so sad that my week is very packed at work with deadlines with not a moment to breathe. I want to take out quality time to REALLY read everything in detail. I did have a few questions on interpreting some of the content in the chart; I hope I can send those to you over the coming weekend for clarification? We are eagerly looking forward to my husband's chart :) THANK YOU once again.

With respect, ys,
AS (South Africa)

-And we eagerly look forward to serving your family. -Ed.

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