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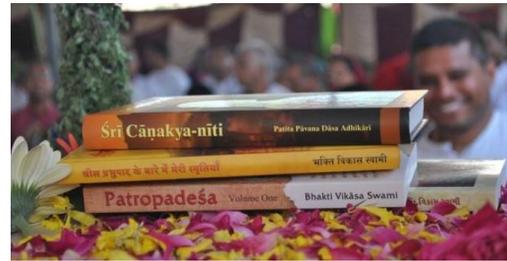
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## *Dear Prabhus,*

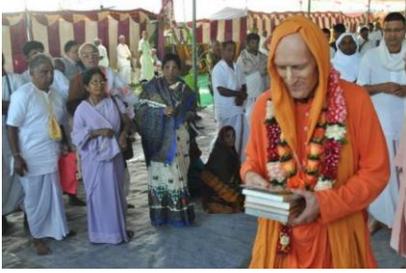
Dandavats to the Vaishnavas—and welcome to the issue.

**SHRI CHANAKYA NITI:** We are pleased to announce that our second edition of *Shri Chanakya Niti* is now in print. It was the ardent desire of Shrila Prabhupada that this important scripture of common sense should be available to the devotees and the world. We hope that

this presentation fulfills that cherished wish of His Divine Grace our beloved Guru Maharaja. The book is hardbound, illustrated with color plates and is well over 400 pages. The old translations of the verses from our 1981 first edition have been fine tuned and transliterated Sanskrit has been added to each verse. Each verse has received extensive commentary. For the first time,



the sources of many of Shri Chanakya's instructions have been sourced back to other *niti-shastras* or to the *Puranas* themselves.



The book has been elegantly published by His Holiness Shri Bhakti Vikas Maharaja whose kind association we have enjoyed since we served as *brahmacharis* together at the temple at 7 Bury Place, London in the mid-70's. It was released at his Vyasa Puja celebrations in Kanchipuram just a few days ago in January.

The first run quickly sold out, but the printer is meeting the demand for additional copies. *All profits from the sales are going to benefit the preaching programmes of His Holiness all over the world.* We hope that each of our readers will order a copy. The book is now being sold at a book table at Shridhama Mayapura, and in the next edition of **The Astrological Newsletter** we will explain how to order either your own hard copy or a POD (print on demand) edition.

**ECLIPSES:** Keep in mind that there will be a solar eclipse on 20 March in and a lunar eclipse 4 April. Please consult the NASA website for details regarding visibility, etc, in your specific area. <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/OH/OH2015.html>

The focus of this issue is the cure for the ills of Kali Yuga. Thanks for reading. Always wishing you the very best in Krishna consciousness, I beg to remain,

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

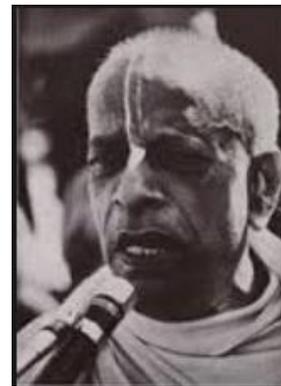
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*Shrila Prabhupada describes the cure for the troubled age we live in, as predicted in Shrimad-Bhagavatam ...*

## Thus Spake the Prophet of Sankirtana

In *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* 12.3.51 we find the following prophecy:

*kaler dosha-nidhe rajann asti hy eko mahan gunah  
kirtanad eva krishnasya mukta-sangah param vrajet*



“My dear King, although Kali Yuga is an ocean of faults, there is still one good quality about this age: Simply by chanting the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra*, one can become free from material bondage and be promoted to the transcendental kingdom.”

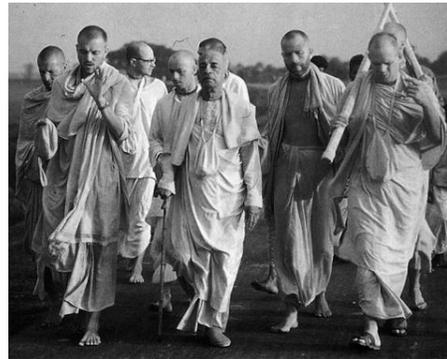
*In the following quotes from his talks, letters, books and conversations, Shrila Prabhupada discusses these troubled times, their likely outcome and the cure in the form of the sankirtana movement. The Astrological Newsletter thanks the devotee who sent us this body of research.*

“Our movement is an epidemic. It will devour the whole of Europe and America. As for the newspapers giving bad reports, they simply take some opportunity for selling their newspaper; it has no lasting value. These countries are faced with difficulty—but it is nature’s law. *They will be without food, water and they will be heavily taxed. There will be revolution. How long can they keep the people terrorized? It will burst.* I can't imagine how people are living in such a rotten state. There is nothing like pleasure; all is morose. Only we are benedicting the fallen souls all over the world, so go on with your enthusiastic preaching and try to do good to others with Krishna Consciousness. (Letter to: Harikesha, Bhubaneswar, 1 February, 1977) R

### *Shrila Prabhupada Describes “Rogues and Thieves” Running the World.*

**Brahmananda:** It is difficult to come to the understanding that actually leaders are not to be trusted.

**Shrila Prabhupada:** Yes, “leaders” means government men. That is described. They are all thieves and rogues, anywhere. *Dasyu-dharmabhih...* *Dasyu* means plunderers, rogues. Unless you become a rogue you cannot go to the government. **No honest man can stay with these government men. That is not possible at the present age. Any government!**



Just like this first-class rogue, your Nixon, he became the president. Because he was a first-class rogue, he became the president. So unless you are a first-class rogue, you cannot stay within the circle of government men. *Rajanya dasyu-dharmabhih.* And their business will be to eat up the vital force of the people. *Bhaksayisyanti praja sarve rajanya dasyu-dharmabhih.* This is the statement. And people will be harassed. **On account of their godlessness, they will be harassed by three things: famine, no rain, and taxation. Taxation**

by the government, and there will be no rain, there will be famine, no food. And they will be so much embarrassed that they will give up their family and go away, *gacchanti giri-kananam*, (they) will enter into the hills and forest, giving up their hearth and home. This is Kali Yuga. And this is due to their godlessness. On account of this, then the democracy, means anyone—*brahmana, kshatriya, vaishya, or shudra*—anyone who becomes powerful, he will capture the government post. So the *shudra*, they are now powerful. *Shudras!* Industry means *shudra*. So they will capture the governmental power. Just like Communist.

**Devotee:** Even if we present a Krishna conscious candidate, the people will still choose a rogue to lead them, even if we present a candidate who is Krishna conscious...

**Prabhupada:** You cannot do anything. Unless you turn the mass of people Krishna conscious, what you will do there? Suppose one man is elected. All demons! What he will do there? Therefore the first thing is ... turn the people Krishna conscious, and when they will vote, that is certain. Otherwise, it is waste of time. (Morning walk, London 11 March 1975) ♪

### *Shrila Prabhupada Tells of the Dasyu-dharma of Kali Yuga's Kings*

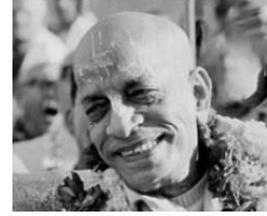
“What you have got, give me.” This will be government “The government men will take up the policy of plunderers and rogues,” that is stated. *Dasyu-dharma*. *Dasyu* means plunderer. He catches: “What you have got, give me.” This will be government. “What you have got, give me.” Bas! You cannot say anything. “Law.” Plundering is law. Then where is your government? If killing is law and plundering is law, then what is this government? Government means to give security to the property and life. So when the government will make law, “I can take your life whenever I like, and I can plunder your property as I like,” then where is the law? (Morning walk, 13 March 76, Mayapura) ♪



### *Shrila Prabhupada Explains “Democracy is Demon-crazy”*

They have now discovered this democracy. Democracy ... “Demon-crazy.” Shortcut of “demon-crazy” is “democracy.” All the demons and rogues, they gather together, somehow or other votes, and occupy the seat, and the business is plundering. The business is plundering. If we talk very much upon this, it will not be very favorable, but according to *shastra* ... We talk according to *shastra*, that the democracy means assembly of rogues and

plunderers. That is the statement in the *Shrimad-Bhagavatam. Dasyu-dharmabhih*. The government men will be all *dasyu*. *Dasyu* means plunderer. Not pickpocket. Pickpocket, somehow or other—if you do not understand—takes something from your pocket. And the plunderer, or the *dasyu*, he catches you and by force, “If you don’t spare your money, I shall kill you.” They are called *dasyu*.



So the, in the present age of Kali, the government men will be *dasyu*. This is stated in the *Shrimad-Bhagavatam. Dasyu-dharmabhih*.\* You can... we can see practically. You cannot keep your money. You earn with hard labor, but you cannot keep gold, you cannot keep jewelry, you cannot keep money. And they will take it away by laws ...

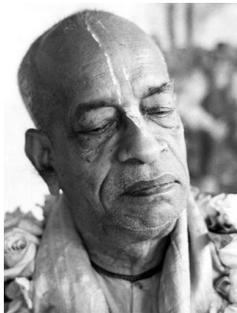
Yudhisthira Maharaja was just quite the opposite. He wanted to see that every citizen is so happy that they are not troubled even by excessive heat and excessive cold. *Ati-vyadhi*. They are not suffering from any disease, they are not suffering from excessive climatic influence, eating very nicely, and feeling security of person and property. That was Yudhisthira Maharaja. Not only Yudhisthira Maharaja. Almost all the kings, they were like that. (*Shrimad-Bhagavatam* lecture, 1.8.18, Mayapura, 28 September 1974)

\*See this from *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* 12.2.8

*praja hi lubdhai rajanyair nirghrinair dasyu-dharmabhih  
acchinna-dara-dravina yasyanti giri-kananam*

“Losing their wives and properties to such avaricious and merciless rulers, who will behave no better than ordinary thieves, the citizens will flee to the mountains and forests.” ♪

### ***The Rulers are a Burden on the Earth***



The *kshatriyas*, or the ruling class, must govern the world in accordance with the rules and regulations enacted by great *brahmanas* and saintly persons. As soon as the ruling class becomes irresponsible in regard to the religious principles, it becomes a burden on the earth. As stated here, *rajas-tamo-vrtam, bharam abrahmanyam*: when the ruling class is influenced by the lower modes of nature, namely ignorance and passion, it becomes a burden to the world and must then be annihilated by superior power. We actually see from modern history that monarchies have been abolished by various revolutions, but unfortunately the monarchies have been abolished to establish the

supremacy of third-class and fourth-class men. Although monarchies overpowered by the modes of passion and ignorance have been abolished in the world, the inhabitants of the world are still unhappy, for although the qualities of the former monarchs were degraded by taints of ignorance, these monarchs have been replaced by men of the mercantile and worker classes whose qualities are even more degraded. When the government is actually guided by *brahmanas*, or God conscious men, then there can be real happiness for the people. Therefore in previous times, when the ruling class was degraded to the modes of passion and ignorance, the *brahmanas*, headed by such a *kshatriya*-spirited *brahmana* as Parasurama, killed them twenty-one consecutive times.

In Kali Yuga, as stated in *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* (12.2.13), *dasyu-prayesu rajasu*: the ruling class (*rajanya*) will be no better than plunderers (*dasyus*) because the third-class and fourth-class men will monopolize the affairs of the government.\* Ignoring the religious principles and brahminical rules and regulations, they will certainly try to plunder the riches of the citizens without consideration. As stated elsewhere in *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* (12.1.40):

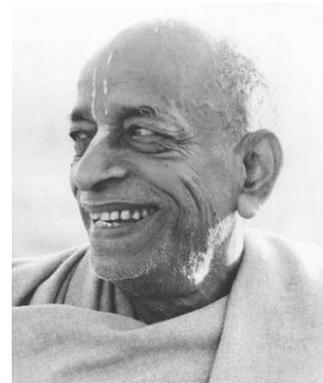
*asamskrtah kriya-hina rajasa tamasavrtah  
prajas te bhaksayisyanti mleccha rajanya-rupinah*

Being unpurified, neglecting to discharge human duties properly, and being influenced by the modes of passion (*rajas*) and ignorance (*tamas*), unclean people (*mlecchas*), posing as members of the government (*rajanya-rupinah*), will swallow the citizens (*prajas te bhaksayisyanti*).

And in still another place, *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* (12.2.7-8) says:

*evam prajabhir dustabhir akirne ksiti-mandale  
brahma-vit-kshatra-sudranam yo bali bhavita nrpah  
praja hi lubdhai rajanyair nirghrnair dasyu-dharmabhih  
acchinna-dara-dravina yasyanti giri-kananam*

Human society is naturally grouped into four divisions, as stated in *Bhagavad-gita* (*chatur-varnyam maya shristam guna-karma-vibhagasah*). But if this system is neglected and the qualities and divisions of society are not considered, the result will be *brahma-vit-kshatra-sudranam yo bali bhavita nrpah*: the so-called caste system of *brahmana*, *kshatriya*, *vaisya* and *sudra* will be meaningless. As a result, whoever somehow or other becomes powerful will be the king or president,



and thus the *prajas*, or citizens, will be so harassed that they will give up hearth and home and will go to the forest (*yasyanti giri-kananam*) to escape harassment by government officials who have no mercy and are addicted to the ways of plunderers. Therefore the *prajas*, or the people in general, must take to the Krishna consciousness movement, the Hare Krishna movement, which is the sound incarnation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. *Kalika-kale nama-rupe krishna-avatara*: Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, has now appeared as an incarnation by His holy name. Therefore, when the *prajas* become Krishna conscious, they can then expect a good government and good society, a perfect life, and liberation from the bondage of material existence. (*Shrimad-Bhagavatam*, 9.15.15, Purport)

\*See these verses from *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* (12.2.12-16):

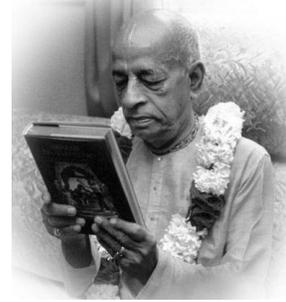
By the time the Age of Kali ends, the bodies of all creatures will be greatly reduced in size, and the religious principles of followers of *varnashram* will be ruined. The path of the Vedas will be completely forgotten in human society, and so-called religion will be mostly atheistic. The kings will mostly be thieves, the occupations of men will be stealing, lying and needless violence, and all the social classes will be reduced to the lowest level of *shudras*. Cows will be like goats, spiritual hermitages will be no different from mundane houses, and family ties will extend no further than the immediate bonds of marriage. Most plants and herbs will be tiny, and all trees will appear like dwarf *shami* trees. Clouds will be full of lightning, homes will be devoid of piety, and all human beings will have become like asses. At that time, the Supreme Personality of Godhead will appear on the earth. Acting with the power of pure spiritual goodness, He will rescue eternal religion. ♪

### *Progress of the Iron Age Means Progression of Difficulties*

In the Twelfth Canto of *Shrimad-Bhagavatam*, it is said that in this age of Kali everyone will be extremely disturbed by three kinds of tribulations: scarcity of rain, famine, and heavy taxation by the government. Because human beings are becoming more and more sinful, there will be a scarcity of rain, and naturally no food grains will be produced. On the plea of relieving the suffering caused by the ensuing famine, the government will impose heavy taxes, especially on the wealthy mercantile community. In this verse, the members of such a government are described as *dasyu*, thieves. Their main activity will be to plunder the wealth of the people. *Whether a highway robber or a government thief, such a man will be punished in his next life by being thrown into the hell known as Sarameyadana, where he will suffer greatly from the bites of ferocious dogs.* (*Shrimad-Bhagavatam* 5.26.27, Purport) ♪

### *Plunderers and Thieves Pose as Heads of State in Kali Yuga*

King Rahugana was proud of being king, and he felt he had the right to control the citizens as he liked, but actually he was engaging men in carrying his palanquin without payment, and therefore he was causing them trouble without reason. Nonetheless, the King was thinking that he was the protector of the citizens. Actually the king should be the representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. For this reason he is called *nara-devata*, the Lord among human beings. However, when a king thinks that because he is the head of the state, he can utilize the citizens for his sense gratification, he is in error. Such an attitude is not appreciated by learned scholars. According to the Vedic principles, the king should be advised by learned sages, *brahmanas* and scholars, who advise him according to the injunctions given in the *dharmashastra*. The duty of the king is to follow these instructions. Learned circles do not appreciate the king's utilizing public endeavor for his own benefit. His duty is to give protection to the citizens instead. The king should not become such a rogue that he exploits the citizens for his own benefit.



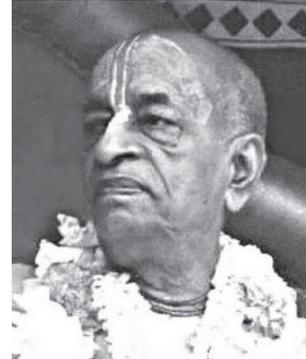
It is stated in *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* that in Kali Yuga the heads of government will be plunderers and thieves. These thieves and plunderers take the money and property of the public by force or connivance. Therefore it is said in *Shrimad-Bhagavatam*, *rajanyair nirghrñair dasyu-dharmabhih*. As Kali Yuga advances, we can see that these characteristics are already visible. We can certainly imagine how deteriorated human civilization will be by the end of Kali Yuga. Indeed, there will no longer be a sane man capable of understanding God and our relationship with Him. In other words, human beings will be just like animals. At that time, in order to reform human society, Lord Krishna will come in the form of the Kalki *avatara*. His business will be to kill all the atheists because ultimately the real protector is Vishnu, or Krishna.

The Lord incarnates and sets things in order when things are mismanaged by so-called kings and heads of government. As Krishna says in *Bhagavad-gita*, *yada yada hi dharmasya glanir bhavati bhārata*. Of course this takes many years, but the principle is there. When the king or governmental head does not follow the proper principles, nature deals out the punishments in the forms of war, famine and so forth. Therefore if the governmental head is not aware of life's goal, he should not take charge of ruling the people. Actually

the supreme proprietor of everything is Lord Vishnu. He is the maintainer of everyone. The king, the father, and the guardian are simply representatives of Lord Vishnu, empowered by Him to look after the management and maintain things. It is therefore the duty of the head of the state to maintain the general populace in such a way that people will ultimately know the goal of life. *Na te viduh svartha-gatim hi vishnum*. Unfortunately the foolish governmental head and the general populace do not know that the ultimate goal of life is to understand and approach Lord Vishnu. Without this knowledge, everyone is in ignorance, and all society is crowded with cheaters and cheated.” (*Shrimad-Bhagavatam* 5.12.7, Purport) ♪

### *The Coming Third World War*

**Shrila Prabhupada:** Your country, America, is very much eager to kill these Communists. And the Communists are also very eager. So very soon there will be war. And perhaps India will be the greatest sufferer ... because America is aiming to start the war from India.



**Devotee:** Oh!

**Prabhupada:** Yes. Because India and Russia, they are...

**Brahmananda:** They are... Friendship.

**Prabhupada:** No. Side by side. If the war is started from India...

**Rupanuga:** So India will become...

**Prabhupada:** And the Russians are ready here already, I have heard, with soldiers and... Not soldiers. I mean to say.

**Hamsaduta:** Missiles.

**Prabhupada:** Yes. They are also vigilant.

**Vishnujana:** Will that help our preaching, Prabhupada?

**Prabhupada:** Preaching will be very nice after the war when both of them, especially Russia, will be finished.

**Rupanuga:** They want to make India the battleground?

**Paramahansa:** Also, Prabhupada, Atreya Rishi said that the Arabs are preparing for the war. They're buying billions and billions of dollars worth of missiles and jets and tanks from America.

**Prabhupada:** Yes, so they are being prepared. War will soon start.

**Vishnujana:** The Arab men all go to America to be trained in the armed forces there.

**Prabhupada:** Hm?

**Vishnujana:** In all the armed forces centers in America, they train the Arab nations to fight.

**Prabhupada:** Oh.

**Vishnujana:** They let the young men come into the U.S.A. to learn how to use the missiles and everything.

**Panchadravida:** Recently, this Bhutto of Pakistan, he was very happy because they were talking about lifting a ten-year holding on arms from the United States, and now, they say, Pakistan will soon get arms from America.

**Prabhupada:** Yes, they are getting. They are already getting. The Pakistan will start the war with India. And then everything will be...

**Devotees:** Oh! Whew!

**Devotee:** Pakistan will start a war...

**Panchadravida:** They have started the war maybe eight times ... What will the devotees do while the war is going on?

**Prabhupada:** Chant Hare Krishna.

**Devotees:** Jaya! (laughter)

**Prabhupada:** You have got only business.

**Panchadravida:** Will we stay in the cities or will...?

**Prabhupada:** We can stay anywhere. We have got our Mayapura, Vrindavana. But the danger is the government will say that "All Americans go away." That is the danger. I am thinking of that position. What shall I do at that time?

**Pusta Krishna:** Take Indian citizenship?

**Prabhupada:** If you take, it is very nice. Then they will ask you to go to war. (laughter)

**Tamala Krishna:** Will this war spread to many different countries and continents?

**Prabhupada:** The actual war will be between America and Russia.

**Rupanuga:** What about British devotees, British citizens? Would the British citizens be asked to leave, Commonwealth citizens?

**Prabhupada:** Britishers are now finished. They have no importance.

**Panchadravida:** He means if British devotees came to India, would they be asked to leave.

**Prabhupada:** No, no, I mean to say ... I am speaking of politics. Devotees are the same ... Oh, British citizens ...? They may ...

**Rupanuga:** You say the Americans might have to leave. What about the British?

**Prabhupada:** But they, generally, during wartime...

**Vishnujana:** Everyone.

**Prabhupada:** ...they ask all foreigners.

**Tamala Krishna:** Oh, I see.

**Jayapataka:** During the last war, the Christian Mission of Krishnanagar, they had many Italian priests also, but the government gave them permission to stay, although India was at war with Italians.

**Prabhupada:** In the missionary consideration, they can do that.

**Jayadvaita:** What will be the position with the Chinese if the Russians and Americans fight?

**Prabhupada:** Well I am not a politician. (laughter) China does not want war. They want to...

**Tamala Krishna:** Develop.

**Prabhupada:** Construct.

**Rupanuga:** They're not ready.

**Prabhupada:** Yes. They are not very much interested in war.

**Paramahansa:** Shrila Prabhupada, you said that this war will destroy the demonic civilization.

**Prabhupada:** Yes.

**Paramahansa:** Does that mean that it'll destroy all the cities and all the industries?

**Prabhupada:** War means destruction of all cities. That is natural. You have got experience in Europe so many times.

**Hamsaduta:** Cities and industries.

**Prabhupada:** Yes, that is the main target.

**Hamsaduta:** Nobody's interested in a farm.

**Jayadvaita:** Without separate endeavor, a pure devotee is automatically expert in everything.

**Prabhupada:** Yes.

**Jayadvaita:** Politics, economics.

**Prabhupada:** Yes.

**Jayadvaita:** Sociology.

**Prabhupada:** (Quoting *Mundakya Upanishad*) *Yasmin vijnate sarvam evam vijnatam bhavanti*. If you know Krishna, then you understand everything. That is the Vedic injunction. *Yasmin vijnate*. If you simply understand Krishna ... In *Bhagavad-gita*, it is also said that "There will be no more anything to understand." In the Ninth Chapter? What is that verse? Can anyone say?

**Jayadvaita:** The Fifteenth Chapter.

**Prabhupada:** *Avashishyata. Jnatavyam avashishyata*. You cannot...?

**Santosha:** *Yaj jnatva...*

**Prabhupada:** ... cannot recite, the whole verse?

**Santosha:** *Yaj jnatva neha bhuyo 'nyaj*.

**Prabhupada:** That is the second line. First line?

**Santosha:** *Sa evam guhyatamam vakshyamy asheshatah.*

**Prabhupada:** *Vakshyamy...* Yes, that is the verse. *Yaj jnatva anyaj jnatvyam na avashishyate.* Krishna consciousness is such a great science that if one becomes expert, then he knows everything.

**Hamsaduta:** So Prabhupada, is there something we should do to prepare ourselves for this disaster?

**Prabhupada:** What?

**Hamsaduta:** This coming war.

**Prabhupada:** You should simply prepare for chanting Hare Krishna.

**Hamsaduta:** That's all?

**Prabhupada:** That's all ...

(Morning walk, 4 April 1975, Mayapura)

\*See this from *Bhagavad-gita* 7.2:

*jnanam te 'ham sa-vijnanam idam vakshyamy asheshatah  
yaj jnatva neha bhuyo 'nyaj jnatavyam avashishyate*

“I shall now declare unto you in full this knowledge, both phenomenal and numinous. This being known, nothing further shall remain for you to know.”<sup>२</sup>



## Conspiracy Theories and the Death of JFK

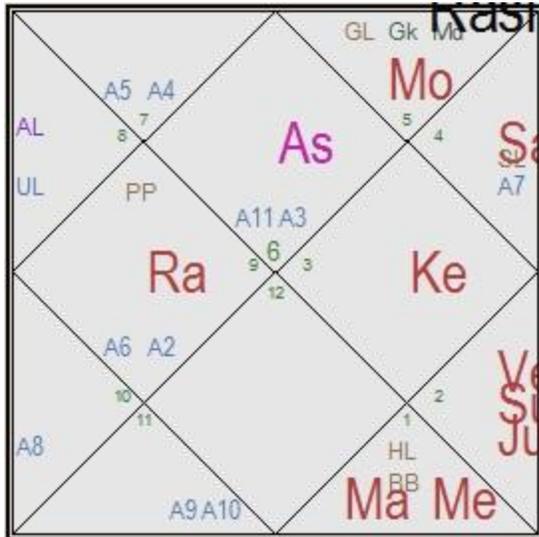
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As it is said, “Consider the future by consulting the past.” That is because by design there a cyclic nature of events within this material world. Apart from that, who really knows the future other

than the Supreme Personality of Godhead Shri Krishna? Keeping this line of thought in mind, there is a significant event from the past that marks a turning point in world history: the assassination of US President John. F. Kennedy.

There are many different versions of the events surrounding the tragic death of America's 35<sup>th</sup> President, but we will consider the message of  *jyotisha*  in this article. John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born at 3:00 pm on 29 May 1917 in Brookline, Massachusetts. Certain aspects of his chart are weak—most

notably his 8<sup>th</sup> house of death or *mrityustan*—and for this reason it was a genuine risk for him to have become the President of the United States.



Destructive Ketu sits in his 10<sup>th</sup> house of career, which is the *karmastan*, or portfolio for careers including politics. Next, Mercury, the lord of his 10<sup>th</sup> house, has gone to his 8<sup>th</sup> house of death. This is known as *dura yoga* or “combination for difficulties.” (*Dura yoga* is defined as “lord of the house of *karma* in a bad house or *dustan*”).

And the fact that Mercury is joined by the fiery Mars in the 8<sup>th</sup> gives the *dura yoga* a sudden and violent tone. In a word, becoming President became the cause for his demise. Notably, Mars is the lord of the President’s 3<sup>rd</sup> house of brothers, and serves as an omen for the fate of his own brother Bobby.

On the other hand Kennedy’s chart is protected by Jupiter who sits in his 9<sup>th</sup> house of fortune. This is known as *bhagya yoga*, strong Jupiter connected with the 9<sup>th</sup> *bhagyastan*. However, Jupiter becomes debilitated in Capricorn in his *navamsha* chart. His rising sign, Virgo is *vargottama* (same sign in the *rashi* and *navamsha* charts). It was this doubled strength of his *lagna* that endowed JFK with tremendous charisma, Kennedy’s main asset.

Jupiter from the 9<sup>th</sup> casts an umbrella of protection over the chart by virtue of his *drishti* or “vision” to his rising sign. Yet even with that asset, he was assassinated on 22 November 1963. He had begun (just six weeks earlier on 11 October) his malefic sub-period of Saturn in the major period of Jupiter. It was his *Guru dasha* / *Shani bhukti* that held the dark key to his tragic end. Until then he had faced many calamities, but he had bathed in the protective glow of his Jupiter. Now in the murky waters of politics, wealth and power, his enemies were slowly encircling him like crocodiles. Now Kennedy had entered into the *bhukti* of Saturn whose debilitated aspect to his 8<sup>th</sup> house of death in Aries was now in activation mode.

Kennedy was gunned down on 22 November 1963 at 12:30 pm in Dallas, Texas. At the moment of his demise, Saturn was rising in his own house of Capricorn. And the heavens were gathering for an eclipse of the Moon on 30

December 1963 which would ominously take place right over Kennedy's 10<sup>th</sup> house of political career.

And following December's lunar eclipse would be a solar eclipse in Capricorn on 14 January 1964. It is especially earth-shattering when an eclipse of the Sun occurs on the day the Sun turns toward his northern path (Makara Sankranti or *uttarayana*). It proved to be a dark milestone. The world has turned for the worse since the assassination of President Kennedy. Bleaker forces have seized power as the cyclic progression of Kali Yuga's grip has tightened over the governments of not only America but other nations as well. Many consider that America is ruled by Capricorn. There are many presidents in the American history who were ruled by the sign of Capricorn including the four tragic figures Lincoln, McKinley, Wilson, and Nixon. Ruled by Saturn, Capricorn is a sign of many machinations and tragedies. The eclipse that followed the death of Kennedy in Capricorn on Makara Sankranti 1964 spoke of America's tumultuous decades to come.

Through *jyotisha* it becomes obvious that the assassination of Kennedy was a massive employment of power by shadowy elements inside and outside of the government. In President Kennedy's chart, Saturn casts his aspect to his 5<sup>th</sup> house, which he owns. The aspect of slow and deliberate Saturn is an indication of measured and meticulous connivance prepared well in advance. The horoscope also disowns the single bullet theory. The final bullet that killed Kennedy mimicked the position of Saturn in the watery sign of crooked-moving Cancer the crab in his birth chart. This bullet aimed at his head was likely shot sidelong from a water drain alongside the roadway.

Remember that Mars and Mercury are positioned in his 8<sup>th</sup> house of death. Mars rules his 3<sup>rd</sup> house whose portfolio includes moving vehicles, while Mercury rules both his rising sign and his 10<sup>th</sup> house of open areas. In fact, the 10<sup>th</sup> house not only indicates that he was killed during a public event, but also close to a green grass field, often indicated by Mercury and by the sign of Gemini. Mercury indicates the head in Kennedy's chart as he is the lord of the rising sign, while Mars rules the throat area as he rules the 3<sup>rd</sup> house. Generally, the aspect of Saturn to Mars in the 8<sup>th</sup> house indicates death by some swift moving projectile (like a bullet in the present context or by an arrow in times past). Conversely, violent Mars casts his glance back to Saturn, and in this way the two malefics afflict not only the 8<sup>th</sup> house but also each other. This aspect was meant to seal the fate of Kennedy in no matter what course his life had taken.



As noted, Kennedy's death by a bullet to the cranium is seen by Mercury ruling the 1<sup>st</sup> house (of head) positioned with Mars in the 8<sup>th</sup> house of death and under the debilitated aspect by Saturn. Kennedy's end was practically instantaneous as his house of death is Aries, a sudden and violent sign.

As a fair politician who fought against corruption and clandestine societies in government, Kennedy has become a world icon for the futility of fighting against Kali Yuga's political corruption. But in the final analysis his end was also destined. According to the laws of *karma*, one is born to receive the fruits of his own actions. Thus sometimes a good man may be treated unjustly while a bad man can live apparently untouched by the results of bad *karma* (for a time).

According to the birth chart of Kennedy's previous life (which is not given here as the intricacies of interpreting *purva-janma* are quite complicated), he was a powerful personality inside the Vatican. In fact, he held more power in his past life than he did as President Kennedy. Apparently he misused his power in his previous life by becoming involved with the murder of a rightful cardinal who—at least in comparison to the others—was a relatively good man. After that, he assumed the position of the deceased church leader. But in this world of Maya *karma* is supreme.

However, Kennedy in his past life must have performed beneficial works as well, as shown by some portents surrounding the moment of his death. President Kennedy was assassinated on Friday (the day of Venus) in *shukla paksha* (during the waxing Moon) and the ruling star was the auspicious Shravana (a *deva gana nakshatra*). He died during the daytime, around Abhijita Muhurta. According to *Bhagavad-gita* (8.24) these are favorable portents during which to leave's one's body.

*agnir jyotir ahah shuklah śan-masa uttarayanam  
tatra prayata gacchanti brahma brahma-vido janah*

“Those persons who are in knowledge of the Supreme Brahman personified pass away from the world at an auspicious moment: during the influence of Agni the demigod of fire, in the light (*jyotir*), in the daytime (*ahah*), during

the waxing fortnight of the moon (*shukla paksha*) and during the six months when the sun travels on his northern path (*uttarayana*).”

However, since his death occurred during *dakshinayana* (the southern course of the Sun), the indication is that he came back as a man who may now have become free of the burden of past life reactions. Our opinion is that he may be ready to become a devotee of Shri Krishna.

Kennedy was outspoken about his distaste for ruthless conspiracies and secret societies in government as seen from this speech given a year and a half before his demise. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeYgLLahHv8>

After the assassination of Kennedy, a shadowy cabal led by big bankers and mega-corporations, whose plan is aimed at world control as identified in his speech above—gradually took the reins of power from behind the scenes. Their modus operandi was and is to organize ordinary people through fear and to create warring factions through age old divide and conquer tactics. Yet from the shastric point of view, it appears to be a classic case of demons versus devotees. Many modern “prophets” of the great conspiracy Kennedy mentioned have arisen, but none have any viable solution. Their cures are mostly ineffective against the corruption that has infected governments.

Those who are devoted to the Supreme Absolute Truth should be wary of supporting either side in the ensuing conflicts. That is because the strings on both sides are pulled by the same shadowy personalities who are representatives of sin personified as Kali. By following the four regulative principles the devotee can remain free from the influence of Kali Yuga.



Indeed, in the final analysis the only solution to the spreading wars that the corporate governments create to pit neighbor against neighbor is Krishna consciousness. There must be implementation of rural *varnashrama* communities joined with public chanting of the holy names of the Supreme Lord. The only way out of the quagmire of Kali Yuga politics and intrigue is Lord Chaitanya’s sublime *sankirtana* movement. ♪

*From the Editor: A reader writes ...*

## Questions & Answers

*Hare Krishna Prabhuji,*

*Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Shrila Prabhupada and Gurudeva. Thank you and Mother Abhaya for putting the charts together. I have a few questions. The charts seem to give a very high-level overview of my horoscope. But the more I read it, the more I need to understand.*

*Q. According to my understanding there seem to be three major influences a) Lagna b) Rashi c) Nakshatra. Is that correct?*

**A.** Add to that the arrangements of the planets dealt by the hand of destiny, taking into consideration the strengths and relationships of the planets. The basic principle of astrology is individuality, the same principle that Shrila Prabhupada emphasizes over and over. We are all unique living entities because the Supreme Individual Person, Shri Krishna, is also unique. Therefore He continually produces uncountable individual *jiva* souls. Astrology determines the uniqueness of each one, both through the lens of material nature and also to some degree as a spiritual entity.

In terms of individuality, therefore that factor which changes quickest must be the most important. This means that actually the *lagna* is the first consideration because it is upon the *lagna* or rising sign that the positions of the planets rest. Next there are the sixteen sub-divisional charts like the microscopic *shastiamsha* (1/60<sup>th</sup> house division). These minute *amsa kundalis* change every few minutes or seconds. But much of the wisdom of those calculations is left for past ages because what we have now in the form of astrology is blunt by comparison. It is said that the astrologers of old Bharata could tell the difference in the *karmas* of microbes whose life span is 1/18<sup>th</sup> of a second. Obviously the sages who mastered these intricate branches were great scientists, brilliant mathematicians and profound theists.

*Q. If you were to give a comparative weight, what would that be for those three factors?*

**A.** Of course the rising sign and the degree of *lagna*, including the *lagna nakshatra*, hold the pride of place. But the Moon's *nakshatra* and the *nakshatra pada* are also extremely important. Just see how the *vimshottari dasha* system is based upon the *nakshatra* of the Moon. And so is marital compatibility as you may read in this article: <http://www.dandavats.com/?p=8169>

*Q. There seem to be additional factors like raja yoga, parivartana yoga and so on. Do they have same weight or carry less weight?*

**A.** Every chart has to be judged differently. Some *raja yogas* are common. Others are in name only as many fail to function being blocked in certain areas of certain charts, etc. Some function throughout the entire life and others only during the planetary periods that cause them. Even birth on an inauspicious *tithi* of the Moon can derail *raja yogas* for a time. No wonder kings had an entire gathering of *panditas* just to read the charts every single day!

Astrology is so deep that really only Krishna can be an astrologer. Consider that every insect, every blade of grass, every creature is an eternal individual part and parcel of Lord Krishna. Each one carries its own individual fate; hence each has a different horoscope. We can only scratch the surface. The ultimate conclusion of an infinite number of unique individuals all measured and described by the stars points to the incomprehensible intelligence of Shri Krishna.



It is He Who controls innumerable universes (as He informs Arjuna in Bg 10.41) “with but a spark of My splendor.”

As far as *parivartana yogas* are concerned, some “exchange yogas” can be truly powerful. Indira Gandhi’s chart for example had three, the maximum number in any chart. But *parivartana yogas*

between lords of good and bad houses can utterly deplete the strength of the chart.

*Q. Do these yogas appear across different planetary combinations or this is unique to my birth star combination?*

**A.** Some *yogas* are very common and are included in the reading because they are given in the ancient texts. Ultimately, the science of *yogas* is meant to teach that each chart is in itself unique *yoga* of its own because no two horoscopes—and hence no two individuals—can be the same. Each person and each horoscope is as unique as a snowflake, and none are ever duplicated again. That is Krishna’s science of individuality. If there is one thing we should learn, as He taught Arjuna at Kurukshetra, there are unlimited individuals who are all His parts and parcels. He is the Supreme

and Unknowable Individual among all the lesser individuals who have all expanded from Him (like tiny sparks from a great fire). Astrology is the means to try to understand that uniqueness each with his concomitant karmic destiny. Incidentally, devotees' charts show better *yogas* and planetary placements than do the charts of *karmis*. We therefore prefer to prepare the charts of devotees because our Krishna conscious clients are more concerned with the higher, philosophical aspects of astrology rather than mere acquisition of pound-shilling-pence for temporary sense gratification.

*Q. How much does Lord Sri Krishna interfere in one's good/bad karma and does this depend on one's surrender? I have heard different devotees give quite different versions. What happens when one fully surrenders? Or is everyone on the path of bhakti yoga assumed to have surrendered?*

**A.** When the disciple surrenders to the bona fide representative of Lord Krishna, the effects of his *karma* are minimized by the grace of Shri Guru and Shri Krishna. Still they may still be felt to a lesser degree. As one devotee told me in my early days in ISKCON, back in '68, "You may deserve to get hit by a truck but instead you got hit by a flower garland." Prabhupada said relinquishing *karma* in exchange for the bliss of devotional service is like a fan gradually slowing down when it is unplugged. So the effects of *karma* are there, but each time you chant "Hare Krishna" sinful reactions accrued over many lifetimes becomes lessened. Chant and be happy—happy that the burden of *karma* as read through the planets is gradually becoming lifted!

*Q. I want to know how I can improve my decision making using my chart in a given set of circumstances. Like you mentioned "investing especially in real estate could be very helpful." That is giving me strong encouragement to go ahead with some of my plans.*

**A.** For this there should be recourse to *muhurta jyotisha*. You can get some astrologer there if you like or you can consult with us as you like. Such purchases should be in accordance with *tithi*, *paksha*, *nakshatra*, *wara*, time of day, etc, and of course with due regard to *vastu*. Some properties will never be sound no matter what stars under which they are acquired. We have given you some links for software with the chart which you can use as your daily *panchanga*. Thanks for your interest and your support of our center. 

## Yamaduta ... Caught on Film?

This ghastly photo posted online was supposedly taken by a nurse of a man during the last moments of his life. As the story goes, she was shocked to see in her picture a waiting “demon” atop the dying man.

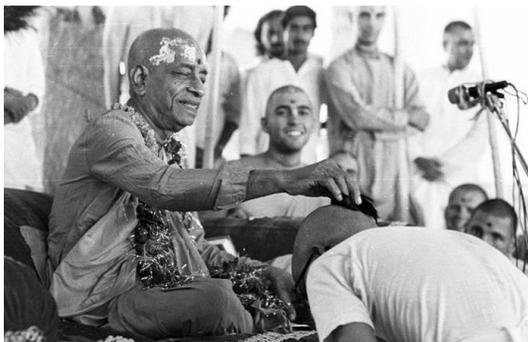


Is this fearsome being a Yamaduta, a servant of Lord Yamaraja, the King of the Dead, waiting to take the *preta* (subtle body containing the soul) of the dying man to the hellish regions of Naraka?

As we have seen above in Shrila Prabhupada’s descriptions of Kali Yuga, whether one is a common thief or a highly positioned crooked politician, the destination is the same. He is thrown into the hell known as Sarameyadana where he suffers greatly from the bites of ferocious dogs.

Yet, as Shrila Prabhupada promises in *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, “A person in Krishna consciousness acting in knowledge of his relationship with Krishna is always liberated. Therefore, he does not have to enjoy or suffer the results of his acts after death.” (Bg 18.11, Purport). Astrology measures reactions, both the so-called “good” or “bad” ones. It is the sacred promise of the *sampradaya acharya* that for a devotee whose mind is fixed at the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord, all *karma-phala* arising of *sukarma* or *vikarma* is finished. He returns back to home back to Godhead to the eternal abode. ♪

*Krishna’s messenger was a master of many Vedic arts and sciences. Here we see ...*



## Shrila Prabhupada’s Remarkable Knowledge of Physiognomy

Physiognomy is the Vedic science of discerning factual information about a person from his physical form. It

includes palmistry. It is said that great sages examined the divine Form of Lord Vishnu on the Garbhodakashayi Ocean and thus the science was named *samudrika* (ocean) *shastra*. The following is from the book *What Is the Difficulty?* by Shrutakirti dasa

... I was alone in Shrila Prabhupada's quarters giving him a massage. He was sitting cross-legged on his mat and I was sitting in front of him massaging his head with sandalwood oil. I became embarrassed because he had been staring at my feet. I felt very self-conscious in the presence of my spiritual master.

“So, your mother is very beautiful?” Shrila Prabhupada asked.

“Well, she is almost fifty now,” I answered, “but, yes, she was a very good looking woman.”

“Yes, I can tell,” Shrila Prabhupada said. “I was noticing your feet. Your feet are very nice. They say that means your mother is beautiful. I was checking. I wanted to see if it was actual.”

Shrila Prabhupada was always very personal with his disciples. He cared for us, looked out for us and was interested in us. 

## Videos

***Divine Number Nine:*** By Shrila Prabhupada’s mercy, I was fortunate to meet my astrology teacher, the mystic Shri Vijaya Ranamukhadeva ji, in London back in 1972 at the Hare Krishna Temple at 7, Bury Place. One of my first questions to him was, “Why are only seven planets plus Rahu and Ketu considered in Vedic astrology ... why are Uranus and Neptune not included?”

His answer was very simple. “The other planetary bodies may have their effects, but their influences are included within the *nava-grahas*.” He let me digest that before continuing: “Nine is a complete number. Once you get to nine, the next step is zero, and you have to start over again.” That realization is graphically displayed in the following 3-minute video which demonstrates the mystical power of nine. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5mJeRtjPvY>

***There Goes The Sun:*** This beautiful time-lapse video of a Swedish sunset took astro-photographer Göran Strand a year to plan. Strand, a professional photographer was named Sweden’s 2013 astro-photographer of the year.



possible way. I wish you all the best and will be very happy to stay in touch! My best wishes for you both,  
Your humble servant,  
CD (Germany)

### **“Marital Dilemmas”**

Hare Krishna Prabhuji,

As you stated previously with this girl not to marry her, but due to some reason I got marry with this girl, but we are not happy with our relationship nor with our family members. We married as per Vedic marriage ceremony. Since marriage till today there are verities of problems arriving in my life like financial. I am not stable, family relations have not improved, both the parents have not improved their relations nor they are interested in doing so. We are trying best to improve our relationship but things are not improving, I have done *yagya* also with the help of our devotees. Please help me in this situation to improve our relation and family relation. Also kindly suggest best solution for me.

GD (India)

*“A pandit speaks for once, a king once and a daughter is given in marriage once. All these happen once and once only.” (Chanakya Pandit) –Ed.*

Dear Prabhu,

Well I married the one that I that you said I wasn't supposed to marry and everything that you predicted that was going to happen, happened. And as you mentioned about how it would be living hell to divorce her, well, she smashed my Gurudeva's picture and my harmonium. So I learned a valuable lesson.

DD (USA)

*As Prabhupada often admonished, it is best to learn that the fire is hot by instruction rather than by putting your hand in the fire. That is the purpose of astrological compatibility before marriage. –Ed.*

### **“Wow”**

Wow! Was just absorbed for an hour reading the document. Holy Moley. I've learned a good deal from your chart reading. Many thanks.

JD (USA)

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Dear Prabhuji / Mataji

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Shрила Prabhupada. Please add me to mailing list for free astrological news letter.

Your servant,

PC (UK)

*With Vaishnava manners like yours, how could we refuse? –Ed.*

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