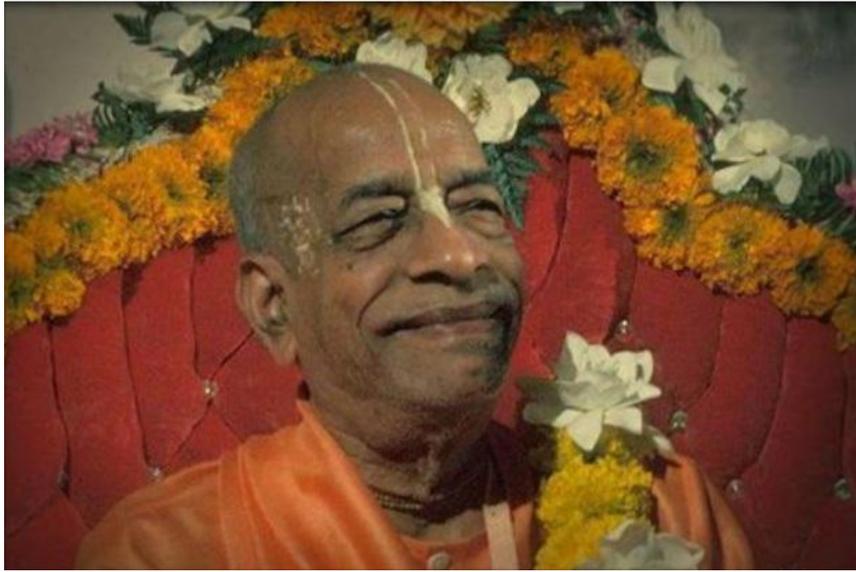


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*Of all flowers offered to our Guru Maharaja in the west, he loved gardenias the most.*

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

*“Therefore any gentleman, dhira, must be interested in jyotisha, astrology.” (S.B. 10.8.5, Purport)*

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### *Dear Prabhus,*

Welcome to the issue. We are blissed and we are blessed to report the happy news that Their Lordships Shri Shri Radha and Krishna by Their Own Sweet



will have arrived to bless our *ashram* with Their eternal presence. The Divine Couple showed up at the door on 30 January, *merely three hours* after Rahu's 18-month change of signs, this time from Virgo into Leo. Some would say "miraculous" (though Prabhupada always said, "Miracle means ignorance.")

We call Them Shri Shri Radha-Dharmeshwara, and They are the Lords of Blagoevgrad. They are very heavy *ashta-dhatu*, brass, and Lord Krishna is around 17 inches tall. They were the

Deities of the now-closed Athens ISKCON. Having been stored for five

years in the house of Shrimati Prema Manjari of Sofia, one day They guided her here to the Abhaya Ashram of New Gauda Mandala Bhumi. Our lives are enriched by Their Grace and Eternal Blessings—for They are none other than the Supreme Lord of Vrindavana and His Divine Pleasure Potency. May They continue to bless us, and to bless each one of you. Thanks for coming along and for reading this fascinating issue.

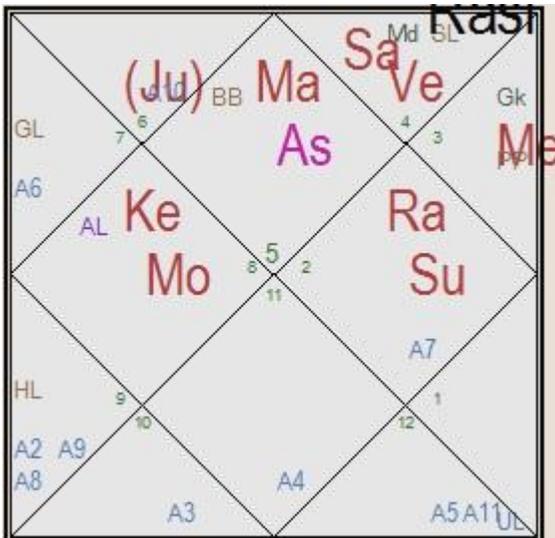
Yours at the lotus feet of the servants of Shrila Prabhupada,  
*Patita Pavana dasa Adhikary, Ed.*

## Horoscope of Donald Trump

### Abhaya Mudra Dasi

#### And a Few Bits and Pieces from the Other Mithuna Twiin

*“A person who is born while the Moon is passing through the asterism of Jyeshtha will be cheerful, virtuous; will have few friends and an irascible temper.” (Brihat Jataka of Varahamihira 16.10)*



Lately an incredible amount of attention has been focused on Donald Trump, presently the front runner in the coming USA Presidential election farce. He is known for his successes in business, but will that make him a good President? The Trump Towers are filled with fabulously expensive penthouses and condos. But how much will an apartment be worth when the oil trucks stop rolling into the cities. With Trump in the White House there is very little likelihood

that oil will dry up since he has some personal interest in keeping the oil flowing. It is human nature for there is no greater motivator than personal interest—and this naturally includes politicians magnified by a power of ten. As far as his ability to govern, the world is likely to find out soon enough because it is likely that he will win the so-called “race” (“smear campaign” would be a better term). He will likely emerge as President Trump which many suspected would come to pass as long as thirty years ago.

Trump was born on 14 June 1946 in Jamaica, Queens, NY, at 10:54 AM US EDT (time zone -4W of GMT). The sign of Leo the lion was on the ascendant or rising on the Eastern horizon. The Moon was conjoined Jyeshtha *nakshatra*, the star of “the elder” or the “senior-most.” Jyeshtha is the *rakshasa-gana*, Mercury-ruled constellation that sits in the center of Vrischika, Scorpio. Jyeshtha herself is the eldest of the Moon demi-god’s bevy of 27 wives. Although she is the eldest, she is not the favorite wife of Chandra. The Moon waxes and wanes continuously and his movements and conjunctions with planets and his wives determine the individuality of all living entities.

Jyeshtha lies in the exact heart of the scorpion. This is not the place of poison, it is the place of feelings and emotions. The poison of the scorpion lies at the tip of the tail which ironically sits in Sagittarius (not Scorpio) as Mula (“the root”) *nakshatra*. In the West Jyeshtha is known as Antares (lit. *antya* or *anta* or “opposite of Aries”). She is a red giant who glows with a beautiful, bright reddish color. She is among the most gorgeous stars in the sky, and her presence blesses the world. Jyeshtha represents the born leader, the undisputed chief, the person who sits at the top. Jyeshtha blesses those who have risen to the forefront by dint of their brains, stature, charisma and especially through execution of *dharma*.

Jyeshtha is also the star of the King of Heaven Indradeva. Yet when Dharmaraja (Yama, the sheriff of the dead) incarnated upon the earth as Yudhishtira the eldest son of Pandu, he chose Jyeshtha as his star. Indeed, that was a great irony because Indradeva—the deity of the star—would appear as his younger brother Arjuna.

By dint of Jyeshtha’s influence, Trump is a man of great pride and pomp. He has the reputation for being a tough tycoon who is widely envied. His “elder” qualities became immediately apparent at the Republican debates. Trump is at the end of his period of exalted Rahu in Taurus. Trump’s *atmakaraka* (“planet of self”) is his Sun, the lord of his Leo rising sign. His Sun is positioned alongside exalted Rahu in his 10<sup>th</sup> house of career. This is the place where the Sun achieves *dig-bala* or directional strength. However, his Sun (much like his Moon) shows a combination of great strength combined with an overpowering weakness. This weakness (which he also uses to his advantage as a sort of strength) is caused by the affliction to the “lights” (the Sun & Moon) by the axis of the eclipsers Rahu and Ketu. Both his Sun and Moon have directional strength in his chart, yet both were subjected to eclipses. The Moon was being eclipsed by the South Node Ketu

on the day of his birth. And the North Node Rahu was causing eclipses to the Sun during this cycle. Rahu and Ketu are the planets of secret motives, hidden places, communication with other places of the Universe, curtains, smokescreens, covering in different ways, smoke and mirrors, legerdemain of the subtle body and subtle influences, etc. Having appeared at such a unique moment, Trump is certainly a man of destiny. But intelligence demands that we ask, “What is that destiny?”



The lunar eclipse under which Donald Trump appeared was the second in a row of three eclipses. This particular threesome involved first a solar, then a lunar and finally another solar eclipses (in that order). His Moon is conjoined Ketu, the South Node of the Moon, in his 4<sup>th</sup> house of happiness with directional strength. The 4<sup>th</sup> house also stands for one’s homeland, in this case the USA. His debilitated, eclipsed Moon is practically extinguished, and for this reason Chandra funnels all his power onto the headless, exalted eclipser Ketu.

These ominous portents show that voters should consider whether he has a secret agenda which the enigmatic Ketu governs. The dates of the Trump eclipses are: (1) 30 May 1946, partial eclipse of the Sun in Taurus (*Krittika nakshatra*), (2) 14 Jun 1946 (Trump’s birthday) total eclipse of the Moon in Scorpio (*Jyeshtha nakshatra*), (3) 29 Jun 1946, partial eclipse of the Sun in Gemini (*Ardra nakshatra*). Eclipses run in fortnightly periods, half lunar cycles. Note that threesome events like this one are relatively rare.

The most powerful planet of Trump’s chart is exalted Rahu in Taurus whose planetary period Trump has been running for the last 17+ years. He ends his Rahu *dasha* and enters into his 16-year major period of Jupiter in mid-November of this year (2016). His Jupiter is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> house of wealth or *dhanastan*, and is retrograde. The 2<sup>nd</sup> also rules speech. He is a most effective speaker. Since Jupiter is in Virgo his dispositor is Mercury. Mercury is seated in the 11<sup>th</sup> house of gains. This is powerful *dhana yoga* which has contributed to his conceived fabulous wealth.

As far as his lifespan is concerned, it is a long one. Though he will run into some health issues, it is more likely that he may leave his body at the end of Jupiter after 2032. Jupiter is the lord of his 8<sup>th</sup> house of birth and death. Jupiter also aspects the 8<sup>th</sup> house of death (the *mrityustan*). The position of

Jupiter in his chart therefore points to a long life. He could leave this world after Jupiter *dasha*, sometime in the beginning of Saturn period due to a heart attack. Not only does Jupiter both rule and aspect his 8<sup>th</sup> *mrityustan*, but Jupiter is also on the southern side of death—Yamaraja—in his *kala charka* chart.

Jupiter will be transiting his rising sign until 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016. After that date Jupiter will move over his natal Jupiter which indicates that he is likely to become the next US President. The impending pair of eclipses in September of this year is ominously positioned in the axis of his 8<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> houses. Despite some setback, he appears to be protected. He also obtains a sort of secret power during eclipses.



Whoever is elected US President should know that America is entering into the country's 7½ year *sade sati* cycle on 27 January 2017. And Trump himself is also in *sade sati*. This could indicate that some national or world emergencies may force additional long-term austerity measures onto the voters who thought that they would become wealthy by having a billionaire president.

Jupiter or Brihaspati stays in a sign for one year, and he will be in Virgo when the voters go to the polls. Again, in Donald Trump's chart Jupiter indicates great success, so it is very likely that he will win the election. Yet he himself is also in the mid-point of his *sade sati*, since transiting malefic Shanideva is walking over the position of his chart's natal Moon. This means that Saturn will be stepping over the exact degrees of his Scorpio birth Moon. His Moon happens to be in the 4<sup>th</sup> house of heart. In some way or another he could face challenges with his heart. In a broader sense it indicates his actions to fix the country according to his plans. As a man born during the mid-point of three eclipses, he may take advantage of the eclipse times to establish his position through some mystic and unseen formulas.

Our (Abhaya Mudra's) reading of his past life appears to indicate that he has come from the southern region of the Universe inhabited by powerful *nagas* and *uragas*. He is eager to accomplish the will of that region's elite and to do their bidding. He has the ability to speak convincingly, as shown by his Jupiter is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house of speech and in a sign of Mercury and Mercury in the 11<sup>th</sup>. Even so, his actions ruled by Venus and Saturn are questionable as these two planets are positioned in the 12<sup>th</sup> house of losses or ultimate secrecy. USA is likely to experience some destruction under his hands as

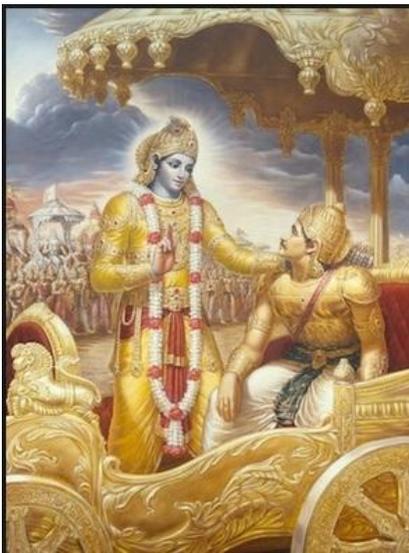
literally indicated by the nodes Rahu and Ketu in his chart. Rahu is currently transiting his rising sign and moving over his natal Mars who is the lord of his 9<sup>th</sup> house of luck. The combination of Mars and Rahu always creates great and unstoppable ambitions. Citizens of the USA should know what is coming for them by preparing for the hard times that a President Trump will implement for the “betterment” of the country. A wall that keeps some people “out” also confines others “in.” Donald Trump is not an ordinary person, and neither can his actions ever be ordinary.

Trump has the ability to speak well and to create tangible results through his spoken words. Hence the world will likely see a President Trump in less than a year. America owes him a vote of thanks at least for knocking the last remaining (Jeb) Bush out of the political stage. Another thing we do like about a possible President Trump is that he plans to trade with Russia and become friends with Prime Minister Putin instead of pursuing America’s current needless threatening and aggressive posturing against Russia. ♪

*We ask whether Dylan’s song “It’s All Over Now Baby Blue” was scribed as a dark prophecy of darker times to come ...*

## ***Bob Dylan with Purports, Part Two***

**Patita Pavana dasa Adhikary, Ed.**



In the previous (Feb. 2016) issue we considered whether Bob Dylan’s “Mr. Tambourine Man” was a prophecy of the coming of Shrila Prabhupada and the *sankirtana* movement. In this issue we find hidden meanings in Dylan’s song “It’s All Over Now, Baby Blue.”

Shrila Prabhupada desired that members of ISKCON should protect themselves by living communally. He wrote many letters encouraging his disciples to live together in a friendly spirit of self sufficient mutual co-operation. As Lord Krishna tells Arjuna (Bg 18.44): *krishi-go-raksya-vanijyam vaishya-karma svabhava-jam*. “Farming, raising and protecting cows, and business—these are the qualities of work for the *vaishyas*.” Our Guru Maharaja advocated simple living and high thinking. He prophesized that the since

modern cities are built upon the hopeless dream of artificial standards, they are basically doomed.

As Shri Vishnusharma advises in his *Panchatantra*, “In order to spring forward the lion must first pull back on his haunches.” And so it is that if devotees are to make the world Krishna conscious they must retreat to the protection of self-sufficient Krishna conscious farms before *sankirtana* leaps forward for the salvation of the planet. ♪

*In the following analysis of Dylan’s song, we correlate the hidden meanings of the verses with the prophecies of Shrila Prabhupada ...*

## “It’s All Over Now, Baby Blue” - The Lyrics

**You must leave now, take what you need, you think will last,**

As the age of Kali Yuga progresses and the artificial standards of the cities crumble, the devotees must suddenly head for the hills and for the farms. Once-valuable knick-knacks and bric-a-brac must be left behind as worthless fodder for the incoming tide of ruthless plunderers. When the huge sooty, smoke-belching petrol trucks that carry oil grind to a roadside halt, then what? When the oily, slimy lifeblood of an artificial society that has been propped up by imaginary paper petro-dollars runs out, what then?



Shrila Prabhupada writes in his commentary on SB 4.16.4: “The rogues exact taxes from the citizens for their own sense enjoyment, and in the future the people will be so much harassed that according to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* they will flee from their homes and country and take shelter in the forest.” ISKCON’s Devotee preachers are the spiritual leaders who can put a head onto a headless society. Therefore, the position of the brahminical class must be protected under all situations. Devotees are the greatest asset to modern society because the salvation of the planet rests upon their ability to perform the *yuga dharma* of *sankirtana*, the congregational chanting the holy names of the Lord.

In a letter to a disciple, Prabhupada stated unequivocally, “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."

Whatever is useful towards self-sufficiency and (in Dylan's words) "will last" may be accepted, while all other things can be rejected as valueless. It is the verdict of the 12<sup>th</sup> canto of the *Bhagavata* that the governments of the earth in Kali Yuga become filled with *dasyus* (plunderers). This has created an immanent crisis.

**But whatever you wish to keep, you better grab it fast.**

In his song "Masters of War" Dylan accuses the world's war mongers, "You that never done nothin' but build to destroy; You play with my world like it's your little toy." And as Shrila Prabhupada tells us in his purport to SB 4.16.7, "Everything will collapse, and there will be chaos and disturbance all over the state."

-When the petrol trucks are stopped roadside because the oil has been hoarded according to some master plan;

-When electricity and the internet are disconnected by the hand that controls the powers that be;

-And when there are cannibalistic riots in the streets due to empty shelves in the food markets ...

-At that time, of what value will be a luxury suite on the 50<sup>th</sup> floor in Manhattan or London? Delicately-carved, gold plated furniture will be useful only for firewood. In this line, Dylan's advice is, "Just grab a few essential items like soap, towel, toothbrush, clothes, blankets, edibles—things that will not slow you down on your escape from burning urban chaos. "Use your sense—that is if you still have any after the mass dumbing down through video games, smart phones, TV and the internet."

**Yonder stands your orphan with his gun,**

Your own child whom you abandoned or even aborted, and who is justifiably angry, has now returned and is now armed to the teeth with automatic weapons. His personal thermometer is exploding. You need to escape out the back door because before long he is the *vikarma-phala* that is going



to knock down your front door. The orphan with the gun also applies on a broader scale to countries that America took under its wing only to abandon when it was convenient to do so.

*Karma-phala* comes knocking in the form of one's own *vikarma* reactions.



And so it is that in Kali Yuga the children—who have been orphaned to the television, junk food and video games—are now the grown ones with the guns. As Dylan notes in “A Hard Rain”, “I saw guns and sharp swords in the hands of young children.” America’s children have grown upon on murderous video games, and have been sent to Iraq. Now they are back from the burning sands bearing the physical and psychological wounds of war. With the technology to print computerized weapons, today’s orphans roaming the streets of a neighborhood near you are armed and dangerous.

The path of the bullet is guided more by *karma* than by the aim of the shooter. The sins of the parents are forced onto the children, while the fires of hatred burn in both directions and return to devour everyone who is not far-sighted enough to get out of the way. Ultimately, the only way to escape the accumulated bad *karma* of both present and past lifetimes is by taking recourse to the Holy Names of the Lord.

### **Crying like a fire in the sun.**

The leaders who the citizens have voted into power have turned on those who elected them. Governments have abandoned all reason. With deceitful smiles playing upon their poisonous lips, serpent-like leaders have become ruthless. While claiming to be servants of the public, they are in fact serpents. They are conflagrations of vengeful anger that are boiling over like exploding volcanoes. For the wise citizen interested in God-conscious



survival, the time quickly approaches to ditch “society, friendship and love.” Those who wish to survive must take to their heels in a grand retreat back to nature and the Vedic age. The entire world is painting itself into a corner with a very deadly form of paint.

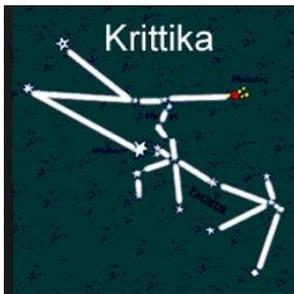
There is no other choice for, as Shrila Prabhupada says, “A confused, frustrated man cannot get relief by committing suicide. That is because suicide will simply lead him to take birth in the lower species of life. Or he may remain a ghost, unable to attain a gross material body. Therefore the perfect course is to retire altogether from sinful activities and take up

Krishna consciousness. In this way one can become completely perfect and go back home, back to Godhead.”

Today leaders who have turned on their constituents have abandoned all reason. They are ruthless and are merely burning conflagrations of anger. And their anger is so indiscriminative that escaping out the back door is the only way out. *Karma*, like a deadly epidemic, is contagious. Some relationships are best forgotten, like the association of non-devotees. Any false obligation that pertains to “society, friendship and love”—to quote the great *acharya* Shрила Rupa Goswami—must be forgotten in the great retreat in the direction of the exclusive company of pure devotees. The association of devotees is spiritually fulfilling whereas so-called friendships based upon mundane race, gender, religion, family, heritage, etc. is merely a form of skin disease.

And with an old wood bridges burnt behind, the devotee on the great Escape Highway can look back with wonder when it is safe. And from that vantage point in some distant fertile land he can ponder from whence he has come after millions of births in *samsara*. He may ask with one voice that echoes from the sages and prophets of past ages: “Where is my true homeland? Who is my actual father? Who are my actual friends? What is my actual religion? To whom do I owe my real gratitude? What is the ultimate source of life and what is its goal? Who is my actual brother (or sister)? Who is the Supreme Lord and how shall I serve Lord Krishna—and achieve eternity, knowledge and bliss through the grace of Shri Guru?”

Leaders who turn on their constituents have long since abandoned any semblance reason; they are ruthless conflagrations of anger. Their anger is



so indiscriminative that escaping out the back door is the only way out. *Karma*, like an epidemic, is contagious and for this reason some relationships are best forgotten. In the coming great retreat, false obligations that pertain to, as Shрила Rupa Goswami used to say: “society, friendship and love” must be ditched.

Interestingly, Dylan was born under the rare first *pada* of Krittika *nakshatra* which lies in Aries *rashi*. Aries is a fire sign, and Krittika is ruled by the Sun. Hence, we see the possibility of another side of Dylan’s hidden meaning, “crying like a fire in the Sun.” In that way each of us must abandon the temporary mad rush towards so-called enjoyment of a dead body that will

only burn to ashes at the inevitable end of the line of this tiny leg of the journey. For others fires scorch the earth as they complacently wait in line for Yamaraja. So devotees must take that road to that—as Dylan sings—“Comes to Krishna.”

### **Look out the saints are comin’ through.**

Dylan’s advice appears to be to make way for the devotees who have wisely learned self-sufficiency and who are digging into the shelter of the Earth Mother. And as the servants of Shri Krishna—saints and *sadhus*—file past, give them passage on their way towards the shelter of the hills. And follow the trail of the *sadhus* and their *sanga* to safety.



Shrila Prabhupada notes in SB 4.16.4, “However, in Kali-yuga, democratic government can be captured by Krishna conscious people. If this can be done, the general populace can be made very happy.” If the government cannot be guided to sanity by the devotees, then the devotees must escape to the self-sufficient principle of simple living and high thinking by the grace of Mother Earth because only those who are not afraid to get their fingernails dirty alone will survive.

### **And it’s all over now, Baby Blue.**

The world as we know it is bound to come crashing down probably sooner than later. It’s just a matter of time before an artificially propped up civilization crashes. The society that moves against the rigid laws of nature has now coasted beyond its peak. It has turned on itself and is in its death throes. War mongering madmen who control the money supply are poised to declare war on their own citizens.

*Karma* is like an indiscriminate steam roller which means that anyone who expects the government to save them will become flattened into the asphalt like a mobster whose luck has run out. When “It is all over” for some, it will be a new beginning for others.

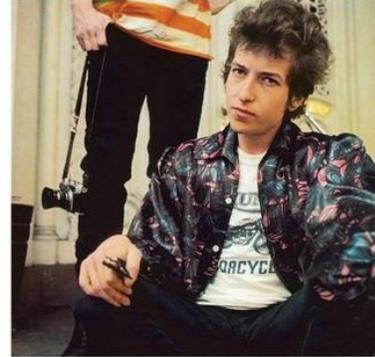
As Shrila Prabhupada tells us in his commentary to SB 4.20.14: “These subtle laws of nature are unknown to the present leaders of society. Since the leaders of society have a poor fund of knowledge and the citizens in general are rogues and thieves, there cannot be an auspicious situation for human society. At the present moment the whole world is full of such an incompatible combination of state and citizens, and therefore there is

constant tension, war and anxiety as an inevitable result of such social conditions.”

**The highway is for gamblers, better use your sense.**

This is one of Dylan’s most famous lines ever. There is even danger in the escape itself so keep your wits about you and choose your route carefully and with caution. The underlying message is “establish yourself in a situation of self-sufficiency before the highways are amuck with the murderous frenzy of foolish citizens who thought that the government would always be there like a protective mother. Make good on your promise to your self to return to the safety of the farmland in some distant protected valley where each day the Sunrise refreshes the landscape and people live in harmony with Nature.

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**Take what you have gathered from coincidence.**

Those who do not learn from the voices of experience and reason learn from co-incidence. But once the building is consumed in flames it is time to leave. As Shria Prabhupada remarks in SB 4.22.26, “At the present moment human civilization is too much attached to economic development and sense gratification and is therefore nearing the path of ruination.” Therefore a wise person plans a quick retreat before everything shuts down.

**The empty-handed painter from your streets,**

This is counted among some of Dylan’s most baffling verbal legerdemain. Who is that Artist who paints what we perceive are crazy patterns yet whose hands are empty? Even if we cannot see what He holds in His hands, does that mean He is empty-handed? As we sleep, it is He alone who paints the ragged designs of our unfolding *karma-phala* upon our sheets

Conversely in this material world there are other sorts of empty-handed painters: profit-hungry self-aggrandizers who have nothing to give though they promise the world every sort of enjoyment in return for your soul. It is they who claim to be your open door to a better future with their man-made religions, their machines, paper currency, endless laws and their meaningless rants. Whether they take the form of a religious leader, a corporate icon or in the unconvincing posturing of some sort of newly-invented “motivational *guru*,” they are empty-handed agents of Kali. With their empty promises

based around body consciousness, they are to a man promoters of violating the laws of nature in the name of sense so-called “enjoyment.” And all these warning signs of emptiness are symptomatic of both impersonal Brahman-oriented *mayavada* and voidist *shunyavada* for there is no greater evil wrought than to deny the eternal and transcendental sentient qualities of Shri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

All forms of mental speculation, though such so-called “philosophical conclusions” may appear very powerful, are endless chains to living in the material world. The wise devotee is wary of the empty-handed and empty-headed voidists who would try to appropriate as their own the seat of Shri Guru in the very *ashram* that he himself has built from the ground up. Only Lord Krishna is the source of all abundance which He mercifully pours unremittingly upon the surrendered heads of his pure *bhaktas*. As the *Bhagavata* reveals, He is always personal: “The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Vasudeva, Krishna, is extremely difficult to understand for unintelligent men who accept Him as impersonal or void, which He is not. The Lord is therefore understood and sung about by pure devotees.” (SB 9.9.49)

He Who paints the destiny of all is Himself subject to no destiny. He Who is omnipresent and Who “paints” the fate of all beings is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He alone controls the fate of all living creatures. Although we cannot see what He holds in His hands, that does not mean He is empty-handed? As the Supreme Lord Shri Krishna tells Arjuna in Bg. 7-26: “O Arjuna, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, I know everything that has happened in the past, all that is happening in the present, and all things that are yet to come. I also know all living entities; but Me no one knows.”

### **Is drawing crazy patterns on your sheets.**

As we sleep comfortably wrapped up in our sheets He alone paints the individual designs of our unfolding *karma-phala*. As Dylan points out, these patterns of karmic reactions become crazier as the world continues to spin out of control.

### **This sky, too, is folding under you**

With the modern techniques of climate changing through spraying hazardous substances like barium in the skies, the skies have “folded.” Accumulated soot in the air caused by burning pollutants, denuding forests, polluting with oily machinery like cars and trucks is destroying the very once-blue skies above. The air of some cities is equal to smoking several packs of cigarettes

daily. Neither the land nor the skies are safe any longer. As Dylan has said elsewhere, “I heard the sound of a thunder, it roared out a warnin’.”

### **And it’s all over now, Baby Blue.**

Intelligence means to ask oneself where he will be when the inevitable pillars that hold up the cities and towns come crashing down, and thus he plans for the future. When the entire world survives on a single connection—what happens, then, when the plug is pulled?

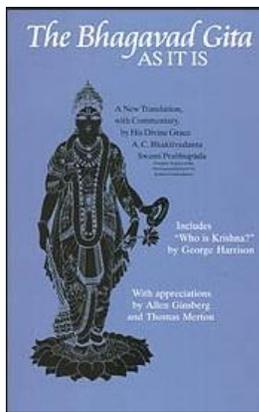
### **All your seasick sailors, they are rowing home;**

The oceans are over-polluted with the radioactive toxic chemical, Fukushima radioactivity and industrial waste. Floating in the once idyllic South Seas of the Pacific is an island of plastic as wide as Texas. As Dylan says in “A Hard Rain’s A-gonna Fall,” “I’m a-goin’ back out ’fore the rain starts a-fallin’ ... Where the pellets of poison are flooding their waters.”

### **All your reindeer armies are all going home.**

Just as reindeer live in the wilds, so this is one place for survival when the time swiftly approaches. So it is time to abandon the artificial standards of modern civilization which is symptomatic only of a world gone mad and follow a more natural regimen as the only key to surviving the hard times yet to come.

The only result of this Kali Yuga lifestyle culminating in rampant sense gratification in the form of meat-eating, gambling, intoxication and illicit sex is a slow and painful death. Like a fish dying in the sand, the world draws near its death throes even all the while considering this spot life as final. In “Baby Blue” Dylan twice repeats the idea of “rowing home” and “going home”—just as Prabhupada promises all devotees, that they are going home, back to Godhead.



### **The lover who just walked out your door,**

In a word, there is no love in the world of lust for sense gratification since such so-called love is temporary. **Like a dried river bed in summer**, the phantasmagoria of **society**, friendship and love can bid fare-thee-well when the *karma* of give and take runs out. What is called love is merely a temporary and perverted reflection of naked lust. See this from *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*: “The Blessed Lord Krishna said: It is lust only, Arjuna, which is born of contact with the material modes of passion and later

transformed into wrath, and which is the all-devouring, sinful enemy of this world. (Bg. 3.37)”

It is a fact that *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, which would be printed in the first abridged baby-blue cover Collier edition some three years after Bob Dylan’s singing of “Baby Blue,” has become the foundation for a ten-thousand-year Golden Age. Those devotees who follow Shrila Prabhupada’s formula will be credited with helping to bring about the mini-Satya Yuga now on the horizon.

### **Has taken all his blankets from the floor.**

What sort of a “lover” is this? The poet is saying, “this lover of yours is a charlatan who has the reliability of a stray dog.” Do not allow yourself to be cheated by Kali in the form of his many lies and dubious methods. This human form of life is too valuable to be wasted in doggish activities. Do not “invest your money into the wrong bank account” as Shrila Prabhupada used to always tell us. Give your love to Krishna, and understand the spiritual subtleties of a genuine transcendental relationship.

### **The carpet, too, is moving under you,**

We are not earthquake-proof, and when the entire society shakes, it is a warning that it will soon topple. Thus when the floor is moving it is time to flee the building. And for this it is best to prepare before the time comes when there is nowhere to run. Since the cities are decaying and modern civilization is in the final stages of self-annihilation, the best plan is retreat since only mere few cosmic seconds remain.

### **And it’s all over now, Baby Blue.**

It’s all over now as long as Baby Blue is foolish enough to believe the lies that Kali has been spooning a beleaguered world for some fifty-one hundred years. But even as the non-devotee surrenders to a dubious destiny and bows his head in the dust at the feet of an ill fate—still those who have intelligence really do have a choice. And that choice is whether we want to remain tied to the mortar and pestle of Maya or to free our eternal, transcendental selves through Krishna consciousness. Therefore, one must decide how to correctly utilize this power of choice. And for any thoughtful person, the only choice is to choose Krishna consciousness, to choose *sanatana dharma*. This means choosing the genuine religious understanding that culminates in complete surrender at the lotus feet of the Lord’s pure devotee. Shrila Prabhupada. The Army of Prabhus who follow His Divine

Grace must take his programme of Krishna conscious farm communities very seriously.

**Leave your stepping stones behind, something calls for you.**

This useless juggling-and-balancing act that modern society forces upon its victims must be abandoned at once. In this age people survive on the notion that they have become legends in their own minds. The useless manipulation of others—persons who have been exploited like stepping stones—has only wasted valuable timeless time as the remaining seconds of this human form of life tick away. We should not be like the man who was busy making his bed when the house was on fire. One who has failed to surrender to Shri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, has only destroyed this golden chance in the human form of life. The poet implores us to leave the stepping stones behind before this rare opportunity becomes utterly ruined.

**Forget the dead you've left, they will not follow you.**

As cities collapse doom and destruction must be left behind. Nothing can be done for those who have been deaf to the voice of reason and prophecy.. As Prabhupada said in a class delivered on 20 October 1974, “The more we go on increasing such troublesome industries to squeeze out the vital energy of the human being, the more there will be unrest and dissatisfaction. Only a few can live lavishly by the exploitation of others. Our Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is not our manufactured idea.”

When the last moment comes, nothing can be done to save persons who live for the gratification of a dead body. The highest principle is to keep moving forward on the road to Krishna, the road to eternal life, and thus save one's self. He who is not saved cannot save others.

Every weapon of destruction that has ever been invented has been used at some point. As Shrila Prabhupada prophesizes in *Journey to Self Discovery*, “I was reading the *World Almanac* wherein it stated that within the next hundred years people will be living underground. Scientific advancement has created the atomic bomb to kill men, and **when it will be used** people will have to go underground and become like rats. From a tiger to a rat: that is going to happen because it is nature's law. ”

**The vagabond who's rapping at your door,**

Here in the world of death the role of imposters will be of small consequence to those who have fastened their seat belts on the Back to Godhead Express.

**Is standing in the clothes that you once wore.**

The poser lives in his own imagined dream like one who is dressed up in stolen garments. As Dylan says in “Hard Rain”, “I saw ten thousand talkers whose tongues were all broken.” He who dresses the part but does not know it can never carry a viable message, for the genuine wisdom comes only with personal realization in Krishna consciousness.

The foundation upon which the poser stands is flimsy indeed. On the other hand, no date with the servants of the king of the dead awaits the devotee of the Supreme Lord who worships Krishna through his pleasing service at the lotus feet of the pure devotee.

**Strike another match, go start anew.**

Could this be a play on words ... A match can either mean an ideal situation, or it can be a burning sulfuric fire stick. The proper match is to match oneself to the company of devotees of the Lord.

**And it’s all over now, Baby Blue.**



**Mother Yashoda feeds her beautiful bluish-blackish baby Gopala Krishna. For the devotee “it’s all over now” means no more birth and death as they take the highway back to home back to Godhead.**

The final word is that material life is all over now, Baby Blue. But devotion to the bluish blackish Baby Who was reared so lovingly by Mother Yashoda has just begun.

In “A Hard Rain” Dylan sang, “I saw a highway of diamonds with nobody on it.” That highway of diamonds is the illumined path of Krishna consciousness. The road back to home is the transcendental *marga* that has

been gifted to mankind by Krishna’s empowered representative Shrila Prabhupada. *Krsna sakti vina nahe krsna name prachara*. It is he only who has paved this highway all over the world because he is empowered directly as the Lord’s representative. ✎

*Did Lord Balarama appear on Shravana Purnima, or on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the waxing Moon of Bhadra as recorded in Shri Garga Samhita? We look at some verses describing ...*

## The Birthday of Lord Balarama

*Patita Pavana Dasa Adhikary*

*We received the following interesting letter from a devotee friend discussing the horoscope and birth date of Lord Balarama ...*

*Dear Abhaya Mudra Mataji and Patita Pavana Prabhu,*

Please accept my humble obeisances. Jaya Shrila Prabhupada! We would like to humbly ask for your opinion. Please see the two verses below from *Garga-samhita*, Canto One, chapter ten, which describe the appearance of Lord Balarama. You will immediately notice that the astrological data presented there is different from our understanding of the time of His appearance. We celebrate Lord Balarama’s Appearance on Shravana *purnima*, and here it is given as Bhadra *shasthi shukla*).

Please let us know what you think about this, and whether you ever came across this tradition of celebrating Balarama’s appearance on the *shasthi* of the month of Bhadra (perhaps some other *sampradaya*?) We would also appreciate any explanation of the astrological data given in the verse. Please find below Shriman Kusakratha Prabhu’s translation from *Śrī Garga-samhitā* of Shrila Gargacharya, 1.10.27–28:

*atha vraje pañca-dineṣu bhādre tithau ca ṣaṣṭhyām ca site budhe ca  
uccair grahāih pañcabhir āvr̥te ca lagne tulākhye dina-madhya-deśe*

*sureṣu varṣatsu su-puṣpa-varṣam ghaneṣu muñcatsu ca vāri-bindūn  
babhūva devo vasudeva-patnyām vibhāsayan nanda-grham sva-bhāsā*

*atha* - then; *vraje* - in Vraja; *pañca-dineṣu* - in five days; *bhādre* - in the month of Bhadra; *tithau* - in the lunar day or *tithi*; *ca* - and; *ṣaṣṭhyām* - on the sixth; *ca* - also; *site* - in the bright fortnight; *budhe* - in Mercury; *ca* - and; *uccāih* - exalted; *grahāih* - with planets; *pañcabhih* - with five; *āvr̥te* - covered; *ca* - and; *lagne* - on the horizon, the “rising sign;” *tula-ākhye* - in Libra (Tula *rasi*); *dina-madhya-deśe* - at midday; *sureṣu* - as the demigods; *varṣatsu* - showered; *su* - beautiful; *puṣpa* - of flowers; *varṣam* - a rain; *ghaneṣu* - as the clouds; *muñcatsu* - released; *ca* - also; *vāri-bindūn* - drops of water; *babhūva* - became;

*devah* - the Supreme Lord; *vasudeva-patnyām* - in the wife of Vasudeva; *vibhāsayan* - illuminating; *nanda-grham* – Nanda’s home; *sva* - with His own; *bhāsā* - splendor.

“Then in Vraja, after five days, in the month of Bhādra (August-September), on the sixth day of the bright fortnight, when Mercury, five exalted planets, and the constellation Libra were on the horizon, at midday, as the demigods showered a beautiful rain of flowers and the clouds sprinkled drops of water, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, illuminating Nanda’s home with His splendor, was born from Vasudeva’s wife (Rohiṇī).”

Thank you very much,  
Your servant,

***This is our reply ...***

Dandavats Prabhu,



Blessings of Prabhupada upon you and yours by the grace of Shrila Prabhupada. What you have sent is really interesting. We do not know anything about Bhadra *shukla shashti* as being the Appearance Day of Lord Balarama, and (like you and others) we have always worshiped the Shravana *puṇnima tithi* as such. The translation you have sent is of course accurate as far as we can tell with out limited knowledge of Sanskrit. Let’s have a look:

-The *janma chakra* would be Libra rising (*Tula lagna*) with Saturn (*atmasthan Shani*) there in the rising sign forming Shasha Yoga. Shasha Yoga or the “hare (rabbit) *yoga*” is the *mahapurusha* combination caused by Saturn in a *kendra* and in his own sign (*swa-rashi*) or exalted (*uccha*).

-Next Mars in Capricorn in the 4<sup>th</sup> house causes Ruchaka Yoga, the combination for “taste.”

-Venus in Pisces in the 6<sup>th</sup> house sits opposite Moon which would likely be in Virgo. This forms Malavya Yoga from *Chandra-lagna*. *Mahapurusha yogas* measured from the Moon sign are acceptable forms of the combinations according to *Shri Phala Dipika of Mantreshwara*.

-Sun and Jupiter are in the 10<sup>th</sup> house. The Sun has directional strength or *dig-bala* in the 10<sup>th</sup>, the *karmasthan kendra*. *Dig-bala* for the Sun means that he is best positioned in the 10<sup>th</sup> house of work because it is here that his unwavering and fiery abilities become most potent. The best use for the Sun’s strength is always in the 10<sup>th</sup> house.

-Jupiter exalted in Karkata (Cancer the crab) in the 10<sup>th</sup> house of *karma* causes Hamsa Yoga.

-Mercury in the 12<sup>th</sup> house with Virgo causes Bhadra Yoga. Mercury is both *uccha* (exalted) as well as *swa-rashi* (“own sign) in Kanya, the sign of the virgin. Of all planets, only Mercury, planet of nerves and thoughts, has this potential to be in his own sign and exalted at the same time. Seen from this point of view, which is likely the correct one, the chart has the possibility of five Mahapurusha Yogas.

-The 6<sup>th</sup> day of the waxing Moon means that the Moon is moving somewhere between 60 and 72 degrees ahead of the Sun. The Sun would have to be in Cancer in order to be at the mid-day (*abhijita*) point with Libra on the *lagna*. Indeed the Sun is in Cancer, the sign into which the Sun has just moved from his northern *uttarayana* path to his southern *dakshinayana* course. This fits also, as Lord Balarama is non-different from, Ananta and He sits at the very bottom or southern portion of the Universe as Ahir Budhanya.

So the Moon is likely posited in Virgo, a position which we have noted above may cause the Mahapurusha Yogas created by Venus and Mercury. However, the other conundrum is that if Venus is taken as *uccha*, or exalted in Pisces, then he (Shukra) is five signs from the Sun (Surya) in Pisces. Now we have been told that some of the planets' courses could have been different in Dwarpara Yuga. But then the *Bhagavata* which was written down at that time states that Venus likes to move along with the Sun. Thus, if as today, the movement of Sun that keeps Venus within no more than one sign away, was also evident at the end of Dwarpara Yuga when Shri Baladeva ji made His divine appearance, then there is no chance that Venus would be in Pisces. Venus is never in Pisces in Shravana-*masa* anyway.

As far as the problem of Bhadra *shasthi shukla* verses Shravana *puṇnima* as the Lord's birth, Abhaya Mudra Dasi suggests that this may have to do with Lord Baladeva being transferred from the womb of Mother Devaki to Mother Rohini. The month of Bhadra (Hrishiksha) follows Shravana (Shridhara). Our calendar follows the *puṇnimanta* system; that is, we Gaudiyas (and northern Indians, too), end our calendar on the full Moon day. Philosophically this makes more sense. Thus there are some very sound reasons for our *sampradaya*'s *puṇnimanta* system that we will discuss.

In the South (Dravida-*desha*) and In Gujarat, they end the calendar on the dark of the Moon or *amavashya*. To my mind this is not so logical since—we ask—why would a project be ended when it (as reflected in the movements of the Moon) has been whittled down to nothing? Also the months bear the names of the stars that the Moon conjoins (or is near) on the full Moon day. Thus Shravana-*masa* is so named for the full Moon conjoining Shravana *nakshatra* and Bhadra *masa* is named for Purvabhadra.

So Shravana / Shridhara ends on the full Moon day when the Moon is in Shravana *nakshatra*. Shravana, for your information, is the star in Capricorn of Shri Vamanadeva and Shri Bhaktivinoda Thakura. Then the month of Bhadra / Hrishiksha begins on the first day of waning Moon, the day following the full Moon of Shravana. Once more, at the risk of repeating myself, this is the *puṇnimanta* system, to begin the month with the first day of waning of the Moon when the Moon moves one second beyond the full point. As you know from our commentaries in *Shri Chanakya-niti*, and elsewhere, when the Moon gains 12 degree increments from the Sun, a new phase or *tithi* is born. So the first day of Bhadra is *krishna paksha* 0 degrees to 12 degrees, etc.

Thus, measured in lunar days, the difference from Shravana Purnima to Bhadra *shukla shasthi* is 21 days. Could this be the time that Lord Baladeva stayed within the womb of Rohini? According to this consideration, the Lord would have been transferred on Shravana Purnima from Mother Devaki to the womb of Mother Rohini from where He appeared in the house of Nanda Maharaja three weeks later.

So at this stage, this is all food for thought. We are thinking out loud, and we eagerly await your discussion on the intriguing matter. For example, we have examined the chart with Libra rising. (This is the Tula lagna arrangement wherein the number “7” appears in the top central diamond according to the North Indian *chakra* which we use). In the above paragraphs we have discussed that the planets are specifically *uccha*, to use the word of this verse, meaning “exalted.” That is the specific meaning of the astrological term, *uccha*. However, the term can also refer to planets that are *uccha* by virtue of being highly placed or otherwise elevated. And for this we need look no further than the divine configuration of stars at the time of the Holy Appearance of Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. This chart is given by the great *acharya* Shri Kaviraja Goswami Krishnadasa ji in his *Shri Chaitanya Charitamrita*. Therein the king of Vaishnava poets states *uccha graha gana*, that all of Baby Nimai’s planets were exalted. Here is the verse, which is both Sanskrit and Bengali, as found in CC, Adi 13.90:

*simha-rashi, simha-lagna, uccha graha-gana  
shad-varga, ashta-varga, sarva sulakshana*

*simha*—Leo the lion; *rasi*—sign of the zodiac; *simha*—Leo the lion; *lagna*—birth moment, rising sign, atmastan, 1<sup>st</sup> house, that constellation that is arising in the Eastern horizon, etc.; *ucca*—high, elevated, exalted; *graha-gana* —all planets; *sat-varga*—six areas, six divisions, the *shad-vargas* or important sub-divisional *kundalis*; *asta-varga*—eight areas, the *ashtakavarga* system of measuring planetary strength; *sarva*—all; *sulaksana*—auspiciousness.

“According to the *Jyotira-veda*, or Vedic astronomy, when the figure of Leo the lion appears both in the Moon sign and the time of birth (*lagna*), this indicates a very high conjunction of planets. The *sad-varga* charts and *asta-varga* strengths of the planets were all-auspicious.”

However none of the planets are exalted in the chart of Mahaprabhu. In fact Mercury is debilitated in Pisces. But of course Mahaprabhu’s chart is difficult to interpret since He is the “hidden incarnation.” Therefore the *uccha* quality of His planets is also hidden, so to speak. At the time of His birth his maternal grandfather Shri Nilambhar Chakravarti declared, “He Who has appeared at this time is none other than the Supreme Personality of Godhead.” What a great astrologer he was to read that the planets were all *uccha* in the Lord’s chart without being specifically exalted. In fact, practically all his planets are in *manushya gana* stars—since He is the Supreme Lord appearing in a very human mood. With a human element to His *lila*, Shri Krishna brought the understanding of His highest *lila* down to earth and has made Krishna consciousness accessible for the deliverance of all mankind. It was in this mood that He brought the divine love of Shri Radha and Krishna into our vision, and this was immediately perceived by Nilambhar Chakravarti and later commented upon here by Shri Krishnadasa Kaviraja.

However, since we see in the charts of Lord Ramachandra and Lord Krishna that the exaltation of planets in *kendrastans* is literal—the planets really do sit in the places usual places of exaltation—therefore we may conclude similarly with Lord Baladeva Who was very much the Supreme Personality of Godhead along with His younger brother Shri

Krishna. Nonetheless, we welcome further research into this matter and welcome any pertinent verses from authorized sources. You are the *pandit* in this matter. It is a fascinating subject which deserves some digging to be sure. Thanks for including us! I close with some lovely glorifications of Lord Balarama from the *Bhagavata* (5.25.5-7):



Lord Ananta's arms are attractively long, beautifully decorated with bangles and completely spiritual. They are white, and so they appear like silver columns. When the beautiful princesses of the serpent kings, hoping for the Lord's auspicious blessing, smear His arms with *aguru* pulp, sandalwood pulp and *kuñkuma*, the touch of His limbs awakens lusty desires within them. Understanding their minds, the Lord looks at the princesses with a merciful smile, and they become bashful, realizing that He knows their desires. Then they smile beautifully and look upon the Lord's lotus face, which is beautified by reddish eyes rolling slightly from intoxication and delighted by love for His devotees. (5)

Lord Sañkarṣaṇa is the ocean of unlimited spiritual qualities, and thus He is known as Anantadeva. He is non-different from the

Supreme Personality of Godhead. For the welfare of all living entities within this material world, He resides in His abode, restraining His anger and intolerance. (6)

“Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued: The demigods, the demons, the Uragas (serpentine demigods), the Siddhas, the Gandharvas, the Vidyādharas and many highly-elevated sages constantly offer prayers to the Lord. Because He is intoxicated, the Lord looks bewildered. His eyes appear like flowers in full bloom moving to and fro. He pleases His personal associates, the heads of the demigods, by the sweet vibrations emanating from His mouth. Dressed in bluish garments and wearing a single earring, He holds a plow on His shoulder with His two beautiful and well-constructed hands. Appearing as white as the heavenly King Indra, He wears a golden belt around His waist and a *vaijayantī* garland of ever-fresh *tulasī* blossoms around His neck. Bees intoxicated by the honey-like fragrance of the *tulasī* flowers hum very sweetly around the garland, which thus becomes more and more beautiful. In this way, the Lord enjoys His very magnanimous pastimes.” (SB 5.25.7)

Your humble servants,

*Patita Pavana dasa*

*Abhaya Mudra Dasi*

“The Mithuna Twins” ॐ

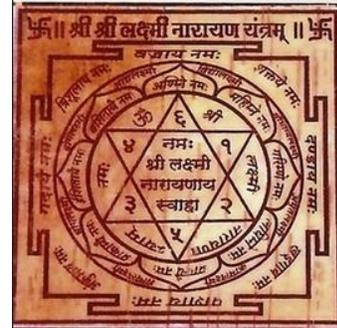
# Remedies for Suffering in the Material World

## *Abhaya Mudra Dasi*

According to *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* (5.14.25) there are threefold sufferings that occur here in this material world:

*kvacic ca sita-vatady-anekadhidaivika-bhautikatmiyanam dashanam  
pratinivarane 'kalpo duranta-cintaya vishanna aste*

“Being unable to protect himself from the threefold miseries of material existence, the conditioned soul becomes very morose and lives a life of lamentation. These threefold miseries are miseries suffered by mental calamity at the hands of the demigods (such as freezing wind and scorching heat), miseries offered by other living entities, and miseries arising from the mind and body themselves.”



According to  *jyotisha-shastra* as seen from the Vaishnava perspective, each of these miseries can be counteracted to some degree through proper action and remedial measures.

As far as *adhidaivika* miseries, or suffering that is inflicted by the demigods, astrology is very helpful. That is because the science of astrology itself deals with the phenomena of the demigods who powerfully affecting our lives in the form of stellar influence. For adverse stars *jyotisha-shastra* recommends various *pujas*. Such *yagnas* can be effective, though their effectiveness is limited to particular situations unlike *sankirtana yagna* which satisfies all necessities. Another means of overcoming *adhidaivika miseries*, is *muhurtha jyotisha*. This means creating a brighter future through selecting the best times for particular actions.

Of course, the usual counter argument is that worship of Shri Krishna is sufficient. And that is of course very true, yet that devotee who can chant twenty-four hours a day is a rare *mahatma* indeed. Such a person is liberated and certainly needs nothing else. From another point of view, Shri Krishna has designated particular demigods to carry out the tasks of administering His universe and its residents. Since He is the Source of astrology and of its remedies such methods may be taken up in a mood of ultimately pleasing Him.

As far as *adhibautika* miseries, or afflictions coming from other living entities are concerned, these can be counteracted through good conduct and right action according to the tenets of *dharma*. For this the wise person should work on perfecting his psychology by understanding how his mind and intelligence function in various circumstances. An understanding of *vastu-shastra* or environmental *jyotisha* is useful for counteracting *adhibautika* problems. Additionally, the sciences of *yantra* and *mantra*—as well as following the lunar calendar’s auspicious *tithis*—also bless one’s life. A person who performs regular Deity worship to the Supreme Lord can also successfully overcome these difficulties in a Krishna Conscious way.

Troubles that originate from our own bodies, or *adiatmiyaka* miseries, may be successfully overcome through *ayurveda* and *hatha yoga*. The different *kriyas* in yoga are especially useful for purification of the body. This can be successfully overcome in Krishna Conscious way by a good *sadhana*.

We have shared above both the everyday and the eternal Krishna Conscious solutions to the constant onslaught of three-fold problems. Due to the predominating mode of ignorance here in this material world, overcoming difficulties is always tricky. The Personality of Godhead Lord Vishnu alone maintains the Universe. Maintenance in the material world is most difficult and that is why the Supreme Lord provides remedies. Although creation and destruction occur due to the influence of Lord Brahma and Shiva respectively, only Lord Vishnu maintains for that is eternal. ♪

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# Letters to the Editor

(Edited for brevity)

## Urgent Need for Astrological Marriage among Devotees

Hare Krsna!

Please accept my humble obeisances. Just finished reading your very nice article on Dandavats <http://www.dandavats.com/?p=8169>. By Krishna's grace and the help of His astrology I married and we raised several children. After many, many years of a harmonious marriage I was able to take *sannyasa*, remaining ever grateful to the wonderful companion I had throughout all those years.

Unfortunately, our relationship was exceptional compared to so many others we witnessed over time who separated with small children in the middle causing untold suffering for all involved. So, yes ISKCON should make use of  *jyotisha*  to verify compatibility before embarking on such an important journey as  *grihastha ashram* .

Your servant,

SBG

*What else can be said? You have become enlightened in Krishna consciousness by the grace of Shrila Prabhupada and the sampradaya acharyas. –Ed.*

## Financial Collapse?

Dear Prabhu,

Many astrologers are predicting that it will be a very bad period from late May to late June. Some alt-economists are predicting a crash of the dollar on May 28, but I would be very shocked by that as this is an election year, and in election years they keep everything as smooth as possible. Perhaps you can write about the bad times in your next newsletter?

Hari Hari!

DD (USA)

*You are correct. There is no way that the master manipulators of worthless paper currency will allow their wall-papering job to tank on the eve of an election. America begins its 7½ year sade sati cycle on 27 January '17, during which times things are more likely to spiral out of control. –Ed.*

## Studying Krishna Conscious Astrology

Dear Prabhus,

We would be honored to take up the study of astrology under your guidance. We find your conditions to be both reasonable and beneficial. Let us know when would be a good day to start, and we will make time for regular study of whatever materials you recommend, including Shrila Prabhupada's books—*Caitanya Caritamrta*, *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Bhavagad-gita*, etc.

We also feel that this would be a good pursuit for us. We'll look forward to getting started whenever would be an auspicious time to do so.

With gratitude, your servants,

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*Only the devotee can be a proper astrologer because he recognizes that as a Vedanga, astrology is a limb of the Vedas. Krishna says, "Of all the Vedas I am to be known." Therefore non devotee astrologers, even those posing as "Vedic" must be strictly avoided. The fact is that the only way to build a proper foundation in jyotisha shastra is through the books of Shrila Prabhupada. Thus genuine realization may accompany your study of this important Vedanga. -Ed.*

### **Accuracy of the Full Life Readings**

Dear Abhaya Mudra Dasi and Patita Pavana dasa,  
I have been studying the Full Life Readings that you sent for the family and I am amazed at their detail and accuracy. I have not words but "Thank You!" for your insight and hard work.

Your servant,  
JK (Australia)

*It's our pleasure! Thanks very much for your trust in our services and your support of our preaching programme in SW Bulgaria.-Ed.*

### **Bob Dylan**

Dear Patita Pavana dasa,  
Since the early 60's I always considered the words of Dylan to be somehow linked to generational changes (prophecies). Your last issue confirmed it. Thanks to Mahaksha dasa for the cherry on the cake.

Your servant,  
ND (Canada)

*If you like the analysis of Mr. Tambourine Man, Prabhu, then we hope that the article in this latest issue also strikes your fancy for how Lord Krishna changes things so that they can be directed towards sankirtana..-Ed.*

### **Happiness in Krishna Conscious Marriage**

Dear Prabhus,  
We just wanted to thank you for another year of blissful happiness together. You are absolutely correct that the only way to have domestic tranquility and bliss is first through acting in Krishna conscious, and then having a spouse who is astrologically compatible. Thanks to your expertise astrology we have found each other as soul mates.

Eternally grateful to you both,  
LN (South Africa)

*We are happy in your happiness. -Ed.*

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