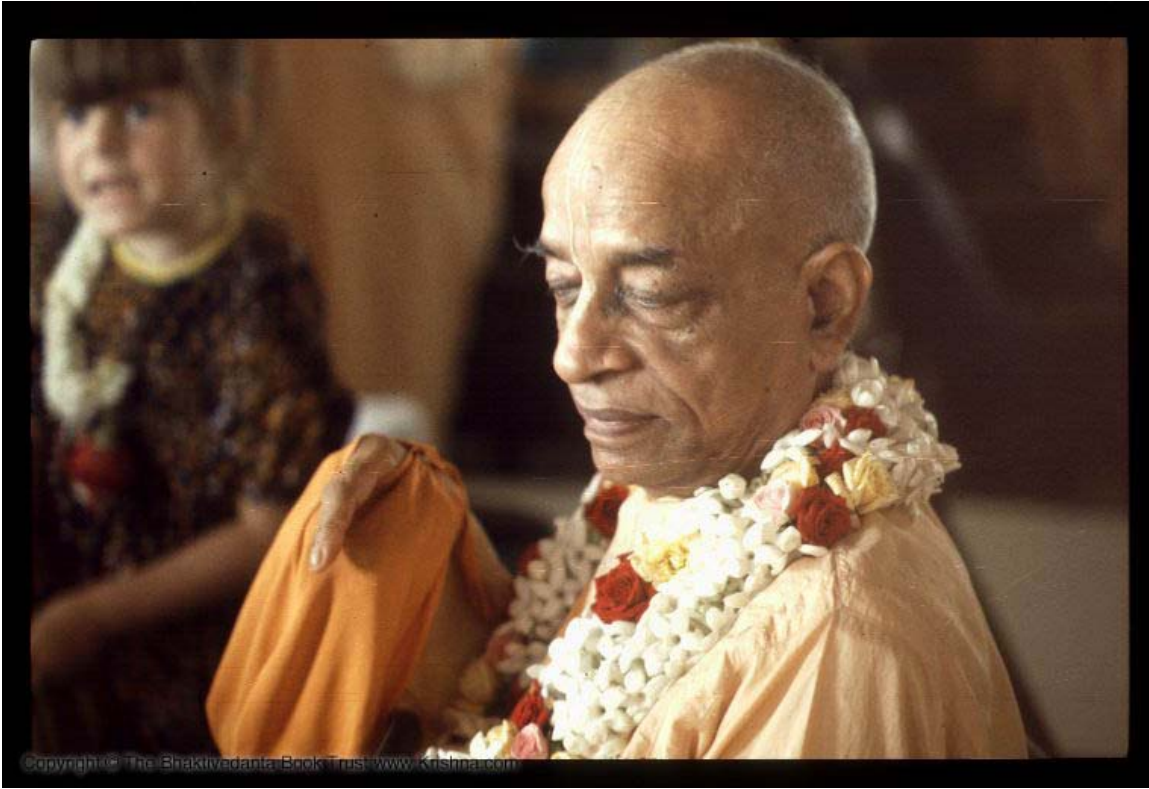


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Dear Prabhus, Welcome to the issue. Sri Krishna tells Arjuna, *masanam*



marga-shirsho 'ham. “Among months I am Margashirsha.” (BGAI 10.35) The month of Margashirsha begins on 22 Nov., the day after Kartik or Damodar *purnima*. It was during Margashirshamasa that the *Bhagavad Gita* was spoken on the Battlefield of Kurukshetra. [This year Gita Jayanti is celebrated on 17 Dec.] Margashirsha is also the month during which the *gopis* of Vrindavana undertook their vows of worshipping Goddess Katyayani to have Krishna as their husband. Margashirsha is also known as Agrahayana and it marks the first month of the winter season (Hemant or early winter) by the Vedic system of *shad-ritu* (lit., “six seasons”).

Unfortunately, this year Margashirsha concludes with a lunar eclipse. Not only that, but there will be a deep cluster of seven eclipses, the maximum that can occur in a year's duration. Therefore, we have dedicated this edition of **The Astrological Newsletter** to eclipses. We hope that the information contained herein will be useful to devotees.

Yours in Krishna consciousness,

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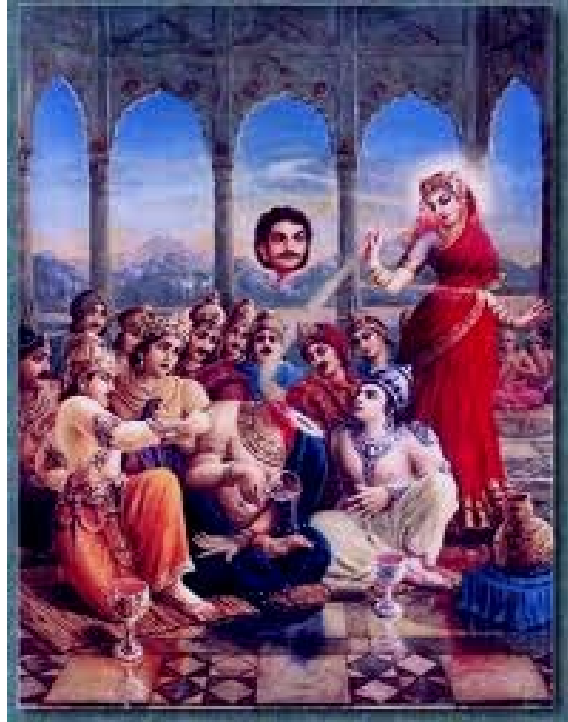
Is that Eclipse Good For You?

“How will I be affected?” When untoward omens threaten the skies, this is the question that astrologers are most frequently asked. If that question is vexing you, why not contact our office? Some eclipses can actually be auspicious, depending upon your chart. Our rates for analyzing your situation over the next year or two are the best and our forecasts are accurate. We have the world’s greatest *parampara* behind us, the Brahma Madhva Gaudiya and the blessings of Srila Prabhupada. All your questions will be answered with the opinions of two astrologers having a combined 60 years experience for \$30 (over 1 hour) (+ \$3 bank fees) via PayPal to yaminidasi@yahoo.com. Others charge over \$200 for the same service, even those with neither disciplic succession nor viable *shastric* knowledge.

Enter the Dragon

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All devotees are familiar with the episode of Rahu's beheading due to his attempt to rip off the nectar from Lords Chandra, Surya and the other demi-gods. We listen in awe as we hear that the Supreme Lord, appearing as the most attractive woman, Mohini Maya, sliced the demon in twain with His Sudarshan Chakra. The *Bhagavatam* describes, "The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari, using His disc, which was sharp like a razor, at once cut off Rahu's head. When Rahu's head was severed from his body, the body, being untouched by the nectar, could not survive." (SB 8.9.25) But Rahu had sampled the nectar of immortality; hence his head remained the constant foe of the Sun and the Moon, and the cause of their periodic eclipse.



Western astrologers consider Rahu, the eclipse-causing North Node of the Moon as the "head of the dragon." If that characterization is correct, then we have certainly entered the dragon with the present lunar cycle. This year the lunar month of Margashirsha, known to the Gaudiyas as *Keshava-masa*, will end with an eclipse of the full Moon in the sign of Gemini or *Mithuna-rashi*. Then, fifteen days following that, there will be an eclipse of the Sun in Sagittarius. This dark duo kicks off a "sequence of seven," the highest number of eclipses that can occur in a single year. That means from **21 Dec. 2010 till 10 Dec. 2011** there will be the maximum number of eclipses possible. As omens, eclipses do occur regularly, unlike some comets, the "lower half of Rahu or Ketu that show up helter-skelter and are never seen again. Any given year will see at least four eclipses.

A GRIM FORESHADOWING: As we shall see from the research gathered for this edition of *The Astrological Newsletter*, such "sequences of seven" foreshadow world changing events, not only for 2011, but for the year that follows, 2012. The Great Depression was preceded by seven

eclipses beginning in 1928. Mao Tse-Tung's year long march of 70,000 Communist troops a distance of 6,000 miles in preparation for taking over China took place under a string of seven in 1935. The 1937 Rape of Nanking, Japan's year-long invasion of China, which has been called "the greatest massacre in history," occurred during a string of seven. Hitler also broke the terms of the Versailles treaty and geared up for war under the powerful dark forces of seven eclipses presaging WW2. Likewise, the hippie era of drugged mass hysteria in the US and Europe began under a dense eclipse cluster that was seven strong.

SHASTRIC EVIDENCE: Within the *Itihasas* and *Puranas*, the omens that describe untoward events most frequently are not planets in signs or *nakshatras*, but eclipses. Vyasadeva mentions the eclipses that haunted Kurukshetra while the Pandavas fought the Kauravas, as Valmiki before him described the eclipses overhead during the battle of Lanka while the ever-victorious Lord Rama vanquished Ravana and his demonic minions.

From the *Bhagavat Purana*, we get the following verse regarding the birth of the twin demons Hiranyaksha and Hiranyakashipu:

*muhuh paridhayo 'bhuvan sarahvoḥ shashi -suryayoh
nirghata ratha-nirhrada vivarebhyaḥ prajajnire*

"Misty halos appeared around the Sun and the Moon during solar and lunar eclipses again and again. Claps of thunder were heard even without clouds, and sounds like those of rattling chariots emerged from the mountain caves."
(SB 3.17.8)

Srila Prabhupada writes in chapter 8 of *Krishna the Supreme Personality of Godhead*, "Nanda Maharaja addressed Gargamuni as one of the great authorities in astrological science. The foretellings of astrological science, such as the occurrence of solar or lunar eclipses, are wonderful calculations, and by this particular science, a person can understand the future very clearly. Gargamuni was proficient in this knowledge. By this knowledge one can understand what his previous activities were, and by the result of such activities one may enjoy or suffer in this life."

His Divine Grace gives the following example, "There are always two kinds of men in this universe, not only on this planet but also in higher planetary systems. All the kings dominating planets like the Sun and Moon also have enemies like Rahu. It is because of occasional attacks upon the Sun and Moon by Rahu that eclipses take place. The fighting between the demons

and demigods is perpetual; it cannot be stopped unless intelligent persons from both sides take to Krishna consciousness.” (**Bhaktivedanta Purport SB 8.10.6**)

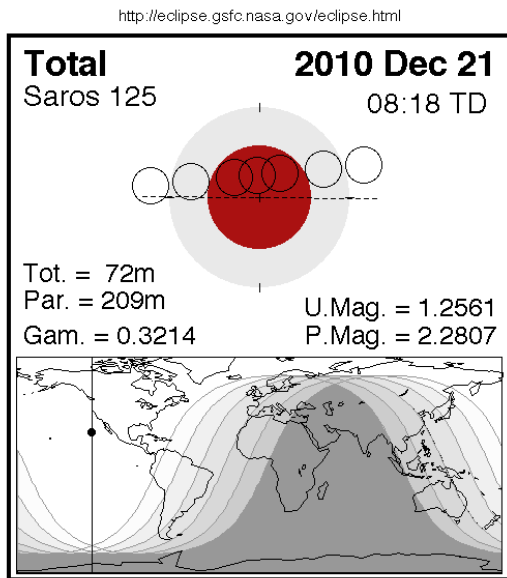
It is ominous that the coming sequence of seven begins with a lunar, and not a solar eclipse. When the Moon is darkened first it indicates that the world will be put to greater misery. **Readers who wish to know the details of the coming eclipses, may Google the <NASA Eclipse> website and search <Eclipses For 2011>.** Times are given in **UT or Universal Time**, which for practical purposes is the same as **GMT, Greenwich Mean Time**. Simply adjust your local time according to your time zone. For example, the Eastern Standard Time Zone (-5) would subtract five hours from UT. Residents of India (+5.5) would add five and half hours.

With the passing of Kartik *purnima* we have entered the dragon, but through following the instructions of Srila Prabhupada we devotees need not and will not be affected. Forewarned is forearmed, and our armor is the holy name and the loving shelter offered by the pure devotee. □

Details of the Next Two Eclipses:

1.) Total Lunar Eclipse in Gemini of 21 Dec. 2010

Timings in Universal Time (GMT)



Five Millennium Canon of Lunar Eclipses (Espenak & Meeus)
NASA TP-2009-214172

Penumbral Eclipse Begins:
05:29:17 UT
Partial Eclipse Begins:
06:32:37 UT
Total Eclipse Begins:
07:40:47 UT
Greatest Eclipse: 08:16:57
UT
Total Eclipse Ends:
08:53:08 UT

The total lunar eclipse of 21 Dec. on Margashirsha Purnima will occur in Mithuna *rashi* or Gemini, in Mrigashirsha *nakshatra*. The month of Margashirsha derives its name from this *nakshatra* Mrigashirsha (lit., “deer’s head”), the *deva-gana* star under which Srila Prabhupada appeared.

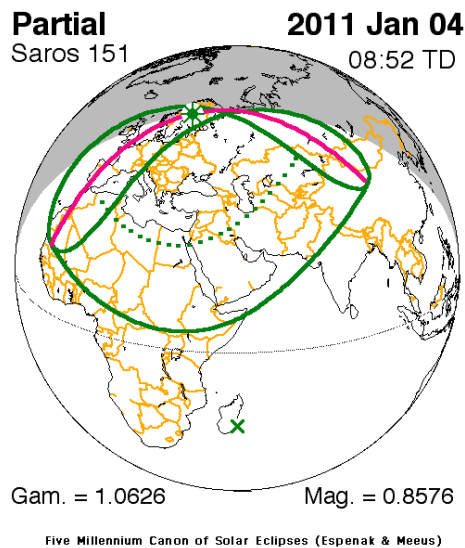
Mrigashirsha is ruled by Mars, the lord of war among the planetary demi-

gods. It is a given that a lunar eclipse in a *nakshatra* of Mars speaks of continued escalation of conflicts caused by demons in powerful positions.

FOR FANS OF ASTRONOMY, the Greek name of Mrigashirsha is Lambda Orionis, one of the stars of the well-known constellation Orion the Hunter. The constellation of Punarvasu (Castor and Pollux in Gemini) will be east of the darkened Moon. South of the eclipsed orb will be Aridra (Betelgeuse or Alpha Orionis). Rohini (Aldebaran), the reddish eye of Vrishabha or Taurus, will be to the west. The time of total darkness will occur at 8:18 GMT. The areas of maximum visibility are shown on the map below, especially North America’s West Coast.

Naturally those places where the eclipse is evident may be more affected by the fallout. If the eclipse turns dark reddish, it could indicate war, and if it is the color of soot or smoke, it indicates natural disasters and social crises. For the curious, photos of eclipses are quickly available on the net so it is not necessary to subject yourself to its harmful rays. It is a good idea to avoid looking at eclipses or even being outside while they are in effect. This is especially true for pregnant women whose children may have disfiguring birth marks as a result of exposure. Any prepared food that is not consumed before the eclipse should be given to animals. From the NASA website, here is a map of the event, with the lighter portions revealing gradations of visibility.

(2) Partial Solar Eclipse in Sagittarius for 4 Jan 2011



A fortnight (or half a lunar cycle) after the lunar eclipse there will be a solar event. As in the case of all solar eclipses, this occurs on *amavashya* or day of the dark Moon. The solar eclipse will occur in the sign of Sagittarius, the archer. In Sanskrit Sagittarius is known as Dhanush *rashi*, meaning “bow” symbolized by the bow-wielding centaur. Not only is Dhanush symbolized by a weapon, but it is a fire sign, the element of *kshatriyas*. Therefore, Sagittarius, despite being ruled by Jupiter, is a considered a sign of war and warriors

and an eclipse of the Sun (governments) in this sign can indicate serious hostilities.

As seen from the map above, the eclipse will be visible from much of Europe, North Africa and central Asia. Here is the description of the eclipse from the NASA website (with their usual “scientific” bad advice to go out and watch it):

“The penumbral shadow first touches Earth's surface in northern Algeria at 06:40:11 UT. As the shadow travels east, Western Europe will be treated to a partial eclipse at sunrise.* The eclipse magnitude [1] from European cities like Madrid (0.576), Paris (0.732), London (0.747), and Copenhagen (0.826) will give early morning risers an excellent opportunity to photograph the sunrise eclipse with interesting foreground scenery.

“Greatest eclipse occurs at 08:50:35 UT in northern Sweden where the eclipse in the horizon will have a magnitude of 0.858. At that time, the axis of the Moon's shadow will pass a mere 510 km above Earth's surface. Most of northern Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia also lie in the penumbra's path. The citizens of Cairo (0.551), Jerusalem (0.574), Istanbul (0.713), and Tehran (0.507) all witness a large magnitude partial eclipse.

“A sunset eclipse* will be visible from central Russia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and northwest China. The partial eclipse ends when the penumbra leaves Earth at 11:00:54 UT.” □

*The incidents of an eclipse occurring at either sunrise (W. Europe) or sunset (C. Russia, Mongolia, NW China) is especially portentous to those areas.-Ed.

Shadows over the Year to Come:

The Sequence of Seven:

21 Dec. 2010 - 10 Dec. 2011

The following is a list of dates and *rashis* for the coming eclipses:

- 1.) 21 Dec. 2010 Total Eclipse of the Moon in Gemini
- 2.) 04 Jan. 2011 Partial Solar Eclipse in Sagittarius
- 3.) 01 June 2011 Partial Solar Eclipse in Taurus

- 4.) 15 June 2011 Total Lunar eclipse in Scorpio
- 5.) 01 July 2011 Partial Solar Eclipse in Gemini
- 6.) 25 Nov. 2011 Partial Solar eclipse in Scorpio
- 7.) 10 Dec. 2011 Total Lunar eclipse in Taurus

THE END OF THE WORLD? So, what will the coming year--or beyond--be like? We must also consider 2012 because a “sequence of seven” lays the foundations for the times that follow the events also. Therefore, even though there are only 4 eclipses in 2012, we must reflect on how 2012 will be influenced by the eclipses of 2011. Everybody knows that the world situation is already tense, and many rue the coming of 2012 thinking that it could mark the end of the world. Many of the reasons that different types of mental speculators have theorized that the end of the world is at hand have been dealt with by our Godbrother HH Mahavishnu Swami Maharaja at this link <http://mahavishnuswami.com/news-mahavishnuswami-2012-doomsday-predictions.html>. His site also has an interesting discussion regarding the (im)possibility of the world ending.

MAYAN CALENDAR: What it comes down to is whether we accept an obscure Mayan calendar or the *Bhagavat* of Srila Vyasadeva. As Mahavishnu Swami asks, “What if the guy making the Mayan calendar just dropped dead of a heart attack?” Of course, all devotees agree that it is nonsense that the entire world will come crashing down, but whether it does or not will be of little consequence to those who are caught up in insurmountable situations, those who failed to read the Rahu’s handwriting in the sky. When one’s body ends, it is indeed the end of the world *for that individual* because as Chanakya wryly notes, “this body when lost cannot be replaced.” Those who will fall victim to the coming hard times ahead will be the short-sighted ones who did not prepare for inevitable changes, just as many irresponsible Americans who spent money recklessly when times were good now find themselves living in vans.

VARNASHRAM DHARMA: We know that in 427,000 years at the end of this Kali Yuga and just before the next Satya Yuga, the devotees must take shelter in the mountains or remote areas. Similarly we are on the verge of a Golden Age of Hari Nama, a mini-Satya Yuga. Does it not therefore make sense that before the dawn of this forthcoming age of spiritual awakening that there will be widespread dangers to devotees just as when this Kali Yuga ends for good? We have been warned by an empowered representative of the Supreme Lord in the person of Srila Prabhupada. To avoid the ill designs of Rahu and his minions, more than ever before it is necessary for

devotees to surrender to full *varnashram dharma* projects and fulfill the prophecies of Srila Prabhupada. Before the infrastructures of the cities are weakened to the point that martial law is declared to create an excuse for mass arrests, we should take shelter of Krishna conscious agrarian communities.

EFFECTS OF ECLIPSES: Predictions are difficult when dealing with Rahu, a planet who works his nefarious activities from behind a smokescreen. Rahu covers, takes away and causes delusion. During eclipse cycles there is a tendency towards disasters, floods, falling of buildings, rising of separatist rebels, mass poisonings, freakish weather patterns, falls of government leaders, avalanches, typhoons, earthquakes, scandals in high places, collapse of hollowed institutions, radioactive disasters, demonic takeovers, etc. The guesswork involved includes analyzing the sign in which the eclipse occurs, where it is visible, how long it will occur, the horoscope at the time of the event, as well as many other details. Although the *Puranas* repeatedly confirm that eclipses are ominous, applying the gathered research to modern times, Kali Yuga, is daunting because few old studies are available. Therefore we must rely upon our own research to a great extent. Nonetheless, from our investigation of every eclipse in the 20th Century and the events that followed in each one's aftermath, we shall hazard a few predictions in this article.

In fact, many events--including the weakening of currencies, "necessary" military incursions of super-powers into helpless countries and tyrannical new laws to bind the people into robotic conformity--are actually engineered by design by men with Rahu-mentalities. These little Rahus seek to eclipse the liberties of everyone else. Like Rahu, they are atheistic megalomaniacs who are mad after power and who never realize that their lives are as short and temporary as anyone else's.

THE BRIDGE TO SATYA YUGA: Ultimately the hard times that lay before us are actually a narrow bridge across a deep chasm into the higher consciousness of a New Spiritual Age as inaugurated by the prophet Srila Prabhupada. Let the eclipses come and go; let them spell the doom of the materialistic civilization. Sheltering ourselves before the goodness of Mother Earth is the prerequisite for protecting the devotional community from the tough days that mark the advent of a coming mini-Satya Yuga. In order to create that reality, the required ingredients are common sense and a spiritual consciousness born of obedience to the will of the Supreme Lord. □

Hard Predictions:

Likely Effects in 2011

It does not take an astrologer to see that there is something very wrong in the world and that the Powers that Be are not forthcoming about their crafty designs. Ten seconds on the net will point anyone who cares to learn towards a more realistic understanding of the shape of the world than the one the corporate-controlled news media would have us swallow. Rahu works under a



smokescreen of deceit and half-truths. The aim of the bodiless demon is dominance through mass ignorance. Yet the activities of the bodiless (and therefore invisible) demon are visible everywhere in Kali Yuga. His handiwork is evident to anyone (any devotee) who cares to consider where the world is heading. Here's an overview of where we are now:

-The entire world--banks, companies, government, everything--is dependent upon a temporary resource. **Oil, black gold, is the present currency of Rahu.**

-The food supplies of those nations that are burdened by the curse of over-industrialization are produced by mega-farms. **There is practically no local or natural production of milk, grains, fruits and vegetables in the so-called developed countries.** The creation of non re-generative seeds by mega-corps threatens the local agriculture of poorer countries. Food in the hands of a few individuals is a loaded gun to the head of city dwellers. With food supplies halted, the cities will descend into chaos.

-Voting machine fraud and rigged elections in the bastion of democracy, USA, have helped create a one-party government that caters to corporate interests of world domination. Many politicians have been compromised and silenced by CIA-created intrigue. The election of Obama has produced no promised "Change"--the battle cry of the Obama campaign. **Obama was elected by promising to bring home the troops, but the war effort has increased much to the pleasure of the international corporations.**

-Unjustifiable wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and now Pakistan claiming to bring democracy and freedom to those areas have killed over a million innocent Muslims. Millions in the third world seethe with righteous anger towards the West as political leaders use the Bible as rationalization for terrorizing blameless civilians others half a world away.

-A century of dubious false flag operations enacted as excuses for unnecessary hostilities against innocent nations from the Spanish-American War, to Cuba, to Viet Nam to Iraq have fed the war machine, keeping arms dealers rich.

-America's biological weapons research is more active than ever. **This, as well as family planning and America's guided missile science were all designed by Nazis who were given shelter in America after WW2.**

-Despite "commissions", there remain hundreds of unanswered questions about the death of President Kennedy or 9/11. This, despite the filmed admission of an assassin in the Kennedy murder or the owner of WT7 admitting on film that WTC-7 was "pulled" (a term for a planned demolition).

-The American people have shouldered a huge burden of debt created by the government's bail-out out of criminal banks, an illegal system of taxation, a stolen monetary system, rigged elections and a dependency upon an increasingly worthless dollar. **As soon as China dumps its huge dollar reserves, now that oil is purchased in Euros, the dollar will collapse.**

-The crevices in the American system are moving East as cracks in the European Union. Will the whirlpool of America carry other nations down the drain? War has always been the solution for countries financially strapped. Therefore Rahu-like governments create enemies out of their friends to serve their ends.

-FEMA, America's supposed emergency disaster relief arm, has been reinvented to control rather than protect citizens. In the wake of the removing the statute of *posse comitatus* which prevented the American military from being used against citizens, the position of FEMA and its 800 barbed wire camps all over America remains suspect. **Americans have been talked into accepting torture as a socially acceptable technique when used against innocent goat-herding detainees in Guantanamo Bay, but they do not know that innocent American civilians may be next.**

Anyone who has doubts about the above facts may access the site Top Documentary Films (.com) and peruse the sections on “9/11” or “Conspiracy.” It’s not a theory any longer. There are plenty of leaders in medicine, government, military, CIA, FBI and others who are blowing the whistle on the secret activities of persons in power who have corrupted the systems. Rahu acts with impunity and because the mindless voters have been dumbed-down to utter complacency with their fawning adulation of *shudra* celebs, sports anti-heroes, government mis-leaders and inane video games. Television and internet hypnosis have created a generation of polished illiterates.

THE HOUSE IS ON FIRE: Not only is the handwriting on the wall, but the smoke is already gathering in the skies. Look around and see the people tidying their neat bungalows unmindful of the conflagration in the basement. America will see an increase of crime, murderous civilian sharpshooters, rioting, looting and mob violence. Today in America, less than one quarter of the people believes their government does not blatantly lie to them. These numbers will drop as more and more shadowy activities of “the secret government within the government” come to light. As the system disintegrates, Obama’s plaster smile will crack and the one-time “prophet of peace” will see his ratings drop to become as bad as Bush’s. Two of the forthcoming eclipses are in Taurus, Obama’s Moon sign. Homelessness, joblessness, gangland activities and mendacity will increase as local governments find themselves overwhelmed by the problems created by an inept central administration. California, which always goes down under the weight of Gemini eclipses, will suffer from police abuse, unprecedented fires in the south and government scandals in Sacramento. American dissent could turn into mass arrests as freedom of speech becomes a mere memory.

The strain coming from America with its rampant unemployment, homelessness and housing foreclosures will spread to the European Union. Several European countries are already so deeply in debt that they are forced to beg from the other members. In 2010, student and worker riots have become common in European countries like Greece, UK, Germany, Belgium, Austria and France. Eclipses in Sagittarius seem to have a particular effect upon Greece, Portugal and France. It appears that the financial woes of the debt-ridden EU nations will spread to France, a country that has been targeted in the past under the influences of eclipses in Dhanush *rashi*. Sweden gets the closest rays of the eclipse, signaling a wake-up call for the dreamlike state of this and other Scandinavian countries which have been enjoying the votes of “world’s best places to live” in recent years.



Rahu at work: North Korea's bombardment of South Korea 23 Nov. 2010

The US will continue to bungle their aggression against Iraq and Afghanistan, in their effort to create excuses for their policy of “staying the course” while keeping a wide open eye upon the routes of oil and gas. Further dissent rising from other nations that feel they have either been bullied or suckered onto America's battlefield will continue abandoning “the Home of the Brave” and its increasingly lonely propaganda machine. This winter will see blizzard conditions in many places of Europe, despite the misplaced spring season that has affected the continent during *Kartik-masa*.

Unexpected circumstances and developments will arise in the Middle East, and we do not mean the kind of political “surprises” that are in reality designed and then sprung onto the public to control the sentiments of voters. There is likely to be a large earthquake in the area from Turkey to Pakistan. South East Asian nations expressing their independence from America's “compassionate help” will be a trend in 2011, and Obama's disappointing and embarrassing trip to Indonesia just this month foreshadows more of this trend. We are at the beginning of the eclipse cycle, and already Indonesia has been experiencing tidal waves and volcanic eruptions with massive death tolls. Indonesia unfortunately must brace for more such tragedies.

In India the authorities in remote border areas, specifically the NE frontier, must gear up for meeting headlong the many subversive activities of separatist rebel organizations. False religionists (demonic tantrics) posing as *sadhus* will spread their poison in the remote villages. India, however, will continue to emerge as a world leader with its own policies and decisions. China may face a huge natural disaster.

Gangland savagery with its mass killings will rise to unprecedented heights in Mexico and the police there will be hard-pressed to deal with savage battles for turf. More armed fighter jets will take to the skies.

REIGN OF RAHU: Though still at the outer edge of the EFI (eclipse field of influence), we are already seeing these effects as the Moon narrows its orb towards the fateful meeting with Rahu on 21 Dec. Current influences include deadly military hostilities between North and South Korea which threaten to spark a large-scale conflagration; a stampede in Cambodia in which many hundreds were crushed to death, the grounding of all new Airbus Super Jumbos and a New Zealand mining disaster in which dozens of trapped miners appear to have lost their lives. Though the emerging pattern indicates an effect to South Asia and Oceania, we will see other parts of the world emerging in the headlines.

Two Successions of Seven:

Unfortunately, a Correct Prediction

Your editor became an observer of eclipses around thirty years ago upon noticing that certain catastrophic events seemed to occur around the times of eclipses. Headlines screamed of disasters, acts of terror, social anarchy when the Sun or Moon was darkened.



The Chernobyl disaster occurred two days following a total eclipse of the Moon in Libra. Just as Libra is an air sign, I reasoned, so the air would now become polluted for hundreds of miles resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands. Three days before a solar eclipse in Scorpio in 1984 a huge gas explosion in Mexico City killed over 500. A week and a half later the Bhopal disaster occurred. This was followed by coal mine disasters in Taiwan and in Utah in which over a hundreds were killed. Could there be any link? Scorpio, a watery sign ruled by Mars has under its jurisdiction fiery liquids, chemicals and things that are dug from underneath the ground. The pieces were falling into place.

Eventually my research grew into a book, now in the press, called *Horoscope for Disaster*. In that book, every eclipse of the 20th century is paired with the corresponding significant events in history. Using this research, it is possible to piece together the lost art of world of mundane astrology. Even so, most the information will be little more than an intellectual exercise. Explaining to a moth flying into a fire that he will be burnt to a crisp in two seconds is a useless endeavor. And so it is with the public at large. Therefore, the focus of this research is for the benefit of the Lord's devotees. By the grace of Lord Paramatma within, devotees are mostly given the good sense to read the handwriting on the wall and the omens of the skies. As devotees we worship the Sun god, Lord Surya-Narayana, three times a day as the representative of Lord Narayana. One thing is certain Srimati Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth and Good Fortune (*bhagya*), will never favor anyone who attacks Her husband. Hence times overshadowed by the maximum number of eclipses are sure to be lean times for many strata of society, and for this the wise must be prepared as the cheating instruments of exchange, paper currency, plummet in value and poverty creeps into the middle class.

Successions of Seven

9 June 2001 until 24 June 2002 and 9 January 2002 until 21 January 2002

Around the turn of this century, I observed that in the coming two years future there would be two sequences of seven eclipses--each within about a year's period. Although the media was trumpeting the drunken fantasies of a "New Millennia" that would magically usher in an era of love, there was plenty of room for cynicism. After all, the fulfillment of spiritual ideals may become a reality only when blissful transcendence is earned by following plan of Sri Chaitanya, the *purna-avatar* for this age. Such valuable rewards are purchased through surrender and devotional service. Only when there is a substantial brahminical class of devotees who are performing the *sankirtan yagna* as prescribed by Srila Prabhupada can there be hope for a New Age.

I was in Central India in 2000. Firing up the trusty Royal Enfield, I sped off to the newspaper offices to tell them about the coming "successions of seven that would darken the skies from 9 June 2001 until 24 June 2002 and from 9 January 2002 until 21 January 2002. At the *Jabalpur Chronicle* I found the willing ear of a reporter who would seriously consider my warnings. As it would turn out, the seven eclipses were giving advance notice of the forthcoming World Trade Center disaster, the coming recession and the

gradual rise of a new form of Americanized socialistic fanaticism. Just as Rahu limits the light of the Sun in an eclipse, so the subsequent rise in totalitarian dominance through vice-like control of all people in a fabricated “war on terror” was a smoke-screen created by the very people who pretend to fight it. As a thief running yells “Stop Thief” to distract attention from himself, so the real terrorists create enemies out of thin air to restrict and enslave the very people they claim they are protecting.

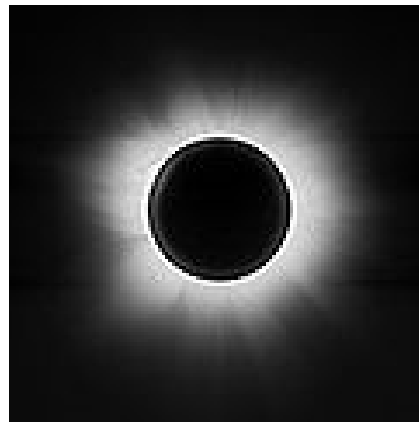
The July 30, 2000 edition of *The Jabalpur Chronicle* ran the following story.

“Next Eclipse and Another Catastrophe?”

Navlesh Pathak, Reporter

JABALPUR: JULY 30, 2000, “The series of eclipses this year heralds natural calamities, social strife and political convulsions in the world including the Indian peninsula, claims Mr. Miles Davis (Patita Pavana das Adhikary), an American astrologer. Davis says the solar eclipse on Monday may affect Iran, Afghanistan and areas around Mediterranean.

“Davis, who has several books to his credit and lives in San Francisco frequently visits to India since 1973, says the eclipses cast doom in the society and invite disasters of sorts. Giving examples of the eclipses this month, he said these eclipses brought plane crashes, social conflicts and downfall of several politicians in the world. In



Indian context Davis chronicling the events in July said that a plane crashed at Patna, took hundreds of lives in Mumbai when heavy rains lashed city, several Bihari laborers lost their lives in Assam, a girl was married to a dog in Bengal beside various other social disorders. In political arena Ram Jetmalani lost his ministership along with Bihari minister who was also sacked for his misdemeanor. Even the mass suicide in Jabalpur was the repercussion of the eclipses this month, he claims.

“Worldwide the aftermath of these eclipses were the Concorde crash in Paris, hundreds being killed in Indonesia communal riots,

overthrow of the government in Fiji and the death of the Syrian president Hafez Assad. Davis says that area ruled by a particular zodiac sign are affected when eclipses occur under that sign. For example the solar eclipses on Monday would be under Capricorn thus it would affect the areas ruled by Capricorn. But he does not see it as a guarantee for escape from disaster nor does the visibility of the eclipses have anything to do with the repercussions. Like the disasters in India occurred in July also when not all the eclipses were visible.



“Starting from the year 1900, Davis has maintained the records of all eclipses and major negative effects that followed. But the years having more than three eclipses have brought more accidents than the year those having less than three, if these records are to be believed. For example the year 1935 had seven eclipses and the year was marked

by a severe earthquake in Quetta (now Pakistan) killing over 50,000 people, hurricane in Caribbean killing 500 people, invasion of Ethiopia (then Abyssinia) by the Italian Troops with heavy casualties and, above all, preparations for the World War by the German chancellor Hitler. The year also witnessed revolt in China under the leadership of Mao Tse Tung.

“Davis says the eclipses are not the celestial events for glee and observation for studies as claimed by scientists world-wide. Last year the scientist in Turkey went for such observations of solar eclipse and the aftermath of the eclipse was the earthquake in the country killing thousands. He related astronomy with astrology and says the celestial events are sure to have effect on the lives of the people whether it is natural calamities or the social strife. Expressing his concern over the negative effect of these eclipses this year on the Christians he said the Christians had to bear the brunt of attack in several parts of the world including India. The eclipses proved to be a bad omen for this community this year, he said.

“Davis is planning to publish the research work on the eclipses and their repercussions and the book would be on sale in India. The reason? ‘The Indians have more faith on astrology compared to others,’ he said.” □

Eclipse Charts and Diagrams:

How to Judge Eclipses

Abhaya Mudra dasi

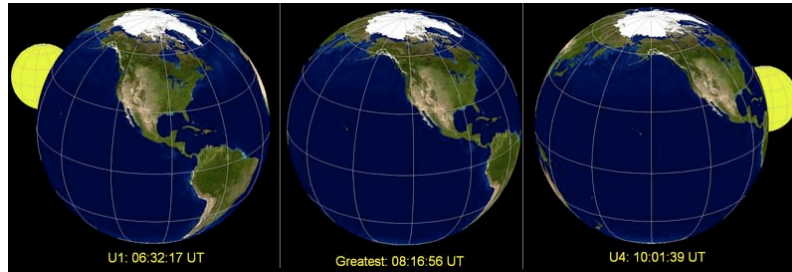


First let me express my debt of gratitude to Pandit Trilok Chaturvedi, Ph.D., Jyotish Bhushan, of Varanasi for sharing with me much of the information contained in this article.

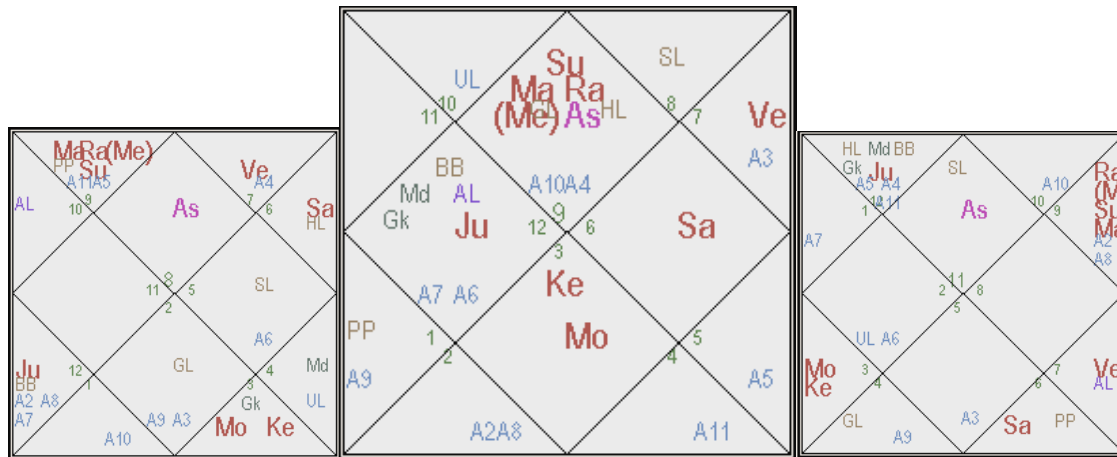
Eclipses in *uttarayana* (when the Sun is moving towards the north) affect the upper classes while eclipses occurring in *dakshinayana* (when the Sun moves to the South) affect the lower classes of mankind. The eclipse on December 21st and lunar eclipse of January 4th occur while the Sun is in *dakshinayana*, an ill portent for the general populace. Eclipse visibility is also a significant predictive factor. If the event is visible in all four directions, the four classes, namely working class, business class, military personnel and intellectuals all suffer. The *brahmanas* (intellectuals) are ruled by the northern directions, the *kshatriyas* (military personnel) by the eastern direction, *vaishyas* (business class) by the western direction and the *shudras* (working class) by the southern direction. Northeast is assigned to the *mlecchas* or outcastes; northwest is assigned to the army; southwest to engineers and northwest to skilled workers like artists. Directions are also assigned to non-human elements. North goes to the cattle; east to food and wildlife; west to seeds and farms and the work associated with them; south goes to the aquatic creatures and marine activities and big animals like the elephants.

Directions are ruled by the elements of the zodiac signs as well. East is assigned to the fire signs; north to the water signs; west to the air signs and south to the earth signs. The houses in a horoscope also rule different directions. East rules houses from 1st to 3rd; north rules houses 4th to 6th; west rules houses from 7th to 9th and south rules houses from 10th to 12th.

From the illustration below, we can see that the 21st December eclipse at his greatest point is best visible in what is commonly known the western part of the hemisphere. Also the visibility is greater in the northern direction.



Below are the charts of the 21st December lunar eclipse. The first chart presents the beginning, the middle one presents the maximum point of eclipse, and the last one presents the last moments of the eclipse. We can see that Scorpio to Aquarius rising signs are affected. These are water and air signs, respectively, and the natural 8th to 11th zodiacal signs.



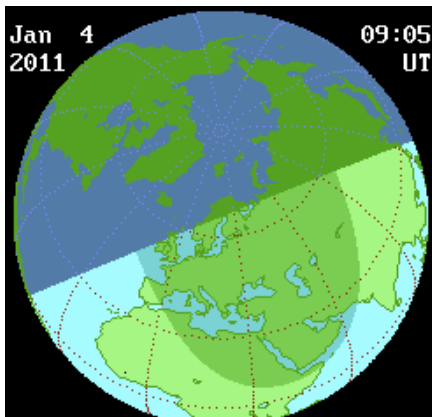
THE MONTH TO COME: According to the direction reference Scorpio is the 8th sign and Sagittarius is the natural 9th. Scorpio as a water sign rules the affected northern directions. The eclipsed *nakshatra* is Mrigashirsha which at the time of eclipse runs its portion in Gemini. Gemini is an air sign ruling the affected western direction. The *lagna* of the eclipse center is Sagittarius. Mars rules the eclipsed *nakshatra* Mrigashirsha. The location of Mars at the time of the eclipse is in Sagittarius. Since Mrigashirsha *nakshatra* is located in Gemini, which is air sign, and Mars is located in the fire sign of Sagittarius, we will see a lot of action between fire and air. Hot winds will be responsible for the delay of winter in the northern hemisphere and will be

responsible for some crop damage. Business will see problems managing deficits and some economies in the affected areas will suffer.

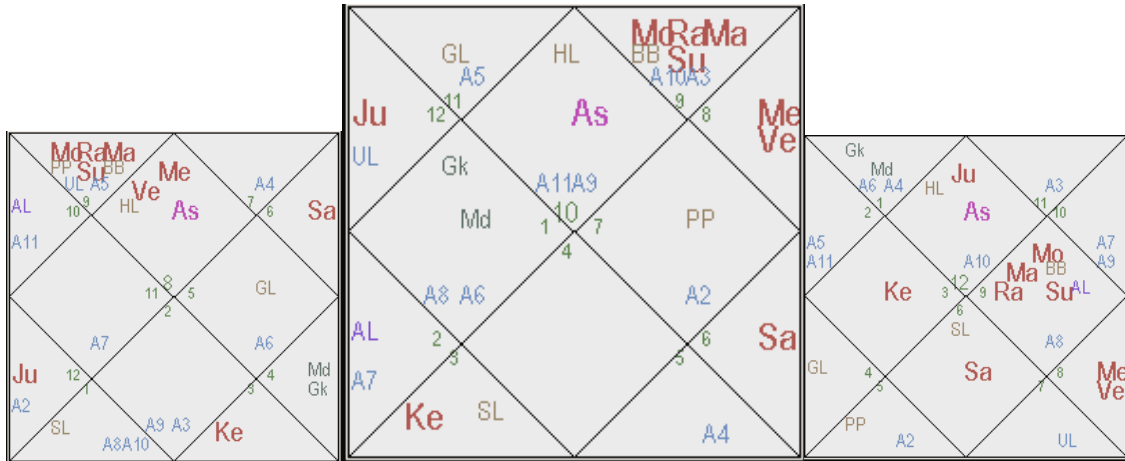
We will see the domino effect of failing business and economy now coming to Europe from the US. Japan will also be affected. Military actions may be applied via air on the pretext of guarding economical stability. Pilots of aircraft should be on the lookout for storms or fuel problems. This eclipse will bring some serious thoughts about alternative energy sources since the current problems with natural gas will be deepened. Borders of countries will be at stake. In North America the clandestine discussions of uniting Mexico, US and Canada will be taken a step further. The religious right will be affected and America may see riots in this connection. Countries ruled by Sagittarius like Spain will be particularly targeted. The western coast lines of North America and Europe will not escape the influence. Floods due to windy conditions carrying unusual amounts of rainfall may be expected. Since this is an eclipse of the Moon, its effects will linger till the middle of March 2011. The only hope arising from this eclipse is that counties might rely on one another in time of need.

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The illustration below depicts the greatest point of eclipse on January 4th 2011. This partial Solar eclipse is the sister eclipse of the 21st December 2010 full Moon eclipse.



We can see that the direction of effect in particular is on the northeastern direction of the Earth's hemisphere. After the intoxication of New Year's Eve turns to a hangover, military conflicts erupt. These will likely involve some small counties in the affected areas which want to restore their sovereignty. The eclipsed *nakshatra* is Purvashadha. Its symbol is an elephant's tusk which re-grows on a live elephant when cut. Since northwest rules unwanted elements in society these military actions will be first conducted in secret. Then the big powers will have to interfere to keep borders intact. The greatest eclipse is visible on the Scandinavian Peninsula. Problems with the unity of the EU will be questioned. Some countries like Russia and the Arab countries will try to play position of power through controlling the natural oil supply in the world.

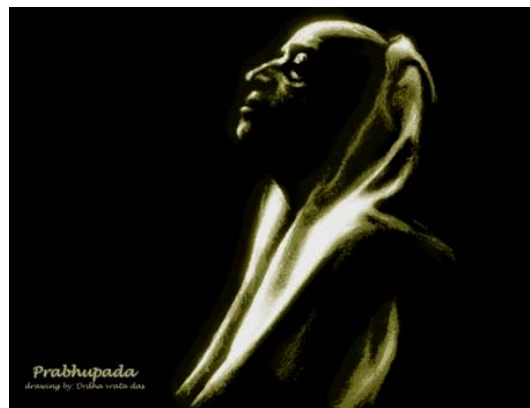


From the charts of the touch down, the time of greatest eclipse and the end of the event we can observe that the rising sign again is Scorpio. Mars is still in Sagittarius. Purvashadha is ruled by Venus and Venus has moved from Libra to Scorpio, ruled by Mars. The overall impression is continuation of the Moon eclipse where hot weather action and emotions will rule the scene. Overestimation of power is not excluded and money will be hoped to be made through war. Turkey, Tibet, eastern part of Russia, Scandinavia will likely emerge as hot spots of attention. □

The pure devotee assesses the future:

Thus Spake the Prophet

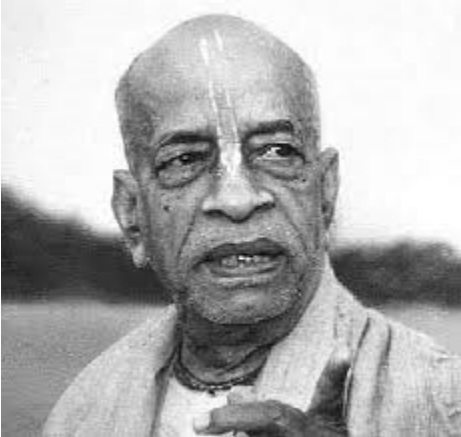
“PEOPLE WILL FLEE THEIR HOMES”: “In this age of Kali there are no pious kings. Instead, rogues and thieves are elected to head the government. But how can the people be happy without religion and God consciousness? The rogues exact taxes from the citizens for their own sense enjoyment, and in the future the people will be so much harassed that according to *Srimad Bhagavatam* they will flee from their homes and country and take shelter in the forest. 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.” [Bhaktivedanta Purport SB 4.16.4]



EVERYTHING WILL COLLAPSE: “In Kali Yuga the kings and heads of state enjoy life at the cost of taxes exacted from the citizens. Such unfair taxation makes the people dishonest, and the people try to hide their income in so many ways. Eventually the state will not be able to collect taxes and consequently will not be able to meet its huge military and administrative expenses. Everything will collapse, and there will be chaos and disturbance all over the state.” [Bhaktivedanta Purport, SB 4.16.7]

“A STATE OF POVERTY”: “In Kali Yuga, people have forgotten Vishnu altogether and they conduct their activities for sense gratification. Such people will gradually become poverty-stricken, for they cannot use things which are to be enjoyed by the Supreme Lord for their own sense gratification. If they continue like this, there will ultimately be a state of poverty, and no grains, fruits or flowers will be produced. Indeed, it is stated in the Twelfth Canto of *Bhagavatam* that at the end of Kali Yuga people will be so polluted that there will no longer be any grains, wheat, sugarcane or milk.” [Bhaktivedanta Purport, SB 4.18.6]

“PEOPLE WILL STARVE”: A huge arrangement exists for the production of large-scale industrial and agricultural products, but all these



products are meant for sense gratification. Therefore despite such productive capacities there is scarcity because the world's population is full of thieves. The word *chori-bhute* indicates that the population has turned to thievery. According to Vedic understanding, men are transformed into thieves when they plan economic development for sense gratification. It is also explained in *Bhagavad Gita* that if one eats food grains without offering them to

the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Yajna, he is a thief and liable to be punished. According to spiritual communism, all properties on the surface of the globe belong to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The population has a right to use goods only after offering them to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This is the process of accepting *prasada*. Unless one eats *prasada*, he is certainly a thief. It is the duty of governors and kings to punish such thieves and maintain the world nicely. If this is not done, grains will no longer be produced, and people will simply starve. Indeed, not only will people be obliged to eat less, but they will kill one another and eat each

other's flesh. They are already killing animals for flesh, so when there will no longer be grains, vegetables and fruits, they will kill their own sons and fathers and eat their flesh for sustenance." [Bhaktivedanta Purport SB 4.18.7]

“NO MORE GRAINS”: “In the Kali-yuga there is no *yajna*. Therefore there is *anavrishti*, The Kali Yuga people will forget performing *yajna*. They will be busy in *ghora-rupa* activities, horrible and fierce activities, not *yajna*. They will neglect *yajna*. So then how will your nuts, bolts, and rubber tires help you? Therefore there is scarcity of *anna* (food grains) which will increase more and more. It will increase so much that now you are getting *anna* by paying a high price, but the time will come when even if you are prepared to pay whatever price, there will be no more *anna*. That time is coming. Naturally, what will people eat? They will eat *mamsha* (meat) and roots and seeds. No milk. No sugar. No wheat. These things will be stopped. As we are becoming entangled in *ghora-rupa* (horrible) activities or *mudha* (foolish) activities, then the more we shall be entangled in the sufferings of material existence. They do not know what their actual interest is.” [SB Bhaktivedanta Purport, SB 7.5.31].

“CITIZENS ARE ROGUES AND THEIVES”: “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.” [SB Bhaktivedanta Purport, SB 4.20.14].

“A GOVERNMENT OF FOOLS AND RASCALS”: In the modern age of democracy there are so many government representatives voting for legislation. Every day they bring out a new law. But because these laws are only mental concoctions manufactured by inexperienced conditioned souls, they cannot give relief to human society ... At the present moment the so-called executive heads are more or less selected from materially ambitious persons who simply look after their own personal interests; they have no knowledge of the *shastras*. In other words, the executive heads are fools and rascals in the strict sense of the terms, and the people in general are *shudras*. This combination of fools and rascals and *shudras* cannot bring about peace and prosperity in this world. Therefore we find periodic upheavals in society

in the forms of battles, communal riots and fratricidal quarrels. Under these circumstances, not only are the leaders unable to lead the people toward liberation, but they cannot even give them peace of mind. In *Bhagavad Gita* it is stated that anyone who lives on concocted ideas, without reference to the *shastras*, never becomes successful and does not attain happiness or liberation after death.” [Bhaktivedanta Purport, SB 4.20.15].

“RUIN IS NEAR”: “At the present moment human civilization is too much attached to economic development and sense gratification and is therefore nearing the path of ruination.” [Bhaktivedanta Purport, SB 4.22.36]

REVOLUTION IN THE WORLD”: “We don't have a large number of followers ... Because they are select, they will bring about a revolution in the world. One moon is sufficient to dissipate darkness. If there is one moon, there is no need for millions of stars. It is useless to expect a large number of followers. We want only one good follower. If I can get one man to become Krishna conscious, I will consider my mission fulfilled. If you talk to whatever small number of followers I have, you will find that they talk better than any great philosopher, better than any scientist or politician. That is the quality of my students.” [Srla Prabhupada, *NY Times* interview, 2 Sept. 1972]



“A ROTTEN STATE”: “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. Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
[Letter 1 Feb. 1977] □

Solutions are just a mantra away:

Curing the Woes of Kali Yuga

Videos by Prannath das

Have you had it up to here with the little Rahu of Kali Yuga, Prabhus? Who can blame you? Keep in mind that just as the eclipses over Lanka spelled defeat for Ravana, so the coming eclipses will only serve to disintegrate a world built on demonic values. Just as Lord Chaitanya appeared under an eclipse that signaled the end of false philosophies like *mayavada*, so the coming succession of seven could actually be lucky for preachers of the holy names. Therefore, we end this edition with some videos from Srīman Prānānātha das Prabhu, of New Zealand.

*Sridham Mayapur Panchatattwa Maha
Abhishekam:* <http://www.vimeo.com/3510011>

Sri Sri Sikshastakam: <http://www.vimeo.com/6062441>

Letters to the Editor

A Few Appreciations from Our Clients

Dear Prabhus,

PAMHO, AGTSP!

All went EXTREMELY well...we got the distinct feeling that all the demigods were pleased (through pleasing the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna). The whole day expanded, and peace reigned throughout the house. We all felt transported with joy. Your contribution to this event was Wonderful!

Your eternal servant,

NR

(Texas)

Hare Krishna Prabhuji,

Thank You for your guidance and I will go and try to see all the devotees you have mentioned and I will ask them for their blessing and will help me move forward in my spiritual life. Thank You. I have got my reading and will read it properly and will follow the instructions. Thank You also for the timing given to me for leaving home for the airport. Thank You so much. Please do let me know if there is anything I should do

Thank you once again

Your servant

PR

(Nairobi)

Hare Krishna Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you so much Prabhu for your elicited answers to my queries. I will have to remember many things in [my child's] up-bringing...I still have one more chart to do and that is for my husband. If you so kindly take up his chart upon my return I will be very thankful to you Prabhu.

Thank you so much again,

Hare Krishna,

Your aspiring servant,

SB

(Minnesota)

Dear Patita Pavan Das and Abhaya Mudra Dasi,

Thank you very much for the insight into my horoscope, it was really encouraging. I would very much enjoy talking to you some other time.

Warmest wishes,

Hare Krishna

EE

(Moldova)

Thank you so much! I cannot wait to see you again.

Yavor

(Varna, Bulgaria)

