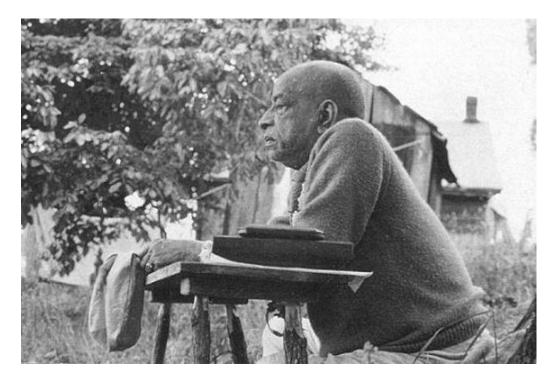
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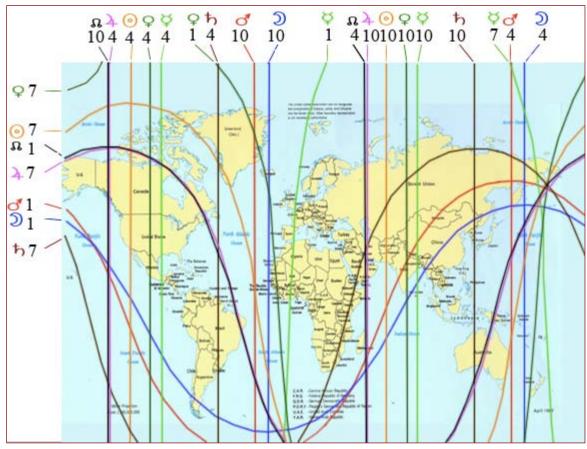
Dear Prabhus, Welcome to the issue. Did you ever notice that some places are just unlucky for you, while you seem to shine somewhere else? At the time of birth, there are certain planetary influences falling on various parts of the earth, and we resonate to these places according to the influence of these planets in our natal charts. That is Astro-Cartography in a nut shell.

In this issue we examine how our planets at birth permanently influence our luck at various places of the earth. And Vedic Astro Cartography is one of the services we offer at Mithuna Twiins Astrological Services. We welcome your inquiries. And, thanks for reading **The Astrological Newsletter.** We hope you will share it with your friends.

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Astro-Cartographical map of His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Astro-Cartography of Srila Prabhupada

Abhaya Mudra Dasi

When Srila Prabhupada appeared, the planets arranged themselves beautifully showing a large number of good configurations in his chart. The trained eye of the astrologer is drawn to the position of Jupiter in the 9th house. Jupiter's influence over the 9th is a prominent feature in the charts of many devotees and *acharyas*. There is any number of rare combinations befitting a world *acharya* including Hari *yoga*, Lakshmi *yoga*, Bhadra *mahapurush yoga*, Brahma *yoga* and Saraswati *yoga*. Taking the case of Srila Prabhupada's exalted planets and applying that to the world of Astro-Cartography, his plethora of good combinations means that there were many fortunate locations for him all over the world. Fortunate persons who have been born with many good positions in their birth chart have a greater chance of encountering more fortunate places while traveling.

From a look at the planetary lines, it is not surprising that Srila Prabhupada's first stop in the US would be Boston. The entire east coast of America lies under the influence of a Jupiter / Rahu line. Jupiter is positioned in the rising sign or the 1st house of self, and Jupiter is called Guru or Brihaspati. When Srila Prabhupada arrived in America the embodiment of *dharma*, the Guru himself, had at last arrived.

The outcaste Rahu is in the 7th house of partnerships. Srila Prabhupada was alone in the US; he was the sole representative of Krishna Consciousness. Soon he was joined by many young people who were--in one way or another--influenced by Rahu. They were



society's rejects in search of an alternative path that would lead them to a higher state of existence. But coming to America was no pleasure cruise for Srila Prabhupada. Notice the ominous Saturn line a couple thousand miles off the east coast. Alone in his cabin Srila Prabhupada suffered a serious heart attack on the ship coming to America, and wrote that if the Atlantic had "shown its usual face" he would not have made it.

Srila Prabhupada's Rahu and Jupiter lines run parallel and join into a single line: the meeting of two opposing forces. Rahu is often capable of adopting a radically different lifestyle in pursuance of higher goal. Hence Guru and Rahu merged together to shape the future of the Hare Krishna movement.

In Srila Prabhupada's birth chart, the Sun joins Jupiter in the 9th house of *dharma*. On the other side of America, the West Coast, Srila Prabhupada has a 4th house Sun line. The Sun is the king of the zodiac; he sits at the center of the other eight planets. Even today, we find that America's most opulent temple is located in Los Angeles beneath this Sun line. New Dwaraka, the home of the magnificent Sri Sri Rukmini-Dwarakadish, was Srila Prabhupada's center of administration and home of the BBT.

In America's heartland and in Western Europe Srila Prabhupada receives the combination of Mercury and Venus lines. In Srila Prabhupada's natal chart, Mercury forms a *mahapurush yoga* in the 10th house. Mercury is the zodiacal prince and princes are always well tutored. Beneath the Mercury

line in Dallas the first ISKCON *gurukula* appeared. In France and UK, where Mercury has gone to the 1st house or *atmastan*, Budha, the planet of *buddhi* or intelligence has given Srila Prabhupada's movement of *buddhiyoga* due recognition. First from 7, Bury Place in London, and then from Bhaktivedanta Manor in London's green belt, Krishna Consciousness began to emanate all over the world. Notice that there is also a Mercury line over Sridham Mayapur and India's east coast.

Australia, like America's east coast, lies under a Jupiter / Rahu combination. Yet here the roles of the planets have reversed. Jupiter has gone in the 7th house of partnership while Rahu has taken the leading position in the rising sign. By the time Srila Prabhupada would arrive in the land down under, his leading disciples--as seen by Rahu in the first--had paved the way for His Divine Grace with the public chanting of the holy names.

Notice the 4th house Rahu line merged with a 10th house Jupiter line running through Western Russia and down through Mauritius. These are areas where he envisioned great social changes. Though he spent some time in Mauritius, he could spend only a few days in Russia. Yet a generation after his departure, we have become witnesses to drastic changes leading to mass establishment of Krishna Consciousness in these regions.

Srila Prabhupada never went to most of South America, Central Africa or Eastern Europe apparently because he did not have any major planetary lines influencing these regions. How the planetary influence of Astro-Cartography in the chart of Srila Prabhupada influenced the mission of Krishna Consciousness around the world is plainly evident. Even today those lines of the *acharya* have a significant say in the way these regions continue to develop. Their vibrations continue to reflect the past and indicate the future as Prabhupada's influence in the form of the Hare Krishna Movement continues to engulf the world.



Astro-Cartography and You

Abhaya Mudra Dasi

At the time of each of our births, a unique arrangement of stars is formed. From the beginning of creation till the destruction of the Universe, not a single horoscope is the same as another. Each horoscope is a reflection of individuality. Our material inimitability is a reflection of our spiritual self. One soul can never be the same like another. In this way Sri Krishna can savor unlimited number of tastes emanating from unlimited individuals. This is real enjoyment and pertains only to the Supreme Lord.

What happens when a living entity born at a particular place travels to some other region of the Earth? The stellar formation at the time of birth is visible only at the place of birth. Therefore, Astro-Cartography gives a detailed picture of the planetary forces for all places on Earth for each of us. The Astro-Cartographical horoscope refracts the influence of the birth horoscope like a rainbow emitting from a transparent crystal prism. Every time we look at a multi-faceted prism from a different angle, one of the seven colors is seen as most prominent.

As in our prism example, so do the separate planets of a birth horoscope predominate at different places of the Earth. The characteristics of each predominating planet will color the activities and perception of the individual in each particular location. Let's say a particular area is influenced by the Moon. Then the individual will exhibit the characteristics of the Moon which are soft, nurturing, motherly, popular, emotional and supportive. Or if the place is influenced by Jupiter, then the individual will exhibit qualities like expansion, philosophy, instruction, sociality, jolliness, optimism and learning. Venus will bring all the characteristics of Shukracharya, while a Saturn line will invoke the qualities of Shanideva. A Mars line of influence will evoke the fighting spirit of Skanda, the demi-god of war while the Sun's influence will manifest the light and power of Lord Vivasvan. A Mercury line will tend to make one communicative, detached, playful and swift-thinking.

A local horoscope for any place on Earth can be cast for a particular individual by taking into account the time at that location when the birth took place. If an individual was born at 7:00 am in New York then to calculate his local chart for London the 5 hour difference between London and New York should be taken into account. The horoscope should be

calculated for 2 am London time for the same day. Then we can perceive the wholeness of the local horoscope and understand the forces at work for that particular place. The local influences cannot modify the birth chart. They work along the lines cast at birth and can help understand the slight changes an individual will experience if he moves to this locality. The local transformations which take place are dictated by the environment and we all know that there is not a single *jiva* who is more powerful than his surroundings. It takes some time for an individual who travels to a new location to experience the modification of his characteristics. The first change will be felt on the 3rd day, and then he will start understanding the change after his 3rd month while finally he will merge with the new vibration after 3 years. This has been practically experienced. For this reason *sannyasis* are advised to stay no more than 3 days at a particular location. In this way they can remain free of the influences coming from the local charts and not be affected by *karma*.

There could be innumerable charts calculated for different locations on Earth but they will not give us a cohesive look at how the influences of the planets affect a particular individual at a glance. The Astro-Cartographical lines are calculated by taking into account only the *kendra* houses of the horoscope. The kendra houses (1st, 4th, 7th and 10th) are considered the pillars of the horoscope. For this reason they are most important for this particular reading. By calculating 24 locations in the northern hemisphere and 24 locations in the southern hemisphere we arrive at 48 horoscopes which present the variety of horoscopes which happened in the 24 hour interval which is necessary for the Sun to circle the Earth. Those 48 horoscopes have to be calculated for the entire day when a particular individual was born. After the calculations are completed, we have at a glance the movements of the planets as they happened around the clock in all 12 rising signs. The planets in all these 48 horoscopes will have the same sign location except that their house positions will be changed. The most important houses to watch are, of course, the *kendras*. When a planet falls into a *kendra* position at particular location this fact is marked on the physical map. Then all points of the same planets falling in kendras are connected on the map and in this way a planetary line comes to be.

Those calculations are done by computers but there is no substitute for manual calculation. The reason is that the computer will calculate the influence of a particular planet at his 0° in a particular sign not taking into account the greatest influence which falls at the exact degree occupied by a planet in the birth chart. Let's say a computer will give Mars line at 0°

Scorpio on the Astro-Cartographical map but Mars in the individual chart will be 14°. Then we have to move some 500 miles west of the computer generated line to arrive over the greatest influence of the individual Mars line. Astro-Cartography is a difficult matter because it takes into account a great number of charts at the same time. It also takes into account the movements of the planets according to Vedic astronomical data.

Astro-Cartography is often used by western astrology but those calculations have no value. The *ayanamsha* which takes into consideration the movement of the stellar *chakra*—the wheel of the stars—is not taken into account by western astrologers. A nice theory which cannot be applied in practice is useless.

When Asto-Cartography is used properly it provides insight into an individual's best opportunities. Today people travel frequently and they are not limited to the locality of their birth. What someone who is born in the US might expect when he moves to India is locked within the horoscope of that particular new locality. Would the traveler now be under the spell of the Moon or Rahu? The position of a location's predominating planet reveals the tenor of the local chart. The secret in reading the local chart is that by looking a particular line an experienced astrologer can see the positions for the rest of the planets in the local chart. All he needs is to know is the birth chart and the predominating line and the entire local chart comes to life. The astrologer will not only read the main line but he will always put it into the context of the local chart and most importantly relate it to the birth chant which is the king of the entire presentation.

Astro-Cartography has proven to be a very valuable form of guidance in the world of high-speed travel in which we live. Where is the best place to live relatively carefree? Where could I become involved in a profitable business? Where should I start a family and build a house? Astro-Cartography easily solves these dilemmas. Astro-Cartography can be helpful in devotional life as well. It can reveal the best line for spiritual advancement where service to Sri Guru and Gauranga will be suitably facilitated, thereby helping to make our lives truly successful and sublime. \square

Prophetic Vision of Srila Suhotra Swami:

Grandma and the Hindu Monk

The following articles are from the In2-MeC Diaries of His Holiness (108) Suhotra Swami Maharaja, a bona fide spiritual master in line from Srila Prabhupada. Srila Suhotra Maharaja was a close friend of your Editor from the moment that he joined ISKCON in Boston 1970. He would later please Srila Prabhupada by taking up the difficult task of preaching in Eastern Europe in the days of Communism where his Krishna Conscious influence lingers upon the landscape of many countries to this day.



He entered into maha-samadhi in Sridham Mayapur. At the time of his ascension in April of 2007, he sat alone in his bhajan kutir chanting japa. Though it was an authinkable feet the Mahanaia displayed his mustic vision by predictive his

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Both Smt. Abhaya Mudra Dasi, who has two articles in this issue of **The Astrological Newsletter** and her sister NatyaSri Rasa Lila Dasi are disciples of His Holiness. It was under his tutelage and direction that Abhaya Mudra Dasi began her studies of jyotish some twenty years ago.

The fascinating and often prophetic In2-MeC journal of Srila Suhotra Maharaja ji as well as the audio of his last class are available at the www.suhotraswami.net, a website maintained by his disciples. The following is from an entry dated 6 March 2003 Sridhama Mayapur, West Bengal:

Suhotra Swami: In January's **In2-MeC Diary** I mentioned a piece of magazine fiction that was published in *Harper's Magazine* in 1951. It was titled "*Grandma and the Hindu Monk*" and written by **Seymour Freedgood**. I keep a photocopy in my Mayapur library. Here are some quotations:

"I still remember the shock I had when I first saw him. He couldn't have been four foot six. He had an ingenuous smile and protruding, fan-shaped teeth. Around his head was wrapped a turban, upon which a series of Sanskrit prayers had been scrawled in red and yellow crayons. A similar cloth hung around his shoulders. Beneath it was a gray undervest which did not entirely hide a woolen sweater and the tops of some brown underwear. And below all of this a white cotton skirt dropped clear to his feet. These, mercifully, were not naked: instead he had shod them in a pair of blue tennis shoes. Taken together, this outfit was his version of khaddar--Indian homespun--for adoption in northern climates. The sneakers he wore for religious reasons: any other footwear is of leather, which would be in violation of sacred cows. I don't know why they were blue. He also had a string of wooden prayer beads wrapped around his neck.

"I am Mahanan Brata Brahmacari,' he told them, in the meanwhile ordering the taxi driver to deposit his luggage on the veranda, 'a Hindu mendicant from the Sri Angan Monastery, Faridpur, East Bengal. Your son has invited me to stay with you for the summer. Ay, Seymour,' he said, noticing me for the first time in the crowd that by now had gathered around the taxi, 'there you are. Delighted to see you. Please pay this man.'

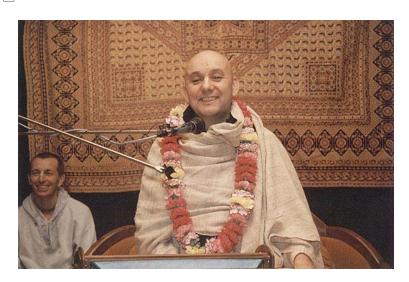
"In the background Josey hovered, concerned about his meals. These, it appeared, must consist entirely of vegetables. No eggs, no fish, no meat. 'Not even eggs?' asked my mother. 'Can Josey fix you a salad for lunch?' He agreed that a salad would be splendid and the two women bustled off, full of plans. It was apparent that he would have to do all the cooking himself.

"My brothers and I got on with his luggage. This consisted, in addition to three tin suitcases, of a box full of philosophy books, and a potted plant, securely wrapped in brown paper, which he asked me to unbind and set in a window seat. . . *Brahmacari* explained, waggling his finger at us from where he sat in the middle of the couch, that it was a Tulasi plant, a bush sacred to the Hindus for a reason I now forgot. His abbot had given it to him when he first left India. He never traveled without it.

"It's my impression that *Brahmacari* was comparing the attitudes toward God and salvation that obtained in his Hindu monastery with those of the Hasidic Jews. His order was devoted to Lord Krishna, he told Mr. Isaacs. This meant it was opposed to *Brahmanic* formalism and put its stress on music and dancing and ecstatic union with God. As among the Hasidim there is a preference for the Psalms of David over the priestcraft and legalisms of the Mosaic testaments, so among the members of his order less

attention was paid to the Vedic writings than to the *Bhagavad-gita*, a song by the same Lord Krishna in praise of Himself.

"He had again stripped down to his loincloth, his turban and the holy beads, and with his long brown fingers he was tapping on the two-headed drum. Bolt upright in front of Grandma and with a slight smile on his lips he weaved the upper half of his body and his tapped. 'Hari Krishna,' the monk hummed."



His Holiness Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja was a modern-day Vaishnava visionary

Here's more from the In2-MeC Diaries of Suhotra Maharaja. This vision of the future is dated 3 June, 2003 Prague, Czech Republic

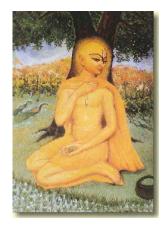
Suhotra Swami: "On page 329 of *Generation of Vipers*, Philip Wylie wrote in 1942 of the future of technology: 'In your living room, in a few years, will be a continual moving picture, with color and sound, of any place where something is going on. Your son will talk to his girlfriend in Ceylon over a gadget that shows her moving picture."

"Television and Internet-connected computers. Guided by Srila Rupa Gosvami's *yukta-vairagya* principle, we try to use these gadgets in Krishna's service. Therefore here we are at In2-MeC."

Predictions from the Vayu Purana

Once again we are indebted to Suhotra Maharaja for presenting the following predictions from the Sesi-khanda of the Purana of the lord of wind, Sri Vayudeva. It has been extracted from the In2-MeC Diary entry of

27 January 2004 at the IBSA (ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Sadhana Asrama), Govardhana, India. These verses predict the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the most merciful avatara of Lord Krishna.



sri satananda uvaca bruhi tata kripasindho bhaktanugrahakatara paritranaya lokanam hetum kalmasacetasam

Sri Satananda said: O father, O ocean of mercy, O saint overcome with mercy for the devotees! For the protection of the world please tell why the hearts of the people in Kali-yuga have become sullied with sin.

na tapas ca na cejya ca na dhyanam jnanam avyayam na danam sattvasamyuktam kalau na dirrghajiivanam

In Kali-yuga there is no austerity, worship, meditation, eternal knowledge, charity, truth, or longevity.

kenopayena nistaro bhavisyati kalau yuge

How will the people in Kali-yuga be delivered?

sri gautama uvaca sadhu pristam tvaya putra guhyad guhyatamam mama samahitamana bhutva srinu tat paramadbhutam

Sri Gautama Muni said: My son, your question is very good. Please attentively hear from me a wonderful answer, an answer that contains the most secret of all secrets.

etad guhyatamam vakyam brahma lokapitamahah vaikuntham nagaram gatva sendrair devaganaih saha vakta srilokanatham vai karunamayavigraham

Accompanied by Indra and the demigods, Lord Brahma, the grandfather of the worlds, went to Vaikuntha and spoke to Lord Narayana, the master of the worlds.

sri satananda uvaca

katham vai brahmana tata pristah sri purusottamah karanam tatra va kim vai kathyatam munipungava

Sri Satananda said: What question did Brahma present before the Supreme Lord? O best of sages, please tell.

sri gautama uvaca srinu putra prayatnena kalau kalmasasamjnake sarve paparata lokas chanda mithyavivadinah

Sri Gautama Muni said: O son, please listen carefully. In the contaminated Kali-yuga everyone is a sinner. Everyone is passionate, hot-tempered, and a liar.

svadhyayadina rahita devatatithivancakah parasvalolupah keccit paradarabhigaminah

The people do not worship the demigods, observe the holy days, or study the *Vedas*. Some are eager to snatch the property of others. Some are adulterers.

iti viksya samudvigna dharani bharasankula dhenurupadhara dina kripana malinanana

Seeing this, the earth-goddess became unhappy with the burden she bore. She assumed the form of a cow. She was filled with lamentation and her face was filled with sorrow.

gatva vai brahmasadanam rodamana punah punah sagadgadavaco bhuutva stutva brahmanam isvaram

She approached the demigod Brahma. Weeping again and again, with words choked with grief she said unto him:

sarve kalimalagrastah papistha lobhatatparah mahapatakasamyukta devadvijavinindakah

Everyone in Kali-yuga is a great sinner, a greedy materialist, a blasphemer of the *devatas* and of the *brahmanas*.

tesam padapraharena kampate mamaki tanuh tasmat lokaparitranam prthivyam kena jayate My body trembles when they walk. How can the people of the earth be delivered?

tad eva kuru devesa yena santir bhaven mama ity yuktvadhomukhibhuya stita bhur asurakula

O master of the demigods, please do something to make them peaceful and saintly. After speaking these words, the Earth Goddess, troubled by the presence of so many demons, lowered her face.

tatah sancintya devesam brahma lokapitamahah vaikunthanagaram gatva stutva tam purusottamam

After thinking for some time, Lord Brahmaa, the grandfather of the worlds, went to Vaikuntha and offered prayers to the Supreme Personality of Godhead.



sri brahmovaca jaya krsna jagannath jaya vaikuthanayaka jaya deva kripasindho jaya laksmyah pate prabho

Sri Brahmaa said: O Krishna, O master of the worlds, glory to You! O Master of Vaikuntha, glory to You! O ocean of mercy, glory to You! O Husband of Laksmi, glory to You!'

jaya nilambu jashyama nilajimutasaubhaga kandarpakotisaundarya jaya srivatsalanchana

O Lord Who appears like as dark as a blue lotus! O Lord dark as a monsoon cloud! Glory to you! O Lord more handsome than millions of Kaamadevas, O Lord marked with Srivatsa, glory to You!

jaya pitambaradhara jaya kaustubhabhusana jaya padma palasaksa jaya padmanana prabho

O Lord dressed in yellow garments, glory to You! O Lord decorated with the Kaustubha jewel, glory to You! O Lord whose eyes are lotus petals, glory to You! O Lord whose face is a lotus flower, glory to You!

jaya padmapadadvandva tilapuspasunasika jaya natha jagadbandho vinatasutavahana

O Lord whose feet are lotus flowers, glory to You! O Lord whose graceful nose is a sesame flower, glory to You! O friend of the worlds, glory to You! O Lord carried by Garuda, glory to You!

jaya cakragadapadmasankhahasta caturbhuja jaya padmadharitribhyam nisevitapadambuja

O Lord Who holds a disc, club, lotus, and conch shell in Your four hands, all glory to You! O Lord whose lotus feet are served by the goddesses Padma and Dhariti, glory to You!

sri gautama uvaca iti samstuyamano'pi Sri krsnah karunanidhih brahmanam devadeveso jagada kripayanvitah

Sri Gautama Muni said: After hearing these prayers, Lord Krishna, who is an ocean of mercy and the master of the demigods, kindly asked the demigod Brahma:

> kim vrittam jagatinatha bruhi kim karavami te ityuktva padmayonis ca provaca sri gadagrajam

O master of the universe, how are things with You? What may I do for you? Please tell. Hearing these words, Brahmaa spoke to Lord Krishna:

sri brahmovaca kalau paparata lokah svadhyayavidhivarjitah sudravrittidvijah sudra brahmanadvesakarinah

Sri Brahma said: In Kali-yuga the people are sinners. They neither study the *Vedas* nor follow their rules. The *brahmanas* act like *shudras*, and the *shudras* hate the *brahmanas*.

dvijanam gunato nicah sudra mantrapradayinah sisnodarapara vipra vipratve sutradharinah

The *brahmanas* are degraded and addicted to pleasing their bellies and genitals. Brahminical status is determined only by possession of a sacred thread. The *sudras* are now *gurus* and give *mantras*.

mahaharah kharvakaya alasa mandabuddhayah janas tvadvimukhah sarve paradravyabhilasinah

The people are gluttonous, short in stature, lazy, foolish, greedy after others' property, and averse to You. In the modern age, the personality of quarrel, Kali, spreads sinfulness and violence throughout the world.

asatpatharatah sarve agamyagaminas tatha tyaktasvadharmakarmano devadvijavinindakah

Everyone follows the wrong path. They abandon their prescribed duties, commit adultery, and blaspheme the demigods and *brahmanas*.

iti tadbharamagna sa dharani rudati punah tasmal lokaparitram prithivyam kena jayate tat kurusva jaganatha dinadurgatinasana

Troubled by the burden of these sins, the Earth Goddess wept again and again. How may the people of the earth be delivered? O Master of the worlds, please do something to deliver them.

sri gautama uvaca iti samjnapito devo brahmana prabhu achyutah sa devan aha tad visnur guhyad guhyatamam vacah Sri Gautama said: Hearing Brahmaa's words, Lord Vishnu, the infallible Supreme Personality of Godhead, spoke to the demigods words that revealed the most secret of secrets. He said:

diti ja bhuvi jayadhvam jayadhvam bhaktarupinah kalau sankirtanarambhe bhavisyami sacisutah

O demigods, please take birth as devotees on the earth. I will take birth as Sachi-devi's son and I will start the *sankirtana* movement, a movement of chanting the holy names.

kriite japai mama pritis tretayam homakarmabhih dvapare paricaryabhih kalau sankirtanair api

In Satya-yuga I am pleased by *japa*, in Treta-yuga by *yajna* and *karma*, in Dvapara-yuga by worship, and in Kali-yuga I am pleased by the chanting of the holy names.

brahmovaca bruhi me karunasindho kirtanam kim svarupakam katham vatra bhagavtah para pritir bhavisyati

Lord Brahmaa said: O ocean of mercy, please describe to us the nature of this movement of chanting the Lord's holy name. How should it be performed so that Your Lordship will be most pleased?

sri bhagavan uvaca srnu brahman pravaksyami sankirtanam atah param samahitamana bhutva sarat sarataram hi yat

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: O Brahmaa, please listen carefully and I will describe to you the most exalted *sankirtana* movement.

mrdangaih karatalais ca svarabhavasamanvitaih ragaraganvitam ganam yatah syat tulyakirtanam

In the *sankirtana* movement are sweet singing and the music of *mrdangas*, *karatalas*, and other musical instruments.

te sabdenocyate radha na sabdenocyate janah teneti srutimatrena yathaivardratarobhavam When in *sankirtana* there is the word *tena*, the syllable *te* means Radha, and the syllable *na* means person. In this way the word *tena* means "O Lord Krishna, O master of Radha!"

tatha catra bhavisyami bhaktyanugrahakamyaya sahasraso 'vatara me gita brahman yuge yuge

O Brahmaa, yuga after yuga I kindly appear in many thousands of incarnations.

banamargair vedamargai ripunam tatra sanksayam bhaktanam taranam kritva khyapitam vayashah ksitau

Walking either on the path of arrows or the path of the *Vedas*, I deliver the devotees, destroy their enemies, and place My glory on the earth.

kalau nastadrisam esa matpadyarka udesyati

For they who have become blinded by Kali-yuga, a verse with My holy names will rise like a glorious sun. This verse is:

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare

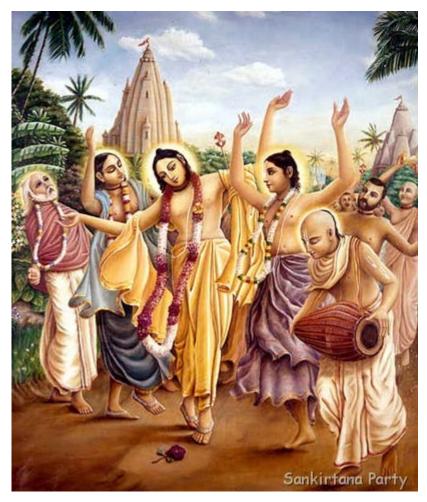
sakrid dvistrir yathasakti yavaj jivam athapi va vyaaharan svapaco 'pi syan mama bhakto na samsayah

One should chant this *mantra* once, twice, thrice, as many times as one is able, or again and again for as long as one lives. By chanting this *mantra* even a person who was a dogeater may become My devotee. Of this there is no doubt.

sarvavedavido viprah puranagamaparagah na cen madbhaktabhaktas te dure tisthanti varitah

Even if they are learned in all the *Vedas* and even if they have traveled to the farther shore of the *Agamas* and *Puranas*, they who are not devotees of My devotees cannot approach Me. They must stay far away from Me.

api cet suduracarah pukkasah svapaco 'thava madbhaktibhaktikritsa syaan mama kaustubhasannibhah Even a barbarian, a dogeater, or a person who has performed the most abominable action may come very close to Me, almost touching my Kaustubha jewel, if he has devotedly served My devotee.



bhaktarupam aham dhritva bhaktajnaparipalakah matparan uddharisyami ghorasamsarasagarat

Fulfilling My devotee's request, I will accept the form of a devotee and I will deliver My devotees from the terrible ocean of repeated birth and death.

tilakancitabhalah sri tulasikanthikasritah sankhacakralasadbahumulah kaupinah vasasah

In that form of a devotee My forehead will be decorated with *tilaka*, My neck with Tulasi beads, and My hands with the marks of a disc and conchshell. I will accept the dress of a *sannyasi*.

madbhakta vicarisyanti kalau bhagavatottamah

In Kali-yuga My devotees will work to convince the people to become devotees also.

svarnaditiram asthaya navadvipajanalayah tatra dvijakulam prapto bhavisyamijanalaye janalaye

I will take birth in a *brahmana* family in Navadvipa, by the Ganges' shore.

bhaktiyogapradanaya lokasyanugrahaya ca sannyasarupam asthaya krsnacaitanyanama dhrk

To show mercy to the people and give them devotional service, I will become a *sannyasi*. My name will be Sri Krishna Caitanya.

anandasrukalapurnah pulakavalivihvalah bhaktiyogam pradasyami harikirtanatatparah

Devoted to chanting the holy names of Lord Hari, My eyes filled with tears, and the hairs of My body erect, I will give to the people the gift of devotional service.

tenaiva sarvalokanam nistaro vai bhavisyati mannamasmaranat kincit kalau nastyeva vaidikam

By remembering My holy names everyone will be delivered. In Kali-yuga it is not possible to follow the path of the *Vedas*.

madbhakta yatra gayanti tatra tisthami niscitam tat svayam bhuvi bhakta vai jayadhvam bhaktitatparah

I stay wherever My devotees sing My glories. All of you please become My devotees on the earth.

yena lokasya nistaras tat kurudhvam mama jnaya dharitri bhavita cabhir mayaiva dvijadehinah

By My order please act in such a way that the people of the world will become delivered. In this way I will accept the form of a *brahmana* and relieve the Earth of her fears.

sadyas tatra svagopanam santa tu kamalalaya namna gadadhara iti vikhyato dharanitale

The cowherd people of My Vraja village will also take birth on the earth. She who is the resting place of the goddess of fortune will be known on the earth as Gadadhara.

balaramo mamaivamsah so 'pi matpristham esyati nityananda iti khyato nyasicudamanih ksitau

Lord Balaraama, who is My incarnation, will stay by My side. On the earth His name will be Nityananda. He will be the crest jewel of *sannyasis*.

kritvavadhutavesam sa dharman bhagavatan bahun grahayitva janan ittham grihinam asramam tatah

He will give to the people the gift of devotional service to the Lord. First He will be a *sannyasi*, but then He will be a householder.

jahnavyadibhir atmanam darsayisyati manavan

Accompanied by Jahnavi-devi and many other associates, He will reveal His transcendental form to the people.

kamadeva iti gatva dhruvanandeti samjnitah jahnavisisyatam etya lokan nistarayisyati

The demigod Kamadeva will be known as Dhruvananda. He will become a disciple of Jahanvi-devi and He will deliver many people.

naicim tanum samasthaya lokasiksarthatatparah vikhyato haridaso yo mama bhaktim karisyati

To teach the people what is genuinely important, the demigod Brahma will accept the form of a low-caste man. His name will be Haridasa and he will diligently engage in My devotional service.

rudro 'vatirya madbhaktim sri madadvaitasamjnakah grahayisyati lokams ca yatnat karunikah prabhuh Merciful Lord Shiva will accept the name Sri Advaita. He will give devotional service to many people.

naaradah sri nivaseti ramanandeti tumburuh vikhyatim prapya madbhaktau kurutam bhaktim avyaye

Narada will become Srinivasa, and Tumburu will become Ramananda. They will diligently engage in My service.

brihaspatir vasavaguruh sarvabhaumo bhavisyati nanante vasinas tatra sastranyadhyapayisyati

Indra's guru, Brihaspati, will become Sarvabhauma. He will teach the truth

contained in many scriptures.

punah siromanir bhutva nyasadin prathayisyati

The crest jewel of teachers, he will deliver many *sannyasis* and many others.

candro bhaved vardhamano yas tu dayalutavadhih evam anye bhavisyanti devah svamsena bhartah

Many other demigods will expand by their parts and appear on the earth. As the moon increases day by day, so their mercy and other virtues will also increase.

tatraiva bhavita brahman vyasah kesavabharatih sannyasasyopadesena bhavisyati gurur mama

O Brahma, Vyasa will appear as Keshava Bharati. He will become My sannyasa guru.

indro'vatiirya matiman prithivyam prithivipatih prataparudro vikhyato madbhaktanam samasrayah Indra will descend to the earth as King Prataaparudra. He will take shelter of My devotees.

anye devaganah sarve madbhaktah matparayanah kurvanti mamakim bhaktim srinu brahman samahitah

All the other demigods will also become My devotees. They will diligently engage in My devotional service. O Brahma, please hear this with great attention.

sarve samagamisyamah svasthanam punar acyutam prakasam amam devadyah bhaktah krisnaparayanah

After manifesting these pastimes as devotees of Lord Krishna to assist in My incarnation on the earth, the demigods and others will return to their respective abodes.

idam ye srinuyan nityam bhaktitah parikirtayet kotijanmar jitam papam tatksanat tasy nasyati

They who with devotion regularly hear or recite these words become free of sin. The sins they committed in ten million births are at once destroyed.

sri gautama uvaca tato devaganah sarve brahma lokapitamahah pranamya devadevesam gantarah svapuram yatha

Sri Gautama Muni said: Accompanied by all the demigods, Lord Brahmaa, the grandfather of the worlds, bowed down before Lord Krishna, the master of the demigods, and then returned to his own abode. \Box

Letters to the Editor

(edited for brevity)

"You Revealed My Very Self"

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu and Abhaya Mudra Devi Dasi,

Thank you very much for the chart reading. I am a little overwhelmed with the information. It feels like you just looked through me and revealed to me my very self. I am still shocked from reading the chart. I don't know how to thank you. I have many more questions, but I just need to get my head together, there is so much to digest. It is mind blowing, at least for right now. It is a good idea for me to learn *yagnas* and the whole package of being a *brahmana* for preaching purposes here in India. Thank you for bringing this out, if it wasn't for you, I would never do that, but I always had a tendency for these things. Later on, I would also like to get a small reading on the sub-periods in Saturn.

Hare Kṛṣ ṇ a with love and respect, A.V. (India)

Requests Recommendation

Dear Patita Pavana prabhu, Dandavats, all glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

I hope all is going well in your service to Srila Prabhupada. About two months ago you did a chart for me, and a compatibility chart. I mentioned that I would like a more detailed chart done for us. I have also been advised to check the compatibility with three astrologers before making any final decision. Are there any other astrologers that you would recommend for me to do that? And could you please forward their contact details to me?

Thank you very much, your servant, BR
Texas

In answer to your question regarding recommending other astrologers, let me quote from a recent article by one of America's leading so-called authorities in the field: "The Vedic astrologer is essentially a master of light...As he works in the light of chart interpretation, his mind becomes filled with light. As such the brilliance of the mind of the astrologer gets progressively more alert...In its highest level of development, the awareness of the astrologer becomes the 'star illumined mind.' Inspiration is called Brahma, Vishnu is the mid-point and Shiva is the exhalation."

Honestly, Prabhu, what we have with most astrologers is not light, but dark clouds of confusion. Astrology is a science of individuality, as taught in Krishna consciousness, not a fantasized oneness. As Prabhupada said, "Astrologers are karmis generally, and it is best not to associate with karmis." Astrology is called jyotish because it shines a light onto your future, not that an astrologer becomes a great ball of light. Typically, astrologers in the West, despite their lack of parampara or genuine understanding of the Vedic culture that gave birth to their profession, charge a staggering \$200 per hour for their services. As genuine Vaishnava brahmanas serving the community of devotees exclusively, we are happy and grateful for a tiny fraction of that to fund our preaching programmes. Today's so-called Vedic astrologers in the West--and many in India-- are similarly blind to the raison d'etre of jyotish and are as opportunistic and uneducated as Western astrologers. So considering the state of astrologers these days, we are not able to offer any recommendations.-Ed.

Solution for the "Totally Failure Person"

Sir/Madam

I came to know about yours from google.com, i am very beliver of astrology. Could you help me and seeking yours guidance. In brief, myself 44 yours old, totally failure person in all walks of my life. Single, and jobless from April 2000. Father died on 13th April. I would like mentioned that i am not even in position to pay yours fees. But I assure you that if get a Job, i will pay yours fees.

The astrologers has said to me that my future will be better, if i get married. I have only two question to ask to you.I will emphasize on question no.2. 1. Why i am not getting suitbale job on my merit? will i get a job in Tata Group What you suggest?

2. Will I able to get Married to Rajkot Based Girl,

yours faithfully P.D. (India)

My dear Sri P.D.,

Please accept my blessings. Many thanks for your letter and we are so sorry to hear of your frustration in life. From your chart it appears as though you have the ability to become a good earner, but your problem appears to be

that you have just fallen into depression and you are wasting not only your life in general but this rare human birth which is the vehicle across the great ocean of nescience that is so prevalent here and now in Kali Yuga. I say this because it appears as though there are no great afflictions in your chart other than those of your own will. You are educated and have the means to do well, but you allow others to perceive you as someone who has a defeatist attitude, meaning that before you start you give up. This is your greatest obstacle, your own attitude towards yourself. You are like Arjuna before Krishna spoke to Him, so you also need to re-study the *Bhagavad Gita* and do not tell me "I already read it." There is always some new message in the *Gita*, especially if you read *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* by Srila Prabhupada.

It is nice that you believe in astrology, a genuine science given by the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna for our guidance. We are all His parts and parcels, and are meant for finding our eternal relationship with Him. Once having done that, as Arjuna did on the Battlefield of Kurukshetra, we enter the blissful all-spiritual service of Bhagavan, which is our eternal constitutional position. Like astrology, Krishna has given us remedial measures for our problems, and this includes *mantras*, both in the form of *kirtan* and *japa*.

In this age the highest remedy is the *mahamantra*, the sixteen word Hare Krishna *mantra*. As an example you can see that by performance of this great *yagna*, this *hari nama*, the ISKCON Society under the direction of the Founder Acharya Srila Prabhupada has grown very become quite wealthy. But wealth is only a side attribute. Because the devotees are engaged in serving the Supreme Lord Narayana, or Sri Krishna, therefore the Goddess of Fortune Sri Lakshmiji is pleased to bless them in every way. Let Her bless you also by renewing your faith in your spiritual identity and awakening a new sense of confidence before you have completely wasted your human form of life which is such a valuable gift.

Thus I request you to take up this chanting of Hare Krishna at least for two hours daily or 16 *malas* without fail. Then all your desires will be fulfilled. Regarding your marriage, yes, there is good compatibility, and once you turn your life around by understanding that Krishna loves you and would like to see you re-establish your relationship with Him, all success will come your way. Your chart is a good one for *dhan*, *divya vidya*, *karma*, etc. and you should not allow yourself to linger without motivation any longer. Therefore I implore you to chant Hare Krishna and be happy and your life will be

sublime. You have been the cause of all your problems so only you can extricate yourself. Just keep in mind that this is a gradual process that needs attention every day, not once a week for an hour. Every day chant Hare Krishna for two hours minimal.

I hope that this has met you in the best of health, and I remain Always wishing you the very best, Patita Pavana das Adhikary Jyotir Vid

