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(Srila Prabhupada Uvacha) “When we take into account that the moon is 100,000 yojanas, or 800,000 miles, above the rays of the sunshine, it is very surprising that the modern excursions to the moon could be possible. Since the moon is so distant, how space vehicles could go there is a doubtful mystery. Modern scientific calculations are subject to one change after another, and therefore they are uncertain. We have to accept the calculations of the Vedic literature. These Vedic calculations are steady; the astronomical calculations made long ago and recorded in the Vedic literature are correct even now. Whether the Vedic calculations or modern ones are better may remain a mystery for others, but as far as we are concerned, we accept the Vedic calculations to be correct.”

-Srimad Bhagavatam, 5.22.8 (Purport).

Chant this mantra:

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

...and your life will be sublime

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A Man of Science

Dear Prabhus,

Dandavats to the Vaishnavas and welcome to the issue. As we begin, a conversation I had with a professor of science some years back comes to mind. He was a real Dr. Frog in the well of modern academia. We met at some social function, one that was conducted outdoors on a bright summer's eve outside San Francisco. Noticing the clear night sky, I opened the conversation with a very soft and general, yet Krishna conscious, statement.

Me: What a wonderful evening, Professor. Many of the planets are visible and the Moon is waxing. In fact the Moon is conjoined Aldebaran, the bright red eye of Taurus the bull. In India this star is called Rohini and it is mentioned in

the Vedic scriptures as ... (Before I could complete my statement—that this is the *nakshatra* under which Sri Krishna appeared according to *Srimad Bhagavatam* (10.3.1&2)—the professor showed his own eagerness to display his own so-called learning)

Prof Frog: Yes, indeed. tonight's sky is a fantastic spectacle. It is wondrous indeed that this grand show before us has originated from a vast primordial soup. What an incredible interaction of science and chance that all of this came from an explosion of matter which eventually caused the release of one-celled micro-organisms ... beings that over billions of years have evolved into the great world we live in today. We have much to thank science for...



Me: But Professor... (I wanted to ask him that if everything originated from some original Big Bang, then where did the primordial soup come from that created the Big Bang. However, he cut me off again).

Prof Frog: And today man in his wisdom has not only accurately measured the distance from Earth to the Sun, Moon and to the stars, but he has also conquered the Moon by going there. In the future we will visit other solar systems, too, thanks to the emerging science of interplanetary travel.

Me: Well, actually, according to the Vedic literatures, the estimations of our distance to the Moon and to other planets have been grossly miscalculated. By the way, have you ever read *Bhagavad Gita*?

Prof Frog: Oh, I do have not time for such backward Hindu mythology. I am a man of science!

Me: Well one day the world will wake up and decide which one of us believes in mythology and which one is the scientist!

The Professor wished me stuffy Good Night! And that was that.

Now ... with two horrendous eclipses on the horizon, a full solar eclipse followed a fortnight later by a partial lunar eclipse, this issue will carry a look those events. Thanks for coming along ... and, as always, your comments are welcome.

Always wishing you the very best in Krishna consciousness,

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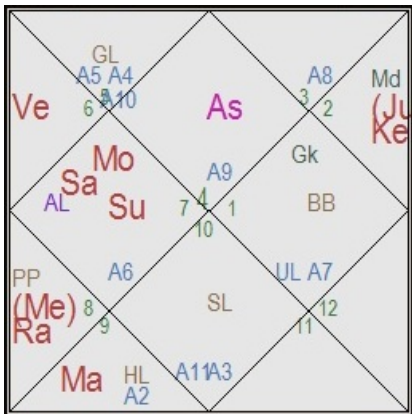
Two Evil Eclipses on the Horizon

We have discussed the fundamental methods of prognostication vis a vis eclipses in past newsletters including May 2011 http://ebooks.iskcondesiretree.info/pdf/Astrological_Newsletter/THE_ASTROLOGICAL_NEWSLETTER_-_Issue-21_-_2011_May_28.pdf and July 2011 http://ebooks.iskcondesiretree.info/pdf/Astrological_Newsletter/THE_ASTROLOGICAL_NEWSLETTER_-_Issue-22_-_2011_July_06.pdf. Please refer to those issues for more on this fascinating subject. –Ed.

13 Nov: Full Solar Eclipse in Libra

Debilitated Sun conjoins his exalted enemy Saturn while being eclipsed by debilitated Rahu in Scorpio. The lord of the eclipsed sign Venus is also debilitated in Virgo. Jupiter goes retrograde and comets are coming our way. Before us are some very inauspicious omens.

According to the NASA eclipse website <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/OH/OH2012.html#SE2012May20Ahri> there will be two eclipses in November 2012. The first one is a total solar eclipse on 13 Nov, Kartika Amavashya, which begins at 20:35 UTC (GMT). The second and final in the series follows a fortnight later as a partial lunar eclipse on Kartika Purnima. This unwelcome twosome does not present a pretty picture. There will certainly be war, or rather present wars will continue. But the question is how far will the violence spread?



What is unique about this event is that Rahu, the eclipser of the Sun, is in the *rashi* following the Sun's position. That means that the Sun will be in the final degrees of Libra (at 27° 51'), while Rahu will be 4° ahead of the Sun, next door at 02° 06' Scorpio. This is a *total* eclipse that occurs while both the Sun and Rahu are in debility. It therefore assumes a grimace that is all the more destructive. To add to this mix, Sun is conjoined his bitter enemy Saturn, who is exalted in Libra. And Venus, the ruler of Libra where the eclipse takes place, is also debilitated in Virgo. Not only that, but comets, the work of Rahu's other half or Ketu, have been spotted according to this recent article <http://www.dandavats.com/?p=10913#comments>. For the devotees of the Lord, the days ahead call for caution and circumspection. But before we consider those immediate factors, let us examine—from the vantage of the *Puranas* as well as the *jyotish shastras*—the implications of the enmity between Sun and Saturn.

Bitter Enmity Between Sun and Saturn

How is it that the demigod of the Sun and Saturn became sworn enemies? According to the scriptures of *jyotish*, the answer lies in their inherent natures. Saturn is the planet of the masses, the *shudra* working force. Sun represents the proud and elite *kshatriyas*, the royal few. Sun is hot, fiery and “near” insofar as the government is the omnipresent and regulating force whose laws we cannot avoid. Saturn is cold and distant, the planetary ruler of winter. Just as a king keeps *shudras* outside the darbar hall, so Saturn is the most distant from the Sun (of all the planets of Vedic astrology).

But there is a more profound reason for their mutual enmity which is found in the Puranic history of the birth of Shanideva. This is narrated in the *Matsya* and *Vishnu Puranas* as well as in the *Mahabharata*. Long, long ago Aditi and Kashyapa Muni gave birth to Surya who would become the demi-god of the Sun planet. Eventually Surya married Samjna, the lovely daughter of the universal architect Viswakarma. The couple became the parents of Vaivaswata Manu (“son of Vivaswan”) and of a set of twins, Yami and Yama.

Unfortunately, Samjna was unable to bear the intense heat of her husband. Surya had become angry with Samjna and had cursed her that her son would be the lord of the dead and her daughter would be fickle and unpredictable. Hence her daughter became Yami, or the Yamuna River, while her son grew to become the stern Lord Yamaraja, king of Naraka. Their elder son, Vaivaswata Manu, had many sons including King Ishvaku. In his line would appear King Bhagirath, who brought the Ganga from Swarga, as well as the Personality of Godhead Lord Ramachandra. In *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* (4.1) we find Srila Prabhupada’s reference to the line of Vaivaswata Manu with this quote from *Mahabharata’s Shanti-parva* (348.51-52):

“In the beginning of the Treta-yuga this science of the relationship with the Supreme was delivered by Vivaswan to Manu. Manu, being the father of mankind, gave it to his son Maharaja Ishvaku, the King of this earth planet and forefather of the Raghu dynasty in which Lord Ramacandra appeared. Therefore, *Bhagavad-gita* existed in the human society from the time of Maharaja Ishvaku.”

Yamuna and Yamaraja

The sibling relationship between Yamuna and Yama is celebrated in Vraja during the festival of Bhratru Dwitiya, known locally as Bhai Dooj. On this day sisters prepare sumptuous meals for their brothers. Once Yama paid a visit to his sister Yami. The river goddess served her brother so nicely that he declared that any sister who well serves her brother on this day will not have to visit his abode. The festival of Bhratru Dvitiya is celebrated each year on Kartika *shukla dvitiya* (the second day of the waxing fortnight of Kartika) on the day following

Govardhana Puja. During this celebration—which occurs this year on 15 November—pilgrims throng to Vishrama Ghat in Mathura. There they pay homage to the holy river that more than any other sacred stream is sanctified by the many pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

And, incidentally, since Goddess Yamuna is the daughter of Lord Surya Narayana, her place of origin in the Himalayas, known as Yamunottari (“where the Yamuna runs North”) has many sulphuric hot springs.

The Shadow Wife

Returning now to our narration, Samjna felt that she could not stay with Surya due to his intense temperature.



She took leave of the household one day, but not before leaving her shadow Chhaya Devi behind as her mystical representation. She ordered her shadow to serve her husband faithfully and to look after her children. Chhaya immediately took up her duties for her unsuspecting husband. As time went by Chhaya was pleased to bear Surya two sons and a

daughter. These are Shani, Savarni Manu and Tapti devi, the goddess of a holy river that rises in central India and meets the Indian Ocean in the Surat district of Gujarat. They produced one other daughter, Vishti, who is mentioned in the *Matsya* but not the other *Puranas*. Eventually Savarni Manu would repair to Mount Sumeru to perform *tapasya* as he is destined to take up the post as a future Manu. Tapti devi married King Samvarana. With the birth of their son Kuru sprang the Kuru dynasty, a dynasty that was destined to all but end at the dawn of Kali Yuga, ironically on the field of Tapti’s son, Kurukshetra.

Chhaya was partial to her own offspring. Eventually, Yama began to suspect that Chhaya was not his actual mother because of the way she doted upon her own children. One day Yama felt neglected and, becoming angry, he kicked her. Chhaya retaliated by cursing him that his foot would become infected. Young Yama, being the future King of Dharma, went to his father and righteously confessed his act. “Even if I did something wrong to Mother,” he reasoned, “How could a mother ever curse her own child? She therefore is not my mother.”

To mitigate the effects of Chhaya’s curse, Surya gave Yama a bird that would devour the worms of the infection. Afterwards Yama repaired to Gokarna Tirtha

to pray to Lord Shiva. Thousands of years passed before Lord Shiva became pleased and granted Yama a boon that he would become the Dharmaraja who judges sinners and metes out justice to them with suitable punishments. When the Sun god confronted Chhaya with young Yama's irrefutable logic, she confessed to the ruse and to her part in the plot to fool him. Chhaya was sent away and Surya became determined to locate his wife Samjna.

It is ironic that the Sun demi-god, who is responsible for creating shadows, was himself bewildered by the shadow of his wife. This incident serves an example of the strength of this world's shadow energy, Maya, to bewilder even the very great and powerful.

Surya went to the domain of his father-in-law Vishwakarma. The great architect explained that his daughter had earlier returned to his house, but he had refused to allow her entrance due to her abandoning her husband. With the help of Vishwakarma, Surya discovered his love Samjna hiding in the desert in the form of a mare. Desiring his spouse's company, Surya took the form of a powerful steed. In time Samjna gave birth to twin sons through her nostrils. These twin sons are the Ashvinikumaras, Dashra and Nasatya, the horse-headed physicians of the *devatas*. Dashra and Nasatya are also the presiding deities of the zodiac's first *nakshatra*, the Ketu-ruled Asvini star (Alpha Arietis or Hamal) in Aries or Mesha *rashi*.

To solve Surya's household difficulties, Vishwakarma applied his engineering skills to the problem of his excessive heat, and reduced his fire by 25%. According to some accounts, this energy was converted into celestial weapons: the *chakra* of Lord Vishnu, the *trishula* of Shiva and the *vajra* of Indra. According to another account, that energy became the other planets, with Shani becoming the most remote of the lot. Enmity between the Sun and the son of the Sun has sprung from the fact that Shani was given the most remote position among the *nava-grahas*, and from the fact that his mother was chased away by his father.

Regarding the Sun as the source of the other planets, we may defer to our spiritual master's explanation in *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* (4.1): "In this millenium, the Sun-god is known as Vivaswan the king of the Sun, which is the origin of all planets within this solar system." His Divine Grace quotes the exalted head of our *sampradaya*, Lord Brahma: "Let me worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Govinda, who is the original person and under whose order the Sun, who is the king of all planets, is assuming immense power and heat. The Sun represents the eye of the Lord and traverses its orbit in obedience to His order."

It is noteworthy that these two brothers, Shani and Yama, grew to assume similar duties. Shani's job is to punish sinners for their misdeeds while they are

yet in this body. And Yama's job as Dharmaraja is to punish sinners after they die. Yet for the devotee, Shani is not really a feared malefic, or *papa-graha*, as he is generally labeled. For *bhaktas*, in Shani lies the iron-like strength of *tapasya*, philosophical understanding and character. And neither is Yamaraja fearful to devotees for he is the keeper of religious principles and one of the twelve *mahajanas*. As Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has stated—quoting King Yudhisthira—they who are wise accept the path that is advocated by the *mahajanas* (CC Madhya 17.186).

Astrological Results of Saturn / Sun Combination

The physical planets are ultimately controlled by demi-gods each of whom are devotees and who represent Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This means that they are persons who have preferences like anyone else. Therefore, much like ourselves, these planetary deities form friendships and enmities with one another. But among all planets, there is no enmity equal to that which exists between Saturn and his father Surya. And when the Sun is debilitated and Saturn is exalted, and there is an eclipse, it is wise for us to be very, very circumspect.



There exists such bitterness between Sun and Saturn that even under normal circumstances their conjunction in any house of a birth chart can cause a sudden dissolution of the affairs of that house. If, for example this contentious father-son conjunction occurs in the 7th house of partnerships, then the person's marriage may fall apart with great enmity. If Shani and Surya combine in the house of career, the 10th or *karmastan*, then the person may suffer a steep fall from a high position. If the pair meets in the 12th house of loss, the *vyayastan*, the person may suffer devastating losses or even ongoing poverty. If they conjoin in the 2nd house, it can cause debts, blindness or facial injuries. Of course the degree of affliction depends upon the *rashi* they meet in and of course the *lagna* at the time of birth. However, these results are magnified still more if Sun and Saturn are close together. That is if Saturn is combust (*asta*) or within 15° degrees or less of the Sun.

Payback Time

Therefore what can be the results of a debilitated Sun conjoining exalted Saturn during an eclipse caused by a debilitated Rahu? And while the house dispositor

Venus is debilitated and Brihaspati is retrograde? One thought comes to mind ... and that is “payback time” for the demonic hordes now overrunning planet Bhumi. These Kali Yugans, the current denizens of the earth, are so sinful and dishonest that their future picture looks grim indeed. We live in degraded times when fast food chains can boast about how many billions of cows they have slaughtered. Sense gratification for the dead body reigns supreme and the existence of the immortal soul is considered a myth by the so-called educated. Most places of worship are merely abodes of ignorance meant for corrupt political rallies and social gatherings. Horrible social diseases plague the earth. Aggressive nations swearing allegiance to a one world totalitarian order drop bombs on cities. The qualification to hold political office is the ability to lie to voters so that they can be cheated out of their accumulated savings.

However, there are two somewhat mitigating factors for the full solar eclipse of 13 November. The first is that Saturn is not combust (or burnt) by the Sun. Rather the two old enemies are separated by a full 17° , which is 2° beyond combustion. And it is no small thing that the benign and cooling rays of Jupiter from his position in Taurus aspects Rahu as well as the dispositor of Libra, or debilitated Venus. True, Jupiter in Taurus is in his enemy Venus’s sign, since the *guru* of the demigods finds himself in the house of the *guru* of the *asuras*. And Jupiter will also be retrograde (as if running in trepidation) during the eclipse, indicating a sense of retreat. However, the aspect of Jupiter to Venus serves to cancel Venus’ debility (since Jupiter rules the sign wherein Venus becomes exalted). And this *nicha-bhanga raja yoga* (lit. “breaking of Venus’ fallen state”) in turn serves to fortify the house wherein the eclipse takes place. This is the signal for divine intervention. And that is where you, the devotee, comes in.

Therefore the final verdict is that all the NATO sabre rattling over Iran, with warmongers from both the Republican and Democratic party supporting an annihilating nuclear attack on that country, will certainly draw near. But it isn’t likely to happen. Not yet, anyway. Jupiter’s aspect to Venus indicates that higher intelligence and a call of *dharma* will prevail. As Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura says, “But then a voice, how deep and soft within ourselves is felt ...” Jupiter represents that inner voice of conscience.

Then the next big question is, “Will this eclipse—and the lunar event that follows it two weeks later—be the precursor of World War Three and a figurative end of the world? The answer again is No. However, devotees should still prepare for hard times ahead and should plan their lives to be outside of harm’s way. It is not possible to survive in a fools’ paradise for long. We must take very seriously Srila Prabhupada’s order to create more devotee-run communal farms based upon self-sufficiency and loving service to Sri Sri Radha-Krishna. Srila Prabhupada used to say that that just as the soul cannot be

separated from this body at least in the conditioned state, similarly it is impossible for the disciple to separate himself from the order of the spiritual master. We have discussed many times in The Astrological Newsletter the prophecies of His Divine Grace regarding the collapse of paper currency and of the cities that are, like unsupported money, propped up artificially. When the electricity is turned off and chaos reigns in the streets below, which fool will long for a fifty million dollar penthouse on the 75th floor of an exclusive building? Each ounce of fertile soil in a devotional and self-sufficient community will be worth its weight in gold.

Jupiter's involvement in the eclipse also means that you, the devotees of Krishna and *brahmanas* of the Earth, are indeed performing your duties by purifying the atmosphere through calling out to the Lord through the medium of His Holy Name. This is true, even though eclipses are unkind towards the priestly class and cause devotees to feel the need for withdrawing or even for a full retreat. *Sankirtan* and *japa* are the only world-saving *yagnas* and those who chant the Divine Names of the Lord to repel the dark clouds of Maya are most fortunate. When the Holy Names are being chanted all over the globe, then doubtlessly there will be the desired effect and the impending war looming overhead will be delayed. At least this is how we read the stars at the time of this eclipse. Danger comes, but danger passes by—at least for now. Still, the wise amongst us should take these celestial portents seriously and prepare themselves for hard times ahead by digging in. As *niti-shastra* advises, “As the lion prepares to spring forward by moving backward upon its hind legs, so a wise man withdraws to secure himself and thus prepares for future progress.”

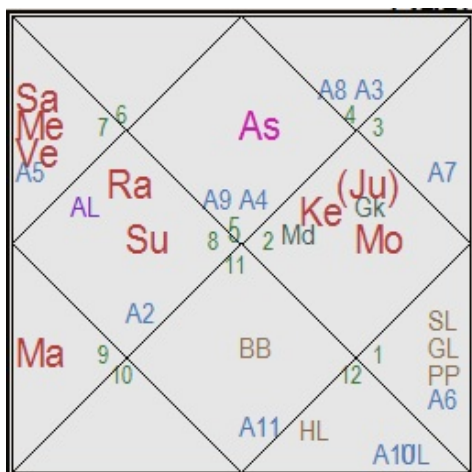
Common sense tells us that places where the eclipse will be visible will be more subject to its inauspicious rays. And this eclipse is visible mostly in the Pacific Ocean. Landfall is on northern Australia. But it is a mistake, as some allege, that the eclipse affects only those places where it is visible. No way. Those who are born under Tula *rashi* (Moon in Libra) or even Tula *lagna* must be especially cautious. Industries and countries that come under Libra, like the airlines industry, may also encounter problems. We will see many problems in the very air we breathe like air pollution, eruption of volcanoes, and the spread of viruses. We can expect to see dark clouds gathering, heavy rains and explosions (including chemical factories and airplane malfunctions). We will witness some anomalies coming from Antarctica this time since it is ruled by Libra. Libra is also the general sign of the Orient which must brace for myriad problems including floods, food poisonings, scandals, heightened radioactive activity, storms, etc. The lunar eclipse in Taurus will put emphasis on the regions of the earth ruled by Taurus. Those are the eastern parts of the United States and Canada. The combined effects of the two signs (Taurus and Scorpio) hit the regions on northern Africa and the Middle East most strongly, although parts of

Southern Australia and New Zealand will also be affected. Earthquakes in the Mediterranean area all the way to India cannot be ruled out.

28 Nov: Partial Lunar Eclipse on Kartik Purnima

On the full Moon night of Damodar, Kartika Purnima, the exalted Moon will be partially eclipsed by debilitated Rahu.

The second eclipse of November will be a lunar event in Taurus, Rohini *nakshatra*. It will take place on 28 November and will begin at 12:15 GMT. It is noteworthy that when it comes to lunar eclipses, the bruised *nakshatra* is given much consideration. Auspicious activities such as beginning journeys should not be undertaken during the influence of Rohini for at least six months. Persons born in Taurus, especially under Rohini, must be cautious for some time to come.



The EFI or Eclipse Field of Influence extends for several weeks before and after the event because an eclipse signals an affliction to the entire lunar cycle (and even beyond). Hence during these tense days ahead and into December there will be increased violence, warfare, incidences of food poisoning, epidemics and various sorts of disasters including earthquakes, volcanoes, poisonous gas clouds, etc. The pre-planned war by NATO on select nations in the Middle East with the intent of de-stabilizing the region will

continue. This is explained by US 4-star General and past US Presidential candidate Welsey Clark in the following film where he reveals a US master plan for war in the Middle East <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HP7L8bw5QF4>.

The abyss between two eclipses, that is from 13 Nov. till 28 Nov., promises to be particularly bleak. However, No, the world is not coming to an end on 21 December. And Yes, the Terra Firma will still be here on 22 December, and for billions of years after that.

HOW WILL THE ECLIPSE AFFECT YOU: If you are interested in knowing the effects of these eclipses on your chart, we will analyze your chart for Euros 20. Please send your time / date / place of birth (write out the month) and any questions and details we should know, along with your kind and much appreciated Euros 20 *dakshina* via PayPal to yaminidasi@yahoo.com

The many auspicious features that adorn Srila Prabhupada...

Physiognomy of a Pure Devotee

Abhaya Mudra Dasi



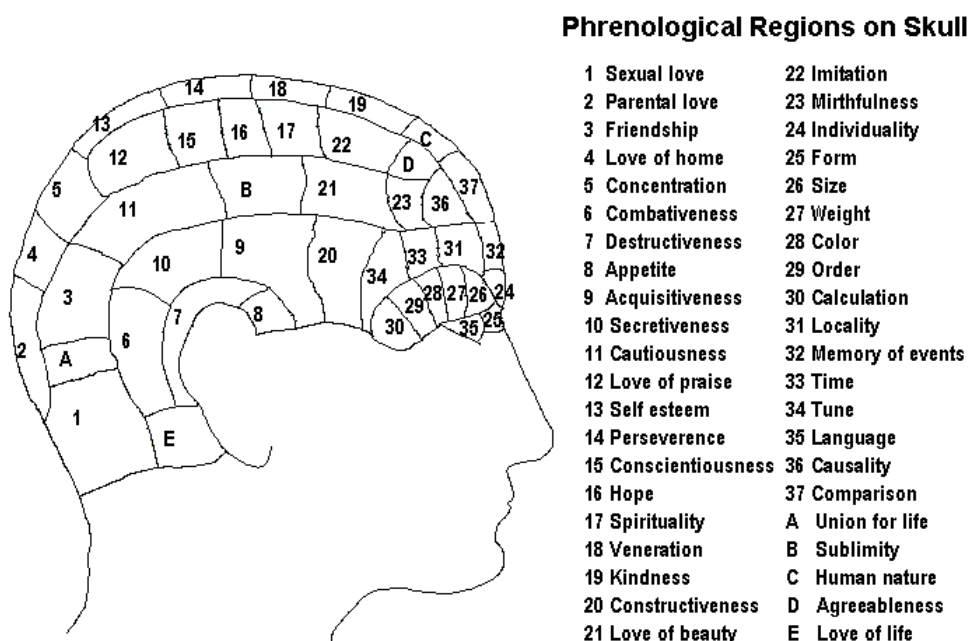
There may not be even a single person on the planet who would not somehow react to the powerful presence of Srila Prabhupada. Some claim that they did not find him attractive (due to their own misguided vision). Others stated that His Divine Grace was the most beautiful living entity they had even seen. Some have even compared his appearance to that of an Egyptian pharaoh. Yet, no matter what people have said about the appearance of Srila Prabhupada, they always admit he is unique. All who have seen him agree that they have

never beheld another person on Earth who resembles him. Srila Prabhupada had a small build like many powerful military leaders including Napoleon. But Srila Prabhupada's facial features draw the most attention—particularly his eyes, the windows to the soul of the pure devotee.

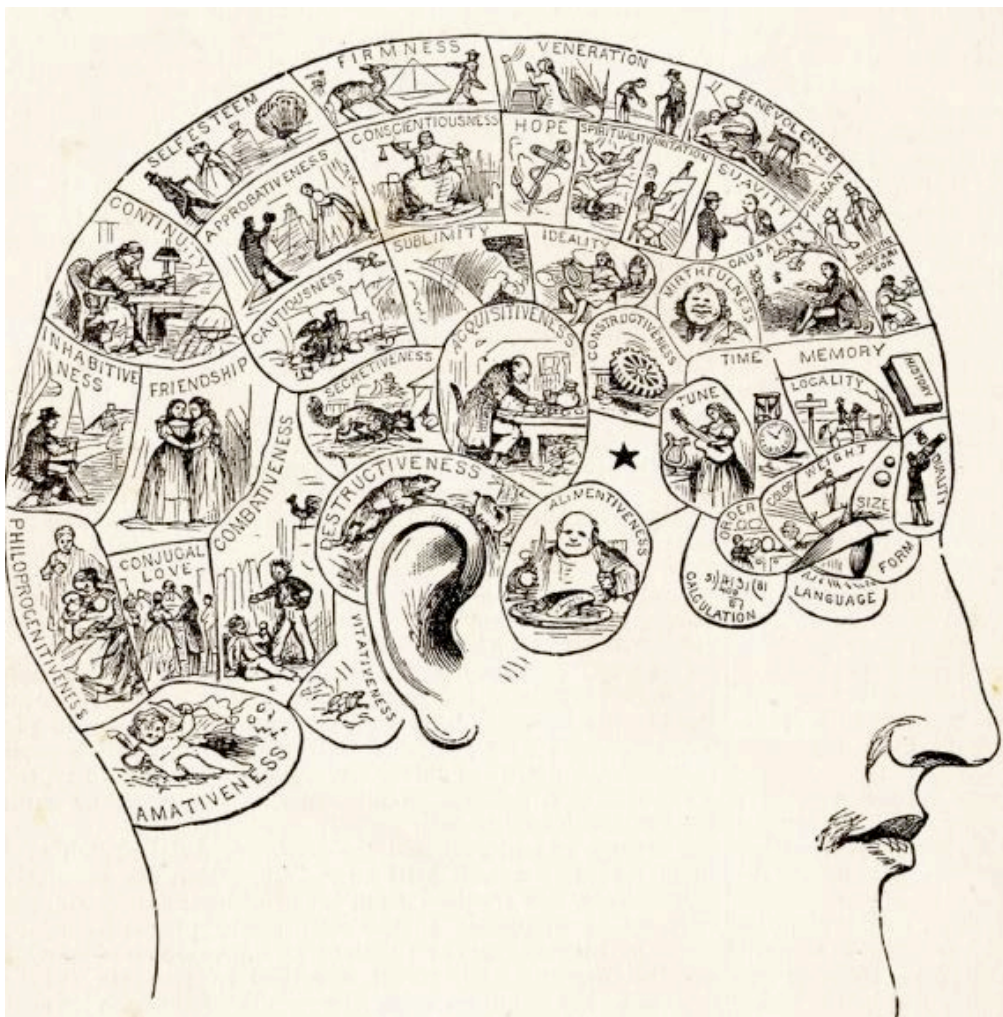
Srila Prabhupada's eyes were warm and beautiful, with protruding skin all around them. His brown eyes show warmth and a refined writing ability. The baggy eyes illustrate deep memory and facility to grasp facts. The high distance between the iris and the eyebrows show an explicit ability to grasp shape, color and geometrical variations of abstract as well as manifest phenomenon. His thick and long eyebrows show deep thinking and an enormous capacity to love. The flat cheeks display his facility to move amongst others without being invasive, although the distinct space between the upper lip and the nose shows an impressive and commanding personality. The thick lips confirm his exquisite sense of that which is beautiful and is worthy of attention. Srila Prabhupada's thicker upper lip shows simplicity of expression and the ability to condense difficult concepts into a single statement that is easily understood. His bold chin explains his bravery as well as deep compassion for others. The dimple in the middle of Srila Prabhupada's chin is the mark of an undisputed leader. When he spoke he used to show mostly his lower teeth. This fact shows the great compassion embedded in his character. Srila Prabhupada's broad nose exhibits great particularity in work and his large nostrils shows a man that is outwardly wealthy. His double chip shows a realization of goals achieved in later years. His large ears signify wisdom and a sense of hearing that goes beyond the material world. The unique facial features of Srila Prabhupada reveal many

facets that can be read with great depth. Yet still another attribute is the shape of his revealing the features of his brain, something which we can study freely due to the fact that his head was always shaved.

Phrenology, the study of the shape of the head, is a science that came into its own around the 18th century. The main objective of this science is to examine the size of the brain areas as seen from the surface of the skull. The founder of the modern day phrenology was the German Franz Josef Gall. By studying his classmates at school he discovered that some of the students with protruding eyes had better memories. Phrenology was popularized by Gall's follower named Johann Spurzheim. Later a Scottish lawyer named George Combe would become the main promoter of phrenology throughout the English speaking world after he was convinced of its merits by viewing a brain dissection performed by Spurzheim. In truth phrenology's origins can be found in the Vedas and are bundled under the heading *Samudrika Shastra*. The name for this science comes from a group of rishis who examined the auspicious marks on the transcendental body of Lord Vishnu as he slept upon the Garbhodhak Ocean or *samudra*. Phrenology provided a great impetus to modern studies of psychology, is seen in this illustration:



Next we see phrenology, as it was understood in the 19th century:



Srila Prabhupada's head from all angles reflects the marks of spiritual genius:





We can clearly see great bumps on the area of marked approbateness and consciousness. Srila Prabhupada knew exactly what is right and he was always fully conscious. Also note the almost triangular shape of the top of his head showing extreme firmness. Examining his head from the front we can clearly see that the top of the head is wider than the area around the ears. The areas that are appropriated with acquiring things for self-enjoyment and secretiveness are insignificant as compared to the rest of spiritual areas. The bump on the back of his head shows parental love and care of all living entities. As seen in this photo taken while His Divine Grace was taking his daily stroll that his head always points upward. In fact, the cranial region that rules spirituality coincides with the area that Srila Prabhupada always pointed to the sky. He had his own distinct walk that many tried to emulate. However, it would appear that a person must actually be self-realized in order to hold his head at such a dignified angle.

Beauty exists when there is form and substance. Ordinary people find the faces of dolls to be beautiful even though they are not alive. Srila Prabhupada's features were extremely vibrant and therefore emanated the light of real beauty, eternal life. He was unique in the entire world and his face—as well as his entire appearance—reveals his transcendental and worshipful qualities.

We should note that Srila Prabhupada is omnipresent within the movement he founded for His Divine Grace lives by his instructions. This year his disappearance day on Kartika *shukla chaturthi* falls in between the two eclipses—between the solar eclipse on Kartika *amavashaya* and the lunar eclipse on Kartika *puṇnima*. On this day, as his disciples and grand disciples, we should ask ourselves how much we are working to please Krishna's pure devotee. Though many have tried unsuccessfully (and with disastrous consequences), no one can eclipse the genuine messenger of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu, the full *avatara* or appearance of Sri Krishna Himself for this *yuga*. ♪

The glories of the Holy Names of the Lord are described in Mahabharata by Sri Bhishma, one of the Twelve Mahajanas, to King Yudhisthira.

The Highest Religion: Sri Vishnu Sahasra Nama

Sometimes to pacify evil planetary influences supplicants chant mantras to the nava-grahas. Such endeavor is compared to pouring water on the various leaves of the tree, whereas chanting the Holy Names of the Lord is like watering the root. Sri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu advises that the Holy Names of the Lord are the most efficacious means of achieving the highest results in all circumstances. The following translation of Sri Vishnu Sahasra Nama, the Thousand Names of Lord Vishnu, is from Sri Kisari Mohan Ganguli's 19th century version of Mahabharata, with the

English updated to modern usage. This conversation between Grandfather Bhishma and King Yudhisthira is found in the Jatugriha Parva.

Vaishampayana said: Having heard of all the duties and of all those sacred acts that purify mankind of its sins, Yudhisthira once again addressed the son of King Santanu (Bhishma) with the following query:

King Yudhisthira said: Who in this world may be understood to be the Supreme Lord? Who is the single object (of devotion) and is the sole refuge for all persons? Who is He Who by worshipping or singing His praises that which is most beneficial is obtained? What *dharma* in your judgment is the foremost of all religions? What are those *mantras* by reciting which one becomes free from the bondage of repeated birth and death?



Bhishma replied: One should always eagerly praise Vasudeva, the Lord of the Universe, by singing His thousand names, *Sri Vishnu Sahasra Nama*. He is the Lord of all demi-gods and the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He is eternally the foremost of all beings. Always worship with reverence and devotion the immutable Supreme Lord. Meditate upon Him and sing His praises. Bow down before Him and sacrifice all works to Him. Indeed by incessantly praising Lord Vishnu Who is without beginning or end and Who is the Supreme Lord of the material and spiritual and worlds, and Who is the Master and Controller of the universe, all sorrow is transcended. He is devoted to the advancement of the *brahmanas*. He is conversant with all duties. He enhances the fame and achievements of His devotees. His wonders are excellent and He is the primal cause and the origin of all creatures. In my judgement this is the foremost religion of all religions. That is, one should always worship and sing the praises of the lotus-eyed Vasudeva with great devotion. He is the highest energy. He is the highest penance. He is above even Lord Brahma and is the refuge of all. He is the holiest of all who are holy, and the most auspicious of all auspicious objects. He is the Deva-deva and the immutable father of all creatures. At the beginning of the first *yuga*, all creatures sprang from Him. At the time of dissolution all things will merge into His body. Hear, O King, these thousand Names of Lord Vishnu. They are possessed of great efficacy for destroying all the sinful reactions of those who praise He Who is the foremost of all the three worlds and the Master of the Universe, Lord Vishnu. All these Names are derived from His divine attributes, both those that are confidential




and those that are well-understood. They are sung by great devotees and—for the good of the Universe—I shall now recite them for you.

To hear Sri Vishnu Sahasra Nama chanted expertly by Smt MS Subbhalakshmi, see this: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NkF3ZVClo>

To hear the infinite names of the Lord, each of which describe His unlimited glories, condensed into the essential mantra, Hare Krishna, see this: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91YVd1bD9Z0> (You might see yourself in the crowd).

*kali-kale nama rupe krishna-avatara
nama haite hoy sarva-jagat-nistare*

In this Age of Kali, the holy name of the Lord, the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra*, is the incarnation of Lord Krishna. Simply by chanting the holy name, one associates with the Lord directly. Anyone who does this is certainly delivered (CC *Adi 17.22*) 

Astro-Nuts

So ... what if the NASA scientists Hare Krishna devotees?



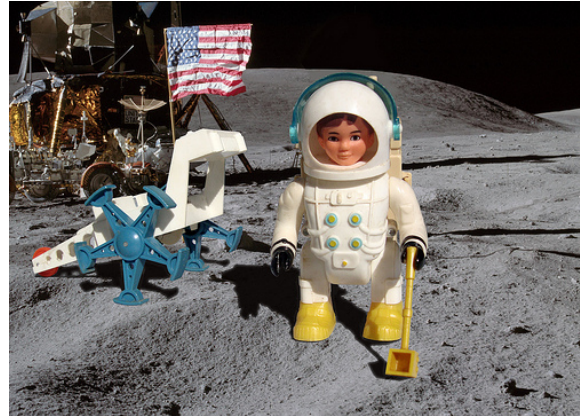
Left: Come in, NASA Command Center in Houston. This is Astronaut Neil Armstrong in Moon Mission One. Come in.

Right: Errr, yes, Astronaut Armstrong. This is Bhakta Joe at Mission Command. You are hereby ordered to abort the Moon mission and return to Earth. We have just purchased the *Srimad Bhagavatam* by His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada from a Hare Krishna devotee on the street corner. Jai ! We have learned from canto 5, chapter 8, verse 22 that the Moon is actually 100,000 *yojanas* or 800,000 miles above and beyond the Sun. You'll be out of fuel long before that and you may get stranded on Rahu. Apart from that, Neil Prabhu, as *mlecchas* we do not have the requisite piety to be allowed into Chandra-loka, which belongs to the pious strata of Swarga and is filled with rivers of super-excellent nectar. Besides, it's foolish to believe that some primitive mechanical device like that backward rocket you are floating around in can help you escape the effects of your lingering residual karma. If you want to get to the Moon you

need a giant lotus propelled by *mantras*. Just come back and perform Hare Krishna *sankirtan*, Prabhu. The world needs the real nectar and not pseudo-science. *

**Srla Prabhupada once quipped that the American scientists did not go to the Moon, but went instead to Rahu. Since Rahu is a chhaya-graha or shadowy planet, this remark was obviously an example of Srla Prabhupada's acute sense of humor. Even though it was a tongue in cheek remark, many devotees took the joke seriously.*

In astrology Rahu is the ruler of legerdemain and sleight-of-hand. He rules ill-motivated schemes conducted behind closed doors, and the darker side of political intrigue. Hence today's so-called "world leaders" are actually teeny tiny Rahus pushing on their demonic agenda while trying to convince the world that their going to the Moon or bombing of innocent civilians by NATO forces is meant for spreading democracy, freedom and world peace. Filmed here on Earth, the lunar missions of NASA were full of trickery, cheating and downright fraud that Prabhupada said the stunt was meant only for raising taxes. Hence the whole lot of 'em were certainly on Rahu, though Prabhupada said that the spurious Moon landing film was shot somewhere in the American desert. Here's a list of films on the subject, many of which can be viewed via Google Video <http://moonmovie.com/products.htm> .



Letters to the Editor

(Edited for brevity)

“Insightful”

Thank you Prabhu,

For your ever insightful reply! I feel so blessed to have found you and Abhaya, or better yet, to have been guided to you and Abhaya by Krishna's mercy. Every day is definitely a fight against Maya and I find it is so easy to get covered over by her dark veil, but you remind me of Paramatma and I look forward to your letters as they always fill me with so much light and love and remembrance for that which is spiritual. I still have not reached 16 rounds a day but am working on it:) Thank you for the Newsletter and I look forward to Abhayas Astrocartography reading! I will be in touch!

Your eternally grateful god-daughter
CDD (USA)

“Thank you”

Good morning,

I have to say that I've never met a more patient and merciful astrologer as yourself. When I have the means, I would certainly like to thank you more.

AD (USA)

We just want to see you happily engaged in Krishna consciousness. Of course as preachers we appreciate the generous offer!—Ed.

“Highly Recommended”

Greetings,

I am very interested in receiving a reading from you since my friends have highly recommended your Full Life Reading. Thank you, Hari Bol.

C (USA)

“Grateful”

Dear Sriman PPD,

Thank you very much to you and Abhaya Devi for the information. I am really grateful for helping me so much. My Sri Krishna generously bless you for such a wonderful service. I will sure stay in touch and keep reporting my spiritual progress.

PL (Australia)

“Va Va Va”

Again, *va va va va* !!! Danadavats ! *Jaya jaya* Srila Prabhupada ! *Jaya jaya* to you both for your wonderful *seva*!

Ys AD (Mauritius)



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