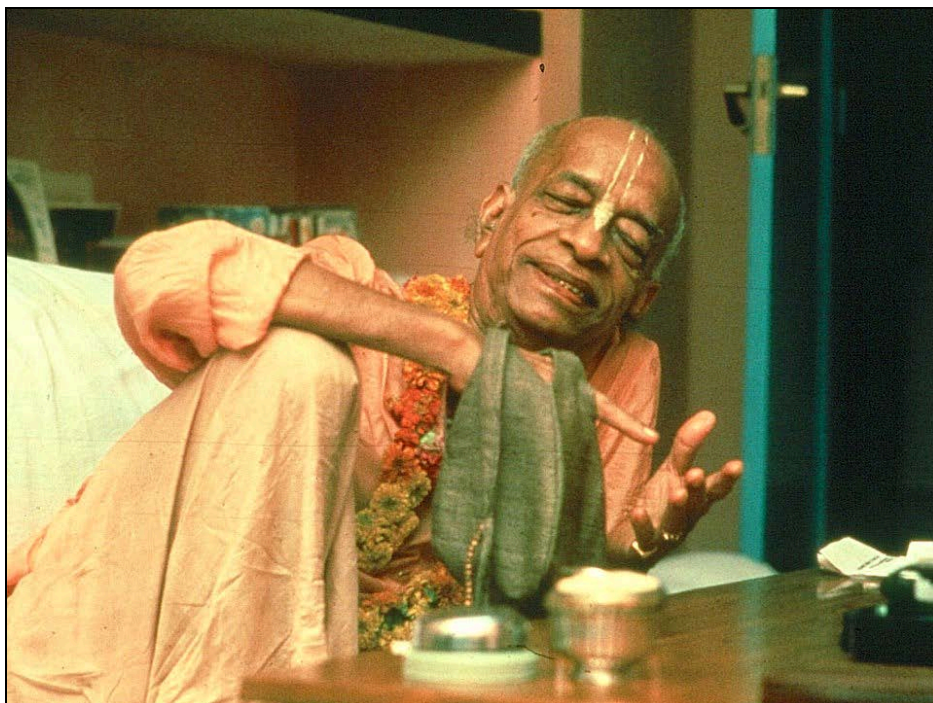


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(Sri Prabhupada in a letter to your Editor, 19 March 1970)

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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Dear Prabhus,

Dandavats to the Vaishnavas and welcome to the issue. With the coming rare *yuga yoga* on the horizon, the planetary deities will be having a round table tete a tete. As you will read in Smt Abhaya Mudra Dasi's fascinating analysis to follow, the meeting unfortunately gets underway with the *nakshatras* of both the lights—Chandra and Surya—sullied by recent eclipses. Adding insult to injury, another eclipse follows the planetary council meeting a couple of days after it is adjourned.

But what is important is that something here on earth is keeping the wrath of the fire and brimstone from the heavens at bay. That means that the Hare Krishna movement is moving forward, the philosophy is spreading, people are

understanding *Srimad Bhagavad Gita As It Is* and the all-important Hari Nama *yagna* is being performed. If it weren't for the devotees spreading the Sankirtan Movement of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu by the grace of Srila Prabhupada, then things might have wound down long ago. This is Mahaprabhu's movement, He is Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and therefore His movement will not be stopped. Therefore, I bow to the feet of all the brave soldiers of the army of Mahaprabhu and pray for your continued success and good fortune. Thanks for reading, and enjoy the issue.

Always wishing you the very best in Krishna consciousness,
Patita Pavana das Adhikary, Ed.

A planetary round table discussion will soon be held in Taurus and Libra, but the agenda does not appear pleasant...

Rare Yuga Yoga on the Horizon

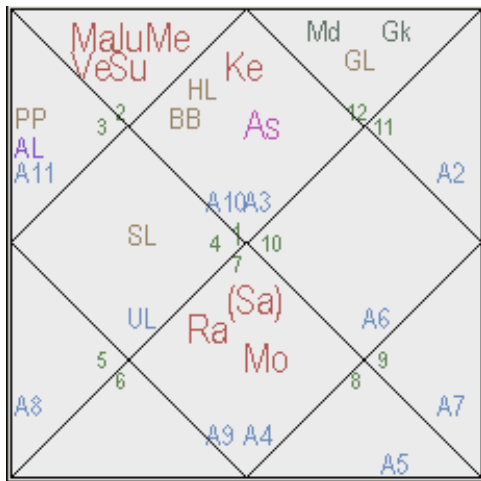
Abhaya Mudra Dasi

April/May of this year not only exhibits an eclipse cluster of three—as seen in the last issue of The Astrological Newsletter—but there is a very rare *yuga yoga* that lasts for 2 days. This *yuga yoga* occurs just prior to the 3rd eclipse on 25 April, a lunar event in Scorpio. A *yuga yoga* is defined as all seven planets (minus Rahu and Ketu) congregating in two signs. The rarity of the coming *yuga yoga* is underscored by the fact that one of the nodes, viz. Rahu, will participate making the combination truly ominous. The name of the *yoga* implies that it is not only rare, but is also the harbinger of new times to come.

This year's *yuga yoga* starts on May 23rd which by the lunar calendar is Vaishakha *shukla trayodashi*, or the 13th day of the waxing portion of Madhusudan. The *yuga yoga* will continue into the *chaturdashi* day, Sri Narasimha Jayanti, indicating Lord Nara Hari's protection of His devotees. The *nakshatra* of the Moon will be Swati while that of the Sun will be Kritika. Note that both Swati and Kritika *nakshatras* have suffered the brunt of eclipses on **April 25th** and **May 10th** respectively. This means that both luminaries still bear cyclic afflictions and are carrying this negativity, this “bruise of Rahu,” into the *yuga yoga*.

It is noteworthy that the *yuga yoga* occurs in both signs of Venus, namely Libra and Taurus. Five planets join in the sign of the bull: the house lord Venus will sit with Sun, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter in Taurus. Three planets in the sign of the scales: the Moon, Saturn and Rahu will be Libra. The lone remaining

planet—headless, shadowy Ketu—sits in Aries though his dispositor Mars is in Taurus. Here is the chart of the event:



Generally *yuga yogas* begin with the Moon joining a council. Not this time; it starts with the warrior, Mangal, coming last to the meeting. The *yuga yoga* starts at 4:24 am UT when Mars leaves Aries and joins the pack in Taurus. Aries, the sign for Great Britain, rises at London with Ketu in the *lagna*: always an indication for thoughtless, heedless action. Five planets in the house of money, namely the 2nd *dhanastan*, indicate unwholesome bankster manipulation of world economy. Malefic Saturn is exalted in the 7th house of

partners with the eclipser Rahu lending ample apprehension to the magnetic Moon. This is an indication of unsavory partnerships and unholy alliances aimed at profit at all costs for the rulers; oligarchs who are nothing but little Rahun personified.

It is Chandra who will break the *yoga* when he runs into the next sign of Scorpio only to be ambushed and eclipsed there in the *nakshatra* of Anuradha. Ruled by Saturn, the planet of the masses, Anuradha promotes equality amongst peoples of all nations and gives an equal chance for spiritual upliftment to each one. Anuradha is *deva-gana* and carries the energy of sacrifice and detachment. Anuradha's 13°20' portion of the sign of the scorpion is its island of goodness since the Moon is generally considered debilitated in Scorpio. Anuradha is the *nakshatra* under which Srimati Radharani appeared in Barsana as Sri Krishna's Vrindavaneshvari. The eclipsing of this *nakshatra* points to effects that are opposed to Anuradha's devotional and egalitarian qualities. This indicates that power is being grabbed by the blackened hands of the few who manipulate the economy of the masses as they wish.

Venus, lord of the two signs in which the *yuga yoga* occurs, is none other than Shukracharya, the *guru* of the demons. The position of the planets is the unwholesome *shad-ashtaka* position whereby planets fall in the 6th (*roga* or disease) and 8th (*mrityu* or death) in relationship to one another. This configuration plainly reveals demonic intelligence, especially since it occurs in the abyss or dark period between two eclipses. As a result of this *yoga*, we can see the agenda of the global elite which will be pushing harder to manipulate and unite all currencies of the world. These oligarchical measures are meant to place a vice-like grip over the global situation. One result could be that traveling becomes more difficult. This is further evidenced by Jupiter, the ruler of the 12th and 9th (two houses of foreign relations) sitting in the final degrees of Taurus,

which is an unfriendly *rashi* for Jupiter. Jupiter is the *atmakaraka* in this chart showing that only those who have ample means can enjoy relative security.

To read Srila Prabhupada's words on "The Coming Financial Collapse", see:

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Thus now more than ever devotees should focus on entrenching themselves safely with sustainable lifestyles including storing grains and moving towards self-sufficiency. Devotees should take a hint from the stars (and the order of the Founder-Acharya) and develop farming communities in preparation for the coming world situation as predicted by Srila Prabhupada. Huge numbers of desperate citizens willing to work only for food and shelter could come to ISKCON and the wonderful relief from the pangs of material suffering that Krishna consciousness freely offers. And for this eventuality the devotees, who have been deputized as the

brahminical heads of society, must be ready to change individual lives and world history in the process.

To read Srila Prabhupada's words about the future of Krishna consciousness, see "Millions Will Be Unemployed":

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Yuga yogas may not always be a negative influence. However as we have noted above, this particular cluster is 6/8 and occurs just prior to an eclipse. The two *tithis* that encompass the *yoga* are *trayodashi* and *chaturdashi* with the eclipse occurring the next day on *purnima*. It seems that whatever is going to be promoted will be carried at first with some enthusiasm but later will have negative effect since *chaturdashi* is a *rikta*—or hollow—*tithi*. The good news is that during this particular *yuga yoga* the devotees will be fasting and celebrating the appearance of Lord Narasimhadeva. Therefore, despite whatever the demons have up their Rahu-like reptilian sleeves, it will eventually turn to a positive outcome for the devotees who will be protected by the Lord. Yet, we have to remember that Prahlada Maharaja was put to many tests by his demonic father Hiranyakashipu before Narasimhadev appeared and bifurcated the great demon.

Worldwide, the *yuga yoga* will focus its effects differently upon the various regions of the earth. As noted, it will be the London banksters who will be pushing for economic shifts since the planets will be concentrated in the 2nd and 7th houses for the United Kingdom. A new addition to the royal family will change the situation of the monarchy. Western Europe will support UK. Eastern Europe and the western part of Russia, the Middle East and east Africa will see the *yuga yoga* in their 1st and 6th houses. For these regions there will be a battle of distinguishing priorities ultimately fighting for self preservation while trying to keep their good image up.

The region encompassing Iran and the areas around the region will see the *yuga yoga* in their 12th and 5th house resulting in terrible dilemmas there, especially affecting the children. India, China and the surrounding regions will experience the effects of the *yuga yoga* in their 11th and 4th houses. These regions will gain strength due to this *yuga* but they will emanate also some negative forces that will be a threat to the world. Saber rattling from China is cloaked in the form of business interests. The regions encompassing Australia to Japan and East Russia will have the *yuga yoga* in their fortunate *upachaya* 10th and 3rd houses. These regions will not be so severely affected by the changes but they will suffer some isolation and neglect as a result.

New Zealand and the far eastern portion of Russia will be a safe place for someone who wants to practice spirituality but as a result that person may undergo little in the way of financial rewards. The *yuga* will be positioned in the 8th and 1st houses of Alaska and this situation will not be a good development for this region. It appears as though Alaska is a place from where weapons development and operations will be conducted. As a result the nature of the region will suffer greatly. Southwestern USA will have the *yuga yoga* functioning in its 7th and 12th houses. This shows loss of support combined with more control from foreign regions. Mexico, the western provinces of Canada and USA will have the *yuga* functioning in their 11th and 6th houses. This indicates that these areas will engage in hostilities with friends in order to reach their objectives. There will be some great split in opinions in USA and Canada and leading to unrest of the citizens.

For western South America the *yuga yoga* will function in the 10th (Libra) and 5th (Taurus) houses. This region will also attract a lot of negative attention and some nation will be forcefully controlled into submission. The eastern part of South America will have the *yuga* functioning in its 11th and 7th houses. Here would be the hiding place for the elites that do not want to be affected by the global situation.

To summarize the meaning of *yuga yoga*, the planetary deities gather to meet in two signs as sort of a round table discussion. Then they must regroup to continue their respective movements in a different way once the meeting has

ended. *Yuga yogas* therefore always indicate a major change in the world, something like a mini *yuga* within Kali Yuga. How rare are the *yuga yogas*? We will not experience another *yuga yoga* until 21 February 2021. That one will not include Rahu and Ketu and is not so dramatic as the present one. Nonetheless it, too, will carry a change in the world situation. Up till that next planetary round table the world must experience the results of the coming *yuga yoga* of 24 May 2013. 🌀

**Yuga yogas* have also been discussed in these two previous issues:
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Whatever Srimad Bhagavatam has foretold will come to pass, and those times could be here sooner than we think. For Agafia, those days are already her ...

Agafia of the Taiga

Patita Pavana das Adhikary

In *Srimad Bhagavatam* it is stated that devotees will be forced to hide in the caves of the mountains due to the cruelty of the political leaders. For some that prophecy is a mere theoretical possibility. For others, those prophetic forecasts of Srila Vyasadeve are descriptions of dark days that lie far into the future. But for others, like Agafia, those dark days are a stark reality. First let us study those sacred verses once again:



SB 12.2.7: *As the earth thus becomes crowded with a corrupt population, whoever among any of the social classes shows himself to be the strongest will gain political power.*

SB 12.2.8: *Losing their wives and properties to such avaricious and merciless rulers, who will behave no better than ordinary thieves, the citizens will flee to the mountains and forests.*

SB 12.2.9: *Harassed by famine and excessive taxes, people will resort to eating leaves, roots, flesh, wild honey, fruits, flowers and seeds. Struck by drought, they will become completely ruined.*

SB 12.2.10: *Citizens will suffer greatly from cold, wind, heat, rain and snow. They will be further tormented by quarrels, hunger, thirst, disease and severe anxiety.*

For many Russians, those days were the reality—exactly as described above in the spotless *Purana*—during the purges of Josef Stalin. Srila Prabhupada once called Stalin “the world’s greatest criminal.” In the short film “Surviving in the Siberian Wilderness for Seventy Years” we find the remarkable story of Agafia Lykov whose devout Christian family escaped the persecution of the atheistic

Communist government and fled to the remote Siberian forest, the taiga. For the Lykov's, World War II came and went without their even realizing it.

From the cover notes of the film:

In 1936, a family of Russian Old Believers journeyed deep into Siberia's vast taiga to escape persecution and protect their way of life. The Lykovs eventually settled in the Sayan Mountains. Two children were born during the isolation. They ended up in a dwelling in the taiga, in the Abakan river basin (Khakassia), 250 kilometres from any settlement.



In 1978 their location was discovered by a helicopter pilot, who was flying a geological group into the region. The geologists got in contact with the family, but the Lykovs decided not to leave the place. Karp's wife Akulina died of hunger in 1961. Three of his children died in 1981. Karp died in 1988. He is survived by his daughter Agafia Lykov who continues to live in isolation in her Abakan fastness. Today, she is the last surviving Lykov, remaining steadfast in her seclusion. VICE crew travels to Agafia to learn about her taiga lifestyle and the encroaching influence of the outside world.

In the film we find Agafia reading her book of prayers, which she notes is over four hundred years old. She says: "The Old Believers were being killed because of their beliefs. Children were losing their fathers. That is when we removed ourselves from materialistic society and stopped any contact with it ... And then came science, this Godless science. Horrible science. Soul-crushing science."

Now, from Vice, here's the film: <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/agafia-taiga-life/> 



As seen in the Puranic prophecies in the next article, the Golden Age approaches with the advent of Krishna consciousness. In fulfillment of that prophecy, Srila Prabhupada takes *sankirtana* onto the streets. That's the late, legendary book distributor Sriman Buddhimanta das on his left of Sri Guru.

The following twelve verses from the **Brahma-vaivarta Purana (49-60)** were spoken by Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, to Mother Ganga just before the dawn of Kali Yuga. Herein the Supreme Lord describes the Golden Age of Krishna consciousness.



From the Brahma Vaivarta Purana comes ...

Lord Krishna's Prophecy for the Golden Age

Sri Jahnava-Nitai Dasa

Text 49

bhagarathy uvaca

*he natha ramanashreshtha yasi golokamuttamam
asmakam ka gatishcatra bhavishyati kalau yuge*

Goddess Ganga said: O Protector, Supreme Enjoyer, upon Your departure for the perfect abode, Goloka, what will be my situation in the Age of Kali?

Text 50

sri-bhagavan uvaca

*kaleh pancasahasrani varshani tishtha bhutale
papani papino yani tubhyam dasyanti snanatah*

The Blessed Lord said: On the earth 5,000 years of Kali will be sinful and sinners will deposit their sins in you by bathing.

Commentary: We have presently passed through just over 5,000 years of Kali Yuga. As was predicted by Lord Krishna, this period from the end of the previous age to the present comprising 5,000 years was a period of darkness and degradation. The ancient Vedic culture of India was lost and the so-called followers became mere ritualistic practitioners, interested only in the bodily conception of life. The four pillars of spiritual life, namely truthfulness, austerity, cleanliness, and mercy are practically nonexistent today, even in the so-called holy sites of pilgrimage. The general mass of people have no interest in God consciousness, and any remnant of religion they might still appear to follow is meant simply for the purpose of economic development. In the name of God so many sinful acts are being carried out throughout the world. Killing of innocent animals, intoxication, illicit



sex, and gambling have become common and “natural” activities supported by the governments and so-called religions of the world. Each of these points confirms Lord Krishna's prediction regarding the first 5,000 years of the Kali Yuga.

Text 51

*man-mantropasakasparshad bhasmibhutani tatksanat
bhavishyanti darsanacca snanadeva hi jahnavi*

Thereafter by the sight and touch of those who worship me by my *mantra*, all those sins will be burnt.

Commentary: Lord Krishna has stated that for 5,000 years Mother Ganga will purify the sinful inhabitants of the earthly planet in the age of Kali. But where will those accumulated sinful reactions go? Therefore Krishna says here that those sinful reactions, accumulated for thousands of years will all be burnt to ashes simply by a moments touch of a pure devotee of the Lord. The word *tatksanat* indicates that immediately the reactions are destroyed. A moment’s glimpse of a pure devotee is enough to purify the heart of a sinful man even in this age of Kali. Even Mother Ganga is blessed and purified by the association of the Lord’s devotees, so what to speak of fallen souls like ourselves. We must take every opportunity to associate with the Lord's pure devotees. This is the process of *sadhu-sanga*, or *sat-sanga*. Through association with saints, we come into direct contact with the Supreme Lord. If we have such a great fortune to associate with the saintly devotees of the Lord, our hearts will become purified of all the sinful reactions accumulated over countless lifetimes.



In this verse Krishna defines who are those pure devotees: *man-mantropasaka*, “one who is performing *upasana*, or worship, of Krishna by chanting Krishna's *mantra*.” Lord Krishna directly exclaims “My *mantra*”, *man-mantra*. The *mantra* Sri Krishna is referring to is the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra*:

*hare krishna hare krishna krishna krishna hare hare
hare rama hare rama rama rama hare hare*

It should be noted that Krishna does not say Mother Ganga will be purified by *yogis*. Nor does He say she will become purified by *jnanis*. Nor by *rishis*, *tapasvis*, *siddhas* or any host of other saintly-minded men. Krishna says it will be His pure devotees, His *bhaktas* chanting the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra* who will purify Mother Ganga and the entire age of Kali. Only the congregational chanting of Sri Krishna's holy name is powerful enough to purify this present

Age of Kali. Therefore only the Lord's devotees have the power to bring about the Golden Age within Kali Yuga.

Text 52

*harernamani yatraiva puranani bhavanti hi
tatra gatva savadhanam abhih sarddham ca shroshyasi*

There will be chanting of the name of Hari and reading of the [*Bhagavata Purana*]. Reaching such a place, attentively hear.

Commentary: Here Lord Krishna describes the activities within the Golden Age that will purify the Kali Yuga. First and foremost is the chanting of Lord Krishna's name, as indicated by the words *harernamani*. This is further confirmed in the *Brihan-naradiya Purana* (38.126) and quoted in *Sri Chaitanya Charitamrita* (Adi 17.21) as follows:

*harer nama harer nama harer namaiva kevalam
kalau nastyeva nastyeva nastyeva gatir anyata*

“In the age of Kali there is no other way to achieve the supreme destination of life other than by chanting the names of Lord Hari (Krishna). There is no other way, no other way, no other way.”

The second activity that Lord Krishna describes is the reading of the *Bhagavata Purana*, or *Srimad Bhagavatam*. The reading of *Srimad Bhagavatam* is especially recommended by the great sage Vyasadeva in the *Bhagavatam* itself for purifying the heart (SB 12.12.48):

*srinvatam sva kathah krishnah punya-sravana-kirtanah
hridy antah stho hy abhadrani vidhunoti suhrit satam*

“By hearing and reciting the sacred narrations of the pastimes of Lord Krishna (within the *Srimad Bhagavatam*), all the bad qualities within one's heart are cleansed.”

Elsewhere in the *Bhagavatam* (1.2.18) it is stated:

*nashta-prayushv abhadreshu nityam bhagavata-sevaya
bhagavatya uttama-shloke bhaktir bhavati naishtiki*

“By daily reading *Srimad Bhagavatam* and by rendering service to the pure devotees, all that is troublesome to the heart is almost completely destroyed, and loving devotional service unto the Personality of Godhead is established as an irrevocable fact.”

The present age is simply a reflection of the hearts of countless millions of conditioned living entities living on the earthly planet. Because our hearts are polluted by *kama* (lust), *krodha* (anger), *lobha* (greed) and *matsarya* (envy), therefore the present age is called the age of quarrel. It is not that we are bad because the age is bad, but rather the age is bad because our hearts are impure. The cure for a polluted heart is described above: daily reading of the *Srimad Bhagavatam*. If the entire population were to take up the reading of the sacred text of *Srimad Bhagavatam*, everyone's heart would be purified and the age of Kali would no longer be able to influence the world. Therefore in the present age the need of the hour is to distribute the most sacred book *Srimad Bhagavatam* to the entire humanity.

As seen in *Srimad Bhagavatam* (1.3.40), it is not an ordinary book, but it is directly an incarnation of the Lord:

*idam bhagavatam nama puranam brahma-sammitam
uttama-shloka-caritam cakara bhagavan rishih
nihsreyasaya lokasya dhanyam svasty-ayanam mahat*

“This *Srimad Bhagavatam* is the literary incarnation of God, and it is compiled by Srila Vyasadeva, the incarnation of God. It is meant for the ultimate good of all people, and it is all-successful, all blissful and all-perfect.”



The *Srimad Bhagavatam* by Srila Prabhupada is the devotee's ticket to the Spiritual Sky.

Srimad Bhagavatam is defined as *brahma sammitam* because it is the sound representative of Brahman, the absolute truth.

Text 53

*purana shravanaccaiva harernamanukirtanat
bhasmibhutani papani brahma-hatyadikani ca*

Sinful reactions including the killing of a *brahmana* can be nullified by hearing the *Purana* and chanting of the names of Hari in the manner of devotees.

Text 54

*bhasmibhutani tanyeva vaishnavalinganena ca
trinani shushkakashthani dahanti pavako yatha*

Just as dry grass is burnt by fire, by the embrace of My devotees all sins are burnt.

Text 55

*tathapi vaishnava loke papani papinamapi
prithiviam yani tirthani punyanyapi ca jahnavi*

O Ganga Devi, the whole planet will become a pilgrimage sight by the presence of My devotees, even though it had been sinful.

Text 56

*madbhaktanam sharireshu santi puteshu samtatam
madbhaktapadarajasa sadyah puta vasundhara*

In the body of my devotees remains eternally [the purifier]. Mother Earth becomes pure by the dust of the feet of my devotees.

Text 57

*sadyah putani tirthani sadyah putam jagattatha
manmantropasaka vipra ye maducchishtabhojinah*

It will be the same in the case of pilgrimage sights and the whole world. Those intelligent worshipers of my *mantra* who partake My remnants will purify everything.

Commentary: In this verse the words *mad-ucchishtabhojinah* are very significant. Krishna states that those who chant His Hare Krishna *maha-mantra* and eat His remnants (*mad-ucchishtabhojinah*) will purify the world.

Human life is meant for performing sacrifice because sacrifice develops transcendental knowledge. In the ancient times the great kings of Bharata would perform very costly and magnificent sacrifices by offering items into a sacred fire. Even gold and costly jewels were placed into the fire as an offering to God. In the present age such forms of sacrifice are not possible, so the *shastras* prescribe a simpler form of sacrifice more suitable for the present age by which we may develop transcendental knowledge and advance in spiritual life

The first aspect of this sacrifice involves the chanting of the names of Krishna, as that will correct any deficiencies in our other services to the Lord due to improper circumstances, impure ingredients, irregular timing, etc. The age of Kali is an ocean of faults. One such fault is that in this age everything is impure. It is impossible to properly perform any sacred activity, as the impurity of the age has affected the entire atmosphere, from the subtle (inner) down to the physical (external). Therefore all sacred activities in the age of Kali must be performed accompanied by the chanting of the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra*.

The second aspect of sacrifice involves the offering of all of our foodstuffs to the Lord before consumption. This form of sacrifice purifies the food and, when we consume it, purifies our body and mind. This sacrifice of offering all of our food to Krishna when accompanied by the chanting of the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra* is equal to the ancient sacrifices (such as *ashvamedha yajna*, *gomedha-yajna*, *rajasuya yajna*, etc.) described in the scriptures. This is further stressed by Lord Krishna in the *Bhagavad-gita* (3.13):

*yajna-shishtasinah santo mucyante sarva-kilbishaih
bhunjate te tv agham papa ye pacanty atma-karanat*

“The devotees of the Lord are released from all kinds of sins because they eat food which is offered first for sacrifice. Others who prepare food for personal sense enjoyment, verily eat only sin.”

Text 58

*mameva nityam dhyayante te mat pranadhikah priyah
tadupasparshamatrena puto vayushca pavakah*

They are more dear to Me than My life, who everyday meditate only on Me. The air and fire become pure simply even by their indirect touch.

Text 59


*kaler dasha-sahasrani madbhaktah santi bhu-tale
ekavarna bhavishyanti madbhakteshu gateshu ca*

For 10,000 years of Kali such devotees of mine will fill the whole planet. After the departure of My devotees there will only be one *varna* [the outcastes].

Text 60

*madbhaktashunya prithivi kaligrasta bhavishyati
etasminnantare tatra krishnadehadvinirgatah*

Devoid of My devotees, the earth will be shackled by Kali. Saying this Krishna departed. 🌀

Commentaries on the above verses are scribed by Sriman Jahnava-Nitai das Prabhu of the Bhaktivedanta Ashram in Andhra Pradesh (www.bvashram.org). The translations were arranged through the ashram. We have reprinted with permission –Ed 

The influence of the planetary deities, who are all empowered representatives of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, are practically all pervasive within this universe. Their influences are found even in the sounds of music ...



Music of the Planets

Abhaya Mudra Dasi

Everything that is born within the material world carries the burden of residual *karma* which is reflected by the horoscope of each entity. The fact that the nine astrological planets affect the lives of each living entity, even those who are millions of miles away, lays certain proof to the law of intertwining *karma*. Every living entity interacts with his surroundings and also puts his mark on everything that goes on around him. The law of *karma* is so complicated and stringent that becoming free from it is next to impossible simply because the living entity creates new reactions during every moment of his existence. The only way out of this cycle of endless *karma* is through the grace of a pure devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. As stated in the second canto of *Srimad Bhagavatam* (2.1.5):

“(Shukadeva Goswami explains to King Parikshit) O descendant of King Bharata, one who desires to be free from all miseries must hear about, glorify and also remember the Personality of Godhead, who is the Supersoul, the controller and the savior from all miseries.”

As often noted, “The microcosm reflects the macrocosm.” Every living entity is a miniature model of various aspects of the Universal Form of the Supreme Lord, and any transgression against another living entity inflicts a karmic reaction that echoes throughout the entire universe. Karma follows each one birth after birth. Although every living entity is a tiny version of the Jagat Purush, this fact does not mean that we should worship every *jiva* as God. Yet while interacting with others we have to consider that Sri Krishna, Who is in the heart of everyone, is the constant Witness to our activities.

Every living entity also reflects the energies of the nine planets, the *nava-grahas* of *jyotish*. Nine is a complete number. These nine planets or *grahas* (the “carriers of influence”) are the Sun, the Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu. It is not necessary to add or subtract any planet to this pantheon since the energies of the nine planets of *jyotish* encompass the

influence of all other demigods that are assigned departmental control over the universe.

The influence of the nine empowered demi-gods who control the *nava-grahas* can easily be deciphered through everything in this material universe. Sri Krishna has made the science of *jyotish* relatively simple for the benefit of the conditioned living entities. Yet, He is the only One Who identifies every living entity individually and Who can accurately know the past, present and future of each one. As the Lord tells Arjuna (Bg 7.26): “O Arjuna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, I know everything that has happened in the past, all that is happening in the present, and all things that are yet to come. I also know all living entities; but Me no one knows.” Therefore, only Krishna is the truly qualified astrologer.

Be that as it may, armed with *jyotish-shastra*, a seer can have a glimpse into the destiny of human beings, animals and even objects. This is because everything in the universe vibrates to some unique frequency wherein one of the nine planets predominate each particular vibration. In this way, the tone or musical note of every individual can be ascertained. Thus the influence of the nine planets is present even in musical vibrations.

The seven notes of the basic musical scale correspond to the seven *chakras*. The seven *chakras* or “energy centers in the body” also replicate the Jagat Purush or the Universal form of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna. The seven *chakras* are ruled by the seven planets (excluding Rahu and Ketu). Every *chakra* vibrates to a note from the basic musical scale. So it is easy to link the planets to their respective notes.

The first or *muladhara chakra* is ruled by Mars and is linked to our security in this world. Emotions, including anger, are stored here. Mastering the *chakra* requires a certain degree of innocence since one has to be youthful in order to experience life in a meaningful and fresh way. Mars is the son of Mother Earth. This is the *chakra* of the new born baby who requires protection. When one feels secure, he can take on action that is free of any inhibition. This *chakra* vibrates to the note C or Do or Sa in Sanskrit and has frequency of 130.81 Hz. The color is red. The deity is Lord Narasimhadev who always protects His devotees from danger.

The second or *swadhisthana chakra* is ruled by Mercury. This *chakra* deals with creativity in all different forms. Mercury is the planet of intelligence which is required for all beginnings. This is the *chakra* which puts the living entity in charge and expands his energy. Creativity takes a lot of concentration and detachment from everything else in the surrounding. Mastering this *chakra* leads to unleashing individuality. This *chakra* vibrates to the note D or Re or Ri in Sanskrit and has frequency of 146.83 Hz. The color is orange. The deity is Lord

Buddha who created new religion in order to delude the corrupted followers of the *Vedas*.

The third or *manipura chakra* is ruled by Jupiter. This *chakra* deals with expansion. Jupiter is the planet of religion since Brihaspati, the deity of Jupiter, is the *guru* of the demigods. Mastering this *chakra* leads to taking right action. This *chakra* rules the process of establishing *dharma* which means that one must be aware of the difference between right and wrong. This *chakra* deals with self-esteem and security. It is the center of the solar plexus where all vital *nadis* (channels) of the body are centered. Death personified also hides in the solar plexus and a blow in this area can easily inflict death. By mastering this *chakra* one can create good *karma* and destroy negativity. This *chakra* vibrates to the note E or Mi or Ga in Sanskrit and has frequency of 164.81 Hz. The color is yellow. The deity is Lord Vamanadev who expanded his body to enormous proportions and covered the whole universe in two steps. The third step was put on the head of Bali Maharaja the king of the demons who is also a great devotee of the Supreme Lord.

The fourth or *anahata chakra* is ruled by Venus or Shukra. He is the *guru* of the demons but at the same time a devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He lives in a hostile environment since he has to direct the misled demons to enlightenment. His example teaches how one can live in the material world but at the same time use its resources in the service of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna. The fourth *chakra* deals with sharing what we have accumulated in the lower *chakras* as material assets or sharing one's own self as mastered in the higher *chakras*. It is about executing one's true duty. This *chakra* is the sitting place of Paramatma as well as the self. Mastering it means establish one's eternal relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna. This *chakra* vibrates to the note F or Fa or Mi in Sanskrit and has the frequency of 174.61 Hz. The color is green. The Lord of this *chakra* is Parashurama who fiercely killed the *kshatriya* class of society twenty-one times due to their offences committed to a pure *brahmana*.

The fifth or *vishuddha chakra* is ruled by Saturn. Saturn is the most remote planet of the *nava-grahas*. In his higher octave he is the planet of ascetics and in his lower vibrations he inflicts poverty. Speech is generated in this *chakra*. Sound is the subtlest of elements in the material world. This *chakra* is linked to detachment. When one can speak well he can influence many others even from a long distance. Thus the status of the person—rich or poor, educated or illiterate—is defined and understood by his manner of speech. Through detachment the *jiva* can progress to higher consciousness or by remaining anchored he can stay in the realm of illusion. This *chakra* is mastered by chanting the Hare Krishna *mahamantra* that purifies the aspirant of all material contamination and elevates him to the platform of devotional service to the


Supreme Lord. If one cannot express himself, he becomes angry; but if he has mastered this *chakra* he develops humor and becomes playful. This *chakra* vibrates to the note G or Sol or Pa in Sanskrit. The color is blue. The lord is Kurmadev Who lives in the most remote area of the universe. He helped with the churning of the Casual Ocean as he offered his body as a support for Mount Mandara. Many good results came from the churning of the ocean including the nectar of immortality, the appearance of both Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Danvantari the master of medicines. Kurmadev stayed detached to all the results that manifested as His only reason to appear was to have the back of His tortoise body relived from itching (when he supported the mountain on His back).



The sixth or *ajna chakra* is ruled by the Sun. The Sun is the creator of time and space in the Universe. He is the direct manifestation of the Sudarshan Chakra of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Narayana. The Sun by his movement creates the past, present and the future. By mastering this *chakra* one can understand the structure of the universe. He can also develop detachment from his past and the future and concentrate on the present moment. By doing so, he can hear the voice of Paramatma. Paranormal abilities and *siddhis* are accessed through this *chakra*. The *yogis* are very interested in mastering mystic abilities and they feed on the nectar that is found in this *chakra* as they search after immortality. This *chakra* vibrates to the note A or La or Dha in Sanskrit and has the lowest frequency of all notes 110 Hz since the Sun is all pervasive in the material universe. The color of this *chakra* is violet. The Predominating Deity is Lord Ramachandra the Hero of the *Ramayana* who also appeared in the dynasty of the Sun god. He is the ideal king who never fails to execute His duty.

The seventh *sahasrara chakra* is ruled by the Moon. The Moon is bigger than the Sun and yet it is usually regarded as less important. The secret is that at night the Moon imbues all living entities with their personalities. He is the subtlest of all planets and a giver of a cool light that relieves the eyes of darkness. By mastering this *chakra* one realizes that he is the soul and that this truth applies to all other living entities. When one realizes this fact at the time of death he can exit his body through the *brahmarandhra* or the highest point of the head and go back to the Spiritual World. When one is caught in the light of this *chakra* without connecting it to the other *chakras* ones becomes a *mayavadi*. This *chakra* vibrates to the tone B or Si or Ni in Sanskrit and has frequency of 123.47 Hz. The Lord of this *chakra* is Sri Krishna the Supreme Personality of Godhead. It was Sri Krishna Who appeared in the material world in the dynasty of the Moon god to attract all living entities to His pastimes that are perpetually going on in Goloka Vrindavana.

By examining the *chakras* and the vibrations that they carry we understand how they reflect the planetary energies that execute the will of the Supreme Lord in this world. If we deepen our understanding we can see how the basic seven notes are supplemented by other five half-tones altogether making twelve notes corresponding to the twelve zodiacal signs. Every sign has its own note as the half-tones are feminine and the basic tones are masculine. Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn rule two signs while the Moon and Sun rule a single sign. For this reason the Moon also gets a full tone. The masculine signs are Aries (C 130 Hz), Gemini (D 146 Hz), Leo (110 Hz), Libra (F 174 Hz), Sagittarius (E 165 Hz) and Aquarius (G 196 Hz). The feminine signs are Taurus (F# 185 Hz), Cancer (B 123 Hz), Virgo (D# 155 Hz), Scorpio (C# 138 Hz), Capricorn (G# 207 Hz) and Pisces (A# 116 Hz).

Everything in the universe is build on simple principles yet by mixing the three basic modes of nature (goodness, passion and ignorance) the world becomes complicated and giving it up also becomes a daunting task. By seeing everything in relation to Sri Krishna and His energies we would be able to extricate ourselves from the prison-house of Maya or illusion. 

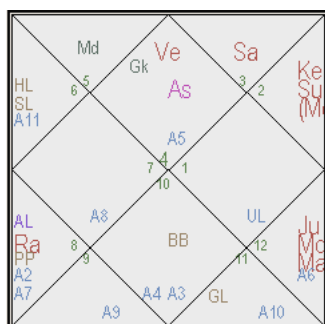
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From the viewpoing of Vedic astrology ...

Angelina Jolie has Made a Great Mistake

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Recently Angelina Jolie, one of Hollywood's great beauties, had a double mastectomy because her doctor advised her that she carries a gene which might indicate an 87% chance of cancer in the future. Not only has she had both her breasts removed, but she is scheduled to have her ovaries taken out simply because her mother died at age 53 because of ovarian cancer and she fears a similar fate.



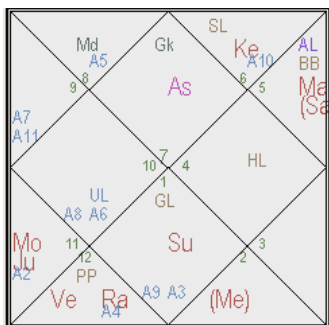
On the left is the birth chart of Angelina Jolie. According to astrology, it is obvious that (along with a charmed life) she should be enjoying good health since the lord of the 6th house of diseases is in his own sign in the 9th house of good fortune. Jupiter (who forms *gajakeshari yoga*, *bhagya yoga*, *Guru Mangala Yoga*, *Lakshmi Yoga*, etc.) casts his exalted aspect over the *lagna* and Venus giving a lifelong umbrella of protection

over the chart. But astrology is the field only, and the living entity also has his own sweet will to use or abuse. How we till the analogous field, i.e., use what Krishna has given us, is our choice.

Born on 5 June 1975 she came into the world just nine days after a lunar eclipse in Anuradha *nakshatra*. Rahu in Scorpio is debilitated in her 5th house of intelligence. On May 25th this year there will be another eclipse in the *nakshatra* of Anuradha. So, due to a very unfortunate choice, Angelina Jolie has seriously impacted her health with an irreversible decision that will affect her entire life.

Angelina Jolie will soon leave behind her Venus period, which has been so good to her due to Venus' *raja yoga* position in her *atmasthan*. In Sept. of 2015 she will enter into a far less glorious period of the Sun. Some life threatening experiences may lie ahead for her. She will overcome these and will serve as a mission chief for the United Nations for another seventeen years, which includes the ensuing periods of the Moon and Mars. But once she enters into her period of debilitated Rahu in 2038 she could lose her equilibrium and exit the world scene.

Below is the chart of her mother Marcheline Bertrand with our considered estimation of her time of birth. From the various planetary afflictions, it is obvious that Angelina Jolie's mother had some health problems. She enjoyed good health until her late Saturn period. She died in her Mercury period.



Mercury is retrograde in the 8th house of longevity and aspected by Saturn who shares the same house with Mars. This created a very difficult situation in the house of friends and earning. Venus as lord of the house of longevity is exalted, but he is also afflicted by Rahu which points to diseases specific to women. The mother's chart shows many difficulties that are not found in her daughter's.

Rahu in the *vidyasthan* is on the side of curses in the horoscope of Angelina Jolie. But Angelina Jolie appears to sound reasoning power and intelligence when it comes to determining what is good or not good for her. Her actions are based upon past experiences, which is the domain of the 5th house (where debilitated Rahu's grip has become practically insurmountable). Therefore, as a result she may have seriously impacted her own longevity. The curse of Rahu upon a family is not easily overcome even for those who appear to be living the imaginary good life. Kali Yuga is known for exploiting females whether in the form of Goddess Lakshmi (wealth), Bhumi the Earth Mother, sacred *go-mata* or women in general. A devotee looks to the feet of women and respects them as his mother. Demons see women in their many manifestations as a suitable field for exploitation. Hence the miserable plight of the world today. Some will

conclude that Angelina Jolie's double mastectomy and the planned removal of her ovaries is a blunder of phenomenal proportions which is due to listening to ignorant demonic medical scientists who enjoy playing imitation gods. Srila Prabhupada used to say, Krishna has given you nice bodies, a nice human form of life, beautiful bodies ... Now use your bodies for Krishna's service! ♪



Letters to the Editor

(Edited for brevity)

“Keeping Krishna as My Path”

Hare Krishna,

Thank you very much for the reading. The reading is good and focuses on the *lagna* (*satya*) rather than *arudha* (*maya*). I will refer to this reading from time to time as it will be my reminder to keep Krishna as my path.

In any case, may Sri Krishna continue to bless you both and help you both with your path.

Love, RS (Canada)

“Appreciate Insight”

Hari bol! Aloha,

All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada! I hope this finds you well. Thank you so much for your time, I really love having my readings done by you two and appreciate your insight!

Your ever well wisher, CD (Hawaii)

“When Scientists Pray”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu.

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for the latest newsletter. I just read about the eclipses and it is interesting.

One thing: It looks to me that there is a mistake in the date of the eclipse. In the text it says 13th May and on the picture it says 10 th May. NASA says it is 10th May. So maybe you could check it.

By the way, the following article from the news is VERY funny to me:

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (Reuters) - NASA chief Charles Bolden has advice on how to handle a large asteroid headed toward New York City: **Pray!**

That's about all the United States - or anyone for that matter - could do at this point about unknown asteroids and meteors that may be on a collision course with Earth, Bolden told lawmakers at a U.S. House of Representatives Science Committee hearing on Tuesday. Thank you once more. *Param vijayate sri Krsna sankirtanam.*

Your servant, AD (Czech Republic)

Thanks so much for pointing out our typo error regarding the 10 May eclipse. And, yes, let us all join NASA in prayer. We should pray that these foolish scientists read the Srimad Bhagavatam and learn the true structure of Sri Krishna's Universe! –Ed.

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