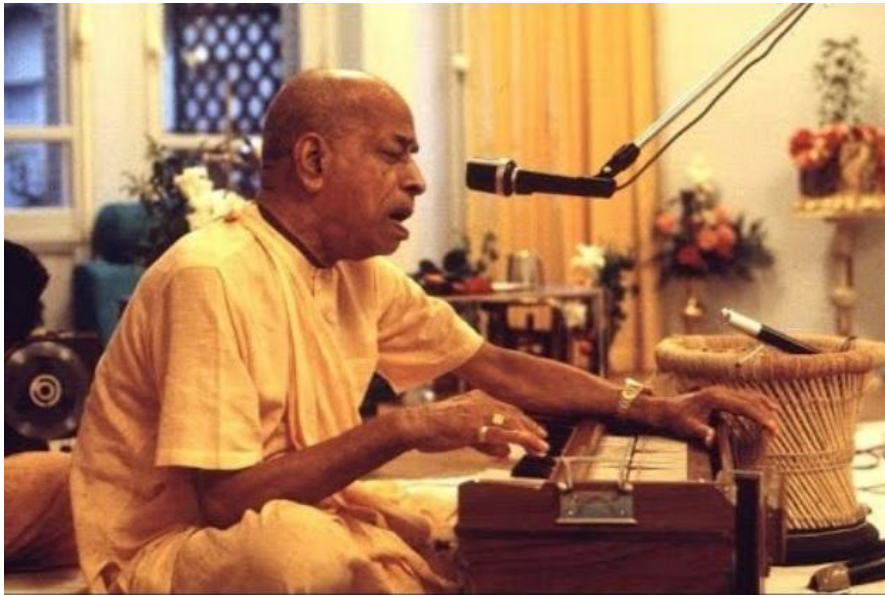


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“I am very encouraged to learn that you have your own radio show for one hour every Sunday morning. Here in Los Angeles I have so many tapes of my singing prayers, chanting new tunes of Hare Krishna, playing mridanga, and purports to prayers. So if you think that some of these tapes will be nice for your program, I will have copies made of some of them and have them sent to you.”
(Letter to Gaurasundar, 2 August 1969).

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

14 April 2015 (#45) Shri Mesha Sankranti or Solar New Year when the Sun enters Aries, the 1st of the 12 signs. The demigod of the Sun enters Aries, his place of exaltation, at 7:46 am UT (GMT) on 14 April 2015. Greet the solar year at that exact moment with Gayatri mantra or other prayers to Surya Narayana. By the lunar calendar this is the 10th day of the waning fortnight of the Vedic month of Vaishakha, or Madhusudan Krishna dashami. 529 Gaurabda era.

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Dear Prabhus,

Dandavats to the Vaishnavas—and welcome to the issue. Mesha Sankranti (see date info above) with its delightful Mediterranean temperatures are soon approaching. Here in the Baltic region this is our time for exploring Bulgaria's ancient Thracian roots which are embedded in Vedic culture... and for attending the Black Sea Sadhu Sammelan. Around this beautiful Eastern European land there are still temples to old Vedic deities here and there, and visiting them inspires an understanding of the eternal religion of ancient Bharata when Krishna consciousness was spread all over the earth.

In mid-July devotees will meet at the New Madhuvan Farm for the annual Black Sea Sadhu Sammelan near Burgas. It is a small gathering and the five story farm house can accommodate only a limited number of devotees. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will speak on your

behalf to Shrimans Nitai Chand and Gaura Chand Prabhus, the twin *sadhus* who preside over the transcendental festivities.



(l) Kalachakra or “wheel of time” from the St. Transfiguration Monastery close to Veliko Tarnovo. (r) from the Shumen museum: sari-clad Goddess Durga on her lion vahana, weapon in hand, as worshiped in Thracian era. (Photos: Abhaya Mudra Dasi)

The intimate gathering may include visits to nearby temples from the Roman period, bathing in the lovely warm waters of the Black Sea (five minutes from New Madhuvan), black mud baths at the beach, prasada picnics, full morning program, woodsy kirtans and lots of transcendental fun in the sun. There is an airport at nearby Burgas where your car rental can be arranged. There is no specific fee involved for the *mela*, other than constant service to the Lord 24 hours a day, but donations are accepted for the *goshala*. Space is limited so book early. See you there?

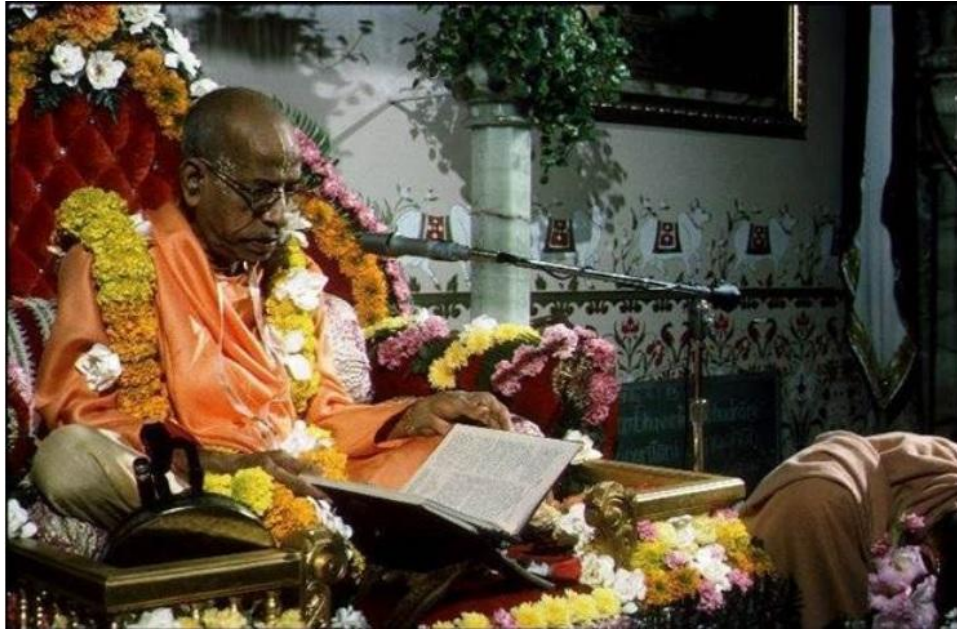
Yours at the lotus feet of the servants of Shrila Prabhupada,
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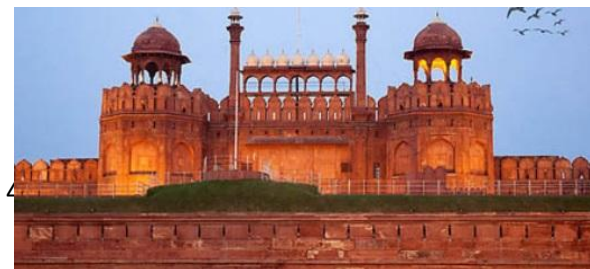
“America Was Not Discovered”

Devotee: Translation: “Thereafter, in the capital of Hastināpura, he enthroned his grandson, who was trained and equally qualified, as the emperor and master of all land bordered by the seas.” (SB 1.15.38)

Prabhupāda: So it appears that five thousand years ago, all the lands of this globe were known. It is a mistake that “America was discovered.” (laughter) It was known. Otherwise how it is said that “the land encircled by water” unless it is known? So our so-called Hindus, they say that if somebody goes on the other side of the sea, he becomes fallen. Does it mean that the emperor did not go outside? The capital was Hastināpura, which is now near New Delhi. They say... The Pāṇḍava fort is there. Anyway, so the whole world was being governed by the emperor situated in Hastināpura. One state. There are many evidences. Therefore the history of the whole world is called *Mahābhārata*. *Mahā* means greater. *Mahābhārata*. The history. *Mahābhārata* is history. They call it epic. No. It is history.



So formerly, the whole planet, Bhāratavarṣa... It was named



Bhāratavarṣa. And it was being governed by one emperor. Therefore it is said here, *sva-rāt*. *Sva-rāt* means completely independent. Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira was not dependent on any other king or any other state. He was fully independent. Whatever he liked, he could do. That is king. That is emperor. If the so-called king or the president is dependent on the votes of some rascal voters, then what kind of *sva-rāt* he is? At the present moment, the so-called president is dependent on the votes of some rascals. That's all. The rascals, they do not know whom to vote, and therefore another rascal is elected, and when he is not doing well, they cry. You have elected. Why you are crying now? Because they are rascals. They do not know. So this is going on. But actually, the head of the state should be *sva-rāt*, fully independent. Not on the votes of the *prajā*. He is only dependent on Kṛṣṇa, just like Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira. All the Pāṇḍavas, they were under the order of Kṛṣṇa.

So the king or the emperor, is representative of Kṛṣṇa. Therefore he is so honored, *naradeva*. The king's another name is *naradeva*, "God in, as a human being." "God as human being," the king is so respected. Because he is the representative of Kṛṣṇa. Any representative of Kṛṣṇa... Just (as) king... Not the present king or president, but this is the ideal. So he should be so perfect representative that... It is said by Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura, *yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādaḥ*. If the king is real representative of God, then simply by pleasing the king, you please the almighty father, God. This was the... So why Kṛṣṇa wanted this Battle of Kurukṣetra to install Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira on the throne? Because he knew that "He is My right representative, not Duryodhana. Therefore there must be fight, and this Duryodhana and company should be finished, and Yudhiṣṭhira should be installed."

So selection... This is *paramparā*. So Yudhiṣṭhira's responsibility is that next king... Because he is going to retire. "So next emperor, he should be also equally qualified like me." Therefore it is said, *susamaṁ guṇaiḥ*. *Susamaṁ*, "Exactly my representative. He has got ... My grandson, Parīkṣit, he has got the equal qualification. Therefore he should be installed," not a vagabond. No. That cannot. When Mahārāja Parīkṣit was born, he was the only child in the whole Kuru family. All others were killed in the battle. No. He was also posthumous child. He was within the womb of his mother. His mother was simply pregnant. His father, sixteen years old only, Abhimanyu, Arjuna's son, he went to fight in the battle. He was so great warrior. So seven big men required to kill him: Bhīṣma, Droṇa, Karṇa, Duryodhana, like that, all combined together. So there is no mercy. This Abhimanyu was

grandson, great-grandson of all the heroes who encircled him to kill. Very beloved grandson or great-grandson... Bhīṣma's great-grandson, Duryodhana's grandson. But it is fight, *kṣatriya*. When you have come to fight, you must kill the opposite party. It doesn't matter whether he is my beloved son or grandson or great-grandson. This is duty.

So this Abhimanyu, father of Mahārāja Parīkṣit, only sixteen years old... His mother Uttarā... So king of..., Mahārāja Virāṭa... So when he was born... There is Vedic ceremony, *jāta-karma* ceremony. After a child is born... Oh, what a horrible age we are now! We are killing before the birth of the child. This is Kali-yuga. Such... It is so welcome, auspicious, a child is born in the family. There is ceremony, *jāta-karma* ceremony. Before the child is born there is ceremony, *garbhādhāna* ceremony, *sarva-bhaksana*(?) ceremony. Such a nice culture. Where it has gone now? Now child is killed within the womb of the mother by the mother. This is called Kali-yuga. And it is scientific advancement. The scientists, the priests, they give order. The doctor gives out, “Yes, do it.” Just try to understand what is Kali-yuga.

“Astrology is a Perfect Science”

So anyway, this is the Vedic system, that when a child is born, immediately his horoscope is made. Astrological science is so perfect. The moment the child is born, immediately calculated, “What is the position of this moment?” Then they derive calculation, “This child will be like this, this will be this, will be this, this.” I had also horoscope—the other day I was talking—and it was clearly written, that horoscope, that “This child, after seventy years, he will be great religious propagator and establish so many temples.”

Devotees: Jaya!

Prabhupāda: Yes. This is astrology. Those of my students who have seen my horoscope in India, it is clearly written there. So that is horoscope.

So while the *brāhmaṇas* were writing horoscope, so Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira's anxiety was... They were describing, “This child will be so, such a great hero, he will do this...” And it was mentioned that “He will die also, being cursed by a *brāhmaṇa*.” That was... So Yudhiṣṭhira Mahārāja did not take care of that, how he will die. He simply took care how he will live. He inquired from the learned *brāhmaṇas*, “Whether this child will be exactly prototype of our dynasty? Because this is a... Kuru dynasty is the *paramparā* system of emperors, all-perfect. So whether this child will be like that?” That was his

inquiry, first. So all the *brāhmaṇas* replied, “Yes, sir, this is just quite fit, your family.” Therefore it is said here that *susamaṁ guṇaiḥ*: “By quality, exactly like Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira.”

“Not By Rascal Voters”

So unless one is qualified, highly qualified, how he can be installed as the head of the executive of the state or the world? And this has been given charge to a third-class voters who have no character. So how you can expect the elected persons to be perfect? That is not possible. This is not the system. This is the system. The head of the state should be perfect and the next head should be selected by this perfect head of the state, not by the rascal voters. This is perfection. If the head of the state is perfect, then naturally the citizens will be perfect. Because all the laws are there. If the head of the state says, “No more meat-eating,” all slaughterhouses will be closed. If the head of the state says, “No more intoxication,” then all the cigarette factories and liquor factories will be closed. Is it not? Because... So therefore the head must be perfect. Then *yad yad ācarati śreṣṭhas tat tad evetaro janaḥ* [Bg. 3.21]. In the *Bhagavad-gītā* it is said that “What the chief man behaves, others will follow.” Therefore it is called leader, leader.

So you have read in *Bhāgavatam* about the reign of Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira, how perfect it was. That at that time the cows were supplying so much milk, the bag was packed with milk, that where the cows were moving milk was dropping, and the pasture ground became muddy with milk, so much milk was being supplied. And it is said, *sarva-kāma-dughā mahī*. And exactly in right time, the right quantity of rainfall was there. Not like nowadays, sometimes there is no rain and there is sometimes excessive rain, flood. What the scientist can do? They cannot check. These regulative principles depend on nature. And nature is being conducted by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. From Bg. 9.10.

*mayādhyakṣeṇa prakṛtiḥ sūyate sa-carācaram
hetunānena kaunteya jagad viparivartate*

This cosmic manifestation is going regularly. The sun is rising exactly at the time, it is setting exactly..., the seasons are coming exactly, under the order of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So when the king is a debauch or the president is a debauch, and the citizens are also debauch, there is restriction of supply by nature, under the order of the Supreme. Just like there is now petroleum problem. Now, by the order of the Supreme, the restriction is there. Now they are howling, cawling. You see? So everything

will rest, *tasmin tuṣṭe jagat tuṣṭa*. If you keep Kṛṣṇa satisfied, if you all become devotees, Kṛṣṇa consciousness, there is no question of scarcity. There is no question of scarcity. There is immense supply. *Eko yo bahūnām vidadhāti kāmān*.

We have seen it. You have also seen. Sometimes in season, there is so much mango supply that they rot on the ground. Nobody cares to take it. So supply is not in your hands. You cannot supply by factory. You can manufacture bolts and nuts, not rice or dal or ghee or mango or fruits. So supply is ... *Eko yo bahūnām vidadhāti kāmān*. What is the difference between God and ourself? We are also living entities, God is also living entity. *Nityo nityānām*. I have several times explained this. Just like Kṛṣṇa, what is the difference of Kṛṣṇa? You have got two hands; He



has got two hands. He has got two legs; you have got two legs. So the appearance, Kṛṣṇa is equal or in quality. But the difference is that He maintains everyone, and you are maintained. You are now maintainer. You cannot maintain even your family, what to speak of maintain everyone. But God maintains everyone. *Eko yo bahūnām, bahūnām*. *Bahūnām* means many, unlimited. Unlimited number of living entities are there. There are millions of elephants in Africa; He is maintaining. At a time the elephant eats about forty kilograms. And who is supplying food? He is eating. The small fish in the ocean, he is also eating. A small ant within the hole of your room, you are not supplying any food, but they are... They have got their family, their friends and everything. Sometimes they come out in hundreds. (laughter) Who is maintaining? Therefore *eko yo bahūnām vidadhāti*: Kṛṣṇa is maintaining, God maintaining.

So the king is required because the human being has got developed consciousness. So the chance is given. Just like this your president's post is a very exalted post, but he has... Some way or other, people say that he has misused, "Therefore you should go away." Similarly, amongst all living entities, human being is the eldest or the chief or the supermost. So they should use their intelligence properly. But because every human being has got little independence, because he is part and parcel of God ... God has got full independence, so he has also little independence. Just like big fire and small fire, a spark. The spark is also fire. When the sparks fall on your body, it immediately burns your clothes, because it is fire. Similarly, in quality, we

are as good as God. We are spirit soul, and Kṛṣṇa is the supreme spirit soul, Paramātmā. So qualitatively, there is no difference. But quantitatively, there is difference. His intelligence, His power, and my power, my intelligence, is not the same.

“Toy Sputniks”

You can manufacture a toy sputnik to fly in the sky, to float in the sky, by so many mechanical arrangements. As soon as the machine is gone out, immediately falls down. But just see what machine is there, millions and trillions of airplanes, big, big planet with big, big mountains, oceans, they are floating. So that is His intelligence. Your intelligence may be that you can also float a big airplane. But what is that big airplane in comparison to this big, big planet? It is nothing. There is also petrol stock, and in the airplane there is also petrol stock. Perhaps it is floating by petrol, and you are taking out all the petrol. One day it will fall down. Yes. You are disturbing God’s arrangement. Just like we had the history of Lord Varāha’s lifting this planet, earth planet, from the Garbhodaka Ocean. So any time it can fall down. But it is being floated by the supreme power. Otherwise by calculation how such a big planet can float just like a cotton swab? Yes, it is floating. Not only one, millions. So that is explained in the *Bhagavad-gītā*, *gām āviśya ojasā dhārayāmi* [Bg. 15.13]. He enters. He enters in each and every planet, in each and every universe, each and every atom. *Aṅḍāntara-stha-paramāṇu-cayāntara-stham* [Bs. 5.35]. And maintaining them, maintaining them.

So the emperor should be representative of God. He should be qualified, fully qualified. That was the Vedic system. Monarchy, but fully qualified. Therefore he could maintain the kingdom. The citizens were fully qualified, so qualified that they did not suffer even from disease, excessive heat, excessive coldness, no. Very peaceful. Supply was properly... *Sarva-kāma-dughā mahī*. Everything was being supplied. Whatever you want, that is supplied through the earth, throughout the earth. Even if you take meat, that is also coming from the earth. The grass is there, the animal is eating, the cow or the goat. Then you are able to eat the animal. So *sarva-kāma-dughā mahī*. But a human being is not meant for eating animals. Although the nature is that one animal eats another animal, that is the nature, but you have got discrimination. God has given you... When you are in the jungle, you are a tiger, you can eat animals. But when you are civilized, when you can produce nice foodstuff, so many nice grains, fruits, and milk, why should you eat meat? That means you are misusing your advanced intelligence improperly. Therefore you must suffer. You are using your intelligence...

Your intelligence was given to understand what is God, what is your relationship with God, why you are rotting in this material world under shadow illusion of so-called happiness. These things are to be known in human form of body. Not like working very hard like cats and dogs and asses and eat little food and do all sinful activities. This is not human intelligence.

The King of Seven Islands



So who will control? If the king, the head of the government is perfect, then he will control. So that is all gone. Therefore we are suffering. Therefore Yudhiṣṭhira Mahārāja, first business is, before appointing his grandson, he was very eager to know, “Whether he is competent, exactly my representative?” This is the business of the king. And *toya-nīvyāḥ patim*. *Toya-nīvyāḥ patim* means the whole world, not the modern India, a few yards of land, no. The India was governing. India, the king or the emperor of Hastināpura, he was the emperor. Now, seven seas, seven islands, they are mentioned in the Vedic literature. Seven islands. So the emperor

would be emperor of the whole earth and there was everywhere the Vedic culture. Everywhere the Vedic culture was, more or less, principally in that part which is known as India. But in other parts also, the Vedic culture was there. And the Europeans, they belonged to the *kṣatriya* family, and the Americans also coming from them. Now, in due course of time, five thousand years, there is no history. The modern history can give detail up to three thousand years. They do not know what is beyond three thousand years. But you can get history of the human society for millions of years from Vedic literature, not poor fund of knowledge, only two thousand years or three thousand years. Just like this Yudhiṣṭhira Mahārāja was emperor five thousand years ago. So this is the history. That is *Mahābhārata*. This is their characteristic. It is stated in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Everything is there. These rascal scholars, they say that these literatures within 1,500 years or like that. No. That is not accepted by us or our ācāryas. That is not accepted. There are many evidences, archaeological evidences also.

“Hastinapura to Motorcarpura”

So five thousand years ago the king was so perfect, and there was one king who was ruling all over the ... In the Battlefield of Kurukṣetra, from all parts of the world, the subordinate kings they joined to cooperate with either of the parties, Pāṇḍavas and the Kurus. *So bhūmer abhyaṣiñcat. Abhiṣeka. Abhyaṣiñcat.* Just like we install Deity. We bathe the Deity with so many waters. Similarly, during installation of the king, the same ceremony takes place. Before the prince or the emperor sits on the throne, the same ceremony, abhiṣeka ceremony, is performed. Therefore it is said, *abhyaṣiñcat, Gajāhvaye. Gajāhvaye* means Hastināpura. *Hasti* means elephant. So because it is Hastināpura, therefore the name... And *gaja* means also elephant. It is named after elephant. There were many elephants. Just like Gokula. Kṛṣṇa’s planet is known as Gokula. There are many cows, surabhī cows. Go means cow. Similarly, this capital of Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira, Hastināpura, may be taken that there were many elephants. Formerly the



kings used to maintain. Otherwise who will maintain elephants? Suppose I bring one elephant, I present to you, will you accept? You will be finished. (laughs) You can keep one dog, “Gow! Gow! Gow!” but if I say, I present you one elephant, “Please keep it,” “No, sir. No, sir, it is not possible.” So who will maintain?

There... In India, there is a place near Patna where up to ten years before, it was a market, yearly market, for selling cows, horses, elephants, camels, like that. Now there is no customer. At the present moment, that fair of selling big, big horses and... Nobody can purchase horse. They have got this tin car. That also not everyone. So people have become poor. Nobody can maintain now horses or elephants or number of cows. No. That is not possible. So they are condemned now. Formerly they were maintaining. Instead of keeping a big car, they used to keep two, three elephants, number of horses, number of cows. This is domestic animals. They are domestic animals. They used to be maintained. But nowadays they cannot. But during Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira’s time or before that, the city was so full of elephants that it is named after elephant, Hastināpura: “Many elephants.” Still in India, in big procession, marriage ceremony, they bring some elephants. But that is in



procession, elephants, horses, are demonstrated. And especially royal family. But those things have now gone. Now, instead of Hastināpura, it is now “Motorcar-pura.” (laughter) Just see. Thank you very much. 🙏

To listen to this lecture, delivered in Los Angeles, 16 December 1973, follow this link:
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Astrological portents are described in the Bible (Luke 21.25) “And there shall be signs in the Sun, the Moon and the stars.” All over the world people are waking up to such signs of the times, even followers of Christianity. Abhaya Mudra Dasi responds with her own...

Revelations about the Book of Revelation

Abhaya Mudra Dasi

Many have tried to decipher the Bible’s Book of Revelation and its prophecies of “end times” to come. And naturally many wonder when these final days of will arrive. By examining the Book of Revelation through the looking glass of Vedic knowledge many of its mysteries are unraveled and light is shed on its prophecies.

The Book of Revelation was written by John who visualized it through his meditation. In the 4th chapter called “The Throne of Heaven,” the reader gets an idea of the structure of the Universe although the descriptions are condensed and coded. The translations that follow are from the New International Version of the Bible:



After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. (Revelation 4.1-2)

From the description, it appears that John envisioned the heavenly planet of Satyaloka so he can see how the earth looks below:

And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. (Revelation 4.3-4)

It appears that the leader of the demigods sitting in the center was Lord Brahma, and the surrounding elders are demigods who control the eight directions of the three main levels of the Universe ($8 \times 3 = 24$), namely Bhur, Bhuvar and Svah:

From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back (Revelation 4.5-6)

Here John could see the seven upper levels of the universe which may also correspond to the seven *chakras* or seven levels of perception in this universe. According to his level of perception, a living entity resides on a particular level of the universe. Below the throne of Brahma was visible the ocean from which the lotus flower on which Brahma sits had grown.

The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man and the fourth was like a flying eagle. (Revelation 4.7)

Revealed herewith are the four fixed signs or *sthira rashis* of the zodiac: Leo (fire or *teja tattva*); Taurus (earth or *bhumi tattva*); Aquarius (air or *vayu tattva*) with the face of a man; and the eagle—also known as the Scorpio (water or *jala tattva*). This demonstrates how the celestial bodies and signs are important for determining the time and the place where one stands in the universe. The demigods assigned to the different signs are servants of the Supreme Lord. As seen next they are rapt in constant prayer to the Lord.

Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come.” (Revelation 4.8)

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” (4.9-11)

There a scroll has been placed before the demigods that no one wished to open. Finally a lamb, an innocent living entity who is concerned for the welfare of others, came forward and opened the seals. In the 6th chapter entitled “The Seals” the three *gunas* of material nature are clearly explained. It is noteworthy that the Book of Revelation deals with predictions pertaining to Kali Yuga. Thus, it explains the influence of the three *gunas*



and how they affect this *yuga* as well. First the white or pure *sattva guna* is described:

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. (Revelation 6.1-2)

Secondly, *raja guna* or the mode of passion is depicted. It is symbolized by the color red:

When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword. (Revelation 6.3-4)

Then finally the *tama guna* or mode of ignorance arrived. It is dark in color as it controls the *vaishyas* and *shudras*:

When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!” (Revelation 6.5-6)

The next seal reveals a fourth rider which can also be considered a *guna* or “rope” which is the destruction or death of all other *gunas*. The allegorical riders who drive activities through the *gunas* (that are attached to the living entities and cause them to act in certain ways) are philosophical symbolisms that explain the general condition of the living entities in the material world:

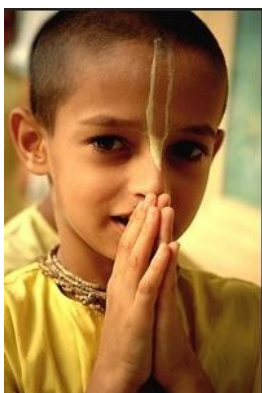
When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth. (Revelation 6.7-8)

Hades is the Greek name of Lord Yamaraja, king of the dead. The other three seals reveal the pitiful condition of the living entities that have forsaken the service of the Supreme Lord in the material world. There are also verses—reminiscent of the *Bhagavata* 3.17.4—that describe inauspicious comets, meteors earthquakes and eclipses of the Sun and the Moon:

I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars

in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. (Revelation 6.12-15)

Following that the revelation continues as a demigod or an angel from the eastern direction (the holiest of directions) pleads with the other demigods. The angel indicates that many residents of the upper planetary systems will descend to Earth in order to preach and to mark those who are inclined to worship the Supreme Lord. This appears to be indicative of the upcoming mini Satya Yuga: “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” Thus we learn about the Vaishnava servants of God who wear the mark of *tilaka* on their foreheads. The prophecy appears to imply the coming of the *sankirtana* movement and of Lord Krishna’s pure devotee, Shrila Prabhupada. The next lines show that people from different nations are worshiping the Lord:



After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until *we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.*” (Revelation 7.1-3)

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7.9)

Once the 7th seal was opened it was shown to contain an offering to the Lord of incense and prayers. Only after that were the demigods given permission to exercise their destructive powers upon the Earth. Even so, they were quite selective as they spared the servant of the Supreme Lord.

When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them. (Revelation 9.2-6)

In the next verses reveal how the earth becomes overpowered by the influence of the *danavas* or demons that are sometimes depicted as dragons. Afterwards the well known (but little understood) beast of the Bible appears. Described first is a beast in the sea, and then another one appears on earth who forces everyone to take his mark. It appears that the beast will wage a war against the devotees of the Lord and in this way establish the complete rule of Kali Yuga:

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast ... (Revelation 13.5-8)

The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666. (Revelation 13.15-18)

The beast appears to be Kali himself who has been decreed to rule over Kali Yuga, the age of hypocrisy. Here we find that—instead of wearing the mark of the Lord—the people will prefer to wear the mark of Kali on their forehead. The number of the beast is stated to be $6 + 6 + 6 = 18$ which equals $1 + 8 = 9$ or a complete number. The three numbers mean that Kali will have authority over the three different levels of existence namely physical, mental and spiritual. The number 6 is associated with Shukracharya or the *guru* of the demons showing that the intelligence of the demoniac influence will be complete and very difficult to break. The devotees of the Lord will continue to preach the message of *sankirtana* even in this situation despite the influence of the beast—Kali—as revealed in the following verses.

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name." (Revelation 14.9-11)

As described in later verses, innumerable persons are tortured and killed until the Kalki *avatara* of the Supreme Lord appears. As seen earlier, the

rider on a white horse is associated with the mode of goodness, which has been entirely perverted and obscured in Kali Yuga. The beast will wage a war against Kalki *avatara* but the consequences are clearly described:



**“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands, Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before his presence with singing, Know ye that the Lord He is God.” (Psalm 100)**

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. (Revelation 19.19-21)

Although Kali is captured, he will be released again as the *yugas* repeat in the material world. His servants are not so fortunate and will be tortured for a long time.

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Rev 20.7-10)

This is going on, that those who meet death are judged accordingly by Hades or the King of the Dead Yamaraja. Yet at the end of Kali Yuga those who are not worthy for birth in the next Satya Yuga will have to wait for a long period of time in hell for yet another suitably hellish condition on earth so

they can regain again a human form of life in accordance with the *vikarma-phala* (reactions to sinful deeds) they have accrued.



Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelations 20.11-15)

The final verses of the Book of Revelation reveal the coming Satya Yuga. All people who live during Satya Yuga are devotees of the Supreme Lord, and they do not even die until they wish to since they are pious:

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” (Revelations 21.1-5)

The city of Jerusalem—ancient Hierosalem—is mentioned as a hiero (holy) salem (place) where one can directly access the spiritual world where no light is needed as the place is self effulgent.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life. (Revelation 21.22-27)

The Book of Revelation finishes with showing that there is spiritual world beyond this material world. The description that follows reflects Lord Krishna's instruction of the *Bhagavad-gita* (15.6), "That abode of Mine is not illumined by the sun or moon, nor by electricity. And anyone who reaches it never comes back to this material world."

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 22.4-5)

The Lord assured John that he is coming to save His suffering servants from the influence of Kali Yuga. It is clear that nobody else but Kali is described in the Bible:


"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22.12-13)

The Lord's instruction to John is another reflection of his assurance to Arjuna (10.20): "I am the beginning, the middle and the end of all beings." Evidentially the Lord's promise that He is that coming soon relates is not that soon for a mere mortal but since John has witnessed this revelation from Heaven where time is much slower the second coming of Christ or Shri Krishna may seem soon. After all 1200 celestial years is exactly the duration of Kali Yuga according to *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* (3.11.19):

*catvari trini dve caikam krtadisu yatha-kramam
sankhyatani sahasrani dvi-gunani satani ca*

"The duration of the Satya millennium equals 4,800 years of the years of the demigods; the duration of the Treta millennium equals 3,600 years of the demigods; the duration of the Dvapara millennium equals 2,400 years; and that of the Kali millennium is 1,200 years of the demigods."

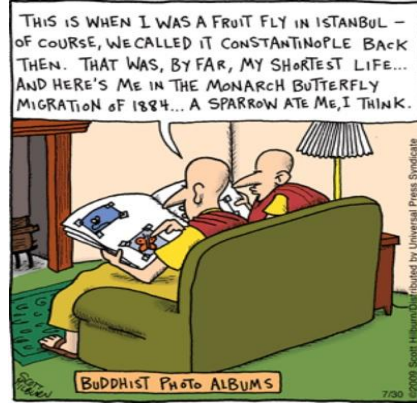
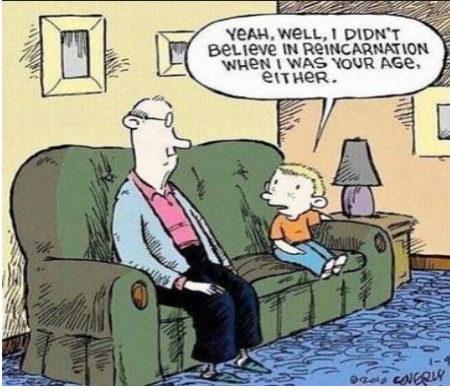
Bhaktivedanta Purport: As aforementioned, one year of the demigods is equal to 360 years of the human beings. The duration of the Satya-yuga is therefore $4,800 \times 360$, or 1,728,000 years. The duration of the Treta-yuga is $3,600 \times 360$, or 1,296,000 years. The duration of the Dvapara-yuga is $2,400 \times 360$, or 864,000 years. And the last, the Kali-yuga, is $1,200 \times 360$, or 432,000 years.

After the one thousand celestial years of Kali Yuga, the Satya Yuga will manifest again. At that time the minds of all men will become self-effulgent. (SB 12.2.34) 

For a video about current evidence of coming Biblical prophecies, including astrological ones, follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxXxvJYUpxk>

When Shrila Prabhupada first arrived in America in September of 1965, the scientific principle of reincarnation was widely viewed as a notion for crackpots. Half a century later, after millions of His Divine Grace's books have been distributed by his growing army of preachers, the idea of death and rebirth has gone main stream—as we find on the internet with ...

Reincarnated Humor



*na jāyate mriyate vā kadācin nāyam bhūtvā bhavitā vā na bhūyaḥ
ajo nityaḥ śāśvato 'yaṁ purāṇo na hanyate hanyamāne śarīre*

“For the soul there is never birth nor death. Nor, having once been, does he ever cease to be. He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing, undying and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain.”(Bg 2.20) R

From the epic poem *Nimai of Nabadwip* by Patita Pavana dasa, we learn of the time Nimai Pandit visited an astrologer ...

Nimai Pandit and the Astrologer

Consulting an astrologer, the Lord asked of the birth,
That He'd accepted in His past sojourn upon the Earth.

Surprised, the gazer of the stars saw many holy forms,
He found he was observing incarnations by the swarms.



Nrisimhadev, Varaha, Krishna from the groves of Vraja,
Lords Matsya, Kurma, Hayagriva, and Ayodhya's Raja.

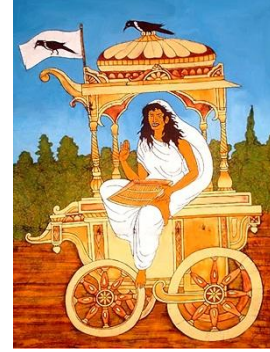
Bewildered by the baffling power of Nimai's wondrous forces,
He could not know our Hero was the Sovereign Source of sources.

He asked the Lord, “Be pleased to see me on another day.”
The Lord Divine and Source Sublime just smiled and went His way. R

A reader asks ...

Who is Nirriti?

Question: In my chart, it was noted that my Mars is not only debilitated, but is also situated in the southwestern direction. This is said to be the place of Nirriti which indicates some “displeasure of the *devatas*.” And you mentioned that Nirriti or Alakshmi is also the ruler of my Mula *nakshatra*. It is very true that my Mars period produced great struggles, and if it wasn’t for the shelter of the Holy Names and devotee association it would have been much worse. Can you explain more about this goddess Nirriti?



Answer: In a word, Nirriti is the goddess of destruction. But bear in mind that destruction can be a good thing when it comes to the obliteration of bodily consciousness concomitant with spiritual awakening. Every horoscope shows a mixture of positive and negative qualities—*satya*, *rajas* and *tamas*—since this is the material world. However, devotees tend to have charts showing good combinations for devotion and protection that far outweigh any *arishtas*, or combinations for difficulty.

Negative aspects of material creation also originally emanate from Lord Brahma. As far as Nirriti is concerned, naturally the *shastras* do not dwell too much on her, but we do find this explanation in the *Shrimad-Bhagavatam* (4.4.2-5) as follows:

Another son of Lord Brahmā was Irreligion, whose wife’s name was Falsity. From their combination were born two demons named Dambha, or Bluffing, and Māyā, or Cheating. These two demons were taken by a demon named Nirriti, who had no children. (4.4.2)

Bhaktivedanta Purport: It is understood herein that Adharma, Irreligion, was also a son of Brahmā, and he married his sister Mṛṣā. This is the beginning of sex life between brother and sister. This unnatural combination of sex life can be possible in human society only where there is Adharma, or Irreligion. It is understood that in the beginning of creation Brahmā created not only saintly sons like Sanaka, Sanātana and Nārada but also demonic offspring like Nirṛti, Adharma, Dambha and Falsity. Everything was created by Brahmā in the beginning. Regarding Nārada, it is understood that because his previous life was very pious and his association very good, he was born as Nārada. Others were also born in their own capacities, according to their backgrounds. The law of *karma* continues birth after birth, and when there is a new creation, the same *karma* comes back with the living entities. They are born in different capacities according to *karma* even though their father is originally Brahmā, who is the exalted qualitative incarnation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Maitreya told Vidura: O great soul, from Dambha and Māyā were born Greed and Nikṛti, or Cunning. From their combination came children named Krodha (Anger) and Himsā (Envy), and from their combination were born Kali and his sister Durukti (Harsh Speech). (4.4.3)

O greatest of all good men, by the combination of Kali and Harsh Speech were born children named Mr̥tyu (Death) and Bh̥iti (Fear). From the combination of Mr̥tyu and Bh̥iti came children named Yātanā (Excessive Pain) and Niraya (Hell). (4.4.4)

My dear Vidura, I have summarily explained the causes of devastation. One who hears this description three times attains piety and washes the sinful contamination from his soul. (4.4.5) P



Letters to the Editor

(Edited for conciseness)

“Amazing Newsletter”

Dear Godbrother Patita Pavana dasa Prabhu,
How are things in Bulgaria? Thank you for another amazing and wonderful edition of **The Astrological Newsletter**. Abhaya Mudra Dasi’s JFK article was insightful. And the Yamadutta photo was really frightening. Where did you get it? I hope this meets you and your good wife well. Please take care. Hari bol.
Your servant,
JM (Europe)

“Article on Kennedy”

Haribol,
What Abhaya Mudra Dasi has written about Kennedy being at the Vatican in his past life is interesting. I read some time back that the members of the Kennedy family are reincarnations of this powerful Medici family in Italy. And they were involved in so many plots that now almost all members of Kennedy clan have suffered in their present life.
Best regards,
PT (France)

“Prompt and Accurate”

Hare Krsna, Prabhus:
Thank you very much for my Full Life Reading. I very much appreciate your prompt, quick and accurate reading.
SD (UK)

“Full Life Reading is Helpful”

Hare Krishna Patita Pavana Prabhu ji, Abhaya Mataji,
Thank you so much for your blessings, I can honestly say that during these hard times and good times, I always remember back to the Full Life Reading you both helped me with. I remember your wise words and it is with your blessings that I’m able to progress and make informed decisions. I am ever grateful that I can rely on you both, always mentioning you to others who can also benefit from your beautiful service.

I've deposited the *dakshina* Prabhu ji, and I hope that in the future our beautiful Lord Krishna calls me to you again and again so that I may of service to you Prabhu.

Your grateful servant,
RP (UK)

“Amazement”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu, dear Mother Abhaya Mudra,
Thank you so much! I received my reading and read it with amazement! So many things were true!
Your servant,
Madhavi d.d.

“Recommends Services”

Hare Krishna Dear Prabhu!
Please accept my respectful obeisances! Thank you very much for your letter. My husband is going to contact you soon regarding graphical reading. Once again thank you for your very nice work. We have been recommending your service to quite a few devotees.
Your servant IP (UK)

“Krishna Conscious Astrology”

Hare Krishna Patita Pavana Prabhu ji, Abhaya Mudra Mataji,
Please accept my sincerest obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada. We'd both like to thank you for the reading, indeed the chart is really nice. I'm really looking forward to meeting you and Mataji at the Black Sea Sadhu Sannelan in mid July, having your association will be my blessed fortune! I'm so grateful to you and Mataji, Prabhuji. I feel the potency of your blessings, I'm truly blessed that Krishna came back into my life and gave me the association of his most loved devotees.
Your aspiring, grateful servant,
RP (UK)

“Learning Vedic Astrology”

Dear Patita Pavana dasa Adhikary, Dear Abhaya Mudra Dasi,
Hare Krishna! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! I would like to a Full life reading. Areas that are of the most interest me is spiritual advancement, the best career path for me as well as future family life. These are just some general areas I'm most interested in; I can go into more detail afterwards.

Also I have started studying Vedic astrology myself for about half a year now, so I have some basic knowledge regarding astrology and chart reading. I can arrange the payment as soon as I receive confirmation from your side. Looking forward to hearing from you.
Your servant,

DD (Latvia)

Yes, the best way to become familiar with the workings of Vedic astrology is via a Full Life Reading and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you. Just remember that the founding principle of astrology, as with all Vedangas, is Krishna consciousness. Any system of divination, astrology, yoga, mysticism, science or artistic expression that does not acknowledge Shri Krishna as the Supreme Controller is essentially useless.

“Helpful and Informative”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu.

Thank you very much for the reading. I found it very helpful and informative and I will definitely be recommending you to others.

Ys,
SK (UK)

“Astro Carto Graphy”

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu and Mother Abhaya Mudra Mataji,
Please accept my respectful obeisances, thank you very much for your valuable time and effort apply on my chart reading. It has been extremely important for me to receive all the information there. I would like to ask you if we could get a head with an astro cartographical reading of where my wife and me could live comfortably on the coming years. Since it will be crucial to make future plans: what countries and for how long?
Your insignificant servant,
VK (UK)

“Asta and Udaya”

Dear Patita-pavana Prabhu,
Please accept my humble obeisances! One astrologically-related question: Would the mention of the ‘rising’ (*udaya*) or ‘setting’ (*asta*) of Sukra or Guru refer to either of those planets being present in a *rasi* which is rising (on the morning horizon) or setting (on the late afternoon horizon), or to something else. I would think that the above is correct, but would like to confirm that with you.
Many thanks.
PD (USA)

Yes, of course you are correct. As far as lagna-based jyotisha is concerned, when the 1st house constellation or lagna is rising in the east and a particular planet is in that sign, therefore that planet is also rising. And ten or twelve hours later that planet and constellation also set together on the western horizon. For example, nowadays Jupiter is in Karkata rashi, Cancer. So when the sign of the crab appears on the eastern horizon, therefore Jupiter is also rising. And when Cancer sets after crossing the visible horizon Jupiter is also setting. -Ed.

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