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... His loving smile conquered the world.

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

“Therefore any gentleman, dhira, must be interested in jyotisha, astrology.” (S.B. 10.8.5, Purport)

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Relieving the Burdens of the Earth

Also: The Nakshatras of the Sons of King Dasharatha

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Dear Prabhus,

Welcome to the issue! We are living in times of change; though they are times of excitement they are also times of anticipation. ***Before any upsurge in consciousness there are great upheavals in the continents.*** Those times are upon us. In this issue Shrila Prabhupada explains from his living Purports that the demons are made to battle one another by the will of Shri Krishna, for the Lord seeks to clear the path for the devotees to practice Krishna consciousness. For the devotees, therefore, intelligence means to get out of the way. The *Ramayana* reveals the *nakshatras* of each of the sons of King Dasharatha—Bhagavan Shri Rama and His brothers as you will read. Finally Abhaya Mudra Dasi provides evidence from the *Mahabharata* about how Kali can be defeated for the coming Krishna conscious world. Thanks for reading.

I beg to remain, yours at the lotus feet of the servants of Shrila Prabhupada,

Patita Pavana dasa Adhikary, Ed.

The prospect of global war appears inevitable because, as we learn from the Shrimad-Bhagavatam, war between demons is the will of the Supreme Lord Shri Krishna. It is He who arranges for ...

Relieving the Burden of the Earth

His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

akshauhininam patibhir asurair nripa-lanchanaih
bhuva akramyamanaya abharaya kritodyamah (SB 9.24.59)*

“Although the demons who take possession of the government are dressed like men of government, they do not know the duty of the government. Consequently, by the arrangement of God, such demons, who possess great military strength, fight with one another, and thus the great burden of demons on the surface of the earth is reduced. The demons increase their military power by the will of the Supreme, so that their numbers will be diminished and the devotees will have a chance to advance in Krishna consciousness.”

BHAKTIVEDANTA PURPORT: As stated in *Bhagavad-gita* (4.8), *paritranaya sadhunam vinashaya cha dushkritam* The *sadhus*, the devotees



of the Lord, are always eager to advance the cause of Krishna consciousness so that the conditioned souls may be released from the bondage of birth and death. But the *asuras*, the demons, impede the advancement of the Krishna consciousness movement, and therefore Krishna arranges occasional fights between different *asuras* who are very much interested in increasing their military power. The duty of the government or king is not to increase military power unnecessarily; the real duty of the government is to see that the people of the state advance in Krishna consciousness.

For this purpose, Krishna says in *Bhagavad-gita* (4.13), *chatur-varnyam maya shrishtam guna-karma-*

vibhagashah: “According to the three modes of material nature and the work ascribed to them, the four divisions of human society were created by Me.” There should be an ideal class of men who are bona fide brāhmaṇas, and they should be given all protection. *Namo brahmananya-devaya go-brahmana-hitaya cha*. Krishna is very fond of *brahmaṇas* and cows. The *brahmaṇas* promulgate the cause of advancement in Krishna consciousness, and the cows give enough milk to maintain the body in the mode of goodness. The *kshatriyas* and the government should be advised by the *brahmaṇas*. Next, the *vaishyas* should produce enough foodstuffs, and the śūdras, who cannot do anything beneficial on their own, should serve the three higher classes (the *brahmaṇas*, *kshatriyas* and *vaishyas*). This is the arrangement of the Supreme Personality of Godhead so that the conditioned souls will be released from the material condition and return home, back to Godhead. This is the purpose of Krishna’s descent on the surface of the earth (*paritranaaya sadhunam vinashaya cha dushkritam*).



Everyone must understand Krishna’s activities (*janma karma cha me divyam*). If one understands the purpose of Krishna’s coming to this earth and performing His activities, one is immediately liberated. This liberation is the purpose of the creation and Krishna’s descent upon the surface of the earth. Demons are very much interested in advancing a plan by which people will labor hard like cats, dogs and hogs, but Krishna’s devotees want to teach Krishna consciousness so that people will be satisfied with plain living and Krishna conscious advancement. Although demons have created many plans for industry and hard labor so that people will work day and night like animals, this is not the purpose of civilization. Such endeavors are *jagato’hitah*; that is, they are meant for the misfortune of the people in general. *Kshayaya*: such activities lead to annihilation.

One who understands the purpose of Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, should seriously understand the importance of the Krishna consciousness movement and seriously take part in it. One should not endeavor for *ugra-karma*, or unnecessary work for sense gratification.

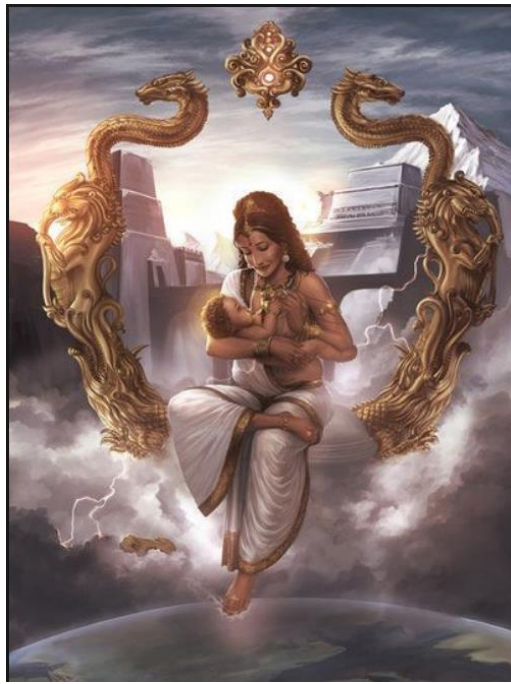
Nunam pramattah kurute vikarma yad indriya-pritaya aprṇoti (Shrimad-Bhagavatam 5.5.4). Simply for sense gratification, people make plans for material happiness. *Maya-sukhaya bharam udvahato vimudhan (Shrimad-Bhagavatam 7.9.43).* They do this because they are all *vimudhas*, rascals. For flickering happiness, people waste their human energy, not understanding the importance of the Krishna consciousness movement but instead accusing the simple devotees of brainwashing. Demons may falsely accuse the preachers of the Krishna consciousness movement, but Krishna will arrange a fight between the demons in which all their military power will be engaged and both parties of demons will be annihilated. ♪



***FOOTNOTE:** from Wiki—“An *akshauhini* (अक्षौहिणी *akṣauhiṇī*) is described in the *Mahabharata* as a battle formation consisting of 21,870 chariots (*ratha*); 21,870 elephants (*gaja*); 65,610 horses (*turaga*) and 109,350 infantry (*pada sainyam*) as per the *Mahabharata* (*Adi Parva* 2.15-23). Thus the total number of humans, warriors in *akshauhini* is equal to 218,700. The ratio is 1 chariot: 1 elephant: 3 cavalry: 5 infantry soldiers. In each of these large number groups (65,610, etc.), the digits add up to 18. It is said that the size of Pandava’s army in the Kurukshetra War was 7 *akshauhinis*, and those of Kauravas 11 *akshauhinis*.” ♪

*The Ramayana names the birth stars (nakshatras) of Lord Shri Ramachandra and His three brothers. Rama** appeared under Moon in Pushyami in Cancer; Lakshmana and Shatrughna appeared under Ashlesha in Cancer. And Bharata appeared under Pushyami in Cancer. The following translation from Shri Valmiki Ramayana in chaste English poetry is from the pen of scholar / poet Shri Ralph T. H. Griffith*** (1870).*

The Nakshatras of the Sons of King Dasharatha



Mother Aditi, goddess of Lord Rama's Punarvasu nakshatra, here holds her infant Indra

The seasons six in rapid flight (*1)
Had circled since that glorious rite. (*2)
Eleven months had passed away:
'Twas Chaitra's ninth returning day. (*3)

The Moon within that mansion shone
Which Aditi looks kindly on. (*4)
Raised to their apex in the sky
Five brilliant planets beamed on high.

Shone with the Moon, in Cancer's sign.
Brihaspati with light divine. (*5)
Kaushalya bore an infant blest
With heavenly marks of grace impressed; (*6)

Rama, the universe's Lord,
A prince by all the worlds adored.
New glory Queen Kaushalya won
Reflected from her splendid son.



King Dasharatha, his three queens, and the birth of their four sons (though born at different times)..

So Aditi shone more and more,
The Mother of the gods, when she
The king of the immortals bore,
The thunder-wielding deity. (*7)

The lotus-eyed, the beautiful boy,
He came fierce Ravan to destroy;
From half of Vishnu's vigour born, (*8)
He came to help the world's forlorn. (*9)



Lord Rama appeared for the destruction of the demon Ravana

And Queen Kaikeyí bore a child
 Of truest valour, Bharat styled,
 With every princely virtue blest,
 One fourth of Vishnu manifest.

Sumitrá too a noble pair,
 Called Lakshman and Shatrughna, bear,
 Of high emprise, devoted, true,
 Sharers in Vishnu's essence too. (*10)

'Neath Pushya's mansion, Mina's sign, (*11)
 Was Bharat born, of soul benign.
 The sun had reached the Crab at morn
 When Queen Sumitra's babes were born,



Lord Rama with His brothers Lakshmana, Shatrughna and Bharata. Queen Sita along with sons Lava and Kusha. Sage Valmiki holds Ramayana and Hanuman kneels before the throne.

What time the Moon had gone to make
 His nightly dwelling with the Snake. (*12)
 The high-souled monarch's consorts bore
 At different times those glorious four,

Like to himself and virtuous, bright
 As Proshthapada's four-fold light. (*13)
 Then danced the nymphs' celestial throng,
 The minstrels raised their strain;

The drums of heaven pealed loud and long,
 And dowers came down in rain.
 Within Ayodhya, blithe and gay,
 All kept the joyous holiday. (*14)



Rama Navami is celebrated as much today as ever

The spacious square, the ample road
With mimes and dancers overflowed,
And with the voice of music rang
Where minstrels played and singers sang,

And shone, a wonder to behold,
With dazzling show of gems and gold,
Nor did the king his largess spare,
For minstrel, driver, bard, to share;
Much wealth the Brahmans bore away,
And many thousand dine that day. (*15)

Soon as each babe was twelve days old
'Twas time the naming rite to hold.
When Saint Vashishtha, rapt with joy,
Assigned a name to every boy.

Rama, to him the high-souled heir,
Bharat, to him Kaikeyí bare:
Of Queen Sumitrá one fair son
Was Lakshman, and Shatrughna one. (*16)



The generous King Dasharatha with his three queens: Kaushalya, Sumitra and Kaikeyi.

Rama, his sire's supreme delight,
Like some proud banner cheered his sight,
And to all creatures seemed to be
The self-existent Deity.

All heroes, versed in holy lore,
To all mankind great love they bore.
Fair stores of wisdom all possessed,
With princely graces all were blest.

But mid those youths of high descent,
With lordly light preeminent.
Like the full Moon unclouded, shone
Ráma, the world's dear paragon.

He best the elephant could guide.
Urge the fleet car, the charger ride;
A master he of bowman's skill,
Joying to do his father's will.



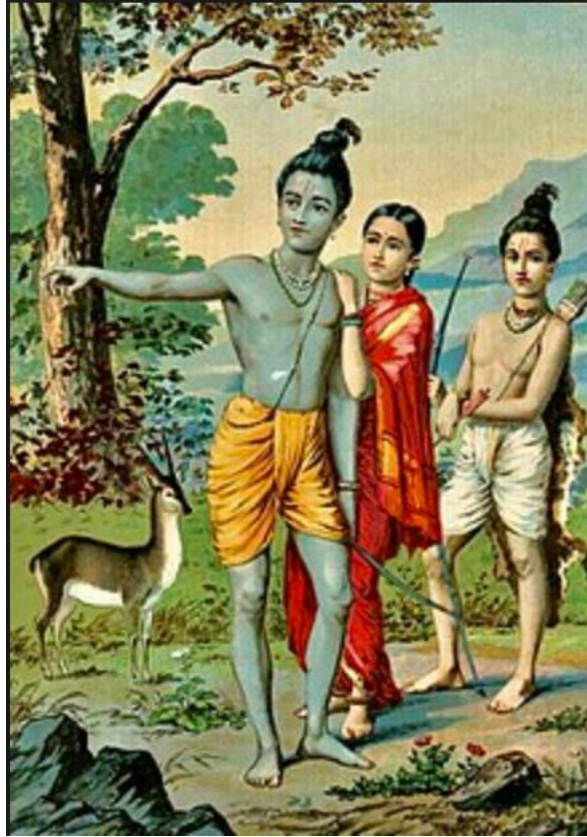
Rama, the world's dear paragon.

The world's delight and darling, he
Loved Lakshman best from infancy;
And Lakshman, lord of lofty fate,
Upon his elder joyed to wait,

Striving his second self to please
With friendship's sweet observances.
His limbs the hero ne'er would rest
Unless the couch his brother pressed;

Except beloved Rama shared
He could not taste the meal prepared.
When Ráma, pride of Raghu's race,
Sprang on his steed to urge the chase,

Behind him Lakshman loved to go
And guard him with his trusty bow.
As Rama was to Lakshman dear
More than his life and ever near,



Shri Sita-Rama and Lakshmana

So fond Shatrughna prized above
His very life his Bharat's love.
Illustrious heroes, nobly kind
In mutual love they all combined,

And gave their royal sire delight
With modest grace and warrior might:
Supported by the glorious four
Shone Dasharatha more and more,

As though, with every guardian,
God Who keeps the land and skies,
The Father of all creatures trod
The earth before men's eyes. ♪

FOOTNOTES AND COMMENTARY

(*1) According to Vedic reckoning, there are six seasons, the *shad-ritus*, and each is the sixth part of a year or two months each. They are *vasanta* (spring), *grishma* (summer), *varsha* (rains), *sharada* (autumn), *hemanta* (winter) and *shishira* (deep winter).

(*2) “Circled” refers to the cycle of timeless time divided into hours, days, months, seasons, years, etc. The “glorious rite” refers to the Putrakamesthi Yagna to obtain a worthy heir that had been performed by King Dasharatha (as described earlier in the *Ramayana*).

(*3) Shri Ramachandra was in the womb of His mother Kaushalya for eleven months. He appeared on the 9th day of the waxing fortnight or *navami shukla* of the Vedic month of Chaitra. Chaitra is the first month of the spring season or *vasanta*.

(*4) Aditi is the wife of Kashyapa Muni and the mother of the demigods. She is a ruler of Punarvasu *nakshatra* under which Lord Rama appeared.

(*5) “Five brilliant planets beamed on high” refers to the highest elevation of planets during the appearance of Lord Rama. The mention of “five planets” in *jyotisha* generally refers to the nine planets minus Rahu and Ketu, the Sun and the Moon.

- a. Jupiter or Brihaspati was exalted in Cancer and in the rising sign *kendra* made *hamsa mahapurusha yoga*. Jupiter has *dig-bala* or directional strength in the *lagna*.
- b. The Moon was in his own sign of Cancer and sitting with Jupiter made *gaja-keshari yoga*, and *pushkala yoga*.
- c. Saturn was exalted in Libra and in the 4th house *kendra* made *shasha mahapurusha yoga*.
- d. Mars was exalted in Capricorn and in the 7th house *kendra* made *ruchaka mahapurusha yoga*.
- e. Venus was exalted in Pisces the 9th house *trikona* and made *bhagya yoga*, *chamara yoga*, *mridanga yoga*, etc.
- f. The Sun was exalted in Aries in the 10th house with *dig-bala*.

(*6) The science of auspicious physical marks which is called *Hasta Samudrika Shastra*, delineates the bodily signs of *avatars* of the Supreme Lord. “Samudrika” refers to the Lord Vishnu on the Causal Ocean.

(*7) Since Lord Rama appeared under the *nakshatra* of Mother Aditi, she was as honored by the appearance of Lord Rama under her star as when she gave birth to Indradeva, king of heaven.

(*8) “From half of Vishnu’s vigour born” reveals that Lord Ramachandra is an expansion of the Personality of Godhead Lord Vishnu.

(*9) “He came to help the world’s forlorn ...” Hence Lord Ramachandra, like Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, is known as Patita-pavana or “the deliverer of the fallen.”

(*10) The three brothers of Lord Rama: Queen Kaikeyi’s son Bharata, and Queen Sumitra’s sons Lakshmana and Shatrughna, were certainly Shri Vishnu-tattwa.

(*11) “Neath Pushya’s mansion, Mina’s sign,” refers to Bharata appearing under Moon in Pushyami *nakshatra* which occurs in the sign of Cancer, while the Sun was in Mina or Pisces. He is described as having been born eleven months after Lord Rama, and was actually the youngest of the sons of King Dasharatha. The solar month of Mina or Pisces follows the solar month of Mesha or Aries by eleven months.

(*12) The Sun was in the sign of Cancer the crab in the morning hours when the twin sons of Queen Sumitra, Lakshman and Shatrughna, appeared. The Moon was in the *nakshatra* of the snake, or Ashlesha, ruled by the divine serpent Vasuki.

(*13) Proshthapada is an alternative name of the *nakshatra* Purvabhadrapada, the star of the winged horse Pegasus or Uchchaihshravas. Proshthapada is also the name of the month of Bhadrapada or Hirishikesha that is named for the full Moon conjoining this star.



Shri Shri Sita-Rama, Lakshmana, Hanuman, Hare Krishna Land, ISKCON Mumbai.

(*14) “Dowers” is an archaic English term denoting “gift,” and is the basis of the world “dowry.” From the very birth of Lord Rama, Rama Navami, has been observed yearly for millions of years. At the time of His appearance the demigods rained all auspiciousness upon the earth.

(*15) At the birth ceremony of His son Rama, King Dasharatha generously rewarded the *brahmanas*, dancers, singers, musicians and charioteers.

(*16) Sage Vashishtha named each of the sons of King Dasharatha at the name giving ceremonies held twelve days after their births. Rama: “who gives the highest pleasure to the world. Bharata: “the support of the Universe.” Lakshman: “the abode of all auspiciousness.” Shatrughna: “the destroyer of foes.

**For more on the horoscope of Lord Rama, see The Astrological Newsletter (14) http://ebooks.iskcondesiretree.com/pdf/Astrological_Newsletter/THE_ASTROLOGICAL_NEWSLETTER_-_Issue-14_-_2010_October_17.pdf.

***Griffith was obviously a devotee in the body of an Englishman. Read his entire work here: <http://www.sacred-texts.com/hin/rama/index.htm> 🙏

With the Golden Age of Kali Yuga on the horizon—as predicted by Lord Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and demonstrated by Shrila Prabhupada, Abhaya Mudra Dasi asks...

What Can Kill Kali?

Abhaya Mudra Dasi



Duryodhana was none other than the personification of Kali himself, lord of the sinful Kali Yuga. So how was he killed? Bhima killed him by striking him on his thigh with his powerful club. Just before his death Duryodhana was hiding in a lake.

From this instance we conclude that the personification of Kali was born under the sign of Taurus. That would mean that his 8th house, the house of death or *mrityustan*, was in the sign of Sagittarius, Sagittarius, the sign of the centaur or Dhanusha, rules the thighs. With Taurus rising, the 7th house becomes Scorpio. The 7th is also linked to death (being the 12th or “loss” to the 8th). Scorpio is a watery sign. Duryodhana died beside a lake.

Kali is a very jealous person whose motivation is revenge. As told in the Mahabharata episode about Nala and Damayanti, Kali wished to take out his revenge on Nala for marrying the beautiful Damayanti. Kali thought that only he was suited for the hand of Damayanti.



Damayanti first learns of King Nala from the Swan Messenger. Drawing by M V Durandhara, 1910.

Queen Damayanti is accepted as an expansion of Lakshmi Devi. In this present sinful age of Kali's rule, money or the representative of Goddess Lakshmi, is considered the most important asset, But money as the standard of elevation is actually very far from the truth--since the heart of Lakshmi can only be possessed by devotion unto the lotus feet of Her Husband Shri Krishna.

Since the personification of Kali died because of the sign of Sagittarius, we conclude that Truth is the only weapon that can defeat Kali exactly as the club of Bhima killed Duriোধana under the guidance of Shri Krishna.

Sagittarius is the sign of truth like the sharp arrow held by the centaur. It was not by chance that Shrila Prabhupada appeared under Sagittarius rising. His books and mercy have come to the West where Kali has his main residence. By the influence of Shrila Prabhupada's arrows of the Supreme Absolute Truth Kali must retreat in defeat. ८

From the Mahabharata ...

Thus Spake Queen Damayanti

King Nala having lost his throne and was exiled to the forest. He went to his Queen Damayanti and, grief-stricken, bade her, "My dear Queen, it is useless to stay any longer with one who is the victim of ill fortune. I do not even have a loin cloth with which to cover myself. Therefore, return to your father's kingdom of Vidarbha and live with your father King Bhima. Please go and leave me to suffer alone."

But Queen Damayanti smiled bravely and declared. "Never, O King, for you having fallen on evil days is the very reason that I cannot leave you. In times of trouble, there is no remedy equal to the affection of a loving wife." ८



Letters to the Editor

(Edited for brevity)

"Changed in a Positive Way"

Dear Abhaya Mudra and Patita Pavana prabhus,

Hare Krishna Patita Pavana prabhu and Mother Abhaya Mudra, Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I have printed out the Life Management Reading and have begun studying it, several readings and highlighting various points. It has helped shift me and has changed - in a very positive way - the image I had of myself. Some parts were eerily accurate!

I have printed and hung the two Yantras, bought an amethyst set in silver, You point out how the yogas deliver more goods once the person understands their existence, their function, etc. I experienced these began flowing from the pages right from the first reading, and I feel enlivened and peaceful.

So thanks to you both. I have a couple of people in mind who may be candidates for a reading and will encourage them to make contact with you.

Yours in service, SND (Australia)

“Over the Moon”

Dear Patita Pavan Prabhu and Mother Abhaya Mudra,

Hare Krishna. Thank you so much for sending the reading so quickly. I just want to say that I am so over the moon that we somehow discovered you. I cannot believe our good fortune. You are both truly empowered by Guru and Krishna to perform this service. Thank you so much for all of your hard work and the earnestness with which you do it. It is so much deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
SD (South Africa)

“Making a Gift of Our Full Life Readings”

Dear Patita Pavana Das and Abhaya Mudra Dasi,

Please accept my reverences and greetings from Argentina.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada. I am grateful that I can be in touch with you again.

First I would like to thank you very much for inviting me to your Mithuna Twins Facebook group. Undoubtedly is a great source of inspiration everyday to read your articles Thank you very much for the service that you do helping devotees all around the globe and guiding us in the right path of devotion.

I am writing to ask, if there is a possibility to prepare, a compatibility reading for my relation with my girlfriend, and also to prepare a Full Life Reading for her to give as a present, to improve her life. She is chanting Hare Krishna and now she's taking care of Gaura-Nitai Deities

Wishing you the best,
PS (Argentina)

Naturally we love to prepare compatibility charts in order to see devotee couples succeed lifelong together –Ed.

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