

Mundane Astrology

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Subject: Earthquakes

Here in New Dwaraka everyone is asking me about earthquake predictions. My first retort is that I don't make those kind of predictions. My logic is that there are so many atrocities going on constantly in this age i.e. abortions, murders, killing of animals, accidents on the highways, cheating and stealing, that an earthquake is actually a minor occurrence. How then to predict it when there are so many bad omens going on continuously that the whole atmosphere is clouded and only a superhuman could possibly discern the exact timing of such an insignificant event as an earthquake. Actually there are so many bad omens going on in this age that people don't even view them as bad. This is the nature of ignorance, the complete opposite of goodness. So the devotees use this as basic training to become aloof from such disturbances and qualify themselves for Krsna's abode.

Personally I don't like when astrologers make mundane predictions. Unless they are very expert such as B.V. Raman they are prone to errors and just discredit the science. There is a branch of Vedic mundane astrology but texts are rare and not many are very expert in this area. Maybe Shyamasundara has some comments on the area of mundane astrology and his experience in that area.

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I have been very busy and will continue to be, that is why I have not posted much lately.

But regards mundane astrology, it is perhaps the most complex aspect of Vedic astrology because so many factors must be taken into account. It requires a lot of time and energy and is very costly.

In 1989 I spent 2 solid months on forecasts about the USA and USSR for the upcoming year of 1990. I sent out free copies all over the world. I had said

among other things, that the USA would take a great leadership role among nations, a lot of saber-rattling from the White House, etc. I didn't know how it would happen though. It all became clear after Iraq invaded Kuwait, the rest is history.

Since then I have not had the time or money to take up this activity in earnest. It is very difficult work with little or no support from society.

Since Jagadish is the one who posted the question on earthquakes and bad omens perhaps he remembers how in the summer of 1992 I had commented how unlucky it was to have that dead tree in front of the temple as well as other unfortunate markings around the building. Then just 2 weeks before Rathayatra the Jagannath Deities got broken. We all thought that this was a very evil portent of things to come. Then about 5 or 6 months later the chandelier fell off the ceiling and crashed into Dvarkadhisha's altar while Jagadish was doing the artik! He and I thought that this was definitely not a good sign. There have also been some rather, shall we say, iffy behavior by some of the devotees associated with the community, particularly the women.

So it seems that there have been definite signs of impending disaster. Of course I may have missed some other signs since I have not lived in LA for over a year. Maybe Jagadish can fill us in on more recent things.

Astrology is quite complex, and Mundane astrology is the Mother of Complexity. I was just reading an article by B.V. Raman about his predictions concerning WWII. As a preparation for his predictions he had to study the history of Europe, then researched and found out times of installing of different governments, the charts of the leaders of the different camps, the traditional lagnas of the individual countries, then study the ingress charts at different times of year, as well as transits. Then he had to synthesize all the factors and make some meaning out of it. So you can imagine that it was an arduous task taking a lot of time and money. He was fortunate that the British government was very interested in his predictions so they supplied him with all information they could get regarding the birth details of leaders.

It is my desire that graduate students of astrology at the FVC be engaged in such types of research supported by public funds. It is almost impossible to do so as a private person. Varaha Mihira describes how the royal astrologer has under his command several other astrologers posted in different parts of the country continually researching the mundane situation and observing omens etc. Such royal astrologers don't exist today because the atheistic state governments no longer support astrologers.

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