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Sri Mayuravalli Thayar sametha Sri Adhi-Kesava Perumal, Sri Alamelu Manga sametha Prasanna Venkatesan Perumal, Sri Peyalwar and Acharyan Kribhai - I would like to discuss on Astrology and Karma.

Actually both these topics shouldn't be discussed together when we follow Sri Vaishnavam. But, we tend to rely on astrology to know the effects of Karma on us. I have taken inputs from all the Mahan/Great Vaishanavas and have tried to elaborate the same along with Guru Transit (Peyarchi).

Being Vaishnavas, we have to feel proud and our ultimate goal should be to attain Sriman Narayana's Lotus Feet in the easiest possible way. **Visishtadvaita** is not only a philosophy but also a practice of Veda. It says, Shriman Narayana Para Brahmam is the only material and efficient cause of the universe. So we don't have to worry about the planetary positions and the remedies to be followed to neutralize its effects. I am not a firm believer of remedies.

Discussion on Karma:

The Meaning of Karma - Karma means not only actions, but also the intentions and consequences associated with each action. The current events in our lives need not necessarily be determined by our previous actions in this very life, but also by the actions we did in our previous lives.

Types of Karma - Following karma operate in our lives simultaneously. They are -

- **Sanchita Karma.** Sum total of the accumulated karma of previous lives. It needs to be exhausted at some stage in your existence. A Vaishnava Brahmana automatically gets rid of this Karma upon getting **Panchasamskara/Samashrayanam** done.
- **Prarabdha Karma**. A part of sanchita karma which is currently activated in your present life. Nature of your actions either exhausts this Karma or adds more Karmic burden for yourself. As a Vaishnava Brahmana, we needn't worry as doing the daily rituals and duties – **Nitya-anushtanam** itself will help us get rid of this Karma. Otherwise, we will face the consequences in the present life until Perumal grants us Moksha. By doing Saranagathi, one will exhaust this Karma in this lifetime owing to his Kribhai. Perumal

knows when to grant Moksha; but if we don't sternly believe in Perumal and consider others to be in a better state than us, that will add to our Karmic burden and we will not be spared until the Karma is exhausted.

- **Agami Karma.** Karma that arises out of your current life activities, whose consequences will be experienced by you in the coming lives. By doing Saranagathi, a Brahmana will attain Moksha and hence need not worry about the coming lives.

Ways to attain Moksha:

1) The three yogas are –

Jnana Yoga. Developing wisdom, so that we know who we are and what we can do to achieve freedom from the cycle of births and deaths (A self-realization).

Karma Yoga. Performing duties without the desire for the fruit of action/eye on results.

Bhakti Yoga. Practicing intense devotion to God. Is the most difficult of all yogas (God-realization after getting experienced on Jnana and Karma Yoga). We begin to see God within ourselves, everywhere.

Of supreme importance and standing is Saranagathi, more than the Karma, Jnana or Bhakti Yogas. Saranagathi is complete and unconditional Self Surrender to God. It is also known as nikshepa, nyasa, sanyasa, tyaga and prapatti. **A Brahman who practices Saranagathi (Prapannan) gets rid of all three Karmas at the end of this lifetime itself and attains Moksha.**

2) The Dedication/Surrender (Prapatti) based on the knowledge gained from **Sri Bhashyam, GadyaTrayam by Swami Ramanujar, Mumukshupadi by Pillalokachariyar along with detailed Grantha by Swami Manavalamamuni** has to be propagated to others. If it is difficult to study and spread the knowledge, at least attend discourses from our **Acharya and Adikara Purushargal**. Otherwise, we should dedicate to Arulicheyal of N**alayira Divya Prabandam or Pancha Suktham (Vedas)**. If even that is difficult due to some reason, do Kainkaryam (Bagavatha Aradhana, Thadiyarathana to Sri Vaishnavas and Bagavathas) and observe Ekadashi Viradham.

3) Otherwise, envision on the secret meaning of the Rahasyas explained below,

In Srivaishnava sampradhaya, one who desires Moksha should know the following Rahasyas (Our Acharya explains during Samashrayanam) and their meanings –

Ashtakshara

Om Namo Narayanaya (ஓம் நமோ நாராயணாய)

It consists of 8 syllables and is in the form of three words. So, the ashtakshara is OM NAMO NARAYANAYA. This means "**Salutation to Narayana**"

Dwaya Manthra

Sriman Narayana charanau saranam prapadye
Srimate Narayanaya namaha

ஸ்ரீமந்நாராயண சரணௌ சரணம் ப்ரபத்யே,

ஸ்ரீமதே நாராயணாய நம:

First part means, "**I seek refuge in the feet of Sriman Narayana**". The second part of the Dvaya Mantra means - Salutation to Sriman Narayana. Kainkaryam is the foremost duty for a Sri Vaishnavan.

Charma Sloka

Sarva dharman parithyajya maam ekam saranam vraja
aham thva sarva paapepbhyo mokshayishyami maasuchaha
ஸர்வதர்மாந் பரித்யஜ்ய மாமேகம் ஶரணம் வ்ரஜ
அஹம் த்வா ஸர்வ பாபேப்யோ மோக்ஷயிஷ்யாமி மா ஶுச:

Having already given up bhakti yoga, due to inability, you seek refuge in me alone. **Do Dharma to the Aatma (chith - Jeevathama) that is inside you** (This is the reason why as a Brahman, we should do **Pariseshanam** – An act of purifying/doing Dharma to one's own self). "On the second line Mokshayishwami meaning - I will liberate you, from all your sins, which stand in the way of your attaining moksha. So, you do not grieve."

In today's fast moving world, we are not able to follow the daily rituals and even Dharma to our **Chith** as per Charama Sloga- Mainly Sandyavandanam 3 times a day, Daily Kainkarayam to Perumal/Salagramam Moorthi and taking food at office or outside without doing Pariseshanam (as a Prasadam) once a day. Our only aim is to attain His Lotus Feet by doing Saranagathi and we should atleast ensure

1) Not to affect other Jeevathmas (matha, pitha, guru, deivam and all other beings, and Bagavath/Bagavatha Abacharam).
2) Not to worry about the effects of karma faced by us.
3) Control or removal of negative characteristic against dharma – Kama(Lust), Krodha (Anger), Lobha (greed), Moha (temptation), Ahankara and Jealousy.

We always feel that planetary positions affect us a lot as we do not follow certain rituals. Astrology/horoscope is supposed to be used only for finding the appropriate time/date for doing the vaidika nitya-naimithika karmas and if there is no other choice.

Disclaimer: There won't be a permanent solution by looking into the horoscope against the previous and current karma and doing the recommended remedies.

Guru Peyarchi 2015-2016:

Please find below Guru (Transit) Peyarchi information for each Rashi. I have tried to predict and it is because of Vaikunda Vasi Sri U.Ve Gopalachari and U.Ve PavazhaVannan Swami's Kribhai.

During Guru Peyarchi 2015-2016 (5th July 2015/14th July 2015 to August first week 2016 as per Panchangam), Guru is entering into Magha Naksthatra and then Pooram, Uthiram. Guru is moving to Simha (Leo) Rasi and this transition will be a mix of good/bad results in general to all and the world because Saturn is looking into the Simha house and Raaghu is joining Guru from Jan 2016.

Who is Guru?

Jupiter/Brahaspathi/Brahman - He protects all as much as he can and doesn't harm anyone. There is a way to see the horoscope based on Guru - we are all born in karma bhoomi and in a high caste called 'Brahmana' and Guru will be our direct contact. If we do the karma, per our GURU's (Acharya's) philosophy, then there would be no constraints for marriage, health or happiness. Make sure you apporach the right astrologer. Otherwise you will end up with "general predictions" from him/her and it wouldn't be different for Brahman and others.

Order of Prediction:-

As per my understanding and learnings from different happenings, following should be the order of prediction/prediction flow -

- Base Horoscope - Birth Chart
- Dasa, Bhukthi (Indicates the complete life cycle)
- Married - Spouse / Children Horoscope, Single - Dasa, Bhukthi to be considered more and saturn/guru transit will impact them a lot.
- Kocharam (means the current planet position) –
    - Saturn (Sani) - (During 7.5, Ashtama, Ardh-ashtama and Saturn Transit - percentage is little more).
    - Jupiter (Guru)
    - Remaining planets transit start from Ketu/Raghu and remaining planets.

The result will be a mix of all 4 and it is difficult to predict just with transit. Some of us will get benefits based on Kocharam (point 4) and others based on the base Horoscope. So one needs to analyze properly.

Brief Prediction:-

Mesha (Aries) Rasi: Guru (Jupiter) is at 5th Place and Saturn at 8th Place called Ashtama Sani (Mesha Rasi is Neecham – means less beneficial). There is a sudden change which is beneficial (whatever you are willing to do) due to Guru. No tough period for the next one year because to Saturn. Still take care of health and have control in financial matters. Self-confidence is highly required along with faithfulness in God.

Rishabam (Taurus) Rasi: Guru is at 4th Place and Saturn at 7th Place called Kandaka Sani. 4th house transit of Guru normally gives happy environment at home (buying new properties) and good relationship with family members. Changes in work culture would be beneficial for some. But since Saturn is not highly beneficial, take care during travel, driving, property exchange. Full efforts to be put in.

Midhunam (Gemini) Rasi: Guru is at 3rd Place and Saturn at 6th Place (Saturn is a Friend house). In general Guru at 3rd Place is not good and hence one may face issues. But if one surrenders to God, benefits may be expected. Good support from Saturn will be there in handling external issues, child birth. Many other good things may happen without any trouble. After Jan 2016 Raaghu, Ketu transit, need some control. Visit temple often.

Katagam (Cancer) Rasi: Guru is at 2nd Place and Saturn at 5th Place. It will be completely beneficial for the next 1 year owing to Saturn support. Whatever steps you had planned have to be implemented with great care. You will be able to receive good money but need financial control. After Jan 2016 Raaghu, Ketu transit, look before you leap but once there, don't step back suddenly as it may end with a problem.

Simham (Leo) Rasi: Guru is at your Rasi (1st Place) and Saturn is at 4th Place called Ardh-ashtama Sani (not a friend house). Lot of challenges need to be faced and it is good in general to move forward. While you are taking loan, first check with other sources and it will help you in financial control. It will still be beneficial as long as you have faith in God.

Kanni (Virgo) Rasi: Guru is at 12th Place and Saturn at 3rd Place and a friend house. You are already in a relief period from Saturn with lot of new initiatives, and with most of the financial issues getting resolved. Do not worry about 12th place of Guru; try to spend money in a good way and invest for future. This will give big relief (don't worry whether it is a big amount). Do take care of health until Jan 2016, Raaghu, Ketu Transit.

Thulam (Libra) Rasi: Guru is at 11th Place and Saturn is at 2nd Place and a strong control for Saturn (Still 7.5 years Saturn). Quite lot of learning needed but relief is guaranteed from health issues and external problems. It is a good period with changes (for good) at work (Promotion, good increments). Money will be received from external sources as expected. Other beneficial things will also happen during this period. Raaghu, Ketu transit also helps, but again don't get emotional, try to speak less.

Viruchigam (Scorpio) Rasi: Guru is at 10th Place and Saturn is at 1st Place and not a friend house (Janma Sani – 7.5 years). Little unhappiness and health issues will come and go. As said early, this is the biggest learning period. But Guru at 10th Place will help you again at work. A change in job might initially give trouble, but will definitely ensure success. Take enough care while trying to plunge into new initiatives and control needed on the financial front.

Dhanusu (Sagittarius) Rasi: Guru is at 9th Place and Saturn is at 12th Place and a balanced house (7.5 years is on-going). Saturn will give bravery for Dhanusu and he will reduce problems to a certain extent. Change in Guru is beneficial giving moral support and happiness will arise out of new Initiatives (buying property, change in work). Better don't listen to others. Be bold. After Jan 2016 Raaghu, Ketu transit, take care with finances and promises.

Makara (Capricorn) Rasi: Guru is at 8th Place and Saturn is at 11th Place (own house of Saturn). Guru is not highly beneficial but be ready to take up for food whatever expenditure that comes your way. Handle it properly with the help of already beneficial Saturn. With Guru in Ashtama Sthanam, you may need to care for your health well and also avoid stress. Don't confuse yourself and others, Have a clear picture of your goal.

Kumbha (Aquarius) Rasi: Guru is at 7th Place and Saturn is at 10th Place (own house of Saturn). It is a positive period and a fruitful time. Continue with the same spirit and it will always end with good results. Marriage, Land, relationship will get stronger and happy times are expected. Improvement in health can be seen. Look out for opportunities that arise and try to utilize them.

Meena (Pisces) Rasi: Guru is at 6th Place and Saturn is at 9th Place. As you are already in relief from Ashtama Sani you can expect benefits. With Guru at 6th place, need not be worry on the obstacles. Internal feelings about health and worries (mainly on things that are going to happen) will start vanishing. Don't quarrel with others or partners and have self-control. Don't spend too much and don't keep initiating new activities. Always have good financial control.

As mentioned previously, I am not a firm believer of remedies – recite pasuram "Chitranchirugale and Vangalkadal kadintha pasuram from Thiruppavai daily" or chant Vishnu Sahasranamam daily and do your duties with confidence. Visit your native god once; be happy and make others happy.

My best wishes to all. I am just a learner and can't assure that all my predictions are right!

Namaskaram & Regards
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