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Sri Mayuravalli Thayar sametha Sri Adhi-Kesava Perumal, Sri Alamelu Manga sametha Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal, Sri Peyalwar and Acharyan Kribhai - I would like to discuss on Astrology and Karma – Part 2.

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 Vaishnavas 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 ParaBrahmam 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.

Let's discuss 'Karma' in detail and ways by which **Ladies/Girls** can attain Moksha.

Per the great Sampradhaya that we follow as Ramanuja Dasas, all Jeevathamas are adiyars of Sriman Narayana and when it comes to Saranagathi, there is no difference between men and women; both should surrender to God. Bhagavad Ramanuja had created a revolution in the society when he guided all to attain Moksha through Panchasamskara and Mantropadesam by an Acharya, irrespective of gender and caste. Andal herself had recited -> "nArAyaNanE namakke paRai tharuvAn". In Thiruppavai, she mentions When, How and Whom to Surrender!

One glorious aspect of our Sampradhaya is that it brings men and women together and helps them eliminate their own Karma. Both complement each other so well - while a man isn't allowed to perform any Vedic ritual without the company of his woman; woman on the other hand, doesn't have to perform or rather isn't allowed to perform any Vedic ritual other than serving/assisting her husband from dawn to dusk and doing household chores. Thus in Srivaishnava society, the women enjoy a larger degree of freedom.

The Meaning of Karma - Karma not only signifies 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 our acts in the 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 our existence. Ladies automatically get rid of this Karma upon undergoing **Panchasamskara/Samashrayanam** initiation –usually with the husband or soon after marriage.
- **Prarabdha Karma.** A part of sanchita karma which is currently activated in our present lives. Nature of our actions either exhausts this Karma or adds more Karmic burden for ourself. Doing the daily rituals and duties itself will help us get rid of this Karma. Otherwise, we will face the consequences in the present life until Perumal grants Moksha. By doing Saranagathi, we can 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 our current life activities, whose consequences will be experienced by us in the coming lives. By doing Saranagathi, a Brahmana will attain Moksha and hence need not worry about the coming lives.

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 (Self-realization).

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

Bhakti Yoga. Being aware of the Atman (soul) within and practicing devotion to God.

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.

The prime duty for a woman is to ensure her husband does Kainkaryam and if possible, facilitate it. Thereby, both will attain Moksha.

Attending discourses from our **Acharya and Adikara Purushargal** or even simple Nama Sankirtanam will attribute to **Moksha for women.**

Otherwise, envision on the secret meaning of the Rahasyas explained here. In Srivaishnava sampradhaya, one who desires Moksha should know the following Rahasyas (Our Acharya explains during Samashrayanam) and their meanings –

Ashtakshara

Om Namō 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 Mantra

**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 Dwaya 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 paapebhyo mokshayishyami maasuchaha**

**ஸ்ர்வதர்மாந் பரித்யஜ்ய மாமேகம் ஸரணம் வ்ரஜ
அஹம் த்வா ஸர்வ பாபேப்யோ மோக்ஷயிஷ்யாமி மா ஸூச:**

Having already given up bhakti yoga, due to inability, you seek refuge in me alone. **Do Dharma to the Atma (chith - Jeevathama) that is inside you.** "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-paced world, women **should not fail to do** the following –

- Uphold her Dharma of doing daily rituals, chores (**Lighting of lamp, kolam and prepare Prasadham for all Atmas with dedication**). Don't allow others to do her rituals.
- Help her husband uphold his Dharma – Doing Kainkaryam to the God.
- Accompany her husband in all Vaidika karmas.
- Being a good guide to the children.
- Recite 'Acharya Thaniyan' daily and especially while preparing prasadam (after Shuddhi – cleaning vessels).
- Not to affect other Jeevathmas (matha, pitha, guru, deivam and all other beings, and Bagavath/Bagavatha Abacharam).
- Not to worry about the effects of karma faced by us.
- Control or removal of negative characteristics against Dharma – Kama(Lust), Krodha (Anger), Lobha (greed), Moha (temptation), Ahankara (Ego) and Jealousy (comparing self to others).
- Removal of 'Agyanam' (ignorance) and focus only on Saranagathi

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.

Guru Peyarchi 2016-2017:

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 (Varadhan) Swami's Kribhai.

During Guru Peyarchi 2016-2017 (2nd August 2016 – as per olden days calculation / 11th August 2016 – as per Mathematical calculation, to September first week 2017), Guru is entering into Uthiram Naksthatra and then Hastham, Chithirai. Guru is moving to Kanni (Virgo) Rasi and this transition will be good results in general to all. Lot of new initiatives and consistent rain will be seen.

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 approach 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 6th Place and Saturn at 8th Place called Ashtama Sani (Mesha Rasi is Neecham – means less beneficial). In general, Guru at 6th place will not be beneficial but it doesn't mean always and he helps in supporting through looking into other houses, especially 10th house. Don't quarrel with others or partners and have self-control. Don't keep initiating new activities, with the current work or the one you earned source will get beneficial more and try to put your complete hard work. Always have good financial control and take care your health.

Rishabam (Taurus) Rasi: Guru is at 5th Place and Saturn at 7th Place called Kandaka Sani. The period where to utilize well, this is planned by the God. Health improvement will be seen drastically; travel and buying new property will help, but with more care due to Saturn is not completely beneficial. Try to not speak much about the

one you earned or benefited, limit your expenditure and control as it may help in future. Marriage, relationship, will be stronger.

Midhunam (Gemini) Rasi: Guru is at 4th Place and Saturn at 6th Place (Saturn is a Friend house). It's a good sign after a little struggle last year and more benefits to come up. Guru normally gives happy environment and good relationship with family members, but with the care and the limit you keep is always beneficial. Usually you feel I was doing good, but not a good reputation last year which will bring back this time. Financially you can handle much, but need to spend more for good purpose.

Katagam (Cancer) Rasi: Guru is at 3rd Place and Saturn at 5th Place. Surrender to God is always helpful if you worry in Guru at 3rd Place. Support from Saturn, Guru looking into the other houses will help in handling external issues, business, and marriage as Guru is looking at 7th and 11th house. Many other good things may happen without any trouble, but control and care is highly necessary. Don't spend much and quarrel with your family members. If you get an opportunity, utilize it and others leave to God.

Simham (Leo) Rasi: Guru is at 2nd Place and Saturn is at 4th Place called Ardh-ashtama Sani (not a friend house). It is a big relief and good period to utilize well from the benefit of marriage, property, looking for change in job and educational. Again, as Saturn is around, it is always good to check twice before proceed and be patience until you receive the benefit. One of the key challenges in patience is receiving your family asset and support.

Kanni (Virgo) Rasi: Guru is at your Rasi (1st Place) and Saturn at 3rd Place and a friend house. The struggle and not able to utilize the benefits which you have received last year will get a big relief this time. Financial and health is important to take care. You will get back the one you missed early or start continuing (like studies), finding the right solution in buying property, career path will end up nicely along with proper check on the available source and past experience. Visit temple often.

Thulam (Libra) Rasi: Guru is at 12th Place and Saturn is at 2nd Place and a strong control for Saturn (Still 7.5 years Saturn). Do not worry about 12th place of Guru; try to spend money in a good way and invest appropriately as you already facing challenge from Saturn. The opportunity (like travel, investment and property) receiving is mainly for our learning purpose and no need to worry on the expenditure and the effort to be put, take it as a challenge and will definitely benefit for future.

Viruchigam (Scorpio) Rasi: Guru is at 11th Place and Saturn is at 1st Place and not a friend house (Janma Sani – 7.5 years). As said early, already it is a biggest learning period and will have nice changes (for good) at work (Promotion, good increments). Money will be received from external sources as expected and also from family asset. Utilize the learning face with the help of Saturn and Guru in a proper plan for marriage and looking for child.

Dhanusu (Sagittarius) Rasi: Guru is at 10th Place (own house, so not to worry) and Saturn is at 12th Place and a balanced house (7.5 years is on-going). As discussed before, Saturn will give bravery for Dhanusu and he will reduce problems to a certain extent and with the help of Guru you will be able to get more beneficial this time compare to last year. Being bold and patience is helpful lot at change in job with ensuring success and paying back loans. Take enough care while trying to plunge into new initiatives and control needed on the financial front.

Makara (Capricorn) Rasi: Guru is at 9th Place and Saturn is at 11th Place (own house of Saturn). It is a beneficial for all and fruitful time, health and stress issue will go out. Child issue, marriage and other trouble will not even see this time. Don't confuse yourself, Buying property and investment need a good care and control your finance little early before 71/2 starts at 2017. Relationship will be stronger, travel and visiting temples will be often happen.

Kumbha (Aquarius) Rasi: Guru is at 8th Place and Saturn is at 10th Place (own house of Saturn). With Guru in Ashtama Sthanam, you may need to avoid stress and do your duties at your work without worrying much as Saturn will help well. Try to reduce in having more loans and you will be able to resolve the existing debit and those who are waiting for long period in selling the property or to get a good profit from the resource, this will be the best time.

Meena (Pisces) Rasi: Guru is at 7th Place (own house and fruitful period) and Saturn is at 9th Place. It is another God gifted period, if you start any initiative will end up with good results. Guru at 7th place and seeing the own house is great benefit without any trouble marriage, child, property and health issue will go around. Travel and change in job will be more beneficial. Don't be too emotion, quarrel with anyone or more talkative, control and be with God.

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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