

Horoscope of Sri Bhaktivedanta Swami

Om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana Salakaya Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah mahatmanas tu mam partha, daivim Prakrtim asritah bhajanty ananya manaso. jnatva bhutadim avyayam. (Gita, 9.13)

“O son of Partha (Arjuna), those who are not deluded, the great souls, are under the protection of the divine nature. They are fully engaged in devotional service because they know me, Krishna, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, original and inexhaustible.”

The brief history of Sri. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, is that he was a pure devotee of Krishna in the Gaudiya Vaisnava sampradaya, in the line of Sri Caitanya, Rupa and Sanatan Goswamis, Madhavaendra Puri, Bhaktivinode and Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati. He travelled to America with the Hare Krishna kirtan and within 10 years he had spread the name of God to every country in the world. He established 108 temples where the puja of the Visnu murti is carried out exquisitely. And most important, he made translations and commentaries on the Vedas, up to 65 volumes, including *Bhagavad-gita*, *Bhagavata-Purana*, *Caitanya-Caritamrta*, *Upanisads*, etc. It would certainly be a valuable exercise to study the horoscope of such a great soul. And it would carry out the purpose of this humble servant of Bhaktivedanta by proving that he was a pure soul descended from the Vaikuntha to lead us all to true liberation in Krishna's service. My idea is that every planet and every house in his horoscope is powerfully situated. By no means could such accomplishments come from an ordinary man.



The Moon.—is in exaltation sign, in devaganam (Mrgasira), and as lord of the 8th in the 6th has Saralayoga, according to *Phala-dipika*, making one “pure, celebrated, long-lived (lived to 81) and endowed with learning and prosperity.” The Moon exalted in the 6th also indicates his achieving fame in foreign countries.

The Sun.—in swaksetra, Leo, in the auspicious 9th house, is in Rajayoga with Lagnadhipati Jupiter. This is surely indicative of a great Brahmana and religious preacher of the Yuga-dharma, which, according to the *puranas*, is *Kalau Tad Hari Kirtanat*.

Mercury.—is exalted in the 10th house. This is indicative of a great scholar and author of Vaisnava literature. His disciples have distributed over 100 million copies of books given by him.

Venus.—has exalted neechabhanga Rajayoga in the 10th due to conjunction with exalted Mercury. He was expert at playing harmonium and karatais, and in singing kirtan. Venus being in Virgo contributed to his freedom from lust and material enjoyments. Venus in the 10th naturally gives fame and reputation. Being 5th from the Moon gave him many disciples.

Mars.—is a benefic for Sagittarius Lagna, and is always strong in the 6th house. Its conjunction with the Moon, Candramangala Yoga, was exhibited in his fervent attempts to overcome the atheistic propaganda of modern so-called scientists.

Lord of lagna Jupiter is in the 9th, in a friend's sign, conjunct lord of the 9th. He owns and aspects Lagna in both Rasi and Navamsa. Therefore, the character is holy and unselfish.

Saturn—is exalted in the 11th. What better situation could be found? His aspect to Lagna makes for yogic power and all who

		Moon Mars		Merc. Saturn Jupiter Ketu		Mars
Rahu	RASI			NAVAMSA		
		Sun Jupit. Ketu	Venus			
Lagna	Sat.	Merc. Venus	Lagna		Rahu	Sun Moon

knew him saw him to be a strict sannyasi, free from hypocrisy. Lord of the 2nd exalted in the 11th reveals the ability to gather and utilize wealth in God's service.

Good in the 3rd house, Rahu acts like Saturn who is exalted in the 11th. Aspected by lords of the 1st and the 9th and therefore a Rajayoga planet.

Being in the 9th Ketu will help in the performance of tapasya, and he will act like the Sun which has already been explained to be full of spiritual potencies. The father was a pure devotee also.

Yogas That Fortify All The Houses

Lagna is vargottama Sagittarius aspected by its own lord Jupiter; the 2nd lord is exalted; the 3rd lord exalted, the 3rd gets aspect from lords of the 1st and 9th; the 4th lord in the 9th with the lord of the 9th, the 4th getting exalted Mercury's aspect; the 5th is aspected by lord of the 1st and exalted Saturn; the 6th is tenanted by the lord of the 5th and the exalted Moon; the 7th lord is exalted, the 8th lord is exalted, and exalted Saturn aspects it; the 9th lord in the 9th with lord of the 1st, the lord of the 9th in the 10th in Navamsa; the 10th has two benefics, exalted Mercury and the lord of the Lagna from the Moon; the 11th has exalted Saturn and the 11th lord is with exalted Mercury; the 12th is aspected by its own lord, Mars, who is conjunct the exalted Moon. And lord of the 12th in the 6th is a good (Vimalayoga).

Dasas

The first four years and nine months come under Mars, when he was reported to be a leader of his friends and under the care of devoted parents. Rahu Mahadasha from age 5 to 23 took him to schools and an English college where he got his degree and was somewhat engaged in Gandhi's movement. When Jupiter began he met his spiritual master, Sri Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati, who ordered him to preach love of Krishna to the English-speaking countries. During Jupiter also he was married man with children and earning by

managing a pharmaceutical concern. During Saturn Mahadasha, he established his own medical supply businesses and travelled frequently throughout India (Saturn in movable sign). He gradually took vanaprastha and renounced family affairs towards the end of Dasa (Saturn=planet of detachment). His business endeavors met their destined end with the theft of all of his equipment (Saturn=karaka for thieves). When Mercury Mahadasha began, he engaged himself in writing translations of *Bhagavad-gita* and *Srimad Bhagavatam*. Preached the gospel of Bhakti around India, and took sannyasa-ashrama, retiring to Brindaban. There he prepared himself for his journey to the U.S.A. During Mercury-Rahu he sailed to New York, where he preached under circumstances of poverty, but by the advent of Mercury-Jupiter, he had a few disciples and had begun temples in New York and San Francisco. During Mercury-Saturn his Hare Krishna movement grew by leaps and bounds. He established up to 50 temples and thousands of young men and women eager to help him. During the seven year Ketu period he travelled around the world constantly, lecturing and writing more and more literature. Death came at age 81 during Ketu-Mercury, as Ketu afflicts lord of Lagna and the Sun (death by heart failure) and Mercury has the stigma of lordship of two kendras.

Summary

Sri Bhaktivedanta Swami was a great supporter of the astrological science. There are many comments throughout his books on the subject, for example;

"The law of nature is so subtle that every part of our body is influenced by the respective stars and such a living being obtains his working body to fulfil his term of imprisonment by the manipulation of such astronomical influence. A man's destiny is therefore ascertained by the birthtime constellation of stars, and the factual horoscope is made by a learned astrologer. It is a great science and misuse of a science does not make it useless."

(Purport, *Bhagavatam* 1.11.12)

“Formerly, in India, marriage took place only after an astrological calculation of past, present and future had determined whether the couple would be happy in their life together. When marriage is thus sanctified, the man and woman live peacefully and practice spiritual culture. At last they go back to Godhead. That was the system. Not that on the basis of physical attraction, they marry, and similarly, by whim, they may divorce.”

(lecture in Los Angeles, 8-74)

“Among the karmakanda experts the Jataka experts were good astrologers who could tell all the future history of a born child simply by calculation of the time (Lagna). There is need of such in the social structure and it is the duty of the state to maintain them comfortably as designed in the Vedas. Then they can give free service to the people and everyone can take advantage of this department of Vedic knowledge.”

(Bhagavatam, 1.12.29)

Vaisnava philosophy holds that there is one Supreme God, Krishna, and that all living entities are His servants (*eakle isvara Krishna, ara saba bhrtiya*), including the planets. The planets control the embodied living entities according to the order of the lord. The lord as Paramatma sits within the heart of the living entity (*isvara sarva-bhutanam, hrd-dese Krishna tisthati*) and witnesses all his desires and actions. He gives the living entity a suitable body to fulfill his desires and to be rewarded or punished for his good or bad karma. The planets are his assistants in this work. Generally Krishna entrusts the functions of this inferior, material energy to his pious servants like the demigods who still want to be in touch with this mundane world. Krishna and His pure devotees enjoy eternal transcendental bliss in the spiritual sky. But the Lord and His servants are compassionate and They come here from time to time to preach to the forgetful souls going through repeated births and deaths. In such a case, as in the case Krishna (*avajananti mam mudha, manusim tanum ashritah, param bhavam ajanantah*) = “The fools don’t

understand my spiritual nature when I come here in the form of a human”) and in the case of His pure devotee, like A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, the planets become the humble servants of the Lord and His devotee and do not inflict any karmic suffering upon them. It is clearly stated by Lord Brahma in His samhita; *karmani nirdahati kintu ca bhakti bhajam* = “The bhaktas by their pure devotion are above the laws of karma.”

If one wants true happiness he may see through the astrological science that Sri Bhaktivedantaji and his message is just the right energy for overcoming the limitations that this world and its controllers, the planets, impose upon us. At least he may see from this horoscope that here is a highly evolved soul worth hearing from. —94.81

Of that (self), which is not available for the mere hearing to many, (and) which many do not understand even while hearing, the expounder is wonderful and the receiver is wonderful, wonderful is he who knows, under the instruction of an adept.

—Katha Upanishad II—7

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