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Presentation by Dr S Bhagavadpada: ‘The SA Light on the Spiritual Life in the Spheres of Dharma & Moksha’:

It had always struck me as a real privilege to be able to present my work, in the august presence of Professor Choudhry, especially when he is chairing the Conference. So, first of all, I expressed my gratitude to the Professor who was kind enough to permit me to make a presentation on a theme, with which the majority of the delegates, may not have had deep familiarity. This surely was also a handicap for me too. Anyhow, I had no option but to get on with my presentation, hoping for the best-a sympathetic reception of the material which was an application of the SA in the spiritual spheres of Dharma and Moksha, in the form of five CSs - every one of which was momentous for me in some unique way.

One of my ‘Heroes’, had posthumously reached legendary fame; another was known for his monumental contributions to Psycho analysis, yet carrying the inevitable taint of some ‘unspiritual’ influence which was also a concomitant factor in his ambivalent destiny; yet another, apart from having that not so uncommon ambivalent confluence of both the VIIIH and IXH influences, had also a devotional communion with his Ishtha Devata as Virgin Mary. And two were patently ‘spiritual individuals in the classical IXH mould’, who therefore straightaway warranted special spiritual study. Keeping ‘intelligibility’ in mind, I did my very best, to confine myself to the SA precincts, and therefore minimized my ‘straying’. I had sometimes to deal with Charts with many weak Planets, and just one Planet strong in their midst, but

the corresponding individuals were also very prominent in the society to which they belonged. I had to account for all this sort of a thing.

In Slide #s: 6, 7, 8, I have invoked a Sutra from the Bhagavad Gita, [Hindu Scripture], which provides a broad four-fold classification of men who turn to God, in an hour of crisis. *I needed this as a basic insight, for understanding, the nature of the individual's spiritual inclination. In the Light of this Sutra, my 'Heroes' in the CSs, become more sharply defined.* I also mentioned that in the SA in the spiritual spheres, one had the basic problem of translating typical 'spiritual vocabulary & spiritual concepts' from the Hindu Scriptures into specific astrological variables, etc. This is shown in S#9, in a basic way. CS#1 begins on S#10.

CS#1: [The 'Spiritual' Hindu Mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan; 22nd Dec, 1887, 17:58Hrs, TZ=-05:21Hrs LMT, (77°E44', 11°N21')]

This is a Gemini Asdt Chart with the MEP at 10°12' [known for its analytical-intellectual propensity, profound interest & profound curiosity, excellent Asdt for a researcher, especially in Mathematics]. The SA Light clarifies a number of his gifts and blessings. The placement of the IIIH Lord, the Mo on the MEP of the XH, the placement of Sa, another Sun-like Lord in the IIIH, impacting on the MEP of that house, and a strong VH, and Ve, are the hall marks, which account for the gifts of this original mathematical genius, and his 'ever-lasting' fame. *On another side, his longevity of life was shockingly short, and he was in poverty-here then was another kind of ambivalence, as happens often in life.*

The Slide #s 10 to 15, cover this CS. The Ishtha Devata, represented by the strong VH Lord Ve, was also his own creative and

emotional intelligence, which he whole heartedly attributed to his Ishtha Devata, goddess Namagiri of Namakkal in Tamil Nadu, South India. Solutions to ‘impossible’ mathematical problems, envisioned by him, *were given to him in his dreams by the Ishtha Devata, Namagiri, and She also wrote answers on his tongue.* Thus many of Ramanujan’s infallible Theorems and Conjectures were destined to be proved only by later gifted mathematicians, who came into the world of mathematical research, decades after he had passed away. Srinivasa Ramanujan has gone down in history as a mathematical legend, and his well-researched biography has been beautifully written up by an award winning American journalist: Robert Kanigel. The biography is called ‘The Man who knew Infinity’-A Life of the Genius Ramanujan. Here is an example of a ‘Spiritual’ Hindu mathematician, for whom ‘*Mathematics*’ *was a spiritual path or Yoga to approach and fathom the impenetrable & unknowable mystery of God.*

CS#2: [21st May, 1959, 2:15AM, (144°E58’, 37°S49’), TZ=-10:00Hrs GST; Pisces Asdt with the MEP at 3°40’].

The ‘spiritual individual’ in question was a doctor of modern medicine, from an Australian University. His interest in the spiritual life was so deep & irresistible [you will grasp this, the moment you see his Rasi Chart], that he made a spiritual pilgrimage to Sri Ramanashramam, in Tiruvannamalai, in Tamil Nadu in South India. During that visit, he chanced to pick up my book, and when he went back home, sent me a mail, asking for astrological-spiritual guidance. It was in this way that a contact was established on the net. He had some spiritual experiences, including that of Kundalini awakening-all this is mentioned in his own words in the Slides. *After such awakening, there was an attraction to Chinese Internal Arts [Chinese ‘Yoga’] and Sri Ramana Maharshi.*

Most significantly, Ju, the foremost Planet of Divine Grace is placed almost on the MEP of the IXH, and exactly influences the Asdt H, as well as the VH, in his Pisces Asdt Chart. Ju was closely aligned with the Strong Su. Ju was not afflicted *as such*, but the IXH was afflicted. The strong Su was further blessed by Ju. Such a circumstance creates spiritual influences and experiences in the life of the individual [SA Sutra]. He was frank in admitting that he fell out with his native Christian faith, which he held to be very rigid[see the Su as the VIH Lord, aspecting closely, both Ju, and afflicting the IXH MEP concurrently].The Slides #s 16 to 24 are almost self-explanatory. One Kundalini awakening experience and one Occult experience are described. The Mo in the VIIH as the VH Lord-this also facilitates mystic journeys in consciousness [Prof Choudhry's recent SA Sutra].The Slides may be carefully studied to get a clearer picture.

CS#3: [14th March, 1945, 10:00Hrs, TZ=4Hrs EDT, (76°W09', 43°N03'), Taurus Asdt, with MEP at 4°15', and with a strong Sa in the IHH]

This is the Taurus Asdt Chart of Master Charles, who used to have 'Ishtha Devata' mystical experiences of the Divine Mother as Virgin Mary, from his early childhood throughout his spiritual quest in a Hindu world. He wrote his autobiography a few yrs ago called 'The Bliss of Freedom' [Book Title is an English translation of 'Muktananda', the name of his Guru of Ganeshpuri Ashram, in the suburbs of Mumbai], wherein, I found his birth details. I have not done the rectification of the TOB, *but just present broad patterns in his life, which the SA enables us to see readily from the Rasi Chart itself.*

Though born into an Italian-American Roman Catholic family, his destiny was such [seen in the exact influence of Ju, as Lord of the VIIH, on the IVH Lord, the Su, the Spiritual Planet *per se*, for a Taurus Asdt

Chart], that he had to renounce his native religion, for another Eastern religion, Hinduism, which ultimately, after many a struggle, offered him the final fruit of ‘The Bliss of Freedom’. Thus the influence of Ju, the Spiritual Planet on the Su, not only created ‘religious heterodoxy’ in his life, it was also responsible to bestowing upon him the fruit of ‘The Bliss of Freedom’. In the SA, we had learnt that the afflicting influence of the MMP, Ju does not depend upon the strength of Ju, but rather, only on its Lordship over the VIIIH. Thus this ‘exact’ afflicting influence on the Su, was responsible, for this sadhaka, losing all sense of a ‘separative & individual self’ [Freedom], as also for moving away from his home and home land.

The Mo close to the MEP of the VH, made the Divine Mother, Virgin Mary of his childhood days, his Ishtha Devata. Three consciousness Planets, Su, Mo, Me placed in Pisces, the 12th Zodiacal Sign, dealing with sleep & dreams, also gave him an impetus to sink into meditations, and have experiences in meditations, where there is the ‘play of consciousness’ [Cidvilasa], or creative visualizations.

A strong Sa, as the professional Lord was also ‘an index’ of his spiritual evolution [in the SA], and the placement of Sa in the Aquarius Asdt Dasamsa DC, in the VIIIH, with the VIIIH Lord aspecting, and with the two Spiritual Planets Su and Ju in a mutual auspicious Yoga in Angular Hs, shows grace [Ju] for overseas connection [Su is VIIIH Lord] and connection with Mysticism [placed in the VIIIH, influenced by the VIIIH Lord] and Freedom [SA: “VIIIH signifies interest in mystical sciences,, occult, inner and outer transformations,...”].

In the context of having to deal with weak Planets, I emphasized the important point that, as we move from a traditional Hindu India, to a Western world, we must also be ready to stop looking for ‘spiritual attestation’ only through a good Navamsa DC, but, rather must also be

prepared to welcome the Dasamsa DC, whenever it shows ‘some spiritual inclinations’, *not only because in actual spiritual life, both VIIIH, as well as IXH influences will make their presence, often in a mixed way, but also for another subtler reason.*

In traditional Hindu India, ‘selfless Lokakalyana work’ [as represented by a strong Navamsa DC] is invariably, the dominant form in which spiritual aspirations come into manifestation; whereas in the West, as that society does not express its spiritual aspirations through such means, we must also be prepared to be on the lookout for ‘Dasamsa DCs, with some spiritual ingredients’, as the West believes far more in ‘good individual action’ [as revealed by the Dasamsa] with still a sense of agency’, rather than, on ‘selfless Lokakalyana work’ - which may be more an expression of Eastern religious societies alone, rather than a ‘universal spiritual expression’. Slides #s 25 to 33, must be studied remembering these broad observations.

CS#4: [26th July, 1875, 19:33Hrs, TZ=-0:36Mts LMT, (9°E19’, 47°N35’), Capricorn Asdt Chart with the MEP at 10° 13’; of the renowned Swiss Psychologist Carl Gustav Jung]

Professor Choudhry raised the Q as to whether the given TOB may not be in error, because, according to the given TOB, the MMP, the Su causes an ‘exact’ affliction to the Asdt MEP, as well as the VIIH MEP. To this I replied that the TOB could well be in error, as I have not done a rectification of the TOB. So, relying on the best Rodden Rating, I started my analysis.

My own interest in the life time work of this Swiss Psychologist, Carl Gustav Jung, goes back two or three decades, at which time, I discovered his writings and understood the true spiritual redemption he brought to the West, after the West had thrown God out of their lives,

calling this the fruit of ‘their age of enlightenment’! It amounted to saying, ‘Man has come of age, he has become so robust in his thinking, that he no more needs to cling to God and religion, due to fear and desire-for he can now work out his own ‘Salvation’, now that he has proven his abilities through his success stories in Science’. It was the collective arrogance of Science that was taking this stand, especially, after the Church had blundered unpardonably, through its refusal to permit free thinking and exploration, which was what Science was all about.

In the absence of this historical context, we may not be able to appreciate the ground breaking work of C G Jung. He brought spiritual sanity and sobriety to the Western world, at a time, when more and more people in Europe, were becoming mentally sick. While they were priding themselves on the fruits of their rational enquiry, they were in their inner life, without a soul, without a religion, without a god, without a mythology, without a moral basis. This was the spiritually bankrupt world that C G Jung started to heal, as his life mission.

However, as he was himself naturally also ‘a victim of his times’ and in a sense ‘inseparable from the society to which he belonged’ [though to a far lesser degree, so that he could fortunately at least diagnose the nature of the pervasive malady, and press the healing energies into service], the collective errors of his age also understandably erupted even in his own personal life. He drew Himalayan sustenance from the Eastern religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Hindu astrology, in order to bring inner peace to his mentally ill patients. In the society in which he was placed, in that age to which he belonged, he brought new healing Light-of the Eastern Religions and Spirituality, so that his patients could begin a new life of

innocence, faith and purity, devoid of the demons of rationality, or arrogance, or human vanity and pride.

Importantly, where Spiritual Life is concerned, I have found both the Energies of the VIIIH and IXH at work, sometimes only one of them, 'sometimes both of them, in a more complex interwoven pattern of both conflict and synergic co-operation'. In the life of C G Jung too, I find the presence of both the VIIIH and IXH Energies as well. The IXH is the auspicious H of classical religion, whereas the VIIIH is that of profound enquiry, research, Kundalini, Mysticism, etc. The SA too recognizes the distinct difference in the qualities of the VIIIH and IXH Energies [for the SA Sutras on the VIIIH and IXH significations, see Pgs 38, 39, of Professor's 'Self Learning Course in Astrology' [2004]].

The VIIIH influence and impact [SA:“research, interest in mystical sciences, occult, inner and outer transformations,...”] was needed to cut through 'the existing veil' created by the so-called 'age of enlightenment', and rip off, the illusion that: *'Rational enquiry' taught by Science, was all that was needed, as it was sufficient, even for human happiness and welfare.* But, he needed the grace from the IXH of fortune, to make fruitful his professional work as a Psychologist, so the Malefic Su in the RC is seen to turn into the Lord of the House of fortune in the Dasamsa, aspecting the Asdt of the Dasamsa DC, etc. All details are given in the Slides #s 34 to 44.

The MMP, the Su did not harm health and longevity [he lived on for 86 yrs], so too it did not harm and obstruct the Professional life, as the Su was a FB in all these DCs D6, D8, and D10.

However, in his relationship with his wife and his mentor [Sigmund Freud], he suffered enormously, for his extra marital affairs, created by the MMP, ruined his marital life and family happiness. *Thus*

this has been a life which was spiritual in the professional sphere, but unspiritual, in his relationship with his wife, who bore him 5 children.

The SA is very eloquent on the Malefic influences of the VIIIH Lord, when it causes an affliction, and these afflictions also had their say, side by side with the beneficial research into Mythology and Religions, occult worlds. Sa, ruling the IIIH of tastes, being influenced by the XIIH Lord Ju, he was greatly influenced by Eastern Religious teachings, as well as suffered in his family and lost his reputation [Ju, being a separative Planet, in afflicting the IIIH Lord of reputation, also creates loss of reputation and status. *So, my 'Hero' is seen to be two faced and ambivalent, and to vindicate him, I have had to marshal some support for him, from the most illustrious Sage from the Hindu world, Maharshi Veda Vyasa, famous for his timeless Epic of the Mahabharata.*

CS#5: [27th July, 1906, 21:00Hrs, Kollengode (76°E43', 10°N36'), TZ=-05:21Mts LMT]

This is an Aquarius Asdt Chart with the MEP at 20°46'. The IXH Lord, Ve Blesses the Asdt Lord Sa, and the Asdt MEP, both, almost 'exactly'. Another powerful spiritual influence coming upon the Asdt is that of a strong Ju, as the XIH Lord of elder siblings and friends, from the VH of Ishtha Devata. The Mo is in the IXH of religious teaching and philosophy. The two vitality giving Planets, Su and Ma are weak in the VIH. Ra-Ke cause a close Nodal affliction to the VIH-XIIH MEPs.

This is the Chart of a devout Hindu Grihini, Sri Janaky Mataji, a disciple of Sri Ramana Maharshi, who emerged as a Guru, in her own right. I was fortunate in meeting on two different occasions, a certain Sri Gurudasananda Swamiji [through a good common friend], who was her direct disciple, during her life time. This Swamiji teaches the Bhagavad Gita, and is an Advaitin by conviction. Upon hearing the wonderful story of his Gurumata, I asked for her birth details. The Swamiji was

kind enough to send me by post, an authentic biography of his Gurumata, which contained all the details, which I have presented at this Conference. Sri Janaky Mataji was in direct contact with Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi, and later also converted her home into an Ashram. *Her Kundalini experiences are also described, and the noble works, which have resulted from the auspicious influence of the IXH Lord, Ve are also identified.* By contrast with the Charts of C G Jung, and Master Charles, which were fundamentally ambivalent[both VIIIH and IXH influences were present], here we have an example of a pure overriding influence of the IXH, and therefore, the spiritual life of Sri Janaky Mataji, tilting strongly on the side of the IXH of auspicious spiritual inclinations.

With these observations, I brought my presentation to a close in some 70 to 75 mts. I was very thankful to Professor Choudhry, for having given this opportunity in the first instance, and to all other delegates, for their very patient understanding and interest in my work.

Though the topic was somewhat new to the delegates, there were nevertheless questions from them, notably from Colonel Kailash, Sri Praveen Tyagi, Sri R K Chadha, Sri Naval Kishore. I submit that I am unable to actually remember the details of their Qs, nevertheless, I remember actually answering them all.
