

Feedback on the Jyotish Course from the learning scholar Sri. Samarth Chidanand.
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Feedback on the Jyotish Course: I have had a very keen interest in Vedic astrology research. I am a ‘Systems Approach’ [SA] astrologer- mentored by the renowned founder of the Systems Approach to Vedic astrology [SA], namely, the Vedic astrologer, Prof. V. K Choudhry, Gurgaon, India. I consider Prof. V. K. Choudhry as ‘Maharshi Parasara’, in our modern times. I have participated in various SA International Conferences. There, I met Dr. Sankara and was amazed by his deep understanding of DCs(Divisional Charts), *dharma*, *moksha* and various other mystical and tough-to- understand dimensions, which may take decades to understand, if one is lucky enough. I have been awarded the honorary title of *Jyotish Sarawati* by Prof. V. K. Choudhry in 2012, for my contributions towards development, participation in conferences, depth of understanding and propagation of the Systems Approach to Vedic astrology [SA] and for clearing all confusions arising from the much misunderstood classical Vedic astrology. I have studied various classical astrology literature of Vedic and non-Vedic traditions, since 2001. As a young teenager, I found the SA, to be very accurate, reliable and highly analytical. Though I have been consulted by top bankers, politicians and other public personalities, I am keener on astrological research, learning and propagation of astrological knowledge.

I am now diving deep into further research to go to the next level, with the able guidance and well-designed lessons of Dr. Sankara Bhagavadpada. These lessons are deeper, more fine-tuned in all spheres and I have been especially interested in the secrets of DCs (Divisional Charts), hidden meaning of how astrological remedies work, deciphering the yogas or planetary combinations, the delicate

integral aspects, conjunctions, retrograde nature of planets and other hidden deep dimensions of Vedic astrology. Under the guidance from the Master Sankara Bhagavadpada, I learnt all of the above. Additionally, Dr. Sankara's lessons in the sphere of *dharma and moksha* are real gems of knowledge and well written lessons that will make anyone understand the subject of *dharma and moksha* which have been proven to be tough and confusing and misunderstood always. He is able to illustrate and convey the truth of these spheres through Vedic astrology with well written professional lessons. Dr. Sankara's teaching methods will help demystify these spheres and many more topics in Vedic astrology.

I myself being an author, I am amazed by the well written lessons, indeed a treasure in itself. By reading the lessons, you are automatically connected to Sankara Bhagavadpada even without his physical presence. The very words, sentences resonate his presence and meanings. He has Sarasvati goddess in his hands and heart, conveyed systematically in lessons which meet international courseware standards.

The Profile of Sri. Samarth Chidanand:

Samarth Chidanand is currently a researcher and an international consultant, author and master trainer in the context of internet technologies, cyber security, (including cognitive cyber security for networks), cloud computing, internet/network infrastructure. He has mastered the art and the science of network application programming and network operating systems programming. He has authored some important books related to network security for many internationally renowned companies.

It may of some interest to note that he comes from a family of politicians. His grandfather, Sri M Rajasekar Murthy was a senior leader in Karnataka State, former union minister, finance, revenue, excise, and 4 times industry minister. Four times member of Parliament (three times represented Rajya Sabha and once Lok Sabha) and 5 times MLA. His father was also a politician, former MLC. His uncle Sri Gurpadaswamy was a Union cabinet minister and is related to BD Jatti, former Vice President of India, interim President of India and former Chief Minister of Karnataka and also

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Samarth Chidanand is a dual CCIE (Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert). This is the highest technical-industrial qualification in the networking industry. He has passed the CCIE R&S and Security certifications during his university studies, making him one of the youngest double certified CCIE at the young age of 22 (Only about 900 engineers existed with dual certification worldwide since 1993). Thereby, he mastered tough technical expertise skills during his university studies in London. He holds a Bachelor's degree in computer networking with Honors from the University of Greenwich, London and won the university prize for overall best performance.

Samarth upon graduation directly worked for Cisco Systems as a senior network consulting engineer responsible for the design, implementation, management and migrations of large enterprise networks, network security for enterprises, governments, cloud computing/ datacenters and Telco service provider teams. He has designed, implemented, migrated and supported several high profile customers of Cisco Systems - large banks, GET Accounts and Telco/Service Provider customers like British Petroleum, United Nations, Telstar, Safaricom (vodafone), Barclays Bank, Deutsche Bank, Telecom Global, PCCW Global, T-Systems, Aircel, General Motors, Walt Disney, INSA-Govt of Ethiopia, Oracle and many others. He has delivered several projects in many countries for technologies related internetworking Security, R&S, Service Provider and Datacenter technologies while working for Cisco and NTT groups -Dimension Data, Citrix Technologies, Global Knowledge, Egypt, Swiss ITC Clockwork, Switzerland and India, IP Expert, USA and Nterone, USA and other various other governments, universities. He also holds the ITIL-Expert level prestigious award, Prince to Project management, Citrix, Microsoft and Oracle Java certifications. He also has been awarded Cisco Certified Instructor and Citrix instructor too. He was the Vice President of Technical Training for the IP Expert, Inc; an Internationally recognized Cisco expert-level training provider.

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