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KSY AGAIN 2

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Human life has enough tragedies, enigmatic turns and twists which come in most unexpected way and unanticipated ways. When someone goes to an astrologer he is already half dead and wants to know if some relief is promised. Instead, if he frightened and asked to spend a huge amount on *shantis* of various types one of which is the fraudulent KSY what is your opinion of the moral character of the astrologer ? Or if the astrologer is pretending to be a religious man and prescribes worship find out how much money he is making through astrology in devious ways. He is again less of a JYOTISHACHARYA and more of an UPAYACHARYA.

Some years before my retirement a rich Marwari woman to whom I had given a good prediction about her daughter in Calcutta came to meet me in Delhi where she had shifted with her husband. She took me one day to her house to meet a ninety six years old astrologer and introduced me to him as an astrologer which aroused the ire of the very old man because he called astrologers “thugs” and asked me why had I decided to become one ! The lady explained to him that I did astrology academically and gave consultations free. The old man quietened down. He had some very novel methods of predicting and appeared outdated to me, not in tune with the changed times in which we live.

But the word “thug” rang in my ears for many years and still a feeble echo of it is left in my memory.

The thuggery of astrologers

The thuggery of astrologers can be seen in the *upayas* or remedies they prescribe, *upayas* for anything and everything, even for cancer patients in the terminal stages, for AIDS patients, for most unscrupulous men and for totally unscrupulous purposes involving sex, money and crime. Reading of Varahamihira convinces us that this tendency to become a thug among astrologers must have existed earlier also.

Astrologers are Backward Classes

It should be seen against the historical background of the British rule during which the Indian literacy had touched in 1901 to less than ten percent for males and half percent for females.

Brahmins who lost patronage forgot their traditional knowledge and had no *paramparas* in any branch. Some families had a smattering of astrology and *karmakanda* left. They were almost illiterates and no wonder even after independence, in two backward classes reports of 1955 and 1980, astrologers were classified as backward classes !! But Brahmins vaingloriously regarded themselves as heaven ordained class !! The old controversy got revived---is one a Brahmin by birth or through karmas.

As the society grew prosperous men became more and more immoral, with marriages breaking down, sexual morality becoming an outdated concept for some rich and some prosperous upper and even lower middle class men and women, even girls now. Then there is job tension and there is the worry of a traditional Hindu mother to seek a right husband for her daughter within her caste! The tensions are enormous and people are in search for quick solutions to their problems.

Here the astrologer, ever ready with a remedy, is in demand. This astrologer must first create fright in the minds of his clients and it is done most easily by pointing out KSY or even half KSY. Here he promises to perform a *yagna* at a cost of some thousands of rupees for *shantis*. **This is the prerogative of the Brahmins.**

So KSY is a big and newly discovered source of income of Brahmins which is pitiable. *Brahmins were meant to be the beacon lights of dharma and spirituality if they themselves reached higher stage of sadhana. But so many of them have become KAAL SARPA YOGIS .*

But such is their miserable plight that they need KSY to survive !!

They would keep alive KSY somehow.

Here is an instance. A fraudulent astrologer runs his paid programmes (he pays) on a religious channels and advertises himself aggressively to earn fabulously through KSY. He gets *yagyas* done at his house for horoscope which have the fraudulent KSY. He gets Brahmins and gets it done at the cost of twenty five thousand rupees per person.

In a rich city like Delhi, the richest city of India, he is never short of clientele.

One girl had come to Delhi from Jabalpur , shown her horoscope to him and since he was getting KSY *shanti* done at his house, he asked her also to pay for it as her horoscope too suffered from this “defect” she said !

She fell into the trap.

Later, she came to me and narrated the story. I asked her to go to other astrologers and ask them if her horoscope had this fraudulent yoga called KSY.

She told me that she was assured that her horoscope had no KSY.

But then, she was a victim of a double fraud.

Is that what Brahmins are supposed to do for our society ? Remember, I am a Brahmin myself.

(Nov 23 2006)

Let me reproduce two other letters in an edited form after I wrote out the pieces .

From: R P <r2004@hotmail.com>

Subject: **Kaal Sarpa Yoga**

Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2006 12:33:59 IST

Dear respected Sir,

What a great piece of writing! You are indeed a social reformer for the betterment of the society.

The sad thing is even in Sri Lanka 99.999% of the astrologers make Kaal Sarpa yoga a living for themselves. I wish I could get your articles published in a local newspaper!

You have written on fraudulent astrologers and Brahmins. **Let me tell you sir, that even Lord Buddha once said, that a person would become a Brahmin only by his action and not by his birth.**

May you live long to make more and more people understand and love the divine subject Astrology, which you make it look absolutely scientific without destroying its spirituality.

blessings

R. P

Second letter

From: a s a@yahoo.co.in>

Subject: Re: Kaal Sarpa Yoga - Agastya

Nadi (KSY Again)

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2006 14:15:52 IST

Respected Shri Rao Saheb

I read your reply of my letter on your website. I am very much convinced with your comments.

On one important point I want to draw your attention that I got my predictions from Bhṛigu Samhitaon July 15, 2006.

Yes, there was not any mention of Kaal Sarpa Yoga.

This makes me feel that these Samhita or Nadi Grantha are not authentic and so I request you to please write against Nadi and Samhita grantha's both.

No one can be allowed to cheat the people on the name of Great Rishi's.