

PART I

READINGS IN INDIA

KOWMARANADI READING - (1926)

Vasista and Viswamitra offer obeisance to Goddess Parvati and discuss the tenth bhava of the native.

Native's name is Gopalakrishnamurti. Sitaramayya is the name of his father. And mother's name is Bharati. The planetary position at the time of his birth was as follows: Mithuna Lagnam. Sun and Jupiter in the Ascendant. Mercury, Moon and Saturn in the second house. Mars in the fourth and Rahu in the sixth houses. Venus and Kethu in the twelfth house.

At this stage, Vasista says that the native will attain moksha in this very life.

Educational attainments must be very high. Endowed with versatility, imagination, intuitive perception and fluency of speech. He must attain prosperity through personal merit but there is no steady income and it will not be proportionate to his name and fame. He will have much more money than ancestral inheritance. Since he is distinctly spiritual minded there will always be a kind of indifference towards money.

He comes into contact with great men very early in life. Breaks in education. Begins professional study in his twenty-third year but ends it abruptly.

After the twenty-fifth year he takes up the line of teaching or lecturing connected with an organization which stands for Universal Brotherhood and Essential Unity of All Religions. That brings him wisdom, friendship with great men, increasing fame and reputation as a great speaker and respect of learned men. The nature of his work is such that he constantly travels and comes into contact with great men of different kinds and gains experience.

After thirty-fifth year, there is a change in life. Residence in foreign lands. There is an indication of constant and fruitless travelling around the world. Intense inward struggle. But the inner crisis will end up in good. He will be helped by a great teacher. He puts him on the right path. He will be helped by a woman who will help him to establish himself in foreign lands permanently.

Forty-fifth to fifty-fifth year are years of great importance in his life. He will be born again in his forty-ninth year. Becomes an international personality. He will always be on the move. Name goes to the four corners of the world. Blushing honors will be showered upon him. Books will be written on and about him. Great respect everywhere and in all lands. As years go by a great organization with huge properties and a great following grows around him to spread his teaching.

Fifty-fifth year or around, there is an indication of death under tragic circumstances. Failing which, he lives right up to a ripe old age preaching all the richness of his personal experience. Leaves his mark on the world as one of the great teachers of mankind.

READING OF U.G.'S HOROSCOPE BY MR. GOPAL (1984)

On 6th December 1984, Mr. Bramachari brought an astrologer by the name of Mr. Gopal at exactly 11 o'clock to 23 West Anjaneya Temple Street, Basavangudi, Bangalore. U.G., Bramachari, Adri, Chandrasekhar Babu, Mr. Venkataraiian, U.G.'s daughter, Bulbul, and his granddaughter, Kusuma, were present.

A copy of U.G.'s chart was given to Mr. Gopal. Looking at the chart he enquired whether it was prepared according to Sayana or Nirayana methods. As the chart was prepared by Birayana method, he said it is not the correct way of fixing the chart. He started calculating according to Sayana method and made the chart. According to that, the Lagna is not Mithuna but Karkaataka. The Rashi also changed from Karkaataka to Mithuna. After fixing the chart he said that he would give a general reading as he cannot do elaborate calculations within the given time. He said as all the three important planets like the Sun, Moon, and Jupiter are placed in the twelfth house, it is a powerful horoscope indicating enlightenment. The readings he made and his answers to certain questions posed by the people around him are as follows:

He said U.G. will not be in one place permanently. Constant travel is indicated. He cannot have a fixed abode. Wherever a "home" is created by his devotees and bhaktas, he comes and stays there. He does not own any property. He will not have any organization or institutions. He will not read any books, nor write any books.

There are no children as far as he is concerned. All are his children. Since Rahu is in the fifth house the relationship is absent.

To Mr. Bramachari's question, he said only the "asuras" will be benefitted by his teachings in the sense that the West will be more interested in his teaching. The definition of "asura" given by Mr. Gopal was very interesting. He said those who are working and earning their livelihood with determination, with ambition, who are very hard-working, who have got a strong desire to find out the meaning of the universe etc. are called "asuras". The "sadhus" are those who are satisfied with two oranges and a cup of coffee, who are very lazy, do not have the drive to do any work and who live on others. U.G. will not be of any use to the second category, i.e. the sadhus. They only listen through one ear, leave everything through the other ear and go to different persons seeking enlightenment.

Mr. Gopal said long life is indicated for another seventeen years. That is, Sukra Dava is still continuing according to the new chart. Sukra Dava, Buddha Bhukti, is continuing. Ketu Bhukti will commence in June 1985. On 17th August 1986, Sukra Dasha ends and Ravi Dasha commences. According to Mr. Gopal, that will be the best period in U.G.'s life. Only then will his teachings be made easy for people to understand. Mr. Gopal also pointed out that now nobody is in a position to understand U.G. U.G. is complete and perfect but people around him are not in a position to follow him and understand him.

To the question as to when U.G. will be taking some decisions regarding his future course of actions, he said already he has formed the ideas. Those ideas will be taking shape at the end of January 1985 and they will be put into action in the month of March 1985.

The end of U.G.'s mortal frame is indicated in India, i.e. the Karma Bhumi, he said. There is a Kalasarpa Yoga indicated in the chart. All the planets are bound by Rahu and Ketu grahas. Rahu in the fifth house gives him the ability of grasping everything without reading or without much difficulty.

U.G. will not stay in one place. In the Ravi period, he will be like a father to the children, educating them, making them understand what he wants to convey. When the period of Chandra or the Moon starts, he will be like a mother gathering children around him, caressing them etc. Mr. Gopal also pointed out that Kuja Dasha which follows after the Moon will be troublesome. The end may be in that Kuja Dasha.

To the question whether U.G. will have a re-birth, he said it is possible after 400 years. To the question as to which is the most influential planet in his chart, Mr. Gopal said evidently it is Saturn which is in the Lagna.

Sadhus will have no place around U.G. He said there is a Padma Rekha in the chart and some indication to that effect must be in the palm also. So he looked at U.G.'s palm and pointed out that most of the vertical lines are terminating at the beginning of the fingers. So that indicates "Poorna Hastha" - a complete hand.

Answering one of the questions of Bramachari, Mr. Gopal remarked that he should not indulge in arguments with U.G. but listen to him quietly. Arguments are like stirring the mud puddle.

He also said that great leaders and people are bound to come to U.G. during the Ravi period. He said that it is a very rare horoscope where three powerful planets are positioned in one house. In answer to the question whether U.G. will get money, he said that U.G. himself is a bank. He gave the analogy that though the bank has got money it does not own the money but can use it.

Even according to Gochara, the coming month of January 1985 is very favorable for taking decisions.

***Note:** At the end of this reading, U.G. made this cryptic remark: "No organization is possible anywhere except perhaps in China. This is what the Tarot cards predicted: "This teaching will be the religion of one country which I have not visited."*

PREDICTIONS OF AN ASTRO-PALMIST (1987)

Mr. Chaidambarayya is one of the best astro-palmists in India. When our engineer friend, Chandrasekhar, ushered him into Poorna Kutee on the Mahashivaratri Day, February 26, 1987, we all felt amusement walking into the house.

U.G., as usual, was ready to stretch out his right hand to the new astrologer. The astro-palmist studied the lines on U.G.'s palm calmly for about five minutes. We were astounded when he said quietly, "Your date of birth should be July 9, 1918." Dead accurate! Too precise to believe! But again that is what he is famous for. Famous for telling the date of birth and accurately casting the natal horoscope by just looking at the obscure lines on hands and forearms.

Mr. Chaidambarayya, we were told, was hard of hearing. He could hardly hear the exclamations of awe from the listeners, so he went on with his predictions.

"Your number is 'NINE' which is mystical. He is presided over by the elephant God, Ganapati. You are blessed with all riches and you are totally selfless. You help everybody who comes in your path, regardless of the blame that you often receive in return - particularly from the fair sex. So watch out! This world could exploit you and many may turn against you."

"You are given to wide travels, wandering all over the world. You never stay in the place of your birth."

At this point U.G. made a remark. "The mischief of the next twenty-one years will commence in Australia on March 15th." Everyone laughed.

The palmist continued: "You remain totally free; depending on no one; and live the full lifespan of ninety-one years. No serious illnesses, accidents or hospitalizations are indicated. You will never be bed-ridden. You are blessed with the power to shed the mortal coils at will. You will have no such thing as a 'fall' in your entire life and you only soar higher and higher."

"You treat everybody alike. Though living in the midst of multitudes, you remain severely alone. You live your normal married life and yet maintain the 'celibacy' gifted by the gods."

Then the palmist, Mr. Chidambarayya looked intently into U.G.'s palm and remarked: "Something seems to be bothering you very much. Some deep concern for something....of a very important nature..."

As he was saying these words, Valentine walked into the room with the help of her attendants and sat on the cot next to U.G. I requested the astro-palmist to look into her palm. To the utter amazement of everybody present, Chidambarayya rattled off Valentine's correct date of birth in a couple of minutes. "It must be 1st of August, 1901 - It can't be 1902 or 1900", he said with an air of authority.

We were stunned. Then he continued: "She's a great genius. She will live for ninety-six

years, and may suffer from physical cramps. But nothing disturbs her state of mind."

He turned to U.G. and said, "Just a while ago I said something seems to be bothering you. It is now crystal clear that this lady is the cause of your concern." And then he added, "Her responsibility is squarely on your head. No matter where you go, Australia or America. It is beyond me how you will be able to carry this burden. You live only for others, and not for yourself. But you never flaunt your selflessness."

Then I wrote on a piece of paper asking him the remedy for Valentine's deteriorating memory. The palmist replied, "There is no remedy for her problem, but she will live a long life and will be the second Visveswarayya".*

***Note:** Sir M. Visveswarayya was a world renowned engineer hailing from the erstwhile Mysore state and lived for one hundred and one years before he died in the year 1962.*

U.G. – THE MAN WITH NO FUTURE (1988)

If one could say there is one thing that U.G., the famous anti-guru and mentor to the stars, seems to be invariably interested in it is entertainment. Whether travelling, or meeting people and discussing the great truths, or shopping and spending money without a second thought, he appears to be mightily entertained. Perhaps living itself is a 'passing show' for him! Astrology, palm reading, and Nadi (See note below on Nadi) reading always seemed to interest him.

So when I and Srinivas proposed the idea of meeting the new Nadi-astrologer in town on "neutral ground," he offered no resistance. "If he is coming to your place then that satisfies the protocol. I have no objection," said U.G. We explained that there was a good chance that the Nadi gentleman would be at his usual place at that hour, and asked if we could go right then. "You are the boss. You decide. I am ready," he said with a smile.

Within moments we were speeding along in Srinivas's Maruti car toward Jayanagar. It was pleasant outside, despite the hot Bangalore sun. In the car U. G. kept asking his oft-repeated question, "What does the future have in store for me or you or anyone for that matter? What kind of future do you envisage? Future is always the modified past. If you have been poor in the past, you will seek money in the 'future'; if you have been suffering poor health, you want to be healthy. The future is always related to the past. So, there is only the past; no future or present...." U.G. kept talking about the futility of trying to know the non-existent future. But the undeterred Srinivas managed to drive us to his place. On the way he arranged with someone to fetch the Nadi astrologer. We waited quietly in a neatly arranged drawing room, and soon three men, each looking totally different from the others, were ushered in. Mr. Nagaraj, a tall slim figure in a grey safari suit, who looked more like an executive, followed by Mr. Jayaraman, a shorter dark-skinned Tambura accompanist, and a quiet great-bearded man who seemed like an accompaniment to the main performer, Mr. Nagaraj. They explained the Nadi to us briefly. It consisted of two bundles of palm leaves, one of large and long leaves that looked ancient, and the other of smaller leaves that appeared to be some sort of index to the text in the larger volume. On the leaves are astrological messages written in an archaic form of Telugu and Tamil. The Nadi astrologer's job is to locate the appropriate leaf in the manuscript for the person in question and interpret the contents to him or her.

Mr. Nagaraj began the proceedings by lighting an incense stick and passing it around the books with great veneration. He asked me to repeat the act, and I complied. He then held out one end of a string, the other end of which is attached to the bundle of palm leaves, and offered to U.G. He asked U.G. to part the stack of leaves at random with his end of the string by passing it through the stack. The astrologer opened that leaf where U.G.'s string divided the stack, and began reading what was written on it. These ancient scribblings, set down so long ago by some unknown astrologers and mystics, astounded all those present. The accuracy and insight with which those ancient ones were able to describe the man in question were, to say the least, mind-boggling.

The Nadi astrologer himself had no knowledge of U. G. whatever. He had imagined U. G.

to be a businessman and was visibly perplexed when the Nadi started singing the praises of this man: "What is there to say about this recluse who lives totally unattached like a droplet on a lotus leaf? This man lives like Bharata in the epic Ramayana, completely disinterested in the midst of all the royal comforts and pleasures. The combination of the planets Mercury and Saturn enabled him to understand the essence of life. He is well-read and experienced."

Mr. Nagaraj stopped reading for a moment, looking doubtfully at U.G., wondering if he perhaps hadn't turned the wrong leaf. U.G. reassured him quickly that the reading was indeed describing himself, and urged him to continue without hesitation. So, the Nadi reading resumed: "This man will rise to prominence in his Ravidasa (the phase of the Sun) like the rising Sun. Having been displaced from his native place, he never stays in any one place long. He does not go through initiation of any kind: he is born with it. His teaching is not like the teachings of hermits and jungle-dwellers. The light of his teaching keeps spreading everywhere. But he thoroughly disappoints those who come to him hoping to get somewhere. This person should be addressed as 'Atma' (the Self) and not as 'man' (implying that individuality is absent in him)."

Then, as if the ancient mystics needed a break at this point, they wrote: "We shall continue with the reading after a break of a ghatika (24 minutes)." Mr. Nagaraj closed the book. He and his colleagues were evidently eager to know more about U.G. U. G. obliged them by explaining for the next fifteen or twenty minutes how events in his life clearly reflected this and other astrological readings. Said U. G., "I cannot make a definitive statement as to whether there is anything to the predictive part of astrology, but if anyone wants to do an intensive case study, my chart would provide a good example. The events I have mentioned have paralleled exactly the predictions of the astrologers. Take it or leave it."

Meanwhile, we were all anxious to know what else the Nadi had to say regarding U. G. We implored the reader, Mr. Nagaraj, to go on with the reading. He consented. But, to the utter amazement of everyone present, when he opened the book a blank leaf greeted him, as if the ancient seers had anticipated our undue haste! "The blank leaf means that my future is blank," quipped U. G., chuckling.

Then the book was closed and after a half a minute was opened once again with the string. Writing did appear on this leaf. It said, "You still have a minute and a half to complete the 24 minute break we have in the previous reading. This reading is of no use to such a man. Nevertheless, we shall continue just for the fun of doing it. You need not pay respects to us, but would do better to offer your Namaskarams (salutations) to the one sitting opposite you and proceed with the reading."

The Nadi went on: "For eleven years from now, he will be haunted by the Spirit of Good Luck wherever he goes. It will not leave him....This man, whether he is eating, drinking, walking, sleeping, or doing anything, he always remains in Sahaja Samadhi (the 'Natural State of Union,' i.e., the state of liberation).... During the final phase of Chandradasa (the phase of the Moon) his very look would suffice to initiate a person spiritually....For such a man what use is this reading?" With that rhetorical question, the Nadi ended its reading. True, what use is this reading to you, U. G.? I can hear U. G. answering me with a resounding "Entertainment, of course!"

Note: Nadi as a type of astrology is practiced in different parts of India. In one form (Kaumara Nadi) the astrologer carries volumes of palm leaf manuscripts which he inherited from his ancestors, which were presumably written hundreds of years ago in somewhat archaic dialects, and which contain astrological charts and readings on all the people who would visit the astrologer in future (including their names, backgrounds, their past and their future destiny). The description of the Nadi used in this context is described at its appropriate place.

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PREDICTIONS OF GNANA CHAKRAVARTI (1987)

PART ONE:

On the 31st of May 1987, Sunday, at about 11:15 A.M., U.G. and we three (myself, Nagaraj, and Narendra) got down from the car at 40 K.R. Road. We saw Gnana Chakravarthi Satyanarayana with his disciple, Anand, and three other people standing near the gate awaiting U.G.'s arrival. Within the next few minutes we all found ourselves listening with rapt attention to the resonant voice of Satyanarayana, a doyen in the science of astrology reeling out the predictions, seemingly under the spell of some divine power.

He drew up U.G.'s chart in about five minutes as below calling it "D-4" - the fourth degree chart. He maintained that "D-4" aspect of the horoscope is an important factor to be considered while predicting the future of persons like U.G.

Readings and Predictions

From the Rasi chart: Lagna is Mithuna
Ravi and Guru are present in Lagna

Present dasa: Ravi Maha dasa, Buddha Bukti

1. In the "D-4" chart the Sun is in the 10th house. Jupiter is aspecting the Sun in Dhanus. "10th house sun" will give infinite fame. In Sun dasa - Guru Bhukti, the Native attains parvatayogam. "Radiance of spirit." "Persons who come near are thrown into that radiance."
2. First half of Ravi dasa is full of irritations. Second half is full of glory. "Since 'Guru' is in Mithuna all the good effects of Surya dasa Guru bhukti are yielded in Budha bhukti."
3. From 23rd of June traveling is started again. Jupiter is in Aswini at that time and also square to Chandra. Therefore Chandra attains Vaiseshikamsa.

"Fierce controversies will subside and the teaching will take roots as a result of the talks during the next travels. All opposition will be liquidated."

"Forthcoming travels will generate infinite funds. Countless money gives rise to institutions but the Native will have no use of those funds. Teacher is not bothered about the teaching taking deep roots."

"Creates great interest in the intellectuals."

4. In the year 1988 Jupiter will be transiting Venus. In 1989 Jupiter is in Lagna, Mithuna.

"Disappearance of old order and establishment of new order is predicted. Maximum international fame. But taste for money is totally absent. Native is not bothered about praise or

ridicule, success or failure."

5. Ravi is in between "Sukra" and "Chandra". "Total life is in limelight. Ravi lights up both the dasas. Spotless fame in the land of birth through mass media."

6. Sani and Chandra conjunction.

"Intellectual iconoclasm - destruction of all concrete ideas - at the same time focusing the attention on the core of truth."

7. **Sun dasa; Saturn bhukti**

"Money comes from 'blechhas' (foreigners), but that money is of no use to the native."
"Limitless money from talks."

"Travels till he drops dead."

8. **Moon dasa for ten years**

In 1990 - Saturn is transiting Capricorn - Central lagnas, like Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces are very good for the spiritual life. "Total metamorphosis in thinking. Mind functions in perfect wave lengths of Brahmic illumination."

"Whatever may be the opposition, personality is not destroyed."

It is very good that Moon period comes as a last period for the one in whom Moon is in 'vaiseshikamsa'.

"Big family is formed around the Native. Family is benefitted in every aspect."

"Infinite money flows from the foreign countries into the birth land."

Lord of Sixth is in "labha." "So no fear of any disease."

9. **General findings:**

"Real yoga commences at the age of seventy."

"Life is blessed with purposefulness. He passes immortality."

"Australia is the land of sun."

"A very rich woman showers all her riches on him."

U.G. is another Bruno - Second Century A.D. Italian philosopher. There are many good indicators pointing to the authenticity of these predictions. I am born on Sunday and today is

Sunday. The present time is a powerful lagna.

PART TWO:

On March 6, 1989, the Mahashivaratri Day, Gnana Chakravarti visited Poorna Kutee. Sitting in the courtyard, he reeled out the following predictions to U.G.:

JUPITER lord of Seven and Ten in association with Mars: lord of Six and Eleven and inimical to Lagna lord. GENERATES WIDE PUBLICITY FROM THE NEGATIVE DIRECTION. Jupiter's movement in Taurus in Venusian house will enable the Horoscopian to chance upon a Venusian character as Jupiter terminates himself in Taurus about the third week of August, 1989.

This coming forty-five days will bring about a remarkable metaphysical metamorphosis and a new system of thought gets asserted amidst persisting criticisms and takes root only to expand universally when Jupiter transits the lagna from August 22nd for thirteen months.

Jupiter in lagna is in "Digbala" - with cardinal strength he transits over his natal position and will be in opposition to Saturn who is transiting Saggitarius. Here is a situation that both Jupiter and Saturn will be transiting with cardinal strength.

Jupiter in cardinal strength when aspects:

ALL ANIMOSITIES GET DISSOLVED. VIRULENT CRITICISMS BORDERING UPON VITUPERATIONS WILL BE SUBSIDED.

When Jupiter transits over Lagna, especially on "ARDRA" star - the constellation of Rahu - the horoscopian becomes A PROGENITOR OF A NEW SYSTEM OF VALID THOUGHT WHICH WILL WIN WORLD WIDE ACCLAIM. Rahu is the planet of western hemisphere and Jupiter in Lagna signifies: INFINITE MONEY THROUGH A NEW BODY OF TEACHING.

Jupiter in lagna with Sun in Aries: from April 14th to May 14th - At that juncture Mars will be in lagna, Jupiter will be in 12th over Moon's star - Rohini 4th Pada - Saturn will be in 7th, Sun will be in 11th in exaltation.

At that time Moon crosses Jupiter and Moon will be in deep exaltation - 27 of Taurus. Four planets of illumination - Sun, Jupiter, Moon and Mars will be crossing over the vital houses 11, 12 and 1. At that time Saturn will be powerful in western hemisphere and equally Venus will also be passing through the same houses. At the same time Rahu will be transiting the 9th house - Aquarius.

WIDE TRAVELS, RESTIVE BATTLES OF INTELLECT AND INFLUX OF MONEY THROUGH UNEXPECTED SOURCES ARE PREDICTED.

AS JUPITER LEAVES "GEMINI" A GRIEVOUS LOSS IS INDICATED. THE END WOULD BE PEACEFUL.

AT THE ONSET OF NEW EPOCH FOR ANOTHER 15 YEARS - THE NEW TEACHING WILL BRING ABOUT A TOTAL INTELLECTUAL UPSURGE AND A NEW DIMENSION OF THOUGHT WITH AN ETERNAL BASIS: WILL BRACKET THE HOROSCOPIAN AMONG THE SPIRITUAL IMMORTALS.

The 9th house is "MANTRASTHANA". When Jupiter and Saturn will be aspecting simultaneously Rahu is also posited in the 9th house.

THE OVERMIND BRINGS ABOUT A NEW VISION. THE NEW TEACHING THE HOROSCOPIAN LIGHTS UPON WILL BE IN TOTAL CATHARSIS OF WHAT HE HAS SAID IN EARLIER SITUATIONS. AND THIS TEACHING WILL PERMEATE A NEW WORLD ORDER AND JUPITER HAPPILY TRANSITS HIS EXALTATION SIGN "CANCER" AROUND 1990 SEPTEMBER. IN OCTOBER 1991, THE DEEP EXALTATION OF THE JUPITER TRANSITING THE SECOND HOUSE OF THE LAGNA AND ASPECTING BACK HIS OWN 10TH HOUSE WILL BRING ABOUT REGAL CONNECTIONS - AN IMPORTANT PERSONALITY WITH THE HIGHEST WEALTH WILL PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE.

EVERYTHING IS CENTERED IN THE MORAL LOCUS. NO SCANDALS. NEXT THIRTEEN YEAR PERIOD IS THE MOST UNBLEMISHED. HE PASSES INTO WHITE RADIANCE OF ETERNITY. MORTAL COILS WILL BE SHUFFLED AT WILL.

PALM READING BY MR. AHULIVALIA (1989)

A mystic cross on U.G.'s palm which is very rarely found is indicative of his mighty spiritual attainment. Buddha also is supposed to have had it. U.G. will not stop travelling until he dies. Even when he leaves behind his mortal remains U.G. will continue to travel on a cosmic plane. His death will occur in a foreign country.

From 1989 to 1999 he will reach the pinnacle of his glory and the world will know him.

During this period U.G. will have Mars in his house and will do a lot of travelling. He may even acquire a "HELICOPTER".

If he were to enter political or any other field he would have been at the helm of affairs and would have occupied the top-most slot.

U.G. possessed the knowledge about all religions but does not talk about it. He had tremendous SPIRITUAL POWERS. He could have cured a man suffering from even cancer if he only had desired to do so. Now he has left behind his spiritual powers and has gone beyond on a "HIGHER PLANE". His message from this position immensely benefits mankind.

U.G. is very stubborn by nature and cannot be forced into anything. At the same time, he is very accommodating and his heart melts when people show their love and affection.

He will have no dearth of money. He has to simply wish for it and the money pours. However he does not make a lavish display of it and is not ostentatious. He spends money on others.

He has led a full sex life. If he had decided to lead a worldly life he would have amassed a lot of wealth.

New Delhi
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U.G.'s HOROSCOPE READING BY PROFESSOR VENKATRAMAYYA (1990)

On June 20, 1990, Predictions by Professor Venkatramayya, 82 years old, based on U.G.'s horoscope:

In U.G.'s second previous birth, he was an upasaka of Subramanya, Lakshmi, Rudrashakti and also a worshipper of Lord Vishnu. On the full moon night, he used to perform worship of Lord Chandra (Moon God).

In the previous birth, he was worshipping all the Gods mentioned above. He was performing Vishnu Pooja on a greater scale. That is why in this birth, he is born in Mithuna Lagna. Due to his Chandra Pooja on the full moon day, in this birth he is born in Katarakasi, and Punarvasu star.

Because he was performing the above mentioned poojas without offering rice, but only dals and corns, in this birth he is unable to consume rice. Due to some impurities during those poojas, there was some disturbance in his mind, and therefore he is born again on the earth and he got Daivy Shakti. But in this birth because of the above mentioned "unholiness", there is no continuity, no uniform way of living and he changes from one phase to another.

In his third previous birth, he was subjected to Guru Shapa (a curse), so his tapas were disturbed. As a result of that curse he had to have association with foreigners, outcasts and such people.

After the 20th of July 1990, all forces will merge in him. He will become radiant in all ways and he will be very successful from then onwards. But for that curse in his third previous birth, we would not have him amongst us. He would have gone to the Himalayas, entered a cave and would have lived a solitary life.

The nine planets have no effect on him. On account of Saturn's position in his chart, he cannot take normal food like others. He doesn't like fruits, only juices and liquid food. Even vegetables are distasteful to him.

He is always on the move and cannot stay in one place. Whether he is silent or talking, it is the same to him (samatva). He is destined to be a guru. He has the power to teach and initiate others. He will not start an institution. People are his wealth. He doesn't want anything. Whoever comes to him he answers in a way befitting their level of intelligence, which is not always liked by people. He is like a migrating, flying bird, detached from everything, not concerned about anything, even life itself. He has understood the real essence of Vedanta (Upanishads).

BHARATI'S PREDICTIONS (1990)

During Moon's main period: Saturn and Moon combination is likely to result in eye operations, mainly involving the right eye. Possibility of eyes being effected by development of cataracs and also severe strain on optic nerves. The face changes constantly like the different phases of the Moon.

Events in the Native's life are never eclipsed. The combination of Moon, Mercury and Saturn in the second house results in great Sanyasa-Yoga. This is according to the great ancient Indian sage, Parasara. More name and fame through speech are indicated. Many people including sanyasins and ordinary folk flock around him. During this period, the Native's teachings make their way into the academic mainstream.

Due to the Kalasarpa Yoga, that is, all the planets in the Native's horoscope being in between the nodes, Rahu and Ketu, he will conquer this world through his Sanyasa-Yoga. His success is particularly assured in foreign lands. Saturn obstructs the flow of money through business. He will not own any real estate properties.

During the Moon period another enlightenment is indicated. This is likely to happen during the sub-period of Venus or Ketu in the main period of Moon. This enlightenment will take place smoothly without any violent effects. It will not happen under a tree. The location of this event will be an island surrounded by black seas; It has high and low tides, greenery, marshy, rocky areas, smell of seaweed and marine life. Crabs, lobsters, seals and other sea life are in abundance. In winter it is very cold and there is snow. Granite mines are nearby.

After the event, the Native's talking capacity will be terminated because of damage to his vocal chords. He will be like Lord Siva, with snakes crawling around his body and neck of which he will be totally unaware. This period will be equal to Royal Yoga, that is he will be like an emperor. The dazzle of this enlightenment is comparable to silver-capped mountains sparkling and shining in the full-moon light. This enlightenment is genuine with real spirituality springing forth and overwhelming the world.

Mars communication begins on this island, beginning with the local fishermen who become disciples. The island can only be reached by boat. The Native eats well and adds weight, developing a Buddha-like belly.

Money has to be dug out by Mahesh and Chandrasekhar from the granite mines. After the second enlightenment, Mahesh will commercialize the whole thing. Chandrasekhar for sixteen years of Jupiter period will have no material rewards. During that period he deludes himself that he has attained the highest realization. Jupiter inflates his ego and he even claims to be a step ahead of U.G. But at the beginning of the next period, Saturn, realizing that he really knows nothing and that he must start from square number one, he repents.

Julie is the "Goddess". During her Rahu period, people come through her to U.G..
Mahesh gets lots of fame and name for the island by spreading the word through his writings.

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"WHERE IS THE MONEY?" (1991)

"Why are we going to Madras?" U.G.'s rhetorical question thrown at us the fourth time on that day drew no response. Major Dakshinamurti was looking amused at the way U.G. kept repeating his question like a child. In these two years he learned enough to put up with the unpredictable ways of the enlightened master. For the Major was driving him to Madras in his Maruti car. He just grinned, and did not take his eyes from the windshield. The speedometer was oscillating around 80 Km. Under the deft control of the Major, the car was speeding smoothly toward Madras. There were four of us in the car: U.G., Bramachariji, Suguna, and myself. None of us bothered to answer U.G. because we ourselves were totally in the dark about the purpose of our unexpected expedition.

It would be made clear to us the next afternoon (December 5, 1991) when we found ourselves sitting around an old man, a Nadi astrologer with several stacks of ancient palm-leaves in front of him. The old man was the custodian of the Kowmara Nadi leaves on which were written hundreds of years ago in archaic Tamil astrological predictions of people who might possibly consult them.

U.G.'s grandfather had consulted the same Nadi long ago in 1925 to know about his petulant grandson's career prospects. He was astounded when the Nadi started singing the praises of his grandson's future attainments in the spiritual field. We wanted to give a second try to the Nadi after the lapse of nearly sixty-five years and know what the ancient Rishees had in store for U.G.'s future.

"What's there to know except money matters? Every astrologer predicts that money is going to pour in like rain but I see only a draught and the drain of it", said U.G. looking as though he lost a million dollars. We could hardly contain our laughter whenever he talked about money. Nartaki once rightly said "M-O-N-E-Y" was a five-syllable mantra - "Panchakshari" - for U.G.. He never misses a single opportunity of mentioning it to anyone visiting him seeking spiritual solace. In accordance with his wishes, we decided to consult the "Dhanasthanam" ~ the chapter in the Nadi relating to money.

The old man, the Nadi reader, after checking his index stack with U.G.'s natal horoscope, went inside his office and slowly brought a stack of leaves. Then he turned the appropriate leaf referred to in the index and started reading the leaves in a sing-song fashion. He then took two blank sheets of paper and began copying the Tamil verses from the leaves. The process was ridiculously slow as he had to strain his eyes to read the faint writings on the old and soiled leaves. There was an eerie silence in the room with the ceiling fan humming over our heads.

I looked at U.G. who seemed to be slipping into a trance-like sleep. After waiting for an hour, the Nadi astrologer started translating and explaining the Nadi reading to the audience.

Here is the English version of what the Nadi man copied from the original text in Tamil:

1. "Sage Agasthya is narrating the special chapter of the Native and the planetary positions in his chart. (The positions tallied with the ones supplied by us to the astrologer.)

Ascendent in Gemini with Sun and Jupiter. Mars in Virgo and Rahu in Scorpio. Venus and Ketu in Taurus. The native is named after the cowherd, Lord Krishna.

2. "His mother's name is that of Brahma's consort (Bharati) and his father's name is Rama, one of the Avataras (incarnations) of Lord Vishnu. No matter which aspect is consulted, money, family, enlightenment, or any other, only a description of his spiritual life shows up here. During his early years, the Native's practice of religious disciplines and his own experiments with truth helps him in his spiritual growth.

3. "In his twenties, he associates himself with the learned. His achievements reach greater heights after 35. His knowledge of the body and the mind is refreshingly original. He will also be an authority on divine wisdom. His great experiments with living truth pave the path to the "Ultimate State".

4. "Opportunities of association with the learned continue. In his fifties his expounding of truth starts spreading wider and wider. He conveys to others his understanding of the living truth.

5. "Pain and misery do not touch him. His stature is destined to grow in his seventies, when the awakened state expresses itself more poignantly than ever before. He has the light of wisdom. In his eighties, his efforts to reach his goal are fulfilled.

6. "His present deportment awakens refreshing feelings in those who come to him. He achieves the exalted "Siddhis". Then he receives divine grace and merges into the One. "This is what the leaf says in this Kanda."

The Nadi man, visibly overawed by the rare reading given by the Nadi, started gazing at the seemingly ordinary man seated opposite him and slowly said: "Never have I come across such a remarkable reading in all my life. Normally not more than four verses are written in the leaves for anybody consulting the Nadi. Strangely in this case six verses are written. It is extraordinary."

All of us looked impressed at the old man's remarks except U.G.. "Who cares about all these things? What about money? Why is the Nadi not talking of money-rain?" asked U.G. as though his financial future depended on the predictions of the Nadi. The old man just smiled and started tying up the stack of leaves. He looked happy and satisfied for having given the Nadi reading to a person like U.G. and surprised everyone by politely declining the money offered to him as fees. But U.G. is the last person to accept free service from anybody. He did make the Nadi man richer by fifty rupees before we had left him.

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THUMPING REVELATIONS OF U.G.'S THUMB (1992)

Sri Agasthir Nadi Jothisha Nilayam in Salem is a branch of the main Agasthiar Nadi of Vydheeshwaran koil near Chidambaram. The unique feature of this particular Nadi, unlike the

other Nadis which require the natal chart as input, is that it bases the predictions on just the thumb impression of the individual concerned. That the Nadi leaf then comes out with the natal chart along with numerous details of birth, parentage, etc., from the thumb impression alone, is most astounding.

The astrologer first takes the thumb impression on a piece of paper and studies it. Depending on the category to which the thumb belongs, he then picks three or four volumes out of the hundred thousand and odd volumes of palm leaves. They are believed to have been written by the Sage Agasthiar several centuries ago. Deciding the correct leaf pertaining to the person in question is the chief criterion of the whole exercise. The astrologer keeps turning the leaves of the three or four stacks of leaves, reading one or two details from each leaf and checking their veracity with the person concerned - resorting to the process of elimination which is quite tiring and time-consuming. Finally, when the right leaf is chosen, it starts speaking in such an amazingly accurate manner that one could hardly believe the reading to be centuries old. Sometimes one is startled to hear the minutest details of one's life which had been long forgotten.

Like all the other Nadis, the "reading" is divided into twelve different chapters, otherwise called "Kandas", each one relating a specific aspect of life. The Second Kandam, for example, talks about the native's family and money, Ninth Kandam about spiritual life, Tenth about professional life, and the Twelfth about final emancipation, or Moksha, etc.

On June 18, 1992 we drove from Yercaud to Vydheeswarab Koil to consult U.G.'s only concern in his life - MONEY. The Nadi astrologer at last picked the right leaf which came out with U.G.'s natal chart giving a sketchy outline of his life events. "What about money?" U.G. yelled helplessly at us. We requested the astrologer to throw some light on U.G.'s dimming resources, the Dhana Sthanam as it is called. But the Sage of the Nadi rejected the request, insisting that U.G. should first light a lamp for Saturn in a temple and consult at this point.

Then the disciple of the Sage intervened and asked, "Why are you narrating only the brighter aspects of the Native's chart, leaving aside the darker ones? The second place from the Ascendant is occupied by Saturn and is in conjunction with Moon and Mercury. The Lord of the Second House (from Moon) is debilitated in the 12th (from Moon) which means the Native must have earned several demerits (negative score) due to sins committed in his previous birth. There cannot be any contentment or happiness for such a person in this life.

Money though it pours will go in wasted pursuits. His children do not understand his position and though the whole world applauds his attainments, they remain critical. He will have problematic relationships and no peace of mind. Apart from this, he will also have some minor eye troubles. These are a few of the negative aspects of the chart. Pray tell me why you are extolling only the brighter parts of the chart."

Sage Agasthiar replies to his disciple: "I am very well aware of the weaker side you described just now. It is due to human frailty and is typical of such a chart. Yet, if the Native is interested, he is well advised to consult the Shanti and Deeksha Kandas of this Nadi and seek the remedies to lessen the ill-effects to a certain extent."

The Sage then further continues with his observations: "The Native consults this Nadi in his 75th Year. Ever since the death of his wife, he is bereft of his family, his children having settled separately and living their own lives.

"He lives off of assured income he gets from his investments. Though very learned and accomplished in the field of education, the Native never accepts any "job" for his livelihood, his full-time "job" being the 'LOKASANGRAHA' (welfare of the world community). People from all over the world, from all walks of life, come to him to learn the living truths of life. Many books and news articles are written which contain the secret wisdom of his life. People write of him for their own self-satisfaction and gratification whereas the Native is not bothered and remains utterly indifferent.

"At the age of 75-76 there is an inflow of huge amounts of money with lots of luck, heavy expenditures are indicated. He maintains his cool at the attempts of those who try to trick him. The 77th year onward is the best period in the Native's life. Divine Grace permeates him, the corners of his eyes caress the grief-stricken people gathering around him.

"Blushing honors are showered as he attains an unparalleled position in the world and shines as an embodiment of rare truths. He carries the supreme benediction of great sages and abides in the inexplicable, indescribable state never before attained by anybody in the history of the world. But his efficiency and intelligence are best exhibited in pushing others not to accept him.

"Better prospects for the status of his children are evident as he nears his 80th year. They will be honorably placed. Great fame and name follow him along with riches. He continues to voice his new-found truths with renewed courage and conviction, keeping the world's wisest intellectuals spell-bound. Endless and everlasting fame is earned as a 'Jnani' through the works, books, and writings. He lives through the 83rd year of his life in the firmament of brilliant people who give him unique encomiums."

The Sage Agasthiar concludes the Second Kandam at this stage wishing the Native all the best. We asked U.G. what he has to say at this amazing reading of the ancient leaves.

"Don't ask me", he said, looking at his thumb. "I still have suspended judgement on such things."

His thumb, however, looked colorfully bright, telling us his approval: "I AM IMPRESSED!"

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SHIVA'S LIGHT ON THE HILL-TOP (1993)

"U.G.! There is another Nadi in Salem. It is called Eshwara Nadi, or Shiva Nadi. I consulted it several years ago and found it very interesting", said Shivapriya, the sari-clad Finnish lady from SriRamanashram. She was listening to our conversations on Nadi astrology. Shivapriya came to India from England where she graduated from university, to attend the Theosophical Society Centenary celebrations at Adyar in 1975. She never went back to her country afterwards. She evidently did a great deal of spiritual "shopping" and had reached the saturation point by the time she wrote to me seeking the whereabouts of U.G. She was there in Yercaud on February 2, 1993, almost on the same day we arrived from Bangalore.

The moment we heard about the other Nadi in Salem we knew that U.G.'s feet would start itching to go down the hill for what he calls his "constitutional ride". He doesn't need any persuasion in "matters astrological".

"Major!" called U.G. "Let us go to Salem now and find out from that Eshwara Nadi about my 'money position'. My resources are fast drying up. At this rate I may have to depend on your benevolence. What about sending me also a money-order along with all those you send every month? Sir, include my name in that list..." Major let out a loud laugh. He knows U.G. very well and how capable he is of pulling others' legs. "I am not joking", said U.G. trying to look serious and sincere to the core of his being. "If you don't take care of me and feed me, then I will have to sell away all these pots, pans and furniture one by one and make money. Not many are left even for that. Or, start a cassette library with all these video cassettes. What else can I do?..."

We all laughed at the way U.G. was painting such a grim picture of his future prospects. It was such fun to see the puzzled looks of newcomers like Shivapriya, watching the Jivanmukta playing pranks on others.

After about two hours, we five (U.G., Major, Bramachariji, Suguna and I) were sitting before the Eshwara Nadi Astrologer in Salem. It was Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1993. The afternoon heat was mocking us for the heaven we left behind in the cool heights of Yercaud. "Why the hell are we here?" was the question perhaps ringing in U.G.'s head. After a while when the Nadi picked that up and posed a question to U.G., "Why the hell are you here?", it was altogether a different matter to each one of us.

The astrologer, Mr. Subbusheshan, was studying U.G.'s birth chart which I had given him. I observed him intermittently throwing suspicious glances from the corners of his eyes at us. He looked to be in his fifties and claimed to know quite a few Indian languages, like Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, etc., as well as Tamil and English. After some time, he took out a bundle of old palm leaves, opened the bundle at random and started reading the Tamil text written on the leaves. In between, he would pause, take a pinch of snuff and stuffing into his nostril, observe the faces of his august audience. None of us was able to follow what he was reading and on his part, he was throwing silly glances at us implying that we should be able to understand whatever he was reading. Our requests to explain the text yielded no response.

Annoyed at the attitude of the astrologer, Major snarled at him, saying, "Why don't you translate the reading and explain it to us when you know both English and Telugu?" U.G. butted in and snubbed Major's impatience which further infuriated him and he got up abruptly and walked out of the room as the astrologer continued.

The reading, which the seemingly crazy-looking astrologer gave on that day was, to quote U.G. himself, "something amazing and astounding." The entire reading was in a dialogue-form between Shiva and Parvati, his consort. They discuss the chart of the Native.

Shiva traces the descent of U.G.'s mother's ancestors and says her GOTRAM (which refers to the genealogy of ancestral sages) is opposed to that of Sage Bharadwaja.

"Native's second place in the chart is occupied by Mercury, the Lord of this day (Wednesday) and is in conjunction with Moon and Saturn. He keeps travelling around the globe despite his strong conviction that the world is an illusion."

At this stage, Shiva shifts his focus onto those sitting around U.G. and starts talking about them. The Nadi man explained this astonishing aspect of the Nadi as an attempt to establish the fact that the reading refers to the particular Native alone. The manner in which the Nadi described the assembly that day is the most bewildering part of the story.

"To the left of the Native is seated the gentleman who hails from the city protected by the deity Chamundeshwari (one of the many aspects of Parvati)." Nadi obviously was referring to Bramachariji sitting at the left of U.G. and coming from the city 'Mysore' which is presided over by Goddess Chamundeshwari.

"A couple born under the constellation of 'Bharani' and 'Pubba' stars accompany the Native and the lady is clad in a blue sari, the color most liked by Saturn." It took no time to realize that the Nadi was referring to both me and my wife, Suguna, who was wearing a blue color sari. She was born under 'Bharani' star, and I under 'Pubba.'

"Another lady wearing yellow clothes sits next to the lady mentioned above. She has two daughters, one born on Monday and the other on Wednesday." The lady next to us confirmed what the Nadi said. "The man who walked out of the assembly in rage was sitting at the right of the Native", said the Nadi, making a pointed reference to Major. He continued, "Having failed to keep his own mind, comparable to a wild horse, in check, he makes futile attempts to control others' behavior and loses his job in that process. There are altogether five children born to his parents."

Meanwhile another person with a young boy showed up and joined the assembly while the reading was in progress. The Nadi immediately recognized him as the one whose blind mother died six months earlier drowning herself in a well. Nadi further pointed out that he came to consult for an auspicious day for installing the Lord Ganesh's idol in the temple recently renovated by him in his town. That man nodded in assent to what Nadi said. The Nadi further added: "Your son has a mole on his right arm. He will come up in his educational career and occupy a

fairly good position in the government."

Thus the Nadi exhausted the reference to all those present in the room which indeed is a novel method of establishing the bonafides of the Native.

U.G. could not contain his admiration for the Nadi and started showering praises on the astrologer. "I have known so many Nadis and astrologers all my life, but never have I come across such a fantastic Nadi. It is beyond me to understand how those sages were able to write about future events with such minute details. A friend of mine in England is interested in making a documentary on Nadi Astrology for the B.B.C. and he is trying to gather sufficient data to get his project approved by them. I think he should come to India and seek the help of people like you."

The Nadi man was visibly flattered by the compliments rained on him and started stuffing both his nostrils with snuff in great delight. He then continued with the reading for U.G.

Shiva tells Parvati: "The Native comes to consult this Nadi today, the Bhishma Ekadasi day (the day on which the grand old man of Mahabharata times, Bhishma, gave up the ghost in great peace), to know about his second house (money position). Mark the period after the advent of the New Year (March 24th). The Native hits upon a great bonanza."

The most astounding part of the reading began at this point, when Shiva told Parvati referring to U.G.: "Whatever has to be given, I gave him already. I blessed him with total enlightenment (Poorna Jnana) and cast his life in a different mould in his 50th year. As written in MY Upanishad (Isavasya Upanishad), I removed from him the shining golden lid shielding the brilliance of the Self (Sun). I took the shining lamp out of the pot and placed it on the top of the hill! What business has he got here? What more can I say except chanting the mantra: 'That is full. This is full.' Fullness is said to be got through fullness and derived from fullness and fullness alone remains."

After reading this, the Nadi man kept his book down and looked intently at U.G. By then he was more than certain that the odd looking assortment of customers sitting before him that afternoon were not of ordinary type. He looked at both U.G. and Bramachariji, shifting his glances. For a change his demeanor became reverential. He humbly requested with folded hands, "Please reveal your identities and let me know who you really are." Bramachariji, looking impressed by the Nadi Man's changed attitude, explained to him U.G.'s attainments.

The Nadi man understood our interest in the working of the Nadi and started showing his astrological notes calling us R & D (Research and Development) people. He read the last portions of the leaf: "Shiva concludes, saying, 'The Native's teaching is a great benediction to the entire creation, animate and inanimate, to the trees, birds, animals, mammals, right from the frog within the rock to the embryo inside the womb.' He then sets off to Chidambaram with his spouse, Parvati."

The Nadi man, Subbusheshan, closed the bundle of leaves and tied the knot. U.G. took out five hundred rupees and offered them to him. He looked at it hesitantly and asked, "Do you feel I should accept this money?" "Of course I do", answer U.G. pushing the currency notes towards him.

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Major's Maruti car started the uphill climb carrying us all back to Yercaud. "Every trip by car to Salem is costing you 120 rupees", remarked U.G. Major smiled behind his bushy mustache. "We have to wait till Ugadi (New Years Day) for the money-rain", said U.G. again.

"Who will pay five rupees at the check-post?" asked U.G. as the car entered Yercaud.

"Certainly not you, Sir!" said Major, handing out a five rupee note to the guard.

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FAR-FETCHED FACTS ABOUT FACE READING (1993)

It was Wednesday, the 3rd of March, 1993. We were sitting in the large living room of our host in Madras, Mr. Malladi Krishnamurti, that morning. U.G. looked all set for his midnight flight to Singapore and Hong Kong. From Hong Kong he was to take a "Great Big Leap" into Mainland China. His sudden decision to tour China, the one country which he had carefully avoided all his sixty years of extensive world travelling, had baffled us all. Years ago, a Tarot card reader in Rome had predicted that U.G.'s teaching would become the state religion of the one big country he had not visited in his lifetime.

"Firstly", said U.G., explaining the hidden motives behind his decision to visit China, "I have become sick and tired of replying to the interviewers, whenever I am on TV and Radio shows all over the world, that I have visited every country worth its name in the world except China. I want to drop that line hereafter. Secondly I want to disprove that Tarot card prediction. This is the reason I'm going to China."

His explanation, I guess, hardly sounded convincing, even to himself, not to mention to others. But, again, how can a "Jnani", who only receives "the orders from above", know the purpose behind his actions and decisions?

Meanwhile our host, Mr. Krishnamurti, said that he had invited one Mr. Raman to meet U.G. that morning. He further said that Mr. Raman has an amazing power of knowing the past, present and future of anybody by merely looking at the face. Hence he is known as a "Face Reader". He leads a very simple and austere line, we were told, and is also a great Upasaka (an ardent worshipper of a certain deity). He is a bachelor and has almost no social interests in life. Every morning he makes a few bundles of incense sticks, carries them to any place that the town-bus he boards takes him, sells them to the passers-by and returns home after buying the day's rations with the profits earned. Next morning he is again ready with another bundle of incense sticks to earn his livelihood.

"Let me see what the face reader has to say about U.G.", I thought to myself. At about 10 A.M., Mr. Raman walked in and seated himself in a chair facing us all. He looked very ordinary and of sixty or sixty-five years of age. He had a small bag hanging from his shoulders. Gazing at his face, I could never have told myself that he could perform an awe-inspiring feat of "Face Reading."

That day, Mr. Raman surprised everybody as he slowly started unveiling true identities of those present there, indulging in myth and mythology sometimes bordering upon allegorical exaggeration. He has a peculiar way of reading faces. He doesn't give the impression that he is concentrating on anybody in particular, and goes on telling in a very casual way not necessarily about one person, but about all those seated near him. There is an air of sincerity and seriousness in his manner, whether he talks about the past births connecting us with some mythological figures or about the political changes the world is destined to undergo in the near future.

Here is a brief account of what he read from the faces of those present on that day for

about an hour or so:

ABOUT U.G.:

He is the incarnation of Lord Narayana. I behold the sacred feet of the guru on his head. I also see the seven colors of the rainbow emanating from him like the rays from the sun. Out of all the colors, yellow is dominant. He doesn't show his dynamic character outwardly. Like the Balakrishna, he plays pranks and is frivolous, but it is very difficult to discern his true nature. He is splendid like the Sun and solemn like an Ocean and yet he behaves like a child. Every full moon day he holds congregations with many spiritual masters. He does not sleep, no tiredness. Doctors fail to understand the physical functioning of his body. His pulse rate is very low, like that of a child. He talks to the animals and trees who understand him. He wields tremendous power on the political leaders all over the world. His word decides the final choice in the selection of the posts of Prime Minister and the President. If he happens to visit Delhi, the President of India would receive him with reverence, throwing security precautions to the winds. Terrorists in Punjab and Kashmir surrender to U.G. and become his devotees. Poverty is wiped out of this country. Foreign money will flow into this country through his followers and U.G.'s mission is to establish a United India. (Not really! U.G. says he would love to see this country break up into tiny independent states.)

He is the Kaliyuga Buddha. When he visits China he is going to meet a 400 year old monk who is waiting for him. In one of his previous births he was born in that land and he will visit his grave in China.

In the year 2001 A.D., U.G. will perform a vanishing trick by disappearing and joining the Saptarishi Loka. He again returns to this world after two years. His natal chart may look ordinary in many respects but he is beyond the influence of all planets. Saturn is his friend and whenever he is in trouble, he seeks U.G.'s help. U.G. comes out with some rare truths only when pricked by ticklish questions. He doesn't approve either Advaita (Monism) or Dvaitic (Dualism) philosophies. He upholds Ramanuja's Vishista-advaita (Qualified Monism) as the highest. He was the Master who put Prophet Mohammed on the right track in one of his previous births. Jesus is unacceptable to U.G. who dismisses him saying, "Jesus never existed."

The entire globe is like a fruit in his hand. Natural calamities like earthquakes cause disturbances in his body. He is a born Siddha. A master unparalleled, he doesn't want to attract people like Rajneesh and other people. He gathers only simple and ordinary folk around him and shies away from publicity. By 1997 his fame shoots up to heights hitherto unknown to anybody.

Three centers are established to carry on his mission. Switzerland occupies the position of Mathura of yesteryear. California will be the Brindavan of bygone days. Yercaud is the Nandagokula.

Bangalore will flourish as the "Seat of Master."

U.G. is totally detached from his family and children. His children are not favorably disposed towards him. His last son strikes a perfect chord of understanding and they both get along well. The son remembers his father constantly. He returns to Bangalore to organize and

establish a center for education, hospital etc. in the Southern part of Bangalore.

U.G. strives tirelessly to spread the message of Universal Brotherhood and the world is immensely benefitted. U.G. is always concerned about the poor and the downtrodden and the unfed. Like the Lord Krishna, he has no death. He casts off his mortal coils at will. U.G.'s grandson (Son's son) resembles U.G. U.G. merges in him.

ABOUT MAJOR:

He was a Namboodri Brahmin in one of his last births and was wandering with AdiShankara. He was blessed with the beatific vision of Goddess Sharada devi and carries her grace in this birth as well. In this birth he lives a detached life bereft of worldly desires. His association with U.G. dates back to the 12th Century when U.G. was born in the Alps Mountains in Switzerland. U.G. and Major were like Krishna and Yashoda. Major bathed U.G. and clad him in clean clothes. In a fit of rage, Major sometimes would beat U.G. Major's brother-in-law (also our host), Krishnamurti, was born as a mute shepherd in the Alps and was very friendly with U.G. U.G. would run away from Major to eat the sweet berries offered by Krishnamurti.

Major is the incarnation of Adishesha, the serpent-bed of Lord Narayana in Vaikuntam. Like Lakshmana, Major looks after the needs of U.G. with great care in this birth. In this birth, U.G.'s divine grace descends on him. U.G. does everything for Major and transfers his light to him. In the next birth again both are born together and attain the heights of Bhagawan.

In another birth during Mahabharata times, Major was the Karna and U.G. was Krishna.

At this point, Mr. Raman asked Major whether there is any black dog living with him in Yercaud. Major answered in the affirmative and said, "Its name is 'Blackie'". Then Raman said: "She appeared to me requesting me to tell you about her past birth. That dog was a servant to you in Melbourne about 150 years ago. You had helped him in many ways at that time. So he is born again in Yercaud to serve you and to express his gratitude. The dog is very sensitive and very intelligent."

ABOUT HENK OF AMSTERDAM:

As the Face Reading was in progress, Mr. Henk Schonewille of Amsterdam, who had been in India spending his vacation with us, entered the room. He was unaware of what was going on. Mr. Raman looked at him and said to U.G.: "This man was your cook in Switzerland in his previous birth. He lives under the waters of Ganges, in the lower worlds." His description of the world below Ganges suits well the Netherlands from whence Henk hails. Raman continued: "He has great confidence and faith in U.G. He also has many unfulfilled desires and a strong sex drive. He will get involved with a woman who bears a child for him and he will totally lose himself in the pleasures of life. But U.G. does not let go the hold on him and revives him back to his old way of life."

ABOUT SUGUNA AND MYSELF:

“He is the Sahadeva among the five Pandavas in his previous birth,” said Raman, looking at me. “Learned in Shastras (the Scriptures), he is deeply devoted to U.G. He always meditates on the lotus feet of his Master.” When I mentioned my book in the making on U.G., he said, “The book will be as famous as Bhagavadgita. It will get translated into many languages. You are not writing the book. U.G. writes his own book through you.”

Turning to Suguna, he said, “She is an angel. In her past birth she served Rukmini (Krishna's consort). She is now associated with U.G. through her husband.”

Raman's Face Reading feat ends here. I was racking my mind sitting before my desk wondering how I should end this account, when the postman rang the doorbell. My hands automatically picked the heavy envelope out of the heap of mail. It was from U.G. He evidently mailed the contents, three tourist booklets of Chinese cities, before he left Hong Kong for China. I noticed another small envelope along with the booklets. It contained a small weight-card: “Your weight,” it said, “is 141 pounds (about 64 Kg.)” “So, U.G.'s weight remains unchanged around 63,” I said to myself. Suddenly the lines at the back of the card caught my attention. The automatic scale had pronounced the following weighty judgement on its esteemed customer: “YOU ARE A PERSON OF GREAT ACTION AND FEW WORDS. YOUR WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.”

K. Chandrasekhar
Bangalore
March 24. 1993

SRI SAPTARISHI VAKYAM (1993)

Yercaud, which is the Agasthya Kshetram, seems to be surrounded by Nadi Astrologers. We were therefore not surprised when the Yercaud Postmaster told us about yet another Nadi in Srirangam, known as "Saptarishi Vakyam", near Trichy, about 140 kilometers from Salem.

The Postmaster became interested in U.G. as he started receiving unusual inquiries from different quarters about U.G.'s address and schedule in Yercaud. One Dr. K.D. Chauhan from a place in North Gujarat, even went as far as sending a postal money order to the Postmaster requesting him to inform him by telegram when U.G. arrived in town.

The Postmaster himself became more and more intrigued by this rare person living in his jurisdiction. Charmed by U.G., the Postmaster himself became an ardent devotee, bringing iddlies on many occasions. On one such visit, having learned of U.G.'s passionate interest in Nadi Astrology, he informed us of the Nadi near his native town, Trichy.

The Postmaster offered to take us to the Nadi on his next trip to Trichy. On the 8th of April, 1993, Thursday, we set off on this journey, U.G., Major, the Postmaster and me. By the time we reached our destination it was 3:30 in the afternoon. Srirangam is a very ancient temple town presided over by Lord Sri Ranganatha, who is Vishnu Himself. The sacred Cauvery River (where Valentine's ashes were dispersed two years ago) flows down all the way to Srirangam where it branches, forming an island around the town.

As we entered the astrologer's office, we found two people with the ancient Nadi leaves as though they were waiting for us. In an hour's time, one of them, Mr. Deiveekanathan, reeled off U.G.'s Nadi reading, after looking at his thumb impression.

The following is the text:

Sage Kausika, offering obeisance to Goddess Parvati, narrates the Native's first kandam. The classification of his thumb is "irumani," shankhu rekha (two dots and a conch shaped line). U.G.'s planetary positions were described directly from the leaf and they tallied with his chart. It went on to say that he is born in the year Kalayukti on Tuesday into a highly-esteemed and honorable family. He gets huge amounts of money from his ancestral properties, but spends it all. He is the only child to his parents. His studies take him to the graduate level without completing the degree. Born with very good yogas, he accepts no jobs, no profession.

His wife dies at an early age. At the time of this consultation there are three surviving children, two daughters, one son. All of them are married and settled in their lives. The Native is 75 years old. Because of misdeeds in past lives, the Native must now face unnecessary expenses, tiring travels and other difficulties.

His son, after completing his education, is engaged in his own computer business. One daughter is plagued by health problems and financial concerns. The transit of Saturn in the 8th House, causes the Native some blood ailments. He is also likely to be involved in driving accidents. His family members will be faced with unforeseen medical expenses. However, the

Native is advised to undertake the worship of Goddess Lakshmi and wear her talisman to ward off the troubles mentioned above.

The Native lives a long life of 85 years. Wide travels abroad are indicated. His fame and name spread to the four corners of the world. He attains a very exalted state by the Grace of Ishwara. He will have lots of vehicles, money, lands, and houses in different countries. He will have the friendship of great men placed in high position around the world.

In his 76th year, he visits big countries at the invitation of their governments.

After this, the Sage begins to talk about his children. They will live a long time and the daughters will be happily married. His son will have bright business prospects commencing the 17th of June, 1993. He will receive new contracts and expand his present business to two countries. The Native's children are helped by the governments in their ventures and they earn lots of money, honor and fame.

The Nadi reveals the Native's name as Krishnamurti, and his wife as Kusuma, his parents as Sitaramaiah and Bharati.

When we requested the reading of the second kandum, MONEY POSITION, the Astrologer expressed his helplessness, saying that U.G. should first comply with the Nadi's request that he worship Goddess Lakshmi and wear the talisman. U.G. refused, as usual. He said, "I would rather call my Swiss banker and find out my financial position."

K. Chandrasekhar
Yercaud
April 23, 1993

PREDICTIONS BY VEDAM SATYANARAYANA
on Sunday, November 7, 1993
in Bangalore

1. During the Ketu Bhukti in Moon Dasa (26/8/1996-26/3/1997) important decisions with regard to finances are taken. He suffers loss in finances.
2. Most probably this lays the foundation for introducing a new financial situation and at the same time depletes all the previous sources of finances. Probably a new situation is going to crystallize by itself through the association with **some foreign woman**. This is because of the combination of Ketu and Sukra in the Twelfth House of the Natal Horoscope, which is the house of Separation and Liberation.

U.G.'S PALM
Certain Outstanding Features
Parvati Kumar
Madras, November 3, 1993

1. There are two significant stars in U.G.'s hand indicating two expansions through two explosions. The first star on the head line indicates the death of the mind [in his 49th year]. The second indicates transcendence from [his] soul to the universal soul. His name becomes a *mantra*. His presence can be felt by invocation. The first star indicates the Third Initiation. The second star indicates the Fifth Initiation.
2. The lifeline and its support line protrude into the Mount of Jupiter and even into the Jupiter finger. It indicates expansion beyond the body, the formation of an Etheric body and its immortality.
3. The circular line on the moon mount indicates [U.G.'s] circular movements around the globe.
4. The vertical lines [two] getting into Mount of Saturn indicate the ability to bring down, establish and anchor sublime thoughts through speech and action.
5. The vertical lines into the Mount of the Sun indicate name and fame that follow as shadows.
6. A line commencing from the positive Mount of Mars proceeds to the Mount of Jupiter linking the two stars stated above and continues into the Mount of Jupiter. It indicates a positive destination of limiting and crystallizing concepts that bind human beings. It also indicates inauguration of a "New Direct Line" of ideation from the unknown to the known.

7. The heart line progresses into the Mount of Jupiter indicating complete lack of "instinct to possess" properties, persons and even ideas.
8. A line running high above the heart line towards Jupiter indicates cooperation with a Plan relating to the Earth. It indicates being an outpost to energies coming into the planet via Venus.
9. There is a line of intuition in the form of a semi-circle below the heart/head line. There is another line of intuition above the heart line moving from the bottom of the Mount of mercury and reaching up to the Mount of the Sun. It indicates higher intuition and perception of planetary happenings.

I am not a palmist, but I have read U.G.'s hand. Thanks to HIM.

WHEN DO I STOP MY TRAVELS?

That morning of the 8th of June, 1994, U.G. was sitting relaxed in the living room of "Poorna Kutee." Both he and the Major had arrived in Bangalore the previous night by car. The Major was still looking tired after the five hour strenuous driving from Yercaud by night. U.G.'s decision to quit places comes at the most unwarranted times like the sudden break down of power supply in Yercaud. You are left powerless even to protest.

The Major had no alternative but to pack up and sit before his steering wheel. He didn't even have a chance to watch his favorite Star T.V. programs beamed through the new dish antenna. U.G. got the antenna installed on the very same day, spending 15,000 rupees. The 12 foot dish mounted on the terrace is supposed to entice Major with all kinds of sexy programs beaming on the crazy little screen and to wean him from the worship of Nature's beauty.

That morning, all of a sudden, Satyanarayana appeared at the door with cloth hanging from his shoulders. "Ah!" said U.G. beaming with delight at his sight. "Come in, Sir! I have come all the way from Yercaud just to see you and learn about my future."

Satyanarayana greeted U.G. with folded hands and took his seat. He belongs to the first generation of U.G. addicts who had been sticking around U.G. for the last 25 years, despite U.G.'s own violent attempts to shake them off. For a postgraduate in statistics working with the National Tuberculosis Institute in Bangalore Satyanarayana's ardent interest in astrology and his master of the subject are phenomenal. His passion for the traditional wisdom, well-tempered by his scientific attitude, earned him the title "Vedam Satyanarayana" in U.G.'s circle of friends. Being quite familiar with U.G.'s parlance, he didn't feel embarrassed at the importance showered on him.

U.G. got up from his seat and, sitting next to Vedam, continued his questions: "How long am I going to travel round the world like this, Sir? Tell me. It is sheer madness. Nothing short of that. I had already gone around the world twice this year and I am poised to complete the third round in the next few months. I already have my air ticket. What do you say about this?"

Vedam was silent for some time. Then, turning to me, he said, "Last night when you

telephoned me I noted the time. It was exactly 9:15. That was the Dhanur lagnam. In this month the Sun is transiting in Vrishabha (Taurus) ~ which means the 6th house from Dhanur lagnam. The lord of the 6th Shukra (Venus) is in his own place in U.G.'s chart. The sixth house denotes travels. So, I concluded last night that U.G. would ask me about his travels." He then turned toward U.G. and said, "You have to continue the travels, Sir! There cannot be any break."

Then U.G. remarked: "I am not able to visualize the possibility of travels after the next summer, that is, after August, 1995. I have enough mileage accumulated as a frequent flyer with Northwest airlines at least for another trip around the world. By the next year, with my accumulated mileage disappearing, and Valentine's money already gone, I cannot foresee how I would be able to travel."

Vedam nodded his head and said, "Sir, I cannot say how, but whatever may be the situation, the Moon is very powerful in your chart. He will keep you travelling...."

I often wondered whether astrology had any significance to U.G. I know he is not the sort of person to believe in astrological predictions. "Planets do affect us just the way we affect them, however microscopic that effect may be," says U.G., "But I don't accept the translation of that effect in terms of some value. That is why I say that the predictive part of astrology doesn't hold any water as far as I am concerned." Then why does he indulge time and again in such astrological sessions with varieties of Nadi astrologers, palmists and astrologers? It is hard to accept his statement that the whole thing is just for entertainment. But, again, there is nothing you can say about it. Take it or leave it!

"I have to tell you one more thing, said U.G., touching Vedam's shoulder, "On the day we left for Yercaud (May 30, 1994), in the early hours, I had a strange vision, or whatever you want to call it. I was wide awake, but was still lying in bed. All of a sudden I saw in front of my eyes a long strip of the world map. It was not a dream, not a vision, but just like that woman's face which appeared years ago in Brahmachari's ashram, something like that. The map appeared in a flash ~ not the entire world ~ but a wide strip commencing from the Northern portion of South America through the Northwest of the African continent all the way into China through some Middle Eastern countries. It is amazing. None of the countries which I have been visiting appeared in that strip. Even Europe and India were not there..." U.G. then asked for a world map and showed to us the spread of the narrow strip crossing the world map. "I don't know whether there is anything to this," said, U.G., folding the map.

Vedam was listening to U.G. attentively. He was silent for a moment and then said, "Your description of that strip corresponds to the Tropic of Cancer in the world map. My feeling is that the Tropic of Capricorn also must have appeared, which you probably did not notice. They both complement each other. The Tropic of Capricorn includes all the continents you have so far been visiting. Perhaps it is an indication that the countries covered by the Tropic of Cancer also will be coming into your itinerary very soon...."

"You mean to say that I have to travel more and more?" inquired U.G. with a faint smile on his lips.

Satyanarayana answered, "In your natal chart the lord of the fourth house from the Moon is Venus and is very powerfully placed. The fourth Bhava denotes residence, vehicles, etc. It is said that Shukra's energy moves in a Mandala which is pentagon shaped, i.e. with five facets. Shukra being the lord of the fourth bhava you too are bound to move in five different continents. In India I think the five places you normally visit ~ Bombay, Delhi, Bangalore, Madras, and Yercaud ~ form the five facets of a perfect pentagon."

"I don't understand how it is going to be possible. After 1995, I will have no money to travel," said U.G.

Satyanarayana looked indulgently at U.G. and said, "Such a situation will never arise, Sir! In my opinion, probably by Ketu Bhukti in the Moon Dasa ~ that is, during 1995-96 ~ a new financial situation will crystallize by itself through the association with a foreign woman. This I feel is imperative because of the Ketu and Shukra combination in the 12th house of your chart. The 12th house is the place of separation. Shukra always brought major breaks from the status quo in your life. By the year 1996 Saturn will start transiting in Meena (Pisces), which means that the present ill effect of the 8th house transit will have ceased. So, according my recurring reading, that is the most opportune time for the new situation to take shape."

U.G. seemed to agree with Satyanarayana's observation. "That is true," he said, "Women always played an important role in shaping the events of my life. Some woman has to enter my life and take the place of Valentine. But I am not looking for one." Everyone laughed at these remarks of U.G.

But the question keeps haunting those around U.G.: "Who will be that fairy to cradle U.G. in the lap of opulence?"

It is bound to remain an unanswered million dollar question at least till 1996.

CHINA MANIA

Ever since March 1993 when U.G. visited China ~ the only large country which he deliberately avoided all these years ~ his travel schedules have been growing increasingly bizarre. He circled around the world already twice this year. He literally made an air-dash to South China before landing in Madras on the 10th of May. Why did he go to Guangzhou ~ the capital of Canton ~ for just a few hours? The only purpose as it appears now, was to meet a ninety-odd-year-old Chinese man whom he had befriended during his last visit. At that time he gave away his clothes and a set of cooking gadgets to the old man on the roadside. The man was taken aback at the guileless generosity of an utter stranger. U. G. was ready to pour into the lap of the hapless looking man hundreds of U.S. dollars he had in his pocket. But the wise old man politely declined and hugged U.G. exclaiming, "Where on earth can I find such a man ~ an embodiment of compassion? What do I need the money for? Suffice is your outpouring of love." After U.G. had left, the old man's granddaughter read and translated U.G.'s biography written by Mahesh Bhatt, a copy of which the old man requested from U.G. Soon he was besieged with an intense desire to meet U.G. again. By then U.G. was settling down in San Rafael, California for an extended stay. One long distance call from mainland China set U.G. again on his travel track. This time the old man was simply overjoyed to see U.G. He pointed out the explosive nature of U.G.'s utterings and offered an advice: "Don't waste your breath any more talking to the religious and spiritual buffs," he said, "They are not the sort to get any hang of what you are trying to put across. Hereafter, you restrict yourself to address the scientific community of geneticists, physicists, biologists, etc., and those that are at the helm of affairs, shaping the destinies of mankind." U.G. was pleasantly surprised when the old man with all his wisdom foresaw the pioneering role China would play on tomorrow's world stage. "China will be the only country where your thoughts and ideas would take deeper roots," he said to U.G. prophetically.

It is difficult to hazard any guess as to how seriously U.G. would consider the old man's free advice which in real terms cost U.G. a great deal. In the mean time there seems to be no possible cure to the China mania that is holding U.G. in its complete sway.

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Bangalore
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QUIT INDIA PROPHECY (1995)

U.G.'s stay in India this year was drawing to a close by the end of March. Just as I was wondering how he had managed to stay these three long months in this country of his last choice, he suddenly decided to make a "drive-dive" to Mysore on March 25. He asked me to call Bharadwaj ~ the lawyer neighbor of Brahmachariji ~ and sound an alert to Brahmachariji about this visit. When the lawyer came online, U.G. took the phone from me: "Hello, Sir! I am leaving this horrible country. I am finished with Yercaud; finished with Bangalore; finished with India. I cannot leave this country without saying good-bye to the holy man, Sir! We are checking in there tomorrow morning to see whether the holy man is still kicking in the land of the living...."

When we all reached Mysore on the 25th in two cars, Brahmachariji demonstrated in ample measure the strength of his 'kicking' with his overpowering hospitality. On top of it, he turned U.G.'s short stay in his house into an interesting astrological session. He invited a reputed astrologer. Mr. Aparanji, the astrologer, hails from Belgaum, northern most town of Karnataka, and is a frequent visitor to Mysore city. He had a chance to look into U.G.'s horoscope some time ago at his friend L.N.Shastry's residence. Since then he has been eager to meet U.G. in person. When he learned about U.G.'s unexpected visit to town, he jumped with joy.

Mr. Aparanji started his star gazing exercise on U.G. by first looking at his palm. He said that according to Cheiro's method, U.G.'s knotty fingers proclaimed him a 'philosopher'. That appellation suits U.G.'s style of describing himself "as a philosopher of sorts." Mr. Aparanji summed up his palm study of U.G. as follows:

He is a student of humanity, attaching more value to humanistic accomplishments. He is also a good character reader. Even if someone comes showering praises on him he could easily see through him and evaluate his nature....The position of his thumb shows that he is a 'Tyaga purusha,' which means that he is a renounced man. His spiritual life reached its acme in his 28th year. After that he has always been relinquishing everything that came his way. He is not involved with anything that grows around him.

Mr. Aparanji then explained his method of astrological reading by saying that unlike many Indian astrologers he has little faith in the predictive method based on the Dasa Bhukti following the influence of the ruling planetary period. "I follow the Secondary Direction Method ~ equating each year of the native's age to one day and scaling down the chart. Accordingly, U.G.'s birth chart has to be read for the 78th day after his birth," he said. He then started analyzing U.G.'s chart meticulously.

Mr. Aparanji did a preliminary reading once before at Mr. L.N. Sastry's residence, and this is his second. He apologized to U.G. for his limited vocabulary in English saying, "My English is bad, Sir! I don't know how you feel ..." Pat came the assurance from U.G.: "Yours is better than mine. You speak better English than the President of America."

The following is the gist of Mr. Aparanji's readings which he did partly in English, partly in Kannada and at times in Hindi and Marathi:

About U.G.'s Early Life:

His life is never supported by paternal relations. Only his relatives on the maternal side interact with his early life. Neptune, placed in a good position, indicates (maternal) grandmother's influence. His grandfather's role in his life is not as sustained as his grandmother's. She was like a guru to him, as Jijiabai was to King Shivaji.

About His Married Life:

This gentleman had no inclination for marriage or for leading a married life. He yielded to circumstances and to the wishes of his family members and consented to marry. The Moon-Neptune trine aspect in Navamsa chart is responsible for his marriage. In addition to that, the combination of Sun and Saturn in his natal chart do not allow him to devote adequate attention towards his family matters. He will be more occupied with spiritual matters and will have no time to apply himself to mundane matters.

In this chart Ketu is in the 12th house ~ Taurus ~ which is the place of 'losses'. Normally, in the case of those with the ascendant in Sagittarius, Ketu in the 12th signifies that the native will lead a life of a celibate like Vivekananda. But here the ascendant is in Gemini. So, this man will be as great as Vivekananda, but will get married in spite of his inherent dislike for marriage.

About His Wife and Children:

He gets married at the age of 26. His wife's family must be within the close circle of his family and must have hailed from a place not farther than 40 km from his native town. His wife always respected him and loved him dearly. If anyone tried to insult her husband or make any adverse comment about him in her presence she would go into a rage and hit the offender hard on the head.

He begets both sons and daughters. Among them the first son is bright and intelligent. The second will have certain spiritual leanings. All the children are well placed in society. The native is not bothered about his family, and they do not suffer from a lack of anything. After his 40th year he is finished with his family and home. But God assumes total responsibility for his family. Until his 40th year his family members keep finding faults with his actions and blaming him for all the ills that befall them

About His Attainments:

There is Moon-Neptune yoga in this chart of his, with the result that he enjoys a high level public image. Mercury in conjunction with Moon bestows what is known as 'Vaikhari yoga' - attainment of great oratory skills. He will have tremendous authority on his power of speech. He is capable of delivering impromptu lectures on any subject and winning the acclaim of even the most learned. Both the goddess of learning, Saraswati, and the bestower of success, Ganapati, bless him with their powers.

After his 8th year, owing to the evil conjunction of Sun and Saturn, he leaves his home.

His family members are seldom sure of his movements. He is quite different from the rest of his family in his attitude towards the world. His way of functioning and talking are poles apart in nature. Sometimes he talks very slightly of God and other related subjects. But actually he has the attainment of what is called the “Bhakta Pahlada yoga” due to the conjunction of Sun, Jupiter and Pluto. He has totally surrendered to God and placed his complete trust in His hands. That “trust” has blessed him with all kinds of experiences. He deliberately ridicules God so that all and sundry seekers are not attracted to him and he is not burdened with them. He tests those that gather around him and reveals his true self only to the chosen few.

He has an attainment known as “Kalpavriksha yoga”, with the result that right from his 8th year whatever he desires and wishes he gets them. He never feels a lack of anything.

About His Enlightenment:

This gentleman has also the attainment called “Sakshatkara yoga,” the yoga of self-realization, in the year 1967-68. I am unable to describe exactly the nature of that self-realization: but surely, after that he rises to prominence. God tests him thoroughly to see whether he withstands the rigors of that yoga. Only after 1969 God grants him a comfortable life.

Around the year 1982 he will have another powerful yoga called “Kundalini Urdhvagami yoga” - which means that his energy moves in higher and higher realms of consciousness, dissolving all frontiers. With that all the achievements are finished for him. Nothing more is left to be attained. He gathers great authority and certainty on all matters. His energy manifests in his each and every action in far greater measure than before. Authorities in every field of human endeavor shall bow their heads in awe when they encounter that energy in him.

About Money and Travels:

The native is never bothered or will ever bother about his finances. Money and fame run after him, but he is not after them. After his 32nd year he earns great fame in foreign lands. He is like the legendary Maharashtra saint, Ranganatha Swami, who lived rolling in riches and comforts but was never concerned about them. Money springs forth like a fountain whenever the need for it arises for him. He gives it away liberally and does not even like to be remembered for it. But he is not wasteful. He is careful and does not part with even a penny to the undeserved. He will always lead a tourist's life, traveling from place to place right from his childhood.

About His Last Days:

This gentleman has come into this world only to awaken people. The moment he feels that his work is finished, he will quit the world. He has the attainment called “Icchamarana yoga,” the power to die any time at will. He may desire to leave the body and enter the “Satya loka” ~ the realm of the Creator ~ in his 83rd or 84th year, when once he feels that his mission is accomplished.

About His Present Situation:

Jupiter's transit in the 6th place is not favorable to the native. Radical Sun and Jupiter are going through a squint aspect. Consequently for the last 3 or 4 months he is upset about the way things are shaping up. He feels let down because people around him have failed to do what they ought to have done. They remain childish. He doesn't see any signs of maturity in their actions ever since he met them. He is so disgusted with their failures in coming up to his expectations that he is urging God to retire him from service. But God is asking him to hold on for one more year. "I shall consider your case of retirement after that," says God unto him. People close to him are also praying God to extend his service to them. God is seriously considering their request. But actually this gentleman is not interested in continuing in his service. He is in such a foul mood that he might even voluntarily lay down his mantle and bid goodbye to God.

Does he let people know when he is retiring? Not all people. He shall tell very few, that too just 5 or 6 days before he retires. Neptune and Pluto enter Sagittarius during their retrograde motion on July 10 and August 10, respectively. It is not advisable for him to be in India during that period. He will not be in India. He shall come back during December, 1995 when Jupiter transits Sagittarius. Where does he retire? Of course, in India, possibly at his birth place, Machilipatnam.

What does he think of India? He has great regard for India, but not for Indians. That is why he is quitting the country until December. When he is away from India, God considers him to be on duty and will not let him retire.

At the end of the reading session I told Mr. Aparanji: "Now, at least you be a good Indian and accept whatever U.G. wants to offer." U.G. immediately thrust a bunch of currency bills, worth about a thousand rupees, in his pocket. Mr. Aparanji stood speechless at the sudden and unexpected fruit of his fortune telling.

U.G. turned to me, winked and said, "I have successfully corrupted many an astrologer by filling their pockets. This man is no exception. From now on his predictions will get wilder and wilder like those of the 'face reader' in Madras...."

K. Chandrasekhar
Bangalore
April 9, 1995

READING BY ASTROLOGER SHRI KANUBHAI C. JOSHI (1995)

This is the verbatim transcript of the reading of U.G.'s horoscope prepared in Bombay. The people present at this reading were-Kanubhai C. Joshi (KCJ), Raj (Raj Mehta), Dhiren Morarji (DNM) and Minal Morarji (MDM). This is an unedited and unexpurgated version. No attempt is made to make this reading more comprehensible than the spoken word.

Note from Raj: There are references to my relationship with U.G. in this reading as suggested by our horoscopes (U.G.'s and mine). I feel that the things that were said will apply to most people close to U.G., and no special meaning is to be attached to them, even though the words may hint otherwise. Please note that Shri Kanubhai is 67 years and is a Vaishnava; so he uses the traditional concepts of Indian spirituality to talk about U.G. and sometimes uses old fashioned English. Prior to this reading he has never heard of or known anything about U.G. Kanubhai, being a friend of ours, is completely uninhibited and unrestrained in what he is saying.).

KCJ: Everything I see here is matching with the South Indian horoscope and the computerized horoscope, except for the lagna (ascendant). Here the lagna is 00.024, and it is difficult to read such a horoscope. You ask whatever you want to know.

MDM: Please tell us of any outstanding things you find in the horoscope.

KCJ: His psychic powers are exceptionally strong. Moreover, he has received these powers from his previous birth. In spite of his renouncing everything in his life, he still has about 5% of worldliness left in him. He is not completely saintly. This 5% worldliness shows his attachment to the worldly things. The reason for this is the following:

The four important planets are placed very well. Only Shukra is placed in the materialistic position. Shukra in this position is always interpreted as inclination towards materialism. Ravi, Shani, Chandra & Ketu, however, are good. Chandra is mind. Ravi enhances spirituality, and Shani consolidates it. Guru is morality. Ketu assists Shani. All are placed excellently. Well, Ketu in this place reflects two things. He does not take anything from his hereditary property, and the other side of it (Ketu?) leads to spritulism. Chandra is mind and is centered in its own self. Opposite to it is Shani making square with Ravi. This means that all the three planets concerned with spirituality are working together for the subject. There are four squares. Out of the four squares, lords of three are in favor of spirituality. The lord of this (i.e. the 4th square), the figure 7, Shukra is sitting here and Shukra in this place causes materialism. If Shukra had been here [pointing to another place on the horoscope] instead, then he would have become Ramakrishna Paramahansa. He would have risen to great heights. This position of Shukra causes about 5% materialism. The subject wants everything first class. What is the man like?

Raj: If he chooses he can move in very rich circles. But he chooses to be with the common man. He is definitely moving around the world once a year.

KCJ: Has this point (about materialism) been mentioned by anyone else?

MDM: Please look up this point in the Kundli (aspect?) of spirituality?

Raj: Is it possible that this condition (spirituality?) was there earlier in his life and that after a certain age things have changed?

KCJ: Since childhood he is a very God-fearing person. He does not like immoral things etc., up till 1963 ~ i.e. till the age of 45. Then he slips into a little materialism ~ up to 1983; that means for about 20 years. He must be propagating all these things between '63 September and '83 September. During the period of Shukra Dasa he tried to take advantage of his own spirituality. His life was filled with spirituality from the time of his birth till '63, because he was born under Guru Dasa. After that the Shani Dasa takes place and Shani also indicates spirituality. Then the Budha Dasa occurs. Budha's nakshatra lord is Shani. That again means a spiritualistic life. Then Ketu reigns for seven years ~ till '63. Then the subject is completely pious, for 20 years, up to 1983. I think during this period he must have started wandering, after he was 44. This means that materialism crept in a little. Again Ravi comes in till 1989. Ravi also represents spirituality. Then Chandra occurs. Chandra stands for the mind, and the mind is working under the influence of Shani. This means that throughout his life he is a pious man. Until September 1999 Mars (Mangal) comes again. Mars stands for materialism. Now, he has something fantastic ~ he has the power of voluntary death (Ichhit Maut). If he wishes to die today, if he feels, "Now it is enough ~ the body has become infirm so I must leave," he will die. This is a rare ability. The Jains have a similar practice which they call Santhara.

Raj: But Santhara is not willed death; people starve themselves to death. What you are talking about is something different.

Dhiren: He need not do something like that. He will achieve it automatically.

KCJ: He will feel, "This is enough. I must go. My time has come," and he will go.

Raj: Is this only in regard to death? Or does it apply to everything else?

MDM: Does this mean that he can get detached from anything he wishes to get detached from?

DNM: Does he get whatever he wishes?

KCJ: I am only talking about death. Can you be more specific about what you are asking?

Raj: What I am wondering is if he wishes for anything else in his life would he get it?

KCJ: I told you that for those 20 years ~ between 1963 September and 1983 September ~ he got whatever he thought he must get, whether it was to go to Kenya or to go to Paris his wishes were fulfilled. Is this what you want to know?

Raj: He is probably the most traveled person I have known.

DNM: He has been to China too.

Raj: He has been to every country on earth.

KCJ: Because Shukra in this place fulfills every desire of the person, his desire being 95% spiritualistic and 5% worldly. Shukra gives that strength. If Shukra had been 'there' instead of in 'this place', he worldly desires would never have been fulfilled. He would have gone to a jungle or the Himalayas and passed his life there.

Raj: One question: did anything unusual happen in his 49th year?

KCJ: Yes, at the ages of 49 and 54.

Raj: What happened?

KCJ: It means in 1967-68.

MDM: What happened between March and August 1968?

Raj: Somewhere around that time he was in Switzerland.

KCJ: You know that story of Dev and Danav Mathan? There was a lot of churning in the mind first, then realization came. Is that true about this man? Before this event his mind was terribly confused. If he had not been on this side (spiritual) he would have become mad. The mind was confused to that degree. But out of that Manthan the realization came. Is that true?

Raj: Yes.

DNM: He calls it "calamity."

KCJ: This kind of Mathan is not a joke. He could have become a lunatic ~ I am sure of that. This I see in his Kundli of spiritualism. But one thing: during those 20 years of Shukra maha dasa ~ how strange this is! ~ it means god is helping him. Let me check the degree of Shukra. Now see the interesting part: I told you Shukra in this position represents worldly desires. The exact opposite of Shukra is spirituality; that means that it is the negative effect of Shukra, and Shani is sitting here in the place of spirituality. Again Shani looks through the third house 1,2 and 3, and Shani has subdued Shukra. So I would shorten 5 or 10% to only 2% of worldly desires. In respect to spirituality in this horoscope Shukra is finished by Shani.

Raj: So Shani is dominating. That is spirituality is dominating materialism.

KCJ: However much he may think of it or may speak of it, whenever he desires something, he comes around to saying, "I don't want to do that, I don't want to have this. I have given up everything. What is there to desire?" But desire does come up. Once desire is there, Shukra will play its own role and will keep on playing its role. And out of such a situation he got self-

realization.

Raj: Realization he got definitely. As far as anyone can make out and in view of whatever I have read about him, he is like one of the few living Masters. His understanding about life and everything else is unmatched. I have not met anyone who is as realized as this man is.

KCJ: One more thing: in the year 1971 also, that is in 71-72 (when he was 54) before July '72 he got another realization. Some command from God saying, "Do this." You can verify this with him. I will tell you the exact period during which he attained it: between September, '71 and February '72. You ask him if he got the command, "Do this, and don't do this."

Raj: I will check it out.

KCJ: What next?

Raj: As regards his being a teacher, he does not give discourses. He is totally unconventional. There is no one like him in the field of spirituality.

KCJ: He is simply outstanding.

Raj: Would anyone become realized because of him?

MDM: Will anyone get realization because of him?

KCJ: It also depends on that person.

Raj: Obviously it depends on that person too.

KCJ: As a preceptor he is a very powerful person, very powerful. So if he guides anyone he will guide him perfectly. Then it is up to the recipient how he utilizes it. He is not a man of the masses like our Parthasarthy.

DNM: He does not seem to believe in future and in the Karma theory or life after death. Yet you say that his psychic powers are because of his past lives. You probably will also claim that he will have a future life. But according to U.G. there is no next life. You just mingle with nature. After death we all mingle with the elements.

MDM: This is Kanubhai's reading. U.G.'s belief or disbelief in the Karma theory or life after death has no bearing on it.

Raj: Is anything interesting going to happen to him in the next five years?

KCJ: From September, '96 to April, '97 I think he will have a physically difficult period. Death or an accident is indicated. And he may decide to pass away willingly.

DNM: Suppose he desires to live longer, will he?

KCJ: No he will not. He will feel enough is enough. And he will attain Moksha. Then he will have no rebirth. I will be more precise now. The following three periods are particularly difficult:

- a) The period between 9/15/95(?) to 10/15/95;
- b) the period between 12/15/95(?) to 1/14/96; and
- c) the period between 3/15/96 to 4/15/97.

(Note: This aspect has been explored further in the next reading. However, further specific information will only be available after August).

Death or a serious accident can occur. There may be damage to his kidneys, or there may be blood hemorrhage, or something of the sort. At present there is also some confusion in his mind.

Raj: What confusion?

KCJ: Mentally he is perturbed. Because he is secretive he will not disclose this. He is very secretive about this.

Raj: He is not planning to come back to India till November this year. As regards myself: is he going to be of any help to me ~ his teaching, or his influence?

MDM: Let me look at your horoscope.

KCJ: More than you desire or deserve [laughs]. He is ensconced in you. According to your horoscope, you are highly benefited by him as far as spirituality is concerned. Yours is the relationship between the teacher and the taught. You accrue all its benefits, perhaps more benefits than others will. You will be just like his pet student. I don't know what your relationship with him is.

Raj: I have just met him. I have known about him and met him before three or four times. Then this meeting happened on the 30th of March. It was not something that I desired, wanted or wished for or tried to bring about. I was not interested in nor was Looking for any teacher. Then this happened, and he invited me to go and stay at his house. We all went there. I learnt from other people about him and I read some of his books. So, that had a lot of impact on me-not in the sense of having new beliefs, but in the sense of its removing or destroying part of my belief system, destroying many of my illusions. That impact has already occurred. But there is no desire in me to follow him or seek his presence. If I can meet him it is fine. I am not trying to be with him.

KCJ: But you will have a bigger impact than that. He will have a perfect influence over you, and that could occur as a result of just one meeting. See, with such persons we do not need continual coaching. Even a single meeting will bear fruit, and you will have that. That's because he

has already affected you. You are under his shadow and you are getting all the benefits, more benefits than you deserve or desire.

Raj: Why do you say more than I deserve?

KCJ: I mean in a manner of speaking. He will treat you as his pet student. See suddenly he asked you to go to his cottage at Yercaud. Imagine how this thought came to his mind. He just won't offer his cottage to any Tom, Dick or Harry.

Raj: I don't know....

KCJ: Naturally he won't talk about it. He must have found through his psychic powers something special in you.

Raj: He has enormous psychic powers. In '87 Oct. I was visiting some friends in America. He did not know me at all at that time. We were sitting across the table and having dinner. All of a sudden he told me, "Your mother runs the family business." I do have a business and my mother does run it. Then he went on to say, "She is very sick." Two weeks latter I got a message that she was very ill. Many people I met have vouched for his ability to change or affect things in their lives. A couple who visited him had no children. Three years later they came back with a bouncing child. But he claims he has nothing to do with it.

KCJ: That's the greatness of such a person. That's how he acts.

Raj: He appears as if he has not done a thing. He generally even believes that he has not done a thing, and yet things happen around him. Can you be more specific as to what benefit I will get from him?

KCJ: Only spirituality. Spirituality (Kundli) tallies in both horoscopes. You are getting all benefits from him, full benefits of spirituality. You see, even a small spark from him will be sufficient to guide you. Even a sentence or two from him will do the job.

Raj: I think this has already happened, because I feel there is an immense impact. I don't think I have talked to him directly. It is just an impact of being with him.

KCJ: You are completely his shadow as I said before. And there is more to come from him to you.

(Note from Raj: In the next two sittings this issue (U.G.'s impact) is explored in some more detail. Also the issues of some confusion and of his relationship with people who are around him are also explored. I will need some time to transcribe it and pass it on to you).

Bombay
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79th BIRTHDAY READING BY M. VENKATARAMAYYA
(Dr. Mallikharjuna Rao's Daba)
July 8, 1997

I am one hundred percent sure that from now on, until the end of 1998, you will be passing through a very important period of your life, in fact, the zenith of your life on this planet, when the whole world will feel the impact of your phenomenon. Since the end of March of this year, and until the end of November 1998, you will be running Sukra Sub-period in Chandra Maha Dasa. Sukra is a benefic to your Lagna and he is in the 12th House, a Moksha Stana. And in addition, your main planet, Uranus, had his transition into Aquarius in 1995 itself. On your Natal Chart also, Uranus is in Aquarius, which he rules. And another new factor now is that Kethu also entered Aquarius towards the end of June of this year.

Keeping these factors in mind, one can safely conclude that you are reaching a point when you will get rid of all the devotional and sentimental elements hovering around you now. Towards the end of this year, a set of new people without any expectations will project your image to the world in terms of a philosophical phenomenon and you will become an idol to the 21st Century generations.

Alan Leo wrote in one of his books that "Uranus in its highest aspect typifies the Universal Mind, which holds all forms (however contradictory) in its consciousness, harmonizing and reconciling them all. It is the comprehender, who, unlimited by space, commands infinity. It represents to us the ETERNAL MAN."

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80th BIRTHDAY READING BY M. VENKATARAMAYYA
July 1998

U.G. should be careful from December next about his health. Better somebody travels with him in order to keep company. From December onwards he is entering a very important phase of his life; the last and the most significant turning point. He will be very aggressive and restive and may incur the wrath of some public institutions and the public universally, thereby getting world-wide attention.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO U.G. (1998)
V.C. Raman

Namaskarams. You are entering 81st year. This is an auspicious day for the universe. You are going to live another 15 years in good health. In the year 2000 your voice will command the universe. I am expecting your blessings on this auspicious day.

(By Email to Switzerland)

SRI T. PRAKASH'S ASTROLOGY READING

November 1998

About the Astrologer.....

Sri T.Prakash was a practicing chartered accountant in Bangalore before he gave up and started his new career as a consulting astrologer ten years ago. Prakash lives in Bangalore, not far from the place where we stay. We met on several social occasions and got to know each other. He visited our home at times on my invitation. He visited Europe and America mostly on invitation from the associates of Maharshi Mahesh Yogi to lecture on astrological topics. During one such visit, to Amsterdam, he met Sri.P.V.R.Rayudu, U.G.'s son-in-law, and came to know about U.G.

Several months later, on the 1st of November 1998, when Prakash suddenly showed up at our door, I was pleasantly surprised. We both started talking about our favorite subject, astrology. After some time, Suguna, my wife, suggested that Prakash should read U.G.'s horoscope. He smiled and politely declined to look into the chart. He explained to us his predicament.

Prakash once used to be a staunch devotee of Satya Sai Baba. After he got interested in astrology, out of curiosity, he wanted to study Sai Baba's chart. He thought he could find astrological proof for Sai Baba's status of being an Avatar. But, to his utter disappointment he couldn't find a shred of evidence to show the spiritual eminence of his Master in his chart. His knowledge of astrology shattered his faith in Sai Baba.

Prakash said, "If I look into UG's chart, I may find some bitter facts which I will be compelled to express. I may be hurting your feelings because I know you have a great regard for him." I understood his predicament and assured him quickly that his candid opinions on UG would not hurt us. I requested him to give us his unbiased reading. He took the chart in his hands and started analyzing.

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This is the gist of what Prakash said that day:

"Jupiter in the ascendent shows without a shadow of doubt the native's spiritual attainments. They [the ancients] say: "*Lagnath guru koti doshath parishcritah*" [A million shortcomings are overcome by the presence of Jupiter in the ascendent]. But the presence of Venus and *Ketu* in the 12th House stands as an impediment for his eminence to gain the heights of recognition. *Ketu* is debilitated in Taurus. His popularity and fame would never be proportionate to his attainments. Venus in the 12th makes him a constant globe trotter.

Mars is aspecting his 7th House by his 4th aspect. This will cause quite a lot of disturbance in his married life. He must have had at least four children. He has no relationship with them and they too don't maintain mutual relationships among themselves.

The presence of Mars in 4th House doesn't allow him to own or possess anything. He loses all his properties. He will have no home or money of his own. Yet, the presence of the 1st Lord Mercury and the 2nd Lord Moon in his 2nd House ensures perennial financial resources at his beck and call.

Saturn and Moon are considered to be 'female planets'. Mercury is an impotent planet. In the company of female planets he is considered female. So, when all the three major female planets are in 2nd

House, the native is surely helped by one woman or another in times of crisis ~ especially during financial difficulties.

Rahu in the 6th House speaks of his obstinate nature. Rahu also makes him suffer great losses.

The 3rd Lord Sun in ascendent instills great self-confidence. The Sun also furthers aesthetic interests. It makes him a lover of nature and environment. Saturn in the place of speech makes him a moody person. The Mercury-Moon combination projects him to the vast multitude as a semi-lunatic, if not a goner.

His 10th House ~ the place of profession ~ is aspected by Mars and Rahu. There will always be ups and downs in any profession he takes up. He fights and breaks away from every institution he associates himself with.

Rahu aspects Mercury and Moon in 2nd House. The native is prone to turn everything upside down. He reverses his own line of thinking and course of actions frequently. One can never be certain of his thoughts and ideas. His command over language is brilliant. But Saturn breaks his career as a speaker. Rahu aspecting the 12th House makes him lose interest in talking. He often questions himself: "Why talk to these people at all?"

Commenting about his excellent health, Prakash said: "He always manages himself wherever he is." He added that U.G. should be careful during the coming *Kuja dasa* and *Sani bhukti*.

Where would his final end be? Which part of the world? Prakash answered, "He has no particular feelings for any part of the world. He doesn't look upon any country as his own, much less India. Chances are low for India. Left to himself, he would prefer Europe to America."

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Just before taking leave from us Prakash enquired about U.G.'s whereabouts and his knowledge of astrology. "He must have a fair knowledge of astrology," he said. I agreed and said, "He always has a soft corner for palmists, astrologers and face-readers."

"Then, I am ready to go to him, Sir, wherever he is. Distance is no problem. He should only call on me. At the moment I have to go to Bombay. Kajol [a top Hindi movie actress] called me this morning. She wants to consult me about something," said Prakash, kick-starting his motor-cycle, and sped away.

K. Chandrasekhar
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SAGES OFFER U.G. SAGE COUNSEL

December 2001

It was on Sunday the 16th of December, 2001, when our astrologer friend, Mr. Yadunath, brought his friend Mr. Shamarao to U.G. and introduced him as the “Nadi Astrologer.” Shamarao lives in Rajajinagar, about ten kilometers from our place. He seemed to be in his mid sixties, and is said to be in possession of a peculiar kind of “Nadi” which he calls “Trans-vibratory readings of Sages Gargeya and Parashara.” They are written in the Kannada language on ancient palm leaves.

Mr. Shamarao was so impressed by U.G. on that morning that he offered to do the Nadi reading for him. He requested that U.G. visit his place on the same evening at 4:30. U.G. gladly accepted his invitation. That evening U.G. along with Yadunath and Rajan set off to the Nadi reader’s place in Major’s Fiat-Uno car.

At the outset, Mr. Shamarao requested that U.G. stretch out his right palm. He then touched U.G.’s palm with his own palm and quickly withdrew it as though he got some sort of an electric shock. He again tried to touch U.G.’s palm and took back his palm in a jerk. He then took out a pendulum, normally used to check the person’s psychic energy, and held it over U.G.’s palm. The pendulum astonishingly started revolving in clockwise circles. Shamarao said nothing. He then placed two sacs containing ancient palm leaves before U.G. The first sac contained the readings of Sage Gargeya and the other one of Sage Parashara. Shamarao requested that U.G. pick any two leaves from the first sac. Then he read out the contents of the leaves, translating into English. Major Dakshinamurti made quick notes of the Nadi reader’s readings.

Here is the summary of those astonishing readings:

SAGE GARGEYA’S READINGS

1. “Your forefathers were the worshipers of both ‘Vishnu’ and ‘Shiva.’ You were blessed with the ‘Vision of Siva’ in the form of Linga already. You are verily Siva himself.
2. “You are a true Brahmin, an enlightened soul of the highest order. But most people can not swallow the blunt and naked expressions of your attainment. They go away from you in total disdain.
3. “All those who choose to come to you are helped beyond their expectations. Your friends are benefitted financially and in every other way through your impact on them. But you don’t stand to gain any share from what they earn. Just like the Lord Krishna who lifted the mountain called Govardhana to save his people, you protect all those who come to you. Though you are harsh in your expressions, you are kind to those who come to you in distress. Your divine nature shows them the way out. However, you remain always partial to the fair sex.
4. “It is impossible to understand and measure your eminence. Your many-faceted brilliance and enormous depth of knowledge are unfathomable. Those who exhibit arrogance before you are humbled in no time.

5. “You are not concerned about the way the world goes but you are connected with the politics and the events of the world. You are least concerned about your future. Nevertheless, you are like a master chess player playing the world events.
6. “The land that you had left in the recent past is filled with a lot of turmoil and commotion. The top leader of the country that you are visiting shortly will be assassinated on one Wednesday.
7. “After ten days from now revolutionary changes are indicated in your life. Within five weeks important events will occur.”

At this stage, the Sage Gargeya showed his concern for U.G.’s health and advised him to talk less in order to conserve his energy. “Prolonged discussions and endless talks tend to drain your energy,” cautioned the Sage.

The Nadi astrologer thus exhausting the palm leaves of the Sage Gargeya requested that U.G. pick two more leaves from Sage Parashara’s sac. After that he started reading those leaves.

SAGE PARASHARA’S READINGS

1. “You are a Jnani of the highest order; you are akin to God Himself. You have reached the heights that are beyond any mortal’s stretch of imagination. No one has any chance of understanding your true state.
2. “Your Jnana is your weapon and shield which you wield relentlessly. No one can stand against you. Your teaching is totally different and opposed to that of the past teachers. Your teaching banishes the darkness of ignorance like a beacon light. Nobody can stop the spread of your teaching. Your admirers will gather in a country and ensure that your teaching becomes a dominant force of that land.
3. “You don’t believe in Palmistry or Astrology. You don’t believe in miracles. You don’t give a damn to the existence of God. Yet you have a great compassion for humanity.
4. “You are endowed with a great capacity to achieve anything in this world. You have all the ‘Siddhis’ [supernatural powers]. Yet, you could not save one of your close blood relations from the jaws of death. [The Sage must be referring to the death of Vasant, U.G.’s eldest son, who died of cancer about 18 years ago in the presence of U.G.]
5. “At the moment Saturn and Rahu may cause confusion and chaos in your life. You are advised not to decide anything in a hurry, but to leave things to take their natural course.
6. “Within eighteen days from now you will get quite a sum from a Brahmin.
7. “You survive merely on air. Self-rejuvenation of cells is constantly taking place in your body.”

The Sage Parashara concluded his reading with the remark that in a few months time U.G. would be the guiding star of the world.

After the Nadi reader Shamarao finished both the readings, U.G. offered to pay for the service rendered. But Shamarao declined the offer saying, "Sir, I am blessed by your very presence today. What other better reward can I accept?" U.G.'s argument that everything under the sun has a price and that his offer should be accepted could not hold any water for the Nadi reader. Having given up when U.G. got up to leave, Shamarao with all reverence followed him up to the gate and took leave from U.G. with folded hands.

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