Abstract No 13 Do the Planets have an influence on People? Ven. Kudawawe Somananda

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Astrological yoga (connections) and movements of planets, wave lengths, intensifications and changes of frequencies have different liveliness of senses of people. They have an impact on the lives of people. Accordingly, through the researches carried out by scientists about the atmospheric rays and also the impact of the Sun, it is accepted the foundation principle of the astrology. The Russian biologist and physicist Professor Georges Lakovuski who became specialized in the area can be quoted as an example. He points out that the waves released by planets can affect a person at the time of his rebirth and can influence his future destiny. This theory confirms the great concept introduced by Maharshi who had pointed out the importance of the moment of rebirth. The same idea was introduced by Varahamihira about 2000 years ago. Through different planetary movements various types of characteristics are often highlighted on human beings. Such influences have an impact on physical reactions, mental attitudes and emotional responses of them. As Lakovuski had pointed out in his book "Le Grand Problem", the ancient sages have a great importance on the positioning of stars in the sky have been given that their rays influence the beings and also the human beings. In Vedic Literature the Sun is considered as the Vishvathman. The Sun is the God seen by the naked eyes. Human beings cannot live without the warmth and the light of the Sun. Varahamihira identifies the sun as "kālāthma" (soul of the time) because the time depends only on the Sun. Dr. V. Ghor mentioning about the reasons for high-tide says that the influence of both the sun and the moon to the sea water and location of them is so thoroughly connected to influence the everything on the surface of the earth such as plants, creatures and human. In fact, it can be said that influences occur based on features hereditary to the planets and theories of moments of astrological nature. For example, the moments of Saturn are very slow. Therefore, different conditions are highlighted corresponding to it. Even though, sometimes it is difficult to believe that there is a direct influence by stars on us by the look and the thought of it, but it is not so. While it can be clearly stated that there are influences from the heavenly bodies on human and there are also connections between astrological teachings with them.

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