

interview

“Non-stop changes of Moon change us”

R.S. Maniam interviewed by Hemamalini Raghunathan

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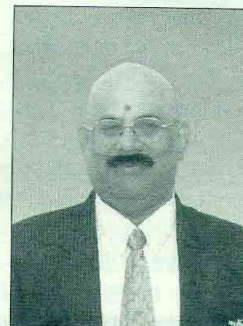
Even a commoner, not possessing any knowledge of astrology, is quite aware of Moon's influence. Moon represents a number of very important facets of our personality. It controls the human instincts and desires. Day-to-day position of the Moon does create a certain kind of mood in the human kind. Astrologer and spiritualist Mr. R.S. Maniam says that Moon is important to everyone and its impact on our daily lives is quite significant. Mr.R.S. Maniam (e-mail: parasara@steamyx.com) is currently working as Enforcement officer in the Health Department of Kelantan, Malaysia. His passion for astrology is so strong that he has named his children after Varahamihira, as Aathiyaa Mihira and Prem Sai Mihira. Here are excerpts from EST's interview with Mr. R.S. Maniam. He seems to be quite fascinated by Moon.

□ How did you get interest in astrology?

During my earlier days, I was a non-believer in Astrology; to me it looked full of superstitions and unacceptable to the modern scientific mind. When I was 21 years old, I was very attracted to Swami Sivananda Maharaj of Rishikesh and Vedanta philosophy.

One day, I had a beautiful dream of a young girl (about 6years old), walking towards me from the rising Sun at the seashore. She was wearing a blue long skirt. She called me and showed me her forehead and asked me to look at her. To my surprise, I saw stars and planets shining over her forehead. After a month, I started learning astrology in 1980. Most of my mathematical astrology was learned by myself with the help of classical books. Sri Muthurathina Barathi was my first Guru. His mastery over the subject on Prasna Tantra was very impressive. Most of my doubts in astrology were cleared by him in a very scholarly manner.

Spiritualization of my astrological knowledge happened, when I met my spiritual Guru His Holiness Swami Brama Sri Sivananda Maharaj from Ponnamarawathi, South India, who initiated me into the field of meditation of Siva Raja Yoga and Maha Yoga; I have been practising them till now regularly. After meditating for a while, Swami told me my Rasi and Lagna, without looking at my horoscope. Swami possesses enormous psychic powers, which convinced me to pursue astrology for the purpose of alleviating the suffering of the people. He has been guiding me since then



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in the field of religion, mostly on meditation and astrology. In every correspondence with me, Swami used to highlight the transit of planets and the ensuing incidents from the individual level to global level.

□ What are the uses of astrology in daily life?

The sunrise marks the beginning of the astrological day. It is important for an individual to understand and know whether the day is favourable to him through understanding the Moon's position and the Chandra Bala.

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