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Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

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Dear Prabhus, Welcome to the Newsletter. As ever, we hope that this meets you in the eternal joy of Krishna consciousness. In this issue you will come face to face with the *vak-siddhi* of Srila Prabhupada, his prophetic ability to speak far-reaching truths. You will read about Raghava das Prabhu, a teen age *brahmachary* from Scotland, who dies tragically in a car accident. Some years later Smt. Ratnavali Devi Dasi, a devotee from England, has dreams about the incident and sets out on a mission to uncover the facts of her own past life. What you will read is her story written in her own words in the form of her personal diary.

Here for the first time the author shares her remarkable journey from one life to the next. She narrates her account not for self aggrandizement, but for our benefit. It is another remarkable episode of Lord Krishna's never-faltering love for His devotees birth after birth. The author's touching and intimate revelations are an inspiration that we may learn something of our own passage on the voyage back to home, back to Godhead.

The article that follows corroborates the details with medical facts, police records and witness accounts that underscore the authenticity of her vision. In an essay that will follow it, Srimati Abhaya Mudra Dasi analyzes the events from the point of view of astrology. I slightly knew Raghava das Prabhu in the 70's. I offer my thanks to Sriman Govinda das of the UK for introducing me to Ratnavali in this lifetime. **-Ed.**

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(Srila Prabhupada in a letter to Revatinandana das – 14 Nov. 1973)

The Reincarnation of Sri Raghava Das Brahmachary

*from the personal Diary of
Smt. Ratnavali Devi Dasi*

INTRODUCTION

I have remembrance of my last past life as a *brahmachary* named Raghava das. This has come about through a sequence of dreams that were later found to be real of events in the life and death of Raghava, as confirmed by those that knew him. His *post mortem* injuries and my birth marks, scars and illnesses all correlate.



MY DIARY OF REVELATIONS

I am of Hindu descent and was born on 9th August, 1975 in London. My parents had a small Shrine at our home with many photos of demigods and Lord Sri Krishna. One day I opened a drawer and there was a book written by Srila Prabhupada. I cannot remember the title, but when I looked at the back cover, I was drawn to the picture of Srila Prabhupada on it. I remember that when I looked at him, his eyes were very deep. I felt like he was asking me to come back home, come back home...

OCTOBER, 1991

I was brutally attacked in my high school field by a drugged up man who was trespassing. He continuously beat me with a fence log with nails on it with full force on my head. I used my hands to protect my head. As he continued hitting me the pain was incredible. Even though he was striking my head and hands, I suddenly realized that he could not hit the real me which was something inside my body. I screamed for help, but no one was around. So I prayed intensely, “Please God help me, please God help me.” A

voice from within started guiding me saying, “Pretend you’re dead,” so I pretended to be dead and he stop hitting me. Then the voice said “open your eyes now, he has gone,” I was scared because if he was still there, I would be killed.

Opening my eyes slowly, I was relieved to see that he was no longer there. The voice then guided me, “Now get up and go.” I was exhausted from the beating and did not want to get up. Then the voice mentioned, “What if he comes back again, this is the time for you to escape.” Immediately I got on my feet and saw that my hands and head were covered with blood. After this horrific incident, it took me some time to recover emotionally and physically, but I felt like I owed my life to this voice that saved me.

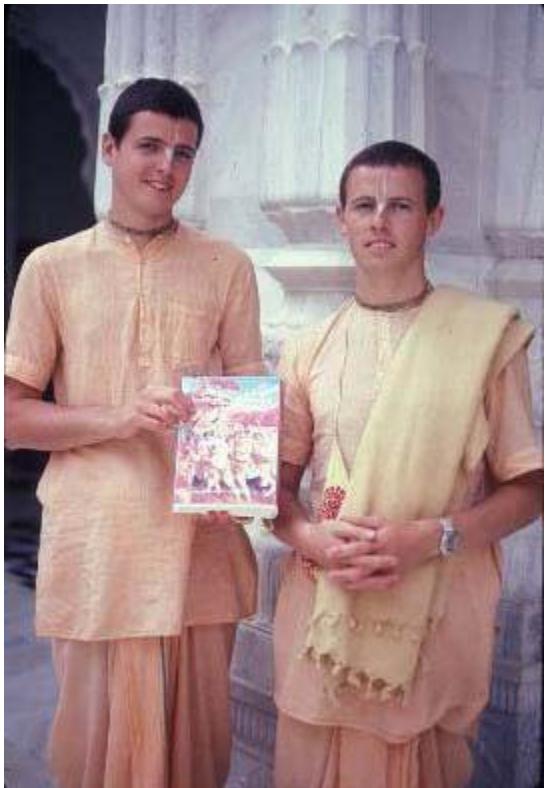
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I met devotee book distributors around the area where I lived and they had many books written by Srila Prabhupada. I approached them and bought a few to read. The more I read them, the closer I could feel to that voice that had protected me. The main book that answered all my questions was *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* which explained about the science of the soul and that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Now I was convinced that the voice was Krishna who had protected me as Supersoul. I was looking for Krishna. The book distributor mentioned that there was a temple in London with Deities of Radha-Krishna. Immediately I felt a strong desire to see Them. Eventually, when I had *darshan* of the beautiful Deities of Sri Sri Radha-Londonishwara, I became very emotional. Tears ran down my eyes as I was convinced wholeheartedly that they saved me. Then and there I decided that I wanted to dedicate my life to them.



Marriage and on to Sankirtan with Tribhuvanath

OCTOBER 1997: I married Krishna Vidhi Prabhu and two years later received initiation from HH Bhakti Charu Swami and became Ratnavali dasi.



Tribhuvanath (r.) with Padmapani das

JUNE 2000: I was very inspired by Tribhuvanath Prabhu's Hari Nam *sankirtan* especially Saturday night in London. I could play a beat on the African drum which connected with his *mridanga* beat very nicely. I remember when I played the first time on Saturday night Hari Nam, he requested me to stand next to him at the front. I was very shy and did not come to the front, so one devotee pushed me and there I was standing with Tribhuvanath Prabhu. I felt very uncomfortable as I was in a female body next to a *brahmachary* but he was very normal and encouraging. He preferred all instrument prayers to be together. When all the men surrounded him playing the fast beat, I was also in

the circle. I became embarrassed and walked out as I thought this may look unchaste but Tribhuvanath Prabhu stopped the Hari Nam and became a little angry. He pointed at me and asked me to come back in the circle. I put my head down and walked back into the circle and we continued the Hari Nam. From this day, he taught me how to chant Hare Krishna on Hari Nam *sankirtan* without being attached to the bodily conception of life. I felt very strongly that he treated me like a *brahmachary*. I joined his festival team, traveling and playing my African drum.

Glimpses of My Past Life

AUGUST 2000: I mentioned to Krishna Kshetra Prabhu (my husband's spiritual master) in Rathayatra that I had been here in Trafalgar Square during the Rathayatra 1973**. He replied, "Really, so was I." Afterwards I wondered why I said that because I was born in August of 1975.

OCTOBER 2000: Tribhuvanath Prabhu arranged 24 hour *kirtans* to collect donations for his festivals in East Africa. I wanted to drum with him for 24 hours. When I mentioned



this to him, he replied, “You will drop dead.” I replied, “It’s better to drop dead in *kirtan* than an accident.” Afterwards I wondered why I had said something so strange.

“Simply Chant Hare Krishna”

JULY 2001: I had a dream which showed many obstacles. As Hari Nams increased, the obstacles decreased. Finally I opened a door and there was Srila Prabhupada sitting at a table. I started crying on his lap. He looked at me in compassion and said, “Come. Many people want to speak about you but there is nothing left for you to do but simply chant Hare Krishna.” Then the dream ended.

SEPTEMBER 2001: I mentioned to my Guru Maharaj that a *brahmachary* was not treating me properly and it was difficult to work with him as I felt uncomfortable. He responded that it was my karmic reaction. I was surprised to hear the reply. Then I narrated to him humorously, how my husband mentioned that he had seen me as a *brahmachary* in his healing regression. My Guru Maharaj replied in a very serious manner that there was no doubt that I was a *brahmachary* in my past life performing Hari Nam in the past, present and future. Now I was really shocked.

Disappearance of Tribhuvanath Prabhu

OCTOBER 2001: When Tribhuvanath Prabhu was diagnosed with stomach cancer, I began performing Hari Nam *sankirtan* daily, praying for his welfare. Touched by the gesture, Tribhuvanath Prabhu said he would help me with the Hari Nams when he gets better and he instructed me to become attached to *sankirtan yagna* and holy names. Regrettably, he left this world so I continue with Hari Nams seeing it as an eternal link to Tribhuvanath Prabhu who was very kind, loving and could relate to different individuals on all levels.

“I Am Still Here”

OCTOBER 2001: I had a dream that I was going to Scotland. In one scene I was in a hospital ward In the other I was looking for my home but it had turned into a pub with distinctive black spiral stairs and an alley at entrance and in the third scene I was chanting *japa* in the park which I could see from all angles. Two weeks later I had a dream that I was chanting *japa* in the same park.

OCTOBER 2001: I had seen Krishnadas* Prabhu for the first time at Tribhuvannath Prabhu's memorial program and was feeling that I had seen him before. He mentioned in a speech that someone left for some unforeseen circumstances. Immediately something within me replied, "No, it is not true, I am here" and I became emotional. Afterwards I wondered why I felt like this as I not met him before.

*Not his real name.

Searching for Raghava Prabhu

NOVEMBER 2001: Rama Nrsingha Prabhu and I asked five different disciples of Srila Prabhupada if they knew any *brahmacharies* who had died before 1974, who had loved Hari Nam, who had been connected to Sri Sri Radha-Londonishwara and Tribhuvanath Prabhu. This is what I discovered about Raghava:

SRIMAN RAGHAVA DAS BRAHMACARI (1954 – 1973): David Hoey was born May 14, 1954 in Glasgow. He was the only son and lived with his mother and father. Around the age of 13, he found his father hanging from a rope, dead from suicide. David began to question life and at the age of 17 he joined the ISKCON Edinburgh temple. David was inspired by Tribhuvanath Prabhu to perform Hari Nam. When Tribhuvanath Prabhu and David met in the temple room, they would jump up and down nearly every day for few minutes chanting Hare Krishna, clapping hands and sometimes playing *caratals* like mad men. David also visited the Bury Place temple in London many times where Sri Sri Radha-Londonishwara reside. He had also been to see Radha-Gokulananda at Bhaktivedanta Manor. David was initiated by Srila Prabhupada on 19th October 1973 and named Raghava das Brahmachary. He offered his life savings of 200 pounds to Srila Prabhupada as *guru dakshina*.

Tragically his enthusiastic service was cut short by his sudden death the next day in a van accident on the way from Edinburgh to Newcastle. Krishnadas Prabhu fell asleep on the steering wheel, the van crashed and Raghava left his body. Tribhuvannath Prabhu cried as he mentioned to others about Raghava's departure. Raghava missed his initiation *yajna* which was to be conducted by Revatinandana Swami the next day on behalf of the spiritual master. Srila Prabhupada sent a letter to Revatinandana Swami as follows:

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Consciousness. Certainly Krishna will give him a good place to take birth where he can again begin in Krishna Consciousness activities. That is sure. But we offer our condolences to a departed soul separated from a Vaishnava. Do you know that there must be *prasadam* distributed? Three days after the demise of a Vaishnava a function should be held for offering the departed soul and all others *prasadam*. This is the system.” (Srila Prabhupada in a letter to Revatinandana Maharaj, 14 Nov. 1973)

Past Life Regressions

NOVEMBER 2001: I had accepted HH Tamal Krishna Goswami as my *shiksa guru* as he was very kind and inspiring me very much especially on Hari Nams and playing the African drum. I decided to speak to my Guru Maharaja and Tamal Krishna Goswami about my strange experiences. They both advised me to do past life regression, and I underwent two of them. Both regressions showed that I was a young *brahmachary* performing Hari Nams with Tribhuvannath Prabhu. There were some scenes of Srila Prabhupada which made me very emotional. After both regressions on the following mornings, coincidentally I had exactly the same reoccurring dreams that a man with long hair falls asleep on the steering wheel and I am in the back of the vehicle and the vehicle crashes.

Raghava, Raghava, Raghava!

JANUARY 2002: I had a dream that Krishnadas Prabhu was calling out, “Raghava, Raghava, Raghava!” After few weeks I also had another dream where I was trying to tell him that I was his old friend Raghava but he could not see me.

I had many nightmares of vehicle crashes that seemed to be ongoing and horrific. I also had a few dreams of Edinburgh such as I am going up the stairs of Edinburgh temple for a *Srimad Bhagavatam* class.

My husband and I met up with Krishnadas Prabhu to explain what was happening and I was very nervous as I knew that no one would approach him regarding Raghava as it was a very sensitive issue. When I sat in his car, he started driving and the door kept opening on my side. I tried to shut the door many times and still it kept opening on my side. Then I shouted that the door does not shut. Krishnadas Prabhu immediately stopped car, shut door from outside and said in a very confident way, “Do not worry, you are safe

with me.” It was an ironic, strange and a humorous way to meet. When we arrived at his home, I mentioned my revelations, he was very kind and open minded. He wanted me to keep him updated as he was very curious.

My husband and I visited the area where ISKCON Edinburgh temple had been at 14 Forrest Rd with the help of a map. As I had ongoing problems with my stomach, I went to the nearby hospital to get a plaster around it. Returning, I noticed a park nearby. I was shocked as it was the same park in my dreams. I did not want to leave as I felt I had been here before. I looked at it from many angles and knew that it was the same as my dream. Then I went to find the location of the old Edinburgh temple which to my amazement had become a pub. When I went inside, it had the same black spiral stairs and an alleyway at the entrance. I ran out as it had taken me time to digest all this. I felt like this was my home and I had been here before. Raghava had been based in the Edinburgh temple and he loved chanting his *japa* in that same park nearby which was named The Meadows. I was amazed to see in reality all that I had seen in my dream on Oct 2001.

That You Shall Attain

APRIL 2002: I spoke to my Guru Maharaj updating him of my revelations. I asked him if this was a figment of my mind, or a revelation from above. He replied that it was a revelation from above. This was hard to digest because even though I knew in theory that we are not the body but the soul, it still had taken me time to accept in reality. My Guru Maharaj was very supportive and caring and was helping me in dealing with this. On his visit to London, he had also spoken to Krishnadas Prabhu who was already convinced that in my past life I was Raghava. Krishnadas Prabhu was very relieved although it was a lot for him to digest.

Once when my Guru Maharaj had spoken to me, he asked me jokingly, “So who was the girl that you were thinking of at the time of death.” I was shocked as I was embarrassed and I replied “I do not know and better that I not know.” In 8.6 of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, it is stated, “Whatever you think of at the time of death, that state you will attain without fail.”

“I Never Left You”

JUNE 2002: I had the same reoccurring dreams from childhood that I was looking outside my bedroom window and all I could see is hills and greenery.

NOVEMBER 2002: I met Krishnadas Prabhu's ex-wife Dhenuvati for first time in Edinburgh. She knew Raghava as he did some services with her in Edinburgh temple kitchen. She had two dogs and I was scared of her dogs and started moving my left hand out the way in fear. Then I mentioned that I had a realistic dream that I had been bitten by a dog on the palm of my left hand in the park. Dhenuvati was very amazed and she replied that she remembered the time when Raghava had come running to her and said that he will not go to The Meadows park again as he was bitten by a dog on his left palm.

NOVEMBER 2002: Dhenuvati also mentioned that Krishnadas Prabhu cried numerous times for Raghava and would say how he would like to bring his old friend back again. I immediately rang Krishnadas Prabhu and mentioned what Dhenuvati said. I told him "I never left you." Krishnadas Prabhu became very emotional.

Satyavati*

SEPTEMBER 2003: When the spiritual master jokes, there is always a meaning behind it. I started to remember the Indian girl that Raghava liked very much who was also in Edinburgh temple. So I rang Dhenuvati and she confirmed that it was right because she had seen the dealings between Raghava and an Indian girl named Satyavati. He would concentrate more on her than his *japa* and complained to Dhenuvati about her many times. He was both attracted and averse to her so he could not be normal around her and then would not treat her properly. When she walked in kitchen, he would get shy and walk out. I was embarrassed to hear all this.

*Not her actual name.

MARCH 2004: I had a dream that I was sitting in the back of vehicle and Krishnadas Prabhu was there. Then the dream changed, instead of Krishnadas Prabhu, it was Srila Prabhupada sitting and he was writing something. After this dream, my dreams of crashes seemed to decrease.

OCTOBER 2004: I attended Tribhuvanath Prabhu's memorial festival and his two brothers gave me a lift home. We were discussing, but they knew nothing about my past life story. Coincidentally, one of them started speaking about an Indian girl that he worked with, who knew Tribhuvanath Prabhu. He said her name was Satyavati. I was shocked when I realized that he had just spoken of the girl that Raghava had been attracted to.

I asked him for her contact details and met her saying that I was coming to give her *mahaprasadam* sweets from Dhenuvati. It was amazing and strange as we had similar eyes, shapes and features. I gave her sweets and within myself I apologized to her for all my offenses as I felt in this life I was getting some karmic reaction. I asked her about Raghava many times but she could not remember him. From the meeting I could see that I should have been more conscious of Srila Prabhupada and Krishna in my past life.

“Thank You, Prabhu”

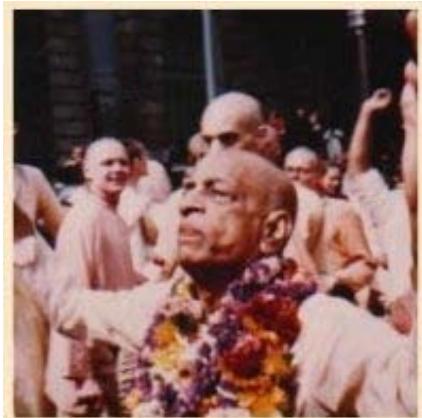


PHOTO: Srila Prabhupada dances in the Rathayatra Festival in London, 1973. His Divine Grace refused his seat on the chariot to dance with his disciples. On His left is your Editor. Behind Guru Maharaja is Revatinandana das.

JANUARY 2005: I had a dream which showed I was staying in 7, Bury Place as a *brahmachari* where Sri Sri Radha-Londonishwara presided in the 1970's. Raghava had visited and stayed there a few times.

APRIL 2005: I rang Revatinandana Prabhu in Hawaii. I had sent him my revelations about Raghava a week before. He spoke to me very nicely saying that I was very blessed to have these remembrances. He remembered the accident and how Srila Prabhupada had asked him to offer *prasadam* to “my” photo and prayers. It was very strange as I thanked him for offering prayers and the wonderful *prasadam* to my photo calling the departed soul to come to honor it. I feel indebted to Revatinandana Prabhu’s kindness

MAY 2005: I was curious to know if Raghava’s family was around so I managed to get Raghava’s post mortem, birth and death certificate along with his mother’s death certificate. It was strange to have my previous life’s death certificate and post mortem as it serves as a warning of reality for this life also. I knew that Raghava had no brothers or sisters so there was no one I could get in contact with. It is amazing in one life how we are so attached to our family, relatives and friends. Then in our subsequent lives every relationship has been finished with the termination of the previous body.

All my birth marks, scars and illnesses correlated with Raghava’s death injuries. I also secured some pages of witness statements of the accident.

Scotland’s Hills and Greenery

JUNE 2005: I decided to visit the home of where Raghava lived with his parents in Glasgow. I knocked on the door but no one answered. Then I knocked on “my” neighbours door where the garden was shared and I met one old lady named Mary. From our conversation I found out she had been my neighbour. She had been very good friends with Raghava’s mother Hannah. When I mentioned my revelations, she became convinced. She invited me into her home and was very friendly towards me. She said, “If you go to David’s bedroom window, only from his bedroom window, you can see beautiful hills and greenery.” I was shocked and started crying as this was the answer to my recurring dream. Mary and I have kept in touch. I gave her Srila Prabhupada’s *Coming Back* which she has found interesting.

APRIL 2006: Once again I experienced the recurring dream of the hills and greenery. Now in the dream I am going towards the hills and greenery. Behind the hills I find a room. Upon entering I see that there are many Deities of Krishna engaged in different pastimes such as Krishna killing demons, Krishna with Mother Yasodha, Radha and Krishna, etc. I was very attracted to Mother Yasodha and Krishna. This dream revealed to me that the eternal happiness for which we are all searching is only in relationship to Krishna.

APRIL 2006: I was feeling a strong need to build my relationship with Srila Prabhupada as I had left him untimely. The way now was through following his instructions by reading his books, watching him on videos, DVD’s and via Bhakti Charu Maharaj guidance. I am very fortunate to have Bhakti Charu Maharaj as my Guru Maharaj as he is expertly bringing me closer to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada. I am very indebted to Srila Prabhupada for his unlimited protection.

MAY 2006: I visited the same area where Raghava left his body in the motorway in Morpeth with the help of the witness statement report. When I was in the same area, I could feel as Raghava. I was not ready to leave my body at the time of death. When I had seen the motorway, one sign was Edinburgh to Morpeth and the other was Morpeth to London.

It was the ending of one life and the beginning another.

Moving On

2010: Krishna Vidhi Prabhu and I became divorced and went in different directions. It was a friendly agreement because both of us agreed that we had never lived as an ordinary couple. We were more like *brahmacharies* in a

grihasta life. He continues performing Hari Nam three times a day and is very dedicated to Krishna's Holy Names at the Soho St. temple. We are still good friends and keep in touch. I have given myself to Tribhuvanath Prabhu's ISKCON festival program which is now managed by Giridhari Prabhu. My role is full time service within the festival program. I feel very fortunate somehow to be protected by Tribhuvanath Prabhu life after life and be under his authority somehow.

Medical Records and Realizations

Raghava's post mortem showed that he had multiple injuries but most of his injuries were caused around his abdomen, intestines and pelvis. My medical reports show that I have inflammation of stomach lining which causes my abdomen to distend and has caused marks around my abdomen. My intestines and pelvis are weak and I am still undergoing various tests to investigate problems around that area. All my birth marks and scars also correlate with Raghava's injuries as shown in his post mortem. [Others who have experienced past life remembrances also affirm that injuries from the past can be reflected onto the present body. -Ed.]

My devotional mood is similar to my past life. Raghava's main service was Hari Nam *sankirtan*. I must have had a strong desire to come back to Tribhuvanath Prabhu again. I especially feel Raghava's emotions very strongly when I meet devotees that knew him, and also when I visit those places where Raghava had been. I have a fear of driving vehicles. Internally my mood is of a *brahmachary*. Since my earliest years I have had no desire to have children and have always remained celibate even in my married life.

Krishnadas Prabhu always felt tremendous guilt for falling asleep at the wheel and, because of his sincerity, he was united again with Raghava. Whatever happened was an accident and was destined to happen to me so I do not blame Krishnadas Prabhu in any way. I hope this helps him to overcome his guilt.

In whatever body we find ourselves, we should treat others in the same way that we want to be treated. Every action has an equal and opposite reaction. This also means respecting the body of animals and not slaughtering them for our food. Otherwise we will suffer same results. It is best to keep Krishna in the center of our relationships, Our relationship with our spiritual master and Krishna are eternal but other relationships will terminate with the body. The ultimate lesson for all of us is to become serious in our devotional

practices. The process Srila Prabhupada has given us, the philosophy that holds us together as a family, is perfect just as it is. .

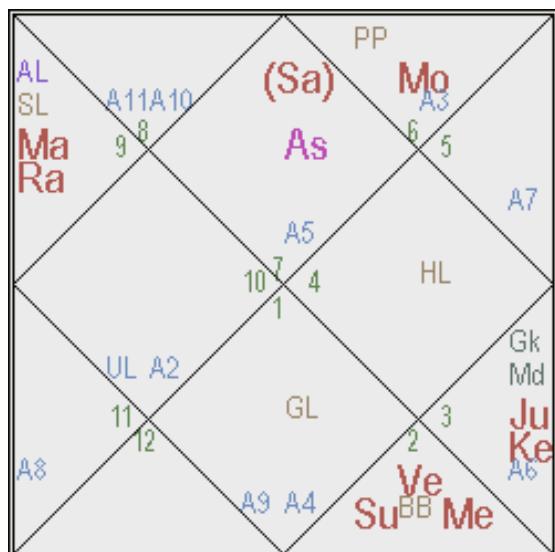
****EDITOR'S NOTE:** For a glimpse of Srila Prabhupada at London Rathayatra 1973, accompanied by Tribhuvanath, Revatinandan, your Editor and the other London devotees on a You Tube video (to the tune of a dubbed “Lord Chaitanya’s Moon is Rising”—words by Patita Pavana das and music / vocal by Mangalananda) click here: <http://search.yahoo.com/search?ei=utf-8&fr=ytff1-&p=Lord%20Caitanya%27smoon%20is%20Rising&ei=UTF-8&type=>



From Raghava to Ratnavali

An Astrological Perspective Abhaya Mudra Dasi

Let us glance at the astro-data of Raghava das Brahmachary and Ratnavali devi dasi. From the correlations between them, we will see that these two are in fact the same person who has transmigrated from one body to the next.



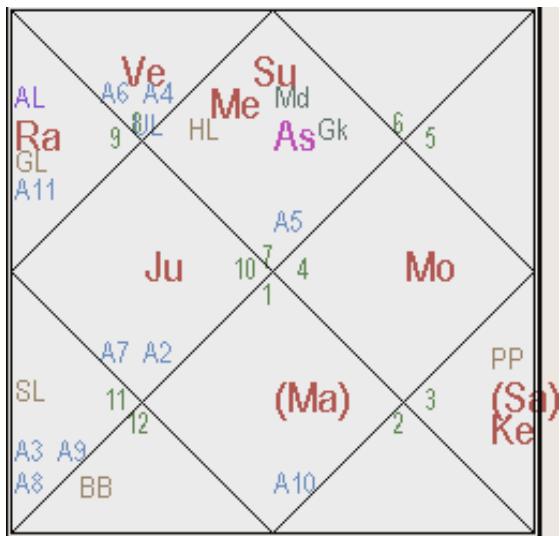
Raghava das's birth chart 14 May 1954, 7:20 pm in Glasgow, Scotland

What is clear from Raghava's chart is that we are dealing with a devotee. Jupiter is nicely positioned in the house of *dharma* (the 9th). But Raghava has an extremely good 8th house of death with 2 friendly planets there: Venus in his own sign of Libra and friendly Mercury. Venus also rules the 1st house or *atmasthan* (house of self) where we find an exalted Saturn in Libra. Saturn is also retrograde and moving towards the 12th house of loss in Virgo. Virgo is ruled by

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Mercury who, again, is found on the 8th house of death with Venus the lord of *atma*. Mercury here gives a good timing of death according to a system that is attributed to Brighu Muni.

Nonetheless, such a good 8th house should have been responsible for a long and happy life. After all, Venus lord of the 8th in the 8th confers a nice *sarala yoga* for “easy life.” What planetary culprits are there that could have caused his premature death? At the time of his death, Raghava das Brahmachary was undergoing Rahu *mahadasha*. Rahu, according to some astrologers, is in debilitation in Sagittarius. In any case, Dhanush *rashi* is an unwelcome place for the shadowy *graha*. Rahu is with the destructive Mars, a *maraka* or death-inflictor as 7th lord. Both Rahu and Mars are in the house of short distance travel the 3rd. Therefore, we conclude that it was the planetary period of an afflicted Rahu that had the ability to override the other good points of the horoscope and caused his death while traveling.



The *punya chakra* (time of death) of Raghava das Brahmachary.
Died: 20 October 1973 at 8:45 am in Morpeth, UK

20th October 1973 must have been an ordinary day for many people but not for Raghava das Brahmachary. The first coincidence we notice in this *chakra* is that Rahu is at the exact same position by house and sign as at the time of Raghava’s birth, namely in third in Sagittarius. The quota of his

life was therefore one round of Rahu. But since the degrees are not the same in both charts, there must have been other coincidences for the fatal incident taking place. Note that the rising sign at the time of death is Libra, same as at Raghava’s time of birth. In fact the *lagna* position between the two charts is almost exact; there is a difference of a mere 2 minutes. Note that the two planets of the 8th house of his birth chart, namely Sun and the fatal Mercury, are also in the rising sign of the chart for the time of death. Those were the circumstances as seen from the vantage point of external circumstances or *punya chakra*.

From the natal chart, which gives us the internal circumstances of the time of death, we can ascertain that Raghava was also running not only Rahu

mahadasha but he was in Venus *bhukti dasha* and Saturn *pratyantara dasha*. As the main planetary period of Rahu created the backdrop of events, the *bhukti* gives the flavor of events playing on the foreground. The *pratyantara dasha* gives the reaction to the events set by *mahadasha* and *bhukti*.

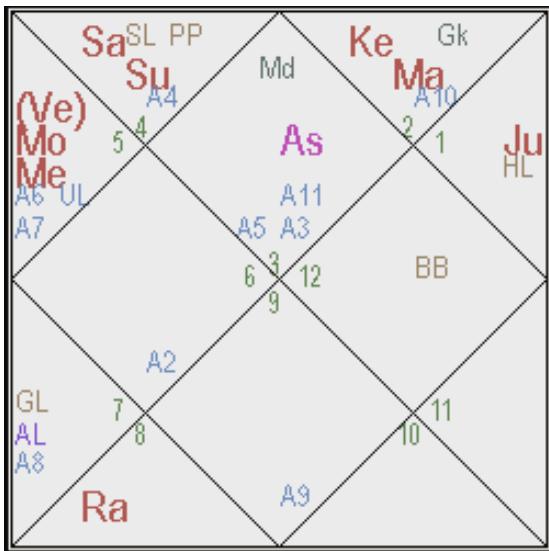
Both *bhukti* lord Venus and *pratyantara* lord Saturn have a strong connection to the 8th and 1st houses dealing with one's physical body and it's time of expiry. In his birth chart, both Saturn and Venus are strongly positioned in the 1st and 8th houses respectively. Saturn is in *lagna* in exaltation in Libra, ruled by Venus, while Venus is in Taurus. Venus is in his own sign and is the *atma karaka* or "significator of the self." The wily outcaste Rahu, as the lord of the main planetary period, has played these two friendly planets into his malefic favor, i.e. incurring death. If we go deeper into the planetary influences of periods and sub-periods, etc., we find the same theme repeated. Raghava das was in Rahu / Venus / Saturn / Venus / Rahu. Despite the fact that the death came quickly, its seed was planted in the very time of birth just waiting for the right cluster of planets to occur. It all came together on 20 October 1973.

On the day of the accident three features of the *panchang*, namely *tithi*, *nakshatra* and *wara* were inauspicious. The lunar cycle was *navami*, a *rikta* or "hollow" *tithi* in the *krishna paksha* or waning lunar phase. The *nakshatra* was Ashlesha which is never deemed favorable for travels. The day was Shaniwar, Saturday, ruled by malefic Saturn. A look into the *drekkana kundali*, or three-part divisional chart for the time of death, reveals that the stronger of the two luminaries, the Moon, is in the *drekkana* of Sagittarius. Since Sagittarius is ruled by the righteous Jupiter, the *drekkana* indicates a spiritual future for the departed soul of Sri Raghava das Brahmachary.

There are still other clues to a violent departure in Raghava's birth chart. The past life is ruled by the 5th house which is therefore called the *purva-punya-stan*. In Raghava's *janma chakra* we can see that Saturn (one of the inflictors of death) is the ruler of the 5th house. The *shasha mahapurush yoga* formed by Saturn in the first house of self is spoiled by him being retrograde and moving toward the 12th house of loss. As indicated by the powerful Saturn bad choices must have been made in past lives using a position that had been attained to by good *karma* of an even earlier life.

Nonetheless, although Raghava lived for only one round of Rahu, we cannot say that he was in any way unfortunate. He passed on as a devotee and he was reborn as a devotee. Rather than being a cause for regret, the death of a devotee is a time for celebration despite his material circumstances. We now

turn our attention to the birth chart of Raghava's future life as Ratnavali devi dasi.



Ratnavali devi dasi, Born: 9th August at 2am in London, UK

Since Raghava das Brahmachary was absorbed in thought of an Indian girl, he found himself re-born as one. We recall that Venus, the signifier of women, played a very strong part at the time of his death. Venus was the lord of the rising sign in the *punya chakra* as well as the lord of 8th house of death. Since Libra rises in both instances, Venus' dual role holds true

for both the birth chart as well as the chart for the moment of exit. Ominously, Venus was also the lord of the sub-period or *antardasha* at the time of death. The overpowering influence of feminine Venus planet caused the soul to accept the body of a woman.

In this life time we see that Ratnavali's 5th house ruling past life is in Libra and is therefore also ruled by Venus. The indication is clear. The "self" of Raghava (first house or *atma*) has become the fifth "house of past life" for Ratnavali. Her fifth house is aspected by Jupiter revealing her devotional past life connection. The position of Jupiter in her 11th *mitrastan* or "house of friends" indicates her coming in touch with Krishna Consciousness via the media of another person. Note that Jupiter rules the 7th house of partners, the *jayastan*. Ironically, in her case the other person is one's very self from a previous lifetime as further explained in the next paragraph.

Mars, lord of the 11th house where Jupiter is positioned, is lost in the 12th, again in sign ruled by Venus. Her devotional link can be seen also in the *drekkana* chart where the stronger of the two luminaries, the Sun, is again positioned in Sagittarius ruled by Jupiter and indicates a devotional link to the past. In fact, this is the same position where we found the Moon, the stronger of the two luminaries at the time of Sriman Raghava Prabhu's death. Here is a subtle yet indisputable proof that we are dealing with the same individual in two different embodiments.

Mercury, who was also positioned in the 8th house in Raghava's birth chart and promised a good timing of death, has become the ruler of Ratnavali's first house. In other words, Ratnavali's house of self in Gemini was Raghava Prabhu's ninth house of *dharma*. This is yet another indisputable proof for time travel of the same soul from one body to another.

Ratnavali's main revelations about her past life have come in her major planetary period of the Moon, the *manasakaraka* or planet of the mind. Just see that her Moon is with Venus, the ruler of the 5th house of past life. Lord of the fifth house of past life Venus is also retrograde indicating a sense of returning or going back. There is also a nice exchange or *parivartana yoga* between the Sun and the Moon in her chart. Indeed, her early revelations came in 1994 during Sun *dasha*. True, Ratnavali first felt the influence of her previous life during the *dasha* of the 5th house lord Venus. However, Sun and Moon as lords of the houses of communication (2nd and 3rd) have given Ratnavali devi dasi the means to illuminate the facts of her previous birth. Hence the exchange of houses between the luminaries Surya and Chandra allows her to relate her revelation to others during the periods they rule.

One feature that immediately attracts the astrologer's eye is that Ratnavali's *lagna* is hemmed in by two malefic planets on either side. Violent Ketu and Mars are in the 12th and enemies Sun and Saturn are in the 2nd. Hence she had to undergo a horrible torture at the hands of a crazed lunatic due residual effects of lingering *karma*. The blind and explosive rage is seen in the Sun-Saturn conjunction, the violence and bloodshed are from Mars, and Ketu is seen in the nails. This trauma occurred in her Venus major / Mercury minor planetary periods. Both planets are strongly linked to the 5th house of past lives. At the same time transiting Rahu happened to be in Sagittarius, the same sign from where he began and ended her previous life. In this life since backwards-moving Rahu has moved one sign away to Scorpio this indicates a moving on, a divesting of the past karma. This violent attack was a brutal reflection sent from the past life and transported into this life.

Interestingly, at the time of this writing Rahu is at present moving through Sagittarius (till 6 June 2011) and as an example of Rahu's influence it is during this period that she has decided to share her story, and divest of the *karma* of the past. As a side note, she should be especially wary of traveling with tired or careless drivers, fierce dogs, angry strangers etc. till Rahu enters Scorpio in the middle of next year.

What can she expect from this lifetime? Saturn's lordship over the 8th house of death reveals that this life could not be as short as the previous one. *Karma* has been paid for and now is the time to fully manifest the activities associated with devotional service. The deep regret for the past is expressed by the weak position of Rahu / Ketu axis dealing mainly with the issues coming from the past and leading to future decisions. The weakness of Ketu is compensated by the strength of Rahu who does very well in a malefic house like the 6th. Theketu-caused regretfulness will be brought into focus at time of the present Mars planetary period running from June 2010 until June 2017 since Mars stands alongside Ketu in the 12th house of loss. It is good that Ratnavali has dedicated herself to fully spiritual activities because such stars are unlikely to produce any satisfactory results in their period.

An 18-year Rahu *mahadasha* (the same *dasha* that was running during her previous death) will follow Mars planetary period. Then Ratnavali devi dasi will have the full opportunity to eradicate all the regrets emerging from the past and establish a strong ground for her wonderful 16-year Jupiter period which follows Rahu. Her next time of death will certainly come in Saturn's planetary period. She will pass on as an old lady, one who has told many a story about a life of fascinating events. .

“SONG OF PROPHECY” DEPARTMENT: *Get out your guitars, Prabhus. This is for those of us who agree that letting the karmis know truthfully what they are in for is superior to an agreeable grin and compromising interfaith handshake. The tune that might come to mind could resemble something akin to CCR’s “Who’ll Stop the Rain?*

Flood of Blood

Patita Pavana das Adhikary

Here's a message for you karmis,
Listen to me and weep,
Utopia will come crashing down,
What you planted you shall reap.

These are not times for songs of love,
Or how your sweetheart made you cry,
These are times when you must save yourself,

Time for action, do or die.

Can you hear the winds a-howlin',
Whistling from o'er the hills,
Meteor showers scribe your fate,
You will die for what you've killed.

Back in 1939
When the Nazis were in power,
War was on the red horizon,
It was a fateful hour.

History repeats itself, my friend
Just have a look around;
Cameras watch you on every street,
FEMA camps outside the town.

While the shadowy Rahu stalks the Moon,
And the world must endure eclipse;
Your shopping malls and neighborhoods,
Will go down like sinking ships.

Politicians that you voted for
Will hide in cities 'neath the ground,

Your neighbors will live like cannibals,
Food riots in every town.

Fast food culture has doomed your world,
Slaughter house bellies with corpses filled,
Yama rides slowly with his noose,
You'll become what you have killed.

You have satisfied your senses,
A network of desires,
Your feet have trampled Nature's laws
And your own hands lit the fires.

You have even whored your daughters,
Poisoned the air that you breathe;

Lied in the names of religion and science,
Till there's nothing left to believe.

Your trucks will all be rusting,
With no gas what can they pull?
It was not wise to eat flesh of beasts,
You now need the cow and bull.

Your doom is fast approaching,
Much sooner than you think,
The bubble will be bursting
As quick as an eye can wink.

You've got one chance for survival,
You must only eat what you grow,
The food you place on the plate of God
Will come from the seeds you sow.

Get your fingernails dirty,
Dig your hands into the soil,
The Earth mother will maintain you,
As the world runs out of oil.

The flatterer is your enemy,
The truthful one is your friend,
Whoever guides you on the path of good,
Saves you when the world must end.

Rise up and come to your senses,
Bow down on the ground and pray,
Krishna's name will save you,
And you'll find no other way.

Refrain:

Fiery storms rain from cloudless skies,
Cities buried in a sea of mud,
Death flies from all directions
And you'll drown in a flood of blood.

While Mother Earth is plowed by Dharma,
And Gomata chews on her cud,
There will be no hope for the cities,
As they drown in a flood of blood.

NOW PLAYING ON YOU TUBE: Prabhus, don't miss "Poison on the Platter" a film wisely suggested by reader Bhadra Govinda Das. On You Tube now: <http://uk.video.yahoo.com/watch/4687000>

Letters to the Editor

Bliss Sent from the Polish Yatra

Dear Patita Pavana Prabhu and Abhaya Mudra Mataji,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your holy feet. All glory to you! All glory to Srila Prabhupada. I came from Poland at the end of August. Now I am on the way to Dubai. The life schedule is vizu as always. But I really need to say thank you, for visiting the polish tour. You don't even know how many devotees came to me after you left, they all were saying such nice kind words to your address. They told that your consultations helped them and moved them to the new level of consciousness, that You helped them to start moving in right directions. That consultation with You was so potent for them. It was a lot of them comming to me and saying that. They wanted to share with me that happiness. I was wondering why they all saying that to me? And then I realized that probably it is just Krisna's arrangements. Probably they didn't have chance personally to tell You how important it was for them to meet you. And Krishna send them to me, so I can forward their warm regards to you. So a lot of devotees and I am really hope that You would find time to cone to Polish tour next Year. Each time I looked to your tent with desire to talk to You, You were giving consultation. Your tent was always busy. What to say about Kalyani Mataji ! She is so fascinated by your personality and by knowledge You have! So please find time to come again! We need your association!

My humble obeisances
Your servant,
Varsana-rani Devi dasi

Whatever we had to share was nothing more than that which we obtained from you and the other advanced Vaishnavas of the tour. Thank you! -Ed.

Icing on the Cake

Dear Prabhus,

Please accept my humble *pranams* at your feet. Thank you so much for your kind care and concern. Thanks also for the newsletters. I read them whenever you send them out. I'm always delighted to see thoughtful and artistic presentations made by devotees. And poetry too! :-) That's definitely the icing on the cake. We want to show our appreciation somehow for all your kindness. Can we post you a copy of our newest magazine? Hari!

Your servant,

Madhavananda Das

Glad you like the Newsletters, Prabhu. After all, by the divine grace of Srila Gaur Govinda Maharaja, your internet preaching and Krishna Kathamrita helped inspire THE ASTROLOGICAL NEWSLETTER from its inception! - Ed.

Hare Krishna Prabhu, Please accept my respects. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you and your good wife very much for the astrological reading. It's helpful-- especially since you've ascertained my correct birth time. I appreciate all the time and thought you put into it. It more or less confirms my intuition about what's going on with me (and Prabhu) so it's good to have it confirmed. Your added insights have allowed me to go into a deeper and fuller understanding of our situation. Our minds always want something easier, but know that faith in our beloved Srila Prabhupada is our real shelter and that Krishna is guiding our wanderings as we try to make advancement in this lifetime in KC and love for Him and His devotees.

Thank you as well for your friendship. I hope this finds you well and pray that Srila Prabhupada continue to bless you in your important service.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,
-Kdd

The kindness and support of devotees like you means everything to us! -Ed.

I found the information on target! Thank you for your work.
-W.M., Atty. (USA)
