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HAIZEN'S VEDIC ASTROLOGY NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2010

*"Om Gum Ganapataye Namaha!" —
Ganesh mantra for the removal of obstacles*

Dear Friends and Subscribers:

New Years greetings! I'm pinching myself to make sure I got through **2009** intact. (Actually, it was a great year for spiritual studies.) So, what's in the stars for **2010**? If you've found astrology to be interesting or useful in the past, you're in the right place to find out.



Despite the recent global economic woes, there will be a number of significant planetary influences during the coming year that will be helpful for success and enlightenment, though full economic recovery is not likely to take place until the lunar Nodes, **Rahu** and **Ketu**, pass through their debilitated placement in **Scorpio/Taurus**, between **May 2011** and **January 2013**, and a true financial upswing gathers momentum. (The Nodes historically have to do with the shaping of long-term economic and investment cycles.) Each planet is said to govern a particular part of human experience, and its respective influence rises and falls in measurable ways. Here's what looks important during the coming year:

- **Jupiter**, representing such important qualities as good will, protection, rewards and expansion, left its *least* favorable sign of sidereal **Capricorn** last month and moved into a *more* favorable position in humanitarian **Aquarius**, through **May 1**. This Jupiterian change is not necessarily a dramatic

improvement over the recent past, but it's a definite step in the right direction, dynamically connecting people and uniting allies, and likely to increase the public interest in philosophy, writing, the arts in general, charitable activities and a continuing interest in social reforms. Aquarius is about people, increased global outreach, and accepting human and cultural differences. We feel the importance of connecting with friends in an honest and meaningful way and perhaps experience a widening sense of community. The downside of Aquarius energy is that we could lack teamwork, spend our efforts in unproductive ways, waste money, become politically alienated or antisocial, or prefer the company of those who are not good for us. In general, however, Jupiter's new sign position represents growth and supports innovations—a progressive change.



- **Jupiter** gains additional force for good when it enters its *exalted* sign of sidereal **Pisces** on **May 1** and stays through **May 2011**. (This happens only once every 12 years, so it brings greater benefits and is worth making the most of.) While not a panacea, Vedic astrologers view Jupiter's position as advantageous for overall growth, healing and contributing to the economic recovery. (Jupiter represents our major financial and banking institutions). Plus, the spiritual side of Jupiter's nature will be more supportive to those deeply committed to their spiritual or health practices.



- The trouble-spot! **Saturn** has been in a difficult transit with **Pluto** since the fall of **2009** and indicates continuing structural and organizational troubles both in business and government. Pluto represents the long-term threat of bankruptcies, foreclosures, and the need for a basic restructuring of business, laws, and political institutions. Within this period, there have been over 300,000 foreclosures each month since March, with the housing market still troubled, and these **Saturn/Pluto** energies indicate pressure and stress in these areas until **August 2011**. So, despite Jupiter's improved condition, Saturn's influence remains challenging. Fortunately, Saturn is well-placed in **Virgo** and can bring gains according to our attention to detail and willingness to teach and serve. The full impact of the nation's health care program will be tested during this period. While Saturn transits

Virgo through **August 2012**, many people will undergo job retraining, study for a new profession, or start a new business—good for education and the specialization of one's skills and talents.

Major Planetary Influences in January

As the month starts, the planetary energies are NOT stable: the decision-making planet, **Mercury**, is retrograde and uncertain through the **15th**, the unstable **eclipse period** lasts through the **17th**, and **Mars**, the planet of action and initiatives, is retrograde, frustrated and held back, perhaps because we are doubtful about whether to proceed now or wait for a better opportunity to start an important project when we feel more prepared.



In addition, **Mercury** and **Venus** are combust the **Sun** and consequently weakened and in the process of being re-enlightened and energized. Nevertheless, what appears held back in the outer world can be profoundly advantageous inwardly. It's as if our molecules are being re-arranged and we are being fortified to take action when our deeper impulses are ready. If you are impulsive and make a false start, regroup and try again later.

Despite the uncertainties, these energies can work to your advantage if you adjust your thinking, brainstorm, and develop a personal or business plan worth pursuing. Life energies begin to stabilize after the **17th** and there'll be smoother sailing, though the action planet **Mars** remains retrograde through **March 10th** and can indicate hesitancy or self-doubt. In the meantime, some of us are dealing with issues of frustration or anger and would benefit by being more physically active and health conscious.

Special note: Astrology is primarily the study of planetary forces and when events are likely to happen. Even more importantly, it's a mirror to unlock the deeper aspects of Self—the real me or you—and become viscerally aware of the primal energies of life that are behind the manifestation of form on earth—"as above, so below." But it's not the determining factor of your enlightenment or success; it's a tool, a mirror unto the real you so you can go beyond its limitations. (Yogananda had a great deal to say on the proper understanding



of astrology and how to transcend these planetary influences. I'm glad to share it with anyone who requests it.)

The beginning of the year is a great time to take a look at your year ahead. Contact me for details: 928-284-3696. Readings by phone or in person.



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