

*To whose temple the Arch is starlit,
In whose temple the Sun is the image of gold,
To whose temple the Moon goes every month
And brings the message out every Full-Moon,
And whose message the Moon sings as a word of sixteen letters,
His religion I belong to, His temple I visit,
His name I utter, His glory I live in.
To Him I offer the lotus of my day,
To Him I offer the lotus of my night.*

These seed thoughts from the Spiritual Psychology meditations of Dr. Ekkirala Krishnamacharya give the note for the Lunar Messenger of the Circle of Good Will. The moon is the reflective principle and symbol of the mind. When pure and calm, it reflects impressions from higher circles. Especially the time of the full moon is conducive for higher alignment, if we are poised enough. The alignment of the sun, moon and earth in the sky helps experience the magic of the light of the soul and its manifestation down to the physical.

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VISTAS OF WISDOM 13: LORD GANESHA

Overcoming Obstacles

The wisdom teachings explain that the obstacles in our life are in us and not outside. Inner distortions are seen as outer obstacles. The outer obstacles are self-made. They arise because something is disarranged in our thought patterns. The problems we encounter today evolved from false ideas or earlier carelessness and neglect. If we forget details while executing a plan, they develop into future impediments; later it will be expensive or difficult to make changes. Right thoughts which come at the wrong time or right thoughts which come at the right time but are either not executed or not correctly executed might also obstruct us. If we have the right thought at the right moment, it flows unhindered like a stream.

Some people have ideas which work out by themselves. They get the right ideas at the right moment and execute them in the right way. In astrological terms, Jupiter is well aspected in their chart. Jupiter is the planet presiding over order in creation. We can recognise people with a confused mind, who create complications for themselves and for others, from the position of Jupiter in their chart indicating that something in their inner is confused. Their thought patterns have to be restructured so that the obstacles can be overcome. The key to this is held by Jupiter.

The presiding deity of Jupiter on all planes, namely the planetary, solar and cosmic planes, is called *Ganesha* or *Ganapati* in Eastern wisdom. This means Lord of groupings, of systematic arrangement. He orders the sounds and utters them to shape creation.

The wisdom teaches us that if we worship *Ganesha* we won't encounter obstacles and impediments in our life. If

Jupiter or also other planets are seriously afflicted either in the birth chart or progressive chart or by transits, these negative effects can be neutralised when we regularly contemplate on the elephant-headed deity *Ganesha*.

Sound and Symbolism

Ganesha is among the intelligences which can be very easily invoked. The sound related to *Ganesha* is GAM; the *mantra* is *Om Gam Ganapataye Namaha*. The colour is cream or honey-yellow, the stone is topaz. The *mantra* brings unfoldment of the *Buddhic* plane and fulfilment in life. Its number is 3. It can be uttered in multiples of 3, 12, 21, in the *Muladhara* or the *Ajna* centre.

Normally we don't work with the lower centres on the path of *Raja Yoga*, except with the *Ganapati mantra*; with some *mantras* the invocation is done in the lower centres together with the higher centres. The Lord of the base centre is Saturn, for in the *Muladhara* we are anchored in the physical body. If we want our body to be stable and to support us in fulfilling the purposes of the soul, we should worship *Ganesha*. Then, Saturn is replaced by the cosmic Jupiter, *Ganesha*. Thus, the expansion begins and *Ganesha* graces us with the experience of bodiless consciousness which is no more conditioned by matter.

The sound of *Ganesha* causes profound transformations in us. He rearranges the four-petalled lotus of the base centre and also gives order to our life. This order generates magnetism in us; life expands and becomes splendidous. Before beginning an important activity, at first the blessing of *Ganesha* is sought to conduct the work in harmony

and to finish it in poise. The symbols, *mantras* and rituals related to *Ganesha* help in this regard.

His symbol is the triangle within the circle with a point in the centre. In a more illustrative form it is the head of the elephant. When we think of *Ganesha*, we can visualise our own head functioning as an elephant head. We can imagine that, by invoking *Ganesha*, he descends into our head with love and wisdom, so that the day can progress without disturbances. Love and wisdom never create impediments.

We can also visualise the form of our head, the ears and the spinal column in a radiant light as the head and the trunk of an elephant. From the tip of the trunk to the head of the elephant there is happening of a humming sound. This sound is called *Hastinada*, the voice of the elephant. It is self-born when emanating from the Absolute and it is also called OM, the sound of silence. We contemplate on it in the base centre. From there it emerges and moves upwards through all the etheric centres clearing the blockages in our body. The sound then reaches the *Ajna*, and then there is the illumination. We can visualise our head as a globe of light and our ears as big etheric ears. The globe of light is standing on a column of light, the spinal column; a feeble sound emerges from the base of our spinal column and moves up like a serpent.

The Eastern Scriptures contain profound symbolic stories about *Ganesha*. Thus, he was immaculately conceived by the World Mother, Parvathi. She prepared a substance and gave it the form of a 5 year old boy, installed vital power and bestowed the power of which she is presiding. Thus, the boy knew the Mother but not yet *Shiva*, the Father. When *Shiva* returned home, to *Kailash*, the boy refused him entry. *Shiva* smiled, for he saw that the boy was a creation of *Parvathi* and carried her power in him. He told the boy that he is the Master of the house and that he wants to enter. But the boy remained obstinate. He was the son of the Mother but he lacked the knowledge of the Father, the Supreme Self, the pure and absolute existence. *Shiva* therefore removed the boy's head by his most powerful weapon, the Trident (the Rod of Initiation) and replaced it with the head of an elephant, the head of wisdom. This way the boy was initiated into the I AM consciousness and realised THAT, the *Brahman*. The symbol of *Ganesha* has the wisdom of the Most High, the power of Nature and the skill of action. It is therefore a complete symbol for contemplation.

The Rat as Mount

As a mount, *Ganesha* has a small rat. It stands for the quick, skilful and intelligent activity. Like the rat, smart

businessmen can reach their goals with great skill but if they aren't guided by wisdom and good-will, they are a danger for society. The rat stands for *Mercury*, and the deity presiding over it, *Ganesha*, stands for Jupiter. Without skill, the wisdom of a person is neither useful for himself nor for others. It is only a heavy load, however big the head might be. The symbol of *Ganesha* and the rat teaches us that wisdom needs skill in action to be effective. When skill is linked to wisdom, such persons will be no longer exploiters of Nature but use it for the well-being of mankind and Nature.

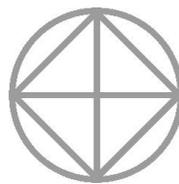
Master Jupiter

As the cosmic Jupiterian intelligence, *Ganesha* works in our solar system with the triangular force of Neptune, Mercury and Jupiter. On our planet, he is present as Master Jupiter. He is the Avatar of Synthesis who presides over the Aquarian Age. In Vedic tradition, he is the great Sage *Agastya* and has his abode in Sirius. The place from where he is functioning for our earth is the *Nilagiri* hills, the Blue Mountains of South India. *Ganesha* is the regent of the second ray of Love-Wisdom and the teacher on all planes. Thus, *Agastya*, Master Jupiter, has taken on the role of the *Guru*, Teacher to our system.

The Contest with Kumara

There is a beautiful and helpful story in the *Puranas* of how the younger brother of *Ganesha*, *Kumara*, the cosmic Martian energy, challenged him. He wanted to know who is the faster of the two. *Ganesha* does not believe in challenge; it is not his quality. He said, "If you like it, let it be so." *Kumara* sat on his vehicle, the peacock, flew away quick like an arrow and travelled through the worlds. *Ganesha* remained seated and smiled. The Lord asked him, "Don't you want to start?" *Ganesha* replied, "Your Will will be done." Then the Lord said, "You move around me three times." *Ganesha* did so. Wherever *Kumara* now arrived he saw that *Ganesha* was already there. *Kumara* returned totally exhausted, while *Ganesha* was simply sitting there. The Lord asked *Kumara*, "Now, who has won?" *Kumara* replied, "No doubt, it is *Ganesha*. Everywhere he was ahead of me." *Kumara* now took *Ganesha* as his teacher, and *Ganesha* taught him to go inside and to be there with the Father and to realise the Plan of the Divine Will.

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