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**Sri Hevilambi Ugadi New Year – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Message for the year by Master K. Parvathi Kumar**

Hearty greetings to the WTT brotherhood on the occasion of Sri Hevilambi Ugadi new year. Hevilambi is the name given to this year and we prefix it with 'Sri' with a hope that it would be auspicious to all of us. Generally, all the years are auspicious but it what is in store for each one



of us will depend on individual karma. There will be no year which is not good for all. It will be very good for some and not so good for others depending on karma. When we realise that disciplining by nature is also auspicious then there is nothing that is bad. It is because we think that when nature and time regulate us or cause some inconvenience or discomfort to teach us something it is bad, then we think that the time is bad for us. If everything is good and comfortable, we don't learn anything. It is only when problems come, we start learning. So nature and time arrange our situations such that good and bad happen in succession so that we keep learning and experience comfort from time to time. If we learn what nature intends to teach us, then future time will be good. If we do not learn and try to escape, then future become even harder until we learn. So comforts and discomforts are like new moon and full moon in life. They happen in succession.

On this new year day, we have the tradition of listening to 'Panchanga Sravanam' (Astrological prediction for the year) because we are told of what kind of inconveniences we can expect this year and what cautions we should take so that we remain alert and overcome such inconveniences through learning. Knowing itself provides some relief. So we should learn what is required while we experience the comfort from what we have learnt in the past. It is all mixed up but the ultimate objective is gaining knowledge. We have a path to walk this year and we are given cautions as to what can be expected on the path so that we can be prepared. Whatever preparation we have, if karma is strong, nothing can stop it from happening. But if you are in

living in the touch of a Master, he can neutralise karma to certain extent. As a result, the intensity of karma that you experience goes down. That is what Master CVV promised to all his followers.

Firstly we should have strong belief in Master's word. It is said 'belief provides relief'. That itself neutralizes our karma to some extent. Next is regular prayer which is the primary instruction of Master CVV. If you are able to sit for prayer daily, it means that you have the grace of the Master. If not, it means that you are not being graced by Master so much. That grace depends on your belief, intent and aspiration. If you are regular in your prayers, Master will surely neutralize your karma.

Coming to the name of this year, there are 2 names that I came across. One is Hevilambi and another is Hemalambi. Some are arguing that one is right while some are saying the other is right. Let us take both of them to be right.

This time we have the New Year on Wednesday which is presided by Mercury. Mercury stands for amicability and cooperation. So we can expect this year to be so.

In the 60 year cycle tradition, we have entered the 2nd half of the cycle now. This year has the nature of compressing our thoughts. People will come out of the expansive nature and try to be exclusive. In 1991, all the European countries wanted to form a union and they formed the European Union. This year due to Brexit, Britain is coming out of that union. Today happens to be the day when the process has officially begun. That is an indication of the nature of this year.

Master DK writes in his book "Destiny of nations", that it will be good for the world if Britain remains in union with the other European nations. This Brexit indicates that good days for the world have actually got postponed. A similar thing is happening in America as well. USA was formed with an idea that it would allow migrants from all over the globe to settle on that land and now they are deviating from that core principle. The ones who have settled there long back are now trying to stop the ones who are trying to settle now in that nation. This is again an exclusive thought. USA has changed from a thought of "All are invited" to a thought "New migrants are not allowed". Lot of restrictions is being imposed on some people who would like to visit USA. It is all due to closed and exclusive ideas. The same is now beginning to happen in Australia as well. There are people who are raising slogans "Go back...Go Back". In this manner, people are deviating from the splendorous creational principles of inclusivity and synthesis.

So the message for the year which I gave is "Unification within and without is Yoga." We should be inclusive, both inside and outside. Only then we can be in a Yogic path. This inclusivity is very much required in present times. We should stop thinking in terms of differences. If we start differentiating, then nobody remains with us. This kind of exclusive thought process is expected to last for 5 years. And during this time, we should be cautious that we do not fall into such thoughts and we should be prepared to live with such thoughts around us.

Another instruction on this New Year is, we should keep striving for transformation in our personality. Though karma decides the kind of situations that we face in our (surroundings), as our personality becomes better, the situations that we are to face also change. Karma neutralization happens with change in personality. Even some bad situations can be avoided with a change in our personality. Change happens when we take to a discipline under the influence of a Master.

Another instruction is if we are to follow the path given by Grand Masters, we should know certain basic aspects of our astrological chart like in what sign are the sun and moon in when we were born. Then we should know the position of our ascendant at birth. Then we should know the position of Jupiter and Saturn at birth. And then also the positions of other planets. This is a part of training that we should undergo as aspirants. Then from time to time we should check our progression chart, preferably on our birthday, and know the present planetary positions. Master EK himself used to do that the night prior to his birthday. As there was no software available in those days, he used to draw the chart by hand. By looking at that chart, we can know in what aspects we should be alert and cautious during that year. Apart from that, we should follow the planetary movement on a daily basis in relation to our planet. For all this, we need some basic knowledge of astrology.

Now if we observe that planetary movement for this year, we still have Saturn in Sagittarius taking the place of a teacher. He will be in that sun sign until December. Saturn expects us to learn a lot. He will allow good results to come until we learn well. In 2 years, Jupiter will enter Sagittarius and then we can expect some good changes to come. Then we have to look at the positions of Node and Anti-Node (Rahu and Ketu) as well. They are also important to us.

Rahu and Ketu are not pure planetary energies. They are said to be shadow planets and have no globes like other planets. But still they have an influence over us. They prevent light from falling upon us. That is time when we should wait until light falls upon us. During shadow times, we do not get the right thoughts. Rahu will make you hold onto unwanted things while Ketu will make you lose what you need. Ketu is now in Pisces. So, people born in the sun sign Pisces should be cautious because they can lose things easily during this period. If they are alert, they can lose unwanted things. If not Ketu might make them feel some which is needed as unwanted and one might lose that. So Rahu and Ketu play mischief in that manner. If you know that, their presence and their mischief, then you can be alert. Rahu and Ketu remain in each sun sign for a year and half. That is why the knowledge of astrology and astrological chart is important. Knowledge of astrology is like a 3rd eye and it gives us lot of insight. Do not see astrology as something used for petty predictions. Astrology can be used for expanding our awareness a lot.

Another important instruction is to stick to dharma at all times. If you are not righteous and law abiding in life, no planetary energy will be helpful to you. If you are following dharma sincerely, then nature and planets start cooperating with you. Even the knowledge of astrology should be utilized to live as per dharma. As aspirants, we have an additional instruction coming from the

Masters of Wisdom. Apart from leading a dharmic (righteous and lawful) life, we should also lead a life of service. In all that we do, we should orient towards the aspect of service. At all times, we should look for the welfare of all. If you are living such a life, then no planetary energy will affect you negatively. They cooperate with you at all times because you are following the Divine plan. So we should try to transform our life into a life of service. We should live for the welfare of others. We should keep striving to offer whatever we can to others. All the Grand Masters are living in such a manner. They have no personal programme in their lives. They just work for the sake of others.

So the message is to look at the astrological chart for the year and see how you can take the cooperation of the planets to live a life of dharma and service. When you become a Master, the planets become servants to you and cooperate with you at all times. Let us all strive to move forward in that direction.

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