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Sri Vilambi Ugadi New Year – 18th March 2018
Message for the year by Master K. Parvathi Kumar

One becomes successful in life by following time. First aspect of following time is be aware of the principles of time and time cycles. Here success or victory just does not mean success in mundane world but success in realising oneself as immortal and Divine entities. A mortal man becoming an immortal one (Nara) is called "Vijaya" (Victorious one). Man means the being in the mind while Nara means the immortal being. A man remains mostly in his mind and related thoughts and keeps running after them all through his life until death comes. This goes on cyclically until the being enters the Buddhic plane. One of principles given to gain entry into the Buddhic plane is gaining knowledge. One should be aware of the work he is doing. Do not do something just like that without any awareness. As awareness grows, you will know what to do, how to do and when to do, better and better. The clarity in knowing what is your duty and what is not keeps growing. Then you do only what is to be done.

Now being aware of time completely is almost impossible. Sri Potana in Bhagavatam tells that no being is completely aware of time and its aspects. We can know only to the extent revealed to us. But the one who makes an effort to know; knowledge of time is revealed more and more. It is just like trying hard to study for an exam even though we know that the subject is very tough and exam is hard to pass. So one side there has to be an ongoing effort to know while on the other side we pray for the Divine grace. So this is a day specially to know about time and to follow the directions given for the year. That is why we have the recitation of the almanac, the related predictions and directions, every year on this Ugadi day. Apart from this, we should have an astrological calendar/diary with us and look to it every morning to know the different aspects of time for the day like day of the week, presiding constellation, moon phase, etc.

So this habit should be developed which will develop the awareness of time in us. That will gradually lead us to deeper aspects of time and its relation to the work we do and so on. You can know the nature of each of the moon phases and constellations depending upon your interest. The knowledge is infinite. So there is no limit to what we can know. The more you know, the more you are aligned with the time in creation. This alignment gives ease, comfort and splendour in our lives. It is like getting onto a train and letting it take you to the destination. Alignment with time is what is required to catch this train. The whole creation runs based on the wheel of time. The stars, planets, constellations, moons, etc. run based on time. To know about their movements and effect of their movements on us is grand wisdom. Master EK told that just being aware of the time aspects and planetary positions on a daily basis, can negate some of the

unwanted affects that the planetary principles might have on us. Now a days, we have the daily planetary chart being shared with all of us through the whatsapp groups. So the information is very easily accessible now. The only thing required is our interest and effort. So that is a prelude.

Now coming to the new year which is called "Vilambi". Vilambi means "Slow and steady". So things move a bit slow this year but gradually they stabilise. So we will have steady progress this year. And first day of this year happens to be a Sunday which is a good coincidence because Sun is the ruler for our whole solar system and he presiding over the first day of the year is an auspicious sign. There are 2 more good coincidences this year which are the date being 18th and the year being 18th year of this century (2018). The number 18 is significant in many ways. There are 18 chapters in Bhagawadgita. The Mahabharat war went on for 18 days. The Mahabharat epic written by Sage Veda Vyasa is called "Jaya". The numerical potency of Ja is 8 and Ya is 1. So Jaya is 81 but the numbers are read from right to left in Sanskrit. So the number is 18. And when we actually reverse the word "Jaya", we get the word "Yaja". Yaja means Yagna which means doing work as an offering. Yaja leads to Jaya. Jaya means Victory. If one knows and starts leading a life of offering at the age of 18, by the age of 81 one is fulfilled in life. That is the understanding behind the number 18.

The date is 18-3-18 which is a kind of symmetry and this is another good coincidence. Our tradition tells us offering rice to the needy in the year of Vilambi will be good. Apart from that, Yagna should happen continuously in our lives. Keep offering yourself to the surrounding life as much as you can. Keep relating to the service aspect in every work that you.

As this year is beginning on a Sunday, worship of the Divine through Sun attains significance this year. There are certain statements given by the Seers in relation to astrology. I will discuss some of them now. Astrology helps us develop inner vision. Astrology is a science relating to light. If there is light, we can see things clearly. In darkness, we might hit things even in our own house. There is light outside but similar light needs to be developed inside. Inner light reveals us deeper aspects of wisdom. We can start seeing things which cannot be seen by an ordinary eye. So that is about astrology.

There are certain time related numbers given in the almanac which I wanted to read so that everyone can be aware of them. We all know that this year is called 2018 which is the number of years counted since the departure of Christ. Similarly it is 5119 years since the departure of Lord Krishna. So that is the present span of Kali Yuga as Kali Yuga is said to have begun with the departure of Krishna. Then it has been 2090 years since the departure of Adi Sankaracharya. There used to be a very popular King who ruled ancient India for many years and his name is Gautamiputra Satakarni. He could establish dharma to a large extent even in the age of Kali. While most of the kings travelled on horses, he used to travel on a huge tiger. It has been 1940 years since he departed. Then it has been 1001 years since the departure of Ramanujacharya, one

of the great Seers to be born in India. It is good to recollect these grand beings who worked for our welfare.

So this being the age of Kali, we should be cautious of whether the nature of Kali is growing or diminishing in us. We should keep introspecting. The way given to be not affected by Kali is to remain with the Divine at all times. If you are able to see and relate to the Divine in everyone and at all times, then Kali cannot touch you. That is the ultimate message. I will conclude now and let Sri Gopala Krishna Murthy give the astrological predictions and directions for the year.

-Swasthi.