

CHAPTER NO. 1

Sri. Agastya Naadi Samhita

A mind - boggling Miracle

In today's world of science, if just from the impression of your thumb somebody accurately tells you, your name, the names of your mother, father, husband/wife, your birth-date, month, age etc. what would you call such prediction? Would you regard it as an amazing divination or as black magic?

No, it is neither black magic nor a hand trick. Such prediction, which defies all logic and boggles one's mind, forms the subject-matter of the Agastya Naadi. Those predictions were visualised at different places by various ancient Sages, with their divine insight and factually noted by their chosen disciples, thousands of years ago, to be handed down from generation to generation. This great work makes us realize the limitations of human sciences. That great compilation predicting the future of all human beings born or yet to be born, eclipses the achievements of all other sciences put together!

Naadi is a collective name given to palm-leaf manuscripts dictated by ancient sages predicting the characteristics, family history, as well as the careers of innumerable individuals. The sages (rishis), who dictated those Naadis, were gifted with such a remarkable foresight – that they accurately foretold the entire future of all mankind. Many scholars in different parts of India have in their safekeepings several granthas (volumes) of those ancient palm-leaf manuscripts dictated by the great visualizing souls, alias sages such as Bhrgu, Vasistha, Agastya, Shukra, and other venerable saints.

I had the good-fortune to consult Sri. Agastya Naadi predictions. It was an unforgettable experience. Perhaps I was destined to publish this book to share with readers the amazing information about the predictive expertise of the Agastya Naadi concerning the careers of persons born or yet to be born.

I was transferred as a Wing Commander to the Air Force Station, at Tambaram near Chennai (Madras) in July 1993. The Agastya Naadi Nilayam (Centre) was about 3-4 kms, from my residence. I got that information from local contacts. One day, I called at that centre in the morning. The attendant took my thumb impression on a piece of paper. I was called in after an hour. One Naadi- reader, holding 50-60 palm-leaf manuscripts, tied in a bundle and held between two wooden strips of footrule size, started conversing with me in superfast Tamil! When I informed him that I did not know even the A, B, C, of Tamil, the inmates asked me to call later that day. In the afternoon, my wife and a photographer too

accompanied me. We had to wait for about 2½ hours as the reading of predictions of other visitors was in progress. The photographer who could not wait for long, took 3 snaps and left. When my turn came, I requested some of the visitors there to act as interpreters and the reading started. An interpreter should preferably accompany non-Tamilians. The Naadi-leaves are about 10-11 inches in length and 1 to 1½ inches in width. They are flexible, being made of palm-leaves used for making hand-fans, after due processing. The matter is written on them in 6 to 8 lines, leaving some margin, with a long thick nail held in the fist. The script is a running-continuum written without lifting one's hand. Paying homage to Sage Agastya, the reader started reading the matter

etched on the leaves, inquiring from me whether my name began with consonants p, ph, b, bh etc., whether the name of my mother contained four-letters? Whether my father had expired? etc. Whenever the reply was in the negative, the reader used to discard that leaf and read the notings on the next one. On that day he discarded about 200 leaves when my name was not found quoted in any of them. They then asked me to return after a month. Accordingly when I called at that centre after a month, I came to know that the leaves (Pattis) pertaining to my thumb impression had been received from Sri. Lanka. During the intervening period, I had an opportunity to hear the predictions concerning other visitors. I thus got used to those predictive-readings. This time also the first bundle did not bear my name. In the second bundle, after 5 or 6 leaves, in one leaf, the reader read out the name of my mother – Mangala, father – Janardan, my name – Shashikant and wife's name – Alka; I have one son and one daughter and that I would come to seek the prediction at my age of 45 etc. Later followed the name of the Samvatsar, (Hindu calendar year) as Virodhi, Adi Maasam (the Hindu month of Ashadha), the 16th day, Sunday, Chitra Nakshatra (Star), Dhanu (Sagittarius) lagnam (Ascendant) and Kanya (Virgo) Rashi (Birth Sign) etc. A thick, 40-year Tamil almanac was lying nearby, which corroborated the above details as accurate to the minutest detail. My date of birth, 31 July 1949, as per the English calendar also tallied. The reading about my life continued. Facts such as my being the eldest child, my children's schooling, my being educated and working in the nation's defence services, in a high position etc. were all mentioned very clearly. Further on, he told me my birth-chart at the time of my birth. It matched with the one I was carrying with me. There was no doubt that my specific leaf (Patti) was located among millions of other leaves. That reading took a lot of time. So I was asked to return after 2 days. In between they were to jot down the matter from the leaf in a 40-page notebook. By that time a reader, Sri. Rajendran who knew

English had also arrived. They read the notings in ancient Tamil from the notebook, explained the same in modern Tamil, and interpreted the meaning of 3 to 4 sentences together in English, which was simultaneously recorded on an audio tape. Finally, he bowed and handed to me the audio tape with my future recorded therein, in Tamil. For all that I had to pay Rs. 100 plus Rs 25 for the tape. So the total expenditure was only Rs. 125/-.

In that general chapter (which dealt with the Ascendant in my horoscope), Sage Agastya had directed me (the Jataka), to read the subtle and detailed information contained in other Kandams (Cantos). That aroused my curiosity to ascertain the predictions in other Kandams, which dealt with various houses in my birth-chart. The subsequent Kandams (chapters) revealed that each Kandam prediction was recorded in 15-18 verses containing 60-70 lines. The first chapter described the person whose future was being narrated and mentioned some horoscopic details such as, Dhanu lagnam, Kanya rashi, and my name- Shashikant. Every detail was accurate. There was no chance of any mistake. Thereafter, some important incidents of my life were read out from that chapter. After that, there was a clear mention of my earlier birth's sins and good deeds, and their effect on my current birth's good and bad deeds and planetary positions etc. About the future, there was a mention of a single year or a group of years.

In my case, at the beginning of chapter one, there was an accurate description of some incidents in my life, e.g. the undue delay in my promotion, break in children's education, my wife's skin disease (an allergy leading to itching) and mishap to my vehicle. (A few days earlier, a vehicle coming from the opposite direction collided with my car. However, due to my presence of mind the vehicle alone was damaged, while all the members of my family remained unscathed). Then there was a mention of a court-case! (Initially I could not believe, as to how I could be involved in any court case while being employed in the Air force?). But after racking my brains I recalled that I had indeed deposed as a witness in some case before a Court-Martial. The mention of those very graphic and verifiable past-events convinced me that my past was accurately recorded in those prediction-strips. A narration of that gratifying experience by me induced a number of my colleagues from the Air force to visit the prediction-centre. All of them returned highly impressed.

Those predictive texts also contain a chapter recommending certain pilgrimages or prayers, worship and charities at specific shrines, to atone for one's past sins. Whether all those suggested remedies are truly effective or they have any commercial angle, needs to be considered.

I would welcome correspondence from readers and others who had Naadi-readings from those centres in the South, mentioning their reactions, thoughts, experiences, suggestions etc.

Wing Commander Shashikant Oak and his wife while observing their Naadi Patti.



CHAPTER NO. 2

Structure of the Naadi Notings

This book aims at imparting information about Naadi Shastra (Science) and answering questions arising therefrom in the common man's mind. Such efforts have already been made earlier by a number of scholars and talented people. Compared to them, this author is a novice and totally lacks any knowledge of astrology. The author can't even cast a horoscope. However, this author is certainly curious and inquisitive about the Naadi shastra.

Among the various characteristics of man, one is “his obsession for probing things unknown. From ancient times, man is obsessed and eager for seeking more and more knowledge. He has succeeded too. It is an unending quest.

India’s contribution to this search of the unknown is very important. India has a tradition that has always kept alive its link with the unknown. India is not just a nation, a country, or a piece of land. India is much more than that – something symbolic, poetic, and talent-invisible! The reason is that India is the only country in the world, which has concentrated on and devoted its entire talent and intelligence in the search of the truth. For thousands of years millions of people have been making efforts towards that single objective. For that, they shunned riches, adopted poverty, risked ill-health etc. But they never gave up their search

for the truth. The divine, blissful vibrations of all those sages are always present in the atmosphere here. They include saints, mahatmas, rishis, munis, gurus, scholars, great poets, painters, and talented intellectuals who were the medium of Divinity. They have obliged mankind by opening up various avenues to divine knowledge. But to grasp that divine knowledge, it is necessary that one attain a certain high standard of moral behaviour, asceticism and knowledge.

Of the many aspirations that humans have, one is to peer into one’s future. A number of sages (rishis-munis) have dwelt on that in a number of ways. One of its outcome is the science of Naadi.

Needless to say that these rishis-munis were experts in the science of Yoga, which describes the different states of one’s being. If we grasp them, some light can be thrown on how the Yogis get or may be getting the knowledge of ascertaining and recording the future of every human being. That is just a small part of that vast store of cosmic knowledge.

How do they acquire that extra-sensory knowledge? In order to understand that, one has to know in detail the composition of the subtle body of man. Man’s personality has seven facets.

First facet –

one’s gross body (Physical body)

Second facet –

the subtle body – space body (Etheric body)

Third facet –

extremely subtle body (Astral body)

Fourth facet –

Manas Body (Mental body)

Fifth facet–

Atma body (Spiritual body)

Sixth facet –

Braham body (Cosmic body)

Seventh facet –

Nirvana (Salvational body)

To grasp that arrangement one has to visualize them as one behind the other, or one within the other.

It is believed that for the first seven years of one's life, the stress is on the development of the gross body. Imitation is its basic characteristic. During that period, there is a lack of development of intellect, emotions and desires. There isn't much difference between such a being and an animal. The physical body of an animal is also developed, but its other facets remain undeveloped.

In the next seven years, the emotive body is developed. Youth attains maturity. In the succeeding seven years the subtle body attains development. That phase leads to the development of logic, thinking power, and intellect. After the development of the second facet there is some kind of adolescent maturity. But the third facet leads to the development of one's rationality, logic and intellect, because of education, culture and morality considerations. Probably because of this, the voting age throughout the world is 21.

The mental calibre of most human beings gets stuck up at that third stage till death. The development of the fourth, i.e. mental plane does not evolve in their beings. Experiences of the mental plane are very interesting and unprecedented e.g. mesmerism, telepathy, clairvoyance, reading the thoughts in others' minds, etc. In that state the visual reality is out of consideration e.g. it is possible to grip a thing in one's hand

and then transcend its existence. Others' could be aware of the things in your hand, but to pull others into your transcendental plane of thoughts would be impossible. From there onwards one's own intellectual world begins. The rules of truth and falsehood of the material world begin to lose their significance. One is in a trance; unable to distinguish whether what is happening is real or just illusory!

A number of practitioners of black magic (Mantrics/Tantrics) get trapped in that state of their mind. They earn a bad name because of their black-magic power. In that state, one obtains a lot of power (siddhies), which is known as the awakening of the Kundalini. Modern Physiologists do not accept the existence of Kundalini, because they are not able to locate and identify it in the body. What is known as Kundalini is the development of the fourth state i.e. the mental faculty. One specific result of activation of the Kundalini is unprecedented, spiritual experiences as also the power to foretell the future of individuals.

The development of the fifth i.e. spiritual faculty (Atmic body) is a continuation of the development of the fourth state. Words such as 'house' or 'TV' are easily grasped because they connote concrete things. But when one mentions soul alias Atma that becomes incomprehensible. One has no experience of that and therefore one cannot grasp its meaning. Those who can comprehend the existence of the 'soul' are the persons in the fifth stage of development who stand on the threshold of the final spiritual liberation (Moksha) i.e. the final escape. However, some unknowingly stop at that stage, with a sense of total fulfilment.

For those in the sixth stage, there is a possibility of their crossing into Moksha, i.e. total liberation and merger into the divine soul i.e. 'Brahman'.

What is the distinguishing mark of the sixth facet of realization? Attaining Brahma means merging with the divine soul to feel "I am the Brahman". One step further, alias the leap forward is where there is neither 'I' nor 'Brahman', no 'You' and 'me', where there is Nothing. It is only a big zero – (total, absolute void), which is Nirvana, the seventh facet.

Stages from the fourth onwards are abstract, like a dream. The mind works day and night resulting in planning, imagining and dreaming. The imagination culminates into a concrete resolve and becomes one's will. When the ability to dream develops fully, it leads to extra-sensory vision. (Psychic vision)

To transform a dream into a vision, one need not keep one's eyes open since one can sense the things just by closing one's eyes where dreams seem

to be the reality. One can see things beyond the wall, or one can read another person's thoughts. 'Vision' here means the ability to see things by contracting the distance between time and space and to notice or hear of things with the subtle inner cognizance. From that extra-sensory knowledge the Naadi authors must have been inspired to visualize detailed happenings of the future of generations, and note them down on palm-leaves demonstrating Divinity's mechanical, methodical and mathematical control of all happenings in the universe. That kind of service of theirs, to all humanity is invaluable. They undertook the task in the spirit of sheer inspired duty sans remuneration or reward.

How did all that happen? How many other sages

were gifted with that prophetic insight? How many others volunteered to note down those predictions? How long did the task of etching palm-leaves take? What must have been the etching device? What could have been the duration of the task? Who encouraged them to read out the same to those for whom it was meant? What is the pattern of index used, so that the relevant noting about any person wanting to know his or her future could be quickly sorted out? A number of such questions arise.

While reading and discussing about the Naadi treatises so far, I have been able to sense the logic behind the compilation of these treatises. From whatever I have read or discussed, I dare deduce that there must have been Gurukuls (residential schools run by several sages and gurus) at various places under the supervision of Saint Agastya and other Naadi-recorders. While engaged in the meditative grasping of the Vedas for self-enlightenment and insight into the future of the Universe, the other subjects such as Ayurved (Medicine), Jyotirved (Forecasting), Dhanurved (Archery), Sthapatya (Architecture), Chitrakala (Painting), Nrutya (Dancing) and Sangita (Music) etc. must have been taught for relaxation from their concentration in divining the future of all human beings. Some disciples might have obtained expertise in those subjects. There might have been seminars at the royal courts, organised for these disciples to participate in the debates and discussions on those subjects. With a view to make use of these discussions for the benefit of humanity at large the Naadi- writing must have been undertaken under the guidance of the head of the Gurukul.

Besides, every morning the guru must have been guiding and leading his 200 to 300 disciples into collective mental sorties into humanity's future.

Because of that, those disciples must have become adept at divining the past, present and future of all human beings.

Around every seer, there must have been about two to three other disciples, who might have noted down whatever was seen of the past and future about human beings. Since such a trance might have lasted for a few minutes, writing of only five or ten horoscopes might have been completed on any single day. While compiling all those rough notes and finalizing them, they might have been discussed, corrected and then noted down as final notes ready for recording on palm-leaves.

At the same time, the newly-joined disciples must have been engaged in collecting Palmirah (Tadpatra) leaves from the neighbouring farms or forests. Later on, classifying them, chemically processing them and readying them, like reams of paper, trimmed to a standard size and shape with a hole punched in their surface for tying them together in neat bundles must have followed.

Some hundreds of disciples – especially trained in the Tamil code script, must have etched the writings on palm-leaves with a sharp nail gripped firmly in their palms.

Some other disciples must have been engaged in sorting-out the palm-leaves into 108 sections, depending upon the variety of thumb-impressions, and packing them firmly into 50 to 60 palm-leaf bundles between two wooden strips, secured with a string. Those bundles of predictions must have been sent to big temples in the state for safe-keeping. That must have been organised through advance consultations

with the kings of the region. It could also be possible that the ruler had been a past disciple at the Guru's hermitage. That noting-job must have taken hundreds of years, resulting in a compilation of millions of prediction-strips. **(While writing out this account, the author of this book had a strange feeling that a supernatural power was guiding him).**

Those palm-leaves alias Naadi Pattis are available even today, despite numerous social, political upheavals and natural disasters. Non-availability of palm-leaves, delay in drafting and finalizing the predictions correcting mistakes committed by the carvers in hurry, or those arising from some distractions etc might have naturally hampered the recording task.

There must have been some plan, during different periods of history, for the safekeeping of these records in different places and regions to facilitate their perusal by the needy. Some of the disciples of the Gurukuls must have settled as citizens in different regions carrying those leaves with them. During the course of time some of that massive material must have got damaged in transit due to differences of opinion, power-struggle and such

other calamities. A considerable portion of that predictive material must have been destroyed during the 1000-year-long Muslim invasions. Despite all such calamities, the Naadi patties are still available in our own day to foretell the future of all people.

Should it not then be our sacred duty to preserve that precious predictive record hereafter?



CHAPTER NO. 7

MY EXPERIENCES OF NAADI CENTRES IN NORTH INDIA

During November/December 1994, I left on a tour of Delhi, Meerut, and Hoshiarpur etc to visit Naadi centres in North India. I reached Delhi by an Air Force flight and later travelled by bus or rail to other places. I noticed a lot of difference between people of the North and South; their behaviour, talk and their views about Naadi astrology.

PANDIT JUGAL JOSHI OF ARUN SAMHITA

The late Pandit Haveliram had his Arun Samhita Centre in Daryaganj, Delhi. The late Sri. Shantaram Athawale in his book “Naadi Granth” published in 1965 mentions his address. Pandit Jugal Joshi (son of the late Pandit Haveliram) received the letter I mailed to that address. His reply, mentioning the Arun Samhita, which he possessed, invited me to call on him when in Delhi. On reaching Delhi, I phoned him, introduced myself and asked for his appointment. When he said he was too busy and asked me to phone after two days, I informed him that I had published his name in a book and I wanted to present a copy to him. Thereupon he agreed to receive me at noon the same day. Although I am familiar with Daryaganj fairly well, it took me considerable time to locate his house. Finally I

reached a three storey building. That was Haveliram's "Haveli" meaning a grand building. There was no board of the Naadi Centre outside.

I went inside. In the central courtyard a baldy man was seen playing cricket with kids. He came forward. When I introduced myself as 'Wing Commander Oak', he said, "please be seated in the reception room. I shall pleasantly meet you."

The hall was well -kept with attractively laid books. Jugalji sat on a strong teak wood chair and said, 'Be brief, some party is expected soon.' He had already ordered tea and biscuits from his kitchen. I gave him my visiting card and a copy of my book. He praised my efforts to locate his postal address and looked over various chapters of my book. He remarked that never before had he come across such a detailed treatise on the topic. He added that he had some information about Naadi Centres in South India but about the method of locating Naadi forecasts from thumb impressions of clients, practiced there, he knew nothing. However, he went on debating on the superiority of the Bhrugu, Surya and Arun Samhitas. He also expressed regret that of late these Samhitas had earned a bad name in the North. He was angry with "fake Samhitas". He added, "Anybody comes up and claims on oath that he has the authentic Bhrugu or Ravana Samhita etc. But all that is fake." I agreed with what he said, because I have gone through the large volumes available in the market priced at Rs. 2500 to 3500/-. The sellers of those books do not allow the customer to inspect the book until he has remitted the price. Because even a quick glance through the pages would convince one that they are not of the quality of South Indian Naadis. That is why dealers do not allow buyers to pull out the volume from its silken shroud and wrapper until they get the full price. Consequently I thought of

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stratagem. I told him that I found it inconvenient to browse through the Ravana and Bhrugu Samhita volumes outside on the street, so I showed the dealer my bank credit card (which he doesn't accept) and inspected the volumes (inside the shop), which I had no intention to buy anyway.

Pt.Jugalji explained in detail specialities of the Samhita he had and as to how Pandit Haveli Ram came to possess it. He said, "My father was sitting by the side of a fire, when among heaps of scrap-paper being brought out for burning, a burning piece caught the attention of a Sanskrit Pandit present there. When he examined it they were identified as pages of a Samhita. He taught Pandit Haveliram (who was of 8 or 9 years old then) Sanskrit language and astrology etc. Pandit Haveliram became very popular

in Delhi and Mumbai, because he possessed Arun Samhita.” Pandit Jugal Joshi honestly confessed to me that he found it difficult at times to grasp the subtle-meaning of passages in the Samhita. When I inquired repeatedly whether the Samhita mentioned specific names of seekers he said, “No”. He slightly changed his stand later to assert that at times names are mentioned but the Bhrugu Samhita in Hoshiarpur is fake. “ He tried to impress on me again and again that the Naadi Samhitas available in the South must also be fake as he alone had the authentic Samhita! Then I had to tell him firmly that he had no right to condemn other Samhitas as fake. I then asked him whether he had seen Naadi astrology in the south and the Hoshiarpur Samhita himself. He said he did not consider it necessary since he got reports from people that they are fake. “Wait,” he said, “I will show you a copy of the page from Hoshiarpur Bhrugu Samhita.” He brought out from his drawer a soiled white piece of paper of a size bigger than a post card. It looked like a thick blotting paper. On one side of it was a horoscope, while on its backside there was some writing in Devnagari script, but a bit complicated one. I examined that paper which was ‘an authentic’ sheet of the Bhrugu Samhita, though according to Jugalji it was a ‘fake’! He pointed out to me the names of a girl ‘Tripta’ and her father ‘Ramprakash’ written there. I started deciphering some words such as “Kaliyugadi, Uchchpadadi Iti, Bharat Desh, Rajya Bhogo” etc. He appreciated my grasp. Pandit Jugalji then handed me some more pages from his Samhita. The pages were of thick, green old paper. The Sanskrit script on it appeared to be difficult to read. But he allowed me to take a Xerox copy of a page of his Samhita and of the page from the Hoshiarpur Naadi Samhita. That was indeed an important gain for me. When I asked him about his fees he said he charges Rs. 1100/- but added that he increases the fees depending upon the party concerned. According to him he gets rich Marwadi clients from Calcutta. Then he exploits them. (In my recent visit in June, 1999 I came to know that he had shifted to a new residence and has increased his fees to Rs.5000/-)

I took leave of him but with some bitterness in my mind, because of his attitude. That Samhita is a dialogue between two persons about the client’s future, if persons unable grasp the meaning of the contentst, naturally the people will denounce the Naadi volumes as something fake etc.

My Experience of The Bhrugu Samhita of Hoshiarpur

I left Delhi to proceed to Hoshiarpur. I alighted at Jallundhar railway station by midday and got into a bus. On the way I recollected, while I was serving at Adhampur Air Force Station in Oct. 1972, my senior officer used to volunteer to accompany important persons to call at the Bhrugu Samhita at Hoshiarpur. He had also asked me to accompany him. Had I not rejected his proposal at that time, I would not have been required now to come all the way from Chennai this time! That indicates how all our movements are destined! By 2 p.m. in the afternoon I reached the lane of the Bhrugu Samhita Centre in the Railmandi area. I had heard that all the Bhrugu Samhita readers stay in that lane. I had sent Warrant Officer Sadhram to one Samhita reader-Amrit Anand. Unluckily he was insulted and was driven out of the premises. I have mentioned that in the first edition of my book in Marathi. So I decided to visit the centre myself. When I inquired at the first building in the lane, I was told, "He has gone out". When Sadhram had called there he too had to hear the same plea and wait. I therefore decided to visit other Naadi readers. I proceeded further to enter a two storeyed building of Satish Janardan Deo. In that well-kept hall, there were already 5 to 6 persons sitting on the sofa. I helped myself with cool water from the cooler there. As I was about to take my seat there, a message was conveyed to all of us waiting outside, again and again, that the reading of a Delhi Party was going on inside and so all other appointments stood cancelled. Among all those sitting outside, was a well-dressed lady doctor who had arrived from Mumbai. She pleaded that having come all the way from Mumbai by appointment; she ought to get her reading that very day anyhow. When her appeal was rejected, she started making angry remarks. I was observing all that. That lady being really very upset, may be in order to win my sympathy, she confided in me that having heard a lot about Bhrugu Samhita predictions she had come there all the way from Mumbai. Thereupon It occurred to me why not I pass on the information of my book and addressees of Naadi centres to such a needy person? So I drew her attention to some addresses mentioned in my book and told her to return to Mumbai and visit the Naadi centres there and in South India. She shook hands with me as she boarded a taxi to proceed to Jallundhar Railway Station to catch a train to Mumbai. Tears welled up in her eyes as she thanked me profusely for the Naadi centre addresses in Mumbai and South India. She added it could be that her Destiny made her to visit Hoshiarpur just to obtain those addresses! When Naadi Shastri Mrs. Satish Janardan Deo emerged out of the inner Naadi chamber. I requested her for an appointment. She agreed to meet me after 5.30 p.m. Since there was lot of time in between I decided to walk

back to the house of Amrit Anandji. The house of another Naadi Pandit Ratish Mohan Shastri was on the way. So I inquired at his residence whether he was at home. I was told that he wasn't there. Being a bit puzzled, I entered the house to ascertain the exact position. In my conversation with the inmates, I gathered that the Naadi reader

Ratish Mohan is the son of Pandit Gurudayal Sharma and is related to the 6 sons of Pandit Desraj. Out of the 6 brothers 4 had died. The widows of the expired brothers Janardan Deo and Anand Amrit, namely Srimati Satish and Srimati Sneh are running their respective centres. I was surprised to hear that. The Hindi expression, "*chale gaye*" which I misunderstood to mean 'is out of town' actually meant, 'he had expired!' It was exactly opposite of my earlier experience. At the residence of Babubhai Chhaya Shastry in Mumbai, when his son Harshadbhai informed me that his father 'had gone.' He meant that his father was not at home, though I presumed that he was no more! When a reader of my published book told me that Babubhai was still very much alive I issued a correction. Later on in 1995, Babubhai really expired! That was thus quite a comedy of tragic errors!

Sri. Ratish Mohan was in fact out of town! In his house, I saw a very impressive oil-painting of Bhrgu Maharshi. I felt drawn towards him with profound respect. The atmosphere in that house was very good; clean, white mattresses, multi-coloured garlands, cool, comfortable lighting, scented environment etc.

There I was informed that Pandit Desraj possessed Samhita Pattis. Those days, his 6 sons would help matching visitors' horoscopes with those in the large size Bhrgusamhita and when matching ones located the predictions were produced on Post-Card size serially numbered pages.

To avoid disputes among his sons, their deceased father had ruled that all the volumes of the Samhita should form their common library. Yet the brothers living separately charged anything between Rs.150 to Rs.350 with none of them knowing what the others charged! So when I inquired from one of them as to why that was so, he inquired from me as to what his other brothers were charging! That was a funny imbroglio.

Being informed at the house of Amrut Anand that Mrs. Snehji was out on a group-pilgrimage. I could not meet her. So I returned to the house of Mrs. Satish, where I met a person who was about to leave her centre. I hurriedly got introduced and asked him about his experiences. He said, "I come here quite often. I have a factory elsewhere. My sister, who is in a

foreign country being worried about her daughter, I came here to perform Shanti Deeksha for them. A lot of expenditure had to be incurred. Let us await the result.” But I forgot to ask him his address.

As fixed earlier at 5-30 p.m., when I presented myself at the residence of Mrs. Satish I was asked to be seated on the other side of a big table facing Mrs. Satish. The lady appeared to be fatty but fair and with a mien of good lineage. She spoke Hindi with a Punjabi accent. She spoke with dignity. Next to her was seated a youth of about 20-22 years. I handed my book to her. She gingerly said, “I take only 2-3 cases a day. I cannot cope with more.” I stop working after 5 in the evening. There is an adverse effect on our business because of increasing terrorism. “ I informed her that I would like to have a look at the Pattis from a research point of view. She replied that she does not handle the patties after sunset. Yet because of my repeated requests, the lady was impressed by my admiration for Naadi astrology. She went inside to fetch the Pattis. I was offered tea, but the lady did not come out for long. I was finally told that the patties would not be shown to me. I then pulled out a Xerox copy given to me by Jugal Joshi, and inquired whether that was authentic? Her son took it from my hand, looked at it and remarked, “looks authentic”, while the lady frowned. She asked me how I had obtained it? I informed her that somebody obtained it from Pandit Desrajaji, from whom I got a Xerox copy. She said, “ That is improper.” “May be” I said, “but please read what is written on it” Her son started reading it. But the lady interrupted saying, “ Sorry, we don’t work after sunset!” I too had to retort saying, “That is improper.” By that time it was about 7-15 p.m. When I was informed that the last bus was at 7-15, she hurried to drop me at the bus stand by their Maruti car. During my bus travel, on my way back my mind was occupied by the happenings during the day. The limited working hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; differing rates of fees; catering to only three to four clients a day and unnecessary secrecy surrounding Naadi readings. I wondered how and when would all those “*Galat baten*” - improper conventions - would be set right?

EXPERIENCE OF BHRUGU SAMHITA AT MEERUT

I left Jallundhar by Frontier Mail and reached Meerut at 5 a.m. I had planned to call on Pandit Shivkumar Dixit at Budhana Gate. It was cold in the morning. I whiled away some time sipping tea till it was broad daylight.

At 6-30 a.m. I reached Budhana gate by a cycle rickshaw. There I noticed a Hanuman Temple. I asked an aged person squatting among a group there about the house where Bhrugushastri Dixit lived. But they all pleaded ignorance saying they had not even heard about Naadi literature. One person vaguely said, 'may be near that dilapidated hut.' I immediately proceeded there. There I met another old man who said to me that no Dixit lived there. It is near the Hanuman temple! I came back to the same previous location! There I enquired the address from a sweetmeat shop owner. While he denied any knowledge, I noticed a signboard bearing Shastri's name. It was there in the adjacent building on the first floor. I entered the house climbing up an old staircase. The floor of the room lay scattered, with a lot of things covered with dust rising from some nearby construction work. That was a bedroom - cum - study room. A number of books and notebooks were lying on the table and chairs. Sri. Ramesh Dixit, son of Shivkumar, had just come out of his bed, it appeared. However, I was offered tea. I showed him my book. He too showed me his interview published in the 'Kadambini' magazine. He continued his father's profession while practising law too. So he was very busy. There were heaps of notebooks lying on his table since 1982 awaiting Panditji's attention. When I heard this I pitied them. After a lot of chitchatting, when I asked him to show me the Naadi Pattis, he first showed me some papers with typewritten notes, and then showed me Naadi Pattis. Those were written in ink, in big lettering in a stylish handwriting and were systematically stored. To my question, whether the Naadi mentioned specific names he responded affirmatively. Thereafter Panditji entered an inner room. In the meantime, I glanced over a Naadi Patti there, which bore names such as Madhav, Narayan, resident of Nagpur etc. I asked him to give me a xerox of the same. He wondered how it could be Xeroxed since that would damage the Patti! He told me not to ask for a copy. May be he suspected I might misuse that copy. I tried to reassure him that I had no malafide motive.

I informed him about the Naadis in south India and how they readily provide their clients tapes and notebooks of those predictions. When informed that they charge only Rs. 100/- he said, "it is a wrong thing." He dubbed Rs. 100/- as a mere pittance because it induced people to underrate a very 'authentic' Naadi collection that he owned. When I asked him as to who gave him the right to denounce those Naadis as 'fakes,' without studying those Pattis in Tamil language? He argued that since the Pattis he owned were genuine others elsewhere must be fakes! He felt a bit awkward in mentioning his fee as Rs. 1100/- He accepted my horoscope and promised that he would search for my Naadi and communicate to me the

prediction, but only after those waiting since 1982 had been attended to. I had no alternative but to wait for a long period. I was shocked at his attitude of extolling the Pattis he owned as genuine and denouncing those with others as fake. Comparatively speaking, in South India Naadi prediction is handled with reverence, faith and honesty. Photographs of various Naadi Maharishees, and of various religious- symbols are exhibited at those centers. They mention other Naadis and Naadi readers with due respect. The strict routine of morning ablutions, bath, worship, talking to the clientele with due respect etc. are factors, which foster a sense of affinity and confidence. But for the language problem, the Naadis in the South and North

could have come closer. However, a large number of people have been motivated to consult Naadi predictions because of Surabhi Programme and Japanese Programme on Television channels and my books and articles. This is no mean achievement!

CHAPTER NO. 9

Enthusiastic Anuradha and Naadi Predictions :

The family of another Wing Commander resided in the quarter opposite mine. His wife Anuradha is known for her liveliness. She is also an expert cook, a beautician, proficient in computer science; who speaks sweet English, Punjabi and Hindi and is very hospitable. Though herself a Punjabi, she married a Keralite defying the opposition of her parents and other elders. Both the families, viz. her father's as well as that of her in-laws are affluent. Her children are intelligent. So she doesn't have to attend to petty household matters such as children's homework, housekeeping etc. They own 2-3 types of vehicles, which she uses for her outings. She is amused when I jokingly address her as the "Lady on wheels!"

I have described Annu, her pet name, in some detail above only to help readers visualize her personality. One day when the topic of Naadi-reading came up for discussion between that Wing Commander's family and mine. They got interested. They were residents of Chennai for a number of years. Some near relations of their had obtained Naadi-readings when they visited Chennai. Induced by others, who had their readings, Annu was to have her Naadi-reading done. So one day she called at the Naadi Centre. But on her visit to the Naadi Centre she was fed up with having to wait for 2 to 3 hours. Probably her Naadi took time to get located. That not only

upset her but she also suspected the authenticity of the whole affair. So she rang up my wife to say that she would be visiting us that evening to inform us that the Naadi talk was all humbug.

My daughter, Neha was worried. She asked me repeatedly, if I was not going to lose in the argument with Annu aunti. My wife also used to be somewhat uncertain. While on the one hand she was confident that I would be able to dispel all of Annu's doubts, on the other, she also felt happy that I was to meet somebody who would bring me back to my senses, since I was too much carried away by Naadi astrology. We met in the evening. With a cup of tea in her hand Annu said to me, "Bhai sahab (dear brother), all this Naadi business appears to be humbug. All those who seek Naadi predictions are mad and all those who stock them are fools"! She thus kept on denouncing the entire Naadi business as a senseless craze.

I took all that denunciation lightly, replying with a smile, "What you say is absolutely right. To seek to know one's future is sheer madness. Those who foretell are there to drive you mad."

Annu retorted, "These days one finds thousands of fortune-tellers sitting at the roadsides, in lanes, at fairs and pilgrimages. Why don't they improve their own lives by peering into their own future by using gem-rings, and other talismans etc.? Why do authors of books like "How to become a Millionaire?" knock the doors of a publisher? After all one has to keep trying, to get results. Can knocking at the doors of astrologers and paying visits to Naadi Centres be of any use? I admit that if one knows one's future in advance one won't suffer any feeling of suspense. If while watching a movie, one is able to anticipate every succeeding scene will not one be bored? Similarly will not life lose all interest if the future course of events is all known in advance? If and when a happy future is predicted people will stop striving.

I replied, "Annu, you don't probably know that I had directed a drama in a competition held by the Brihan Maharashtra Mandal in the year 1983 while I was in Delhi. It was titled "Gulam" (The Slave), its author was the famous dramatist S. N. Naware. I played the main role and also directed the play. The theme of the play was that the hero was keen to know his future in advance. The message of the play was "Don't be a slave to the addiction of depending on the predictions about your future. Do your duty in every given situation and don't bother about the future." The dramatist has on one hand depicted that events do shape as predicted but has on the other hand shown that those who are told their future in advance, become inactive.

Hearing that admission from my own mouth Annu's face lighted up. She retorted, "That is exactly what I say and feel". I then argued that I merely mentioned the theme of the play. What the dramatist had conveyed through his theme was all-correct. But how had the dramatist depicted the exact happenings of the events based on astrology? How were those predictions made? Who was the author of those predictions? What were his credentials and Qualifications? What was the purpose of his writing the future? I have been concentrating on specifically these points.

If a person loses his mental equilibrium because of the good or bad prediction made about his or her future, that person should be deemed to be undeserving to know the future in advance. But inquiring into how the future was divined and how it got recorded is a totally different study. That art could be useful in the betterment of mankind. Naadi recorders have luckily not bothered about such doubters and objectors.

Thereupon Annu changed the topic and remarked, "Alright, leave it at that. Why should not the Naadi Centres at least arrange to provide snacks and tea for those kept waiting? They just don't care and have no consideration for visitors' time. Some of them could even have come leaving a kitty party, only to be left waiting hungry and idle at the Naadi Centre?"

I replied, "Annu, that was your reaction probably because you went there for the first time. Searching for the Naadi Patti of the visitor from his or her thumb impression takes time. In some cases it is easily available but in others it takes a lot of time. And matters don't proceed till one's Patti is located. They have to continue searching till they get it. Searching for the Pattis takes a lot of time, and they can't leave the search of one visitor's Patti because other visitors are waiting. They do have arrangement for serving tea or coffee, but one has to pay for that." I told her.

She added, "Forget about that. What I want to convey is that those people inquire from us a lot of details about our lives and recount them back to us, as though they themselves had discovered them. "

I had anticipated that comment of her's because I had heard a lot of people say the same thing. According to them, the Naadi-reader takes one Patti in his hand and says you have three letters in your name. One has only to say yes or no. But inadvertently one replies saying that there are 4 letters, not three in one's name. Is mother living or dead? So he gets the answer to that too. Then he asks if the name of one's father begins with pa, pha, ba, bha, ma, or ya, ra, la, wa, sha? So from such or similar questions he gets the

required information about names and other matters and then with a flourish as if they have discovered the details they feign to surprise you by repeating the very names which one has already disclosed to them. They continue to trick you by telling you your future accompanied by some sweet words; you pay the fees with great satisfaction and return with a notebook and a tape.

I told Annu, “ It is not from you alone, I have heard a similar opinion expressed by the curator of the Madras Oriental Manuscripts library who is an official caretaker of the Naadi patties recorded by Dhruva, Saptarshi, Dev-Keralam etc., and I was surprised. I would ask you the same question, which I asked him namely, “Have you had your Patti (‘Ola’-the Tamil name), read out to you? He hadn’t. He believed that it was all-imaginary. The same is your case. You better first verify by obtaining your own (Patti)

predictions after ensuring that they don’t narrate the very details, which they obtain from you, and then tell me your opinion.

Later Annu obtained her Patti. And conveyed to me her reaction. Her opinion had now totally changed. She now admitted that her experience of her own Naadi-reading was “unbelievably miraculous”. She added that when she saw the very names of her father, mother, and husband mentioned in that Patti her earlier doubts became meaningless. It is impossible that they obtained the information from me and recorded it in the Patti. A Tamil-knowing person can even read the names of persons written on the Patti.

A few days later, in the course of our conversation, Annu remarked, “These Naadi-readers are looting people! My mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and others are very religious people. So far they have squandered over Rs. 40,000/= in obtaining their Naadi forecasts.

In the general chapter, they say that you are likely to face some problems and experience some bad developments because of your last birth’s sins and the results of the present-day planetary situation. But you need not worry. If you carried out the suggested worship and chanting etc. prescribed in the 13th & 14th which are Shanti and Deeksha chapters, those rituals would ensure a peaceful and happy life for you. With those suggested remedies, who on earth would not get those chapters read? So once again pay the fees for each chapter! Thus, if one has committed a lot of sins in one’s past birth, one has to undertake a number of remedies for obtaining Shanti, such as paying homage at temples, arrange Abhishek on one daity or the other.

To perform the Abhishek to 3 or 4 different gods or goddesses, feed 9 handicapped persons, light a certain number of holy lamps on such and such a day of the week etc. takes a lot of time and expenditure.

In addition, one has to pay the Naadi-reader, his fee, a dhoti (Lungi), 5 fruits, boxes of sweets etc. Imagine the amount of expenditure involved in travelling to townships where Naadi Centres are located and living there until readings are obtained. Annu remarked, 'Imagine the expenses we would have incurred in travelling by air-conditioned cars with 7-8 persons!'

What Annu said was absolutely true. Giving ones thumb impression and obtaining the tape of the general chapter used to cost Rs, 125/= (at least till August 1994). But undertaking the rituals, spending on the suggested temples rituals and remedies is quite expensive. And for those who want to have all the 12 chapters read out, it is certainly a very heavy expenditure at the prescribed fee per chapter.

It is my guess, that if one has all the chapters read out and carries out recommended remedies etc, one has to shell out about Rs. 7 to 10 thousand. The expenditure incurred on places visited and staying there etc is in addition to that amount. recommended Shanti and Deeksha at three or four places and besides feeding nine handicapped persons, as also offering cash Dakshina to 9 priests. The Ganesh Yag- puja etc. all-told, it cost me about 5 thousand rupees.

A number of people asked me, "Dear Mr. Oak, do you also believe in these Puja, Shanti-Deeksha rituals etc?" Since this is an oft-repeated question, I would like to record my opinion about them later in this book.

Readers may not bother about who this Annu is, but I would like to introduce readers from Indian Air Force background about what the Naadi text says about her with her permission.

"She is born in the Vikari nam Samvatsar, in the Masi month according to the Tamil calendar, on the 12th day, which was Wednesday, and the Nakshatra was Uttara Ashadha. She belongs to a good family, and the youngest in the family.

Parents alive (till 1994). One elder sister of hers is married. She herself married into a different caste. She has one daughter and one son both school students. Her husband is an officer in government service. Her name is Anuradha. Her father's name is Yograj; mother's name is Sheela, and her husband's name is Govindan. (All this information recorded in the Patti was accurate) Her husband, Group Captain (then Wing Commander), P.N.R. Govindan was (then) an instructor in FIS, in the Air Force."

CHAPTER NO. 11

The Bhrgu Samhita And Me

From my father and others, I had heard of Babubhai residing at Dr. Bhadkamkar (formerly Lamington) Road in Mumbai. I also recollected having read his name in my younger days in an article written by the late Shantaram Athawale. But I had no opportunity to call on him.

I had met with a road mishap in July 1976, in which my wife died of fatal injuries. So I was at home on long leave. Later, before proceeding to join my duties in Srinagar, I thought of spending a few days at my sister's house in Dombiwali, near Mumbai.

My brother-in-law Sri. Avinash Ranade has also been a resident of my hometown, living in the same lane and enrolled in the same school. So we were not mere relations but intimate friends too. Once, while roaming in Mumbai, he had an impulse and said, "Shashi, shall we call on an astrologer?" I nodded assent and we called at the residence of Babubhai. That was 27 November 1976. The time was noon 12 O' clock. When the son of Babubhai Joshi, Harshadbhai opened the door and inquired whether we had an appointment? He added that we could not meet him that day. But I persisted saying that I am from the Air Force and have come all the way from Srinagar in Kashmir and it may not be possible for me to come again soon, so please help us to meet him today itself and now. "Ok! Then come around 2.30 p.m. since he has an appointment later at 3.30' he said. So we called there again at the given time. Those days I used to carry my horoscope in my pocket. I handed it to him. Shastriji placed it in front and then from his tabletop he lifted a bundle of Pattis, and after praying for a while, started reading one of the Pattis.

I had thought that on observing my horoscope, Shastriji would go into his library to fetch out my particular Patti. But even without getting up from his seat, he pulled out the required Patti! While talking to us, he said he had a premonition about our visit. He then inquired from us as to the language in which he might explain us our future in Hindi, English, Gujarati, or Marathi? I replied that we would prefer Marathi.

Then he started reading. The first few Patties were discarded since those contained the names of his other clients and that of their parents. The details recorded in the next Patti mentioned my father's name as Jagannath. When I said, 'no,' he discarded that Patti. Thus he went on eliminating a number of Pattis. Later the details mentioned in one Patti tallied totally, namely my place of birth-Pune, my Brahmin family, Vashishtha Gotra, Chittapavan group, birth date - 31 July 1949.

Surgery of my throat at the age of 11 years (I had undergone a Tonsils operation in the year 1960)

No brother, two sisters (That was correct)

I joined college at the age of 17-18. My employment began at my age of 22 as a gazetted officer in the defence services, especially in the Air force. (All this was correct)

Will marry with a bride from the same caste. Due to the malefic influence of Mars, her death will occur at the age of 27 years. Her name was - Chhaya. (I was married on 2 March 1975 – with Miss Chhaya Behere but lost her the succeeding year due to a road mishap)

Mother: Mangala, father: Janaradan (alive then),

The client's name is Shashikant. Accompanying him, is another person who has had prediction read out to him.

About the future it said:

“Building castles in the air” is his nature. (Later the Agastya Naadi, in its Chapter No. 11 noted that I would entertain people with imagination—) viz.

A hobby of drafting crossword puzzles in Marathi and Hindi, on general knowledge, Sports, Cinema, TV and Languages.

Possibility of a second marriage at my age of 32 was predicted. It recommended propitiating Mars, so that there would not be any danger later. (In fact in those days I was reluctant to think of a second marriage. Subsequently my father performed the Mars Shanti Puja)

The second wife was predicted to be from the same caste, educated, not very tall, fair, healthy and somewhat of a quick-temper. (All those details proved to be true in later life)

The prediction said whosoever comes in contact with you at your age of 14, 26 and 30 may pass away. (Nobody came into my life at the age of 14. But at the age of 26, my wife expired. My first child was born on 29

July 1978, who is still alive! May be because he was born two days before I completed 29 years of my age!)

In the same reading it was mentioned that I would retire at the age of 55/56, children would get married and my death would ensue at the age of 64 because of heart trouble. (Agastya Naadi seems to be more liberal as regards life as in its 8th chapter it predicts 'long life'!)

I was overwhelmed on hearing the above prediction.

How did I meet with an accident? Why did my wife expire? I was very much eager to know about this. So I paid more money to Shastriji to read additional chapters. The details recorded therein said that my vehicle brushing against a quadruped caused my wife's death. There were actually three different versions of the mishap.

According to one Maharshee, an animal hit the wife, but the husband did not realize it. Wife got up out of fear and again fell down in her hurry to run, got hit on the head and died. The other version stated that an animal trampled over the head of the wife. The third version stated that, the horns of an animal wounded the head of the wife and so she died.

The Bhrgu Maharshee version stated that the vehicle hit the belly of the animal, so the wife lost her balance, fell and died. (I feel that the Bhrgu version is more accurate.)

It so happened that while I was posted at Chandigarh, accompanied by my wife Chhaya, I had desired to see the Pinjore garden. That was on the evening of 11 July 1976. (The Guru Pournima –Full moon day) On the way back, near the gate of the HMT factory, I suddenly got hit on the left-hand side of the handle of my scooter. I lost my balance and fell down. The scooter fell on my thigh. A herd of 4-5 buffaloes being driven by a boy were proceeding in the same direction. The boy lifted the scooter from my legs and made me free. When I was hit, I heard a scream from the rear "Shashi!!!" I was looking for Chhaya in that direction. The light of an approaching vehicle illuminated the spot where she lay. I saw her lying on her back in the middle of the road. As I reached her a passing Ambassador car also stopped. Its kind inmates transported Chhaya by their car to the Chandigarh Military Hospital.

Luckily, that was a stand-by car of the Home Department of Haryana State, as I could gather from their 'walkie talkie' conversation. Chhaya was moaning while on the way to hospital. I thought she might have fainted. My pant was torn, the scooter handle broke but I had only some scratches on my leg. In the hospital, a Major took charge of her case and I was sent for

dressing my wounds. When I returned from the dressing room, a Major came and putting his hand on my shoulder said, “Sorry, young man, your wife is no more!” The medical report said “ skull fracture” caused the death. Because of the fierce glare of lights of a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction, a buffalo passing by brushed my scooter from the left. I lost my balance and Chhaya fell off the scooter pillion; Her head hit the road and she died.”

In those days, I was also interested in acting in Marathi dramas. Chhaya and myself used to participate in stage-plays organized by the Air Force personnel. I was eager to know what the Naadi had to say about that hobby of mine. It was stated therein that I would get more scope in that hobby after I completed 32, and would give it up after I was 42. (During the years 1981-87, I used to take part in dramatic activities every year. From 1990 onwards, I lost interest in drama.) That proves the veracity of the prediction.

CHAPTER NO. 14

Sri. Satya Sai Baba and Naadi astrology

While writing the present book “Naadi Bhavishya”, it occurred to me that devotees of Sri. Satya Sai Baba would love to know what the Naadi records have to say about gifted spiritual masters such as Satya Sai Baba.

Naadi Maharshees are ever- ready to record the future of ordinary persons. In fact, they help people to solve their problems, by recommending ritualistic remedies in Deeksha, and Shanti-chapters. So,

they would naturally feel thrilled to record the Naadi predictions of godly personalities, I felt.

About Sri. Satya Sai Baba, the 8th chapter of the book titled, “**Living Divinity**,” by Smt. Shakuntala Balu, reproduces the observation as per the Shukra Naadi, as under :-

“Professor Ganjur Narayan Shastri of Bangalore got a number of pages written about Satya Sai Baba in the Sanskrit Naadi “Shukra”. The words in single quotation marks are those published in the Sanskrit Naadi.

Shukra Maharshee says: the birth of ‘Sainatha’ in ‘Akshya samvatsara’, in the month of ‘Kartik’, on ‘Tuesday’ ‘Krishna Chaturdashi’ (Satya Narayana was born of Aishwariamma on 23rd November 1926. His father’s name is Pedda Venkappa Raju. Village name: Puttaparti.) At that time it was the fourth leg of the

Ardra Nakshatra. From then his miraculous life started. In his previous life he was in Shirdi. Sainatha completed his school education in the village ‘Uravakonda’, where previously there was the Lingayat Math.

Sainatha will have ‘Sankalp Siddhi’ but he will have no attraction for money or riches for himself. Shukra Maharshee further says, ‘This child will be always in the ‘Nirvikalp Samadhi’, will protect religion and give religious discourses. His important mission will be the welfare of people. Sainatha will have a number of disciples. And he will be addressed as ‘Satya Sai Baba’.

This great soul will be a bachelor throughout his life. He will treat men and women alike. He is the personification of love. But those who will realize his greatness will see in him the personification of total bliss.

One of his ashrams will be located at a place with a ‘Bahu Chakra Vahan’ i.e. a vehicle with many wheels - a railway connection. (His White-field Ashram at Bangalore is located by the side of the railway track)

He will raise a number of educational institutions, but their basis will be spiritual.

Sainath will guide people to attain spiritual progress in two ways: one by ‘self-meditation’ and the other by ‘divine glimpses.’ For those who would go to him with unstinted loyalty, he will remove their sins, difficulties, and sorrows and instil in them bliss

and happiness by showering them with peace and sanctimony. He will appear in person at many places at one and the same time to help his devotees escape difficulties.

The devotees at Shirdi Sai Baba will see Satya Sai in the ‘Samadhi’ pose. His impact will increase tremendously after 1979. On one occasion by sheer psychic force of resolution (‘sankalp’), he will keep an aeroplane flying in the air sans fuel and then land. He will be on friendly terms with devotees, joking, leg pulling etc.

Even if he grows in age, he will never be infirm. He will be young forever. His life will be for the welfare of the public and also for holding high the flag of spiritualism. He will end his incarnation at his will. However, for the sake of devotees, he will take their sufferings upon himself. The place of his residence, will become a world-class pilgrimage Centre.

Shukra Naadi declares that Sainath is ‘Maha Vishnu incarnate’. Incarnating is easy for him. He had 101 previous incarnations so far. One of his incarnations was that of Saint Kabir and recently he was Sai Baba of Shirdi, a very popular figure.

A number of people will criticize him knowingly or unknowingly. But slowly there will be a transformation in their minds and his followers will increase in number. Because of his “Spiritual Power” and “Personality”, India will see good days ahead.

There is still a lot more in the Acharya Shastri’s Shukra Naadi that can be mentioned. All that will be included in the book titled, ‘Sai Charitramala’. Smt. Shakuntala mentioned that in her book, in 1980. However, that book has not been published so far. Sri. Ganjur Narayana Shastriji is no more. His son is now a Naadi-reader at ‘Naadigriha’ Chamraj Peth, Bangalore.

CHAPTER NO. 15

9th Chapter of Sri. Agastya Naadi and Me

A number of days had passed since the general i.e. the 1st Chapter about my destiny, in Agastya Naadi had been perused. Later the other chapters too were read out to me. During that period I had carried out the recommended rituals of Shanti Deeksha. In the May vacation my wife and children had been on a visit to Pune-Mumbai. I couldn’t accompany them for want of leave from my office. Being all alone at home, I was utilizing that time to read books on various aspects of spiritualism. Unlike others TV programmes and Newspaper reading didn’t interest me. I wanted the 9th

chapter to be read out to me but since Rajendran (English translator) was busy with something else the recording could not be done. However one day I decided to go there and get my recording done. Some of the contents are reproduced hereunder.

Until then I had never thought about future developments. There was nothing special I could anticipate in the 4-month period ahead. But what was predicted in the 9th chapter is simply astonishing. The readers would find the description interesting.

Soon after obtaining the reading of Chapter 9, I had an opportunity to visit Pondichery. I am quoting the prediction hereunder.

Predictions Recorded in Agastya Naadi's 9th Chapter.

Chanting "Om Namo Narayanaya." the reader bowed low in obeisance to the supreme deity Narayana and saluting Ardha Nari Nateshwar and the Goddess Ishwari, he started reading.

"This prediction is concerning a pious son (punit maidan in Tamil language).

Dhanusu-Lagnam, Kanni- Rashi. The person concerned is a qualified, fortunate and intelligent person. He has a high moral character. The name is Shashikant, father-Janardan, mother-Mangala, first wife-Chhaya, the existing wife is - Alka. This reading is undertaken at his age of 45.

During this period your mind will be preoccupied with very pious and spiritual thoughts. Your mind will be ruminating over the spiritual power governing the Universe. You are a Government servant working in the Defence Dept. Your father is no more. However, you will have a vision of your father. He is your first spiritual guide. His blessings and those of other saints will purify you like rippling oceanic waves. All those great souls are no more. Your life hereafter will be prosperous and happy. You will make spiritual progress. Between the age of 46 and 48 you will attain fame and lead a respectable life.

Because of the directions given to you by your mentors and their blessings, your spiritual progress will be speedy.

As a result of your spirituality you are heading towards spiritual enlightenment and self-realization. Therefore you will meet a spiritual guide very soon. His guidance and blessings will help your spiritual advancement. That spiritual guide is stationed in Tiruvannamalai and you will meet him on a new moon day. A number of other devotees too will be

present there. On that occasion a person will accompany you, when he initiates, blesses and guides you. He is named after Rama. (the divine vanquisher of the Lanka ruler Ravana) His blessings will help you acquire spiritual knowledge. (There is indeed a person named Ramsuratkumar at Tiruvannamalai who is also known as the one with a Palm-leaf fan in his hand i.e. 'Visari Sami' or 'Fan Baba', added the Naadi-reader). Thereafter for further spiritual progress you will proceed to the Arvinda ashram in Pondicherry. On a full moon day, go there and look for a suitable location for meditation. Meditate there concentrating on the central point between your two eyebrows, keeping your vision still, with the help of Pranayama you will have subtle knowledge flashed on your mental curtain. (Moun Nilai in Tamil). That will be the spiritual zenith of your life, when a flame of super-knowledge will illumine your soul. That flame is known in Tamil as 'Bimbam'.

Your future thus is very good. One day at the fag end of your life you will have a glimpse of Lord Shiva in the form of a divine flame at twilight i.e. between sunset and moonrise.

CHAPTER NO. 16

An Unprecedented Day - Buddha Purnima: 25th May 1994

Everybody has some indescribable experiences in life, which could be recorded, for the future guidance or solace of others.

Bouddha Purnima is the day marking Buddha's all the three outstanding events of the his life, viz. His birth, the day of his enlightenment and the day of his death alias Nirvana. I thought to myself, that since that day is just 2 days away, why should I look to any other full-moon day for meditation? Moreover, when I found out in a couple of days whether somebody 'Ramsurat Kumar alias Fan Baba' exists, why should I wait any longer? So I decided and got into the bus for Pondichery on 24th May at 6-30 p.m. While in the bus, I had a discussion with a Marudai youth, about meditation, guru, etc. We reached Pondichery by 10:00 p.m. I took a rickshaw and rushed to the Ashram directly. I was told that it would be all-quiet at the Ashram at night, the Samadhis of Arvinda and the Mother and the meditation hall would be closed by 11 p.m. At the Samadhi, I was in two minds whether to sit facing the photos of Arvinda and Mother, or otherwise, because in the opposite direction there was a bed covered with

satin cloth amidst white curtains. I sat with folded legs and straight back for meditation. For some time I concentrated on my breath, concentrated my mind

on my inhalation and exhalation and tried to keep my look fixed at the point between my two eyebrows and the tip of the nose. While doing this 2/3 times my head became very heavy. My brows became numb and I felt tense. My eyes were half-closed. For 5-6 minutes I sensed that something was happening. I felt somebody's footsteps behind me. I told him that I knew that I could sit there up to 11 p.m. only. And again concentrated my mind on the tip of my nose. In a short while, I could concentrate my gaze in a straight line towards a dot and felt drawn towards it. There appeared some clouds in the blue colour horizon and also white dot. I also felt that the dot looked bold and later I saw it become faint with cloudy blue-violet shades. I felt that it was a game of hide and seek between those two colours. What was it then? I was perplexed for quite some time. After a few moments, I heard the sound of footsteps from behind me. I became conscious. It might have been 2 minutes to 11 0 clock. So whatever I experienced had happened within 12 to 15 minutes only. I was not satisfied. I came out, rushed to a hotel and within 25-30 minutes I squatted on my bed again. I must have been in the same position for about 15 minutes. I recalled Dada (my father). I saw his smiling face, but in a pensive mood. I saw a number of saints one by one. Pradnyananand, the spiritual Guru of my father was caressing my back with his palm, I sensed. Mahadba Maharaj another Guru was applying the bhasma on my forehead with his thumb. I felt as though I was lifting the palanquin (Palkhi) of Ma Anandmayi. I saw the personality of Nrusimha Saraswati as described in Guru Charitra. I saw the photo of Dr.Kakasaheb Upalekar of Phaltan. In fact

there were others also, whom I don't recollect now. Subsequently it was all-dark. When I looked at my watch, it was about 10 minutes to 12 midnight. I tried to push aside my thoughts 5 to 7 times and concentrated again on my breath and the tip of the nose. Again the same violet coloured cloud appeared before my vision. When I noticed it again, I was sure that what I saw earlier was no hallucination. The violet colour was a fact. When I was reflecting on that, I noticed the white dot again. It vanished once or twice. Then I saw suddenly the statue of the Buddha. I saw a smile on his face and his steady gaze. Again I suspected whether it was a hallucination? When I regained consciousness, it was 2 minutes past 12 midnight. My back had become heavy. I sat with folded hands. I felt as if I touched my mother's feet. Gradually unknowingly I lapsed into deep sleep.



CHAPTER NO. 17

“ Your Objective Will Be Achieved”

Dated 26 May 1994.

Next day, I arrived at the Pondichery ashram early morning. On my way there I bought lotus flowers and incense-sticks. I offered them at the Samadhi Sri. Arbindo. I squatted there to meditate at 7-10 a.m. There were a lot of other people around also. The atmosphere was pleasant. I sat through the meditation for the next 20 minutes. I had the same vision of different colours as the day before. But I didn't see the white dot. I felt like getting up at 7-30 am. The next 30-40 minutes I spent observing the surroundings of the ashram. Near the samadhi a number of people were sitting with their head touching the samadhi. I tried to sit there in the same position, but I felt uneasy in my stomach and feet. I bought 2-3 books and boarded the bus to return to ‘Tiruvannamalai’. It was hot and sultry inside the bus. The bus reached my destination by 12.30 p.m. I got a rickshaw with the help of a police constable. The rickshaw took me to Yogi Ram Surat Kumar's Ashram. The Yogi was scheduled to emerge out to give darshan between 4 and 6 p.m. Prasad - food was available there. I had Sambaram and rice, and waited to see the Yogi. By 4 O'clock, about 50-60 persons gathered there. Swami arrived after 4.00 p.m. Men and women squatted in rows in front of Swamiji.

There was a space of 2 feet in between. For quite some time religious songs and bhajan continued. After that Swamiji got up and strode up and down in between the rows of men and women. He used to cast a look at the devotees and proceed further. He would look at the men while pacing from one end to other, and he would repeat looking at women while going back. He was walking briskly. He would cast a momentary glanced at the gathering. I was sitting in front of him. He squatted on his seat and got engrossed in his singing. Again he would get up and walk up and down between the rows. He did not speak to any body. Again he sat on his seat. His disciples drew his attention saying “Swami, look at the hill beyond, it is raining there”. He exclaimed “ Oh! What a beautiful shower” and again

got engrossed in his singing. For about 4 times he got up and walked briskly in between the rows. Next time, I looked at his feet while he was walking. I heard him saying in Hindi, "Your objective will be achieved". When I looked up I felt he was addressing the assembled people. He again went back to his seat. I was wondering as to who this entity could be, and to whom his addressed to. Nobody had mentioned about anything to him. Nor had he cast his glance at anyone in particular. And when all the assembled devotees were Tamilians, his remark in Hindi, "*Tera kam ho jayega*" appeared strange. At that time the crowd outside had increased. By now over 150 persons had gathered inside. They started to push out people who were sitting near the Yogi for long. I also got up, bowed with folded hands, and walked away before anybody asking me to make room for others. Outside I asked a few questions to the trustees and proceeded to the bus-stand. I had mixed feelings. The appearance of the yogi, his behaviour while I was there and the atmosphere made me a bit uneasy. I was in that mood for quite sometime. It rained heavily in-between. Later then I was at ease. Having regained my composure, I recalled the remark "Your work will be done". Everybody who had come there had some motive. So did I. Did that assurance then apply to everybody's aspiration? I asked myself, If everybody's desire was to be fulfilled, what was my desire? In fact I had come in search of my spiritual guide. I was sure to locate him since Agastya Maharishee had asserted that, If it was my objective to see my spiritual guide, it was upto him to give me further guidance. It was me to whom he must have assured in Hindi, that my desire would be fulfilled - "Your objective will be achieved"!

When I boarded the bus, my despair vanished. The sky too was clear. It was 8 p.m. I saw the full moon from the bus window. While I was peering at the moon I recalled the white dot I had seen the previous night. Similarly when a cloud covered the moon it became lusterless. My mental condition was similar to that of the previous last night. It was then that I understood the meaning of the word "Bimbam" namely- not a flame, but a beam of light glowing peacefully like the Moon 's reflection in water, I wondered whether both of my aspirations were fulfilled? Only the future would reveal, who else?

CHAPTER NO. 18

Once again Yogi Ram Surat Kumar

After the visit of 24 May 1994, I again felt an urge to visit the ashram of Ram Surat Kumar. I suggested to my wife that we go to Pondichery. She could first do some shopping there. Later would visit the Ashram and stay in a hotel at night. Next day we would call on the Yogi at Tiruvannamalai and would return the same evening. My wife tried at first to veto my proposal, but later I won her over, and she agreed.

We left on our trip to Pondichery and thence to Tiruvannamalai. We reached the Yogi's Ashram by 9-30 in the morning. I took with me sweets and fruits as an offering. The Yogi stays away from the Ashram. He arrived in a taxi accompanied by 4-5 ladies constituting a holy choir (Bhajan Mandali). The Yogi squatted on the floor leaning against a wall. The Yogi didn't converse with the congregation. He walked between the rows of squatting visitors and blessed people with gestures, and squatted on his seat. While this happened, the choir had started singing. Devotees are barred from touching the yogi's feet, or narrate to him their woes to receive his blessings. Therefore I couldn't converse with him. So I thought I should pass on a chit to the Yogi, and see what happens. Accordingly I scribbled a note in Hindi on piece of a paper, "I am Shashikant Oak. According to the Agastya Naadi you are my spiritual guide. So I have come here to see you. I await your guidance. Kindly give me your blessing." I placed that

chit in an envelope ready to be delivered to the Yogi. When the assembled devotees were instructed to go inside, I too rushed in. As I was approaching the Yogi, the disciples shouted at me "Get back, get back etc". I went ahead, bowed to the Yogi, and placed the envelope in front of him. The Ashram Trustee Sri. Subramaniam stepped forward seized the envelope, and shouted at me, " Why should you come so close? Does this behove your Air-Force discipline? etc. Then I squatted on the floor. My wife became very nervous. I had no alternative but to hand over the envelope to the Yogi. The trustee noticed that the note was in Hindi, So he handed it to the Yogi, who was apparently noticing all this. It appeared that he read my note carefully. The choir-singing was going on. My mind became peaceful. The yogi rose to pace between our rows. I watched his moving for a few rounds. Then suddenly he coming very close to me, sat down, took my hand in his, and asked me "which state you are from?" My body shivered. My eyes started moistening. I felt that my whole body was energized. In my trembling voice I replied "Maharashtra". He held my hand for quite sometime. Then he left my hand and returned to his seat. Then he backend to me and suggested that I squat in front of his choir. While

suggesting to me to come again for darshan between 4 and 6 in the afternoon, he ordered, “This beggar desires that you stay on for the evening darshan”. He calls himself “a beggar!” I thought to my self ; what humility!

While returning to me my pen and presenting me a book of poems on him by an American poet, he wrote on that book “Shashikant-Om” by way of his

blessings. While he handed it to me he was in a different mood. He looked straight into my eyes, muttering something to himself. Other visitors were surprised to see that he was addressing me again and again and giving me his blessings. Thus ended that meeting.

We had our repast of sambar and rice. Then in the afternoon we bowed to him and started on our way back with his blessings. While leaving I informed the trustee, “I am extremely happy today”. He took my hands in his and said, “Of course, the Yogi has given you his blessings. You are welcome to call on him whenever you wish.”

It was 12 O-clock midnight, when we returned home travelling 160 kms. I handed over the Naadi-reading of my ninth chapter to my wife. Naadi-prediction about me stated that on a New Moon day, accompanied by somebody, I would meet a holyman (the Yogi) who will bless me. Then I ascertained from the Panchang (the astronomical almanac) and mentioned to my wife that 7 Aug 1994 was indeed a New Moon day which proved the accuracy of the Naadi prediction to that minute detail!



CHAPTER NO. 19

Flabbergasting Irrattai Naadi

I had paid 3 to 4 visits to Dr. Om Ulagnathan at Vadpalani, Chennai, to meet him, ascertain from him details about the Irrattai Naadi and also to get readings about my own future, from it.

On my first visit, I met the tantrik and Mantrik Sri. Ravindranath. In my next visit I got introduced to Dr. Ulagnathan's niece, Miss Aradhana. She works in the field of TV and movies at Chennai. She is fair, attractive and smart. She speaks good English. Being desirous of working in Hindi Filmdom, she is keen to learn Hindi. While talking to her, I came to know that a number of politicians come to Dr. Ulagnathan for their predictions. I asked her to tell me names of some politicians. She asked me whose name should she mention? And asked me if she could tell something about Rajiv Gandhi. She produced a photograph of Rajiv Gandhi with Dr. Ulagnathan and said, "we were invited about 7 to 8 months before his death, to Delhi to tell his future. Since my uncle has no mastery over Hindi or English, generally he takes me with him, so I accompanied him to Delhi. He was told that there would be re-elections and that he would again come to power. However, he was advised not to proceed south on campaigning, especially in Tamilnadu. But when in the course of elections, we came to know about Rajiv Gandhi visiting Tamilnadu; we tried to convince the local leaders about the danger to Rajiv Gandhi in Chennai. I sounded a warning that if he comes to Chennai these days he will go back in a coffin! So try your best not to bring him here! But everybody knows what happened!

Former Chief Minister of Tamilnadu M.G. Ramachandran who was a cine actor too, was a very popular person. I was eager to know if in his case a Naadi-prediction had been made. She told me about that too. Initially M.G.R did not believe in astrology. But later in his old age, when he lost his power of speech, he was foretold that because of public insistence he would have to be the leader, even if he was weak. He would be required to go abroad for treatment. When the predictions proved true, he also believed in Naadi astrology. He was warned not to visit Meenakshi Temple, since he won't return! That warning was ignored, because some senior central leaders were to visit there on some mission and as Chief Minister out of protocol formalities M.G.R. had to go there, and later on he died"!

"I remember one more incident" she said, "when M.G.R. died". While some Naadi-reading was underway, I was there as a witness. I was told, "Remember dear daughter, one very firm prediction. There will be rains in Tamilnadu the next day causing a flood"! I did not believe that at that time. Because meteorologists had not predicted any rains on the next day. (Since

the cyclone hits the eastern shores many a time, there is an alarm system in the region.) The next day also there was no sign of rain. The newspapers carried lengthy accounts of M.G.R.'s

death. The state was in mourning, and people were literally crying aloud to express their sorrow. Some people burnt themselves to death as they could not stand the death of MGR. (In Tamilnadu, the common man is very sentimental. So the public knows that there is nothing new in mass shrieks, wails and other modes of expressing sorrow as also immolation). When Naadi-reading commenced I was again asked. "Dear daughter, so? Wasn't there any rain flood? It was not of rains, but of tears shed over the beloved popular leader's demise! Thus the prediction was figurative!"

We had a lot of discussion about such predictions. I told her I had a number of questions about Naadi astrology, like who wrote them, what was the motive behind it? what are the characteristics of the Naadi?, can one know about the future of a nation from the Naadi etc. She said my uncle has no time, so he may not be ready to discuss these things. Moreover, you will have to bring with you a person who can converse in English and Tamil both. I am away many a time for shooting movies, so I don't necessarily be available at the Naadi-Centre.

Later I decided to ring up Dr.Ulaghnathan himself and fix up an appointment so that my visit there may prove useful. But things don't turn out as per one's hopes or wishes! I could not contact Dr. Ulaghnathan on phone too. Whenever I phoned I was told that he had gone to Erode, Bangalore, or Mumbai etc. Those days my sister and my mother were on a visit to Chennai for performing their Shanti Deeksha puja. On the way back by bus accompanied by my

sister, after performing the puja at Karumari temple near Chennai, I came to know that the bus route lays via Vadpalani. So suddenly I decided to call at the Naadi-Centre run by Dr.Ulaghnathan. I mentioned this to my sister. She agreed and we arrived at the Centre. I sensed from outside that the air-conditioning was on, so I surmised that Dr. Ulaganthan would be in and today at least I could meet him. I thought it would be nice even if I can just meet him in person, leave aside prediction. On inquiring from the attendant I came to know that somebody's Naadi-reading was in progress in the ante - room and it would finish within half an hour i.e. by 2 O' clock. So my sister (Mrs. Jayashree Ranade) and I went to the near-by-famous hotel 'Saravana' for lunch. Being non-rice eater, we ordered for Chapaties. But they had no

chapatties! So we had South Indian meals and went back to the Centre by 2 O' clock. The earlier reading was still in progress. Arrangements were on for serving lunch, viz. laying banana leaves etc. In the meantime some person who emerged from the A/c room said to me, "Sorry, the Naadi-reading is expected to continue till 8 p.m., so you better come some other day." I heard what he said, but continued to tarry there. After a while, I was again advised not to wait, as Dr.Ulaganathan would not be able to see me. I said OK and yet continued to occupy a chair there, pretending to be watching the TV programme. My sister being restless was urging me to leave the place. It was my guess that Dr.Ulaghnathan was bound to come out for lunch. Another 5 to 7 minutes passed. The door was opened and I was called in.

Dr. Ulaghnathan was seated in a revolving chair

behind a large Sunmica table. There were ten others seated on chairs and sofas around him. A short, bald person, with a simple dress and fatigued face, shook hands with me and spoke in broken English, "No Time.., come later.., Please go!" I replied, "Since I was waiting only to contact you I shall take your leave now. Approaching the door, I looked back and said, " I have a desire to watch the method of your Naadi-reading. So if you and these people have no objection, we will sit in a corner and just observe your proceedings. If there are no chairs, we will even stand."

The Naadi-reader after some hurried consultation among the persons present agreed and said, 'Why stand, please be seated.' So saying they fetched two chairs for my sister and me. Dr. Ulaghnathan continued his Naadi-reading. His voice was clear and loud. He was reading in local Tamil. Suddenly the reading was stopped, and all the people began to look at the two of us. Someone said, "There is a mention of both of you in this Naadi." The Naadi rishi's words were, "We were waiting for these two witnesses and they are here. Since yesterday, you were thinking of returning. Rama nama, (the person about whom the reading was being conducted) do you know who these two persons are? He is a government officer who is connected with a vehicle that runs in the air! And he is requesting humbly to be witness to that reading of your Naadi. We were waiting only for them!' We two were to hear the assertion. Later, while the reading was continuing, Dr. Ulaghnathan stopped in between and inquired have you had your lunch? But perhaps you did not get what you desired to eat. In reply we said, "yes, we could

not get chapaties”. Everyone laughed! Later I was asked again while the reading continued, ‘You are not an astrologer, but do you undertake research in astrology?’ I said, ‘Yes’. He read further, ‘you have a lot of questions regarding Naadi but you did not get satisfactory answers. You are always in search of answers. Now you have come here, see if you could get some answers’. (All this Dr.Ulagnathan was saying from his reading of the Patti. So the conversation was between the Naadi rishi and the Jatak, i.e. me. Dr.Ulagnathan was just reading and explaining it to us. He spoke halting English. Some others were helping him in his English. There was occasional mention of others including us too, which we were not able to make out)

Later there was a mention of my sister, which said, “A close relative of this woman died in a car mishap. It was a sudden death.” When my sister confirmed it saying, “Yes, my husband died in a car accident”, everyone was amazed. It further said, “ Dear lady, we are sorry, we could not prevent the death of your husband. It is now 63 months since your husband expired. And 64th month is running (The readers may count from the date 7 May 89 to 2 October 94)

“He died because his car collided with a heavy vehicle.” It was Maharshee Vishwamitra speaking through the Naadi. He continued, “Dear lady, we feel very sad that nobody had ever warned you in advance about that Arishtha Yog (calamity). So you might wonder what is the use of astrology to humanity? It is because of this that people have no confidence in astrology and predictions. Lady, excuse us” That reading included such regrets and apologies three or four time times later!

I hoped there would be some mention in the Naadi about my sister’s business and her current worries about it. But there was no such mention in the Naadi. In between, I was instructed to gaze at the face of Rama nama i.e. Ramkrishnan) and predict his future! “How could I tell his future by merely peering at his face, since I was no soothsayer! I thought to myself. So I politely declined. Others said, “ Please tell us our future, why not? There is nothing wrong in it”. Thus they insisted on my predicting the future. Sri. Ramakrishna himself urged me to predict his future because the Naadi said so. I started thinking. I looked at his face and thought what can I say about the face of this person with a grown beard?

Ramanama was in a hurry he said, “ Tell me, how am I going to earn money in the future? Whether my business will grow?” I said, “Wait, let me see your face clearly first.” Everyone laughed on my remark. Then I went on saying whatever came to my mind. “ Business will be okay. But you will

have to work very hard. You will always face a shortage of funds.” I went on saying like this as the words came to me. In fact I blabbered something. After that the Naadi-reading continued. Again there was a question put to me saying, “Hello, man. Since when did you start face reading? Do you know anything about this science? Do you know the art of face-reading?”

I replied, “No! Since you instructed me and

others here too insisted I dared to utter whatever came to my mind. Otherwise who am I to do any face reading?”. I replied forcefully. Thereupon Maharshee Vishwamitra spoke through the mouth of Dr. Ulagnathan, “ Just as you said something like a parrot, we also predict the Naadi. It is not our knowledge. We are just like you. The real prompter, talker who enables us to predict, is different. It is our tongue that reads, predicts because of the blessings of Lord Shiva. Otherwise what power do we or anyone else can have to tell anybody’s past, present or future? Do you understand this now? Since you have a research- oriented mind, has our elucidation satisfied you?” I was really shocked to hear that explanation. So the answer to my question was that the great sages who have jotted down the Naadi predictions did so through the wishes and dictates of Divinity itself.

In between someone present there inquired whether I was a Maharashtrian? That was an unexpected query in Marathi! The questioner was Mr. Gopalrao Ekbote, a grocer, originally from Hubli. He was settled in Bangalore for some years. Speaking in Marathi in the Kannada accent he gave us a lot of information about Dr. Ulagnathan of the Irrattai Naadi Centre. He said, “ The doctor is an humble person, popularly known as ‘Anna’. He often presides at seminars of south Indian astrologers. Influential persons often take him to different cities for predictions. He visits different holy shrines as per the directions in Naadi. In Sept 1994, he had been to Pune to visit Dagadu Sheth Halwai Ganapati, Ubha Ganapati, and other Ganapati temples. On the way he visited the temple at Tuljapur too and received the blessings of the goddess there.

Foreign Governments also invite him to undisclosed destinations to inquire about the future of their nations. The reading is in the form of a conversation between Saptarishis (seven sages) in the Naadi, which he has. It is different from the usual personal predictions. Anna is the 7th child in the family. He himself has 6 daughters and a son. The son will continue the Naadi-reading family tradition in the future. Miss Aradhana is regarded as the niece of Vishwamitra. When she came and sat near her uncle, her name was mentioned in the Naadi. It instructed me to recall my meeting with her

earlier. She showed me photographs of Anna with the then President Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, Venkatraman, Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi etc. and their visiting cards bearing their signatures!

In the course of the reading, there was an interesting reference to the goddess at Tulaja Bhavani. It said, “Oh Ramanama, you went to Bhavani and returned, but never had a darshan of the goddess. The witness next to you (me) has blessings from Bhavani goddess, because in his previous birth he was a devotee of Tulja Bhavani. But he died as a child by drowning into a well. (There is no well in the Tuljapur Temple. But there is one in the surrounding area. I located it when I was on a visit there in December 94!)

By this time, I was introduced to all those present. There was Ramanama, for whom the prediction was being read. Next to him was an old Brahmin.

On the other side there was a person named Vinayak, in the corner was a young bespectacled person, seated next to him was a person who spoke in Hindi.

Later the Naadi-reading said, ‘Oh Brahmin, you worried about the job of your son. This new visitor (Me) will solve your problem. Request him to help you in getting your son a job.’ When I replied, ‘I would try’. The Naadi-reading addressing the Brahmin said, ‘Now you can go, since you were in a hurry to return home since yesterday.’ When the Brahmin continued to tarry there, the reading added, “Why are you not leaving? You must depart since you have been saying so!” Everyone started laughing, because this old person has been saying since yesterday that he would go and was cursing the Naadi! Later the Naadi added ‘Now you may have coffee’. This is a speciality of this Naadi. It contains directions to the witnesses to go, come, have coffee, take meals etc!

While having coffee outside, the Brahmin mentioned in the Naadi, Sri. Ardhanari (Retired Head Master of the school at Erode) talked to me. His 19-year-old son had a diploma in automobile-repairs. He was unemployed. So he requested me to see if I could get him some job. I assured him of my help. While writing on the visiting card, ‘Your Job will be done’ I remembered the prediction of Yogi Ramsurat Kumar, ‘Your job will be done.’ Actually I cannot ensure employment to anybody in the Air force or elsewhere. So I did not know how I was going to help his son. But somehow I felt confident that I would be able to do something!

After the coffee was served the reading resumed. The Naadi inquired, “Oh Brahmin, is your work over? Did you receive a visiting card duly

signed? Then the Naadi addressed me saying ‘since you have assured the Brahmin to help his son of get a job you have blessings of this Brahmin and myself (Vishamitra rishi). And these blessings will benefit your sister’s son!’

The name of the person mentioned as Rama nama is Ramkrishnan. While he was proceeding in his NE 118 car from Chennai to Bangalore, on the way is a township called Bhavani. There he changed his original plan of proceeding to Bangalore and instead decided to meet Dr. Ulagnathan at Erode. Dr. Ulagnathan brought him to Chennai for his Naadi-reading. Dr. Ulagnathan had his doctorate in astrology. A friend and Sri. Ardhnari also accompanied him. They had started Naadi-reading. But they were abruptly instructed to stop reading midway. 4-5 days passed and yet the Naadi did not contain instructions to resume reading! Persons present there were all waiting with no bath, hardly any sleep and lack of proper food. The Naadi instructions were that they must await the arrival of two other visitors. Those waiting were fed up and they began cursing the Naadi.

At 6 O’ clock in the evening, there was a direction in the Naadi that the group may have meals, so food was served on banana leaves, kept ready since 2 O’ clock in the afternoon! Sri. Ekbote invited us also, to share some food with other dinners.

So we had *rasam* and *rice*.

Later when I met Sri. Ramkrishna he informed me about later developments viz, that the Naadi-reading questioned, “Ramanama, why he sold away ‘Anjaneya vahanam’ (meaning the Maruti car). Now you sell your other vehicle to a bespectacled person here and until you have a replacement vehicle, use the Maruti van of Miss Aradhana!

I never met Sri. Ardhanari subsequently. May be he already had his son employed as per Naadi-reading. When I asked Sri. Ramkrishna about the expenses for his Naadi-reading, he said that the Naadi -reading charge and the expenses incurred on performing *yadnaya yaaga*, holy offerings etc cost him quite a big amount. According to him the reading in the Naadi predictions are accurate. But persons conveying their experience to others make it more spicey!

On that particular day we were allowed to leave after 5 hours of Naadi-reading. The Naadi allowed me a ‘blank cheque’ permission to witness anybody’s Naadi-reading. I return to my destination. Later I never

got an opportunity to attend the Naadi Centre at Chennai ,to witness anybody's Naadi-readings!



CHAPTER NO. 21

Astonishing Experience of The Prashna Kandam:

Question Chapter of the Naadi :

Thousands of years ago some Maharishees, with their divine vision visualized the future of millions of unborn people and recorded it on Tadpatri in precise words. That record is known as “Naadi Astrology”

In Naadi Astrology, there is a mention of the name of the person concerned, names of mother, father, and husband/wife as also the Tithi of the birthday and the planetary situation at that time. In other forms of predictions names are not mentioned. Therefore to me Naadi astrology is a mind-boggling experience.

If the person whose Naadi-Patti is being read, desires to know specific details about future developments he may ask specific questions to obtain proper guidance from the Question chapter. That is the general nature of the question chapter. I had an opportunity to read the question chapter twice. My mind-boggling experience about that is as under -

I continued to frequently visit Naadi Centres for looking, first for my Naadi, then my wife's, then of my children and of relatives etc. I was obtaining and collecting more and more addresses of Naadi Centres. Since I knew Naadi-reader Sri. Rajendran,

who started to work at the Vasishth Naadi Centre, I paid frequent visits to that centre.

Cricketeer Srinath expressed his desire to have his Naadi-reading. One afternoon, I called at the Naadi Centre to look for his Naadi Patti. Readers may wonder as to how I could acquire the cricketeer's thumb impression? It so happened that I had read in one newspaper that, cricketeer Navajyot Siddhu had obtained his Naadi-reading from the Agastya Naadi at Colombo, Sri. Lanka during the free time he got when rains interrupted that test match there.

I felt inclined to meet him and know about his experience as also to help other players to obtain their Naadi prediction if they so desired. In October 1994, at the time of the India-West Indies One day Match, I was appointed as the head of gate management at Chepauk Stadium on behalf of the local Air Force station Tambaram. There I could contact the players. I managed to hand over a copy of my Naadi book to Sachin Tendulkar and Ajit Wadekar. Vishwanath already knew about Naadi astrology. Sachin did not seem interested. However, he motivated Atul Bedade and Javagal Srinath to give their thumb impressions. Veankatesh Prasad evinced considerable interest in the Naadi-reading. In a chat in the presence of all his colleagues, Navajyot Siddhu remarked, 'There is no cheating in Naadi-readings. In my case, there is a birth-sign on my back, about which I came to know from the Naadi-reading. Later my mother too confirmed it.' He was told that he would have a daughter, and that proven right. Later, in June 1996 he had a tiff with Azharuddin and others in England and returned to India.

I was also curious to know whether the Naadi-reading had predicted the match-fixing rumpus!

After some months, on the occasion of a test match with New Zealand, Srinath inquired about Naadi astrology, revealing his interest in it. I could not locate Srinath's Patti, till I left Tambaram for Srinagar in May 1996.

Vinod Kambli told me that he had to obtain his father's permission for the Naadi-reading, while Azharuddin remarked that he doesn't believe anything other than Allah's blessings. Srinath's Naadi Patti could not be located.

Anyway, that day in that Naadi Centre after I had a cup of coffee. I felt fresh and since I had nothing important on hand I thought why not seek some answers from the Prashna Kandam, i.e. the question chapter. This time I thought I would change the Naadi readers.

I started noting down my questions. It was all a random noting. I wrote some questions in English as they occurred to me and gave them to a Naadi-reader. He recorded the date 22 April 1995, time 4.05 p.m. and told me that he would look for the Patti after a few days. Even on that day I could not get the Naadi Patti of Srinath.

On 7 May 95, I called at the Vasishtha Naadi Centre. The afternoon was very hot. Sitting below the fan, after waiting for an hour, I was wondering why I was sitting there in search of answers. How Maharshee was suppose to understand my questions?

Questions were in English. Though they were explained in general to Naadi-reader. He had no clue about the answers. How Vasistha Maharshee could have written down the answers at the time, when the questions were not conceived? Leave aside the questions, the person who was to pose those, had not taken birth on the Earth! Exhausted, I fell asleep. When I woke and moved out of the slumber, I noticed Arvinda swami the Naadi-reader coming with a bundle of Prashna Kandam. He then asked me to accompany him.

I was curious to know how answers to questions are located in the Prashna Kandam chapter. The method was to determine the Rashi and Lagnam on the afternoon of 22nd April 95. The day on which the question was conceived. It was Kanya (Virgo) Lagnam. Immediately a bundle was opened and within 10-20 Pattis, the proper Patti was identified. I was surprised. I had not imagined that within 5 minutes I would get answers to all my questions. To convince myself, I asked him, “how do you know that this is the Patti for my questions? He smiled and countered, “‘Would you be sure if your name is mentioned in it?’” “Of course,” I said. He started reading. The second line contained the name of the questioner viz. Shashikant. I took that Patti in my hand. Since by practice I knew how the name is carved on the Patti, it did not take me much time to find my name recorded there, even though it was in archaic Tamil!

When the planetary positions on that tithi (date), in the Panchang at the time when the question was posed that mentioned in the Naadi tallied, the reading started.

Answer No. 1: This Naadi writing commenced during the Dwapar Yuga (Era).

That was in reply to my about the age of the Naadi Astrology Granth.

Answer No. 2: After the war the country of the questioner will rank number 2 in the world and its boundaries will expand.

My question was –‘ What will be the position of India after the 3rd World War?’

Answer No. 5: The vastu (i.e. the building known as the Tajmahal) is the temple of Shiva since the ancient Treta Yuga (Era), and after some period it will again function as a Shiva Temple. (Though for the last few centuries it has been misunderstood to be a Muslim mausoleum)

The above answer pertained to my question as to when will the Tajmahal resume its role as a Shiva Temple?

Answer No. 4 After your sister’s Shanti Deeksha and Jupiter’s entry into Sagittarius (i.e. Dhanu Rashi) her business will prosper.

The question was - When would (my sister) Lata’s business prosper?

The question regarding where would my next posting be? Remained un-answered.

It is proper that I convey to the readers the context of those questions, which I had posed so

they may not be puzzled.

While dealing with Naadi astrology, I had always wondered that since the Naadi-reading mentions the exact age of the person seeking Naadi prediction, I would like to know the exact age of the Naadi itself.

“Ille Swami” (No, Sir) they would reply and stop, and if I insisted further they would say the answer would be available in the Prashna Kandam. That is why I had asked that question.

Now some readers may think that the Dwapar Yuga (era) is too vast and vague a period to which the compilation of the Naadi texts is attributed, since it is asserted that one day of Brahma (the creator) encompasses 432 crore human years!

According to me, it is accepted that the Kali Yuga started after the Mahabharat war. Accordingly the current Yugabda (Kali Era) Year is 5100. The Era Period prior to that was the Dwapar Yuga. So it may be safely assumed that Naadi Astrology compilation began 8 to 10 thousand years ago.

Why was there a vague answer to my question? This needs to be ascertained. The answer lies in my question itself. I had inquired about the

age of Naadi and not about the date on which a particular jotting commenced. Naadi-writing was carried out by different rishis in different periods. Therefore a specific date cannot be given.

To my question No 2 the answer was not '*India*' but '*the native s country of the questioner*'.

It is possible that what is currently known as India may have borne some other name in the past. So also there is no guarantee that the name of the country will be the same in future. I had posed a number of questions seeking clarifications on many such points, such as when would there be a third world war? Whether India would be involved in it? Whether India would come out of it successfully or get destroyed? What will be the future of India? What would be the status of India in the post war world? etc.

From the answers obtained it is clear that there will be a third world war. India will immerge from it successfully. And India will be a No. 2 power in the world. Which means that compared to its present status India will become a big power and a respectable country in the world. The answer also adds that the boundaries of the country will expand.

The background of question No 5 is as follows: - The building currently known as the Tajmahal is famous as an example of outstanding architecture of the past. It is famous for its aesthetic excellence. It is believed to contain two cenotaphs in the name of his wife Arjumand banu and Shahajahan himself, and of other harem-women in annexes around. According to current history, it is believed that Shahajahan commissioned the Tajmahal. However, historians Sri. P.N. Oak, Sri. V.S. Godbole and others claim that the edifice existed centuries before Shahajahan. In order to use this construction for the purpose of his wife's memory he got it from Raja Jai Singh. Shahjahan plundered all the costly fixtures in the edifice and patched some Koranic extracts around the doorframes.

As per the discovery by Sri. P. N. Oak the term Tajmahal is a current malpronunciation of the ancient Sanskrit term Tejomahalaya connoting a Shiva Temple. It had fabulous fixtures such as silver doors on all its seven stories, a gold pitcher dripping water on the Shivalinga, a gem studded gold-railing around it and gems stuffed in the spacious octagonal lattice surrounding the gold railing. Raja Jai Singh the Maharaja of Jaipur (who was a vassal of the Mogul monarches) owned that fabulous-building located in the Mogul capital Agra. Emperor Shahjahan coveted that fabulous wealth. He therefore made the death of his wife Mumtaz as a pretext to grab the building, transport all its wealth to his treasury and bury her corpse in the central chamber, incongruously raising two cenotaphs for

one corpse, to cover up the two Shivalingas consecrated in those two stories.

Will that building continue to be mistaken as a fabulous mausoleum raised by Shahjahan for his wife Mumtaz or will the truth be established, that wonder monument was built as a Shiva Temple? I posed that question to seek an answer from the Naadi text.

The answer is that the shrine has existed there since very ancient times i.e. the Treta Yuga. That is altogether some new information we got from the Naadi. The word Ishwar in the Naadi refers to Shiva alias Shankar and not to Divinity in general. That was discussed among the Naadi-readers.

There was no answer to my question about my next posting. Members of my family were disappointed. However, as I interpret it, it is not that the Naadi makers did not know the answer but that the time had not yet come for me to know the answer.

Why do I rate the Prashna Kandam as a mind-boggling matter? Because it is natural for anyone to answer a question when asked. But here in the case of the Naadi the answer is already recorded. How could anyone imagine as to what questions would be asked after a thousand years? Moreover, I posed the questions in English. The Naadi-readers tried to grasp my questions in their Tamil language. They had no means or technique to communicate to the Naadi Maharshees the exact question in my mind. And yet the answers are ready in such a way that as soon as a question is asked the Naadi-reader reads out the answer within 5-7 minutes!

It is the experience of every inquirer that Naadi recorders had total omniscience of the past, present and future. In addition they could pre-conceive the questions that myriads of people would raise in the future, and therefore, their answers have been noted in the Naadi records!

I had one more occasion to read Prashna Kandam earlier at the Tambaram Naadi Centre. There was a difference of one year between the birth date of my wife and the one, which was noted in the Naadi. I inquired from her father and also at the hospital where she was born, and with that confirmation, when I asked the Naadi-reader why there was a difference of one year the answer given to me was that it was

simply a mistake and was accepted.

However, it is also clarified that it was not a mistake of the Naadi author but a clerical mistake of the reader. Whenever the husband of the concerned person will ask such a question the Patti with that answer is ready. The Patti mentioning the actual birth date of his wife is also ready separately and will be read out at the proper time.

Accordingly on 7.1.95 I found my wife's correct birth-date and year noted in the Kaushik Naadi at the Tambaram Centre. The photograph of that Naadi and detailed description is reproduced in Chapter No.24

With regard to the Prashna Kandam the curious thing was that there were actually three Pattis dealing with my wife's birth date but those were located on three different occasions, only when the relevant questions about them arose. Had the Naadi Patti located on 7-1-95 been discovered earlier there wouldn't have been any confusion. But the patties are located only as ordained by Divinity. The Naadi authors aware of a mistake in the matter of a particular detail accept it sportingly. Moreover they also foresee that it is the husband who will come for a particular Patti, and not the concerned person herself! Therefore one more Patti is ready for the occasion when the wife arrives looking for it!

Now is that not very mind boggling?



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CHAPTER NO. 23

NAADI ASTROLOGY – A HOAX?

NAADI ASTROLOGY AND DR. JAYANT NARALIKAR

My Marathi book titled “Mind Boggling Miracle – Naadi Bhavishya” got overwhelming response from all parts of Maharashtra. In that I mentioned that I was desperately trying to understand the basis of Naadi recordings. How thousands of years back, in most primitive conditions the Maharshees, whose names we read only in story books could foresee the life spans of the millions of people, who were yet to be born? How many Naadis are available? Where? A person from armed forces background who

had no connection or basic knowledge of astrology began to seek answers from all possible places.

Many others who had visited Naadi Centres had sincerely narrated their mind -boggling experience of their own Naadi Predictions. Many thanked me for expounding the topic, which generally is not discussed in public. One curious reader Sri. Sonya Bapu Kumbhojkar suggested that in Maharashtra there were many personalities of repute such as Dr. Jayant Naralikal who did not believe in astrology and other predictive methods. They strongly condemned it as a hoax. Since we regard them as authorities in certain subjects we, the general public, get confused about whom to believe! Why don't you meet Naralikal and convince him about Naadi astrology, some people advised me.

So in Dec 1994, on Sri. Kumbojkar's suggestion, I managed to hand over a copy of the book to Dr. Jayant Naralikal. In a soft voice he agreed to read it and convey his opinion on the subject.

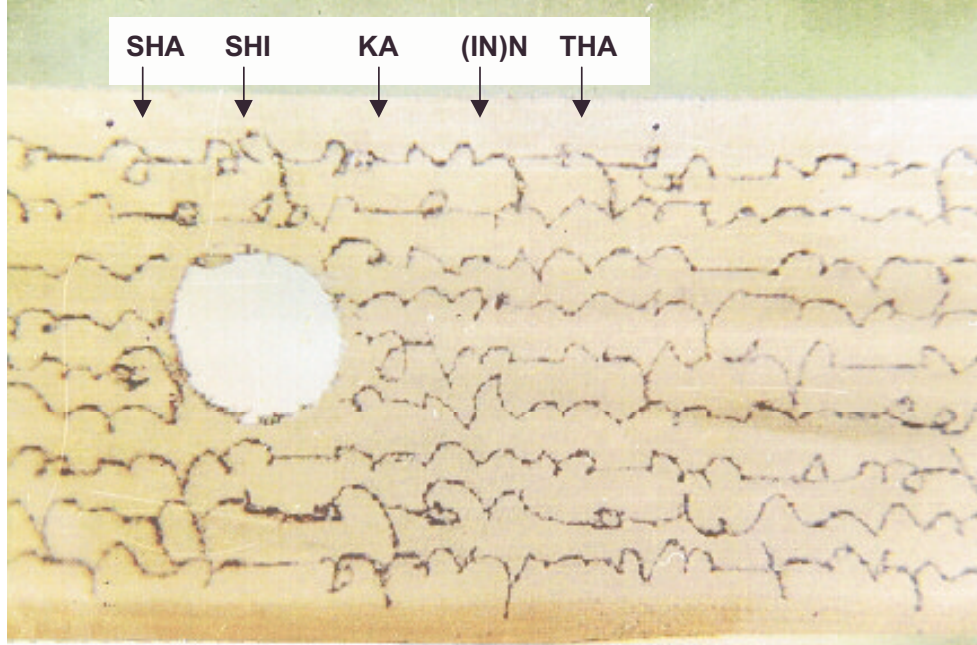
After a month, I received a letter (Please refer Letter No.1 on page -) stating that, he being a non-believer in any predictive methods he does not believe in the Naadi predictions. However, as a true scientist he suggested that a thousand or two thousand cases of Naadi records be examined for scientific research. In response, I requested him to come forward for scientific research so that the findings would receive requisite importance and recognition in the scientific world and in addition would get the backing of expert human resources and finance available at your disposal. To arouse his curiosity, I mailed two photographs of Naadi leaves pertaining to my name so that he could locate my name "Shashikant" from it, through his Tamil-knowing friends. In the end, I requested him to send his thumb-impression if he so desired to locate his leaf with notebook, tape etc, as a special case. But it was not to be. Dr. Jayant Naralikal returned the photographs with a covering letter (Please refer letter No.2 on Page —) stating that he could neither locate the word "Shashikant" nor could confirm the script as Tamil on the leaf by any of his Tamil-knowing friends. Therefore he considered it to be a hoax and left it to be relied on by the believers.

Now it was incumbent on my part as a responsible author of this book to establish from the photograph of the leaf what Dr. Naralikal had certified as a

hoax ,to prove beyond doubt that it was not so. Therefore I got the entire photograph read line by line from the Tamilian experts who could read the coded script and got it translated in English with its Tamil pronunciation in Roman script. (Please refer matter shown below and for photograph see page no. 14)

**ENLARGED PHOTOGRAPH OF NADI LEAF
WITH TAMIL & ENGLISH
LINE BY LINE TRANSLATION**

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Note: - The Capital letters in the bracket are clearly seen in the photograph. The letters out side the bracket are for reference. The English translation is given for every word. Hence broken meaning can be derived. Tamil knowing persons may not be able to read the script but it is expected that with the help of the pronunciations provided, they will be able to understand general meaning and exactly locate my name.

Here I request readers to kindly get the same verified from their Tamil knowing friends. Let me caution the readers, as I did Dr. Naralikal, that many times even a good Tamil speaking person finds it difficult to read or locate my name in the photograph (It is on the first line between two marked dots). Many may not even understand which way to hold the photograph! But with the help of the meaning and the pronunciation produced side by side many Tamilians would be able to locate my name and grasp some letters or lines.

I have full confidence that readers will give due recognition to my translation and transliteration efforts as an unbiased and inquisitive seeker of the truth.

Now it has been ascertained that the script of Naadi records is in cryptic Tamil code-words etched without lifting the nail like sharp instrument. However many readers who have yet to undergo the amazing experience may suspect that the Naadi-reader may be extracting the required information from the seekers and somehow putting it in the leaf to read out the same, as if it was noted on the leaf. But that is not possible, since the leaf-packets are interlined with a string passing through a hole in every leaf and are opened in front of the seeker. It is not possible to fill any details in some blank spaces and cheat the customers as propagated by Dr. Abraham Kavoov. Of course, those who had some acquaintance with Naadi predication will understand the futility of that argument, which is generally put forth by so called rationalists.

Those who have yet to undergo the amazing experience will have to personally verify it to believe in it.

Whom will you believe?

Dr. Naralikal who considers astrology to be a hoax, without visiting any Naadi Centre and getting his own life read in the Naadi records. He is unfamiliar with the Tamil script and has to depend on some Tamilians who were unable to decode the script? Or he who has got the photos interpreted by the experts and presented to the readers in public? I leave the readers to judge.

One of the persons with whom I got introduced as the author of the Naadi book was a retired principal “Adwayanand Galatge” from Bhoj (Belgaum) Karnataka. He was an experimenting rationalist. He has written books on physics, parapsychology and on occult sciences. He regards those Naadi predictions as products of the divine power of ancient Maharshees. He

felt that the response to Naadi records from Dr. Naralika and the treatment given to Naadi records by Dr. Naralika was quite lukewarm and non-committal. He therefore entered into correspondence with Dr. Naralika, and addressed five letters. Dr. Naralika responded to his first letter in a short and curt manner stating that he disagrees with Galatge on what science stands for. In spite of repeated efforts by Sri. Galatge to enthuse, Dr. Naralika to come forward for a scientific test of Naadi records the latter preferred to keep silent! After waiting for a long time Sri. Galatge and myself requested even Dr. Narendra Dabholkar

of B.F.E.C. to accompany us to Naadi centers in Chennai in Dec 98 to which he never responded. The Naadi leaf of Galatge was located. It contained his name and those of his parents and wife, with other accurate details. What surprised him the most was that Naadi Maharshee, Saint Agastya had stated that Galatge had come to verify the scientific basis of the predictions, accompanied by a person called 'Shashikant'! Let us hope that the rationalist organizations and the individuals who look down upon the Naadi as a hoax will come forward to undertake scientific research and also explore the possibility of divining those predictions about the future of mankind, by the present-day man with advanced technology and modern machines at their disposal.

Reproduced herewith is the correspondence with Dr. Jayant Naralika which will throw more light on the subject.



Letter No. 1

From Dr. Jayant Naralika To Wing Commander Shashikant Oak stating his views on the book Naadi Bhavishya.

Dear Wing Commander Shashikant Oak,

Thanks for providing me a copy of your booklet on Naadi predictions. The book narrates your personal experience. I have never experienced the Naadi predictions. However, due to the following reasons

my standpoint is of a non-believer.

1. Till now, I have never come across a single case of predictions, which proved to be exactly true. Even your own experience and of others' instances quoted in your book also point to the same conclusion.
2. Much talked about predictions by Nostradamus, clothed in esoteric phraseology, are usually wishfully twisted and interpreted as uncanny forecasts of certain subsequent happenings. They appear to have been inferred as the truth when the actual happening are compared with the uttering of Nostradamus. The same is the case with Naadi predictions.
3. It is impossible to imagine that Naadi records on palm leaves are already available for all human beings born or unborn. Even if it is presumed that those forecasts are true, then in that case based on the number of Naadi leaves one should be able to foretell the population of India in year 2000, 2010, 2050 etc.
4. If it is presumed that some body's predictions have been recorded in advance, then why is one asked to propitiate the gods to ward off evil predictions? Here it constitutes a head-on collision of two superstitions.
5. If the scientific veracity of predictions on palm leaves is to be established it cannot be based on testing merely on my sample of past and future alone. A thousand or two thousand

samples of Naddi readings will have to be possibly investigated, based on objective parameters before arriving at any conclusion.

Yours truly,
(Jayant Naralika)

Letter No. 2

Reply from Wing Commander Oak to Dr. Jayant Naralika

Date: 2 Feb 1995.

Dear Dr. Jayant Naralika,

Received your letter dated 16 Jan 1995, commenting on my book “Naadi Bhavishya, and revealing that you hold a view of disbeliever about fortune telling in general.

I agree that it is impossible to predict the exact happenings of anybody’s entire life, be it by any type of predictive-methods, such as Palmistry, Astrology, Ramal and Numerology. Limitations of human intellect will never enable accurate prediction of every event in every person’s life. That is why before being introduced to Naadi predictions, I also held a similar opinion and therefore was not keen to consult them. Later when I happened to encounter Naadi Prediction accidentally, with its most accurate personal details such as names of parents, wife, and myself, Date, Month, Year of Birth and my horoscope etched on palm leaves, my opinion changed. That experience made me look upon Naadi as a miracle! Whether Naadi Predictions prove true or not, is not important

to me. But the incessant quest to trace the secrets behind the miracle of Naadi records, is what interests me.

Based on available information, I concluded that Naadi recording had no relation with the predictive methods of astrology. It is not based on the principles of compilations of data, experience and assumptions, etc. It is based on every Maharshee’s meditative powers, which could visualise the future of all human beings. Therefore Naadi predictions are beyond the grasp and scope of human intellect and logic.

Predictions by Nostradamus are in cryptic and mysterious language. When an incident takes place, its befitting description with some stanzas amuses the reader. But Naadi predictions, on the contrary mention the precise name of the seeker, the date, day, month and year of birth and other details etched out on palm leaves. So they do not just amuse a seeker but pose a challenge to his rationale. Thus it is superior to the much-talked about predictions of Nostradamus.

You are absolutely right that it is impossible to record predictions about every person’s of past, present and future. But may be that the records are meant only for those who have been destined to seek them. There may be many persons available at all times who due to want of time, money, disbelief or other reasons may not be keen to seek them. Maharshee’s might have omitted those! However, my experience is that whosoever goes to seek Naadi predictions does get his or her leaf sooner or later.

I am very keen to know through the Naadi

records the future of regions, nations and of the human race. In some Naadi-notings I have been told that in due course of time I will be able to get answers. What must have been the underlying divine purpose to undertake such a painstaking manual effort of such a gigantic magnitude of millions of inconsequential individuals? May be that the welfare of human kind might have been the driving motive behind those divine writings. But then what is the reason for omitting the future of communities and nations? May be that those Maharshee's thought that it will not be prudent or helpful for the progress of mankind?

As rightly pointed out by you, notings on palm leaves need to be examined on a scientific basis. It is beyond the scope of my intelligence and prudence. A person of your stature and international repute as an astrophysicist should undertake the research concerning Naadi records, so that the research may get due recognition, status and financial and other support.

I will be ever-ready to extend my full co-operation and support to such research. Especially till such time as I am posted in Tambaram (Chennai) I will be able to take part in the research. Enclosed herewith is a photograph of a Naadi leaf and another enlarged picture of the same containing the name 'Shashikant' etched on the leaf. You could get it read by Tamil-knowing persons. Kindly return both photographs at the earliest. I earnestly desire to seek your Naadi leaf. Due to your busy schedule if you are unable to spare time please send your thumb impression and other relevant details. I will search out your

leaves and send the predictions with notebook, cassette and photographs pertaining to your Naadi leaf.

In spite your busy schedule, you have been kind enough to communicate to me your views about my book, I am extremely thankful for the same.

Yours sincerely,

(Shashikant Oak)

LETTER NO. 3

First letter from Prin. Adwayanand Galatge to Dr. Jayant Naralikal

Date: 26th June 1995

Dear Sir,

This letter is occasioned by Wing Commander (Madras) Sri. Shashikant Oak's handing over to me, in person, his book on Naadi (in Marathi) along with the correspondence he has carried on with you and with Dr. Dabholkar of Satara. I am writing this letter to you, because I hold you in high esteem and above all, as a serious scientist and not merely as an internationally reputed astrophysicist. Also I admire your bold and unconventional views on the origin of the universe. I think progress in science more often results from rebelling against the views of the establishment, which in no way are sacrosanct. This same rebellious spirit is to be recommended in all fields of science both academic and non-academic, in pursuit of truth. I need not stress that science harbours and promotes the spirit

of free inquiry. It is open to all sorts of investigations. It loses its *raison d'être* as science, the moment it loses this open-ness and this spirit of free inquiry. I am saying this, because your two letters written to Sri. Oak (Dated. 16th Jan. & 21st Mar. 95) are sadly disappointing in this respect. Your letters create the impression that you hold Sri. Oak as a highly gullible person, on whom a big hoax has been perpetrated.

But consider the following facts: Sri. Oak is not an ordinary 'run-of-the-mill' person, but holds a highly responsible Govt. post in our country's defence services. Besides, he is highly educated and a cultured person. He has no natural inclination for astrology; but his curiosity about it was roused by his accidentally stumbling upon a fact, which *prima facie* defies all logic and common-sense, - a fact for whose verification he has not hesitated to approach an internationally famed scientist like you. These facts clearly speak of his honesty and his serious intent and purpose. Besides, he had produced hard evidence for science to examine and on its basis, to determine the worth of the claims he has made. Those claims cannot be easily dismissed as meriting no scrutiny, if science is to be taken

as a serious and disinterested pursuit of truth. Clearly Sri. Oak has not been given a fair trial, which he rightly deserves.

I, therefore, make an earnest appeal to you -

1) To invite, through the columns of major local English Newspapers as many Tamil-knowing people, to come forwards for reading the Naadi text of Sri. Oak. (As many as possible because Sri. Oak says that he himself has found some Tamil-knowing

persons, who were unable to read the text. This is natural, considering that the texts are very old. At present the copy of Oak's text is with Dr. Dabholkar.)

2) This reading of the Naadi text should be done on an appointed date and time and at a pre-selected place, publicly. i.e. the session after due publicity through newspapers, should be thrown open to all those who are interested. (The members of the Andh.(ashraddha) Nirm.(ulan) Sam.(iti) may attend it, but not participate in it; nor will their prize of Rs. 5 lakhs be made a precondition of the investigation or its result, with a view to pre-empt the issue being unnecessarily emotionally overcharged. Let only the disinterested spirit of science prevail.

3) If the results are negative, the matter will rest there. But if the results are positive, an appeal should be made through major science journals to come forward for further scientific investigation by other scientists of the country, of the Naadi phenomenon, whose over-all supervision and conduct will be, done by you and you alone.

This is how science works, and should work. Science is public. Let the Naadi phenomena be proved publicly a hoax, if it a hoax. And if the claims of Sri. Oak are ultimately substantiated, let science in its mission as a truth-seeker freely accept the results and incorporate them in its menagerie for their eventual 'taming' and 'naturalisation'. The truth of Naadi phenomenon cannot be regarded as repudiation of all orthodox science any more, the Einstein theory of photoelectric effect can be regarded as repudiation of Thomas Young's Wave theory of light.

I earnestly hope my appeal to you does not fall on deaf ears, and give room for history to repeat itself. I need not remind you how the rationalists of Galileo's time with their own pre-conceived theory of the universe, refused to look into his telescope, for fear of being confronted with "brute

and stubborn facts” as is amply demonstrated by Galileo in his “Dialogues on the Two Systems of the worlds”.

Awaiting and thanking you in anticipation of, a line in reply.

Sincerely yours, (Adwayanand Galatge)

Copy to: 1) Sri. Shashikant Oak, Tambaram (Madras)

2) Dr. Narendra Dabholkar, 118, Sadashiv Peth ,Satara. Pin. 415 001.

3) Sri. Kumbhojkar, Sangli

Post Script: 1) Your comments that a thousand or two thousand samples of Naadi-readings will have to be investigated for establishing scientifically its veracity is not only a counsel of despair but a highly questionable proposition. How can you forget that only one sample of test on total solar eclipse in 1919 was considered as sufficient evidence in support of Einstein’s General Theory of Relativity? (Let verification of Naadi be regarded as a test of Hindu “Theory of Space, Time as Thought-constructs”). We cannot forget that all scientific revolutions have been historically wrought by a single (one sample) experiment (or tests) like Galileo’s expt. of two falling bodies, Young’s double-slight expt. on light, Michelson Morleys’ expt. on ether’s existence,

Mendel’s cross-breeding expt. on garden peas etc. etc.

2) Your assertion that propitiation of gods to ward off evil predictions constitutes head-on collision of two superstitions, is also uncalled-for in fact, that it is exactly what is to be investigated and proved by a scientific method (namely, that they are superstitions)

LETTER NO. 4

Dr. Naralika’s turse reply to Prin. Galatge

Ref. : JVN/95-96/

Date:

July 3, 1995

Prin. Adwayanand Galatge (Retd.)

Bhoj.,Belgaum – 591263. Karnataka

Dear Principal Galatge,

Thank you for your letter of June 26, 1995. It seems from your letter that there is a considerable gap between our relevant perceptions of what

science stands for and what the scientific outlook is all about. My own views on the matter raised by Wing Commander Oak have been quite explicit and I do not wish to elaborate them further here.

Yours Sincerely,
(J. V. Naralikar)

LETTER NO. 5

Principal Galatge's 2nd request letter to Dr. Naralikar

Date : 10 July 1995

Prof. Jayant Naralikar,
Director, IUCAA, Pune – 7

Dear Sir

Thank you for your kind letter of 3rd July 95 in which you have said that, "There is a considerable gap between our relevant perceptions of what science stands for". It must, however, be pointed out that the issue raised by Wing Commander Oak's 'Naadi' evidence, does not at all hinge on any fine perception of what science stands for. **Consider the following three questions, which must be answered irrespective of the niceties about what science stands for:**

- 1) Does not the finding of the name of a 20th Century person, with correct information about many of his personal details, inscribed on the ancient palm leaf of 'Naadi' constitute a grave challenge to the belief system of Western science, unless a big fraud is involved here?
- 2) In the latter case don't you consider it your bounden duty and responsibility as a reputed scientist to expose this fraud **publicly**, for the health of western science, unless you wish to renege that science altogether?
- 3) Is it your case that any facts that threaten to undermine the foundation of Western science should be conveniently disregarded as simply not existing?

This Challenge of Naadi phenomenon is too serious, Sir, to be brushed aside by having recourse to the niceties about what science stands for. Any failure on your part to meet this challenge boldly and courageously will be tantamount to accepting defeat in the face of what Galileo has called, "Irreducible and stubborn facts", that thus lapsing into the untenable

position of his rationalist adversaries, who stand refuted by the history of science. This is a prospect, which no serious scientist will contemplate.

What is even worse, avoiding meeting the challenge by some subterfuge will create the impression that, being already convinced about the truth of 'Naadi' phenomenon, you are searching for some pretext to avoid public denigration of Western science. This fear of denigration, however, is misplaced, as is simply made clear by the strange and irrational ways of Quantum Mechanics.

I, therefore, still hope to receive a positive response from you.

Thanking you

Sincerely yours,

(Adwayanand Galatge)

Copy to Wing Commander Shashikant Oak, Tambaram (Madras)

LETTER NO. 6

Prin. Galatge's third letter to Dr. Jayant Naralikar

Date: 21st Oct. 1995

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my previous letter on the subject of Naadi, I write to inform you that the suggestion made by you in that letter (viz. The 'Superstition Eradication Committee' on 30th Sep. has unwittingly carried out the public verification of the Naadi text) in the city of Pune itself. On that date, in pursuance of the public call given by Dr. Dabholkar through Newspapers, people in large numbers gathered at Apte High School at 7 p.m. to satisfy their curiosity about the Naadi text. Strangely enough, Dr. Dabholkar the central figure, himself was found to be conspicuously absent on that occasion. However three Tamil speaking persons fortunately presented themselves at the venue after reading in newspapers about the public exhibition of the Naadi text. Although, for obvious reasons, they could not read the name 'Shashikant' in the enlarged photocopy of the Naadi text, they at least could vouch for the script as being explicitly Tamil, (A copy of their testimony to that effect under their signatures with their addresses is enclosed herewith)

Now that at least three persons from Pune itself, could publicly recognize the script as Tamil, as against your contention to the contrary, you will, I hope, admit that there are possibly some persons in

Madras and elsewhere, who have the necessary expertise and skill to read that old Tamil clearly and meet the scientific criteria of proper verification of the Naadi text. In a true scientific spirit, therefore, you will, I still hope, initiate appropriate steps to further explore the subject with an open mind and without any prejudice, to scientifically establish the truth or otherwise of the Naadi phenomenon. At least, there is now no reason, apart from that of your unwillingness, to wash your hands off the subject as a scientist.

Pending your initiation and execution of an appropriate plan for further scientific investigation of the Naadi phenomenon, it will not be unfair, in the light of the proven genuineness of the Naadi text, to expect you to withdraw your earlier charge against the Naadi text as hoax by means of a proper press release. This is the minimum obligation that true allegiance to science requires.

Thanking you ,

Sincerely yours,

(Adwayanand Galatge)

Copy to :

- 1) Dr. Narendra Dabholkar, Satara.
- 2) Sri. Shashikant Oak, Tambaram, Madras.

Post script: Sri. Oak himself was present at the said exhibition and he again made a public appeal

atthe exhibition to all concerned to come to Madras for the scientific investigation of the Naadi, by offering to extend, all kind of help and co-operation. If his appeal is still not headed, all those who make wild and baseless charges against the Naadi as was done, for example by Dabholkar in his press release on 29th Aug. stand condemned and exposed. (He alleged, without any proof, that the Naadi poses a danger to society)

LETTER NO. 7

Prin. Galatge's fourth letter to Dr. Jayant Naralika

Date: 12th Nov. 1995

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to seek a clarification from you of a point raised by Sri. Dabholkar's letter of 14th Oct. 95, addressed to Sri. Oak. In para no. 5 of this letter (written in Marathi) he says that your insistence on a very large number of samples (viz. One or two thousand individuals) for the scientific verification of the Naadi text is prompted by your desire to obviate fraud. (Copy of his letter is enclosed herewith in confirmation of this). If this is the reason why you insist on a very large number of samples, I would like to know from you how fraud is obviated by having a large number of samples, since fraud is, in principle, possible in any number of samples, considering that the same time-gap may be involved in

each individual case of locating and reading the Naadi text, and Dabholkar is avowedly willing to allow any number of days for the completion of the Naadi-reading of the concerned individuals of those samples (vide his letter)

If you do not agree with Dabholkar's view of your reason for insisting on a very large number of samples, I will be expecting you to write a letter to him, endorsing a copy thereof to me, withdrawing your reliance on him for exposing the Naadi 'hoax' scientifically, in view of the fact that he has no clear or proper understanding of the scientific procedure of the investigating of the Naadi text. Moreover, he does not explain why he relies on 10 or 100 samples, which in his own view, facilitates fraud, whereas, according to you, one or two thousand samples are required. **He also does not explain why he relies on Sri. Oak, avowedly a partisan of Naadi Bhavishya, for the scientific investigation of the Naadi texts.** Sri. Dabholkar is thus, the most unfit person for carrying out the scientific investigation of the Naadi phenomenon. May I hope you will either repudiate him for carrying out this job or persuade him to personally undertake the investigation strictly on scientific lines?

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely (Adwayanand Galatge)

Copy to: 1) Sri. Shashikant Oak, Tambaram, Madras 2) Sri. Narendra Dabholkar, Satara,

LETTER NO. 8

Prin. Adwayanand Galatge's fifth letter to Dr. Jayant Naralikar.

Bhoj (Belgaum) 591 263, Karnataka
Nov. 1995

Date: 28th

To,

Sri. Jayant Naralika,

Director, IUCAA, Pune – 411 007

Dear Sir,

Despite my sincere appeal to you through my four previous letters to undertake a scientific investigation of the Naadi phenomenon, first brought to your notice personally by Wing Commander Sri. Shashikant Oak. I have not received any response from you till today except the terse reply letter of 3rd July 95, stating that there is a considerable, gap between our relevant perceptions of what science stands for. If this alleged difference of perception of science between us were the sole reason for your not responding, then at least my letter of 10th July 95 appealing to you to undertake the investigation from the very stand-point of Western perception of science which you espoused, should have evoked a positive response from you. The non-response even to that letter forces me to conclude that Western Science does not care a hoot for such a phenomenon as Naadi. If it cares anything at all, it cares to expose the hoax that it presumes Naadi to be. Your endorsement to Sri.

Dabholkar, the Chief of Andhashraddha Nirmulan Samiti, the copy of the letter of 21st March 95 addressed to Sri. Oak, in which you have chosen to call Naadi a hoax, confirms this conclusion.

Now, presuming Naadi to be a hoax, and also presuming that your endorsement of the said letter to Sri. Dabholkar's is intended to throw on him the responsibility of exposing this hoax, one cannot but suppose that you rely on his, (or his Samiti's) scientific credentials and competence for the task of exposing this hoax, or if they lack these, you guide them to do the job on strictly scientific lines. This is exactly what I have requested you to do in my last (fourth) letter of 12th Nov. 95. But even that letter has remained unresponded, which forces me to conclude that you have endorsed the said letter to Sri. Dabholkar only for forms sake and did not seriously intend that he undertake the task of exposing the Naadi hoax in a scientific manner. This conclusion however does not show you in a good light as a scientist, inasmuch as it shows that you call Naadi a hoax without

seriously intending to expose it as a hoax or to prove it as such. Perhaps you do not seriously intend to expose the Naadi as a hoax, because you have no means to do it. This is made abundantly clear from the fact that you insist on testing one or two thousand individual samples for the purpose. This is patently an impossibility in practice. This impracticable suggestion of yours, therefore, does not admit of any interpretation other than that you, in effect, purport either to accuse that Naadi- text owners of crass deception without caring to prove it, or to assert that there is no element of scientific truth in Naadi Bhavishya without

caring to substantiate your assertion in a scientific manner. This is quite in keeping with the practice of Andhashraddha Nirmulan Samiti, but not with the practice of a professional Scientist that you are taken to be.

Under the circumstance, there is no other alternative for you as a scientist than to depute forthwith a person, whom you trust fully and who has the Scientific acumen and the necessary investigative skill, to undertake the task of testing the Naadi text with Scientific objectivity, if you are not to lay yourself open to the charge that you are avoiding the test of the Naadi text by putting forth insurmountable difficulties on theoretical ground for fear of facing the Naadi's truth. The onus of proving the charge to be misplaced clearly rests with you. Supposing you undertake the test and supposing the results of the first test turn out positive, you are, free to follow it up with additional tests until you are satisfied to be entitled to draw the conclusion that the odds against the results turning out positive are too heavy to be due to chance, after, of course, fraud is completely ruled out. The next step in the investigation would be to find out the cause that produced these results.

I think this is a historical task that any scientist is called upon to undertake, as it would either knock the bottom from under the much-touted Naadi claims, or, if its claims are sustained, add a new dimension to the phenomena that Science has to study in its efforts to understand nature and her laws.

Either way it is an achievement of no small

consequence for science, if its objective is not to be defined too narrowly or too academically.

I may add here that, I would like to accompany your deputy to Madras as a neutral observer (or witness) at my own cost if you decide to dispatch him by the end of January next or early February, as my doctor, under whose treatment I am at present, has advised me against undertaking long journeys till then. If, you decide to send the deputy and want me to accompany him but think, it necessary to have a prior discussion with me on the subject, I am prepared to come to Pune and meet you at your place on any mutually convenient day.

Lastly, I beg you, Sir, to pardon me if my letters including this one, have proved a nuisance to you I assure you solemnly not to trouble you with any letter henceforth, even if you choose not to respond to this letter also. Which, however, I earnestly hope you will not do.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely

(Adwayanand Galatge)

Copy to:

- 1) Sri. Shashikant Oak, Tambaram, Madras
- 2) Sri. Narendra Dabholkar, Satara



CHAPTER NO. 25

Here is the proof of Miracle of Naadi predictions!

(A) Written Proof

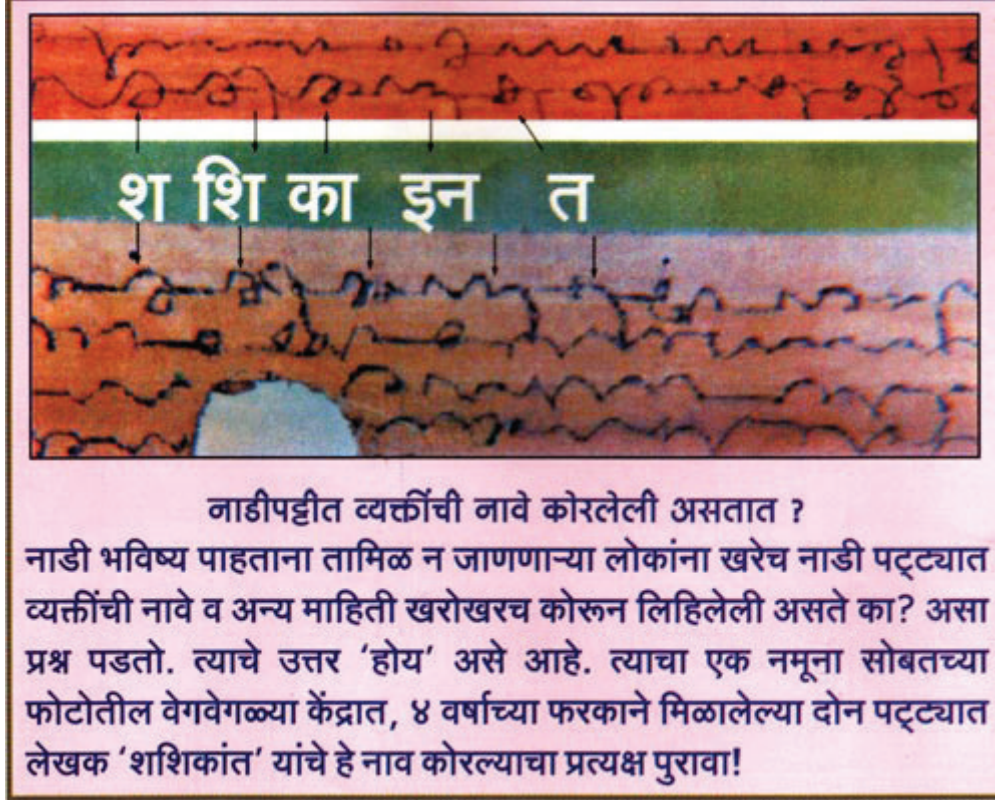
On many occasions we read or hear about the happening of miracles. Mere claims are futile, unless they are investigated based on the proofs and the truth is established about miraculous occurrences. However, all these investigations have got to be done by the independent and unbiased investigating body, so that no further controversies linger around.

It has been talked and discussed about the veracity of the written matter on the palm leaves. Many believers and non-believers especially those, ignorant of Tamil Language and its old Script feel that at least the names individuals itched out on the palm leaf are decoded and presented to them. Therefore, it should be a question of life and death for those organizations who all the time, refute about those tests conducted by others.

Here is a conclusive proof to ascertain and read the name of the author "Shashikant" found in two different Naadi leaves written for some other persons, with the gap of at last 5 years in between them. Tamil knowing people will be able to satisfy the authenticity of the script by themselves. For the benefit of those curious and investigative type people who do not know the Tamil language can also vouch for them self with keen & minute observation of the script shown in the photograph and the other languages script.

Considering the freedom of handwriting, the connectivity of each of the word, the readers are requested to verify the word 'Shashikant'.

(Please view the attached Table with the Photograph)



हा घ्या चमत्काराचा पुरावा !

सोबतच्या नाडीपट्ट्यांच्या व मलपुष्पावरील दोन्ही फोटोंमध्ये 'शशिकांत' हे नाव पहिल्या ओळीतील दोन टिंबांच्या मध्ये कुठे व कसे कोरून काढलेले आहे याचे तमिळ भाषा न जाणणाऱ्या वाचकांसाठी दिलेले स्पष्टीकरण :-

देवनागरी लिपी	ENGLISH	तमिळ लिपी	कूट तमिळ लिपी
श	SHA	ஶ	
शि	SHI	ஶி	
का	KA	கா	
(अनुस्वार)	N	ந	
त	THA	த	

It is expected here that the readers should observe two dots on the top of the word 'Shashikant' from the photographs and table showing letters in Devnagari Roman and Modern Tamil script and cryptic Tamil letters. It appears that Maharshees have taken efforts

while writing the proper names of the parsons so that any Tamil knowing person would be able to read the name.

(B) The proof of Carbon 14 test conducted in Germany proves the age of Naadi leaf as at least 350 to 400 years old

Recently, my German friend mailed English version of German book on Naadi prediction named 'The Secret of Indian Palm leaf libraries' written by Thomas Ritter.

In that book on page 81 to 85 Mr. Thomas Ritter describes his experiences of many Naadi centers he visited in India and the result of Carbon 14 test conducted in the famous "Institute for Ion Radiation of Physics Department" placed in nuclear Research Center Rossendorph, Saxen, Germany. This institute has been responsible to decide the age of ancient paintings and other documents of National importance in Germany. Thomas Ritter contacted expert C-14 scientists - Prof. Fradrik and Dr. Hanse of the institute. He also confirmed from the experts on Tamil language in Germany that the matter is in fact Tamil language script. It is about predictions and not some religious matter.

On the preliminary checking scientists said that the matter written on the leaf has been itched out and some graphite like substance has been used to so the matter could be seen more clearly. Clearing the black substance from the leaf took some months. By then Thomas Ritter became increasingly anxious about the result.

Some time in March 1995, he got much-awaited result, which clearly indicated that the age of that particular leaf was at least 350 years old. Considering the deviation factor allowance generally given for this type of tests the report said the age could be between 350 to 400 years.

Maharashtra Superstition Erudition Committee has been debunking Naadi Predictions as a Hoax. It has been harping on conducting the Carbon 14 Test as scientific proof against Naadi

Granth. However, in stead of conducting the tests on their own, it wanted me to provide the sample to them. It further stated that if the results indicate that the age of the leaf happens to be only in the range of 100 or 500 years old then the tall claim of Naadi records being very ancient will be proved to be bunkum instantly.

Now the age of Naadi leaf has been proved beyond doubt by C- 14 test conducted by very famous laboratory in Germany. I was aware that had I been involved with SEC in providing the sample of Naadi leaf for C-14 test in India, the same organization would have found me for doing some sort of mischief with sample and results. If SEC threatens me with a challenge of 5 lakh of rupees, why is it shy of collecting the sample by itself and conducting the test independently?

Let us examine SEC's statement that if Naadi leaf is found to be only 100 or 500 years old then the entire Naadi prediction becomes bunkum instantaneously. It is the gimmick of the words. Because if the matter on the leaf about the persons and other relatives names, date of birth, number of brothers and sisters, education etc, has been written before the birth of the person at any time with out he/she telling it, then at what point of time the matter has been written in the past becomes irrelevant. It may be 100 years or 200, 350, 500, or even 5000 years. It can not be treated as cheating or hoax, on the contrary it proves as an established miracle!

It is quite relevant to state that all Naadi Readers tell that the matter on the leaf is very ancient but the leaf on which it has been rewritten on many occasions or periods. Last known period being Maratha King Maharaj Sarfoji II Raje of Tanjavur, kingdom. (A. D. 1798 to 1832)

If person from Germany can undertake the carbon 14 test why can't SEC here in India, undertakes the test without depending on me, on its own?

