## Feedback

I am Padmapriya Ravichandran. I have been residing in Dubai since 2006 with my husband and two children. One day, I would like to be a practitioner of Jyotish. I started learning Astrology from Guruji in 2011. I have completed the section on Relationships and have just commenced lessons on Medical Astrology. I can, to an extent, read a chart with respect to family, relationships, education and profession. Due to family commitments, I have taken numerous breaks (sometimes months long) in between my lessons, and Guruji has always helped me to move on again with the Course. A person who can dedicate a fixed number of hours every week, must be able to progress faster and finish the Course within a reasonable time frame.

The Course makes us aware of the One Supreme Lord, and how He influences our lives . Nothing happens without the Will of the Supreme. Thus we can see and feel the presence of the Divine in all activities and events. Most of us feel entitled to the happiness experienced in life but blame the Divine for any misfortune. Misfortunes or setbacks in life are stepping stones for spiritual progress. When man turns to the Divine in times of misfortune, he moves to the next rung in the spiritual ladder. The knowledge gained in this Course helps us to feel grateful for both the happiness and the sorrow that has been bestowed on us.

Significant knowledge is given about the stages in life namely, Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha. Many of the setbacks that we face in life are due to the weak spiritual foundation gained in the sphere of Dharma. The importance of performing the right activities as per the stage of life we are in, is stressed through out the Course. The Sutras are also applied depending on the stage of life one is in.

The Course is informative with regard to the basics of Astrology, namely, Houses and Planets. The methodology of learning the sutras via going through various charts makes the Course interesting. Sometimes, we may come across terms that may not have been defined in the earlier lessons. This topdown approach may seem confusing at first. But Guruji has always cleared the doubts that have been raised, almost immediately. So there is no delay, per se, in progressing with the lessons.

Guruji has always encouraged independent thinking. We are also encouraged to read books by authors recommended by Guruji. So maximum benefit can be obtained when one clears the doubts as and when they arise.

I have learnt that almost every event in life, whether major or minor, has been caused by the planetary positions. I have observed this in my life, and that of my family. We may be sure that we are steering our boat in the ocean of life, but knowledge of Astrology makes us aware of the power of the Planets, in this case, the waves and the winds that are actually pushing our boat towards a particular destination. This knowledge has helped me be more conscious of my actions and reactions. The same when applied to others, has helped me become more compassionate. Acceptance of everybody for the way we all have been architectured has started setting in for me. I have learnt a very important lesson that knowledge of Self is crucial for a person to deal with life and with other people, in a positive way.

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