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Preface to First Edition

Astrology subject is prevalent all over the world, in different forms, from immemorial times. With present socio-economic globalization the subject of astrology is also gaining its popularity.

Vedic astrology originated from Vedas in Indian sub continent. Astrology deals with planetary influence on human body and mind. Added to that planetary influence the internal genetic influence also manipulates the functioning of human body and mind. Thus the human life events are influenced both by genetic and planetary effects.

Many systems have developed in Astrology. Yet the fundamentals of Graha tatwa, Rasi tatwa, Bhava tatwa are common at all times in all systems. Classical writers have given basic principles and suggested to use such principles as per the place, time and changing living conditions. In the process, many systems of Astrology developed, from time to time, in various parts of the globe for a matter of the application of basic principles to local conditions.

About KP system:

KP System of astrology is an offshoot of Vedic astrology. The principle of KP System of astrology is based on "Dhruva Nadi" of Satyacharya and in a way it is said as Nadi System.

This system is well propounded by late Prof. Krishna Murthy of Chennai (India) in 20th century. It has become popular by his name as "Krishnamurthy Paddathi". Thus the system is popularly called as "K.P.System". This system was seriously criticized, in earlier days, by many classical astrologers mainly for few reasons viz., that Prof.Krishna Murthy has evolved a short cut method due to his ardent devotion (upasana) to Lord Ganesha. So it cannot be practiced by each and all. Another difficulty was due to laborious calculations involved in manually casting a birth chart in K P System. However, the founder with his visiting lectures at different places in India and in few foreign countries has sown deep rooted seeds.

With the advent of computer software in astrological programs the casting of chart in KP system has become easy. Now many astrologers are jumping into this system and it is spreading well. With present global trends in astrology the validity of this system is gaining much more importance. Of late, many and many research scholars are getting involved in this system. Most of the software packages have a developed a special module for casting K P Birth charts.

K.P. system is mainly arrived by blending the Vedic nirayana system with certain principles of Western astrology. It can also be observed that the best of many systems of astrology were adopted in this KP system. With recent globalization of human culture and the global awareness of astrology this KP system is gaining much more importance in recent times. The analysis suggested in this system also helps very much to easily understand the present complexities in human life. The analysis adopted in this system is, in a way, nearer to the changes occurring in modern socio-economic conditions.

This system is easy for beginners to learn. For any astrologer it is also essential to know the fundamentals of Vedic astrology. So the founder late Prof.Krishna Murthy himself has quoted by way of detailed explanations from different classical books in many chapters in his famous books called "K.P Readers".

KP system is not against any remedial measures as suggested since a long time. Founder Prof.Krishna Murthy himself was an ardent devotee (upasaka) of Lord Ganesha. He maintained himself as a model in seeking Divine blessings for a peaceful life. He has also suggested many remedial measures, in his writings as per the context. Needless to say that, besides remedial measures human efforts is essential in a disciplined way. Often an express caution was given by the founder, throughout his writings, about the blunt nature of malefic planets in odd times, if the human efforts are ignored.

My experience:

I was in the field of Astrology since 1982, on self reading. I was induced into this K.P. system by my Guru late P.V.K.Punneswara Rao in 1991.My Guru mostly preferred to teach the subject for more than 4 decades. He has established Universal College of Astrology, at Hyderabad in the year 1992 to academically propagate this subject. He has also trained me as a Faculty member to teach on every Sunday for about seven years.

My Guruji late Shri P.V.K.P.Punneswara rao has also taught me the advanced techniques in different systems of classical astrology and Western astrology. The crux of his guidance was that all students must read and imbibe the best of all system in Astrology. At the same time no astrologer is expected to be fanatic of any system(s).

Need of Practical experience in astrology:

Every individual differs in his behavior although his birth chart is similar to those who are born on the same date, time and place. A deep insight in decoding the charts can give a better understanding of the behavior of twins and astro-twins.

Apart from academic knowledge one must try to put in his intellectual efforts in the practical interpretation of every chart at every time.

Why this book: -- With my practical experience in Astrology since 1982 and in KP system from 1991 I wanted to write this book. Main aim is to share my experience and to spread the principles of KP system originally given by founder and what was taught to me by my Guru.

Basically the K.P.system of astrology is an offshoot of Vedic astrology blended with certain principles of Western astrology. As this system is originated in the latest century it is easy to apply these astrological principles to the latest style of human life. In a way this system is found easy for a student to get into the field of astrology. However, a student of KP System can excel with a better understanding of the basic principles of Vedic astrology. So every astrologer must endeavor to make use of the rationale in the basic principles of Vedic astrology. For this purpose only, the founder Prof.Krishna Murthy has written a lot on Vedic astrology in each of his Readers on KP System. Thus, an attempt is made, in this book, to highlight the basics of Vedic astrology wherever needed in explaining KP system.

I have also added my understandings in the subject from my own experience and from various articles, books etc., by eminent authors and research scholars in KP system and also Vedic astrology.

In short, an attempt is made to mention many suggestions of different authors at one place for a comprehensive view. A brief list of items that I come across all these years is mentioned in Bibliography. Yet I feel there is every need to do a lot for a better presentation. Readers are, therefore, requested, hereby, to gather the essence of and further refine the presentation.

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