THE REINCARNATION OF SHANTI DEVI

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 Shanti Devi is one of the most renowned cases on reincarnation. She was born on December 11, 1926 at 1:47 PM in New Delhi, India. In her previous incarnation she was known as Lugdi Chaturbhuj and was born on January 18,1902 at 10 AM in Mathura, India.

In 1996 I gave a lecture at the ISAR conference in Chicago on Reincarnation using her charts. I obtained the dates and times of birth and information from the renowned Hindu astrologer KN Rau. I met him in 1995 when he was in Southern California.

This is the chart of Shanti Devi, who recalled her previous life when she was less than four years old. The publicity in India of her recollection was so enormous, that it was equivalent to the reappearance of Krishna or the Buddha. **Mars the ruler of the ascendant, in the 1st house, was in** **sextile aspect to the** **part of fortune in the 3rd house** (communication). Its sextile aspect to the North Node of the Moon endowed her with **fame, public admiration and approval.**



What can be gleaned from her chart assuming that she recalled giving birth to children and dying.

Aries rising, Sun and Venus in Sagittarius and Jupiter in freedom-loving Aquarius suggest a strong, personality who prefers independence and freedom. She knows her own mind. Pluto square the ascendant-descendant strengthens her determination not to enter into a relationship, as she might again die. Pluto is co-ruler of the 8th house of death. Pluto endows her with an **indomitable will** and intuition.

Saturn quincunxes the part of fortune from the 8th house and is in square aspect to the Moon. The Moon rules the 4th house; **the 'End of Life'**. It suggests that death might result again if she pursued the same course as in the last life.

If she had children they might die. Uranus in the 12th quincunxes Neptune in the 5th house of children and Jupiter opposes it.

Venus rules the 7th house and is in square aspect to Uranus in the 12th. This again reinforces her determination to remain single, otherwise a destiny of CONFLICT might be imprinted in her nature and despair might ensue. Venus prefers relationships, while self-willed Uranus demands independence and freedom.

Sun and Venus in Sagittarius sextile Jupiter endow her with confidence and good fortune (Jupiter). She is financially secure. Venus rules the 2nd house of income. Her aspirations in this life are not of a material nature, but a spiritual yearning as signified by Sun and Venus in the 9th house trine Neptune. In her last life she was devoutly religious and enjoyed material pleasures. In this life, planets in the 9th and 12th houses signify spiritual striving. Jupiter, the ruler of the 9th and co-ruler of the 12th is in the sign of Aquarius which rules astrology. She studied astrology (Uranus trines Mercury) and met KN Rau, whose school of astrology is one of the largest in India.

The fact that she recalled her past life and wanted to be with her former parents presents a heart-rendering situation for her present parents. Saturn (parents) quincunx (separation) Mars, the ruler of the ascendant.

The part of fortune in Cancer, (family) trines the Moon, the ruler of the 4th house. It suggests that her Mother (Moon) became famous also and was enviously esteemed.

The fact that Mars, the ruler of the ascendant, Aries, is in the sign of Taurus mutes to some degree, the dominant, dynamic, assertive qualities of her personality.

How did I learn of this case? One of KN Rau's students was a relative of Shanti Devi. He told KN Rau that when he was young he studied at her house, where it was quiet. From the age of about three or four she would refer to **'her house'** and **'her house had many sweets**.' She also referred to **'her husband'**. When he tried to learn the name of her husband, she would not reveal it. Eventually she did reveal it, when she was promised that he would write to her husband. He did write to her husband.

When her husband was contacted he sent his cousin instead of himself. Lugdi was indignant and said, he was not her husband, but his cousin. She wanted to be taken to her husband. Later her husband did visit her with his new wife and her son. When she saw her son, she was emotionally overwhelmed and ran to give him her toys. When asked how she knew he was her son, she responded that the soul knows. She demanded to know why her husband remarried, when he promised not to remarry. She wanted to be with him. When her husband spoke to her alone, he asked, since she had arthritis and could not move very well, how did she become pregnant. When she described the whole intercourse procedure, he then believed that she was his former wife.

The publicity was equivalent to the reappearance of the Christ. Crowds of people were at her door. Mars is in sextile aspect to the part of fortune and the N. Node of the Moon in the 3rd house of publicity. She was so famous that Mahatma Gandhi invited her to his ashram. He appointed a committee of prominent individuals to investigate and report on their findings. (The report was published in 1936). They all traveled to Mathura, where she had been born in her last life.

In Mathura, she was emotionally overwhelmed at seeing her Mother. (Mars sextile Moon, (Mother) and sextile the N.Node of Moon) She recognized people and knew the dialect. When taken to her husband's house she knew where her money was hidden under a flower pot. When the flower pot was lifted, the money was not there. Her husband said that they used the money, as she had wished, to give to the Temple.

She never married and never had children. She died on 12/27/87 at the age of 61. Her destiny was to bring people closer to Truth: that there is life after death and to shake off materialistic beliefs that bind the soul.

This is the chart of the first incarnation, when she died giving birth to her son in 1925 at the age of 23.

At the age of ten, when progressed Venus conjoined natal Venus, Lugdi was married to Kedarnath Chaube. He owned two shops selling cloth (yardage). His previous wife had died. What can we discern from her chart.



A heavily tenanted eleventh house SCREAMS, "freedom", "independence". Subconsciously she did not want children. Consciously, she wanted children. Her part of fortune is in the sign of Cancer in the 4th house, together with Neptune. Her ideal (Neptune) was to have a family of her own (4th house). She was quite religious (Pisces rising and Uranus in Sag. in the 9th house). She went on several religious pilgrimages. Mars in Aquarius in square aspect to the exalted Moon and the South Node of the Moon in Taurus, reiterates, a demand for freedom. (In her life as Shanti devi, Mars was sextile the Moon and in sextile aspect to the N.Node of the Moon.)

In 1915 when she was about 13, her child was stillborn after a Caesarian section. The ruler of Cancer on the cusp of the 5th house (children) is the Moon. The belligerent aspects to the Moon deny a child: Mercury and Mars are in square aspect to the Moon and the Moon semi-squares the IC. Progressed Moon was in square aspect to natal Uranus.

A second child is signified by the 7th house. The Vertex1 (25 Virgo) in the 7th house, trines the Sun (27 Cap.) On 9/25/25 when she was pregnant with her second child, a son was born through a Caesarean section; but Mercury, ruler of the 4th house was sesquisquare to Pluto the co-ruler of the 8th house of death. The Moon was also sesquisquare to the Vertex (7th house). Nine days later on 10/4/25 Lugdi died. Her Sun, the ruler of the 6th house of health, was quincunx Neptune in the 4th house signifying: **'end of life.'**

Pluto opposing Uranus, the ascendant and descendant is in an aspect of a GRAND CROSS. Uranus in Sagittarius again shouts "freedom". Pluto (death) obliged when the progressed Midheaven was quincunx Pluto. Transiting Uranus was on her ascendant (22+ Pisces) and transiting Saturn was opposing her Moon (12+ Scorpio).

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1The vertex is the intersection of the prime vertical and the ecliptic in the west. It acts as a minor descendant. Charles Jayne associated it with karmic destiny.

Many books were written using her case to support the theory of rebirth and reincarnation. One of the most famous reincarnation research investigators is Ian Stevenson of the University of Virginia. Another is Dr. K.S. Rawat.

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