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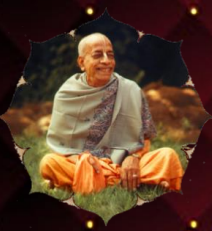
16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

śrī-śuka uvāca

*tataś cānu-dinaṃ dharmah
satyaṃ śaucam kṣamā dayā
kālena balinā rājan
nañkṣyaty āyur balam smṛtiḥ*

śrī-śukaḥ uvāca — Śukadeva Gosvāmī said; *tataḥ* — then; *ca* — and; *anudinam* — day after day; *dharmah* — religion; *satyam* — truth; *śaucam* — cleanliness; *kṣamā* — tolerance; *dayā* — mercy; *kālena* — by the force of time; *balinā* — strong; *rājan* — O King Parīkṣit; *nañkṣyati* — will become ruined; *āyuh* — duration of life; *balam* — strength; *smṛtiḥ* — memory.

Śukadeva Gosvāmī said: Then, O King, religion, truthfulness, cleanliness, tolerance, mercy, duration of life, physical strength and memory will all diminish day by day because of the powerful influence of the Age of Kali.



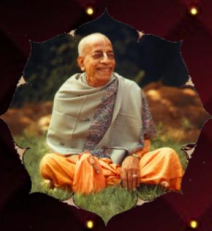
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*vittam eva kalau nṛṇām
janmācāra-guṇodayaḥ
dharma-nyāya-vyavasthāyām
kāraṇam balam eva hi*

vittam — wealth; eva — alone; kalau — in the Age of Kali; nṛṇām — among men; janma — of good birth; ācāra — good behavior; guṇa — and good qualities; udayaḥ — the cause of manifestation; dharma — of religious duty; nyāya — and reason; vyavasthāyām — in the establishment; kāraṇam — the cause; balam — strength; eva — only; hi — indeed.

In Kali-yuga, wealth alone will be considered the sign of a man's good birth, proper behavior and fine qualities. And law and justice will be applied only on the basis of one's power.



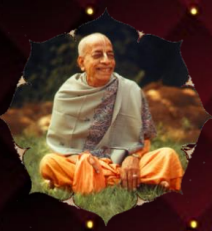
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*dāmpatye 'bhirucir hetur
māyaiva vyāvahārike
strītve puṁstve ca hi ratir
vipratve sūtram eva hi*

dām-patye — in the relationship of husband and wife; abhiruciḥ — superficial attraction; hetuḥ — the reason; māyā — deceit; eva — indeed; vyāvahārike — in business; strītve — in being a woman; puṁstve — in being a man; ca — and; hi — indeed; ratiḥ — sex; vipratve — in being a brāhmaṇa; sūtram — the sacred thread; eva — only; hi — indeed.

Men and women will live together merely because of superficial attraction, and success in business will depend on deceit. Womanliness and manliness will be judged according to one's expertise in sex, and a man will be known as a brāhmaṇa just by his wearing a thread.



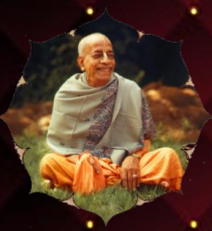
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*liṅgam evāśrama-khyātāv
anyonyāpatti-kāraṇam
avr̥t̥tyā nyāya-daurbalyam
pāṇḍitye cāpalam vacaḥ*

liṅgam — the external symbol; eva — merely; āśrama-khyātau — in knowing a person's spiritual order; anyonya — mutual; āpatti — of exchange; kāraṇam — the cause; avr̥t̥tyā — by lack of livelihood; nyāya — in credibility; daurbalyam — the weakness; pāṇḍitye — in scholarship; cāpalam — tricky; vacaḥ — words.

A person's spiritual position will be ascertained merely according to external symbols, and on that same basis people will change from one spiritual order to the next. A person's propriety will be seriously questioned if he does not earn a good living. And one who is very clever at juggling words will be considered a learned scholar.



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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*anāḍhyataivāsādhutve
sādhutve dambha eva tu
svīkāra eva codvāhe
snānam eva prasādhanam*

anāḍhyatā — poverty; eva — simply; asādhutve — in one's being unholy; sādhutve — in virtue, or success; dambhaḥ — hypocrisy; eva — alone; tu — and; svī-kāraḥ — verbal acceptance; eva — alone; ca — and; udvāhe — in marriage; snānam — bathing with water; eva — alone; prasādhanam — cleaning and decorating of the body.

A person will be judged unholy if he does not have money, and hypocrisy will be accepted as virtue. Marriage will be arranged simply by verbal agreement, and a person will think he is fit to appear in public if he has merely taken a bath.



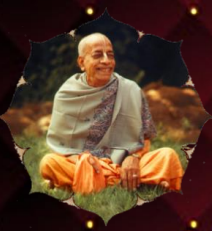
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*dūre vāry-ayanam tīrtham
lāvaṇyam keśa-dhāraṇam
udaram-bharatā svārthaḥ
satyatve dhārṣṭyam eva hi
dākṣyam kuṭumba-bharaṇam
yaśo 'rthe dharma-sevanam*

dūre — situated far away; vāri — of water; ayanam — a reservoir; tīrtham — holy place; lāvaṇyam — beauty; keśa — hair; dhāraṇam — carrying; udaram-bharatā — filling the belly; sva-arthaḥ — the goal of life; satyatve — in so-called truth; dhārṣṭyam — audacity; eva — simply; hi — indeed; dākṣyam — expertise; kuṭumba-bharaṇam — maintaining a family; yaśaḥ — fame; arthe — for the sake of; dharma-sevanam — observance of religious principles.

A sacred place will be taken to consist of no more than a reservoir of water located at a distance, and beauty will be thought to depend on one's hairstyle. Filling the belly will become the goal of life, and one who is audacious will be accepted as truthful. He who can maintain a family will be regarded as an expert man, and the principles of religion will be observed only for the sake of reputation.



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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*evam prajābhir duṣṭābhir
ākīrṇe kṣiti-maṇḍale
brahma-viṭ-kṣatra-śūdrāṇām
yo balī bhavitā nṛpaḥ*

evam — in this way; prajābhiḥ — with populace; duṣṭābhiḥ — corrupted; ākīrṇe — being crowded; kṣiti-maṇḍale — the earth globe; brahma — among the brāhmaṇas; viṭ — vaiśyas; kṣatra — kṣatriyas; śūdrāṇām — and śūdras; yaḥ — whoever; balī — the strongest; bhavitā — he will become; nṛpaḥ — the king.

As the earth thus becomes crowded with a corrupt population, whoever among any of the social classes shows himself to be the strongest will gain political power.



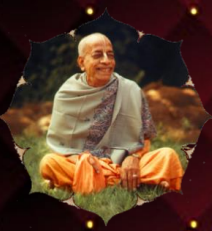
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*prajā hi lubdhai rājanyair
nirghṛṇair dasyu-dharmabhiḥ
ācchinna-dāra-draviṇā
yāsyanti giri-kānanam*

prajāḥ — the citizens; hi — indeed; lubdhaiḥ — avaricious; rājanyaiḥ — by the royal order; nirghṛṇaiḥ — merciless; dasyu — of ordinary thieves; dharmabhiḥ — acting according to the nature; ācchinna — taken away; dāra — their wives; draviṇāḥ — and property; yāsyanti — they will go; giri — to the mountains; kānanam — and forests.

Losing their wives and properties to such avaricious and merciless rulers, who will behave no better than ordinary thieves, the citizens will flee to the mountains and forests.



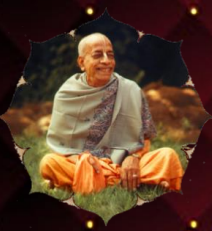
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*śāka-mūlāmiṣa-kṣaudra-
phala-puṣpāṣṭi-bhojanāḥ
anāvṛṣṭyā vinañkṣyanti
durbhikṣa-kara-pīḍitāḥ*

śāka — leaves; mūla — roots; āmiṣa — meat; kṣaudra — wild honey; phala — fruits; puṣpa — flowers; aṣṭi — and seeds; bhojanāḥ — eating; anāvṛṣṭyā — because of drought; vinañkṣyanti — they will become ruined; durbhikṣa — by famine; kara — and taxation; pīḍitāḥ — tormented.

Harassed by famine and excessive taxes, people will resort to eating leaves, roots, flesh, wild honey, fruits, flowers and seeds. Struck by drought, they will become completely ruined.



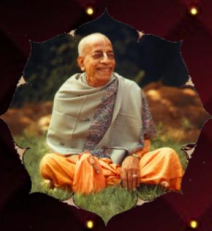
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*śīta-vātātapa-prāvṛḥ-
himair anyonyataḥ prajāḥ
kṣut-tṛḍbhyām vyādhibhiś caiva
santapsyante ca cintayā*

śīta — by cold; vāta — wind; ātapa — the heat of the sun; prāvṛt — torrential rain; himaiḥ — and snow; anyonyataḥ — by quarrel; prajāḥ — the citizens; kṣut — by hunger; tṛḍbhyām — and thirst; vyādhibhiḥ — by diseases; ca — also; eva — indeed; santapsyante — they will suffer great distress; ca — and; cintayā — by anxiety.

The citizens will suffer greatly from cold, wind, heat, rain and snow. They will be further tormented by quarrels, hunger, thirst, disease and severe anxiety.



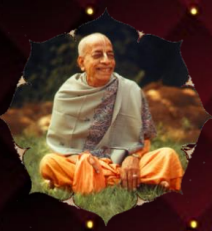
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*triṁśad vimśati varṣāṇi
paramāyuhḥ kalau nṛṇām*

triṁśat — thirty; vimśati — plus twenty; varṣāṇi — years; parama-āyuhḥ — the maximum duration of life; kalau — in Kali-yuga; nṛṇām — of men.

The maximum duration of life for human beings in Kali-yuga will become fifty years.



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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*na rakṣiṣyanti manujāḥ
sthavirau pitarāv api
putrān bhāryām ca kula-jām
kṣudrāḥ śiśnodaram-bharāḥ*

na rakṣiṣyanti — they will not protect; manujāḥ — men; sthavirau — elderly; pitarau — parents; api — even; putrān — children; bhāryām — wife; ca — also; kula-jām — born of a proper family; kṣudrāḥ — petty; śiśna-udaram — their genitals and belly; bharāḥ — simply maintaining.

Men will no longer protect their elderly parents, their children or their respectable wives. Thoroughly degraded, they will care only to satisfy their own bellies and genitals.



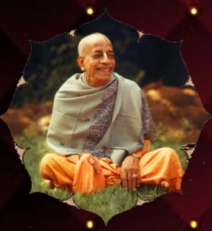
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*kalau kākiṇike 'py arthe
vigr̥hya tyakta-sauhr̥dāḥ
tyakṣyanti ca priyān prāṇān
haniṣyanti svakān api*

kalau — in the Age of Kali; kākiṇike — of a small coin; api — even; arthe — for the sake; vigr̥hya — developing enmity; tyakta — abandoning; sauhr̥dāḥ — friendly relations; tyakṣyanti — they will reject; ca — and; priyān — dear; prāṇān — their own lives; haniṣyanti — they will kill; svakān — their own relatives; api — even.

In Kali-yuga men will develop hatred for each other even over a few coins. Giving up all friendly relations, they will be ready to lose their own lives and kill even their own relatives.



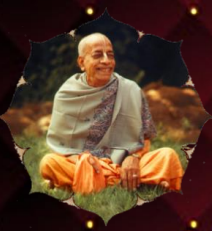
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*dasyūtkrṣṭā janapadā
vedāḥ pāṣaṇḍa-dūṣitāḥ
rājānaś ca prajā-bhakṣāḥ
śísnodara-parā dvijāḥ*

dasyu-utkrṣṭāḥ — predominated by thieves; jana-padāḥ — the populated places; vedāḥ — the Vedic scriptures; pāṣaṇḍa — by atheists; dūṣitāḥ — contaminated; rājānaḥ — the political leaders; ca — and; prajā-bhakṣāḥ — consuming the populace; śísna-udara — to the genitals and belly; parāḥ — dedicated; dvijāḥ — the brāhmaṇas.

Cities will be dominated by thieves, the Vedas will be contaminated by speculative interpretations of atheists, political leaders will virtually consume the citizens, and the so-called priests and intellectuals will be devotees of their bellies and genitals.



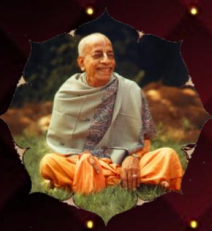
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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*śūdrāḥ pratigrahīṣyanti
tapo-veṣopajīvināḥ
dharmaṁ vakṣyanty adharmajñā
adhiruhyottamāsanam*

śūdrāḥ — lowly, common workers; pratigrahīṣyanti — will accept religious charity; tapaḥ — by shows of austerity; veṣa — and by dressing as mendicants; upajīvināḥ — earning their living; dharmam — the principles of religion; vakṣyanti — will speak about; adharmajñāḥ — those who know nothing about religion; adhiruhyā — mounting; uttama-āsanam — a high seat.

Uncultured men will accept charity on behalf of the Lord and will earn their livelihood by making a show of austerity and wearing a mendicant's dress. Those who know nothing about religion will mount a high seat and presume to speak on religious principles.



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16 PREDICTIONS which have come TRUE

*patim tyakṣyanti nirdravyam
bhṛtyā apy akhilottamam
bhṛtyam vipannam patayaḥ
kaulam gāś cāpayasvinīḥ*

patim — a master; tyakṣyanti — they will abandon; nirdravyam — lacking property; bhṛtyāḥ — servants; api — even; akhila-uttamam — most excellent in personal qualities; bhṛtyam — a servant; vipannam — incapacitated; patayaḥ — masters; kaulam — belonging to the family for generations; gāḥ — cows; ca — and; apayasvinīḥ — which have stopped giving milk.

Servants will abandon a master who has lost his wealth, even if that master is a saintly person of exemplary character. Masters will abandon an incapacitated servant, even if that servant has been in the family for generations. Cows will be abandoned or killed when they stop giving milk.