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Autism in Medical Astrology with Arudha Lagna of Jaimini Jyotish and Chandra Lagna of Parashar Vedic Jyotish Ballantine Books

Encountering Kali explores one of the most remarkable divinities the world has seen. The Hindu goddess Kali is simultaneously understood as a blood thirsty warrior a deity of ritual possession a tantric sexual partner and an all loving compassionate mother. Popular and scholarly interest in her has been on the rise in the west in recent years. Responding to this phenomenon McDermott and Kripal's volume focuses on the complexities involved in interpreting Kali in both her indigenous south Asian settings and her more recent Western incarnation. Through the shifting lenses of scriptural history temple architecture political reflection and the goddess's recent guises on the Internet the contributors pose questions that illuminate our understanding of Kali while addressing the problems and promises inherent in every act of cross cultural interpretation.

Swami Purana Rupa Publications India Pvt Limited

This volume explores the potentials of Goddess spirituality in the field of cultural critique, and strings together innovative readings of already existing literary texts and cultural phenomena from the critical perspective of Goddess spirituality. The chapters explore a colourful array of texts and authors, and focus on issues as diverse as the persistence of the figure of the Magna Mater in the life, writing and thought of Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo, the inability of Advaita Vedanta to come out of the shadow of the Great Mother, the possibility of pluralizing the Eurocentric notion of the

Muse by invoking the figure of Goddess Sarasvati in the field of English Studies, and a reappraisal of Kipling's Kim from the perspective of the philosophical and spiritual discourses of Prajnaparamita, the Buddhist Goddess of Perfect Wisdom. The book also offers a comparative study of Minoan Goddess Spirituality and tantric philosophy with reference to Aphrodite, Diotima and the Indian Mother Goddesses, the possibility of simultaneously tantricizing notions of modernity and modernizing tantra itself with reference to the works of Lata Mani and William Schindler, and an investigation of the Mother-centric spiritual sensibilities in various religious discourses and devotional literatures, among other discussions. In short, this book investigates the possibilities of inserting the figure of the Great Mother into the critical domain of cultural pluralism, thereby celebrating a multiculturalism that is not based on violence and conflict (antagonism) but grounded in harmony. The Mother is seen by the discourse articulated here mainly as a middle ground between flesh and spirit, knowledge and passion, justice and compassion – and, in the red shadow of the Mother, social epistemologies and academic discourses are radically renegotiated.

Offering Flowers, Feeding Skulls Jaico Publishing House

The Indian state of West Bengal is home to one of the world's most vibrant traditions of goddess worship. The year's biggest holidays are devoted to the goddesses Durga and Kali, with lavish rituals, decorated statues, fireworks, and parades. In *Offering Flowers, Feeding Skulls*, June McDaniel provides a broad, accessibly written overview of Bengali goddess worship. McDaniel identifies three major forms of goddess worship, and examines each through its myths, folklore, songs, rituals, sacred texts, and practitioners. In the folk/tribal strand, which is found in rural areas, local tribal goddesses are worshipped alongside Hindu goddesses, with an emphasis on possession, healing, and animism. The tantric/yogic strand focuses on

ritual, meditation, and visualization as ways of experiencing the power of the goddess directly. The devotional or bhakti strand, which is the most popular form, involves the intense love and worship of a particular form of the goddess. McDaniel traces these strands through Bengali culture and explores how they are interwoven with each other as well as with other forms of Hinduism. She also discusses how these practices have been reinterpreted in the West, where goddess worship has gained the values of sexual freedom and psychological healing, but lost its emphases on devotion and asceticism. Offering Flowers, Feeding Skulls takes the reader inside the lives of practicing Shaktas, including holy women, hymn singers, philosophers, visionaries, gurus, ascetics, healers, musicians, and businessmen, and offers vivid descriptions of their rituals, practices, and daily lives. Drawing on years of fieldwork and extensive research, McDaniel paints a rich, expansive portrait of this fascinating religious tradition.

Kalikapurana Prabhat Prakashan

Presents the mystery of the Divine Mother in all her manifold aspects • Explores more than 30 different goddess aspects of the Shakti force, both beneficial and malefic • Includes Sanskrit hymns and classic verses by Sri Auribindo for each of the goddesses Shakti is synonymous with the Devi, the Divine Mother or divine power that manifests, sustains, and transforms the universe. She is the womb of all creatures, and it is through her that the One becomes the many. Our first and primary relationship to the world is through the mother, the source of love, security, and nourishment. Extending this relationship to worship of a cosmic being as mother was a natural step found not only in the Shakti cult of Hinduism but also in ancient Greek, Egyptian, and Babylonian cultures. Shakti presents more than 30 goddess incarnations of the Divine Mother that represent both the beneficial and malefic aspects of the Shakti force. From Lakshmi, Parvati, and Saraswati to Durga, Chandika, and Kali--each of the different functions of the female goddesses in the Hindu pantheon is revealed, accompanied by traditional Sanskrit hymns, classic verses by Sri Auribindo, and discussions of tantric philosophy. The author draws from the Devi Bhagavatham, which describes all the stories of Shakti, and the Devi Mahatmyam, the most powerful scriptural text that glorifies Shakti in her form as Durga. Using these texts she shows that through the power and grace of the Divine Mother we may be released from the darkness of ignorance and taken to the abode of knowledge, immortality, and bliss--the source from which we have come.

Kularnava Tantra Cambridge Scholars Publishing

SHAKTI MANTRAS Tapping into the Great Goddess Energy Within • Enhance your spiritual gifts • Lighten your karmic burden • Improve your health and increase prosperity • Live in harmony with the universe Now, with Shakti Mantras, we can all benefit from this ancient practice. Thomas Ashley-Farrand, a Vedic priest, is an American expert in the intricacies of Sanskrit mantra. With nearly thirty years and thousands of hours of experience in chanting, he is supremely well-equipped to write the first book that teaches women (and men as well) to tap into the dynamic feminine energy of love in all its manifestations. By sharing enchanting Hindu myths and astonishing true stories from his own practice, Ashley-Farrand helps us to understand the real power that this age-old art awakens in those who perform it. Through dozens of actual mantras--each one presented with phonetic spelling for easy pronunciation and recommendations for specific applications--he enables us to increase our "shakti" (power) and use it to solve problems, ensure abundance, create health and well-being, summon protection, and invoke personal and universal peace. Whether you're new to chanting or an old hand, Shakti Mantras will take you places you've never been before . . . and measurably enrich your life.

Kali Blue Rose Publishers

An invaluable encyclopedia of Hinduism Hinduism is one of the world's oldest religions; an amalgam of diverse beliefs and schools, it originates in the Vedas and is rooted in Indian culture. Hinduism: An Alphabetical Guide illuminates complex philosophical concepts through lucid definitions, a historical perspective and incisive analyses. It examines various aspects of Hinduism, covering festivals and rituals, gods and goddesses, philosophers, memorials, aesthetics, and sacred plants and animals. The author also explores pivotal ideas, including moksha, karma, dharma and samsara, and details the diverse commentaries on the Bhagavad Gita and other important texts. Citing extensively from the regional languages, the book describes Hinduism's innumerable myths and legends, and looks at the many versions of texts including the Ramayana and Mahabharata, placing each entry in its historical context and tracing its evolution to the present. • Outlines all eighteen major Puranas, the 108 Upanishads, and a selection of Vaishnava, Sahiva and Tantric texts • Provides quotations from rare original texts • A product of years of research, with a wide range of entries

Tantric Yoga and the Wisdom Goddesses MAA SHAKTI & SHIVA Anthology of Source of Power

Explores the diversity of Hindu goddesses and the variety of ways in which they are worshipped. Although they undoubtedly have ancient origins, Hindu goddesses and their worship is still very much a part of the fabric of religious engagement in India today. This book offers an introduction to a complex and often baffling field of study.

EARLY ASSAM SHAPING OF THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE Penprints Publication

For the Tantriks and the normal readers both, this book is a descriptive text containing simple and understandable descriptions of the various "e;tantrik kriyas"e;. #v&spublishers

The Purānas My City Links

In Colour These tiny treasures of metaphysical and mythological knowledge serve as enlightening rubrics for understanding Indian tradition and theology. Exquisitely illustrated, this series serves as a contemporary matrix for illuminating our human experience and offers insightful access into Eastern spirituality. This attractive addition to Mandala's bestselling minibook series explores Hinduism's most enigmatic figure in all of her glory. A wide range of vivid illustrations, both traditional and contemporary, showcases the paradoxical and often shocking imagery of Kali, whose outrageous appearance and behavior shatter all social conventions. These intense tales recount Kali's origins as the shadow self of Durga - a goddess who appears in the world in order to save the terrified gods from the demons Sumbha and Nisumbha. Brandishing weapons of destruction and cackling madly, she annihilates an ever-increasing number of miscreants who try her patience. She comes not only to restore balance within the universe, but also to help humanity cut through the bonds of illusion and attachment.

[In Praise of the Goddess](#) Diamond Pocket Books (P) Ltd.

This book is about decoding Autism through Medical Astrology with the help of Arudha lagan of Jaimini Jyotish. In this book, Author have tried to

explain the importance of Moon Lagna and Arudha Lagna as it will show the same yoga which we see through the Lagna (Ascendant) in the Rashi chart. Author has explained the problem of Autism through Nakshatras with the real life case studies of Autism in this book. This book has an amalgamation of following: 1.Detailed Astrological Explanation of Autism with the help of Medical Astrology. 2.Technique of Arudha Lagan of Jaimini Jyotish. 3.What all are the important Nakshatras which are responsible for Autism? 4.Real life case studies of Autism. 5.Mythology of relevant Nakshatras

Kali V&S Publishers

"Although she is often presented (in her warrior aspect) as cruel and horrific, with her lolling red tongue and necklace of severed heads, Kali is creator and nurturer - the essence of Mother-love and feminine energy (Sakti). As Divine Mother Lotus-goddess, she brings worlds to birth, sustains them and absorbs them, in a never-ending cycle of her own opening and closing."--Back cover.

Tantrik Siddhiyan Notion Press

Kallol Choudhury is a bilingual poet, short story writer, translator and researcher. He has nine books to his credit. His short stories, translations and folktale appeared in the three volumes of Oxford University Press (2006, 2011). He has translated Jayanta Mahapatra's Sahitya Akademi Award Winning Poetry book Relationship into Bengali and the Bengali version Samparka was published by Sahitya Akademi. He has received Invierno Revista Official Magazine 2023 Award from Argentina. Budha on Planchette is the first poetry book of Choudhury, published by Penprints.

Literary and Cultural Readings of Goddess Spirituality Liverpool University Press

This book is about philosophically decoding horoscope through the mythological stories of Nakshatras with a unique amalgamation of medical astrology and D60. It is a humble attempt to introduce the eternal wisdom of various Vedic ideas, including Atman, Paramatma, Karma and Dharma, from our sages. The author endeavors to explain cosmic energies in the universe but also show how the teachings of the Vedas can be used to lead a blissful life amid the present-day chaos, stress and confusion. The activation of Seven Human Chakras results in achieving everlasting, blissful life from the 'Cosmic energy' that enters the human body, located along our spine, and explains how this 'cosmic energy' in the form of 'spectrum colors light' of varying wavelengths resonate with each of the seven main Chakras of the human body. If Chakras are blocked or unbalanced, then it can lead to diseases and create obstacles while realizing your dreams. It seems very unreasonable that one person enjoys good health and wealth and the other suffers. Yes, there are very strong karmic reasons for the disease and misfortune. Parabdh is the allotted karma for this life, which we have carried forward from past lives in our body, mind, emotions and manifestations in the form of electromagnetic waves around us, which are the karmic particles of past lives. This book is a very easy and handy guide for everyone. Anyone can decode their horoscope by applying astrological principles with mythology. The intent of writing this book is not to claim to change someone's future but to help nurture and transform a native's future by doing karmic deeds so that they can sail through easily in their lives. This book is not about predictive astrology; it is about sharing the philosophy of life that one has to adapt to lead a sin-free life.

Kāyastacāmuṇḍa Viracitā Rasasaṅketalikā South Asia Books

Ambedkar was a prolific student, earning doctorates in economics from both Columbia University and the London School of Economics, and gained a reputation as a scholar for his research in law, economics and political science. In his early career he was an economist, professor, and lawyer. His later life was marked by his political activities; he became involved in campaigning and negotiations for India's independence, publishing journals, advocating political rights and social freedom for Dalits, and contributing significantly to the establishment of the state of India. In 1956 he converted to Buddhism, initiating mass conversions of Dalits.

Hindu Goddesses Oxford University Press

One of the most unconventional yet immensely popular deities in the Hindu pantheon, goddess Kali essentially represents the dark and contrary aspects of the cosmos. Her naked form and association with violence, blood and gore challenge the very concept of divinity. Yet, over the centuries, she has come to represent a whole gamut of conflicting images-from bloodthirsty ogress to benign goddess. So today while she is venerated as Chamunda, a deity who verges on the macabre and grotesque, she is also adored in household shrines in one of her milder forms, Dakshina-Kali. It is this evolution of Kali-from her origin as a tantric goddess to her metamorphosis into a divinity in mainstream religion-that Seema Mohanty captures brilliantly in this book. Drawing upon a variety of sources-rituals associated with the worship of Kali, tales from the Ramayana, the Mahabharata, the Puranas, the Tantras and Agamas, folklore and films-she has succeeded in portraying in engrossing detail the myriad manifestations of the enigmatic deity that is Kali.

The Book of Kali Jaico Publishing House

Celebrated as the triumph of good over evil, Dussehra is again set to enthral everyone with its accompa nying pomp and splendour. In our Cover Story, we take a close look at celebrations at the 'Shakti Pithas' revered in Odia tradition and try to get a better under standing of the divine traditions that come alive during Dussehra and Durga Puja. Food has a close association with festivals across the country and Durga Puja is no ex ception. Our Food and Wine section captures the essence of the festive season by zeroing on recipes of some Odia delicacies that come with a slice of culture as well tradition. From fish preparations to traditional pancakes, Durga Puja is known for these special offerings to the Goddess. In City Sports, we look at 10 athletes from the state who are all set to participate in the Indian Open U23 Athletics meet. The section also fea tures the junior women's and sub-junior men's hockey championships, where the teams from Sundargarh stamped their authority by winning both the titles. Our City Fashion section takes a look at a trend that is fast becoming the norm for much of today's younger generation - thrift shopping. Once looked down upon, second-hand clothes now seem to have lost the stigma they were long associated with. Our special feature brings you the low-down on thrift shopping as we explore how the trend is being seen as a welcome shift towards eco-friendly and sustainable fashion. We also speak to some youngsters to understand what draws them to thrift shop ping. Odisha has a rich heritage of folk and tribal songs and singer Susmita Das has been on a mission to promote them on the global stage. We catch up with her in Screen Shots as she talks about what inspired her to embark on this praiseworthy journey and her plans for the fu ture. The festive season is here and so are some much-anticipated Ollywood releases! Screen Shots takes a quick look at the latest Odia films lined up for the big screen, ranging from thrill ers and a social drama to a moving tribute to a legend of music. If you were impressed by the

rich tapestry of emotions that Pixar's 2015 release 'Inside Out' wove around its central character, there is something you can look forward to. Its sequel, 'Inside Out 2' is now streaming on OTT plat forms and City Flix brings you a review of what to expect.

[Kundalini](#) Motilal Banarsidass Publishe

The series Religion and Society (RS) contributes to the exploration of religions as social systems- both in Western and non-Western societies; in particular, it examines religions in their differentiation from, and intersection with, other cultural systems, such as art, economy, law and politics. Due attention is given to paradigmatic case or comparative studies that exhibit a clear theoretical orientation with the empirical and historical data of religion and such aspects of religion as ritual, the religious imagination, constructions of tradition, iconography, or media. In addition, the formation of religious communities, their construction of identity, and their relation to society and the wider public are key issues of this series.

Encountering Kali Motilal Banarsidass Publ.

MAA SHAKTI & SHIVA Anthology of Source of PowerBlue Rose Publishers

[Buddha on Planchette](#) Otto Harrassowitz Verlag

Kalikapurane Murtivinirdesah, ninth in the series of the Kalamulasastra programme is a compilation of about 550 verses from the Kalika Purana which give physical description of a number of gods, goddesses, and demi-gods etc. While some of them are simply conceptual, others are represented in

stone and metallic sculptures.

Riddles in Hinduism Clever Fox Publishing

Eternal salutations to Sri Durga, to Sri Kali, the boundless ocean of spiritual Wisdom who is the Divine Mother of the Universe. This ever-present Goddess epitomizes both the bliss of unlimited Awareness and the enthralling play of universal projection. She manifests countless beings abiding in an infinite set of worlds, seen and unseen, gross and subtle, hidden and exposed. Her existence is confirmed by the holy scriptures, for She is perceived intellectually by means of the Six Darshanas, Her perpetually flowing streams of eternal spiritual knowledge. She is approached and contacted by the devotees through intense sadhana, spiritual disciplines prescribed by the guru, and She is accessible through contemplation and meditation. Ultimately, She is realized as the essence of limitless Consciousness, infinite, indivisible, all-pervading and absolute... The Twenty-Four Aspects of Mother Kali, then, represent in book form an attempt to remind humanity of their divine parentage, of their divine nature, of their source of origin. It is hoped that those who are still asleep to this supreme verity called the Divine Mother of the Universe will have their inherent spirituality awakened; that those who have fallen into complacency or despondency will have their commitment to this non-dual Truth of existence rekindled; that those who are already abiding in this Truth will further exult in this sublime Essence of pure Being and continue to spread the pure light of Timeless Awareness to all inhabitants sporting consciously or unconsciously in the boundless ocean of the Universal Mother's ineffable Grace.

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