Experiences With Astrologers: A Look at Astrology’s Impact on Indian Culture and Personal Life

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This paper details a series of interviews and experiences with astrologers, covering and comparing the various methodologies that I encountered. Astrology is deeply rooted in Indian society due to its history, and due to this it has a great amount of influence and impact on Indian culture and personal life. Using the information gathered in the interviews, this paper analyzes these impacts and discusses how they can be seen in both positive and negative lights. It also became apparent that certain facets of Indian culture—religion and philosophy, for example, were difficult to untangle from the sprawl of astrology—both this inability and the desire for separation are looked at in detail. Astrology is important in this country for many reasons—the question of why it remains so popular can be approached from various angles. This paper examines the viewpoint that general uncertainty (and accordingly, fear) is what fuels the phenomenon.