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Triple Eclipse Series to begin July '09

- What does this mean for the world?

Bangalore. June 22, 2009. The world is about to witness a rare astronomical event - a series of triple eclipses, beginning July 2009. The first in the series of triple eclipses will be a lunar eclipse on July 7, 2009 followed by a solar eclipse on July 22, 2009, and another lunar eclipse on August 6, 2009. 6 more such triple eclipses will happen over the next decade until 2020.

What does this celestial phenomenon mean for the world? Does this astronomical event portend anything for us at all? These were the questions the husband and wife team of DK Hari and DK Hema Hari discussed at a review of their book - "Will History Repeat Itself? Triple Eclipse of July 2009. Ominous? Promising?"

Using a holistic and inter-disciplinary approach that marries traditional knowledge of India with the developments in modern science, the authors examined what the upcoming triple eclipse series signify.

Elucidating on his research on triple eclipses, DK Hari said, "The first recorded triple eclipse in 3067 BCE (Before Common Era) coincided with the Kurukshetra war. The destruction of the city of Dwaraka coincided with another set of triple eclipse in 3031 BCE. More recently, the first half of the 20th century saw the occurrence of a series of triple eclipses between 1910 and 1945, which coincided with World Wars I & II, the Holocaust and the nuclear bombings in Japan!"

His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, humanitarian whose Art of Living foundation is publishing the book says, "Everything in this world is connected. Everything affects everything else. The microcosm and the macrocosm are all interconnected. An analysis of this principle of cause and effect will open a new dimension in life."

So what is likely to happen as the triple eclipse series begin in July 2009?

"The important concern for India today is that it is surrounded by many nations which are under the duress of internal political strife – such as Pakistan, Tibet, Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The potential for this strife overflowing into India is high coinciding with the beginning of the triple eclipse series of July '09" said DK Hari & DK Hema Hari.

In the face of imminent wars and strifes, the authors show how ancient Indian society conducted their politics and drew out the essence for such situations.

Discussing about the disaster management capabilities of the world at large today, they raised a provocative thought as to whether the nations today are prepared, flexible and open enough in heart, mind, politics and religion to accept refuge seekers - the way the ancient societies had in the face of large-scale migrations resulting from large man-made or natural calamities?

The authors further brought out how each of these tumultuous periods had also ushered in a ring of hope, and opened up for thought, the possible positive effect the triple eclipse season starting 2009 could usher in.

"This earth is part of that sky" – a simple but profound statement from the authors, brought out the fact that we are all part of nature and the way going forward is to understand the role nature plays in our thought, action and lives and to shape our lives and actions to be in sync with nature.

Commenting on the relevance of DK Hari and Hema Hari's work, Sri Sri said, "While Astronomy / Astrology studies the science of happenings, spirituality is the remedy. While Astronomy / Astrology indicates the powerlessness of human beings, spirituality brings to light the power within."

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