

# Numerology Articles Series

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## The Caution of Power

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.  
Great men are almost always bad men.

Lord Acton

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The fruit of action unfailingly overtakes the doer.

Saint Ravidas

15th/16th Century

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Be ever careful of your power  
in the hour of your glory.  
Be ever careful of your arrogance  
in the instance of your reign.  
In a karmic world that is temporal,  
your greatness is ephemeral,  
and any abuses of your crown  
will, unfailingly, circle back 'round  
to you, again!

**P**ower! It has been sought after since the dawn of man. When used correctly and to the good of all, all benefit. Used incorrectly, all suffer, especially the dispenser of the power. For in a karmic realm of sowing and reaping, all things circle and cycle back to their source, often with devastating results. Therefore, Dariya Sahib, a perfect Master of the 17th and 18th Centuries, admonishes: *You must tread your path with caution in the world.* And so it is - for each of us. Furthermore, in the dispensation of power at any level, we must be level-headed, for arrogance and its abuse will, like a revolving and rebounding boomerang, find their mark and reap havoc upon he or she who unleashed it upon the wind.

For example, what merit is there in one who wears a crown and refers to those adults within the line of his influence as childish five year olds? Does not wearing a true diamond-studded crown somehow bequeath upon the head of he or she who wears it a sense of benevolence and a responsibility to care for, uplift, encourage, embolden and inspire those minions within the milieu of his domain? Does not a true and royal crown equate to compassionate and positive guidance and leadership? It is neither a small nor safe fate to wear a crown, which is why Shakespeare noted: *Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown* [Henry IV, Part 2, Act 3, Scene 1], for there is much responsibility associated with it . . . and risk. *For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required* (Bible, St. Luke - 12:48).

*Only the highest can help the lowest* said Twentieth Century Saint Charan Singh. It therefore becomes incumbent upon anyone of influence who wears a crown, literally or figuratively, to exercise

such power with careful consideration of its consequences and impact on others as well as himself. Having dominion demands discretion, discrimination and careful dispensation of authority. Dominion does not equate to either abuse or misuse.

In numerology, master numbers, or a concentration of the same ciphers, create power in the realm of the qualities associated with them. For example, people whose charts are saturated with heavy 4 and 8 energy, especially 22-4 and 44-8 energy, will be powerfully disposed to skills of work, service, wealth creation, administration, organization, orchestration, leadership, business and commerce. Such people will have immense social interactive skills. And this is what makes them special. However, other people may not have such numbers in their charts and therefore their lives will be different but no less special. They will be special in different ways but not necessarily in business or leadership. As much as contemporary thought believes everyone can do what someone else can or that someone can be like someone else, such is not the case. In fact, it is utterly false. Everyone's life is different because the numbers forming their destinies are different. This is why leaders are admonished not to think in lesser terms of those whom they serve. Leadership is a function of service, not a right to abuse.

For a person whose chart is awash with 4 and 8 energy to disparage those within his field of influence by calling them childish five year olds or other derogatory phrases is both arrogant and ignorant, not to mention insensitive and uncaring. It certainly has nothing to do with true leadership, quite the contrary. Yet, it happens all the time in this world. When some people find themselves in a position of power, oftentimes the power goes to their heads, makes them swell and the individuals become egocentric, imperious and oppressive, reflecting qualities of a tyrant instead of those of a magnanimous ruler or leader.

In this regard, it would be well for those in power to heed this caution from Guru Nanak, one of India's most famous Mystics [15th/16th Centuries]: *Ranks of this world will not be recognized in the next*. Every lifetime, every incarnation, is different. Wisdom, therefore, would demand consideration of karmic law and the scope of one's entire existence, not just one life. Besides, wearing a crown in this life [at any level] - whether as business magnate, celebrity, sports icon, rock star, president, minister, administrator, manager, chief executive, worldly personality, coach, singer, teacher, professor or leader of some flock - may well be a divine test to see if the individual is evolved enough to advance to the next level above or demoted to any number of levels below. Love, compassion, kindness, consideration and humility should always be the warp and woof of one who wears a crown, for if they are not, then the future for such an individual when the crown is removed, as it one day will be, will neither be a bright nor happy place or time.

How does one guard against abusing his power? By being humble. In fact, *arrogance is the highest form of weakness; humility, the highest form of strength*. Study the greatest souls in history. What did they teach and express: Christ, Buddha, Swami Ji Maharaj, Kabir, Guru Nanak, Ravidas, Dadu, Paltu, Dariya, Charan Singh? It wasn't arrogance or the abuse of power. It was humility, the state of recognizing the divine essence in each and every soul. Such luminaries are the keepers of the flame of divine light. They are the ones who truly wear a crown, the crown of divine power which every sentient soul would be wise to emulate. ~ finis

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