



# Soul calling

The day I first deciphered a horoscope for a client four years ago, was a landmark event in my life. Six months back, I decided to consider astrology as an alternative profession. At 29, I do not fit into the perceived age bracket of an astrologer! But in many ways, I seem to embody a trend which is seeing more and more young people plunge zestfully into spiritual callings.

*Life Positive* also happened to me around the same time. When I opted to give up my career in the communications industry, and chose to join *Life Positive* in spite of a radical pay-cut, simply because it dealt with subjects and views that I strongly resonated with, my editor asked me, "Have you won a lottery?" Today, when I reflect on those

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words, it indeed seems like I have won a lottery! I love my job, and just being associated with *Life Positive* seems to

have catalysed my spiritual growth. Gone are the days when I used to operate on a short fuse, getting angry at every real and perceived injustice. 'Forgive and forget' is not what I used to do, but now I am learning. Just a change of 'career' has helped me change for the better, even as a person. Perhaps these are the perks that one gets out of making a career in spirituality, and maybe this is what the youth of today are realising.

## Spirituality redefined

For ages, spirituality had gone hand in hand with old age, often getting hopelessly entangled with religion. You turned to God or the Supreme Being when you neared the end of your life, as a last effort to make amendments

mation on a body, mind, and soul level.”

### Overcoming barriers

Age seems to be the biggest obstacle to success in spiritual careers for young people. In contrast to the material world where youth is deified, grey hair has its uses in the spiritual domain. Experience, and the wisdom gained from it, are considered crucial in a field where clients entrust some of their deepest secrets and lay bare their vulnerabilities. However, talent and genuineness overcome this age barrier. Like any other service, careers in spirituality also benefit from word-of-mouth reputation. So ensure that you are really good at whatever you do, and your youth will cease to be a barrier.

“At first, people did find it hard to digest my age. I was 22 when I began as a professional, and at first, my clientele were mainly people in their late teens and

20s. However, word spread, and soon I began reading for people of all ages and



DIIVYAA SHARMA

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stages of life. I personally believe age is an illusionary number, and the more a per-

son chooses to define him/her self by their age, the more they are denying themselves the opportunity to experience life to the fullest,” claims Zorian, confidently.

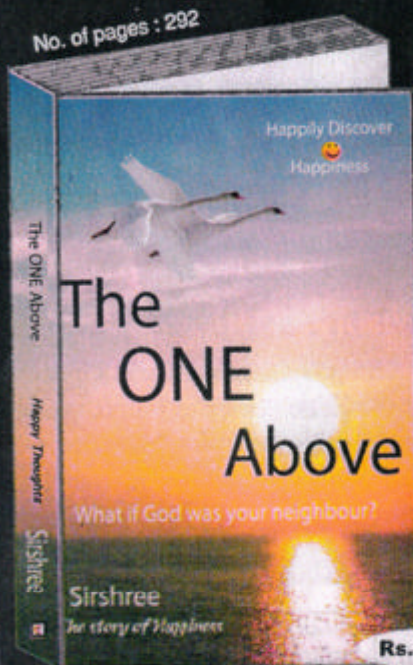
Hearteningly, many parents are no longer adverse to their wards opting for the road less travelled. Enlightened parents treat their children as individuals, respecting their career decisions while being there for hand holding when needed. It helps that spiritual consciousness has also spread widely in their generation, enabling them to resonate with the values and ideals their young pursue. In most cases, it has been seen that parents or loved ones have been extremely supportive of such career choices, often even offering financial support to get the young ones started.

### Beyond materialism

“Today, I see myself as a multi-faceted

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person who has given 100 per cent to whatever I have chosen to do in life," says Diivyaa R Sharma, 30-something. Professionally qualified as a Sun certified Java programmer, she later went on to experiment with a number of professions like photography, event management, acting/modelling, and assisting in films. The process, she claims, "was all about discovering oneself...soul-searching to know where I could belong." Now, however, she has given all that up to pursue an alternative career in the spiritual domain. She conducts aura imaging and analysis based on biofeedback gadgets that gauge spiritual progress, imbalances in the five elements (prithvi, jal, agni, vayu and akash), and seven chakras of the body, and the cor-relation with body-spirit-mind awareness. Diivyaa, also owns her own company, Divine

Energies (based out of Gurgaon, Haryana) which enables more and more people to scientifically be able to see their human auric field, which is otherwise invisible to the eye!

In spite of successfully merging materialism with spirituality, this young entrepreneur remains grounded. She humbly attributes her growth and success to her guru at Shivyog Sadhna Shivir and her parents. Perhaps, this humility is the key to the success of the young in the spiritual domain.

### The path ahead

As Diivyaa rightly states, "The future is buzzing and looks quite bright for youth getting into spirituality." Many reputed institutions have included subjects like astrology and yoga as a part of their curriculum. The world is once again rediscovering ancient wisdom.

Who knows, perhaps the existing turmoil the world over may simply be a re-adjustment taking place? At the end, perhaps we are getting ready to see the re-emergence of the golden era for mankind. In such a scenario, it is the youth who seem set to lead the way.

Make use of this golden opportunity, if you feel you have the calling! Like in any other career, if you have the talent and expertise to benefit others, material success is bound to follow – this is in addition to numerous blessings which are showered upon you by the people whom you help through your service and guidance. The wheel of fortune is turning for the world, and the youth of today are an important spoke in that wheel. So play your part and keep the wheel turning!

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