

HELP IN TIMES OF CRISIS

This is another post to our Irish traditional music mailing list that I wrote in 2001 as a result of exhaustion with a prolonged exchange involving a few other list members (see "Commercial Discourse, IRTRAD Style").

Q: Oh Guru, loads of bad feeling and nastiness on the List recently. What's up, Mostly-Knowing One?

A: It's the planetary alignment. Go outside after 9 p.m. on a clear night and you'll see Jupiter hanging around between Gemini's legs, and Saturn between the horns of the Bull. With all that going on, what else can you expect?

Q: Is there a remedy, oh One Who Sees Clearly Now?

A: Alas, no, at least not until the planets get off their behinds and start to go other places. I'd have to check the Farmers' Almanac for more details.

Q: Commercial considerations seem to be playing a very great part in this unpleasantness. Your recommendation?

A: All business dealings are fraught with peril when the Moon is approaching the Sixth House.

Q: ... uh ... honored Guru, the Moon left the Sixth House a long time ago. It's in the Ninth House now.

A: That's even worse.

Q: Your advice?

A: The Better Business Bureau isn't a bad idea. And for Ramakrishna's sake, keep all your complaints off-List. If you don't, the only people you'll score points with are the researchers from Google who are looking to add entries in the "Idiot" category.

Q: Thank you, oh Wise One.

A: No problemo.

