

Use of Astrology with Special Reference to Ibbagamuwa Divisional Secretarial Division**Gunaratne, W.G.G.P**

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The main purpose of this paper is to study the use of astrology in the community life selecting a sample of people living four gramniladare divisions in Ibbagamuwa Divisional Secretarial Division. For primary data collection, a questionnaire and interview method used, followed by observation.

It was identified that people were very anxious to go behind astrology when they face troubles and are unhappy. Certain category of people tend to not care very much the astrology, however they use astrology for marriageable purposes.

It can be concluded majority of Sinhalese do not accept astrology as true source however many people do not reject also. Moor community did not use astrology. Since people use astrology for their day to day work, time has come to take step to save this national cultural heritage and suggestions are make to include this for future curriculum development at School and University level.

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