

THE SPIRIT THAT MOVES US & VEDIC ASTROLOGY



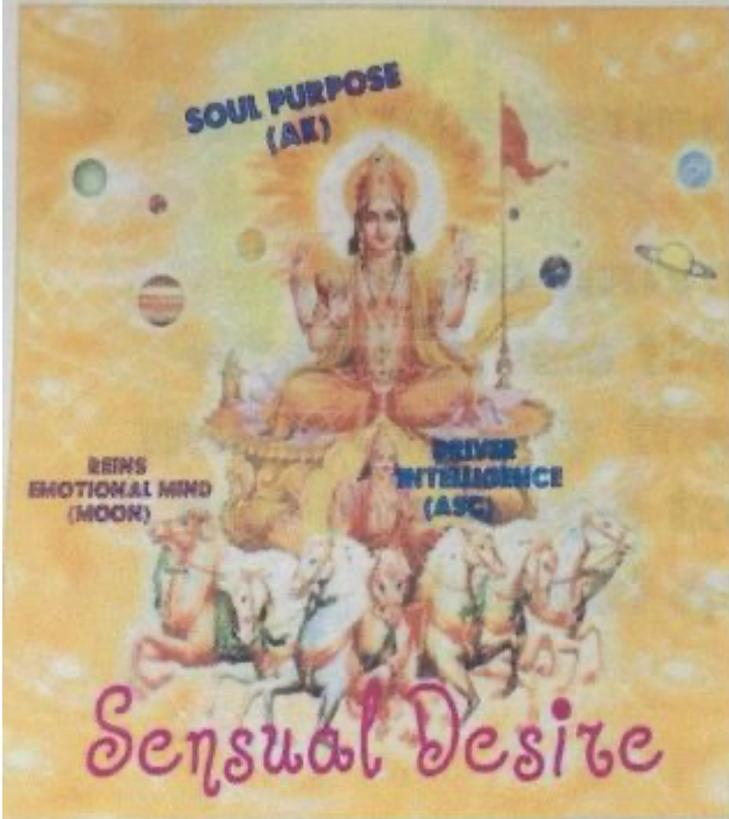
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ETERNAL QUESTION
"WHO AM I AND WHY I WAS BORN "
and the ANSWER.

" DO THAPAS (self-discipline), MEDITATE, FOCUS AND YOU WILL KNOW"

Spiritual beings

Our joys and sorrows are our soul work



“The soul within every being is lit out of the unknown realms and is kept alive by unseen helpers”

Who Am I? Why Am I Here?

Astrology harmoniously unites religion, philosophy, science and art into a universal language which gives the ability to see more clearly the Divine Plan for our lives and to answer these eternal questions.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

(USE SYMBOL OF JOINED HANDS)

PRAYER

We start with a prayer for guidance from the Divine Guru or teacher. The importance of asking for a blessing with our activities is fundamental to Indian culture and to all our studies in Jyotish.

The purpose of invoking a blessing is

- 1) for completion of the work without obstacles**
- 2) for the work to become popular in the future**
- 3) for observing the age-old custom of great teachers**
- 4) for instructing the students that they should do likewise**

The following prayer is traditionally recited by student and teacher at the start of learning:

**OM GURAVE NAMA
MAY SHE PROTECT US TOGETHER
MAY SHE SUSTAIN US TOGETHER
MAY WE ATTAIN VIGOUR TOGETHER
MAY OUR LEARNING BE RESPLENDENT
MAY WE HARBOR NO MUTUAL ILL-WILL
AUM SHANTI SHANTI SHANTI**

(OM represents the Divinity, GURU means teacher and by reciting this Mantra we are invoking the blessing of the Divine Teacher on our work.)

GAYATRI MANTRA

The Rig Veda is the oldest scripture of the world, still in use, teaching eternal knowledge of creation. The Gayatri is its oldest prayer ever, reminding us of how little we know about this marvelous creation and how powerless we are. It is a thought-provoking prayer of inspiration, reflection, and encouragement composed by an Indian mystic VISHVAMITRA. It is a prayer to God as the Divine mother calling on her for light, knowledge and bliss that will eliminate our fears and guide our intellect in the right direction.

OM BHUR BHUVAH SWAH

From OM comes the fast-moving (20,000 miles per second) Bhur (Earth), (Bhuvah) the Solar System and (Swah) Galaxies

TAT SAVITUR VARENYAM

Tat that (God), savitur the sun (star), varenyam (worthy of bowing or respect)
Isn't the creative force marvelous

BHARGO DEVASYA DHEEMAHI:

Bhargo (on the light), Devasya (of the deity), Dheemahi (we should meditate).
We should meditate on the wonder of it all

DHIYO YO NAH PRACHODAYAT:

Dhiyo (intellect), yo (who), nah (we all), prachodayat (guide to right Direction). O God!

Let us pray our intellect to guide us to surrender our minds to where we are being taken

“The one God hidden in all beings, all-pervading, the inner self of all being, the ordainer of all deeds, who dwells in all beings, the witness, the knower, the only one ”

Svetasvatara Upanishad

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"I know that I know nothing and barely that" Socrates, 469-399 B.C.

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When we start see horoscopes, we start loving and respecting everybody and then we become closer to God. ... that is the real purpose of Jyotish.

Sanjay Rath

THE SPIRIT THAT MOVES US

The mystery that moves the river of life has long been a source of fascination. The Vedas, ancient wisdom of the East dating back tens of thousands of years, through symbols and stories, continues to help us to access the Universal truths that help us to get a little closer to answering the questions of who we are and why we are here. The word Veda means "knowledge" and its purpose is to help us achieve union with Divinity through its hymns, ritual and ancient wisdom. Jyotish or Vedic Astrology as it is better known, is said to be the "Eye of the Vedas" or the Science of Light.

Jyotish teachings collected since Vedic times are based on the profound knowledge and wisdom gained through the revelations of Maharishi (great sage) Parasara. The Rishis were masters in all branches of knowledge through their ability to function at a higher level of consciousness and they made their knowledge available for the material and spiritual welfare of society. Learning involved spending 12 years or one Jupiter cycle with ones Guru.

Lord Shiva is said to have revealed Jyotish to Goddess Parvati, his consort, at her request to give a science that can help overcome suffering of humans by knowing what the future holds. Devarshi (sage of the Gods) Narada, who was present at the time of this revelation, is said to have carried it to Earth.

This is what jyotish is all about. The best way is to ask oneself:

(a) What is going to happen, (b) How will it happen, and (c) When will it happen? Sanjay

Jyotish means the Source of Light or the Science of Light. It helps us to see where the light of knowledge be brought to our lives to help eliminate the darkness of ignorance. According to Vedic philosophy we are only capable as humans of understanding one-eight part of the Universe called VASUDEVA. Astrology gives us a glimpse at the uniqueness of who we are and our potential. Within our limited knowledge of the world, it gives us insight into probable future events so that we can be better prepared for whatever comes. Like buying a warm coat for the winter based on a bad weather forecast. Forewarned is forearmed.

Our charts represent what is now coming to fruition with each:

SIGN giving that area its unique temperament and style
HOUSE having its area of responsibility and needs to fulfil
PLANET acting according to its nature to meet need.

Use a list of key words for the 3 main features i.e., HOUSES, ZODIAC SIGNS AND PLANETS. Ask the question about the style of behavior or approach (sign) to be taken to meet the needs in the different circumstances (house) E.g., Capricorn in the 7th house of relationships would indicate a cautious approach in dealings with others. Saturn as ruler of Capricorn would be the planet assigned to the task and as he has a reputation for being slow and even cold by nature it might not auger well for igniting fiery passions.

The PLANETS take the action, and we need to ask if they are welcome in the situation, if the job suits their nature and if they like what they must do? The more comfortable the circumstances the more true to its nature it can be and the better will be the results. The Planets are the active agents with the power to influence what they aspect and associate with. They can be helped with remedies if they are struggling.

The Ascendant represents the self while all the other houses represent other people who will support our life. Everything is happening for us not to us. We are given the helpers and supports we need in the form of the planets. All the planets become teachers for us. We are given opportunities to develop the qualities we need to fulfil our purpose and participate in the ongoing growth and expansion of the universe.

Planets in the 1st House have a strong influence in the life as well as on the looks and the Houses they rule will have a prominent role to play.

Ancient Symbols and stories serve to stimulate our imagination and give an understanding of the universal themes that keep repeating themselves. Our fascination with drama shows how much we love to get involved in a good story. The more we identify with the characters the safer we get to feel as they give us a sense that we belong and are not alone and abandoned in the world.

People and circumstances with the nature ascribed to the planets come into our lives as

representatives of the qualities we need to develop and when we have mastered the lesson their role for us changes and we move on to the next lesson. Similar to when we learned to read, we needed a teacher and practice to master the skill so that it becomes part of who we are and enhances our ability to move to the next task. Whether we liked the teacher or not there is no point in hankering after or complaining about what has served our purpose. Wanting what we have, and the unique role assigned to us.

Keeping it simple becomes difficult because there are so many pieces of information to be brought together. Analyzing a chart and making correct predictions requires mixing many different principles and making fine compromises and judgments. Sage Parasara said that it is difficult for even great Maharishis. Be patient with yourself and with the knowledge. Learning Jyotish requires you to learn the language of Astrology and its symbols. It has the added complexity of a foreign language which can also be a source of frustration. These concepts can become very confusing because we are bringing together many different aspects of life under a microscope hoping to grasp what lesson Divinity is taking us through to fulfill our purpose. Meditation is key to steadying the mind and allowing the wisdom realm to show itself as we ask the questions and look for answers.

This causes some confusion initially for the students of this divine science and for me it meant using both methods together initially as my background was in Western Astrology. The conclusion I have come to having worked with many other methods of divination besides Astrology is that there is no right, or wrong method and we are being guided all the time by what is available to us within our environment. Our biggest problem in the West has been the suppression and undermining of anything to do with the esoteric by a power-hungry sectarianism and scientific minds who dismiss anything that is not measurable or cannot be kicked. We are today suffering from educated ignorance or teachings that are selective about what we can learn and what we are to ignore.

Years of persecution has instilled such fear in the minds and hearts of people that even the mention of esoteric subjects has grown men run for cover. It has taken a long time for the rigid doctrines based on fear to take hold from the flaying of Hypatia A.D. 415, in charge of the libraries of Alexandria to the burning of Bridget Cleary in 1895 by her husband Michael who said he wanted to release her from the fairies by using herbs and burning her.

If our ancestors had not left us with monuments that are nearly indestructible, we would have no links to our past. What we are sadly lacking are teachers who know how to interpret the messages being held out to us. What India offered to me was an

extraordinary teacher in Sanjay Rath who could lift the veils of confusion through his simple instruction on how to interpret the lessons left by the ancient Maharishis (great seers) of 5000+ years ago India.

Being Irish means that there will be cultural differences as to how to apply the knowledge and make it relevant here but from the outset I have been mesmerised by the universal wisdom being sung out from this ancient source that speaks a truth that has to be experienced to be fully understood.

BHAGAVAD GITA

The Divine Song is a powerful story about feeling inadequate to the work we have to do and the help that comes when we surrender to our powerlessness. It contains timeless wisdom on the whys and wherefores of life. The following is a quick synopsis based on my limited understanding. The essential theme of this ancient text is the torment Arjuna had to deal with in not wanting, due to fear, to go into battle to destroy his relatives. He shared his moral dilemma with his driver who turned out to be an incarnation of Vishnu in the form of Krishna. Arjuna explained that he had lost his nerve to fight as he felt he could not live with the consequences of causing such destruction. Krishna revealed his true identity to Arjuna and told him that bodies die but souls endure to take new bodies. Krishna made time stand still and gave him a glimpse at eternity where there is no such thing as death, only changes of body as the old ones fulfil their destiny and move on. He then went on to explain the importance of following our call in life but not getting attached to the outcome. That in our nature we are a combination of Divine, Human and Demon which together create a harmonious dance that ensures the continuation of life. That our primary motivation is to live a purposeful life, have a safe home, loving relationships and to be self-supporting. He also gave detailed instruction on mantras that will minimise greed, fear and anger when they take control of the mind. The Bhagavad Gita teaches us how to go beyond our ego and merge with Divine Consciousness so we can happily do our duty. It is taken from the Mahabharata epic story which was dictated by Vyasa for Ganesha to write for the benefit of the generations to come. Ganesha is revered as the God of Wisdom and the remover of obstacles. The Catholic bishops of Asia are currently looking to incorporate Bhagavad Gita formula for living into their teaching due to their poor conversion rate of the Hindu.

Western Philosophy

In stark contrast to these teachings, the recent (last 2000 years) experiment of the white man's rule giving himself dominion over and the opportunity to abuse nature, women, children, Africans, Asians and the list goes on has been a total failure. There is enough will in the world as reflected by the huge demonstrations to bring another Renaissance, but we need leaders with vision. In our bones and on our landscapes the memory is held of the torture inflicted by these power-hungry men on our ancestors. To be able to reach past the FEAR and make a difference we need to take charge of the mind and let the wisdom of our intellect guide us to the true source of our power. Everything in the western model of education (?) points towards the outer world and provides chewing gum for the brain to keep it from looking deeper at its true nature. The testament to the failure of this model is the number of people dependent on chemicals to help them shut out the clamoring of the soul for a more fulfilled life. Our prisons and hospitals hold those who couldn't cope with the crippling of spirit that living in our culture requires.

SPIRITUAL BEINGS

The underlying philosophy behind Jyotish is that we are spiritual beings having work to do on the material level. We are moved by Divinity to be where we are meant at any moment in time. We have Body, Mind and Spirit in which to operate and an example of how this works is the popular Indian image of a passenger being driven in a carriage of wild horses. The carriage is our body, the horses are our senses galloping wildly toward the next source of gratification while the driver is the intelligence struggling to hold the reins of the Mind that is under the delusion that it is in charge. Sitting in the back directing the show is the radiant Soul having moved heaven and earth to get us to be able to contribute our unique gifts to the world.

"Nothing can cure the soul but the senses just as nothing can cure the senses but soul." Oscar Wilde

SOUL

"Diseases of the soul are more dangerous and more numerous than those of the body." Cicero

The soul is the playground where our struggles with our thoughts and emotions get sorted. Our joys and sorrows are our soul work. This is the place in us that connects directly to God and the desires attached to it have brought us back to fulfil our destiny. We are in its care as it guides us towards unconditional love and forgiveness. When we fail to give, we

must repeat the lesson until (*'love appears on the wings of grace'* Rumi) and we can surrender wholeheartedly to what is asked of us. Our fears, anger and jealousy reflect back to us what we still need to make friends with. Understanding through knowledge, patience born of compassion and generosity of spirit are the remedies.

The Soul represents Divine Energy and is our link to past lives. In a chart the planet that takes the role of the Soul is giving us the tremendous challenge of needing to experience self-realisation, to expose the truth and become one with Divinity. The radiant being driving your carriage and directing the course of your life is asking for a total surrender of your life for the purpose of fulfilling your karmic destiny. If you don't like what you been compelled towards you may find life very painful.

SOUL significator in a chart is called the Atmakaraka (AK) and is the planet that has gained the highest degrees in a sign. When the (AK) Atmakaraka is involved in a yoga by conjunction or aspect the results will have to fructify as it shows a continuation of efforts of the past lives. With a deeper analysis we identify who is best able to guide or will be helpful for you to listen to.

Search for Answers

The fundamental questions of Who Am I? Why am I here? Where did I come from? What is my relationship to others? What is my relationship to the material world? What is my essential nature? What is the essential nature of all of creation? Where and what is the center of consciousness? What are the guidelines for living in harmony with the world? Is there life after death? What is Truth and has any culture/country/religion got a monopoly on it? There is a belief that any education or learning that doesn't bring us a little closer to answering these questions is a waste of time. The Upanishads which were translated by WB Yeats tries to answer these questions by teaching us about the unreality of external things and all the time brings us back to the awareness of essence of who we are.

When the lamp of Jyotish was lit for me anyone who came in contact with me got to hear about this remarkable spiritual philosophy that had its origins in the deep mystical wisdom of ancient India. Vedic Astrology provided me with the map of my life with its own built-in clock and an agenda set. All the deception, addictions, successes and failures were all laid out before me where anyone with a basic knowledge of the symbols and language could with a fair degree of accuracy make pronouncements on how the general

themes in my life would unfold. It could look at specific areas of the life, like career for instance, and could diagnose the trends and preferences in this area.

The skeptics may laugh at this and until we experience a truth, we can be vulnerable to being hurt by the opinions of others. Theory is like that; they are only opinions but once we experience it then we know we have been touched by a grace that cannot be denied and brings us that step closer to the realisation the Divine essence that moves everything. There may be very few and possibly nobody who you can relate your experience which can be isolating but if it touches the depths of your soul no amount of ridicule can undermine what you know to be true.

Suffering

The conflict created by the senses and the ego is the cause of our suffering while the Soul patiently looks on with compassion. We don't blame or punish our children for their childish mistakes and neither does our Divine Guide chastise us for ours. It is all a process of learning and growth. The mother and child image are a very good universal symbol of the protection that is available to us as we make this journey from innocence to awareness, and it is usually only our suffering that wakes us up to it. The difference between the human and the animal is the animal does not feel pain as a result of its action. The pain we experience bring us to a higher level of awareness that raises our consciousness or as Shakespeare said "conscience makes cowards of us all"

Learning

We come into this world to learn through experience based on skillful experiments and not on foolish desires. **Any experience that does not help us gain mastery of our mind and skill in our actions is a waste of time.** Petty things distract from the inner life and the search for truth. We want to become a master of the senses rather than their slave. True knowledge helps one to discriminate what's real from the unreal. Worldly knowledge just burdens the life. True knowledge frees one from bondage to world and teaches the real value of external things.

Quest for Self-Realisation

Through contemplation one comes to know the truth. The reason for this reverts back to our last lifetime when we committed the sin of withholding our love. It might be helpful to remember the slogan that "every saint has a past and every sinner a future". Humility is key to being able to achieve our goal and through meditation one comes to experience

the reality within. We must first know intellectually there are higher levels beyond the mundane to begin the quest to experience these realities. Questioning and analysis are the chief tools of contemplation while always being aware of the highest goal which is self-realisation. Logic and reasoning are used rigorously initially. Faith and dedication are used to accept the truth and then strong determination is needed to make it a practice in daily life. Dedication to a theology and a set rituals or stories on a holy mans is seen as a form of daydreaming, while it may keep one pious it will not lead to self-realisation.

Journey

There is a synchronicity in our Universe that we are all connected with. We will all take and pass the tests of spiritual progress, despite what might seem like failure. We have come from the light are returning to the light, however many incarnations it might take. The journey we are on has been charted as continuing cycles of evolution from Aries to Pisces non-stop.

KARMA

Is a word that is used to describe the results of our actions over time. Everything we do in THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED has its consequences in equal measure to what we put in. The root cause is IGNORANCE, and the light of KNOWLEDGE is the way out as we learn to exhaust our debts and go free. Reincarnation and the transmigration of the soul are fundamental to the teaching of Vedic philosophy and without faith in this concept Astrology and life makes no sense. There are **four types of Karma:**

Sanchita the effects of which will be exhausted in heaven or hell and represents all we have ever done

Prarabdha is the portion we have chosen to deal with in this lifetime through experiences in this world and it is this portion that the birth chart reveals.

Kriyamana Current actions – annual charts and question charts

Agama – plans for future – Electional charts to choose good time for major events

MISERY – is due to
BODY – is due to
PREVIOUS ACTION – is due to
ATTRACTIONS/AVERSIONS – is due to
EGO of I and MINE (greed, fear, anger) – is due to
IGNORANCE OF OUR TRUE NATURE AS DIVINE

“A man is born in this world to enjoy or suffer the consequence of his deeds from his past birth. A portion of this he reaps in heaven or hell but for the remnant he has to take a new birth”
from Prasna Marga, edited by B.V.Raman

Divine Plan

Many of us believe we been born into this world without an instruction manual and spend forever trying to figure out how all the pieces might fit together. Being introduced to Astrology opened my eyes to the order that is in the Universe and with it came the revelation that we are mini universes that function in the same way. We are worlds within worlds all functioning under the same laws of nature. Discovering a unique blueprint for every soul which showed how our internal and external systems work, as well as our potential was a real eye-opener. With astrology we learn to witness how we function at every level and gain an understanding of what the time is right which can bring great ease to the mind. It helps us to work to our potential with deep meaning as we see our connections in the Divine plan.

Mind

Peace of mind is our greatest treasure and the ancient wisdom schools left us a rich reservoir of draw from on how this can be achieved. The Vedas, the oldest scripture still available, understood the influences that were shaping our thinking and Maharishi Parasara in the Divine Science of Astrology left us his teachings that we might learn to live more meaningful lives. Watching how our minds work as we repeat the same stories, replay the same old tapes shows how we get stuck in patterns of behavior that can only be broken when some major catalyst for change presents itself.

If we wait for the events to unfold the change can be very traumatic while if we recognize where the changes are needed, we are more willing to surrender to what's best for our growth and development. With the wisdom of astrology, we can know where our thinking is stuck and what limits us from fulfilling our aspirations and living up to our potential.

Cloning

What is extraordinary is the uniqueness in nature; there are no duplicates and what might satisfy one soul could be totally abhorrent to another. Yet we are expected through our civilized education systems to all sit quietly, recite from the same hymn sheet, wear the same uniforms, work on assembly lines and as much as possible not rock the boat for the

privileged powerful few who made these rules. Suicide, drugs, media, fear-based religions, hospitals and the prison cell are all methods of keeping those who cannot toe the line from functioning. What will it take to break out of the programming imposed on us by all of this abhorrent abuse to the mind? The soul, through nature, has its way of getting us to wake up from the regular doses of escapism we use to cope with the crippling humiliation necessary to make the system work.

Crisis

When the crisis comes, we start to ask the deeper questions about "Who am I" and "why was I born". In trying to find the answers I discovered there is very little help available from the outside and withdrawal from the superficiality of the world becomes necessary to uncover these deeper truths. Why the men of science and the cloth find this so threatening and regularly throw scorn and derision on seekers of metaphysical truths is a sure sign that they have something to lose by such investigations. But with so many souls now tormented, living unfulfilled lives with minds are preoccupied with superficial nonsense, the time must be coming again when the light of knowledge will once more be allowed to shine in this wonderful world by finding our esoteric connections to the sacred in our everyday lives.

Self-help

The book market is now flooded with books and tapes on how we can tackle the problems of our addictive and often destructive thinking patterns that for the most part keep us unhappy, and this is great. However, their formula is limited in applications as no two minds are the same and unless we have some knowledge of our own blueprint, we are only exchanging one method of programming for another without valuing the unique needs of each individual. Unfortunately, one size does not fit all for the body, mind or soul and until we realise this, we are setting ourselves up for more disappointment and adding to our sense of inadequacy. For self-realisation we must be willing to explore our deeper questions for ourselves. Outside opinions can help as they serve to mirror back to us who we are and the greatest mirror of all is the blueprint we were born with. That moment in time when we arrive here is the seed that must become the tree. For the true seeker the quest is lifelong but having a road map is a great help however arduous the task of learning to read it. Having someone else read it for you is like someone providing a meal for you, it can satisfy your appetite for that day but if you learned to cook you are fed for life.

MEDIA

We are living in a world full of uncertainty and having the faith to surrender to the way it is inviting us to participate will ultimately require us to let go all the expectations and conditioning that have been imposed by our society. We can get lost in the petty jingles of the media and let other people's stories become our refuge, but the day will come when we get the opportunity to wake up. This can be so shocking that we have to run for the medication (legal or illegal) as an even stronger method of keeping us asleep. However, the only people having their lives lit up with this route are the drug companies as they collect their millions. These methods are responsible for keeping whole generations asleep; any inputs from the outside can keep us asleep to our own Divinity for a long time.

If we watch the news or the soaps, we are listening to is the lengths people have gone to in order to satisfy desires (usually for money or sex). When we step back from the drama, we can see that the game that is being played is the age-old dance of attraction or aversion. "I like him, I don't like her" and the conversation will usually run a circle around "he said, she said, or he did, she did". The more we feel a victim or a hero in the situation the more passion we bring to the expression of our dilemma, whether it's covering our heads in shame or blowing out our chests with pride. What we need at the end of these programmes is a reality check to remind us of the game that our minds are playing on us by placing importance on our personal dramas while forgetting that we are part of a Universe that has a much grander agenda being expressed through millions of galaxies than anything our little minds can conceive of.

This is where the benefits of Astrology lie and particularly Indian Astrology (Jyotish) as it serves to put our dramas into perspective and gives us a time for everything including our successes and failures. In the right hands it can relieve us from the burden of responsibility for the world as we see it. Being able to surrender to the web of life that is spun for all of us is essential to being able to stay with the journey. Making a big fuss, like the fly struggling for its freedom after it has been caught, is a waste of time. We are caught and we must learn to let go into what that means with no excuses, no victims or heroines. Just being part of the dance is our opportunity to share our unique quality of the light rays that activated our journey; we are in the perfect place, with the ideal people getting exactly the experiences we deserve.

ASTROLOGY AND ASTRONOMY

Astronomy is a purely objective science, concerned as it is with the form of body; while Astrology may be considered as subjective, dealing with the life within the form. To deny the truth of Astrology is to ignore the existence of the Soul in humanity. Alan Leo

Since ancient times the purpose for achievements in Astronomy was for the development of Astrology. The Astrology of ancient India uses the background of the outer galaxy as its base while since the time of Ptolemy, 1700 years ago, western civilisation has been using a method based on our solar system. Another misconception suffered in the west until the time of Copernicus in the 15th century was the illusion held by a punishing Christian Church was that the Earth was standing still, and everything was revolving around it. Anyone disagreeing with them was deemed a heretic and suffered a cruel end. Meantime and for thousands of years before that Indian Astronomers suffered from no such delusions nor did they get caught in a concept of a mechanical universe, they were very much aware of the order of things and the natural laws at a spiritual, physical and moral level knowing our Earth to be a least 2000million years old while seeing their world as an intelligent unfolding of creative power.

WHAT IS ASTROLOGY

Astrology provides knowledge about the planetary influences affecting our physical environment, our mental state and our spiritual aspirations. It shows the correspondence between the movements of the planets and the events in the lives of individuals. **ASTROLOGY** is a universal language; it is not culture specific as we all experience the same Moon, Sun and heavens. As a science it helps us to study the movement of the planets and as a philosophy it provides us with knowledge to understand ourselves. Like a floodlight it exposes a broader horizon for seeing how interconnected everything is as well as exposing the purpose and meaning behind the seemingly endless cycles of death and rebirth. Its wisdom provides a link between heaven and earth that shows how we are all in this together.

The tiniest atom to the highest mountain is all governed by the same Divine order. Each person is a universe in miniature. By understanding ourselves as cosmic beings we become

more at ease with ourselves and more easily see the interconnectedness in the world around us. Astrology gives us a language to do this by linking our native stories in our own tongue with the experiences from our environment. That the story survives for thousands of years is testament to the importance of its lesson for our survival and the development of our culture as well as ourselves. Words help us to explain or name our experiences, but they are not enough when we make our connection with the holy and magical moments that expand our lives. The wisdom of astrology is based on a universal language that is translated into our local experience for the purpose of Self-realisation and not just as a predictive tool. What is to be revealed to us will come when we are ready and Jyotish offers many years of excruciating searching while gifting us with rapturous moments of divine revelation.

It requires a combination of knowledge in Astronomy, Math, Philosophy, mythology as well as a keen sense of awareness at an intuitive level. It is a subject that over the years has pulled me in, to the point of pure devotion. When all the world is at war it is reassuring to look out at the heavens and know that there is a bigger plan, we may not be able to see it yet, but for me Astrology has been the key to being able to get some answers. What is hard to comprehend is how easily people who have not studied it dismiss it as a form of entertainment or worse still as rubbish.

Astrology or Jyotish (science of light) gives us an opportunity to take a deep, meaningful look at what is of real value in our lives, to reconnect with our inner wellspring of resources. Through meditation on **WHAT INSPIRES**, as this is your signpost or inner guide for where you need to put your attention. For each soul the process of clearing our blockages that separate us from Divinity is very unique, we all have our own purpose that needs to be meditated on and understood. We have a unique purpose in life, and we know we are engaged in that purpose when we are involved in activities that increase our vitality.

Astrology gives us a language that helps to discuss the links between our inner world and external experiences as do art, poetry, music and mythology. It gives us a way of naming our experience at an inner level adding depth and meaning without which it just seems like a melting pot of turmoil that we hope will go away as quickly as possible.

Beneath physical reality there is a cause, a reason beyond our understanding that we get glimpses of in moments of revelation, or intuition that speaks to us from the **STILL SMALL**

VOICE WITHIN. When we experience this voice, we become aware of a connecting link between ourselves and the universe. This link connects us to the same cause that moves the galaxies, the planets, and the soul of the life force. Nothing happens by chance because everything is governed by perfect law required for the evolution of life in all its forms in worlds.

We all move in time with the music maker, all different and yet have similar needs with unique roles to play in serving the higher purpose of that spirit that keeps calling us out. What we can see is the result, a symptom or symbol of a spiritual cause and it is the quest to understand this and find meaning in life that inspires the study of Astrology.

The Astrologer uses a diagram of the heavens to map the placement of the planets in our solar system for any given moment in time and with computers these maps have now become easily available. What is more difficult to grasp is the story being told and the possible significance or meaning behind its message. No moment in time is repeated and so each map is an original. *“Only the still pool can reflect the stars* and the same is true for the astrologer. With the infinite number of possibilities and variations the interpretation of these maps can seem a daunting task and will require many hours of meditation and patient research to even take a single confident step into analysis. B.V. Raman recommends patience, perseverance and experience as being essential to achieve good results. The Maharishis of India left us a rich legacy of rules for helping us to make sense of it all but without a translator we cannot get far there either. Thankfully there are people from that culture like my teacher Sanjay Rath who is willing to dedicate his life to the translation of these ancient texts while to make it our own we must translate it again in the light of our experiences. **Common-sense and experience are as necessary to learning as all the rules. A chart is a force field of energy. Our role as astrologer is to highlight where the negative or positive conditions are and raise awareness about what can be done about it.**

The Astrologer who does not guide those who are devoted, desperate and of sad appearance, will surely lose all his knowledge. Chandrashekar Sharma

WHAT IS ASTRONOMY

Astrology is Astronomy brought to earth and applied to the affairs of men. – Ralph Waldo Emerson (1802-82)

All planets revolve on their own axis as well as orbit around the Sun. The following table gives the average motion of the planets which is essential information for the practice of Astrology. Sometimes the actual speed of the planets can be less or more due to cosmic influences causing their irregular movement. Astronomy will give more thorough details. Saturn is the slowest moving due to its position most distant from the Earth and takes on average one month to travel one degree and spends two and a half years in each sign. Venus moves on average one degree per day, while Jupiter spends a little less than one year in each sign. Mars spends on average forty-five days in one sign. Moon is closest to the Earth and is the fastest moving and takes on average one hour and 48 minutes to get through one degree. Mercury is the most erratic in its movement, it takes less than a day to travel one degree and despite moving at a faster pace to the Sun never gets more than 28 degrees in either direction away from it.

The magnetic force of the Sun keeps Mercury within its orbit by allowing it to move rapidly ahead and then slowing it down and pulling it backwards again. Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn also all experience this phenomenon of what appears like direct motion for a time and then slowing down to become stationary, moving backwards for a while, become stationary again and then resuming their direct motion. This slowing down and appearing to move backwards is called Retrogression. However, the planets do not actually move backwards in the heavens, it is only as seen from the Earth that they appear to do so. Vedic Astrology gives importance to Rahu and Ketu which are created out of the shadows and are responsible for our eclipses. Also called the North and South nodes they are always in retrograde motion spending on average 18 months in each sign and take roughly 18 years to travel through the entire Zodiac.

Sun and Moon are always moving in direct motion. Rahu and Ketu always move in retrograde motion. The other planets move both direct and retrograde.

PLANET	ROTATION	DIAMETER	ORBIT SUN	Per Degree	Per Zodiac	NOTE
SUN	28 days	870,331miles		24 hrs	1 month	Our star
MOON	27.32 days	2,159.89 mls	27.32days	1hr 48 min	2.5 days	Same side always looking at us
MARS	24.62hrs	4,212.28mls	687 days	36 hrs	45 days	RED planet
MERCURY	58.65 days	3,031 miles	88 days	36 hrs	Close to Sun	Retrograde every 3 months for 3 weeks
JUPITER	9.84 hours	88,650 miles	12 years		12 months	Has 16 moons
VENUS	243 days	7,926 miles	224.5 days	24 hrs	Close to Sun	Has cloud cover
SATURN	10.25hours	74,565 miles	29.5 year	30 days	30 months	20 moons

ASTRONOMY

Astrology provides a soulful yet practical application for the study of Astronomy by identifying the correspondence between the movements of the planets and the events in people's lives. Since time immemorial humans have watched the movement of the stars in awe at the constant rhythmic motion that never ceases. Newgrange is an example on our landscape of importance our ancestors placed on the movement of the stars. In history the following are some of the great names that are remembered for many things but rarely for the fact that they were expert astrologers: Plato, Pythagoras, Aristotle, Newton, Hippocrates, and Nostradamus.

ECLIPTIC

The path of the Sun is called the Ecliptic and all of the planets also appear to travel on this path, which spans 9degrees as seen from Earth. The backdrop to these wanderers in the sky is the constellations or 28 Moon signs and within these are the 12 Sun signs. On this ecliptic measuring 360degrees the Nakshatras or Moon Signs, divide it into 28 sections of 13.20degrees (the distance the Moon travels in one day) each which the Moon visits for one night of every month. The Zodiac divides the Ecliptic into 12 sections of 30degrees each, which the Sun visits and revitalises for one month every year as he travels 1degree per day.

LEGENDARY HEROES

The legends that continue to inspire us are usually of people with extraordinary ability in one particular area and there is none older than the stories about the characteristics assigned to the various planets in the heavens. How they are laid out in relation to each other becomes a very ancient teaching story about astronomy and the unique role each planet has in contributing a quality necessary to the ongoing evolution of our world. We are familiar with the expression of someone being a great character and it usually refers to qualities we appreciate that are strong in them. Our character is a created through a combination of elements including our experiences. However, there are usually common traits contributed by the planets as reflected in the following:

The **SUN** at the Centre in a constant source of power and inspiration, beaming with moral authority and dignity, it's light of knowledge stimulating its nearest neighbor

MERCURY with intellectual thoughts and ideas that excite the mind into the pursuit of the next lesson we need to learn, life is a playground capturing the imagination of

VENUS to pursue the harmless delights of satisfying her desire for love and our need to enjoy ourselves....and so at an inner level these are the stimulus that our nearest neighbor the

MOON is constantly churning and judging in her mind, would I like this or that, attracting and rejecting, based on the animal and instinctual side of our character, what makes us happy or sad.

EARTH is the body or our body that holds these images and is inspired by this central power or spirit with what we can do to make us happy and content. Big bullies will prosper most. Just like with advertising on TV we don't buy into every idea that is sold to us and usually we only act on the ones that we are passionate enough about and so call up

MARS with his reputation for strength, energy, courage and ambition to get us what we need by whatever means necessary. The reason the bullies do so well on earth is because they carry out the earth instructions and terrorises the inner life that only wanted to have fun and enjoy life. When the action taken is beneficial, we meet

JUPITER, our protector. Jupiter brings out our benevolent and compassionate side as well as our religious and social qualities. We get to expand our horizons and inspire faith in those around us. We become at one with everyone around us and

SATURN promises stability, patience, perseverance and industry from the serious taskmaster. It can be hard to gets us to face the truth about ourselves and the impermanent nature of it all without his gifts of contemplation and meditation. Grief is the outcome

when we resist the lessons and refuse to accept life's limitations. Saturn is the planet furthest out from the Sun and his icy belt shows the boundary wall he puts up to indicate this far and no further. His role serves as the traffic lights that we must obey.

We can read these patterns in all our activities and advertising is a very good example of how they function. Where Mercury is used to show us something often enough in a clever and sometimes deceitful way that makes us feel that with their product we will be more (VENUS) happy, beautiful, sexy and have the perfect life. If the commercial is really good, it will emotionally (MOON) catch us, and all reason can go out the window forcing (MARS) us to go to any lengths to get it. EARTH is the crossroads between our inner desires and outside world. There may be a moment when we get the product that we are happy, but once we see the truth (JUPITER) that it will not bring all that it promised we become disillusioned (SATURN) and stop trusting their wily ways but by then we are old and poor as we are slow to learn our lessons.

There are two other sources of energy that we draw from also, but these are not visible and yet have the capacity to disrupt everything- just when you thought you had things under control some unknown entity steps in and disrupts the whole show with usually surprising results that can cause a total change of direction in the life. This is the rogue factor you hadn't allowed for.

RAHU or the North Node and **KETU** or the South Node are calculated points in the heavens based on the relationship between the SUN, the Moon and our Earth. They lurk in the shadows

RAHU stirs us at a psychological level to compulsively go after what we want creating chaos, if necessary, while

KETU has no desire for the worldly and makes mystics of us.

TWO ZODIACS – SEASONAL and CELESTIAL

There is only one Zodiac but with the passage of time it has been given two names to describe two different ways of measuring events, one related to the skies and the other to the earth. In India these 2 systems are called the Nirayana (celestial or sidereal) and Sayana (seasonal or tropical) and the time difference between the two is called the Ayanamsa. The great teachers of Astrology from India recommend the Nirayana system or the fixed Zodiac for prediction purposes and with a little practice we find out why.

The **Sidereal** zodiac is called the fixed Zodiac and measures the activities of the planets against the backdrop of the fixed stars or constellations. Jyotish uses the fixed or observable placement of planets for Astrological purposes and uses the Tropical Zodiac for weather forecasting. Once every **25,800 years** these Zodiacs coincide and while there is some dispute as to the year these 2 Zodiacs were last at the same place together, the most common accepted date is **285AD**.

There is the **Tropical Zodiac** or Movable Zodiac which causes **Seasonal** changes on Earth when the Sun reaches a particular place. This view has held the name of the Zodiac Signs in **theory only** as the placement of the planets is no longer aligned with the constellations but with the Earth and therefore would be better titled **Earthology** rather than Astrology which is aligned with the stars.

Tropical astrology has kept the names of the constellations as they were 1700 years ago. However, the Earth has been making a slow constant change away from that point and this is called the Sidereal Zodiac which works with the observable reality in relation to the placement of the planets. E.g., Vernal Equinox or spring arrives as the Sun reaches 0degrees of Aries. Except that on the date Spring starts on 21st March the Sun has not yet arrived at 0degrees of Aries and from an Astronomy perspective it is still only at 6degrees of Pisces, and it will be approx. 15th April before the Sun gets to 0degrees Aries. This point does not return to the same place as every year and due to the Earth movement, there is a slight difference in the placement of the planets when measured from the heavens. This can be especially confusing for those coming to Astrology who always thought there was only one way of interpreting what is happening in the sky and who always assumed that according to newspaper reports the Sun was in Libra when they were born only to discover it was really in Virgo. This is also a possible reason why Astronomy and Astrology have grown apart in the West where once they were Sisters. The main differences between the

two Zodiac's are the positions of the planets in the signs; the Rising sign may be different as will the houses. What we gain are powerful tools for predicting events including times when planets will influence through Dasa and methods of measuring the strength of the influence through Yoga's and other measurements.

“Precession of the Equinox is the age-old phenomenon whereby an observer on Earth will notice that after one year, he will not realign with the exact same point in inertial space. In ancient times observers on Earth noticed that the vernal equinox aligned with the constellation Aries, then after a few thousand years with Pisces. Now as many know, we are at the “dawning of the age of Aquarius.” This backward procession is the precession of the equinox – whereby the equinoctial point slowly recedes through the 12 constellations of the Zodiac, completing a full cycle in about 24,000 years”.* Binary Research Institute.

BIRTH CHART - Kundali chakra –

The greatest blessing of Vedic philosophy is its reminder to us that we are spiritual beings having a material experience and the birth chart is a map of what that experience is likely to be.

A birth chart becomes the seed that contains the potential of all one is capable of being. That we are **infinite** in possibility, just like the night sky, is tremendous. The birth chart provides us with many moments of surprise and delight seducing us to delve ever deeper into the depths of our being.

Worship of a birth chart is a customary ritual from ancient times offering homage to God, the planets and all forms of deity. This is done with flowers, fruits, gold and precious stones and is considered an important part of Jyotish.

A birth chart tells the story of our potential development. Learning to understand it means we gain insights into what we are best suited to which helps us to surrender to the path laid out for us.

CASTING A HOROSCOPE

ASTROLOGY uses a diagram of the heavens to map the placement of the planets in our solar system for any given moment in time and with computers these maps have now become easily available. Casting a horoscope requires the following information:

1. Exact time of birth
2. Date of birth
3. Place of birth latitude and longitude

From this data the longitude of the ten points of reference or energies that influence us is calculated.

1. ASCENDANT
2. SUN
3. MOON
4. MARS
5. MERCURY
6. JUPITER
7. VENUS
8. SATURN
9. RAHU
10. KETU

The position of the planets around the Ascendant (Earth), which is mapped against the background of the Constellations, is what constitutes a birth chart that can be used for a person or any event.

A chart is a force field of energy. No moment in time is repeated and so each map is an original. What is difficult to grasp is the story being told and the possible significance or meaning behind its message.

“Only the still pool can reflect the stars, and this is particularly true for an astrologer. The role of the Astrologer is to raise awareness on how to best fulfil the Divine plan that brought us here highlighting where the negative or positive conditions are and what can be done about it.

A birth chart describes the social and physical environment we have been born into that provides the landscape to explore and expand with everything else in the universe. While we may not all have equal opportunity, we all have the ideal opportunity to fulfil our life purpose which is to play our part in the ongoing evolution of our world.

The chart becomes a mirror to see ourselves without which we must continue to act and react to what seems like a series of ongoing disconnected events that have no rhyme or reason. It provides us with an exciting **journey of discovery** where more keeps being revealed and the more interpretations, we get the deeper our **understanding** becomes.

Why we feel a lack in some areas despite it being available to us and confidence in others where we have special talents and how to release – it helps us to find our courage where we know we are timid or open ourselves to others where we once felt so remote.

As a floodlight it provides **insight** into unfamiliar territory giving us the power to take charge of our lives through understanding.

During moments of **crisis**, we can know how long it might last as we come to know the seasons of our lives. Nothing lasts forever and when times are hard Astrology can be used as a spotlight to gain an understanding of why now and where we need to develop. It clarifies the confusion that can arise when we are in trouble and helps us to take responsibility for our circumstances. **“The poor me or why me”** becomes obsolete as we learn to recognise what we are meeting is the guide for our journey. Whether we like her or not will change with time as our awareness of their purpose in our lives grows.

When **making decisions** we get to realise that our unique preferences actually minimise our options as our map becomes a **guide to our potential**. What we love we will learn about and what we know most about we can easily work at.

In **relationships** it is invaluable to help understand how we interact with those around us. Whether friends, family, lovers or partners we have a different approach with every encounter and astrology helps us to understand this and to see what our expectations and needs are, where those needs can be met and how we go about satisfying them down to the matching of genitals as well as our style or preferences in love making. After all, India wrote the Kama Sutra.

WHY VEDIC ASTROLOGY?

The brilliant minds of India have combined their ancient wisdom with computer power to give us unique tools to aid us in our path to self-realisation. Jyotish or Vedic Astrology is a Divine Science that for 1000's of years has been protected and continues to be made available to the curious souls that find her. To compare the difference between what we know as astrology. I use a food analogy where Newspaper astrology is like chocolate, Western Astrology is your regular meat with two veg. while Vedic Astrology is a freshly produced pure organic vegetarian meal prepared to suit your constitution. My background was Newspaper Astrology which had its origins in the 1930's when R.H. Naylor wrote an article about a newborn Princess Margaret in the London Sunday Daily Express. If only for entertainment I always found the subject way more interesting than what we were being taught in school. At least it had some depth and meaning to it. Finding deeper knowledge meant I had to wait until I went to London, where I came from there were no books on Astrology in shops, the library and of course there was no Internet or YouTube. Linda Goodman's book on the Sun signs provided a great service to Astrology. Everyone I knew had it or wanted it, especially when there was a new love interest on the scene. Was he/she compatible was the all-important question?

My interest grew which meant learning how to draw up a chart which was hugely time consuming and not until the age of computers did it become possible to be able to produce accurate maps of the heavens without lengthy calculations. Eventually I had the good fortune of having the great astrologer Bill Sheeran for my landlord in my shop called Pearls of Wisdom and this facilitated many opportunities for conversations on the harmonious dance of creation and the beauty of its timing with Western Astrology. As time passed, I continue to be amazed at its remarkable knowledge and became curious about its origins which brought me to Rome and the Greeks and eventually to the most ancient source of wisdom in the world, the Vedas of India. For nearly one year I tortured myself comparing the two methods until I finally surrendered to Jyotish or Indian Astrology and let my soul decide. A possible reason for the different methods of working with Astrology may be due to people travelling for learning to ancient wisdom schools and the returning students would have brought back home with them a body of knowledge they could work with. Not in one lifetime could it be possible to learn all there is to know about Vedic Astrology. In comparison with some of the learned minds in India who can trace their family's ancient lineage in Astrologer I am only in kindergarten.

TIMING – BIRTH DATA

Astrology is a science, a divine science, but it is a science which uses numbers as tools for calculations and as symbols for interpretation. For Astrology to work everything needs to be reduced to numbers, a wrong number will distort results, as you know getting one number wrong in a phone number will connect you to a different person.

Only having a date of birth but not having the actual time of birth is like telling me you were born in county Galway and asking me to tell you your address and phone number. Maybe knowing your accent might help, or where you went to school, when you got married and where, etc. but it's all vague and can only produce vague and unpredictable results.

The role of the Astrologer is to raise awareness on how to best fulfil the Divine plan that brought you here based on your unique and accurate birth data. It has excellent techniques for timing when we are to develop in different areas as well as offering remedial measures to aid our journey.

HOUSES

The house relates to the quality of a person. The twelve houses are symbols for what we want in life where the primary four of 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th are the most important to lead a full life. The Ascendant or the 1st house is the foundation or the starting point of the Natal Chart. It is the Zodiac Sign that was rising on the Eastern Horizon at the time of birth. This placement in the chart is equivalent to your own personal Sunrise. It assigns duties to all of the planets and signs. If Scorpio rises in the 1st house, then sensuous Taurus will get responsibility for your relationships being seven signs away or the 7th house while Legendary Leo will take charge of your career being ten signs away or the 10th house. It's the houses that allow Astrology become a tool for self-realisation, empowering us to work with rather than against our unique purpose.

NATURE

Reading the patterns in nature can help us to see them in ourselves and we have many examples of how she works. Humans are the meeting place of spirit and matter where all three get transformed by cooperating with each other. Making bread is a good example of how the 5 states matter of Earth, Air, Water, Fire and Ether combine to give us something completely different. When the essential ingredients of solids, liquid and gas are blended together before being heated and when the right mix is achieved it will magnetically or

magically be held together. While we may be sophisticated enough to make a cake or to build computers, thankfully, with all the prejudice in the world nobody has yet found the formula to develop people despite all the scientific research.

DASA

The timing of when we can expect results in specific areas is determined by what is currently developing as determined by the Dasa. This gives a sequence for what is coming to our mind based on the planets that are activated. Similarly, when the Zodiac Signs get activated will give clues for what is coming at us from our environment. The greatest revelation I ever experienced about the order in the Universe was given to me the first day I ever attended a Vedic Astrology class. I was given a list of dates and planets and told these are the times when your priorities in life changed. It was remarkable the accuracy with which it could determine the ebb and flow of my life. It was like as if I was just following orders as laid down long before I got here and it didn't just include me, but it could account for my choice in partners, the nature of my parents, the work I could do, the number and timing of sisters and brothers, the career choices of my son and it goes on. At that moment I surrendered in total awe to the majestic power that moves the Universe with such exquisite timing.

PLANETS

Each planet has unique characteristics with specific concerns and potential that gets played out in the evolving life story of a birth chart. All planets have a portfolio of activities they prefer to be at, for example, Venus is good at entertainment while Saturn prefers renunciation. As well as that each planet has a job to do in taking care of the houses, they are lords of, and they will focus their energy on the houses they are in. The planets are like people and just like us will need to be in good company and in a supportive environment to be able to give good results. Each planet which aspects a house will want to bring its influence to that area. During its Dasa period he gets his chance and depending on his nature he will. If it is Saturn, it may be a serious whereas Mercury will be playful and childlike.

SIGNS

The number 12 is said to represent the number of completion as it represents the number of times the Moon meets up with the Sun, as observed from earth, giving us our measurement of time and space in cycles creating our 12 months, hence giving us our year

and the 12 Zodiac signs. With closer evaluation we discover that each signs unique attributes represents a natural stage of development or a growth process from the initial spark of urgency to perform in Aries right through to the eventual surrender in Pisces.

“The Divine has come in the form of the planets to bestow the results of their karma or previous actions, to destroy the evil forces, to strengthen the Divine in us and set the course of our lives to achieve the highest good.” Maharishi Parasara 3000B

“Moon is the seed, Lagna is the flower, fruit is the Navamsa and house is the nectar of a horoscope”.

Chandrashekar Sharma

“Although destiny, our destiny, may be written in the stars, yet it was the mission of the divine soul to raise the human soul above the circle of necessity, and the Oracles gave victory to that mastery will”

Chaldean Oracle

PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING ASTROLOGY

Cosmology and spirituality meet in astrology. Signs have **elements, qualities and gender** differences that motivate us to behave with these traits to give us a particular experience. The Zodiac signs give us a very clear indication of our roles and while we may bemoan our circumstances, we have an inherent desire to fulfil the duties we have been assigned by **nature**. When we can see the bigger picture, it may be easier to accept what is being asked of us. We all have been given these qualities and they become obvious when we activate the area they rule. We do not behave in the same way in every relationship and as we get to know the signs of the Zodiac, we come to recognise the ageless wisdom contained within their unique stories. The great lesson we learn from the signs of the Zodiac is whatever the motivating factor causing us to take an action its ultimate purpose is to return us to God. They provide a language to understand how life evolves on this planet. Nature of a Sign is judged to shows the atmosphere and hopes for the area of interest based on the way it acts due to the quality and type of energy used and the approach taken.

Modes of behavior or Guna’s shows the way something acts while the elements show the type of energy used. Each sign shows one mode of operation or modality when combined with each of the element. No two are the same because all twelve signs represent different combinations of energies, we use to meet our needs.

Quality of the energy flow determines how far we can go as in:

- **Cardinal, Fixed or Dual**
- **Positive, Negative or Neutral**
- **Active, restricted, flexible**
- **Far, Near, reasonably near or not too far**
- **Rajas, Tamas or Sattva**

the type of energy used in what we do:

- Fire, Earth, Air or Water
- Inspirational, Practical, Intellectual, Emotional
- Inflamed, Contained, Impersonal, Kind
- Hothead, stubborn, gasbag, overwhelmed

and gender balance will show the approach taken as:

- Assertive, aggressive, masculine
- Passive, supportive, feminine

Fire and Air signs pursue experiences

Water and Earth signs attract what they need.

	Face	Act	Rajas	Tamas	Sattva	Role	Role
Fire	East	Rise	AR	LE	SA	Warrior	Dharma
Earth	South	Form	CP	TA	VI	Craft	Artha
Air	West	Circle	LI	AQ	GE	Trader	Kama
Water	North	Fall	CA	SC	PI	Guide	Moksha

GENDER BALANCE - SIGNS AS OPPOSING FORCES - DUALITY

Life must continue and the masculine and feminine energy will go to any lengths to ensure this happens.

Fire and air are masculine and proactive as they pursue experiences and are ambitious, extrovert, aggressive, cruel, they like to **do more, linear**.
Male get responsibility for Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, Aquarius
Masculine or cruel are 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th. Dharma and Kama
2 kendra, 3 trine, maraca

Water and Earth are feminine prefer to wait and attract experiences and are passive, supportive, accommodating, introvert, mild, kind, **circular**.

Female get responsibility for Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Pisces

Feminine and kind are 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, Artha and Moksha

2 kendra, 3 dusthana and maraka

A planets influence is powerful enough to modify results. If a kind planet like Jupiter is in a male sign it will mellow the harsh traits of a cruel sign. Likewise, a cruel planet like Saturn, in a female sign, will damage its usually supportive qualities. The same will apply for the planet that rules the sign.

“Planets cause an alteration in the predominance of either of the five states of matter as well as the Guna. This brings about changes in the attitudes and thinking process in the mind resulting in good or bad (emotions) during different periods of time. The Dasas are tools to estimate these changes and manifestation.” **Sanjay Rath**

MODES OF BEHAVIOUR – GUNA - Triplicity

In Vedic philosophy we learn that the universal sound AUM is how the life force manifests in three different forms or energy levels representing Birth and the Creator (BRAHMA), Preserver and Sustenance (VISHNU) and Death and Transformer (SHIVA).

We use different energy levels to express our nature, and these are described as the Guna's, meaning a rope, which explains how everything in nature is tied together. The form we take life as depends on how we have acted in the past and these actions have been categorised under three headings of GOODNESS (Sattva), PASSION (Rajas) and IGNORANCE (Tamas) that together are called the TRIGUNA – 3 GUNAS. Until we learn to transcend the needs of all three Guna's we will continue to be reborn into what is called the 4-fold miseries of birth, old age, disease and death. Our fundamental nature is described by these Guna's which shows how we are motivated, and we act according to the one that is predominant.

The more one pursues Sattva the more free-will increases. The more one pursues Rajas and especially Tamas the more the free-will decreases. Like a drug addict will rob their own

mother to support their habit because their previous choice of Tamas has taken away their freedom to act properly. Creative faculty and those activities that require growth such as learning and farming are best done in the morning, Sattvic activities such as initiation into mantra, pujas etc are best done in the middle portion of the day(noon) - and tamasic activities are best done at night/evening - say opening of liquor shop, sleeping etc.

The goal of an astrologer is to guide a person toward Sattva. Bring the mind under control and wean it away from Rajas and Tamas to lessen the burden of Karma on the Atma or Soul

QUALITY differences - ENERGY – Triplicity			
GUNA	RAJAS	TAMAS	SATTVA
NATURE	Excites	Dulls	Forgives
	ACTIVE	SLOTH	MORAL
	Outgoing	rigid	flexible
SIGNS	1,2,5,7	8,10,11	3,4,6,9,12
	Lead	follow	adapt
	Movable	fixed	dual
	restless	heedless	harmless
	initiate	consolidate	communicate
	money	crop	life
	mineral	vegetable	animal
Planets	ME, VE	MA,SA,RA	SU,MO,JU
FIRE	AR 1	LE 5	SA 9
EARTH	CP 10	TA 2	VI 6
AIR	LI 7	AQ 11	GE 3
WATER	CA 4	SC 8	PI 12

RAJAS - 5 SENSES - ACTIVE AND JUST - PASSION

RAJAS state of mind loves variety and has the quality of agitation providing the ability to create. This is where we have high energy and are passionate in the pursuit of our desire for new things. Sense gratification is its goal as it stirs up commotion motivated by sexual attraction and enjoyment. High rajas usually means high achievers as they like to keep active and love change. According to the Bhagavad Gita when Rajas predominates one is born with unlimited desires and longings. Rajas is addicted to excitement. Desire, greed, jealousy, pride, ego, passion, longing, activity, searching, creative, impulse, agitation. Enjoyment of senses and worldly achievement are the main goals which strengthen the

attachment to the world. As gross desires are met the longing will be for honor, family enjoyment, money and they will work hard to achieve and maintain these things. These are the energising and motivating factors which create our civilisation.

MERCURY – thoughts, lower mind, intellect, news, business, creativity, money
VENUS – desire, sensuality, indulgence, make connection, love, sex, beauty

The quality of **RAGAS** is expressed in the **MOVABLE** signs of the Zodiac, which are **ARIES, CANCER, LIBRA, CAPRICORN**. These are active signs responsible for taking the leadership role with vigor to initiate changes. They use dynamic and even aggressive powerful bursts of energy to actively get what they want. The Cardinal signs are entrepreneurs and are positive achievers. **RAJAS** is less reflective and is insensitive to the feelings of others. These signs act quickly and instinctively to deal with problems as they arise. They need to be allowed to start new projects regularly just like the changing of the seasons which they represent.

TAMAS - 5 ELEMENTS - DARK AND BASE - IGNORANCE

TAMAS has the quality of darkness where it slows down the energy to make the desires of Rajas manifest. Tamas state of mind gives low energy, slow to change, dejection, depression and death. The five forms of existence of all matter as Ether, Fire, Air, Water and Earth which cause concrete form are Tamas like our physical body. Bhagavad Gita describes this as the Mode of Madness. At the lowest level Tamas can be expressed as anger, hatred, cruel, lazy, misery, fear, ignorance, confusion, greed, inertia. Unaware of self, there is a lack of self-consciousness as well as an inability to distinguish between right and wrong which can lead to dependence on drugs and alcohol. However, at its higher expression Tamas becomes the fixed center providing stability within the hub of the wheel of life.

MARS – Ruthless selfish action, that breaks up things making way for the new.
SATURN – restrictions, fear, ignorance, disease and old age that curtails life's pleasures and ultimately give wisdom to serve our higher purpose.
RAHU – Greed, deception, shock, radical, poisons, affluence, transforming
KETU – Humiliation, spirituality, churns the inner life

The **FIXED** signs of **TAURUS, LEO, SCORPIO AND AQUARIUS** are described as

TAMAS due to their unyielding nature. They hold firm and are possessive, faithful, unstoppable, enduring, block change, reflective, thoughtful, stable, natural, and formal, upholds tradition. Fixed signs are powerful and are determined to finish what is started; they are the cultivators that give us agriculture. Its strength comes from the practical knowledge which succeeded in the past and they feel secure in the natural cycles of nature. They like to be in the middle of a long-time job and sure of the next one also.

SATTVA - DIVINE - GOOD and NOBLE - GOODNESS

Wanting a pleasant life is the rope that binds us to a life of goodness, self-control, compassion and balanced energy. Attached to this advanced state of wanting to improve material existence we gain moral happiness, poise, harmony and wisdom. **SATTVA** is the quality of light and particularly the light of knowledge which helps one take the middle path of balance between the need for change and the protection of the physical. Sattvic Guna likes to be doing good and looking for the good. When awareness of self, truthfulness, purity, high intelligence, ethical conduct and religious activity are important this Guna is predominant.

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SUN Source of life, resources, soul, and right eye

MOON Compassion, kindness, feeling, goodness, supportive, left eye

JUPITER Wisdom, protection, welfare of humanity, third eye

The **DUAL** signs of **GEMINI, VIRGO, SAGITTARIUS, and PISCES** are described, as versatile, reflective, flexible, impressionable, calculating, worrying, wavering, unstable, introvert, adaptable, fickle, and scattered. They are interested in several things at once and need change (rajas) on a steady (Tamas) basis. Innocence and eloquence are two lovely words which describe the qualities of Sattva as well as their kindness and originality. While the Rajas sign like the excitement of a new challenge and the Tamas resist change; Sattva will build the bridges to connect the Known and the Unknown through information. They take the middle path by taking ideas and bringing new facts and new ways of seeing into the world.

From a Christian context we have the story of the life of Christ as a way of understanding our experience of these three states of minds as availability to the light necessary to bring us to Christ consciousness:

Light obscured - Tamas - what is hidden, not understood, veiled, ignorance, usually when we are young the places we don't want to go - **HIDDEN CHRIST**

Light projected- Rajas - motivated out of our imagination, likes and dislikes, the things of the world, this is what we focus on, what is produced in the world is priority - mid-life crisis - **CRUCIFIED CHRIST**

Light revealed -Satva - THINGS OF THIS WORLD rearranged to reveal and let us experience the true nature of the light - self realisation, bliss, meditation, this the role of astrologers, artists, musicians, priest, surrender in later life to a higher awareness - **RISEN CHRIST**

Guna's work in everyone. Criticism in the mode of goodness is welcome and helpful, in the mode of rajas (passion) it may need some control in temper, but in Tamas (ignorance), the best thing is to ignore it. NATABARA

Modes of behavior or Guna's show the way something acts while the elements show the type of energy used. Each sign contains one Guna and one form of existence while all twelve signs represent different combinations with no two the same. The essence of these qualities we use to meet our needs. The Planet does what it does because of its own nature and its circumstances. Out of the combining of the qualities of Guna's the five states of matter or forms of existence develop which we call elements and out of the further combining of the elements the Planets and all of life as we know it is formed.

ELEMENTS – BHUTAS – TATTWA - ONE IS ALL AND ALL IS ONE

Fire, Earth, Air, Water and Ether are the properties which exist in everything called the Pancha Tattwa (five forms of existence of all matter and NOT five elements as most people in the west have interpreted the Tattwa). These are states of matter and show the TYPE of ENERGY to be used. Everything that exists is a combination of these five and they are easily recognised. The 110 Periodic Table identified by science is a subset of these five basics states of matter. The four physical elements we are more aware of because they are visible while the fifth element or Ether is the invisible binding agent that holds everything together. The five visible planets, as in Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn relate to the five states of matter as follows:

JUPITER	ETHER	governs	SOUND
SATURN	AIR	governs	TOUCH + SOUND
MARS	FIRE	governs	SIGHT + TOUCH + SOUND
VENUS	WATER	governs	TASTE + SIGHT + TOUCH + SOUND
MERCURY	EARTH	governs	SMELL + TASTE + SIGHT + TOUCH + SOUND

Astrology uses these properties to help explain the gifts available to us from the signs of the Zodiac where no two signs are exactly the same. Everything that exists contains the essence of these five states of matter or elements mixed in different ways or with different proportions of each element.

Fire extracts the water from Earth and gives it back in rain so food can grow. The sea will have more water while a rock will have a higher proportion of the earth element. Fire can heat as well as burn and so has the power to transform. If we want to increase the fire it is best to choose the time of day when a Fire sign is rising or when the Sun is in a fire sign as in Aries, Leo or Sagittarius

We define time as good or bad according to our feelings. If it feels good, then we say we are having a good time based on our experience of the five senses. The quality of the energy flow determines how the sign acts and its mode of behavior. The sign inspires the planets and houses with an attitude and style. It's what they wear that provides colour and direction to our urges and needs.

HOUSE	ORGAN	TATTWA/ELEMENT	DHARMA	SENSE	PLANET
1 st	Skin	Vayu/Air – separates	9 th	Touch	Saturn
2 nd	Eyes	Agni/Fire – transforms	10 th	Sight	Mars
3 rd	Ears	Akash/Ether – attunes	11 th	Sound	Jupiter
4 th	Nose	Prithvi/Earth - solidifies	12 th	Smell	Mercury
5 th	Tongue	Jala/Water – softens	1 st	Taste	Venus

FIRE– Warms or devours – Pitta constitution

Agni or fire is the element that digests and transforms our experiences. It converts food into energy necessary to animate and keeps all the body functions fired up and moving including our nervous system. Any activity that involves changing one substance to another such as cooking, chemistry, alchemy would all be ruled by the fire element. The Fire Signs expect the world to revolve around them. Their excitement lights up the world

and they need freedom of expression as they like to act on impulse. An exploding firecracker is a good example of the focused intensity sparked by Agni energy. They have great faith in themselves and can be fun to be with. The movement is upward and like a match they quickly burn out. Fire provides our heat and light. In the Veda the fire is God. It gives us our strength, power and ambition which needs to be well managed to give best results. Mahatma Gandhi recommended the discipline of fasting as a method of keeping it under control. In the negative, fire gets expressed as irritability, frustration and anger making us volatile, insensitive or pushy. When weak there may not be enough energy to get anything done.

Common phrases we use to identify fire energy are “glint in the eye”, “old flame”, “flaming ridiculous”, “fired up”, “hot-tempered”, and we’ve all experienced the “act in haste and repent at leisure” phase.

ARIES – Warrior - LEO – Politicians - SAGITTARIUS – Lawmakers

EARTH – Keeps grounded – Vata constitution

Earth or Prithvi element solidifies and gives form to our material reality. The more solid a substance is the more grounded and resistant to movement it will be. In the body the Earth element is experienced through smell and waste excreted as well as providing the structure in the form of bones. The Earth is our root; it is where we live, and it is our duty to look after it for those who come after us. We are valued by what we own, what we can contribute and the work we do to provide tangible resources in the form of food and money.

Earth signs like lists, schedules and they need to know what theirs is. They can be relied on to be sensual, practical, logical and consistent. When weak there may be a tendency to avoid reality especially in the area of exercise, rest and diet. Earth provides the containment, comfort and support for the sensitivities of water. Heaviness of Earth’s practicality can smother but also add fuel to fire. Common phrases we use to refer to them are “solid as a rock”, “down to earth”, “fruitful”

TAURUS – Farmers – VIRGO – Accountants – CAPRICORN – Workers

AIR – Impersonal connector – Pitta, Vata, Kapha constitution

Air or Vayu separates us from one another. In the body the skin has this function, and the sense of touch is an intellectual who wants to connect all into one understanding through the exchange of information. They collect data and give it back; preferring to observe rather than experience. Without air there is no life and its pollution by cars, industry, and farming causes health problems. Air element as the wind blows from all directions and circulates in a horizontal movement. Air signs find initial meetings easier than intimacy as are short term contracts. They can have a short attention span and like to verbalise their ideas with like-minded people. Air likes to read, write, think, conceptualise and reason things out. They fuel the fire, stir up dust storms with the earth and create a misty fog with the water element. Common phrases we use to refer to them “gasbag”, “airhead”, “getting wind of the situation”.

GEMINI – Trade - LIBRA – Negotiate - AQUARIUS – Industry

WATER – Fertilise or flood - Kapha constitution

Water or Jala Tattwa is compassionate, intuitive and emotional, feeling everything at a deep, personal level. They operate on a psychic or 6th sense and can easily gauge the mood with their instinctive knowing. For better or worse they feel everything and often put others needs before their own. For emotional stability they need a safe home base or haven to function peacefully. Water wants to be free to flow back to the ocean like a river. They like to work alone and love silence. Excess water can overwhelm and let feelings decide over logic until they learn detachment. Meditation and spirituality satisfy their longing to merge with a higher realm. However, drugs may also be used to merge into a limitless world. Sensitive Water needs practical Earth to provide supportive boundaries. Fiery personalities can be overpowering while Air can be too analytical. Phrases we use are “water finds its own level”, “picking up the vibes”.

CANCER – Healer - SCORPIO – Researcher - PISCES – Priest

ETHER - Attunes or binds everything together.

The Ether or Akash element is the combining force that coordinates and harmonizing everything. Ether is everywhere and everything is in it. It holds everything together, including our bodies and our relationships. This is the level that restores and heals us in our sleep. Jupiter is the natural ruler of Akash bringing knowledge, teachers, grace,

intuition and a source of protection that ensures our survival. When the ether level or Jupiter gets afflicted things start to fall apart.

Ether is the binding force for all the other elements and all the signs.

COMPATIBILITY

The signs of a similar element, e.g., Aries, Leo, Sagittarius are in a trinal (1,5,9) relationship from each other and are all fire signs. Therefore, they will have a greater ease with each other because their interests and nature are similar. The same compatibility will be there between the other signs of the same element. i.e., the Water, Earth and Air signs. Relationship problems arise due to the sign element not matching, however wherever they do match there is likely to be a spiritual affinity. The attraction and aversion we experience relates to the forms of existence or elements we are at ease with and have a preference for.

ELEMENT	AGNI FIRE	JALA WATER	VAYU AIR	BHOOMI EARTH
CARDINAL	Aries 1	Cancer 4	Libra 7	Capricorn 10
FIXED	Leo 5	Scorpio 8	Aquarius 11	Taurus 2
MUTABLE	Sagittarius 9	Pisces 12	Gemini 3	Virgo 6
Energy flow	Enthusiasm	Intuitive	Interactive	Stable
Direction	East	North	West	South
Quality	Inspirational	Emotional	Intellectual	Practical
Traits	Creative	Caring	Chatty	Cautious
Goal	Dharma	Moksha	Kama	Artha
Aims of life	Right conduct	Freedom	Pleasure	Wealth
Career	Kshatriya Warrior	Brahmin Guide	Vyasa Trader	Sudra Craftsperson

In the Wheel of Life, the Cardinal signs are the rim or tyre where all the action happens, and the rubber hits the road. It's the executive ever on the move. The Fixed sign at the center of the wheel sit still providing stability as the world revolves around them while the Dual signs represent the spokes of the wheel providing the link through adaptability between the outer activity and the pivotal centre.

FIRE Dharma Pitta Vitality East Warriors Inspire Energy Courage	AIR Kama Mixed Breath West Workers Mental Logical Intellectual	GUNA (rope) Nature Type of expression Modes of material nature
1. ARIES Head/Brain Original Frank Confident Heroic Rash Overbearing Quarrelsome Enterprising Independent Impulsive Savagery V Self-sacrifice	7. LIBRA Groins/Kidney Sociable Humane Wise Charming Indecisive Flirtatious Idealistic Influential Foresight Laziness v Harmony	RAJAS ACTIVE Decisive Agitation Insensitive Powerful Achiever Bursts of energy 5 SENSES
MARS Courage/Brother	VENUS Spouse/Pleasure	ME/VE
5. LEO Stomach/Spleen Royal Arrogant Valiant Ambitious Warm Royal Sincere Enthusiastic Vain Bully Obstinate Creative Pride v Nobility	11. AQUARIUS Ankles Inventive Reformer Seers Unique Friend Rebellious Philosopher Healers Progressive Helpful Cold Scandal v Universal	TAMAS FIXED Firm Possessive Formal Thorough Inertia Darkness Enduring Block change ELEMENTS
SUN Father/Vitality/Fame	SATURN Grief RAHU Rebel	MA/SA/RA
9. SAGITTARIUS Hips Humane Humorous Adventurous Talkative Helpful Sincere Gambler Philosophical Hasty Blunt Revolt v Defend	3. GEMINI Arms/Lungs Witty Youthful Barren Math's Deceptive Nervous Vivacious Communicator Adaptable Fickle Gossip Deception v Intellect	SATTVA DUAL Adaptable Reflect Wise Harmony Flexible Purity Ethical Spiritual DIVINE
JUPITER Child/Knowledge	MERCURY Business/Math's	SU/MO/JU
EARTH Artha Vata Bones South Traders Solid Practical Cautious	WATER Moksha Kapha Blood North Scholars Wise Emotional Receptive	GUNA Nature Type of expression
10. CAPRICORN Knees Serious Responsible Thrifty Ambitious Cruel Reserved Disciplined Perfectionist Cautious Pride v Contemplation	4. CANCER Heart/Breast Sensitive Protective Food Emotional Imaginative Intelligent Untidy Shy Deeply attached Fruitful Wayward Mind V Purity	RAJAS ACTIVE Decisive Agitation Insensitive Powerful Achiever Bursts of energy 5 SENSES
SATURN Fear/Sin/Maturity	MOON Mind/Emotion	MERCURY VENUS
2. TAURUS Face/Thyroid Strong Patient Forgiving Sensual Materialistic Stubborn Kind Lazy Loyal Sluggish Stable Fruitful Sensuality v Patience	8. SCORPIO Sex Organs Loyal Determined Intense Jealous Selfish Probing Secretive Magnetic Fickle Philosophical Dignified Passion v Love	TAMAS FIXED Firm Possessive Formal Thorough Inertia Darkness Enduring Block change 5 ELEMENTS
VENUS Beauty/Desire	MARS Action KETU Mystic	MARS SATURN RAHU
6. VIRGO Intestine Helpful Critical Witty Methodical Efficient Industrious Intelligent Impulsive Authors Criticism v Order	12. PISCES Feet/Lymph Intuitive Compassionate Religious Adaptable Timid Gentle Imaginative Just Talkative Ambitious Mist v Renunciation	SATTVA DUAL Adaptable Reflect Wise Harmony Flexible Purity Ethical Spiritual DIVINE
MERCURY Speech/Intellect	JUPITER Virtue/Wealth	SUN MOON JUPITER

DIRECTION IN LIFE – AYANA - WHERE OUR STRENGTHS LIE

For any journey we need to have some direction in mind and the four prominent houses (1st, 4th, 7th, 10th) called Kendra's give us our primary motivation and goals in life. The chart is divided into 12 parts, called Houses, with each part representing an important area in life. Of the twelve there are four of these houses that act as pillars, which give support and strength to the whole chart. These are called the Kendra's (angles) and they need to be strong to give a fulfilled life. Any planet placed in these four angles or Kendra's will give a lot of power behind and emphasis on what that planet represents in a chart throughout the life. The five Mahapurusha (great person) Yoga's (combinations) are based on the five planets Venus, Mars, Mercury, Saturn or Jupiter being in their own or exaltation sign in any of these four houses. Whatever the Kendra type the Moon is in will show the inclination of the mind.

The four Kendra's have been equated with the primary goals in life of:

- (1ST) **DHARMA** - focus on right living to enable one to do ones duty
- (4th) **MOKSHA** - spiritual goals and practice to guide the soul to God
- (7th) **KAMA** - right relationship by focusing on what we can give
- (10th) **ARTHA** - Activities in working life to provide material support

A simple analogy of these primary motivations factors in our lives can be seen from the natural progress of the Sun during the day. **Dharma** represents Sunrise or 6am where we set the direction and prepare for our day by bathing, reflection on our goals, meditation and prayer. **Artha** is associated with 12midday when we are at our height at work and the Sun is strongest. At 6pm we are heading for home as the Sun sets and this time is symbolic of **Kama** and our need for intimate relationships. Midnight is when we are sleeping, and we have to let go all of our aspirations at a worldly level and surrender to **Moksha**. How peaceful or otherwise our sleep will be is dependent on the influences on all of these four houses.

DRIVE	HOUSE	SIGN	TIME	ELEMENT	PURPOSE	EXTREME	REMEDY	PATH
DHARMA	1,5,9	AR,LE,SA	6AM	FIRE	PURIFY	SELFISH	LAMP	PURPOSE
ARTHA	2,6,10	TA,VI,CP	NOON	EARTH	SUSTAIN	GREED	INCENSE	PROSPERITY
KAMA	3,7,11	GE,LI,AQ	6PM	AIR	RELATE	LUST	FOOD	PLEASURE
MOKSHA	4,8,12	CA,SC,PI	12PM	WATER	DISSOLVE	SLEEP	WATER	PEACE

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

PURPOSE – Aim of the Soul

The trines or the 1st, 5th, 9th houses from any house brings prosperity and well-being to that area. As they carry the blessing of the Goddess LAKSHMI who rules prosperity. Planets in MUTUAL TRINE help each other to prosper.

DHARMA is the 1st purpose of human existence, - correct action, and duty to others and self regardless of consequences

HOUSE	KARAKA
1st character	SUN
5th intelligence	JUPITER
9th righteousness -.	SUN/JUPITER

ARTHA trine of money - work, career, finance, earthly purpose

HOUSE	KARAKA
2nd wealth	JUPITER
6th service	MARS/SATURN
10th activity in society	MERCURY

KAMA trine of desire, relationship, passion for life, motivation for progress

HOUSE	KARAKA
3rd persistence/vitality	MARS
7th relations and sex	VENUS/JUPITER
11th gains	JUPITER

MOKSHA trine of liberation, enlightenment, nirvana, giving up physical is the final purpose of soul

HOUSE	KARAKA
4th harmony	MOON/VENUS
8th occult/transformational	SATURN
12th Moksha	SATURN/KETU

DIVISIONAL CHARTS

VARGA CHAKRA – Depth of Experience

Various Divisional charts give us a way to look more closely into the 12 Houses which reflect our fundamental needs. They work like ordinance survey maps for a specific area. For instance, while in Ireland, when we want to visit Galway, having a map of the area gives us deeper knowledge of that place. Having the right coordinates is critical to read a map and in astrology good time of birth is essential to using divisional charts.

As multi-dimensional beings living lives of various complexities, we need astrology to bring us to deeper places of insight that can explain why we might excel in work but fail in exams or spend years unable to form intimate relationship and yet have numerous friends. The Varga chakras or Divisional charts help us to do just that as they give us a way to look more closely into specific needs as symbolised by the houses. The various timing techniques help us to see the changing influences in these different environments.

DIVISION	PRIORITY	SIGNIFICATOR	HOUSE of FOCUS	SANSKRIT NAME
D1	General, body/physical	SUN	1 st	RASI
D2	Wealth/Family/life force	JUPITER	2 nd	HORA
D3	Siblings	MA/JU	3 rd /11 th	DREKKANA
D4	Happiness/property	VE/KE/MA	4 th	CHATURTHAMSA
D5	Fame/power/subordinates	SUN	5 th	PANCHAMSA
D6	Health/enemies/punishment	SU/SA/MA	6 th	SHASTHAMSA
D7	Children/dynasty	JUPITER	5 th /7 th	SAPTAMSA
D8	Troubles/disease	SATURN	6 th /8 th	ASHTAMSA
D9	Blessings/relationship/dharma	VE/JU	7 th /9 th	NAVAMSA
D10	Karma/Career/position	ME/SA/SU/JU	10 th	DASAMSA
D12	Mother/Father/elders	MOON/SUN	4 th /9 th /12 th	DWADASAMSA
D16	Luxury/Vehicle/comfort	VENUS	4 th	SHODASHAMSA
D20	Spirituality/religiousness	JUPITER/KETU	8 th /9 th /12 th	VIMSAMSA
D24	Learning/education/knowledge	JU/ME	4 th /5 th	SIDDHAMSA
D27	Inherent strengths/ weakness			
D30	Weakness/evils/sins/karma/death	SA/MA/RAHU	6 th /8 th	TRIMSAMSA
D40	Inherited from Maternal lineage	MOON	4 th	KHAVEDAMSA
D45	Inherited from Paternal Lineage	SUN	9 th	AKSHAVEDAMSA
D60	Good/evil Karma/past birth	MA/SA/RA/KE	12 th	SHASTIAMSA

Various levels of consciousness or harmonics

D1 – D12 PHYSICAL PLANE – life circumstances (D6 external enemy)

D13 – D24 CONSCIOUS PLANE – higher activities like learning and devotion

D25 – D36 SUB-CONSCIOUS PLANE influence mind i.e. D30 (root cause of disease/inner enemy)

D37 – D48 SUPER-CONSCIOUS PLANE karma as ancestral legacy for 7 generations

D49 – D60 SUPRA-CONSCIOUS PLANE karma of past birth, phobias confirm

A planet in 1st half of an ODD sign and 2nd half of an EVEN sign will be forceful

Any planet in the 1st half of an EVEN sign and the 2nd half of an ODD sign will be more receptive or passive

DIVISIONAL CHART ASSESSMENT

When we are assessing a house, we will first focus on the Rasi chart (D1) chart to get a general overview. The Rasi chart represents our physical body and the approach we take to various situations in life. We don't behave in the same way with our parents, our siblings, our lover, our child etc. When we want to understand our changing fortune in these areas, we use divisional charts. Against the background of the Rasi chart (same physical body) we can see how we operate in different environments.

For instance, the 4th house of happiness will give an indication of how we go about achieving happiness from property, mother, cars, and education which are very different things. For a deeper understanding we can get more precise details of what is possible in these different environments by using D4 for property, D12 for mother, D16 for cars and D24 for education.

The controlling house for an activity (Karya) is assessed in D1 and its rulers (Karyesha) placement in the relevant Divisional chart will determine how successful we will be in that area. i.e. in the example chart *the controlling house for career is Aries, while Mars its ruler is placed in Leo, a friendly sign, in D10 in 3rd house which suits his drive and ambition to be successful.*

D10 (Dasamsa) shows our working environment including our hobbies. The 10th house in D1 is assessed for worldly activities and the planet that rules that activity placement in D10 will tell us more about our working life.

D27 shows at a subconscious level our strengths and weaknesses. Mercury well placed in D1 may give good speaking ability but if afflicted by Mars in D27 we cannot help being sarcastic.

How effective a planet will be, can be assessed by counting from its placement in D1 to its placement in the different divisions (D?). The number of signs gives the effective house of the planet in that area.

E.g., Venus in Libra in D1 is in Gemini in D9 which is 9 signs away which means it will give 9th house results to do with faith, teaching and higher learning.

In D10 (activities in society) it is in Cancer which is 10 signs away and therefore will give 10th house results working at entertainment.

In D24 it's in Taurus, 8 signs from the natal placement showing learning related to life mysteries.

If a planet is placed in a Zodiac sign in the Rasi chart, then any other planet placed in that sign in the divisional charts will be influenced by that planet. i.e. in the example chart Ketu is in Gemini while in Navamsa Venus is in Gemini. Therefore, during Venus Dasa Ketu will influence its results.

MOON

Moons placements is very important, Moon is the sustainer as a reflection of the Sun's light. He carries the watering can, to sustain growth in his monthly cycle helping to keep what has been planted growing.

BLESSINGS - NAVAMSA (D9)

The D1 chart shows our physical reality and the circumstances we have been born into. The D9 (Navamsa) shows the blessings we've brought with us including prospects for relationships and the way we interact with others. In the D1 chart we see the 7th house for how we approach relationships while in the D9 chart we look at the 7th house to see how the partner behaves.

NAVAMSA (D9)

Navamsa (D9) represents all we can take to the next life as **Dharma** or the principles we have lived by. A weak planet in Navamsa indicates **Adharma** has been done in the past lives and will bring misfortune when the planet gets activated. The dispositor of a planet in Navamsa (D9) will determine the ability of the planet to give results. *i.e. if Mars rules one's 10th house of career and Mars is placed in Taurus in D9 then Venus will be its dispositor and will influence the choice of career.*

D9 placement of D1's 9th lord and its depositor are important for assessing the level of fortune or blessings one can expect in life.

Dusthana in Navamsa

Planets placed in 6th, 8th, 12th houses in Navamsa (D9) will damage their house result in D1. 8th house in D9 is the 6th Navamsa. It shows the sins we must pay for towards God in the form of Physical ailments (sacrifice). When Atmakaraka (AK) is involved it will bring intense suffering.

Planets in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th houses in Navamsa (D9) will strengthen those areas

Planets placement in D9 (Navamsa) will activate the same sign in the main chart (D1) as well as any planets or Arudha padas in that sign. *i.e. In the example chart Venus is in Gemini in D9 which is 12th house in D1 and therefore it will activate 12th house in the main chart as well as Ketu and A8.*

- D9 shows house it will come through and how
- My venus forms a Malava yoga and in D9 is in Gemini which is the 12th house in D1 where he is in 4th- so its results will manifest thru 12th house loss, letting go, forgiveness, hospitals, foreign country, meditation
- Or my Mars will manifest thru 5th house as its in Scorpio in D9

Navamsa dispositor of Saturn, Mandi and 8th lord will destroy happiness

Nakshatra dispositor of Venus is Jupiter placed in Leo in D9 and so activates the 2nd house in main chart.

The Lagna or Ascendant in all divisional charts further **defines the individual** in specific areas of the life. The influence of natural benefics on Ascendant will cause one to be self-denying and philanthropic while natural malefics will be selfish and even harmful to others. The Navamsa Lagna in particular is seen for the **blessings** we have gained due to our good deeds (Dharma) from our previous life and helps us to understand the blessings we will bring to our next life from the good we do now. Trines to the D9 Lagna show talents or abilities that matter in the physical world what comes easy to us. The level of ability as defined in the Rasi, if confirmed in the Navamsa, shows a blessing from the past and is very powerful. When we move the D9 Lagna to Rasi, this house will show an area of great importance in the life.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ASCENDANT

The nature of Ascendant in Birth chart (D1) and NAVAMSA (D9) gives physical attributes. This can be altered by planets in Ascendant. Tall stature is given to the body by Saturn, Rahu, Mercury and Jupiter when they have influence on the Ascendant or its lord. Venus and Mars give a short stature while a mix of influences will give medium height.

Dry (Sushka) planets are Mars, Saturn, Sun, if one of these planets occupies or rules the Ascendant then the person will be thin. Same applies if Ascendant lord is influenced by a dry planet.

Wet planets are Moon and Venus which will make one stout if they own, occupy Ascendant or influence its lord as will Jupiter.

Watery signs i.e., Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces have a similar effect in Ascendant. If ascendant is a watery sign with benefics in it the body will be bulky.

EXTERNAL appearance of spouse is seen from 7th house in Navamsa. UL shows inner beauty.

If Moon or Ascendant is afflicted, with no benefic aspect, ill-health/ugly looks will result.

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>BUILD</u>	<u>TEMPERMENT</u>	<u>SIGNS</u>
FIERY	Robust physique, strong spine	<i>Inspirational, ardent</i>	AR, LE, SA
EARTH	Bony muscular structure	<i>Practical, grounded</i>	TA, VI, CP
AIRY	Dried up and thin body	<i>Intellectual, temperamental</i>	GE, LI, AQ
WATER	Soft and fat body	<i>Emotional, sensitive</i>	CN, SC, PI

CHARACTERISTICS OF SIGNS

ARIES – Ambitious, changeable, contentious, courageous, impulsive, ingenious, short-tempered, violent

TAURUS - Amorous, furious when roused, patient, plodding, reserved secretive, bull-like stubbornness

GEMINI – Artistic, dualistic, excitable, fickle, industrious, intellectual, understanding

CANCER – Affectionate, changeable, dull, effeminate, instinctive, magnetic, psychic, timid

LEO – Ambitious, determined, faithful, haughty, kind-hearted, liberal, magnanimous, noble, pompous

VIRGO – Capable, generous, industrious, ingenious, intuitive, kind, love learning, receptive, sensitive

LIBRA – Comfort loving, easy-going, even-tempered, just, objective, principled, refined, talkative

SCORPIO – Active mind, contentious, deceitful, proud, psychic, reserved, sarcastic, secretive, studious

SAGITTARIUS – Active, athletic, communicative, generous, hopeful, intrepid, philosophic, sporting

CAPRICORN – Ambitious, awkward, capricious, diplomatic, economical, envious, selfish

AQUARIUS – Artistic, ingenious, intellectual, intuitive, patient, refined

PISCES – dualistic, escapist, indolent, mediumistic, psychic, sensitive, thoughtful

PLANETS in 1st house have more influence on looks than aspecting planets

SUN - makes body heavier due to strong bones. Baldness or straight hair. Light brown eyes, tawny complexion tan easily. Adds nobleness to figure and increases health to constitution.

MOON - delicate good-looking feature, soft body, beautiful eyes, and big lashes. Better proportioned and delicacy of figure MOON is fair.

MARS - Muscular and energetic. Curly hair Light brown eyes, tawny complexion tan easily. Gives a fair ruddiness, healthy constitution, sturdy body and a temperament of heat and dryness.

MERCURY - childlike, fine/best skin, dark. Well-proportioned stature, hot temperament, yellowish complexion.

JUPITER - adds weight, composure. Gives divine looking Greek God type or fat. Fair complexion, large eyes, dignified stature. Hair straight to wavy, blond/brunette.

VENUS - delicate good-looking features, soft body, beautiful eyes, big lashes, middling to dark colouring. Feminine beauty and softness.

SATURN - lanky body, black, curly hair; tall figure, inactive and narrow chest. Looks older than age. Emaciated or muscular, like rawhide. Dark complexion.

RAHU - is dark and ugly, rather repulsive or unusual looking.

KETU - can be very attractive, dangerously beautiful like Kandarpa, GOD OF LOVE

Talents from past life from NAVAMSA – D9

Whatever we did in our previous lives will come easier to us this time and the influences in trines in Navamsa show these talents. Blessings carried over that show abilities today. When there are many planets aspecting the Ascendant in D9 gives very talented people, things come easy especially during their dasa period.

The following are some planetary indications:

- **SUN** Dignified, government authority, social worker, music, admin
- **MOON** Teacher, Carer, compassionate **MO/ME** acting **MO/VE** sailor
- **VENUS** Creative, fine arts, fire-fighter, teacher of demons (weakness)
- **MARS** Courage, ambition, logical, surgeon, hot headed, warrior, arsonist
- **MERCURY** Intellectual, business, writer, eternal student, like to copy
- **JUPITER** Religious, specialist, knowledgeable, expansive, wise, guru,
- **SATURN** Industrious, Persevering, Hardworking, disciplined, traditional
- **RAHU** Research, drugs, huge vehicles, poisons, hidden, cheat
- **KETU** Mystic, intuitive, computers, swindler, spirituality, guru

PLANETS – who takes the action

*IN GRATITUDE I invoke the Gods
Harmoniously gifting on seven rays
The confident vitality of my Sun
The compassionate caring of my Moon
The courageous strength of my Mars
The clever interaction of my Mercury
The cosmic common-sense of my Jupiter
The cooperative charm of my Venus
The contained discipline of my Saturn
Despite the eclipses alien disruption.*

All that we do is our spiritual path, and the planets are our helpers. In getting to know them we can welcome them into our lives and learn to work with them rather than wishing for something else. Each planet has a certain set of qualities which have a corresponding part to play across all of nature. For example, the **Sun** shines, brings light, gives vitality, leads the way, and eliminates darkness. And so, when our eyes are shining, we feel fully alive and lit up we can know that our Sun is switched on or activated. If on the other hand we feel afraid or depressed, then just by listening to uplifting music or watching a comedy we can connect with the light of others that will bring us back to life. The role of the astrologer is to help understand what quality is asking to be developed and when. However, we must keep in mind all the time that the Soul's agenda is primary whatever your personal feelings are about the events that are asking for your attention.

Each planet functions according to his **nature** in matters related to the **house** he is in on account of the people and circumstances influencing him. If the planet is good natured, he will want to help you achieve your goal, where if his nature is difficult you will have to work hard to get what you want. If he owns a house of action then you will have to take the action in order to get the benefit, you have to work for what you get, whereas if he owns a house of blessing then the gifts come easy. For example, Saturn in the 2nd house with Moon will bring serious concerns about mother's money.

PLANETS NATURE

When an astrologer says a planet is having an influence on us it means it is time to meet and address these qualities in ourselves. Planets help to describe the type of experience one will have as each planet is a symbolic expression of every possible life form. Our breathing in and out is keeping the dance or connection between spirit and matter alive.

For example, e.g., Saturn's personality is described as being humble, responsible, wise, and hardworking. When we surrender to its call we will favour the path of meditation, self-restraint and service. His bad reputation as the disciplinarian with stick in hand who has a cold, mean streak shows itself when we try to avoid the qualities we need to develop or where we need to make amends.

We all have this same Saturn, Jupiter, Sun, Mars inside us. These names have become symbols for similar qualities that are being expressed through all forms of creation. As our Saturn gets activated within us it will bring it to life in those around us also. Our fear, meanness, generosity, humility, arrogance, anger etc. are all contagious. Each planet represents a quality within us which get activated by the people and circumstances in our lives. Looking at a beautiful picture activates our Venus causing us to savour the good things in life. Alternatively, when we are angry, we have activated the negative aspects of Mars which can produce hostile circumstances as well as accidents. All the gods and demons are within us showing various aspects of ourselves. Our good qualities are the gods and our weaknesses become our demons, creating mischief, when they get out of control. It is important to be aware of what qualities we want to develop and to realise that our inner life gets reflected back to us through the experiences and people we meet. The more resistance we have the more painful the lesson becomes until we make friends with the opportunity been given to us.

Every planet gets many different jobs to do for the same person at the same time. We need to keep in mind the difference between the **universal role** a planet gets to play and at the same time the **particular job** it will get to do as a house lord. Take for example Venus who has overall responsibility for sensual pleasure while at the same time in a specific chart becomes 4th house lord responsible for providing us with our mother, cars and property. That does not mean that we will be making love in our cars with our mother. However, it may mean that mother is involved in entertainment because the universal quality of Venus will be expressed through your mother. Also, you will prefer luxury cars and get comfort

from beauty in the home. However, if there are other planets influencing the 4th house then their needs will also have an impact on the outcome. i.e., if Mars has an influence the lovely things might get broken or if Mercury there, the planet who has universal responsibility for communication, the internet or radio might be on all the time in the home. Mercury loves to talk, and he is a great time on the Internet. The lightning speed at which we can gain access to information is extraordinary for those that can speak its language. It's a bit like going to a different country without the physical discomfort of travel.

The same planet gets to play many different roles for us within what seems like parallel worlds as sister, boss, partner, teacher, student, devotee, etc. The same planet may get rulership of different situations but that doesn't mean that they are all linked together. Initially it is easy to get confused until we learn to focus our attention on a specific area and divisional charts discussed later will help us to do this.

SUN – WHERE WE SHINE Confidence, determination, vitality and self-esteem to take the souls journey and lead the way, however it can be lonely at the top! No one else has ever taken this route before and who we are is a unique combination that signed up to do it. Sun represents wealth and fortune and because he wants to improve his career whatever work he does there must be opportunity for advancement. SUN - as the king in us - becomes the symbol of soul. The Sun's light breaks up the rainbow in colour and sound that is true to its nature.

When Sun is prominent, we will develop our leadership skills and may even get involved in Politics or Medicine. Rhythmic music is ruled by the Sun and is a helpful remedy when we are feeling low. The Sun's placement shows where light of knowledge will come from. It gives strength of character, vitality and is the sustainer of the body. When the Sun is strong there will be a strong sense of self and one's connection to the creative life force. If weak one will lack inspiration, consistency and be easily misled.

SUN rules the Zodiac Sign of LEO so in the HOUSE ruled by SUN we will want to be admired and respected in that area. Creativity, inspiration, independence, leadership, confidence and power are all qualities that will radiate from that place. We are inspired in this area to shine and express our individuality.

RAMA avatar incarnation of Vishnu as the King of Dharma and cosmic order. Strict adherence to duty, what is right, not influenced by feelings, ONLY conscious of God.

MOON – WHAT WE CARE FOR - popular, nurturing, patient, nonjudgmental, sensitive, moody needs emotional stability and clear thinking to keep eye on the goal as we step into the unknown. It's caring and compassion gives him fame, popularity and social success. Moon discriminates through feeling rather than intellect and chooses what feels good. It shows early emotional environment essential for well-being. If the Moon is weak there will be fears, insecurity and psychic difficulties. Moon represents our moods and habits in all its changes from full to empty, happy and sad. During its Dasa we may get involved in psychology or some caretaking activity. Moon is the natural healer and is popular due its kindness and sensitivity. Despite its moodiness or maybe because of it, inspired songs and poems are created. Moon ensures our sustenance through agriculture of land and sea horticulture. Moon is the consciousness urging us to go to the source just as reflected light gives some indication of the glory of the bright Sun. It longs to be with the Sun and represents the eternal yearning for the beloved.

MOON rules the Zodiac Sign Cancer so the HOUSE Moon rules will be where we look for comfort. This is the natural home and safety net from the world. It is a place that feels very natural.

KRISHNA avatar incarnation of Vishnu as beauty, delight, love and devotion. When **MIND** is centered in heart that Devotion is cultivated.

MARS – WHAT WE FIGHT FOR - **Mental and physical strength are the blessings we need to get into action which is provided by Mars. HE** is energetic, enthusiastic, defiant, ambitious for success and has the will to defend and fight if necessary. The warrior within, we call on for courage and strength, gives us the energy to strive for excellence and be the best with pen or sword. When his ambitions are frustrated, he will become quarrelsome, and his anger can have disastrous consequences. In mythology MARS is the "son of the earth" igniting the fire in the belly and the drive to do things. He likes to think he knows what's best and will use more force than tact in achieving his objectives. Mars energy is expressed in the form of initiative, will-power and in the negative conflict, aggression, accidents. **When afflicted his** fiery nature can be cruel and aggressive when his time comes to take action. What's within will come out and sensitivities ignored if anything gets in his way once the adrenaline gets going. Mars can be sadistic with other malefic influences or timid if weak. **Mars is asking for our attention when we become impetuous or ambitious. He is the quick acting risk taker whose flaring temper is capable of**

bringing many difficulties including impulsiveness, overheating, anger, aggression attack, cruelty. impatience, strikes, war, assault, injury, fever, disputes, quarrels, slander, criticism.

MARS rules two Zodiac signs, Aries and Scorpio which control two houses we will have strong opinions about as well as the courage to fight for or over what they represent. When our ambitions get frustrated, these strengths can cause conflict and become destructive.

NARASIMHA avatar is the half man/half lion incarnation of Vishnu whose FIERY energy of righteous anger protects Gods devotees

MERCURY – WHAT WE ARE CURIOUS ABOUT – Mercury has a childlike curiosity to get started that can read and interact with whatever presents. Mercury experiences the earth and the body as a playground which he really enjoys learning about and this makes him the eternal student. He can seem frivolous, stirring up excitement with his many ideas and his great ability to process information. He has a great desire to learn and what we learn about we usually work at. Although he has the reputation for not taking anything too serious Mercury will have a big say in our choice of career. He is also very adaptable, and grievances are quickly forgotten as it's all a game. Intellectual and witty they are great talkers and are always looking for answers.

When weak there is a lack of order, details forgotten with stress created through inability to prioritise. Much depends on his company and aspects as Mercury absorbs the influences from his environment. Worry and nerve problems are health indications of its affliction. MERX meaning wares is the origin of the word Mercury and many other words to do with business including merchant, market, commerce, hire, wages, reward. The Roman God Mercury was the patron of traders and thieves as both were motivated by desire for money that can turn to greed and dishonesty. Mercury and Venus are the two planets nearest to the Sun or the heart of things representing our need for money and love. All our shops, transport systems, cities, computer, education, advertising, knowledge, titles and all forms of acquisitions are the creation of Mercury. Jupiter and Mercury rule opposite signs and while shrewd Mercury enjoys the role of making money, generous Jupiter takes great joy in spending it.

MERCURY rules two Zodiac signs, Gemini and Virgo, which control two houses where we bring the light of laughter due to our practical understanding and ease of

communication. We are keen to learn about what we are curious about as indicated by the 2 houses ruled by Mercury.

BUDDHA avatar incarnation of Vishnu as logic, reason and intelligence. He sees options and makes choices for middle path for greatest security.

JUPITER – WHERE WE HAVE MOST TO GIVE - generous, kind, tolerant, idealist, optimist, the angel on our shoulder that acts as protection and inspires optimism and faith in the mission, He has a great desire to teach especially the teachings from the wisdom of the ancients still available for our benefit as common sense and philosophy. Jupiter represents our godly qualities guided by wisdom to use our intelligence and power of discretion to give help and guidance let heart speak truth. Pride in our generosity becomes demonic. Reckless spending with mars influence. Humility defeats pride, surrender, disassociation. Jupiter rules fat which is the body's savings account. Lack of faith or purpose relying on materialism.

JUPITER rules two Zodiac signs, Sagittarius and Pisces, which control two houses where we have wisdom and experience as well as the capacity to heal and forgive. We bring most benefit to others in the areas influenced by Jupiter. JUPITER's two houses are our source of faith, hope and enthusiasm. Here's where we are at our most optimistic and idealistic.

VAMANA avatar incarnation of Vishnu as dwarf. Vamana TURNS when we are ready for growth. Jupiter takes away all that is gross and preventing our growth. Brain greatest joy.

VENUS – WHAT WE LOVE Venus has a passion for the luxuries of life and teaches us how to live the good life savoring its delights and beauty. All we perceive to be attractive, seductive, charming, cooperative, loving and vain is awakened by this goddess of the sideway glance. Desire for pleasure motivates the artist in us to be co-creators in harmony with all that we love through poetry, song, dance, etc. as we aspire toward the goal of all goals - the love that moves the Sun, Moon and Stars. Venus is highly knowledgeable, with great management abilities and usually works within the private sector or the entertainment business. With a great eye for detail, she puts her stamp of beauty on all she touches.

Venus loves comfort, pleasure, luxuries and while she is entertaining us, we enjoy life and are able to keep our demons(weaknesses) under control – Venus is Guru to the demons and her role is to keep them in check. Getting overly excited and high-spirited is not harmful, but when it stirs up our greed or has us lusting after more than is good for us it leads to a careless, foolish and quickly expended life.

When Venus is activated, sex becomes important. **If Venus is afflicted or weak there will be disrespect, fault-finding and sexual imbalance.** When Venus is conjoined or in trine to Saturn it will bring problems to married life. The same is true for other malefics. i.e., Mars, Rahu and Ketu. The remedy is to marry someone with similar afflictions. When Venus is conjoined or in trine to Jupiter it brings good results. **The placement of 7th lord from Venus shows where to find partner. i.e., Fixed sign will be local, Movable signs will come from far away and a Dual sign will be a short distance away.**

VENUS rules two Zodiac signs, Taurus and Libra, which control two HOUSE'S where we hope to fulfill our desire to find pleasure and gain sensual gratification from the Goddess of Love. These houses show what we love, are proud of and like to make beautiful.

PARASURAMA avatar incarnation of Vishnu as Brahmin warrior who fights the demons of self-indulgence. He is loyal, devoted and understands where greatest good lies.

SATURN – WHAT WE NEED TO DEVELOP - Saturn is the planet who represents the karma we have to face usually is the form of delay and struggle. He is responsible, serious, pessimistic, has great respect for traditional knowledge and forces us to face the truth of our circumstances. His reputation for imposing discipline and hard work is rarely welcomed, yet it helps us to surmount our fears, brings in money and adds value to our lives. When Saturn is afflicted, **there is laziness, negligence, mediocrity, poverty, indifference and a lack of perseverance.** Saturn is the hard taskmaster who teaches us to accept limitation and respect boundaries while taking on our share of responsibility for what happens to us and for us. He ultimately brings us to our knees and to a place of humility where we are prepared to make an openhearted commitment to face up to our responsibilities, pay the debts and do the time. **Saturn's rules the NERVES which are the channel for senses. When out of control they disconnect us from spirit and attach us to body bringing misery.**

SATURN rules two Zodiac signs, Capricorn and Aquarius, which controls two

HOUSE'S where we feel inadequate and insecure. These are areas and people with whom we have debts to pay from previous lifetime. Difficulties arise until we learn acceptance and surrender to the hard work to be done to achieve stability and honour tradition. The needs of these houses are delayed but not denied. Distance of Saturn from his own houses shows the way to work out the problems.

KURMA avatar incarnation of Vishnu as a turtle or tortoise which provides capacity to persevere through difficult tasks. He is slow and persevering.

RAHU – ENTANGLEMENTS TO BE SORTED – Rahu widens our consciousness and deepens our understanding. Described as the wayward spirit Rahu is hungry to breakthrough new ground and revolutionise what can serve its purpose. He brings radical transformation born out of a deep longing to satisfy an itch that can never be scratched. **Our capacity to beg, steal or borrow shows up when we want something bad enough giving rise to this greedy part of ourselves, we are uncomfortable with when we strive for the material. Rahu hides our defects and puts up an umbrella to the source of our power so we can indulge our 6 weaknesses (lust, anger, greed, illusion, pride, envy). Rahu's hunger and dissatisfaction compels him towards entanglements in the hope of happiness. Whatever he achieves will never be enough and when he realises it the spiritual journey begins.** Rahu give results opposite to the Sun bringing poverty as the mind works against natural career growth and may make a decision to move toward renunciation and a lesser paying job. Rahu indicates deeper lessons and the need to create karmic balance in undeveloped areas which makes it necessary for us to come back. Rahu is excellent at research and raising awareness about environmental issues. Rahu imports while Ketu exports.

RAHU is joint ruler of Aquarius with Saturn and gives results of the lord of the sign in which it is placed and planets it associates with. We are hungry for where it sits, and he shocks us on the lengths we will go to get what we want.

Rahu wears expansive sky-blue colours riding dark horses of materialism at the speed of wind. **He represents intense cold and ultra-violet light.**

VARAHA avatar incarnation of Vishnu as boar who rescued the Earth at the time of the flood. Earth is said to be Varaha's wife.

KETU – NO ATTACHMENTS – Ketu initiates us into esoteric wisdom available from ancient mysteries through psychological transformation. Ketu's effects are hard to identify as he takes us on a path to liberation where there is no need for materialism. It gives intuitional powers with deep abstract thinking and a longing to surrender to the spirit within. He gives results opposite to the Moon which can mean loss of reputation and position as well as a desire to remain aloof and alone. Ketu moves us to regularly quiet down, check in, recharge and revitalise. He frustrates the mind for the purpose of spiritual rise i.e., eclipses the moon (mind). Ketu is the planet of selflessness, evolution and rising above the shackles of the material world.

Ketu is joint ruler of SCORPIO WITH MARS which gives complexity and depth to this sign. It's love of the mysterious is due to Ketu's access to hidden knowledge. The secret powers of nature that lie dormant in Scorpio are linked to KUNDALINI. Ketu spiritualises what he touches and gives results of the lord of the sign in which it is placed and planets it associates with.

Ketu has an elusive smoke-coloured complexion, and its carriage is the Vulture of transmutation. **Ketu represents *intense heat and infra-red.***

MATSYA avatar incarnation of Vishnu as fish discontented with all vessels except the ocean of spirit. Returned the wisdom of Vedas, provides self-realisation, Provides knowledge and Moksha (liberation).

KEYWORDS FOR PLANETS – Natural traits

Planets awaken the power within to appreciate and be who we are. The natures of the planets are very distinctive, yet none of them act alone and are strongly influenced by the other planets either by conjunction or aspect. When planets are strong, they give their positive results while when they are afflicted or weak, they give negative results.

Planets act according to their nature as follows:

SUN – above board, active, ambitious, aristocratic, assertive, authority, benevolent, confident, competitive, courage, creator, designer, detached, dignified, dominant, ego, energetic, energy, enthusiastic, famous, force, generous, government, health, heat, honour, idealistic, independent, individuality, integrity, intelligent, intuition, leader, learned, magistrate, medicine, monarchy, noble, owner, paternity, perfectionist, political, power, profession, promoter, proud, pure, radiance, religious, respected, royal nature, sacrifice,

self-esteem, shine, sincere, source of life, steady, steadfast, temples, universal soul, vitality, will, worship.

Anger, arrogant, barren, cruel, dogmatic, dominant, eccentric, haughty, impatient, irritable, obstinate, over-bearing, pessimistic, pompous, pride, punishing, reckless, self-centered, selfish, separates, snobbish, social climber, shy, tactless, temperamental.

MOON – broad-minded, carer, charitable, common-sense, compassionate, courageous, discriminates based of feelings, domesticated, easy-going, emotional, fluids, gentle, education, emotional stability, fickle, gracious, growth, heart, humane, intuitive, kindhearted, maternity, mind, motherly, nourish, obliging, pleasant, popular, powerful, practical, prudent, sensitive, singer, sociable, sound mind, strong, sympathetic, tender, traveler, waxing/waning, wealthy, welfare, womanly.

Anxious, cautious, fickle-minded, erratic, greedy, hyper-sensitive, ill-tempered, inferiority complex, inhibited, insecure, irritable, lethargic, low self-esteem, misery, moodiness, nag to get own way, nervous, pessimism, phobias, phlegmatic, quick to act, self-indulgent, split personality, suspicious, temperamental, tension, timid, wavering, weepy, worry.

MARS – adventurous, alert, ambitious, assertive, athletic, boils, burns, capable, challenge, combative, competitive, courageous, decisive, defense, determination, dictator, discord, earth, energetic, enterprising, enthusiastic, executive, exploitative, fire, fractures, gentleman, haste, heat, industrious, inexhaustible, influential, initiator, in the moment, keen, logical, organised, martial, mathematics, meticulous planning, militant, passions, precise, pressure, rashness, result orientated, risk-taker, self-confident, sharp, surgeon, science, stamina, strategist, strong, tactful, tenacious, tireless, trouble-shooter, vigorous, warrior, weapon, whole-hearted, youthful looking.

Abortion, accidents, aggressive, angry, antagonist, argumentative, begrudges, blunt, brutal, cuts, cruel, damage, destructive, enemy, fever, friction, frustration, hard-hearted, hatred, haughty, head-strong, high-strung, hot-tempered, inconsiderate, injury, impatient, impulsive, irritable, killing, lewd, lustful, mean, miscarriage, murderous, obstinate, over-bearing, prejudiced, quarrels, sarcastic, slanderous, suicidal, vicious, vindictive, violent, war, willful, wound.

MERCURY – academic, accounts, adept, adaptable, administration, analytical, androgynous, arbitrators, articulate, astrologers, attention to detail, auditors, author, bisexual, bright, business, beneficial, business minded, calculating, capitalism, charming, childlike, clear, clerks, communicator, comprehension, concise, copyist, curious, data

processor, decisive, departmentalise, dexterity, discernment, distinguished, education, efficient, eloquent, eternal student, flirt, forthright, frank, fresh, friendly, greenery, handsome, happy, helpful, humorous, idealist, impartial, indecisive, intellectual, intelligence, joker, laughter, learner, management, mediator, memory, observant, organised, playful, pretense, problem-solver, rational, reasoning, salesperson, secretary, scientific, scholar, skillful, smell, soft spoken, speech, sporty, structure, studious, thinker, thinking mind, thorough, versatile, writer, trade, witty, word puns.

Bigoted, busy, cheat, critical, forgetful, fussy, double-meaning, gossip, indecisive, inferiority, changeable, complex, impotency, irrational, lack of awareness, lack staying power, nagging, nervous, mentally disturbed, messy, misunderstanding, poor concentration, poor memory or reasoning power, stage fright, tactless, talkative, timid, trickster, unclear

JUPITER - abundance, advisor, aliveness, bears fruit, blessing, binds together, calm, clarity, common-sense, contentment, control over senses, conventional, devotion, dignified, divinity, educator, expansive, faith, forgiving, fortune, fruits of work, generous, God, good-natured, grace, gracious, guide, guru, harmoniser, helpful, idealistic, individual soul, intelligent, joy, Kapha, kind, knowledge, law-abiding, learned, light of knowledge, life-force, luck, meaning in life, merit, mild, modest, optimism, peaceful, philosopher, plenty, prosperity, protects, prayer, purity, recuperate, religious, respectable, right hand path of the Gods, righteous, ritualist, scripture, supportive, sweet tooth, teacher, temple, treasury, truth, understanding, values, venerable, virtuous, wealth, wins over, wise, worthiness.

Arrogance, chaos, conceit, disrespect, exaggerate, lack discipline, lethargic, moralistic, obesity, over-confident, over-indulgent, pollution, poverty, rigid beliefs, self-important, selfish, scoffs at religion.

VENUS – abundance, affectionate, amorous, appealing, artistic, beloved, attractive, charming, comfort, create beauty, culture, cures sickness, beneficial, dancing –girl, desirable, diplomat, elegant, energiser, entertainment, erotic, fine clothes, fortunate, flowers, fragrance, gentle, health, instinctual, joyful, left hand path of desire, libido, life-giving, money, love, lovers, luxury, magnetism, marriage, Ojas (healthy glow), passion, pleasing, pleasure, poetic, private sector, procreation, prosperous, radiance, refinement, rejuvenation, reproduction, reviver, romantic, semen, sensuous, sensual, sex, sexual arousal, social graces, splendor, vitality, voluptuous, water, wealth, yearning

Affairs, detached, dishonor, elopement, extravagant, fickle, flirtations, illicit love, infidelity, Immoral, jealous, licentious, lust, marriage problems, mean-minded, over-sexed, phlegmatic, possessiveness, Self-indulgent, sordid, sour, undemonstrative, unscrupulous, vices, vulgar.

SATURN – aging, agriculture, air, aloneness, ascetic, attachment, careful, cautious, cold, common people, conservative, contraction, controls loss of attachments, death, decay, democracy, detachment, discipline, dry, dutiful, duty, faithful, gas, government service, hard work/er, humble, ice, industrious, inward, isolation, justice in time, karma, leadership, lean, logic, maturity, meditation, methodical, narrows focus, needy, patient, philosophy, plodding, renunciation, reserved, sacrifice, self-sacrificing, separates, serious, servant, servility, sincere, slow rise, stability, stagnate, sweat, thrifty, tradition, umbrella, unemotional, Vata

Acidity, barren, base, calamity, cheat, chronic, coarse, complaining, crippled, criticism, cruel, debts, defects, deformity, dehydration, delay, depression, damage, dearth, despondent, dirt, disease prolonged, dishonour, doubt, emaciated, emptiness, exhaustion, fearful, frigidity, gaunt, hard-hearted, harsh, impotency, imprisonment, impurity, indolent, insecurity, lame, lazy, lies, loneliness, melancholia, misery, nervous, obstruction, penury, perversion, pessimism, poverty, punish, resentful, rigid, secretive, selfish, separation, sickly, sins from past, slavery, sorrow, stingy. stress, suffering, suspicious, tired, toxins, ugly, unbending, unforgiving, want, worry

RAHU – agent of change, airy, attachment, challenge, chemist, cunning, deep thinker, dry, environmentalist, epidemics, electric, foreign, gambler, ingenious, intelligent, interesting, intrigue, longing, materialistic, maternal grandmother, medicine, original, politics, power, prosperity, psychic, radical, researcher, scientific, shrewd, smoke, snake catcher, speculator, surprise, ultraviolet, unusual, wrestler.

Addiction, amputation, backbiter, chaos, cold, confusion, compulsions, criminal, crisis, damage, deceitful, delay, deluded, demented, dethrones, discontent, disrespectful, disrupt, drowning, drug dealer, eccentric, escapism, extreme, evil, fierce, fraud, gambler, ghost, greed, heretic, hoards money, hypocrite, hunger, hysteria, ignorance, imposter, impure, immoral, insanity, insomnia, karma, lacks foresight, leprosy, longing, mania, newsworthy, obsessive, parasite, past sins, perverse, phobias, poison, pollution, pushy, separates, shady, shock, snakebite, toxic, trauma, turmoil, unexpected, unfulfilled, upheaval, widowhood

KETU – analytical, astrology, attractive, computer whiz, detachment, disembodied being, door, door-key, energy, fiery, heat, hermaphrodite, infrared, innovative, intelligence,

intuitive, liberation, maternal grandfather, martial, mystic, occult, other-worldly, past life connections, philosophy, Pitta, salvation, spirits, spiritual beings, withdrawn, unexpected, yoga.

Accident, corpse, damage, destroys, discontent, doubt, epidemic, excitable, fevers, fines, headless, hides, imprisonment, infections, lunacy, malicious, mistake, parasite, possessions by spirits, ruthless, schizophrenia, self-destructive, smoker, stutter, subversive, suicide, virus, withdrawn.

Why we are born is told by Rahu and Ketu. Rahu is the giver and Ketu the taker. Ketu does not have a wish for anything and will deprive of everything.

AILMENTS related to PLANETS

SUN – Fever, TB, headache, bone fractures, weakness, jaundice, eye, heart, skin, burns

When Sun as Ascendant lord is weak or afflicted give problems to the bone structure.

MO – Phlegm, cough, cold, lunacy, colic, dysentery, tumor, throat, lung, hydracele, kidney

When Moon as Ascendant lord is weak or afflicted give blood pressure or anemia

MA – Typhoid, urinary, prostrate, ulcer, bile, gangrene, wound, accident, piles, boils cholera

When Mars as Ascendant lord is weak or afflicted gives muscular problems

ME – memory, speech, esophagus, mouth, takes nature of companions

When Mercury as Ascendant lord is weak or afflicted gives skin problems

JU – diabetes, hernia, liver, cough, cold, diarrhea, throat, palate, thrombosis, dyspepsia, asthma

When Jupiter as Ascendant lord is weak or afflicted will cause body fat problems

VE – diabetes, VD, uterus, ovary, asthma, kidney, gonorrhoea, syphilis, prostrate

When Venus as Ascendant lord is weak and afflicted there will be urinary, semen problems

SA – gout, spleen, insanity, deafness, rheumatism, consumption, gallbladder, rickets, sorrow

When Saturn as Ascendant lord is weak and afflicted gives problems with nerves

RA- indigestion, gas, wind, skin, sinus, epilepsy, worms, small-pox, intoxication

KE – fever, liver, smallpox, eyes, skin, mental ailments, fanaticism, leprosy, hard to diagnose

Any weak or afflicted planet in the Ascendant will cause the pervasive tissue of the body it represents to suffer. For example, Saturn will bring nerve problems or Mercury skin problems.

The limb represented by the sign on the Ascendant as per the Kalapurusha suffers through the affliction of the lord of the Ascendant. For example, if Aries rises and Mars is afflicted then the area of the head will be a cause for suffering. If Virgo rises and Mercury is weak there will be intestine problems.

<p>MALEFICS SPOIL THE HOUSES THEY OCCUPY especially RAHU except 3RD, 6TH, 11TH BENEFICS BRING GOOD RESULTS TO THE HOUSES THEY OCCUPY Except 6TH, 12TH</p>
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“The Sun is the soul of all. The Moon is the mind. Mars is one’s strength. Mercury is the speech giver while Jupiter confers knowledge and happiness. Venus governs semen (potency) while Saturn indicates grief”. Brihat Parasara Hora Shastra

The great Yoga adept and Vedic Astrologer, Sri Yukteswar, eloquently stated in Paramahansa Yogananda's, *Autobiography of a Yogi*:

"A child is born on that day and at that hour when the celestial rays are in mathematical harmony with his individual karma. The horoscope is a challenging portrait, revealing his unalterable past and probable future results. The message boldly blazoned across the heavens at the moment of birth is not meant to emphasize fate, but to arouse man's will to escape from his universal thralldom What he has done, he can undo. NONE OTHER THAN HIMSELF WAS THE INSTIGATOR OF WHATEVER EFFECTS ARE NOW PREVALENT IN HIS LIFE. He can overcome any limitations, because he has created it by his own actions in the first place, and because he possesses spiritual resources that are not subject to planetary pressure.

CONJUNCTION OF PLANETS (YUTI)

When planets are together in a house it is called a conjunction involving a particular activity. Planets are people who meet up with each other when their agenda's take priority. The people, as indicated by the planets house lordship and Karaka, will meet at the time of the activity, i.e., meeting at work, in school, at home, in court, in church etc. These people are looking for each other; they have a strong desire to meet up, which will happen when they are engaged in the activity indicated by the house. i.e., Mars and Rahu in 6th house of service. As soon as the Dasa of that house or planet arrives this destructive yoga gets easily activated which, in this instance, can be chaotic or radical given the nature of the planets involved.

Planets together in a sign show people who can influence or rescue based the houses they rule. i.e., 9th house lord signifies the father or 7th house lord the partner, etc. When two or more planets are in a sign it changes the timing of when a planet will give its results. A conjunction of three or more planets makes it more difficult to identify when each planet will give its effect. Sanjay's rule says that the most benefic and the most malefic planets will give each other's effects. The following lists the planets according to their nature as most benefic to most malefic:

- Jupiter
- Venus
- Moon
- Mercury
- Sun
- Mars
- Ketu
- Saturn
- Rahu

i.e., if there is a yoga/conjunction of Jupiter, Venus, Sun and Saturn in a sign the following will give each others effects: Jupiter and Saturn are the most benefic and malefic planets respectively and thus Jupiter will give Saturns effects and vice versa. Similarly, Sun and Venus are next in line, and will also give each others effects and strengthening Venus will enhance Sun's agenda.

If there is an uneven (3, 5 or 7) number of planets together then the same rule applies where the most malefic gives the results of the most benefic and vice versa and the one in the middle will be able to operate independent. *i.e., A yuti of Mercury, Sun and Mars in one house, Mercury and Mars are the most benefic and malefic grahas respectively and will thus give each others effects. Sun is the one left out and will give his own effects due to this. This was the example of PV Narasimha Rao, in which case a Red Coral was advised to cause the Bhadra Mahapurusha Yoga (yuti Mercury in Gemini - tenth house) to rise in his life.*

ATMAKARAKA (AK) - SOUL

AK (Atmakaraka) is the Soul Significator whose agenda is our main priority and is always the strongest planet in the chart. Its placement shows where there is to be a continuation of efforts from past lives that must fructify. AK cannot achieve its purpose through activities that cause it to be debilitated and so avoiding these becomes the objective of the Atma. Its role is important in all Divisional charts, but primary importance is given to its placement in the Navamsa (D9) as this represents all we can take to the next life as **Dharma** or the principles we have lived by. A weak planet in Navamsa indicates **Adharma** has been done in the past lives and misfortune will result. Its goal is to prepare the spiritual path for the future, and it does this by punishing our past sins. If the Lagna Lord becomes AK he loses his role as protector and his Dasa can be very painful. Atmakaraka has a crucial role to play in all charts and whatever he associates with and rules, including the Padas, will show vital areas of interest and the path to take because of its link with past lives. Second in command is the Amaatyakaraka (AMK) being the planet that has achieved the 2nd highest degree. Amaatya means chief minister of a king and is responsible for bringing wealth and status as is its dispositor.

Parasara and Jaimini teach us that ATMAKARAKA is the most important planet in the chart and if he/she is favourable then all the planets will behave well. Like having a good King, the subjects will be happy and perform well. The Rasi (D1) chart will indicate the potential while the Navamsa (D9) will indicate if this can be fulfilled. The talents that

come naturally are seen from the trines to the Navamsa Ascendant while the trines from the Karakamsa (KK) show the real desire of the birth.

KARAKAMSA (KK) – Chapter 35 in BPHS - The Atmakaraka (AK) placement in Navamsa (D9) is the KARAKAMSA (KK). This is how the Soul views us and shows what work we have come to do. As we get older the fulfillment of the AK role becomes the most important focus. From the KK even malefics behave well and in trines give knowledge of Mantra and make one spiritual. Troubles come from desires of the Soul that are difficult to handle. The purpose in the life and God’s messenger is seen from the strongest significator of the house that we get by counting from KK to D9 Lagna (Only in very exceptional cases are they in the same place) i.e., 5 signs = 5th house and its main significator is Jupiter. Counting from Lagna in D9 to KK show how we communicate back. The Dasa ruler’s position in D9 shows how the message is being communicated right now.

DARAKARAKA (DK) becomes the soul significator for spouse/partner and wealth available due to the blessings of Sri Lakshmi. Its relationship to Atmakaraka (AK), Venus and 7th lord will show the potential for relationships while its relationships to AK, Jupiter and 2nd lord will show the potential for wealth. Darakaraka in Marana placement from Atmakaraka would indicate the desires of the soul will create suffering in these areas.

THE CHAKRAS AS PLANETS

The human being is an extraordinary complex invention which functions at many levels in a unique way and yet is created out of the same component parts of fire, earth, air, water and the ether. In Brihat Parasara Hora Shastra (BPHS) we are told that *“Man has the quality related to the element of which he has the greater quantity in his constitution.”* The human is a place where heaven and earth meet more beautifully than any other form of creation that we are aware of because of its ability to rise above its basic instinctive nature and use its intelligence to make progress in the fulfilment of its life purpose or destiny.

It is capable of asking the profound questions of where did I come from, who am I what is my purpose and where am I going? The answers to these questions are revealed as we move through our life’s experiences and the Vedas from ancient India have left to us an immense wealth of knowledge to guide us on our unique paths.

Ancient esoteric teaching refers to seven law-givers, angels, prophets and the twelve apostles which in astrology terms would refer to the main planets and the 12 signs of the zodiac. The profound knowledge behind this philosophy is seriously watered down in the rush to make it a commercial product but still the wisdom behind it remains intact. Thankfully in India the spiritual and esoteric wisdom has continued to be available.

The Vedas gives us many profound teachings and Maharishi Parasara from approximately 5000 years is the main source of the astrological knowledge that is available today and all scholars of the subject would admit that there is still much more to be revealed.

The centres of energy of the human are called CHAKRAS which is a Sanskrit word meaning “wheel of light. Each chakra is perceived to be located in specific sensitive glandular areas along a column of energy centres that extends from the base of the spine to the top of the head.

The seven planetary influences flow through all of creation and activate the life force at all levels. Each planet contributes to vitalising the whole, while one planet will have a more dominant role in specific areas according to its nature.

There is disagreement in the understanding of which planets has the most influence on each chakra and how to read it through a birth chart. One of the great things of being human is the diversity we offer in opinion and practices. However, I would suggest that whatever level of knowledge you are ready for will be made available to you and in time more will be revealed. The following is based on my understanding at this time. Each chakra has a sound or Beeja Mantra associated with it. The chakra that is open helps one to achieve beyond the normal; great sport people will find the Mars energy at the solar plexus very strong while the more spiritual will be closer to self-realisation related to the Sun and the crown chakra.

Elements help to move the energy from one chakra to another, but we have only 5 elements and 7 chakras where Anahata, Visuddha and Agni get connected through the vayu air element

Each Chakra has a primordial sound or vibration that can be used for meditation and healing at every level. By repeating the sounds, we are helping to release the blockages that may have built up. Alternatively, when we know a particular area needs support, we can recite its sound while focusing healing intentions on a specific centre to restore balance. For example, if anger or powerlessness is an issue, we can focus our attention on the Solar Plexus and recite RAM.

SUN – Crown chakra – Sahasrara - Pineal – Violet - AUM

Sahasrara is at a level where no elements are involved. This centre sits at the top of the head which is why it gets the name Crown Chakra. Its purpose is to connect us to Divine consciousness and pure awareness. This 7th Chakra is also known as the “Thousand Petaled Lotus” that bursts open when we remember our true nature and experience enlightenment. Sun is the central power that shines on all, out of which all life comes and to which we all aspire to return. Reciting the mantra AUM as we exhale helps to unite us with this centre.

MOON – 3rd Eye – Ajna - - Pituitary - Indigo - SHAM

The 6th Chakra is known as the “brow” or “third eye” and is located between the eyes. Emotional stability is necessary to open the 3rd eye; to achieve clarity and speak our truth we need to balance the changeable nature of our mind signified by the Moon. We experience self-doubt, feel disconnected from source and distrust life when this area is blocked. The right and left eyes show two ways of seeing or judging a situation and for the mind to be open we need to find a way to transform its duality into the trinity. Ajna is a combination of the five elements (earth, water, fire, air and ether) in their purest forms. The challenges faced by the mind (Moon) are helped by higher intelligence at the etheric level of Jupiter. This is the centre of insight where we integrate all that is going on in our mind and emotions.

JUPITER – Throat centre – Visuddha – HAM - Thyroid

Visuddha is attracted toward wisdom and understanding from the ether level as symbolised by Jupiter, the Guru. While the earthy nature of Mercury, the eternal student, controls this through his communication skill and wit. The throat and Jupiter process the information coming from the lower centres by eliminating and purifying any poisons before the energy moves up to spiritual centres. This is where we reconcile the practical and make it ready to meet the spiritual. People who listen to a lot of problems need to do regular work on keeping this centre cleared.

SATURN – Heart – Anahata – 4th house – YAM - Thymus

Our deepest karma is with those we are drawn to give our hearts to, and it is these attachments that cause most grief as indicated by Saturn. Anahata is the **Cardiac Force Centre which when energised unifies consciousness with universal life.** It is attracted towards emotions, anxiety and attachments of an airy nature symbolised by the airy nature

of Saturn. The kindness of a strong Moon will provide sanctuary, stability and security. Meditation practice on opening the heart by focusing on a flower will help to keep this centre open to compassion and kindness.

MARS – Solar Plexus – Manipura – 6th house – RAM - Pancreas

Manipura burns with ambition for domination as symbolised by Mars while Venus, the fire-fighter, with her charm and understanding will sort out the row and restore harmony. The fire of ambition burns in all of us and when it is really strong a glow appears, hence the attraction we have for the sport stars or people in the limelight. Out-of-control ambition leads to burn-out; clutter in our homes or digestion problems are some of the symptoms and just like a fire the more fuel it gets the bigger the fire becomes. The ancient remedy of fasting and learning to say no to ourselves becomes the only solution. Eliminate any broken and useless items as they represent unresolved issues.

VENUS – Sex Centre – Swadhishtana - 7th house – VAM – Ganesh Adrenal

Swadhishtana attracts us to sexual enjoyment, creativity, practical knowledge symbolised by Venus while Mars, the celibate, with his fiery determination can destroy the Venusian watery passions. The cause of physical creation is Semen ruled by Venus who rejuvenates and gives the ability to battle life's difficulties and survive. Venus is lord of Taurus where the Moon gets exalted giving her the ability to make the mind strong. While as the lord of Libra where the Sun gets debilitated she has the power to cancel its debilitation and uplift the spirits.

Libra, ruled by Venus, is a sign associated with the astrologer thanks to their keen eye for detail, powers of discrimination, and ability to differentiate between good and bad. We all aspire to the unconditional love which is the highest expression of Venus. However, most problems stem from our perceived inadequacies in this area and this is linked with the 3rd Eye as one of the main reasons for emotional disturbance. Eating disorders and our love for chocolate are symptoms of using the tongue and taste to satisfy our need for sexual gratification. There is little education given on the sacredness of sex and the works of Mantak Chia, Margo Anand as well as the Kama Sutra on the school curriculum might bring us a lot closer to universal peace.

MERCURY – Root Centre – Mooladhara – 8th house – LAM - Gonads

Mooladhara attracts us to physical achievements as symbolised by Mercury while Saturn will help us to overcome our attachment to the physical. The root centre is where the life

force rests, it aspires to reaching up to the Crown centre and the doors of each of the other centres must open to get there. It is situated below the sacrum bone and is the resting place of the Kundalini chakra, a store house of hidden energy associated with 8th house. It is not recommended to try to awaken this energy on ones own as it can lead to both mental and physical problems. This centre and Mercury are related to the practicalities of life-giving clear direction to the movement as it controls the feet. It is the root cause of speech and gives a childlike innocence that gives purity in thoughts and relationships. The earthly challenges of desire for and attachment to wealth and resources is the possible weakness in this area while Saturn, ruling the Air element, will control and help to overcome the excesses as he reduces the heaviness and blows away the non-essentials. The earth element and sense of smell are associated with this chakra. Our ability to make clear decisions requires Mercury's analysis skills while the more spiritual qualities will ignite the imagination and create great mystic writer like Rumi.

“in astrology ... one has to step beyond the visible world of matter, and enter into the domain of transcendent spirit.” H.P. Blavatsky

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YAMA

is the Division of Time. The DAY has 24 hours with 8 YAMA
SUN is the overlord of the 8 YAMA - The sequence of the YAMA

SU MA JU ME for the 4 day Yama

VE SA MO RA the 4 night Yama

1 SUN East 6 - 9 am

ASC -9th Prays to start the day. Worship to be finished by 9am

2 MARS South East 9 - Noon

Maximum strength, energy, physical, prepare for days work. Do prayers to Mars

3 JUPITER South 12 - 15pm

Recite Hari Om. Sun in 10th. Destroys all sin. Time to eat well. Tranquil levels of energy.

By eating rice Moon combines with JU time to create Gajakesari Yoga

4 MERCURY South West 15 - 18

Good for learning. Make mistakes, childlike behavior, time to communicate, getting tired and wants to go home

5 VENUS West 18 - 21

Entertainment. Prayer at this time stops negativity, fire-fights, stays pure. Time for planning

6 SATURN North West 21- 24

Tantric puja go to bed, do not eat at this time. Follow Saturn poverty

7 MOON North 24 - 3am

Time to sleep. Mother gives peace, mind gets rest. Without rest we become rajasic/tamasic

8 RAHU North East 3 - 6am

Temporary death. God brings us to life

PLANETS AS DAY LORD AND THEIR PROMISE

SUN rules Sunday and symbolises the central source of power. With a strong Sun influence it will make the person or event the centre of attention. People cannot help being attracted to its powerful and ambitious energy. Politicians, doctors and film stars tend to radiate the confidence and independence of the Sun. Mahatma Gandhi was born on a Sunday in the hour of Venus, as was Oscar Wilde.

MOON rules Monday with kindness and compassion. Any event started under the gaze of a strong moon will be very popular. Due to its changeable nature it brings excitement and rules singers, sailors, caretakers and travellers. While the Irish Republic was born on a Sunday, it displays many of the qualities of the Moon as it was born on the hour of the Moon. NATO was born on a Monday as was our popular comedian Tommy Tiernan.

MARS ruling Tuesday has physical and mental strength to hotly pursue its goals. He has the reputation for creating widows through wars or spiritual practice. He uses logic and precision in the execution of his duties. At best he makes a great surgeon or warrior and at worst his impatience can lead to rows or accidents. Tuesday is great for exercise but definitely not suitable for any type of negotiations. Gerry Adams, Maura O'Halloran (Irish Buddhist Nun) and Pope John Paul II were all born on a Tuesday.

MERCURY ruling Wednesday is the playful messenger and the eternal student. Wednesday is the ideal day for signing agreements and making the business deals. Those with strong Mercury make great speakers and are always on the quest for knowledge. Its influence is very obvious on Tony Blair, Bernadette Devlin, Mary McAleese, John Moriarty, WB Yeats, Nelson Mandela and Bertie.

JUPITER guiding Thursday brings a quality of hope and optimism that helps us to expand our horizons both physically and mentally. His energy brings out the most helpful side of us and he raises our awareness to see the Divinity in everything. Thursday is a great day to start any event that we hope will grow. Jupiter rules lawmakers, professors, priests and he has given us two fine philosophers in Michael D. Higgins who was born on the day and hour of this great benefic while John Moriarty, was born on his hour.

VENUS ruling Friday is essential for bringing harmony in relationship and therefore this is the best day for marriage and any type of peace initiatives. She seduces us with the

promise of pleasure using compromise and charm to achieve peace at any price. The Gaelic Athletic Association being born on a Friday helped to bring unity to communities across Ireland and being born on the hour of the Moon will help it continue to remain popular. Famous people born under the influence of Venus are Oscar Wilde, Tommy Tiernan and Gerry Adams.

SATURN presides over Saturday and makes this a very good day for doing our clean up from the worldly activities. Saturn is the debt collector; he forces us to face the reality of our excesses and encourages discipline, penance and self-denial. Sister Consillio born on a Saturday is a great example of how Saturn can act as a blessing in disguise to eliminate problems. She has established a spiritual refuge and treatment centre in every province in Ireland for those broken by addiction.

PLANETARY STRENGTH IN SIGNS

Planets give their benefic or malefic results in their main or sub-periods of life, depending on their strength. Where the planet is in the chart in relation to its point of exaltation, in other words, how far away or how close it is gives an indication of the strength of that planet. We all aspire to be moving towards our place of highest strength and moving away from our place of weakness and not vice versa. This is one of the 6 measurements of strength used in Shadbala.

<i>PLANET</i>	<i>EXALTATION</i>	<i>DEBILITATION</i>	<i>MOOLATRIKONA</i>	<i>OWN RASI</i>
SUN	10 ARIES	10 LIBRA	0-20 LEO	LEO
<i>MO</i>	3 TAURUS	3 SCORPIO	4-30 TAURUS	CANCER
<i>MARS</i>	28 CAPRIC	28 CANCER	1-12 ARIES	AR & SC
<i>MERC</i>	15 VIRGO	15 PISCES	16-20 VIRGO	GE & VI
<i>JUPITER</i>	5 CANCER	5 CAPRICORN	1-10 SAG	SA & PI
<i>VENUS</i>	27 PISCES	27 VIRGO	0-5 LIBRA	TA & LI
<i>SATURN</i>	20 LIBRA	20 ARIES	1-20 AQUARIUS	CA & AQ
<i>RAHU</i>	GEMINI	SAGITTARIUS	VIRGO	AQUARIUS
<i>KETU</i>	SAGITTARIUS	GEMINI	PISCES	SCORPIO

The effects of planetary placement are as follows:

FRIEND = FAVOURABLE gives riches, wealth, prosperity and happiness.

OWN SIGN = HOME comfortable. Satisfied and relaxed. Give success and prosperity. Feels safe and easily able to function.

MOOLATRIKONA = OFFICE formal work, one is powerful and duty-minded. Focus is Dharma and being able to do what is right for it. Great success and important position in society, politics or government The 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th & 11th from its Moolitrikona are inimical for a planet except when in its exaltation or own sign. Mars gets exalted in 10th from Aries, where it is exalted and Pisces become the inimical sign instead. Moolitrikona sign for Moon is Taurus where 3rd is its own sign will give good results, but if Moon is in Libra, Scorpio, Aquarius, and Pisces it will bring difficulties during its Dasa periods for anything it influences.

EXALTATION = DELIGHTED - excited to be at his favorite place. Give glory and success. Highly favorable.

DEBILITATION = HUMBLED – worst place, unhappy stuck at a place he dislikes. Good for spiritual life.

INIMICAL SIGNS - the 3rd, 6th, 10th, 11th (upachaya) and 7th house from Moolitrikona except if own or exaltation sign for planet.

INIMICAL SIGNS						
Planet	Moolitrikona	3 rd	6 th	10 th	11 th	7 th
SUN	LEO	LI	CP	TA	GE	AQ
MOON	TAURUS	-	LI	AQ	PI	SC
MARS	ARIES	GE	VI	PI	AQ	LI
MERCURY	VIRGO	SC	AQ	-	CN	PI
JUPITER	SAGITTARIUS	AQ	TA	VI	LI	GE
VENUS	LIBRA	SA	-	CN	LE	AR
SATURN	AQUARIUS	AR	CN	SC	SA	LE

Planets placed in inimical signs give adverse results during the dasa's of the signs wherein they are placed as well as during the dasa's of their own signs. Natural malefics give evil results during the end of the dasa while natural benefics are evil in the beginning.

NATURAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PLANETS			
PLANET	FRIENDS	ENEMIES	NEUTRAL
SUN	MO, MA, JU	VENUS, SATURN	MERCURY
MOON	SUN, MERCURY		MA, JU, VE, SA
MARS	SUN, MOON, JUPITER	MERCURY	VE, SA
MERCURY	SUN, VENUS	MOON	MA, JU, SA
JUPITER	SUN, MOON, MARS	MERCURY, VENUS	SATURN
VENUS	MERCURY, SATURN	SUN, MOON	MARS, JUPITER
SATURN	MERCURY, VENUS	SU, MO, MA	JUPITER

TEMPORARY RELATIONSHIPS IN CHARTS

Planets in same sign are enemies

Planets in 2,3,4,10, 11,12 from a planet are its TEMPORARY friends

Planets in 1,5,6,7,8,9, from a planet are its TEMPORARY enemies

RELATIONSHIPS always key to what can be achieved and that is especially true in Astrology.

Relationships for a planet situated in favourable houses from a person of interest will be cordial, these houses include 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th. There will be enmity between the native and the person represented by the planet, which is situated in the other houses, most especially 6th, 8th, 12th. For example, Taurus rising and Venus as Lagna lord is situated

in 6th house from Mars, there will be enmity with the spouse. This point is especially important when assessing suitable marriage partners.

Relationships due the houses ruled from the Ascendant gives the functional role a planet gets to play. A functional malefic will rule difficult houses while the functional benefic is a favorable planet who will rule the best houses. A functional malefic planet is very likely to bring difficulties during its Dasa so it is important to get to know who will help or hinder. Placement of a functional benefic in quadrants (sustenance) and trines (prosperity) brings good results. Placement of a functional malefic in these houses is not good, unless it is very strong. A functional malefic placed in the 3rd house and dusthanas (6th, 8th and 12th houses) brings good results, by spoiling the significations of the bad houses.

Functional Nature of Planets

Lagna	Yoga Karaka	Functional Benefics	Functional Neutrals	Functional Malefics
Ar	-	Sun, Mars, Jupiter	-	Mercury, Venus, Saturn
Ta	Saturn	Sun, Mercury, Saturn	Mars	Moon, Jupiter, Venus, Sun
Ge	-	Venus	Moon, Mercury, Saturn	Mars, Jupiter, Mercury, Venus
Cn	Mars	Moon, Mars, Jupiter	Sun, Saturn	Mercury, Venus
Le	Mars,	Sun, Mars, Jupiter	Moon	Saturn, Moon, Mars, Jupiter
Vi	-	Mercury, Venus	Sun, Saturn	
Li	Saturn	Mercury, Venus, Saturn	-	Sun, Mars, Jupiter
Sc	-	Moon, Jupiter	Sun, Mars	Mercury, Venus, Saturn
Sg	-	Sun, Mars	Moon, Mercury	Venus, Saturn
Cp	Venus	Venus, Mercury, Saturn	Sun	Moon, Mars, Jupiter
Aq	Venus	Venus, Saturn	Sun, Mercury	Sun, Mercury
Pi	-	Moon, Mars	Jupiter	Venus, Saturn

ZODIAC	BEST	Soumyas GOOD	Kruras Cruel	RAJAYOGA	NEUTRAL	YOGA KARAKAS	MARAKAS
ARIES	JU	MARS SUN	VE ME MO SA	SUN JUPITER		SUN	MERCURY SATURN
TAURUS	SA	MERCURY MARS SUN	JU MO	SATURN	VENUS	SATURN	JUPITER
GEMINI	VE		MA SU JU SA	VENUS MERCURY	MOON MERCURY	VENUS SATURN	MARS JUPITER
CANCER	MA	JUPITER	ME VE	MARS	SATURN MOON SUN	MARS	MERCURY VENUS
LEO	MA	SUN	ME VE	MARS	JUPITER MOON SUN	MARS	MERCURY VENUS
VIRGO	VE		MO MA JU	VENUS MERCURY	SATURN SUN MERCURY	MERCURY VENUS	MARS JUPITER
LIBRA	SA	MERCURY MARS VENUS	MO SU JU	SATURN		MOON SATURN MERCURY	JUPITER
SCORPIO	MO	SUN MARS JUPITER	ME VE	SUN MOON	MARS SATURN	SUN MOON	MERCURY VENUS SATURN
SAGITT	SU	MARS	ME VE SA	MARS JUPITER	JUPITER MOON	SUN MARS	VENUS SATURN
CAPRIC	VE	MERCURY SATURN	MA JU MO	VENUS MERCURY	SUN	MERCURY VENUS	MARS JUPITER
AQUAR	VE	SATURN MARS SUN	MO JU	VENUS MARS	MERCURY	MARS VENUS	MARS
PISCES	MA	MOON	SA SU ME VE	MARS MOON JUPITER	JUPITER	MARS JUPITER MOON	MERCURY VENUS SATURN

SOURCES of STRENGTH of a PLANET - SHADBALA

The PLANETS take the action and we need to ask if they are welcome in the situation, if the job suits their nature and if they like what they have to do? The more comfortable the circumstances the more true to its nature it can be and the better will be the results. The Planets are the active agents with the power to influence what they aspect and associate with. They can be helped with remedies if they are struggling. When we look at the detail in Jyotish we can see there is a lot of common sense attached to their very specific rules. *Shadbala* is a measure based on six sources of strength a planet can achieve in a chart. Achievements in life are more likely with high Shadbala as it suggests we are operating at

a steady pace, when the time is right, in a supportive environment where we are comfortable and focused on what we love doing. Computer software will do the complex calculations and give us the numbers but it's good to understand the reasoning for why a planet will give its best results as it will identify our source of strength and weakness.

A planet prefers TO BE:

- Comfortable in its environment -	Sign	<i>STHANA</i>
- Stirred up to get what it needs -	House	<i>KENDRA</i>
- In direction it wants to grow (Artha, etc.)	Goals	<i>DIG</i>
- fit to go after it with enthusiasm	Speed	<i>CHESTA</i>
- At the appropriate time suited to the action	Day	<i>KALA</i>
- With helpful support and minimum obstacles	Aspect	<i>DRIG</i>
- In the moon bright fortnight for growth		
- and the Suns bright half of the year	Direction	<i>AYANA</i>

SHADBALA measures the ability of a planet to perform in a chart. The source of strength shows where the good results will come from. Areas that are weak will indicate areas of suffering. Even if a planet is placed in 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th, if it is weak it will bring disease/decay to the houses it owns, especially during the period of the planet that is the cause of its weakness. Strength may not in every case be identical with beneficence. If a planet is in the first degree it is usually weak but it still might have good Shadbala. Parasara says that for good longevity it is not sufficient to have 8th lord placed in 8th house, but it has to be strong in shadbala to manifest its house placement and give good longevity.

- **MOTION – CHESTABALA**

SUN and MOON in

CAP, AQU, PIS, ARI. TAU, GEM

MA, ME, JU, VE, SA in

RETROGRESSION or

CONJUNCTION with FULL MOON

- **TIME - KALABALA**

MO MA SA during night - SU JU VE during day

ME IS ALWAYS POWERFUL

MALEFICS are always powerful during dark half of month

BENEFICS are always powerful during bright half of month

PLANETS in their DAY/ MONTH/YEAR are powerful

- **PLACEMENT - STHANABALA**
Friendly /own/exaltation
in D1/D9 and other subdivisions
- **DIRECTION - DIGBALA**
JU/ME in 1st
SU/MA in 10th
SA in 7th
VE/MO in 4th
- **ASPECTS - DRIGBALA**
of BENEFIC gives strength
of MALEFIC takes it away
- **NATURAL STRENGTH - NAISARGIKABALA**
SU, MO, VE, JU, ME, MA, SA are strong in descending order.
SUN is most powerful -SATURN is least powerful

ISHTA PHALA shows the potential or capacity for good karma based on the number of good points out of a total of 60 and the remainder becomes **KASHTA PHALA** or quantity of malefic points and difficult karma to be faced from a planet. These calculations are based on sources of strength including exaltation and retrogression

STATE OF existence for PLANET – AVASTHA

There are various calculations within Vedic Astrology that help us to get a deeper understanding of how a planet will function. Computer printouts give a detailed list of these results and the following is an explanation of how these results are arrived at.

Age

Alertness

Mood or attitude

Avastha refers to various states a planet experiences. The reason I list them is to make you aware of where the origins of the various tables in the computer printout come from and what they are useful for. Varaha Mihira said *“The Astrologer, who proclaims good and bad results after deep consideration of the ten Avastha’s (states) of planets and the results arising from the different houses, never goes wrong.”*

From the tables below you can see there are more than 10 Avastha’s that are taken into consideration to measure the strength of a planet. AGE limitations are comparing the degree a planet is at with our aging system where when we are very young or old we are less effective and so the following:

ODD SIGN DEGREE	EVEN SIGN DEGREE	State	AGE	results
0 – 6	24 – 30	Saisava	Child	Quarter
6 – 12	18 – 24	Kumara	Adolescent	Half
12 - 18	12 - 18	Yuva	Adult	Full
18 - 24	6 - 12	Vriddha	Old	Some
24 - 30	0 – 6	Mrita	Dead	None

There are 3 states of alertness

state	placement reason	name	effect
AWAKE	Own/Exaltation	Jaagrita	Full Results
DREAMING	neutral or friends	Swapna	Medium
ASLEEP	Debilitation or enemy	Sushupta	Minimum

Planets give the results based on their circumstances which will affect what it rules:

Planet in	Name	mood – attitude
Exaltation	Pradeeptha	Delighted, wealth, respect, proud, gains, happy, bright
Own House	Swastha	Healthy, comfortable, cars, land, fame, position, content, natural
Good friend	Mudita	Delighted, Even tempered, joyful, religious, overpower enemy, gain
Friend	Shanta	Calm, quiet nature, strength, peaceful, comfort, friends
Retrograde	Shakta	Competent, determined, courage, wealth, capable, learned, donor
Neutral	Deena	Sad, depressed, mental worry, distressed, enmity
Acceleration	Ati-Bheeta	Very much afraid, Losses, torture, mean habits
Enemy	Sudukhita	Distressed, miserable, quarrels, poor, angry
Malefic	Khala	Scheming, mischievous, quarrels, poor, base, angry
Combust	Kopita	Angry, disease, disgrace
With malefic	Vikala	Crippled, confused, distressed
Defeated	Nipiditha	Tortured or troubled due to defeat in planetary war
In 5 th + malefic	Lajjita	Ashamed
Exalted or moolatrikona	Garvita	Proud
Influenced by enemy/Saturn	Kshudhita	Hungry
Water sign + enemy	Trishita	Thirsty
Friends + Jupiter	Mudita	Delighted
Malefics + Sun	Kshobhita	Shaken, agitated

STATES OF ACTIVITY using a formula involving, Planet position, Navamsa, Nakshatra, Moon, Ascendant, Birth Time, which can be linked to syllable of name. In Vedic Astrology. An integrated approach Narishima tells us that this is the most important measurement for the states of the planets. He also gives us an outline of what each of the planets will experience in each of the activities. However, he advises us to not get dependant on these tables as the position of planets and their influence in Divisional charts is more important in deciding results.

Avastha	State
Shayana	Lying down
Upavesana	Sitting down
Netrapaani	Hand on Eyes
Prakaasana	Shining
Gamana	Going – on the move
Aagamana	Coming, returning
Sabhaa	In the assembly
Gama	Coming/acquiring
Bhojana	Eating
Nriyalipsaa	Longing to dance
Kautuka	Being eager, curiosity
Nidraa	Sleeping

STATE OF existence of A PLANET – AVASTHA

The potential of a planet to give results depends on the state it is in. As we know being in a fearful, distressed state is not likely to bring good results while being bright, shining and happy is most likely to bring success. Also, a planet approaching or in the sign prior to its exaltation will have increased vigour promising wealth and all sorts of good results while the planet approaching its debilitation will be declining in power. Being defeated in a planetary war causes a planet to be troubled or tortured also.

Acceleration	Bheetha (in fear)	Losses, torture, mean habits, adverse results
Combustion	Vikala (distress)	too near sun, disease, disgrace
Debilitation	Khala (bad) Dina	Poverty, losses, mean, quarrels, unpleasant, troubles
Exaltation	Deeptha (bright, shining)	Fame, delighted, wealth, respect, proud, gains,
Good division	Santha (calm), Adhivirya	Powers of energy, good counsel, majesty, property, strength, courage and comfort
Harassed	Peedya (unhappy)	powerless state in last degree of sign
Friendly	Mudita (happy)	happy, even tempered, joyful, accomplish desires
Retrograde	Sakta (powerful)	courage, determined, wealth, reputation
Own house	Swastha (healthy)	Wealth, comfortable, land, fame, position, happy
Unfriendly	Deena (helpless), Suptha	Miserable, mental worry, sick, degraded, danger, accidents

STRENGTH OF SIGN

Jaimini teaches a simple method of assessing strengths. He recommends we measure the strength of a sign and its lord. The net strength of a sign will be due to its own strength and its lord.

The lord gets its strength:

1. due to its distance from the first point of the sign i.e. highest longitude is strongest
2. due to its position in own, exalted, Moolitrikona, debilitation
3. due to being in Kendra (1,4,7,10), Panapara (2,5,8,11) Apoklima (3,6,9,12) from AK

A sign's own strength will be:

1. due to planets in the sign
2. due to being Movable, Fixed or Dual
3. due to aspects from or associations with Jupiter, Mercury or its own lord.
4. due to being occupied by Atmakaraka
5. due to the Lords strength

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1ST SOURCE OF STRENGTH

1 - AK IN SIGN

2 - One with most planets ..if equal then

3 - Planets exalted, own sign ..if equal then

4 - Natural order of strength

Dual stronger than Fixed and Movable is weakest

5 - If both signs unoccupied then sign whose lord is AK

6 - Then sign whose lord has advanced the most

7 - Odd sign are strong if their lord is in an even sign and even signs gain strength if their lord is in an odd sign

2ND SOURCE OF STRENGTH

1. One with AK/ JU/ME/SIGN LORD occupy/aspect sign ..if same

2. One with exalted planet ..if same then

3. Lord of sign is in a Rasi with a different oddity if same

4. Strength of Rasi DUAL strongest THEN FIXED THEN MOVABLE ...if same then

5. Longitude of lords of z Rasi which ever is highest wins.

STRONGER CO-LORD

For AQ and SC the stronger between SA/RA and MA/KE if one is in own sign the other is stronger.

STRONGER BETWEEN 2 PLANETS

- 1. One with most planets conjoined ..if same**
- 2. Planet with aspect/conjoin JU/ME/DISPOSITOR. Rasi aspect are used here ..if same**
- 3. Planet exalted ..if same**
- 4. Strength of SIGN planet is in. DUAL strongest than FIXED then MOVABLE**
- 5. DASA planet with largest length for dasa**
- 6. b. ARUDHA PADA planet which has advanced most in RASI**

ASPECTS – DRIG BALA - DRISTI (GAZE)

SIGN ASPECTS or Rasi Dristi are the circumstances we are born into and within this we have desires that are represented by **PLANET ASPECTS** or Graha Dristi. The planet aspect is based on the 'desires' of the conscious mind to influence or intervene in the affairs of a house or planet it has its eye on. The planets desire to engage with what he can see is the basis of **Graha dristi (Planet aspects)**. Sometimes, it can be a positive experience as in the 'look of love' from the glad eye of Venus or in the negative the aspect of Saturn's "bad eye" held over from old resentments can cause a lot of grief or the glare of an impatient Mars can generate frustration and anger.

The 7th house is the seat of the desire of the heart and every planet except KETU sees in the 7th from where he is situated his hearts desire beckoning to him. In the story of creation KETU lost his head and without it he is unable to see. Now as we all know it takes more than a desire to make something happen, while it is always the motivator the conditions need to be right to provide the opportunity and the more support we have from our environment the easier it will be to get to that much longed for and yearned after elusive goal.

While the planets represent the people, the environment which will support him comes from the **Rasi Dristi** or signs. If this is present you might get something you had no desire for instead but at a deeper level you needed that experience. **Rasi dristi** skill is there all the time and something we take for granted, therefore there is no desire attached to it. **Graha dristi** has desires attached and shows what a person wants. It shows something waiting to happen if the desire is strong enough, it is not there from birth. The power of the desire gets awakened during transit/dasa. Planet aspects show people who meet at the time of the activity, maybe at work, school, home etc. Yoga's formed by the planets get easily activated when the houses involved are activated by transit and/or Dasa.

While there is desire there can be no Moksha

SIGN ASPECT or RASI DRISTI

(PLANETS IN THESE SIGNS WILL HAVE SIMILAR ASPECT)

MOVABLE SIGNS ASPECT FIXED SIGNS *except the one adjacent*

Or the signs 5th, 8th and 11th from them *i.e. Aries aspects LE, SC, AQ*

FIXED SIGNS ASPECT MOVABLE SIGNS *except the one adjacent*

Or the signs 3rd, 6th, and 9th from them *i.e. Leo aspects LI, CA, AR*

DUEL SIGNS ASPECT ALL DUAL SIGNS

Or the 4th, 7th, and 10th from them *i.e. Pisces aspects GE, VI, SA*

Of the 3 signs having an aspect on a sign the one facing that will have the most impact or influence i.e. for Aries it will be Scorpio or for Pisces it will be Virgo.

PLANET ASPECT or GRAHA DRISTI

"All the planets aspect the 3rd and 10th houses with a quarter sight.

The 5th and 9th with a half sight. The 4th and 8th with 3 quarters of a sight, and the 7th house with full sight.

But Saturn aspects the 3rd and 10th with full sight,

Jupiter aspects the 5th and 9th with full sight,

and Mars aspects the 4th and 8th with full sight."

Varahamihira in Brihat Jataka: Chapter 2 - Sloka 13:

Aspects of the same planets can bring different experiences due to its nature as well as the houses it represents and wants to influence. The planet and house aspected by a malefic will be damaged unless friends with the planet or friendly with the significator of the house. An aspect from a malefic planet is not always difficult as in the case of Saturn in 6th aspecting 3rd, 8th, 12th - destroying these problem areas. Another example is Venus in 2nd aspecting 8th will bring benefit as a benefic but can bring difficulty if lord of difficult houses. The type of influence planets aspect will bring will depend on houses involved. Aspects also have the effect of creating Yoga's by linking important reference points together, for example 10th lord (Kendra) aspecting the 9th lord (Trine), is a very beneficial connection. However, if the 10th lord is a malefic it will still bring difficulty, as a malefic, to the point of influence. Planets having an aspect on an Arudha Pada will activate it. *i.e. Planets having an aspect on UL (A12) will cause spending.*

Pada aspecting a house brings its promise to that area or they combine their promises to give results. *i.e. A7 (business) aspecting 11th from AL may bring gains(11th) from business(A7).*

INTERVENTION or ARGALA

where engaging in an activity can help or hinder other areas of life. B.V. Raman defines Argala as 'agents' promoting or obstructing the flow of fortunate vibrations in a horoscope. During the dasa of a planet or sign, in all charts, influences are assessed to see what areas in the life the planet/sign is capable or otherwise of providing definite fruits.

- If a sign has an argala from its
 - **Lord** or a
 - **Yogakaraka** or
 - **unafflicted Lagna Lord** or the
 - **Significator** of the matters denoted by the house, the matters of that sign get a boost.

From a reference point Planets in 2,4,5,7,8,11 will help those areas/houses to prosper if they are not obstructed by there being simultaneously planets in 12, 10, 3, 9, 6 respectively.

If malefic it will bring difficulties in the long run. If the Argala is obstructed the house results are reversed.

Planets and signs in the 2nd, 4th or 11th have primary Argala and can be obstructed (Virodhaargala) by planets and signs in 12th, 10th and 3rd respectively.

A planet in 7th (relationship) will benefit 6th, 4th and 9th directly if benefic, while malefics will bring problems to these areas. Meanwhile planets in 8th, 10th and 5th show areas of life having a direct influence on relationships.

Benefics planets placed in 8th house have the following effects as:

Primary argala

- 8th is 11th from 10th gain from karma, retirement, wealth from from work
- 8th is 4th from 5th promising happiness from mantra, intelligence, wellbeing, and blesses with depth for inner peace. Gives power to procreate children since the 8th house creates an argala for the 5th house.
- 8th is 2nd from 7th promoting better relationship with spouse and their resources

Secondary argala

d) Mantra(5th) argala on 4th house.

e) 8th house argala on lagna. So benefics if not very ill disposed to lagna can give easy death or knowledge of death beforehand.

Malefics in 8th having Subha argala on 6th house of enemies causes bad death and strong enemies.

Argala shows a promise but Papargala shows that this promise will be fulfilled with difficulty or much testing, e.g. *in 11th from AL gains which can be questioned. Saturn in 10th has paapaargala on 9th and subhaargala on 12th that will benefit meditation.*

While Planets represent people interacting or intervening with a point of reference, if there are no planets involved, the Zodiac Signs in strength will signify circumstances that will intervene and whichever is stronger will dominate. i.e., *Assertive Aries will want to provide sustenance for Pisces to move forward whereas alternative Aquarius will deplete its energy with issues from the past.*

Similarly, Houses have the power to intervene and influence each other that show how the energy is being directed. i.e. *if there are more planets in 7th than 1st house then there will be more interest in being involved with others and less on the self.*

Special Argala is caused by malefics in 3rd house or a malefic sign in 3rd house if no planets are there which does not have any kind of intervention. This Argala will bring success in competition or battles.

Arudha is what we can see as in awards, it's a measure of ability rather than the ability. These results will manifest during the Dasa of the lord of the Zodiac sign they are in or during Dasa of planets aspecting or having Argala on an Arudha.

If the intervention and the obstacle are equally strong from two malefics then there may unwelcome confinement like hospital, if benefics are creating the bondage then the confinement may be for meditation or writing etc.

If the planet causing Argala is an enemy to a house/planet it will prevent its enemy from

achieving its results and will bring a change of direction. *i.e., Rahu in 10th from 9th will obstruct higher education due to bad habits which can be rescued by Ketu's esoteric studies in 4th from 9th and Jupiter's guidance in 5th from 9th.*

Jupiter is karaka for 2nd (values), 5th (children), 7th (husband), 9th (fortune), 11th (income) and Argala on Jupiter will show how we surround ourselves with these blessing. If Venus has Argala on Jupiter it will be through art or beautiful seductive things. While if Venus is obstructed it will take energy from all that Jupiter represents.

10th is the strongest ANGLE in the chart, and shows direction of karma. Planets in 10th show their results early, even malefics can give good results in 10th house. E.g., *Saturn would give bad results for father, due to its Argala on 9th house while giving discipline and patience to work hard.*

Planets in 10th provide sustenance to Dharma - Dharma sustains from right Karma. Rahu in 10th help from the underworld, pilgrimage. Follows his karma in foreign places and finally upholds dharma. All planets in 10th take a person to Swarga or heaven due to Argala on 9th. It's like having Vishnu in 10th.

"The Argala having no obstructer will be the giver of effects, that having obstructers will not confer any effect. The effects should undoubtedly and with certainty be known during the periods which happen to be the dasa or antardasa period of that planet or sign which is endowed with Argala." BPHS

OBSTACLES - BADHAKA

MOVEABLE	- Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn - 11th House and its lord. (Fixed)
FIXED	- Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius - 9th House and its lord. (Movable)
DUAL	- Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces - 7th House and its Lord. (Dual)

The purpose of the obstruction of the Badhaka sign and its lord is not to obstruct one progress, but to give difficulties in order to purify the native and make one more determined. Difficulties make us more serious. Badhakesh brings travel, disease and sorrow. If he is a benefic it is easily pacified but if malefic or associated with fixed signs more difficult. Planets in 1,4,7,10 to Badhak sign bring sorrow and/or foreign travel due to external unknown causes. The best position for the lord of Badhak is in Marana as the

obstacles get destroyed. A strong influence from Badhak lord on Ascendant will hinder our personal development; if the Ascendant lord is placed in a Badhak sign then ones self development will involve challenges and difficulties. However, if the obstruction is to the Arudha Lagna then one will be disturbed by public opinion until we become more spiritually mature. This suggests that our state of consciousness depends on how much we get caught up with our illusionary selves or our true self.

GRIEF – MARANA

When a planet is placed in a house least suited to his nature it will be a source of grief to what they rule including their own house, what they are signifiers for and conjoin. Use the gems or the mantra of the natural signifier of the house as remedy

SU 12th - MO 8TH - MA 7th - ME 4th & 7th - JU 3rd - VE 6TH - SA 1ST - RA 9TH
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The Sun and Moon in the houses best suited to Saturn, the source of rescue

Mars in the house best suited to Venus, the source of rescue

Jupiter in the House best suited to Mars, the source of rescue

Mercury in the houses best suited to Moon & Venus, the source of rescue

Venus in the house best suited to Mars, the source of rescue

Saturn in the house best suited to the Sun, the source of rescue

Rahu in the house best suited to Jupiter, the source of rescue

The planets become *Marana Karaka* (death inflictors). When such a death inflictor is in conjunction with or aspected by malefics or in inimical or depression signs, great grief is sure to come. **Sun** causes fire hazards; **Moon** indicates danger from water; **Mars** causes accident and danger from weapons; **Mercury** indicates trouble due to flatulence; stomach problems are indicated by **Jupiter**; accidents, trouble from opposite sex is caused by **Venus** and venomous bites by **Rahu**. Similarly, the planet becoming Marana Karaka will not do well for its Karakatwa (Signification) and will surely tend to destroy the houses it owns.

“Every planet and sign, either directly or indirectly, influences every other planet and sign either by aspect or by argala”. Sanjay Rath

ZODIAC SIGNS - style of behavior or approach

The Zodiac signs give us twelve psychological ways of behaving to get our life needs met as indicated by the houses. These 12 signs are controlled by their ruler (lord) and they work in unison with each other to achieve the house results. If the ruler is strong, he will be able to give good results and the house needs will be met. If there is a planet in the sign, its needs will dominate proceedings and take priority.

It is recommended you **read all the Zodiac signs as each sign has dominion over a specific department in your life**. You may be used to believing you are only influenced by one Zodiac sign but that's rarely the case, usually there are several signs which have a deep impact on our lives. Each sign gives us a quality which we call on when the circumstance requires it. When the planets in their continuous dance move into these places they activate that part of us we need to be working on. Take a look at the quality the sign of the zodiac wants to give us. As you look down through the list you will recognise what comes easiest, in other words, when you are "in your element". However, to be fully alive we need to be using all of these qualities.

FIRE AND AIR SIGNS

The male energy get to work the signs associated with Dharma and Kama, **the fire and air signs**. This means they must use their **enterprising spirit and intellectual minds** to be responsible, truthful and to practice right action in all their relationships. Their duty is to protect the fire of truth and to safeguard society from ignorance and the abuse of power. Making the world a safe place for everyone is his highest priority. The Father role is to guide in the world, he provides the wings to fly. Responsible for spiritual obligations a weak cadent house. He is more distant while a child is young and becomes more important as she gets older. Ideally, he guides us towards dharma, right living, truth, self discipline, and religion.

1. AR Activator, motivator, spark of excitement, WARRIOR
3. GE Encouragement, courage, prowess, virility, REPORTER
5. LE Leader, ruler, source of power, beloved FILM STAR
7. LI Enemy and partner, compromise, cooperate, DIPLOMAT
9. SA Religious guide, focus of energy, belief, faith, POLITICIAN
- 11.AQ Prosperity and concerns relate to being useful in society SCIENTIST

EARTH AND WATER SIGNS

Female energy takes responsibility for Moksha and Artha, **the earth and water signs**. The feminine will use their **practicality and sensitivity** to ensure the nourishment of what has been created on a worldly level. They must be willing to work at very mundane tasks without concern for the fruits of their labour. Women's work is to push the child out of her womb into the world loving it unconditionally as it leaves her. The more difficult tasks have been assigned to the women as she gets responsibility for Virgo, Scorpio and Pisces the natural 6th, 8th and 12th houses of the zodiac. The Mother role is responsible for home and roots in a strong angular house. She is always around in early years until the inevitable release when she must let him go and push him out of the nest if necessary.

- 2 TA Food, nourishment, resources, pleasure, taste, value FARMER
- 4 CA Safety, womb, security, nest, intuition, HEALER
- 6 VI Life skills training, potty training etc, what's bad for the health, TEACHER
- 8 SC Knower of secrets, failings, transformation PSYCHOLOGIST
- 10 CP Routine , ambition, daily maintenance work, WISE ELDER
- 12 PI Loss, rejection, handing him back to God PSYCHIC

sign	symbol	RULER	m/f	element	goal	energy	GUNA
Aries	Ram	Mars	M	Fire	Inspire	Movable	Rajas
Taurus	Bull	Venus	F	Earth	Solidify	Fixed	Tamas
Gemini	Couple	Mercury	M	Air	Mental	Dual	Sattva
Cancer	Crab	Moon	F	Water	Depth	Movable	Rajas
Leo	Lion	Sun	M	Fire	Inspire	Fixed	Tamas
Virgo	Woman	Mercury	F	Earth	Solidify	Dual	Sattva
Libra	Scales	Venus	M	Air	Mental	Movable	Rajas
Scorpio	Scorpion	Mars Ketu	F	Water	Depth	Fixed	Tamas
Sagittarius	Archer	Jupiter	M	Fire	Inspire	Dual	Sattva
Capricorn	Goat	Saturn	F	Earth	Solidify	Movable	Rajas
Aquarius	Man	Saturn Rahu	M	Air	Mental	Fixed	Tamas
Pisces	Fish	Jupiter	F	Water	Depth	Dual	Sattva

sign	career	Action	character	looks for	learn	issues
Aries	Adventurer	Thrill seeker	Competitive	encouragement	Patience	Temper
Taurus	Farmer	Steadfast	Sensuous	Security	Spiritual	Obstinate
Gemini	Journalist	Childlike	Inquisitive	Guidance	Silence	Gossip
Cancer	Doctor	Nourish	Instinctive	Calm	Self-help	Moody
Leo	Politician	Valiant	Enthusiastic	Admiration	Service	Vain
Virgo	Accountant	Judgemental	Organised	Acceptance	Forgive	Fussy
Libra	Business	Compromise	Civilised	Harmony	Decide	Flirt
Scorpio	Research	Perceptive	Passionate	Loyalty	Let go	Contrary
Sagittarius	Law maker	Motivate	Expansive	Freedom	Detail	Tactless
Capricorn	Authority	Ambitious	Disciplinarian	Respect	Soften	Mean
Aquarius	Internet	Scientific	Intellectual	Cause	Listen	Eccentric
Pisces	Priest	Intuitive	Compassionate	Soul mate	Limits	Slippery

NODAL AXIS – KETU & RAHU

KETU CO-RULES SCORPIO WITH MARS WHICH GIVES COMPLEXITY AND DEPTH TO THIS SIGN. ITS LOVE OF THE MYSTERIOUS IS DUE TO KETU'S ACCESS TO HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE. THE SECRET POWERS OF THE NATURE WHICH LIE DORMANT IN SCORPIO ARE LINKED TO KUNDALINI. HE REPRESENTS INTENSE HEAT AND INFRA-RED

RAHU CO-RULES AQUARIUS WITH SATURN. HIS HUNGER AND DISSATISFACTION COMPELLS HIM TOWARDS ENTANGLEMENTS IN THE HOPE OF HAPPINESS. WHATEVER HE ACHIEVES WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH AND WHEN HE REALISES THIS THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY STARTS. HE REPRESENTS INTENSE COLD AND ULTRA-VIOLET.

KEYWORDS FOR ZODIAC SIGNS

ASSERTIVE ARIES-RAM

Daring, bold, impulsive, loves a challenge, forceful, frank, fighter. *Active/Male/Movable/Rajas/Fire* - ruled by energising MARS.

TRADITIONAL TAURUS-BULL

Sensuous, pleasure seeking, determined, stubborn, cautious, kind *Passive/Female/Fixed/Tamas/Earth* - ruled by seductive VENUS

GREGARIOUS GEMINI-COUPLE

Intellectual, fickle, chatty, wheeler-dealer, witty, gossip, nervous
Active/Male/Duel/Satva/Air - ruled by playful MERCURY

CARING CANCER – CRAB

Emotional, intelligent, nurturing, shy, intuitive, mother, untidy
Passive/Female/Movable/Rajas/Water - ruled by changeable MOON.

LEGENDARY LEO - LION

Regal, dominating, sincere, creative, generous, valiant, vain, king.
Active/Male/Fixed/Tamas/Fire - ruled by powerful SUN.

VIRTUOUS VIRGO-MAIDEN

Eliminate problem, fussy, truthful, precise, kind, helper, practical
Passive/Female/Duel/Satva/Earth - ruled by meticulous MERCURY

LIKEABLE LIBRA - SCALES

Civilised, peacemaker, charming, romantic, artist, flirt, humane
Active/Male/Movable/Rajas/AIR - ruled by agreeable VENUS

SECRETIVE SCORPIO-SCORPION

Intense, loyal, contrary, determined, *passionate*.
Passive/Female/Fixed/Tamas/ Water - ruled by sharp MARS/headless KETU.

STIMULATING SAGITTARIUS-ARCHER

Idealistic, philosopher, religious, jovial, hasty, tactless, boastful
Active/Male/Duel/Satva/Fire - ruled by protective JUPITER

CAUTIOUS CAPRICORN-GOAT

Prudent, ambitious, rigid, self-seeking, patient, cruel
Passive/Female/Movable/Rajas/Earth- ruled by hardworking SATURN

ALTERNATIVE AQUARIUS – WATERPOT

Intellectual, scientific, friendly, inventor, eccentric
Active/Male/Fixed/Tamas/Air - ruled by cool SATURN & Radical RAHU

PRAYERFUL PISCES - FISH

Forgiving, adaptable, dreamy, compassionate, mystical, grateful, gentle
Passive/Female/Duel/Satva/Water - ruled by generous JUPITER

ZODIAC SIGNS - style of behaviour or approach

ARIES

ACT FIRST - THINK LATER MESHA HEAD MARS

INITIATIVE, ORIGINAL, IMPULSIVE, FORCEFUL, ENTERPRISING, FREEDOM-LOVING, FRANK, CONFIDENT, HEROIC, QUICK-TEMPERED, SELFISH, RASH, QUARRELSOME

ROLES: Army, authority, butcher, engineer, executive, explorer, fire officer military, pioneer, surgeon, firemen, sport, butcher

ARIES is a Cardinal Fiery sign with a pioneering spirit willing to undergo the epic journey into the unknown. They want to be first, tend to dominate and are highly competitive. Aries is a thrill seeker who is inclined to act first and think later. Being bold, headstrong and without patience does not make for easy relationships. Aries like to do things in one quick burst but there is a tendency to leave things unfinished. They will react to interference and restrictions, and they are prone to errors due to impulse. Aries is courageous and competitive in the pursuit of excellence with the ambition to be number one. His honesty and directness are refreshing while his impetuous and impulsive nature is rebellious and reactionary at time. This is where we "*act in haste and repent at our leisure*" hence the potential for accidents and mistakes. Because of his assertiveness and self-confidence, we are inclined to let him dominate for a while. Aries has a reputation for being reckless and headstrong symbolised by the Ram with the head bent to charge at any obstacle and reacts strongly to any challengers., beauty, independent, unconventional. Love science, art and philosophy, education, reckless, stubborn, frank, courageous, impulsive, gossip, brave. Being quick to anger his biggest challenge is to learn to be patient and to focus his competitiveness into constructive projects.

Physical features include a strong body; above average height; with strong limbs; thick shoulder; large bones; long face; bushy eyebrows; sharp sight; long craning neck; rough, wiry and curly hair; reddish whiskers; powerful limbs.

MARS Lord of 1st (Aries) and 8th (Scorpio) - BENEFIC (Self transformation)

Mars makes for intense, extrovert and ambitious pioneers. Goes headfirst, with impatience, which at times can lead to frustration, anger and at worst accidents due to its 8th house rulership. Precision thinking combined with creativity make them great engineers. Need to pace themselves to avoid burn-out. Through their hastiness to explore where no one has gone before they learn the value of letting of and the resurrection which

comes as a result. Aries disrupts what no longer serves his purpose and the more sensitive may get crushed in the process. Mars creates war widows while **KETU as joint 8th lord spiritualizes.**

VENUS Lord of 2nd (Taurus) and 7th (Libra) - NEUTRAL (Seductive speech)

Venus gives Aries pride in their possessions and the capacity to enjoy the luxuries and pleasures of life. Taurus in the 2nd house gives an attractive face, charm to words as well as very convincing speech to Aries rising. Creative genius rather than intellectual learning is their greatest asset. Aries love beauty and to beautify when Venus is strong. Financial security is a necessity; Aries greatly value their possessions and provide well for their family. In their relationships Aries is highly sexual, passionate and can be extremely jealous. If Venus is weak, afflicted or situated in 6th or 8th house it will bring difficulties during its Dasa periods, as it then acts as a Maraka (killer) for Aries. The wife may be short-lived, and her mode of death may be seen from the nature of influences being exerted on Venus and on these two houses ruled by her. If Venus and the 7th house are strong and well aspected the wife will be beautiful, graceful and accomplished in the arts. In a Arian woman's chart if Venus and Saturn are strong, the husband becomes lucky and rich, as both Venus and Saturn are Raja Yoga karakas (king makers) for Libra.

MERCURY Lord of 3rd (Gemini) and 6th (Virgo) - MALEFIC (Initiate health)

Mercury is an enemy to Mars, and this can create potential conflict with younger siblings or siblings may be involved with healing work. Aries combines the intellectual qualities of Mercury with the houses of skills and talent which improve with the years as these are the houses of growth. Aries likes to cut through to the root of a problem and he clears the blockages of the 6th house with precision without any thought for the pain involved. Mercury for Aries rules both the house of neediness (3rd) and debts (6th) which if badly afflicted destroy these problems and bring wealth instead. When the 3rd house and Mercury are badly afflicted it can indicate the possibility of a short life.

MOON Lord of 4th (Cancer) NEUTRAL (Sanctuary)

The heart which is never at rest and the changeable nature of the Moon is reflected in Aries in their elusive search for happiness. The main desire which longs for fulfillment and is uppermost in the mind can be seen from the house the Moon is situated in. This is especially so for Aries, as the Moon as lord of the mind becomes the ruler of the house of mind, *i.e., if Moon is situated in the 5th house it will be a fondness for children.* There will be

problems in the chest area or with Mother if Moon is afflicted and if Rahu has an influence there can be phobias. Their thirst for knowledge and love of travel makes it very difficult for Aries to settle down especially as Cancer is where Mars is at his weakest. The warrior cannot engage his emotions if he is to carry out his duties.

SUN Lord of 5th (Leo) BENEFIC (Adoration)

Mars being friends with Sun means Aries will have great devotion to his children and will have a good relationship with his father. The power of the Sun for Aries gives them their powerful independent spirit. As they learn to follow the inspiration of their heart combined with pure intelligence, they may find themselves letting go of mundane and worldly things.

JUPITER Lord of 9th (Sagittarius) and 12th (Pisces) –BENEFIC (Faithful prayer)

Mars is friends with Jupiter, and he enjoys the travel, both physical and philosophical which Jupiter rules. Settling down is an issue and time alone is necessary to give a sense of safety. Meditation and spirituality are of great benefit as they learn surrender is their source of fortune rather than loss. The father is kind-hearted, wise and well-educated and Aries will find good teachers to protect and guide them toward the fulfillment of their ideals. When a planet rules the 12th house then the other house, he rules will predominate which is why Jupiter as 9th house lord becomes so beneficial for Aries rising. Religion and religious life are very important especially if there is an association with 1st house or its lord. Any malefic influence on Jupiter and Pisces will bring problems to the feet.

SATURN Lord of 10th (Capricorn) and 11th (Aquarius) MALEFIC -(work profit)

Aries work extremely hard becoming the leaders and possibly loners in their chosen field. Self-employment is suited to them and even though success is slow it is not denied. Their discipline combined with creativity and determination gives them exceptional skills. Their friends are loyal and responsible, possibly involved in social work or have some unique qualities. **RAHU as joint 11th lord becomes the unseen factor which forces change.**

TAURUS

VRISHABHA MOUTH VENUS

KIND, TRUSTWORTHY, STRONG WILLED, STAMINA, FORGIVING, CAUTIOUS, EASE-LOVING, SENSUAL, CREATIVE, PRACTICAL, PATIENT, LAZY, GREEDY, OBSTINATE

ROLE: jeweler, farmer, artist, banker, amusement, luxury business, builder, architect, sculptor

TAURUS is the seductive earth goddess who bestows her bounty and ensures our continued survival. She gives us an abundance of material resources and possessions which pleasure our sense of touch and taste. That the current culture takes these gifts from nature and changes them into disposable trash shows how little respect our society has for all that is wonderful in our environment. This is where we want to create security and stability to produce the best physical experience possible for each sense. Taurus is industrious, genuine, determined and, unlike Aries, takes the time to do things right. She stays rooted to the fertile Earth Mother and values what can be produced which will stand the test of time included the bank of turf or money in the bank. She brings the enthusiastic adventures of Aries down to earth. Taurus wants to increase their security and is very practical in evaluating people, projects and ideas. They are not for changing and can be stubborn in the extreme even becoming bull-like if not listened to. They want things their own way and will produce the best, most enjoyable physical experience possible for the senses. Taurus is genuine, sociable, and artistic, with a piercing intellect, great memory and they have an eye for quality. Taurus strengths include reliability, determination, endurance, hard-working and perseverance. Cold hatred, self-centered, bull-like stubbornness, passion and proneness to flattery are the failings. Need to learn the value of the spiritual over the material.

Physical features include beauty, poise, and elegance; of medium build; short, stumpy body; large shoulders; love curl on broad forehead; corpulence; prominent eyes; swarthy complexion; square face; short neck and thick lips; nose and mouth usually large or wide; broad hands; strong appetite.

VENUS Lord of 1st (Taurus) and 6th (Libra) BENEFIC – (Personal challenge)

An irresistible force is probably the easiest way to describe a Taurus. They are determined and committed. Practical and down-to-earth preferring the more beautiful things in life. Easy-going Venus likes to bring harmony and beauty to all she touches. Her Venustian

talents are excellent with sales and business. Working with production, selling or preparation of food can also benefit as they have a strong interest in diet and may be inclined to overindulge.

MERCURY Lord of 2nd (Gemini) and 5th (Virgo) - BENEFIC - (resources we adore)

Venus and Mercury are good friends to each other - the communication and business skills of Mercury are likely to be the best resource of Taurus. This relationship gives Taurus efficiency, practicality and luck with money speculation. Writing could be another way of expressing her sharp intellect, quick wit and they may be excellent creative speakers. Mercury in strength boosts the power of speech due to ruling the houses of speech as well and make them great orators. Malefic influences on the 2nd house and Mercury can cause childhood separation from family, more especially if the afflictions are coming from Mars its enemy or the separative powers of Rahu.

MOON Lord of 3rd (Cancer) - MALEFIC - (courage, virility)

The third house shows how we go about achieving our objectives and as the Moon likes to make us feel safe, he is unlikely to be very forceful in the pursuit of his desires. This is why Taurus has his reputation as being easy-going with a great capacity to listen, good negotiation skills and is very popular in business. The 3rd also shows our activities and as the Moon, representing the mind is very changeable there are likely to be several different interests and hobbies. The position of the Moon in the chart will identify the preferred hobbies. i.e., in 4th in Leo it may be politics or in 5th in Virgo gardening or playgrounds. When the Moon is weak or afflicted the younger brother may suffer from chest problems like pneumonia. If the 3rd house is afflicted, it as well will bring more serious problems.

SUN Lord of 4th (Leo) - NEUTRAL - (home, inner peace)

The regal quality of the Leo shines out from the inner core of the Taurus through their broad chest. Their home which is full of sunshine, is like a palace where they like to be King. They take great pride in their surroundings and like to be admired for their ability to shine in this area. The mother has great prowess and Taurus is very proud of her. If the Sun is weak and 4th house is afflicted by Saturn and Rahu they will live away from home and the mother will suffer badly also. The Sun gives them their steady grounded sense of purpose and stability although he may cause separation from the creature comforts.

MARS Lord of 7th (Scorpio) and 12th (Aries) - NEUTRAL – (Partners expenses)

Mars as lord of 12th will give 7th house results making him less malefic and good for finances. Both these houses are associated with sex and luxurious living and any mutual connections between Venus and Mars will add to pursuit of these activities. Relationships with significant others can be a problem for Taurus as they can allow their personalities to be submerged by their partner for the sake of peace. This is only a short-term solution which leads to more problems. Their preference for a powerful, sensual and passionate partner can bring its downside in someone possessive, jealous and bossy. In a female chart if both Mars and Saturn afflict the ascendant and the ascendant lord, the partner will be cruel and hard toward her. If Mars is strong the partner will have a long life. Relationship is about the capacity to give, and Taurus tends to give their all to make it work. **Ketu as joint 7th lord can also bring an elusive and mystical quality to the spouse.**

JUPITER Lord of 8th (Sagittarius) and 11th (Pisces) MALEFIC – (Hidden earnings)

Taurus profits from difficulties or 8th house issues which Jupiter represents. If Jupiter is strong there may be gains from some invention or discovery. Jupiter shows the karma to be paid, usually through chronic difficulties which are not easily resolved. Friends can be a source of difficulty and/or older siblings. Jupiter can also show for Taurus the possibility of benefiting from monies which are not earned like an inheritance or windfall.

SATURN Lord of 9th (Capricorn) and 10th (Aquarius) BENEFIC – (Fortunate opportunity)

SATURN gives Taurus his determination with an ability to work hard with purpose and direction. These are his natural characteristics which combined with strong religious beliefs and a philosophical outlook brings the promise of good fortune. Saturn tends to delay what he promises but with the benefit of time and maturity he eventually brings Taurus to the top of his field. They make great social workers, teachers and counselors' due to their dependability, patience, and down-to-earth nature.

GEMINI

MITHUNA THROAT MERCURY

INTELLECTUAL, POLARISED, PLANNER, WITTY, ADAPTABLE, CHATTY, LOGICAL, YOUTHFUL, INDOOR ACTIVITY, INVENTIVE, DECEIT, NERVOUS, FICKLE, GOSSIPS

ROLE: accountants, healers, journalism, mathematician, merchant, publisher, reporter, teaching, telephone, space, switchboard operators,

GEMINI is a dual male sign representing the eternally curious and lively intellectual. They love information and can easily manage many incoming ideas and concepts. Gemini is always on the alert for a good story and has an answer for everything. As a Masculine Air sign, it is assertive in its pursuit of information and as a dual sign doesn't mind where it comes from. We like a good story whether it is true or not which is why there can be a reputation for fraud or deception in this sign as well as small talk and gossip. Mithuna is the Sanskrit word for "couple" and is a word used for sexual intercourse. Where Gemini influences, we are always on the go looking for variety and there may be a need for caution with sex.

Sociable yet superficial, Gemini is the talk or game-show host who like a performing monkey needs to make the connections to do the business. He looks for shortcuts and cannot stand being bored; his planets or houses are where we have no patience for red lights or any kind of restraint. Gemini is the entertainer who likes to joke and tell stories which provide mental stimulation. Gemini is sociable, restless, wants variety, easily distracted and always has a few things happening at once. Gemini shows how we communicate and connect with each other and likes to flatter with tall stories and intellectual banter. He is a jack of all trades, an expert in maths with great language and science skills. His bravado, courage and strength are his assets. Failings include deception, fraud, inconstant, superficiality. Intellectual, writers, lack self-confidence, nervous, excessive worry, kind, humane, high-spirited nature; liable to excess; lacking will power. Their challenge is to learn to find the truth within rather than from external sources.

Physical features give broad forehead, clear eyes and have a sharp active look, a high nose and conspicuous chin. They are tall erect body with very long arms and fingers; fidgety and nervous; dip in chin; wavering mind; active in motion; vivacious.

MERCURY Lord of 1st (Gemini) and 4th (Virgo) – Benefic – (Personal security)

Mercury as the ruler of the intellect enables Gemini to see how one's mental attitude is responsible for happiness. Their environment is very important to their inner peace. If Mercury is strong Gemini will be able to override emotions, mood swings and attitude problems. Afflicted it can cause emotional, skin and nervous disorders and especially if Moon, as representative of the mind, is afflicted also. Gemini likes self-analysis as they are aware emotional problems tend to damage the health. Mercury gets debilitated in 10th house in Pisces and may see Gemini exhausting himself by taking on too many jobs. Gemini is more inclined to philosophy than religion and have a strong connection to the

mother. Mercury gives Gemini its sense of curiosity as well as its adaptable, skillful and intelligent personality. He can probably speak many languages. Gemini is the most dual sign, symbolised by a blend of male and female, ruled by Mercury the most changeable and adaptable of the planets.

VENUS Lord of 5th (Libra) and 12th (Taurus) – Benefic- (Surrender to love)

Venus as lord of both of these houses will give predominantly 5th house results which will be good for finances and the prospects of female children. 5th is the house of devotion, love affairs and what we give our hearts to – with Venus also ruling pleasure this combination can make for pleasure seeking and losing themselves in the process. If there is a linkage between 5th, 7th houses and Venus there is likely to be an excess of sexual activity. Gemini's can be great artists who like to surrender to the process of creating beauty due to Venus ruling the 5th and 12th houses. If Venus is afflicted there may be loss of or expenses due to children and poor judgment with investments.

MOON - Lord of 2nd (Cancer) Lord – Neutral – (money talks)

Moon as a popular member of the royal family and lord of 2nd house promises riches and power for Gemini if it is strong. It gives an indication of the mother's elder siblings being female due to ruling the 11th house from the 4th house of mother.

Gemini make great talkers and achieve wealth in commercial business due to Moon's popularity and Mercury ruling communication. As Mercury is enemy to Moon speech may not always be to their benefit and practicing silence occasionally will be beneficial. Bright Moon gives considerate speech also shows wealth will be used well, however if Moon is weak, it can indicate speech impediments, poverty and family problems.

SUN - Lord of 3rd (Leo) – Malefic – (Risk taking)

3rd house rules skills and the Sun gives originality. As a male planet the Sun will give great ambition to take the lead and will want contacts with V.I.P's especially if it influences the 10th or 11th houses. Gemini wants to be respected for and tends to rely on his intellect, as the natural ruler of the 3rd House in the Zodiac. If the Sun is strong, it will give brave younger siblings who are in the good books with the government. Because the Sun for Gemini is a malefic the self-will dominates in the pursuit of desires and can be the cause of separation from those things it influences.

MARS - Lord 6th (Scorpio) and 11th (Aries) – Malefic- (fighting friends)

The spirit of violence will be strong and therefore heat related illness, injury, violence and accidents are a possibility as Mars is an enemy to Mercury and rules the houses of self-inflicted problems or disease. These are both houses of self-will and give Gemini the ruthlessness to fight for what they want. Whatever house or planet Mars has an influence on will suffer i.e., in the 1st house will be critical and bring injury to the body while on the Moon will upset the emotions. Mars can make Gemini reckless in pursuit of their goals while at the same time make them competitive and successful in athletics. **Ketu as joint 6th lord can bring a fanatical and headless approach, to dealing with the enemy which may even involves suicide.**

JUPITER - Lord of 7th (Sagittarius) and 10th (Pisces) - Neutral – (Partners career)

For Gemini, Jupiter rules two angle's giving it two major roles which can cause problems and if Jupiter is placed in 6th, 8th, 12th houses it can bring health problems and setbacks when activated by Dasa. If the Jupiter is strong there will be favours from the government as it will rule 10th house and 10th from the 10th which both represent the government. Philosophy is easier for Gemini than devotion as Jupiter and Mercury are enemies to each other. They want a noble career which they are respected for and are inclined to have two. Their relationship may be tied to their career or will give them status. For the Gemini woman any influence to Jupiter will would be doubly felt in relationship being natural significator of husband and ruler of 7th house. Any malefic influence will cause problems for the husband in health and finance, while benefic influences on the Jupiter will give him long life and prosperity. In a male chart a strong Jupiter will give a wise, good-natured wife who is long lived if Venus is also strong.

SATURN - Lord of 8th (Capricorn) and 9th (Aquarius) – Benefic- (Transformative teacher)

8th is the house of loss of the 9th and can cause Gemini's materialism can be the cause of loss of Dharma as Saturn is a materialistic planet. The crisis of the 8th drives them towards the pursuit of knowledge in the 9th. They must go through the penance due to past sins before they discover the truth they seek. They may experience a crisis related to the father and faith in their early life. They grow into wise old men due to their experiences.

CANCER

CARETAKER KARKATA HEART MOON

EMOTIONAL, SELF-RELIANT, INTELLIGENT, TALKATIVE, HOSPITABLE, DECISIVE, FRUGAL, PSYCHIC, HONEST, SHY, UNTIDY, LACK CONFIDENCE, UNFORGIVING

ROLE: Antiques, archeologist, athletics, caretakers, caterers, decorators, fishery, gardeners, healers, historian, hotelier, navy, nurse

CANCER is a Cardinal Water sign symbolic of the Cosmic Womb who gives nurture, safety and provides the opportunities for other to grow and prosper. Cancer is the natural healer often putting others needs before their own despite their ambition to achieve in their own right. They have the ability to nourish physically and creatively. With their instinct for safety they like to sooth, comfort and protect. Cancer is emotionally concerned for and intuitively knows how to care for another's needs. She instinctively creates a womb like sanctuary of safety to shelter and nurture everyone but herself. Their affectionate, possessive and sympathetic mothering qualities provide security for the well-being of others. Their instinctive feelings based on honest love means their commitment is total. As parents they are industrious, frugal and practical while being on red alert for all that can go wrong. What Cancer wants more than anything is emotional stability. This sign is ruled by the Moon and the moods can fluctuate with its cycles. They are sensitive and vulnerable to influences around them and like the Crab they need to pull back into themselves for shelter on a regular basis. Cancer is affectionate, home-loving, easily influenced, emotional with a powerful imagination. They are highly intelligent when not overwhelmed with emotions. Like the mother they are cautious, frugal, industrious, they like to talk and use their practical mind to build a good reputation. They are honest and love justice. Cancer is deeply attached to family and will use their business skills to provide physical and emotional nurturing but need to remember to take care of themselves or their nerves will get the better of them.

Physical features give middle-size, double chin, white complexion, bright, round moon-like face; pale complexion, nose short and rounded; large around the middle like the crab.

MOON – Lord of 1st (Cancer) – benefic – (Personal development)

Comfort and security are essential for **peace of mind** for Cancer rising. Emotions are the **soft centre** of Cancer which can be easily upset as the phases of the Moon bring different experiences. Insecurities can lead to **depression and emotions** can cloud their incredible

intellect in times of crisis until some techniques are developed to **steady the mind** and bring inner peace. Water sport and living close to water is very restful as is any form of meditation or mantra practice.

SUN – lord of 2nd (Leo) – Neutral – (Resources)

Financial security and independence are of primary importance to Cancer making one materialistic, but **never satisfied**. They want to be respected for and very **possessive** with what they own and their family. The claws of the crab are symbols of their ability to retain or hold on to what makes them **feel safe**. They would like to be admired for the royal tone of their **words** which they use sparingly and find their best expression through poetry and the arts. Where the Sun is placed in the chart is what they are well versed in. **Comfort eating** can cause problems with weight as they tend to easily retain food on the body. The mother's elder sibling is likely to be a brother who gets treated like a king. If the Sun is weak and afflicted the eyes will suffer and more so if 2nd house and its lord are afflicted as well. There will be troubles within the family and from the government as both are representative of the 2nd house and its lord the Sun.

MERCURY – Lord of 3rd (Virgo) and 12th (Gemini) – malefic – (Peace initiatives)

These are two difficult houses for Mercury to rule which is why he becomes a malefic. A malefic influence on Mercury will add to his difficulties bringing expenses due to younger siblings. A strong Mercury would bring many younger sisters. The intellectual skills of Cancer are due to the agile qualities of Mercury ruling their intentions and efforts. **Business** endeavors especially with foreigners can be beneficial as also **writing and listening** abilities. Their **shyness** can be related to their inclination to hide what they have to say due to Mercury ruling their 12th house. Their **analytical and exacting intellect** is as critical of themselves as others, and they enjoy lots of mental stimulation because nothing holds their attention for long. Cancer can easily recite mystical poetry and spend long hours at research. If both 12th house (8th from 5th) and Mercury, its lord, are afflicted the life of the child can be cut short. . If Mercury is in Scorpio, the sign of the enemy, with malefics and no benefic influence it will be badly placed from its own two houses and has the potential to shorten the life. If Mercury is afflicted and the 3rd and 12th houses have no associations with benefics, the difficulties of these houses are destroyed with the results that the yoga will give extra-ordinary wealth.

VENUS – Lord of 4th (Libra) and 11th (Taurus) – malefic – (Home-loving socialite)

Satisfaction of desires through the pursuit of **pleasure is the bottomless pit** which Cancer finds themselves in until they develop maturity. Eventually they realise a lot more can be achieved by saying “No” than indulging every whim, especially where sex is concerned. Their social graces make them easy company and **they feel at home wherever they are**. While their friends are really important to them, they can also be a source of grief and having to say no to them can be very difficult but necessary. Venus Dasa in the subperiod of Saturn can bring health and wealth problems due both of them being enemies to the Ascendant Lord Moon. Same applies to Venus/Rahu Dasa when it is not advised to make any long-term relationship commitment. This is one of those situations where the natural benefic Venus by becoming lord of a Kendra brings difficulties to what it rules.

MARS – Lord of 5th (Scorpio) and 10th (Aries)– benefic – (Creative work)

Cancer is greatly strengthened by the mental and physical strength of Mars who is the best planet for this sign. Physical exercise ruled by Mars is of great benefit to help **work off the buildup of emotions** and keeps them healthy. They are very **ambitious** and like to work in a field where they can bring their **sharp intellect, pioneering spirit, intuitive power, and sensitivity** into play. If Mars is well placed, they love all types of sporting activity and the arts. They feel drained of vitality when they are not appreciated. **Ketu is joint ruler of 5th house will give devotion to the mystical and a strong interest in esoteric subjects**.

JUPITER – Lord of 6th (Sagittarius) and 9th (Pisces) - benefic – (Serving wisdom)

Cancer may find they **benefit from their opponents** as Jupiter the great benefactor tends to guide them towards cooperation and **negotiation instead of conflict**. Their **daring enterprises can bring spiritual insight** which can be of great benefit or their religious practice from their origins can be a source of conflict. As Moon and Jupiter are friends to each other they help each other to achieve their goals which could read as vices (6th) can lead one to search for wisdom (9th) which will be of great personal benefit (1st). Being involved in a service (6th) to guide (9th) others is another interpretation.

SATURN - Lord of 7th (Capricorn) and 8th (Aquarius) – malefic – (Relationship crisis)

The hard crust of **indifference** is what Cancer can present to others as a protection for their **vulnerability**. If Saturn is strong the partner will be hard-working and live long but come from a poor family. With Saturn ruling the 7th the partner is likely to be harsh in speech

and angry due to Mars ruling the mind of the partner (4th for 7th), unless they are under benefic influence by association or aspect. Relationships develop slowly; with maturity the ability to respond can improve as **trust grows**. **Death and resurrection** are part of the process of learning how to relate which can make the area of relationship very difficult yet hugely fulfilling as each experience helps to off-load karmic debts. Illness is usually related to emotional problems and the phrase “**we are only as sick as our secrets**” is especially true for Cancerians due to Saturn ruling the 8th house of chronic disease. Saturn and Venus are both enemies to the Moon and for Cancer Ascendant this can bring major problems when activated during their combined Dasa periods.

LEO			
MONARCH	SIMHA	STOMACH	SUN

REGAL, AMBITIOUS, VALIANT, WARM, INDEPENDENT, DOMINATING, VAIN, CREATIVE, GENEROUS, ENTHUSIASTIC, SINCERE, INTOLERANT, OBSTINATE, BULLY

ROLE, actors, ambassador, director’s executive, film star, leader, magician, politician speculators, stage

LEO is a fixed, fire and masculine sign with a magnetic and generous disposition who depends on being admired and respected for its brilliance. Pride and the pursuit of recognition and authority has us wanting to hold center stage where this sign rules. Our leaders come from the ranks of the lions, and they rarely bow out gracefully. The mountain top is a lonely place with few friends but where Leo rules we must accept this fate. Leo wants to catch and keep our attention with the genuine love and energy radiating out from this big-hearted bright Star and the bigger the audience the better. What we do from Leo we must love, or the performance will not be convincing. The fire which burns in us needs expression and without it the joy is gone. Like the fire in the hearth, it will give out warmth and love while at the centre. This is where the responsible father represented by the Sun has replaced the exuberance of youthful Mars. Leo is an inspired and creative energy who feels proud of his importance which gives him the confidence to take the leadership roles. Once he feels this he feels on top of the world; his life has meaning and his potential boundless. He now has a kingdom with subjects to protect and rule. Leo is like a roaring bonfire; he needs to be the seen as the brightest, most appreciated STAR. He wants to catch and keep our attention. The challenge for Leo is to give others center stage as they learn to value everyone’s special contributions. He is fond of luxury and danger lies in excess.

Physical feature gives a tall regal stature; large head; full body; broad, well-set shoulders; round face with ruddy complexion; prominent eyes; dignified royal bearing with firm and majestic step.

SUN – Lord of 1st (Leo) – benefic- (Proud leader)

Confidence radiates from this central source of power. While he likes to be seen to be generous it is usually with those who suitably bow to his superiority. His cruel reputation comes from his capacity to annihilate anyone who comes too close which in astrology terms, is called combustion. Like moths to the flame, we cannot help but be drawn into the magnetism radiating from this inspirational powerhouse to give it what it needs. Sun is the King who is determined to hold his position.

MERCURY – Lord of 2nd (Virgo) and 11th (Gemini) – malefic – (Valuing Success)

Mercury represents the two houses of finance or assets and income for Leo which can indicate income through finance or earning interest from deposits or investments. These two houses associated with wealth gives Leo the potential to be very rich. The houses Mercury has an influence on will enhance the quality, value and prospects of those houses and make them rich. If Mercury is afflicted there could be financial problems from elder sibling. Leo uses his Mercurial skills to adapt his speech to appeal to what his audience wants to hear. Addressing the masses with eloquent words brings him the support he needs as well as increasing his bank balance. His ability to assess and manipulate the world of commerce to suit himself comes from the adaptable nature of Mercury. A combination of Mercury connected with 5th or 9th house and Rahu situated in 11th or 2nd may bring a windfall or lottery win. However, if Mercury is afflicted it will bring problems early in life to his education, speech, sight, facial features, resources, food and may even cause separation from family.

VENUS – Lord of 3rd (Libra) and 10th (Taurus) – malefic – (pride in action)

Venus shows our ability to relate, to seek and find pleasure at every level. It determines how sociable and seductive we are as well as giving insights into what we consider to be beautiful. Beauty and art surrounding the rich and famous lets us know who they are. The relationship between Venus and the Sun can be humiliating because they so badly need each other to exist. For Leo, Venus must take a forceful role which does not suit her nature as seduction is her preferred way of working. The entertainer as the self-important King can be more dramatic and showier than sometimes necessary. However, her diplomatic

nature gets expressed in her work which makes the Leo appealing, or Venus uses her arms or skills to support those in power.

MARS – Lord of 4th (Scorpio) and 9th (Aries) houses – Yogakaraka – (Faithful heart)

Mars is an ambitious driving force which when strongly motivated has the ability to focus and complete a project. Leo is willing to fight for/over what he believes and will quest after the higher truths. Inner peace and security are prerequisites to being able to maintain focus and frustrations build up when this is threatened. Mars provides the strong root from Mother and the blessings of the wings to fly from the father. This enables Leo to use his faithful army to secure his home and expand his horizon. Mars is ideally suited to this task as he is willing to sacrifice his life in pursuit of the Kings ideals. He willingly uses his powerful mental and physical strength to defeat any possible contenders to the Leo throne as well as keeping the peasants in check. Mars is the best planet for Leo because he creates a bond between two very good houses called a Raja Yoga Karaka (King maker), which is capable of bringing government favours, property, honour, promotion, power and affluence. **Ketu as joint ruler of 4th house will give a mystical sense of connection to one's roots and will fly the flag the motherland.**

JUPITER - Lord of 5th (Sagittarius) and 8th (Pisces) – benefic – (Insightful visions)

Creativity and devotion to profound knowledge will provide much satisfaction to Leo and give great benefit to others due to Jupiter's natural need to share what they have. There can be sudden gains from investment or gambling. Children can bring or may have to experience deep change sometimes due to a major difficulty. Mantra and devotional practice, ruled by the 5th house, are a source of redemption in the midst of crisis.

SATURN - Lord of 6th(Capricorn) and 7th (Aquarius) – Malefic –(lessons in love)

Leo likes to be served and expect this from their partners which may be a cause of problems in relationships. Their insecurity comes from the marriage to the enemy and can express itself in the positive by working in areas which help to resolve these problems for others. The spouse may be involved with medicine or the law and can be the source of Leo's downfall until his karmic debt is paid. Still 6th is a house which improves with time and better relationship can come with maturity. As both Saturn and Venus are enemies to Leo, they can bring problems related to health and wealth when activated during their Dasa periods.

RAHU – lord of 7th – malefic – (karmic debts to be paid)

Because two planets rule your relationship it can give an unpredictable factor to deal with. Both show karmic debts to be paid but Rahu's get carried over many lifetimes.

MOON – Lord of 12th (Cancer) - Neutral - (Sanctuary)

Leo looks for comfort in meditation and they need to create a retreat from worldly concerns. Their emotions are hidden behind their proud facade and can only be expressed in privacy. Their expenses will be on what they hope will bring them security and peace of mind if the moon is bright, while a dark moon can cause excess waste and/or introspection.

VIRGO

KANYA

INTESTINES

MERCURY

PRECISE, WITTY, CHARMING, ANALYTICAL, DIPLOMATIC, KIND, TRUTHFUL, LOVE ARTS, INTELLIGENT, KIND, CAUTIOUS, FUSSY, SELF-CONSCIOUS, IMPRACTICAL

ROLE: accountant, alchemist, astrologer, computer, healer, inspectors, mathematician, professor, psychologists, quality controller, reporter, teacher,

VIRGO is forever at hand to help in the elimination of problems. It is a feminine Earth sign who controls and guides the forces of nature. Her great mental ability, attention to detail and practical approach get us to face reality in a sometimes cold and critical way. She is chaste, intelligent and self-improvement is her goal. In this area of our lives, we are more likely to be judgmental and critical, however this is exactly what is needed to deal with what is the natural 6th house of enemies. The experiences we cannot digest become our enemies and will eventually bring the crisis. Virgo highlights problems and quietly takes care of the messy details where everything is done by the book as we sort the wheat from the chaff. This is the ideal role for the old-fashioned doctor who sees a collection of symptoms rather than a human being and would prefer to run the symptoms through a computer than have to examine the person. Virgo has the capacity to judge things at a glance and will want to correct the problems by identifying the cause in the hope of restoring it to perfection. *“There is a crack in everything, that's where the light gets in”* sang Leonard Cohen and Virgo needs to learn the value of imperfection and to lighten up on themselves. They are loyal and devoted followers. In their behaviour they are quiet, modest and reserved while being sympathetic to others. They need to learn criticism will

not improve relationships and to overcome their fear of being judged.

Physical features give prominent chest, good forehead and cheeks. They are of middle stature; slender; neat and prim; dark or ruddy complexion; pleasing countenance, long nose.

MERCURY - Lord of 1st (Virgo) and 10th (Gemini) – Benefic – (Self-empowerment)

Intellectual analysis or work in service to others which help to remove obstacles or blockages. Self-development through in-depth analysis through their work. Has skill, intelligence, charm, to easily adapt to wherever or whoever they are with. As Virgo is the natural 6th house of illness, it could involve them with health care or hygiene which deal with facts, they don't do well with emotional illness. Business comes easy and also the trades due to their skill with details.

VENUS – Lord of 2nd (Libra) and 9th (Taurus) – benefic – (Valuable wisdom)

Learning is very important to Virgo due to their best friend Venus owning the house of oral traditions and higher spiritual knowledge. Being able to speak the truth with diplomacy is one Virgo's greatest talents. They are fortunate with their use of resources which helps them to enjoy the luxuries of life and give them great wealth as well as a need to eat right food. Financial windfalls are possible due to Venus ruling both for Virgo rising. Venus if well placed has the power to gain favours from the education department of the government and its officials. If Venus is in Libra with Ketu, it will give charming speech, good looks and make one very rich.

MARS – Lord of 3rd (Scorpio) and 8th (Aries) – Malefic – (courage to change)

The ability to collect and analyze information is greatly helped by the logical and incisive Mars ruling the house of intelligence. Mars is not a friend to Virgo and causes him to be self-centered, impatient and/or aggressive especially if their desires are not fulfilled. However, if Mars is strong, it will give a long-life being lord of two houses which give longevity but boosts the poverty indicated by these houses as well. If Mars is in the 10th house in Gemini it gives vices in youth and can also give a violent mind in that period of one's life. As the ruler of the 8th house Virgo will find his Mars behavior severely punished maybe through accident or surgery and this process helps to purify their thinking and their ego.

JUPITER – Lord of 4th (Sagittarius) and 7th (Pisces) – Neutral – (happy spouse)

Virgo is the sign associated with being a perfectionist and this impossible goal will be a source of discontent in their pursuit of inner peace and happiness. This is a situation where a natural benefic becomes malefic because of having two big jobs to do ruling two angles or Kendra houses. It also makes the requirements for a spouse difficult to achieve as Jupiter rules the high values these people have in the area of relationship and while there will be many opportunities Virgo will find it very hard to settle for one spouse. Especially for the female Virgo because Jupiter is the natural significator for husband and becomes doubly so as ruler of the 7th house. If there is a strong aspect of Mars on Jupiter he may die early or if Saturn or Rahu aspect there will be separation from the husband. If Jupiter is also afflicted by being placed in 6th, 8th or 12th house it will bring physical health trouble during its Dasa period. A strong Jupiter will give his mother a long life and make her wise, sober, and philosophical. It will also give Virgo a rich and comfortable life, as it becomes the lord of the 4th house of comfort and the 4th from the 4th.

SATURN – Lord of 5th (Capricorn) and 6th (Aquarius) – Benefic - (creative obstacles)

Blessing come from hard work and give Virgo great ability as a healer as the spiritual 5th house is able to dissolve the obstacles of illness and disease. Spiritual practice will greatly benefit them and as they get older, they find their lives improve as they more easily surrender their lives to service. Saturn as ruler of children will be slow to give them if at all as by his nature, he tends to separate us from those things he rules.

MOON – Lord of 11th (Cancer) – malefic - (profit)

For Virgo the mind and emotions are linked to the fulfillment of desires and being appreciated by their friends and associates. As the Moon rules this area, they find there are many changes and fluctuations with these people causing at sometimes disappointment and at others great success. 11th house is 8th from 4th of mother therefore if Moon is afflicted the mother may have a short life. Until Virgo develop some skill at controlling the many possibilities being presented to the mind there will be discontent.

SUN – Lord of 12th (Leo) – Malefic - (enlightenment)

Wherever the Sun rules in a chart we want respect in that area and for Virgo this can show a keen interest in institutions, possibly hospitals where they can best apply their healing

skills. They may also have a strong interest in foreign places and possible live abroad. While the central source of power within the chart is responsible for loss at a worldly level it will also bring great spiritual gain. If Sun is strong, it would give good results in regard to finance, power, etc., in spite of its lordship of the 12th house. If the Sun is weak or afflicted by Saturn and Rahu the sight will suffer.

LIBRA

Active, masculine, WEIGHING SCALE VENUS

CHARMING, ROMANTIC, REFINED, INTELLIGENT, LOVES JUSTICE, SOCIABLE, ARTISTIC, IDEALIST, HUMANE, INDECISIVE, FLIRTATIOUS, OVER-INDULGES IN SEX

ROLE: artist, beautician, decorator, designer, diplomat, judge, mediator, poets, prostitute, receptionist, social worker, transport, valuer

LIBRA is an idealistic yet cooperative Cardinal sign who is looking to achieve balance and harmony with everyone. This is an intelligent Air male sign which uses its assertiveness to communicate with an attitude of compromise. Libra has exquisite taste in music and art and is inclined to the nicer avocations in life. You make ideal mediators and accommodating negotiators, always trying to restore the balance where fairness and equality are emphasised. You like to hear all sides of a story and look at all options which gives you a reputation for being indecisive. However, this is only until you make up their mind, because once you reason things out, you can become a great influence on the masses. In your behaviour you have impeccable manners, you are intuitive, artistic, courteous, gentle, kind, sociable, polite, as well as fickle and obsessive. Relationships are fundamental and you hate coarseness, discord and conflicts. Companionship, partnership and marriage needed for success. Your challenge is to learn you cannot please everyone and to realise harmony is only possible at a spiritual level.

Physical features give medium to tall stature, graceful, large hips, smooth glossy hair; round sweet face; clear complexion; broad chest; fine large eyes; youthful; handsome and sensual.

VENUS lord of 1st (Libra) and 8th (Taurus) – benefic (Personal transformation)

Venus rules all that is beautiful and seductive; therefore, Libras are very fond of beautiful things and make great diplomats. Transformation and radical changes are part of your

life due to your need to keep moving towards the fulfillment of your desires. As natural ruler of relationships Venus is inclined to help them to last far!

MARS lord of 2nd(Scorpio) and 7th(Aries) – Neutral – (valuable partner)

For Libra, Mars rules the two killer (Maraka) houses and if weak will bring many physical difficulties if situated in 6th, 8th or 12th house particularly when activated. Relationships are of vital importance to Libra, and they are very possessive of the partner. Mars, as ruler of the 7th house, shows what appeals in a partner, who is likely to bring a young, courageous, warrior type providing protection to both the family and relationship. If Mars is strong partner will live long and will help the relationship to last. He will also bring wealth, logical speech, gains from in-laws. If Mars is weak and afflicted there may be financial losses from business due to bad advice and the partner will be short-lived. The nature of the planets influencing Mars will show the mode of death of the partner. **Ketu as the joint ruler of Scorpio will have no interest in worldly assets and excels in spiritual pursuits, math's and foreign languages; Ketu will have little interest in talking to people about meaningless things. Ketu adds a mystical quality to the speech and will like to explore and speak about esoteric philosophies.**

JUPITER Lord of 3rd (Sagittarius) and 6th (Pisces)– malefic – (efforts heal)

Jupiter is kind by nature and gives fulfillment from the area he rules. This makes the Libran considerate in the pursuit of goals and forgiving towards any grievances. The 3rd and 6th houses represent neediness and weaknesses which improve with time. Their selfishness helps Libra to increase wealth, but the noble qualities of Jupiter will insist on the gains being from a right source. A weak Jupiter is more likely to give wealth. Venus as an enemy to Jupiter actively ignores advice and prefers to learn from its own experience. Jupiter being the lord of the 3rd house indicates the younger siblings will be highly spiritual people.

SATURN - Lord of 4th (Capricorn) and 5th (Aquarius) – benefic – (Mother love)

Saturn and Venus are friends to each other. Saturn becomes a Kingmaker for Libra ruling the 4th house responsible for inner peace combined with the practical know-how of the 5th house. If Saturn is strong, he will bring power and affluence as well as property, promotion and a loyal following. If Saturn is afflicted, it can give harsh speech to mother and the child may be a source of suffering. With time Libran's mature into responsible, reliable people transformed through the hard lessons of Saturn and the need to experience

all of life. Libra learns the hard way through one's own mistakes. In later life Libra may get involved with politics due to being devoted to the public and their popularity with the masses.

RAHU - Lord of 5th (Aquarius)– malefic

Rahu's wild and unpredictable nature leaves chaos in his wake as he likes to cut corners and break the rules to radically change society. He loves the foreign and the strange going to any lengths to satisfy his selfish desires, determined to create the world he wants.

MERCURY - Lord of 9th (Gemini) and 12th (Virgo) – Benefic – (Fortune through sales)

Because Mercury rules both 9th and 12th houses, he more likely to give 9th house results and would be very beneficial for Libra. Venus and Mercury are both Rajas by nature and are always looking for excitement. With Mercury as 9th lord, Libra can enjoy the search for deeper meaning and can do this through foreign travel as well as pilgrimages (12th lord). Being the planet of intelligence, it gives the ability to make wise decisions which is very helpful for business. As 12th lord he helps Libra to let go and surrender, when necessary, but as Virgo debilitates Venus may waste their energy both financial and sexual. If Mercury is afflicted there may be unexpected setbacks in career and financial problems from father or with the government.

MOON - Lord of 10th (Cancer) – neutral (Comforting work)

Popular with the public which aids profession. Social Services and work which involves lots of change and movement will be a source of comfort. If it is a bright phase Moon it may be in the caring professions while the dark phase if more likely to be selfish causing burn out or workaholism.

SUN - Lord of 11th (Leo) – Malefic – (hoped for desires)

Libra want to associate with wealth and power which is associated with the Sun. If the Sun is strong there may be gains from the government and the elder sibling will rise in life. Sun is the planet of obstruction to Libra and its greatest desire - without Sun's resources the beauty of Venus will not be appreciated. Friends and the need for a social life may waste energy and be a source of distraction especially as Libra is so willing to go to such lengths to please.

SCORPIO

VRISHCHIKA LOIN

MARS/KETU

TRANSFORMATIVE, DISCIPLINED, FEARLESS, LOYAL, DETERMINED, EGOCENTRIC, INTELLIGENT, SELF-SUFFICIENT, GENEROUS, COURAGEOUS, SENSUAL, INTENSE, GOOD WRITER AND SPEAKER, JEALOUS, SARCASTIC, CANTANKEROUS, SELFISH, PSYCHIC.

ROLE: administrator, alchemy, army, art, astrologer, doctor, drug dealer, engineering, explorer, insurance, magic, medicine, navy, occult, philosopher, politicians, science

SCORPIO is Fixed, Water and Feminine sign where *"still waters run deep"* and it's easy to get out of depth. This is an area where we are introvert and do our most intense thinking. Scorpio longs for emotional stability as they get magnetically drawn, with powerful conviction, to explore the mysterious. They get to hear everyone's secrets and make excellent psychologists or detectives because of their determination and fearless capacity to face the demons. She knows *'we are only as sick as our secrets'* and leaves no place to hide from her penetrating all seeing, hypnotic eye. This is where we struggle with the depth of feelings we can experience and the way we manipulate and even cruelly devour others to get what we want. We must all eventually look into the dark abyss of who we are and surrender to its ability to transform us out of our innocence. Scorpio's penetrating attitude and great stamina makes them powerhouses and power brokers of intensity. In relationship they want passion with intimacy and real sharing, either total commitment or not at all. She wants your soul and a connection which lasts beyond the grave. The intensity of their experience with the darker side of life becomes transformative when the truths get exposed. Do not cross her as a wrong done will not be forgotten. As resentments build up Scorpio will watch and wait with her weapon of wrath to ruthlessly administer her sting. Highly competitive and likes to confront problems directly either human or mechanical. Fond of physical exercise. They don't forget as they plot and plan, totally absorbed in their chosen obsession. Scorpio has awesome self-confidence with a strong sense of pride and superiority. Above anything they want to be treated with respect and their biggest challenge is to let go past hurts and betrayals. They react as they are treated; Scorpio wants real sharing and intimacy. Their strong will, fierce eyes, youthful looks and unconventional silence give them their aura of secrecy about great activity below the surface. Dignified Scorpio is forceful and will bravely face responsibility with determination. She will analyse her subject inside out and as a fixed sign she will persist for as long as necessary. Weakness is anger, criticism and sarcasm.

Physical features produce a thick well-set person of middle stature, stout and robust; dark complexion; thick neck; sometimes bowed legs and irregular feet.

MARS - Lord of 1st (Scorpio) and 6th (Aries) - malefic – Personal growth

Scorpio is the **natural 8th house** ruling the **mysterious**, chronic disease and passion and gives a great interest in understanding these areas at the deepest level. The intensity with which they pursue their interest in the secrets of life and death leave little room for the frivolous. Energy is used to overcome obstacles and if obstructed it can turn to sarcasm or aggression, destroying any opposition to their personal growth. Mars as the 1st house ruler of self also rules the 6th house of illness and can **make one a healer** or cause one to have health problems. Work involving **research** into chemicals, drugs, surgery or psychotherapy is ideally suited to their nature. Mars, the ruler of Scorpio creates war **widows**, while Ketu, its co-ruler, creates spiritual widows. Their **decisiveness in action** leaves no room for emotional involvement. **KETU as joint ruler of Scorpio with Mars** has no interest in the worldly and excels in spiritual pursuits, maths, mysticism and foreign languages; he will have little interest in talking to people about meaningless things. Ketu adds a mystical quality to the nature which ideally would have him immersed the exploration of esoteric philosophies.

JUPITER – Lord of 2nd (Sagittarius) and 5th (Pisces) - BENEFIC – (values devotion)

As Jupiter is a friend to Mars, the areas he rules are likely to be beneficial bringing luck with finances, art, and children. The children whom they adore are a source of happiness and can also serve as their teachers when Jupiter is strong. Scorpio makes inspiring speakers and insightful counselors which combined with a great memory and a penetrating mind make for great astrologers. Scorpio speech is sweet and wise earning them much honour and respect in life and in the lives of their children or followers. When Jupiter is weak and afflicted there will be financial difficulties and the speech may be defective.

SATURN – Lord of 3rd (Capricorn) and 4th (Aquarius) – Malefic – (Fight for peace)

Deep **dissatisfaction** with the place of origin is due to Mars and Saturn being enemies to each other. The **emptiness** at an inner level was initially felt in the home and possibly stems from a feeling of lack of compassion from the mother. This sense of **loneliness** is the driving force to achieve in the world and pushes one to find a deeper understanding for the problems in life. Scorpio never had time to be frivolous and are usually very

serious minded. As Mars gets exalted in the 3rd house, it makes one very **brave** and willing to fight to the death to achieve their objective. It gives a great ability with the pen or the sword. Younger siblings may feel the initial brunt of their sometimes-cruel **precision**. If Saturn and the 3rd house are badly afflicted there will be no younger siblings. If Saturn is strong and well placed one is favourably disposed toward the lower strata of society, has considerable property, mother lives long and he is loved by the public.

VENUS – Lord of 7th (Taurus) and 12th (Libra) – Neutral (Partners sacrificed)

Venus will predominantly give 7th house results which makes “sex” a strong theme. What appeals in relationship is a sensuous, loving partner who is willing to submit to the demands of Mars. There is a **tendency to domineer** the partner, and this can cause problems in the relationship. When Scorpio makes a commitment, it is for life and while they may be slow to do it, they become very **possessive** and **jealous** with their partners who they expect to be loyal and devoted. **Passion, generosity and reliability** are his best assets but too much pleasure seeking can bring losses and/or surrender. There is the possibility of marrying a foreigner or living abroad due to love. Any influence of Saturn, Rahu or dispositor of Rahu on Venus will lead to extramarital affairs.

MERCURY – Lord of 8th (Gemini) and 11th (Virgo) – Malefic - (Secret profits)

Profits can be made from the occult, writing, business, astrology, communication industry as well as any type of intellectual research which gets them in touch with the **mysteries of life**. Scorpio enjoys **deep conversations with friends** and has great ability with language. Deep insight into how finances work gives easy **access to big money**, and one is inclined to be **secretive** or be part of secret organizations.

MOON – Lord of 9th (Cancer) – Benefic – (Guiding emotions)

Peace of mind drives the Moon's search for truth, as he looks for comfort in the **wisdom of the ages**. The mind never rests and there is no end to longing for knowledge on spirituality, philosophy and travel. Any faith they develop usually comes from experience and they will have very individualistic views on religion having been **disappointed with the teaching** from their place of origin. There can also be disputes with the **father** who may have had difficulty expressing his feelings. Born on a bright Moon brings more fortunate results while the dark moon makes Scorpio more philosophical.

SUN – Lord of 10th (Leo) – Neutral – (Power broker)

Self-employment would best suit the Scorpio, or one will need to have a lot of respect for the boss in order to work for him. **Ambitious for power, status and respect** in their chosen field gives the incentive to work extremely hard to achieve their goals which they invariably do. As well as repaying karmic debt this house of **growth improves with time** and eventually Scorpio get the awards for all the hard work.

SAGITTARIUS

DHANU THIGHS JUPITER

HUMANE, HASTY, JOVIAL, SINCERE, VERSATILE, FRANK, SYMPATHETIC, PHILOSOPHICAL, HELPFUL MANNERS, HONOURABLE, TRADITIONAL BELIEFS, AMBITIOUS, ENERGETIC, RESTLESS, TACTLESS, BOASTFUL

ROLE: banker, financial expert, judge, lawmakers, lawyers, patriot, philosopher, preacher, priests, shoemaker, teacher

SAGITTARIUS needs to know *why* which drives its hunger for knowledge and the lengths he goes to in its quest for Truth. This a Fiery sign who uses his assertive male energy to freely explore the heights with the power of the horse and the wisdom of the man. They love a challenge and hate routine. They like to tell it how it is and want to know the reason for everything. They can be arrogant, extravagant and tend to exaggerate. This is where we tend to take on too much as we get all fired up with enthusiasm only to fail in the end. Sagittarius is liberal and humane in outlook and loves to learn about people, religions, philosophy and foreign places. It likes motivating others and hopes to spread its gospel all over the place as a male and dual sign. In this area we believe we have found the answers and know what's best for everyone. **Our way is the only way** and the ability to laugh will help us to see our folly and become philosophical. Its optimism can inspire faith which inevitably will bring followers. *"Much wants more"* and intellectual stimulation fuels the flames as does believing the grass is greener far away philosophy. Sagittarius is active, cheerful and sociable but likes others to maintain relationship. They have a versatile, independent mind capable of high learning. The symbol is part animal, part human and they excel in sport and physical exercise. Their challenge is to learn to deal with practical details and their inner life rather all looking to the far away hills.

Physical features give a tall, strong and well-formed body; open countenance; ruddy complexion; corpulent, fine clear eyes, humble, hasty, brusque, fiery as well as calm,

dignified and balanced. Long oval face; high forehead; hair growing back from temples and inclined early to baldness in front.

Jupiter - Lord of 1st (Sagittarius) and 4th (Pisces) - BENEFIC – (At home to oneself)

Wise, jovial and optimistic Jupiter rules Sagittarius and gives this sign its enthusiasm to explore new territory while remaining strongly rooted in the 4th house of happiness, connections to home and their ancestors especially with the mother. As lord of the natural 9th house of good fortune and wisdom it gives them an interest in philosophy and spiritual matters which will inspire their purpose in life. If Jupiter is strong the mother is long-lived, gets comfort of every description and leads a peaceful life. Jupiter makes Sagittarius generous, unselfish and popular by nature. Jupiter is an enemy to no planet and tends to win over the enemy, achieving happiness from spiritual pursuits. Jupiter gets exalted in Cancer the 8th house giving it protection from loss.

SATURN – Lord of 2nd (Capricorn) and 3rd (Aquarius)– malefic - (Wealth efforts)

Great teachers are represented by Sagittarius because they use minimum of words combined with a precise mind to deliver a message. At times they can be blunt due to Saturn ruling the house of speech and personal efforts. As Jupiter get debilitated in 2nd house of speech, he is not able to give his usual lengthy orations and his generous nature loses him money. Saturn makes them rigidly attached to their ideas which only life's lessons can dissolve. Saturn delays rather than denies what he promises and for Sagittarius this can mean having to work hard with the rewards coming late in life as a result of his own efforts. He earns by the sweat of his brow and the use of his hands. Suffering in family of origin and with younger siblings is where sacrifices have to be made. Selfishness in the pursuit of their own desires can cause separation and loss. If Saturn is weak and afflicted, it is likely to make them short lived and suffer financial loss due to young siblings and companions.

MERCURY – Lord of 7th (Gemini) and 10th (Virgo) – NEUTRAL – (Partners status)

As Mercury rules the intellect, Sagittarius is likely to go for an intellectual career or business which may involve their partner. Mercury gives its results earlier in life which would suggest an early marriage. However, if he is afflicted by the separative influences of Saturn, Rahu or Sun it there may be an early end to the marriage, especially if the signifiers for marriage, (Venus for the wife and Jupiter for the husband), are afflicted by the same separative influences. As Gemini is the most dual sign it is likely they will

have more than one partner and who they choose will be someone who will boost their career or status as well as provide mental stimulation. They may also achieve success through public speaking and their profession can involve communication with others either written or oral. They are good in business, research, analysis, math's and detailed work. Gemini is inventive, original, intellectual and wants to be respected for it. Mercury likes to be involved in many different things which can make the Sagittarius energy reservoirs run low. Mercury gives them their love of traveling mentally and physically, as well as socializing, teaching and writing.

MARS - Lord of 5th (Aries) and 12th (Scorpio) – BENEFIC (Devotional practice)

When a planet rules 12th house it will give results of the other house he rules. Therefore, Mars becomes a benefic for Sagittarius as lord of 5th house of blessings. Mars is responsible for our physical and mental strength and gives Sagittarius his active, intelligent, imaginative and logical mind which gives them great technical skills. Competitive sport is a great release for their energy and spiritually uplifting. As lord of the house of mantra and of spiritual liberation it is likely to create an ascetic. Mars is responsible for creating war or spiritual widows. He likes to practice his spiritually alone in a secluded place. There may be tendencies towards excessive spending to support expensive habits and indulgences. Their logical mind, keen intelligence and insights in meditation give them access to profound knowledge. His impatience can hurt those less mentally capable. Aries is the stronger sign for Mars and therefore this is likely to give children/followers rather than lose them, but they are likely to be rebellious. **Ketu as joint ruler of the 12th house will give Sagittarius a mystical quality to their devotion practice making them willing to sacrifice themselves for what they give their hearts to.**

VENUS - Lord of 6th (Taurus) and 11th (Libra)– MALEFIC – (Healing community)

Venus is an enemy to Jupiter as they have different values. She rules the two houses of injury and as a malefic for Sagittarius can cause problems for the house it is in or influences. Venus is teacher to the Demons and Jupiter is teacher to the Gods. Jupiter does not approve of what he sees as the immoral actives of Venus who likes to indulge in the good things of life. For Sagittarius the weakness is likely to be in the area of self-indulgence in the vices as he finds himself further removed from the satisfaction of desires he was hoping to achieve. Excesses with food, sex, drink can lead to problems in throat, mouth, face and ailments due to excesses like liver, pancreas. Still Venus as a natural benefic can help him to tactfully turn defeat into victory especially as they get older. Friends and enemies can

be one and the same. Their friends tend to offer advice which is not appreciated and is usually ignored. There are likely to be profits and satisfaction from artistic work.

MOON - Lord of 8th (Cancer) – NEUTRAL – (emotional depth)

The Moon symbolizes the Mind and the emotions which can be very painful for Sagittarius as he rules the 8th House where we have to face our greatest difficulty due to debts from the past. Their mental turmoil is the biggest obstacle they have to overcome, and recitation of prayers and mantra are essential to give them peace of mind. With every crisis there is a need to surrender and let go in the pursuit of truth. The Moon is not comfortable with the dark territory it encounters as lord of 8th. This influence makes them inclined to hide their feelings as they try to keep up a jovial appearance. Moods are likely to be changeable and emotions difficult to manage especially if one is born on the dark phase. If one is born on the bright phase of the moon's cycle one is easier able to let go, renew and heal.

SUN – Lord of 9th (Leo) – benefic – (light of inspiration)

The representative of the Soul is the Sun and as lord of 9th of ideals and beliefs gives a strong interest in spiritual matters. He gives him a virtuous, lawful, spiritual and religious nature. Especially as he is friends to the Ascendant lord who is also interested in spirituality. Sun brings luck and good fortune to Sagittarius and the father was likely to have been the role model and authority in the home. Sun makes Sagittarius an inspirational teacher of truth as well as an independent spirit which is best suited to self-employment. Sagittarius is willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary in the pursuit of their ideals.

CAPRICORN

MAKARA

KNEES SATURN

AMBITIOUS, CHATTERBOX, CRUEL, DISCIPLINED, GENEROUS, PRACTICAL, PRUDENT, PROCESS OF UNIVERSALISATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS

ROLE: authority, engineer, forest, geologist, manager, mathematician, meditation mineral, mining, politician, property,

CAPRICORN a Cardinal, Earth sign is the old-fashioned, ambitious and conservative silent type who does not allow feelings to interfere with their executive decisions. This is where we want to take charge and work hard to achieve solid end results. This is a cardinal practical sign intent on building strong foundations with realistic boundaries within which

to function. Rules are set down and tasks assigned based on traditional values. Its ambitious, cold, no-nonsense approach leaves this area feeling starved for affection. Faith is in the tangible so without proof we remain non-believers in this part of our lives. Capricorn has a sense of pride and superiority which makes it feel special. The quiet perseverance of the hard-working mountain goat, on its knees, rises to the heights only to experience the sadness and isolation of being alone when they get to the top. This is where our fear of failure and need for security drive us to take on more responsibility in the hope of gaining respect and credibility. We need to become our own authority and learn to set out our own goals and standards in this area. With time Capricorn will become the wise elder who knows domination and suppression destroy relationships.

Physical features give a tall, lean body with good strength and a long thin face and neck; narrow chin; self-possessed; weak lower limbs especially knees; awkward gait; hair is lanky and prominent on eyebrows and chest; thin beard. Protruding large teeth, fleshy lips; awkward gait.

The aspiration of Capricorn is to master the element of Earth and Water, its symbol is the crocodile, and it can be renowned for its ferocity in achieving its goals and is the natural 10th house of ambition.

SATURN - Lord of 1st (Capricorn) and 2nd (Aquarius) - Benefic – (Self-worth)

Slow steady progress wins the race, and this is the way Saturn, the slowest planet, goes about rising to the top in his choice of career. He may work in a humble way or not be seen, and the gains can come late in life. Dryness in the body may create problems with arthritis as tend to have a VATA constitution inclining them to be very thin. Delayed gratification, insecurity and hard work will eventually provide material resources. With Saturn and Rahu ruling the 2nd house it is likely to make the speech harsh and/or crude and what is earned will be from his own efforts. When Saturn is strong, he will be wealthy and respected. When Saturn is weak, he suffers losses through his own fault and wrong judgement.

JUPITER - Lord of 3rd (Pisces) and 12th (Sagittarius) – malefic – (effort to forgive)

Jupiter rules two houses of difficult where dominance of 3rd house effects will be felt due to it being the second sign the 12th lord rules. If Jupiter is strong one benefits from younger brothers. If Jupiter is weak, it can give riches. However, if Jupiter is heavily afflicted there may be losses due to younger siblings. As lord of the house of loss, Jupiter tends to separate

Capricorn from what it influences, especially any selfish endeavors. Jupiter's purpose is to bring us to an awareness of the spiritual realms and until the failure of self-will is recognized and surrendered the Capricorn native may have to die many times.

MARS - Lord of 4th (Aries) and 11th (Scorpio) - Malefic - (Peace v Profit)

Security through the acquisition of property is a major priority for Capricorn and yet the happiness they expected to achieve eludes them. Saturn gets debilitated in Aries; therefore, there is probably dissatisfaction with the home life, ancestors, property and mother. If Mars is strong, it will give long life to the mother while any affliction to it will bring anger to the mind. The influences exerted on Mars will determine the source and type of problems. The aggressive nature of Mars to get what it wants can create many problems especially with the health during its Dasa. If both Mars and Saturn have an influence on a house or planet their combined malefic energy will be a destructive force for that area. Capricorn has strong opinions about what they need to be happy which invites opposition and arguments. **Ketu as joint ruler of Scorpio Ketu has no interest in the worldly and will give a strong need for mystical experiences with the people or groups, he associates it. Satisfactions of desires are more likely to come from esoteric philosophies.**

VENUS - Lord of 5th (Taurus) and 10th (Libra) – King maker - (Devotion to work)

Capricorn benefits most from the energy of Venus as she refines and makes beautiful all she touches. Their career needs to be something they can give their hearts to, and they can take great pride in. Creative endeavors are particularly beneficial. They are diplomatic yet decisive in their choices which greatly help them to advance in life.

MERCURY - Lord of 6th (Gemini) and 9th (Virgo) (Healing teaches)

As 9th lord Mercury brings the blessings into Capricorn's life from their past and as 6th lord, he gets the benefit of growth as he matures. Karma yoga or the doing the work for the works sake because it is the right thing to do will bring great rewards over time. Mercury's natural curiosity causes them to be very well informed about whatever they take on.

MOON – Lord of 7th (Cancer) - Neutral - (significant other)

Capricorn has a cold hard exterior which people look to for support and reliability, however they long for the comfort and support which the Moon, with her strong feminine charms, promises in their intimate relationships. Unfortunately, it is hard for the

changeable Moon to maintain her commitment and therefore it makes for very difficult experiences in relationship. It is especially so if one is born on the dark phase of the Moon. A strong Moon away from the Sun, indicates long life to the spouse.

SUN - Lord of 8th (Leo) - Neutral - (past debts)

The Sun for Capricorn represents those things he will have to let go off. What he affects makes him vulnerable due to past life debts. The identity is particularly influenced by influences from the past and they will have to learn detachment and purify themselves from the work they have come in to experience.

AQUARIUS		
KUMBHA	CALVES	SAT/RAHU

SOCIAL WORKER, REFORMER, INVENTIVE, FRIENDLY, INDEPENDENT, UNIQUE, LOYAL, ECCENTRIC, REBELLIOUS, BUT DESIROUS OF DOING GOOD TO OTHERS

ROLE: Advisor, archaeology, astrologer, broadcaster, computer, engineer, intellectual, philosopher, revolutionary, scientist, writer

AQUARIUS is a fixed, Air and masculine sign which gives it its detached and intellectual mental and often scientific focus. Any long-standing organisation needs these qualities and while they may get described as old-fashioned, they have a determination for survival which ensures their existence long after the latest fad finds its way to the rubbish bin. Aquarius is the area we want to do different from the norm and want to be seen for our revolutionary ideas. Aquarius makes great friends despite being somewhat eccentric. The symbol is like waves of electricity which can bring sudden shock waves from their unconventional and progressive attitudes. The challenge for Aquarius is to learn to deal with personal issues and to listen to other people's ideas. This sign feels special, and the sense of pride and superiority make it appear unsociable despite its helpful and cheerful yet silent presence. The strong will and fixed opinions can make the Aquarian seem rigid especially when fighting for the underdog. They often become leaders of a cause and are committed to committees with principles and ideals which hope to force change or rebel against the rules.

Physical features make him robust, strong and healthy; prominent temples, broad cheeks, fleshy face and lips, elegant, handsome, unusual looking, stooping, with dark hair

SATURN – Lord of 1st (Aquarius) and 12th (Capricorn) – Benefic – (Self Sacrifice)

Saturn as ruler of these two houses will let 1st house dominate therefore it will give good results. RAHU as the other ruler of Aquarius sign gives unique and sometimes genius qualities which you might be inclined to keep in the shadows.

There may be renunciation or some form of personal sacrifice for the purpose of self-development. Saturn is the planet of the karmic debt which we have to face and for Aquarius it is the self which has to be sacrificed. There may be loss and gain at the same time. Loss can be due to lack of confidence or for spiritual growth. Saturn delays but never denies which suggests the ideals one aspires to achieving will be fulfilled in time. His highest purpose is to ensure justice is done and everyone gets their just reward as indicated by the scales of justice of Libra in the 9th house.

JUPITER – Lord of 2nd (Pisces) and 11th (Sagittarius) – Malefic – (value profit)

Jupiter is the planet who signifies wealth and as lord of the two houses associated with money it can signify a great ability to amass a fortune doing good work to help others. This also helps Jupiter to be true to his nature making it easy for him to be generous with resources. The houses and planets Jupiter has an influence on will become rich and valuable in whatever they represent e.g., *if its Sun it will give power or 4th house it will boost comforts*. Aquarius desire to achieve name and fame will be easily fulfilled due to active involvement with friend's, social obligations and clubs which are of great interest and benefit. If Jupiter is weak and afflicted, he will lose his wealth and brothers will be a source of conflict.

MARS – Lord of 3rd (Aries) and with KETU 10th (Scorpio) – malefic – (courageous career)

The choice of weapon can be the pen or sword for Aquarius who will usually use one of these in the work they undertake in life. The career requires active engagement of the enterprising independent will with logic and steely precision. These skills can be used to explore the deepest regions of the Earth or the hidden mysteries of life. Compassion is required if working with vulnerable people who may not yet be ready for exposure to the deeper insights discovered. Mars represents the physical and mental strength to fulfill ambitions and if frustrated, will bring out its rebellious nature ready to fight to the death if need be. As Mars is not a friend to Saturn there may be problems with siblings or courage may be lacking at times due to Mars owning Saturn's place of debilitation. If Mars is strong and well aspected it can give many younger brothers but if weak and afflicted they will be absent. Mars ruling 10th house it will be ambitious to work with affairs of the state and

politics. Patience is the key to success. **Ketu as joint ruler of Scorpio for Aquarius rising will bring a deep interest in esoteric activities and without it the work will be meaningless. The flag he flies under will be obvious to all being in the 10th house.**

VENUS –Lord of 4th (Taurus) and 9th (Libra) – benefic – (happy learning)

This is the best planet for Aquarius as Venus owns two very beneficial places in the chart and both are associated with education. Venus rules the house of Saturn's exaltation and his scales of justice or dharma. Beauty and art inspire and will be a great source of happiness, especially for the more materialistic. If Venus is weak, it will bring short life to the father and misfortune. Aquarius usually follows an ideal inspired by Venus which gives inner peace and guides your life. Venus provides you with a connection to your spiritual roots as well as providing the wings of wonderment to inspire your quest for truth. As a Yogakaraka (best planet) it blesses you with happiness and good fortune. Venus needs to be strong to bring cars, property and possible political involvement.

MERCURY – Lord of 5th (Gemini) and 8th (Virgo)- benefic – (love research)

This is the planet of curiosity and for Aquarius it shows a hunger for knowledge about the mysteries of life as well as having the intelligence to figure it out. You can give your heart to a line of study which will provide you with some unusual insights and discoveries. The originality and genius in your creative thinking make it impossible for you to settle for the mundane and will cause you to revolt against convention if necessary. Here the house of blessings is combined with the house of financial windfalls which gives the likelihood of gaining money from unexpected sources. However, the 8th house is also the place where you are most vulnerable as it represents the karma's to be endured from previous lifetimes. Any learning you do to gain an understanding of your own vulnerability will be a great blessing.

MOON - Lord of 6th (Cancer) – malefic - (personal weakness)

The changeable nature of the Moon can be the greatest challenge for Aquarius as they find it hard to achieve emotional stability or get their needs met. Moon is the symbol for the emotional mind and as 6th house lord he becomes an enemy who needs to be made friends with. There is an old saying "*keep your friends close and your enemies closer*" and this is especially true for Aquarius because your worst enemy is your emotional self. As the Moon is an enemy to Saturn this can lead to addictive type behavior with whatever the mind gets attached to. We usually focus on where the mind is wandering to and for

Aquarius the mind is responsible for bad habits and the weakness in human nature we usually grow out of as we get older. Meditation practice is essential as are techniques like Mantra (mind protection) which provide sanctuary for you to become comfortable with the uniqueness of your personality.

SUN - Lord of 7th (Leo) - Neutral - (significant other)

The Aquarian nature may be revolutionary, but they are mesmerized by the power and light of the Sun. Their identity is very much linked with the significant other who is a King (Sun) Aquarius will have great difficulty bowing down to and are more likely to revolt against. Sun as 7th lord suggests spouse will be bold, influential and aristocratic. Being attracted to such powerful leader types can present many challenges in relationship until they learn to make friends with their own need for authority. If Sun is weak the spouse may not live long, especially if the significator for spouse, (Venus for wife and Jupiter for husband) are also afflicted. If the Sun is strong, it suggests work related favours from government.

<i>PISCES</i>		
MEENA	FEET	JUPITER

RELIGIOUS, COMPASSIONATE, RESERVED, GRATEFUL, ADAPTABLE, TIMID, VAGUE, SUCCESSFUL, INTROVERT, QUIET, GENTLE, FORGIVING, CONTENTED, SPIRITUAL

ROLE; priest, amusement, secret society, hospital, painter, oil, intoxicants

PISCES is a Water and feminine sign where all the self-important activities of the previous signs get dissolved to unite in Universal love. Its symbol is like a bridge connecting two worlds. Their compassionate healing touch and self-sacrifice may be taken advantage of OR they may become the martyr looking for escape in TV, drugs, sleep, etc. Prayer, meditation, chanting are more positive choices to fortify the inner self from life's cruelties. The symbol of two fish swimming in opposite directions shows the potential to go either way when the world becomes unbearable for the sensitive Pisces who is so impressionable, sensitive, intuitive and receptive. This is where we yearn for spiritual union with Divine when we need to recharge and know all is forgiven. Pisces is emotional, easy-going yet proud, generous and sympathetic. Despite their sociable and imaginative nature, they lack self-confidence and struggle with discipline. Pisces is good-natured and well-disposed to all and behaves in a dignified, well behaved and ceremonious manner. Because of the ability to read the unexpressed emotions around them their greatest challenge is to create

clear boundaries in their life without becoming a recluse.

Physical features give large bulging face, prominent sleepy looking eyes, soft speech, pale, fair, medium height; fleshy body; stoop with round shoulders; arms and legs are short and fin like; irregular feet.

JUPITER - Lord of 1st (Pisces) and 10th (Sagittarius) – benefic (self-empowerment)

Can give an **honorable career involving the public**; teaching or advising are natural roles. Jupiter is kind and generous by nature, he has no enemies, and he prefers to win people over. His friends (Capricorn) are his fall while his children (Cancer) elevate him, and they can be exceptional. Pursuit of knowledge with creative writing is easy.

MARS – Lord of 2nd (Aries) and 9th (Scorpio) – Benefic (family fortune)

Mars represent our spiritual and mental strength, and he plays the role of the **spiritual warrior** guiding the principles and deep beliefs in his quest for truth. Mars protects Piscean idealistic pursuit for a better world and makes him willing to fight for family, possessions and religion. **Ketu as joint ruler of 9th house will have Pisces inspired with a depth of insight into esoteric wisdom which will be a blessing to all who hear his words.**

VENUS - Lord of 3rd (Taurus) and 8th (Libra) – Malefic- (Intentions transform)

Good longevity is bestowed by a strong Venus as ruler of both of the 3rd and 8th house for Pisces while a weak Venus can give a short life. As Guru of the demons and an enemy to Jupiter this is the worst planet for Pisces. There are more likely to be female younger siblings but if Venus is in trouble there may be difficulties with them. There will be an inclination to risk life and limb in the pursuit of pleasure. However, indulging **selfish desires (3rd) eventually brings transformation (8th)** and the suffering teaches detachment. Multiple marriages is another indication of an afflicted Venus and the need to purify weaknesses in the area of sex and sensual gratification. If Venus, as lord of 3rd and 8th are in the 5th house, it indicates the pursuit of occult, hidden and deep mysteries through intellectual research.

Mercury - Lord of 4th (Gemini) and 7th (Virgo) – neutral – (Peaceful encounters)

In-depth communication especially with the significant other is a source of comfort and happiness. Mercury is practical and business is an area which is good for Pisces due to being easily able to understand at an emotional level how others feel and what the needs

are. As Mercury rules two houses which are Kendras it can suffer from overload bringing stress and nervous disorders. Mercury as 4th lord and lord of the 4th from the 4th house makes Pisces popular, particularly in literary matters. An afflicted Mercury conjoined with Venus and Moon can bring serious mental trouble to wife and mother. If Mercury is strong the partner is educated, accomplished and respected in society. The adaptability of Mercury causes it to give results easily and quickly, early in life. If there is an association of the separative planets Sun Saturn or Rahu on Mercury and the significators for marriage (Venus for wife, Jupiter for husband) there will be early break in the marriage.

Moon - Lord of 5th (Cancer) –benefic – (Devotion)

The 5th is the house of luck, intelligence and creativity. As the Moon is a friend to Jupiter and owns his place of exaltation these are areas which will easily flourish for Pisces. **Intuitive feelings are a great blessing** in knowing the right moves to make and their minds are extremely sensitive to their environment.

Sun - Lord of 6th (Leo) – malefic- (Wounded Healer)

There may be an interest in medicine or self-inflicted illness, addiction and vices can be a source of transformation. Humble service or taking a leadership role in health and healing is the most likely route as Jupiter and Sun are both Sattvic and friends.

SATURN - Lord of 11th (Capricorn) and 12th (Aquarius) – malefic (Profit and loss)

Pisces is the natural sign of surrender and unconditional love. This quality is strengthened by Saturn, the renunciate, ruling the place of giving. There may be an inclination to try to reach the spiritual realms with the aid of mood-altering substances and this can lead to addictions. **Whatever is gained is given up**, as Saturn gets to rule both the profits and the losses. Profit is more likely as the lordship of the other house ruled by the 12th lord takes priority. A crisis can occur until the ability to surrender is achieved and this is best done through the practice of meditation. If Saturn is weak there are likely to be financial losses through elder siblings.

'God has decorated the heavens with constellations like pearls on dark steed.

The light of the Sun hides them in the day,

and all knowledge of them is divined in the darkens of the night'

(Maharishi Parasara Rig-Veda 1.68.4 3000BC)

CONSTELLATIONS – NAKSHATRA

Moon Sign – what on your mind

The ecliptic is the apparent path of the Sun which gets subdivided into 27 Lunar Mansions or Nakshatra's of 13degrees 20minutes, the distance the Moon travels in one day.

Nakshatra's are an important aspect of time MEASUREMENT related to Vayu Tattwa or the Air element. The entire zodiac of 360 degrees is divided into 27 equal segments. Each one of the 27 asterisms are fixed stars clusters. The first point of the Zodiac is Aries and the first point of the Nakshatra's is Aswini. They are both at the same place in the heavens using the Fixed Zodiac.

First Nakshatra (called Ashwini) starts when the Moon enters at 00:00:00 Aries and ends when the Moon reaches 13:20:00 Aries. Second Nakshatra (called Bharani) starts at 13:20:00 Aries and ends at 26:40:00 Aries and so on ending with Revati in Pisces.

The Nakshatra the Moon is in at birth is called the BIRTH STAR and when you are asked in India for your star sign this is the information they are looking for. Names, Rituals, compatibility and many major decisions will only be taken when the birth stars are favourable. Most importantly the "Birth Star" ruling planet will be the trigger for timing when the promise in a chart will manifest called Vimsottari Dasa.

The Deity (DEVATA) of the Nakshatra will get expressed though the nature and temperament. The DEVATA are the real lords of the Nakshatra's. The planetary lords who we talk of for general purpose are the lordship given for the Vimshottari dasa purpose. CONSTELLATIONS show effect on mental plain while SIGNS show their effect on physical plain. The following tables gives the planetary ruler and deity of the different Nakshatra as well as the results to be expected and the quality of their behaviour.

Thus, the yoga initiates from the Nakshatra whose deity is Brihaspati, the ruler of Akasha Tattwa, the binding force of all elements. Thus, yoga shows our bindings in this world in form of our relationships with others in the society. This Akash tattwa only prevents the society to be disintegrated...

Find the Nakshatra of your Moon, Ascendant and Ascendant lord in the table to understand the dominant deities influences your mind and thence your behaviour.

Nakshatra	Ruler	Deity	Results	Quality
1 Aswini	KE	<u>Ashwini</u> -twin horseman -	World free from disease	QUICK
2 Bharani	VE	<u>Yama</u> - Death -	Moving on to next world	FIERCE
3 Kritika	SU	<u>Agni</u> - Fire	Burning or purification	MIXED
4 Rohini	MO	<u>Prajapati</u> -lord of creation	Giving fulfillment	FIXED
5 Mrigashira	MA	<u>Soma</u> -god of immortality	Makes world enjoyable	TENDER
6 Ardra	RA	<u>Rudra</u> -god of storm	Effort, achievement	HARSH
7 Punurvasu	JU	<u>Aditi</u> -mother of the Gods	Gain wealth, substance	MOVABLE
8 Pushyami	SA	<u>Brihaspati</u> - teacher Devas-	Spiritual energy	QUICK
9 Aslesha	ME	<u>Sarpa</u> -serpent	Poison, destruction	HARSH
10 Magha	KE	<u>Pitris</u> - Ancestral Fathers	Mourn, death	FIERCE
11 P.Phalguni	VE	<u>Bhaga</u> -the Sun as bliss	Procreation	FIERCE
12 U.Phalgun	SU	Aryaman- god of contracts	Prosperity through marriage	FIXED
13 Hasta	MO	Savitar-Sun as inspiration	Puts wish in ones hand	QUICK
14 Chitra	MA	<u>Vishvakarma</u> -divine architect	Gain honour in work	TENDER
15 Svati	RA	<u>Vayu</u> -Wind	Scatter like wind, transform	MOVABLE
16 Vishaka	JU	Indragni-gods of lightning	Achieve many fruits	MIXED
17 Anuradha	SA	<u>Mitra</u> -divine friend	Worship, abundance, honour	TENDER
18 Jyesta	ME	Indra-god of thunder	Courage to battle, hero	HARSH
19 Moola	KE	<u>Nirriti</u> - goddess of disaster	Ruin or destroy	HARSH
20 P. Ashada	VE	<u>Apas</u> -goddess of Waters	Invigorate, gain of luster	FIERCE
21 U. Ashada	SU	Vishvadevas-Universal God	Unchallengeable victory,	FIXED
22 Sravana	MO	<u>Vishnu</u> - the Pervader	Connection to all things	MOVABLE
23 Dhanishta	MA	Vasus- Gods of Light	Fame, bring people together	CHANGE
24 Shatabishak	RA	<u>Varuna</u> -God/Cosmic Water	Healing, freed from calamity	CHANGE
25 P. Bhadra	JU	Aja Ekapada- unicorn	Lift up world	FIERCE
26 U. Bhadra	SA	Ahir Budhya- dragon	Bring rain, stability 3 worlds	FIXED
27 Revati	ME	<u>Pushan</u> - Sun as nourisher	Nourishes entire world	TENDER

Quality	Nakshatra	Results
Fixed – Druva	Uttara Phalguni Uttarashadha UttaraBhadra Rohini	Gives strength of character, physique. Good for overall health and emotional well-being
Harsh – Tikshna	Aslesha, Moola, Jyeshtha Ardra	Aggressive, assertive, destructive. Can bring many challenges. Enmity and disease
Fierce – Ugra	Purva Phalguni Purvashadha Purva Bhadra Bharani, Magha	Success through action, aggressive, assertive, competitive, strength, endurance
Quick – Kshipra	Ashwini, Hasta, Pushya	Energy, creativity, vitality, agile, flexible, bring quick positive results with limited endurance
Tender – Mridu	Mrigashira, Chitra, Anuradha, Revati	Sensitive, soft, sweet, good for relationship, communication, artistic ventures
Mixed – Mridu Harsh & tender	Krittika Vishakha	Combine the qualities of the harsh and tender groups. Can be competitive and vulnerable
Changeable – Chara	Punarvasu, Swati, Shravana, Dhanishta, Shatabhishak	They give speed, adaptability, and quick movement. Positive yet temporary results and may cause psychological instability yet good overall

VIMSOTARRI DASA RULING PLANET & LENGTH OF RULERSHIP

Planet	Years	Nakshatra
Sun	6	Krittika, UttaraPhalguni and UttaraAshadha
Moon	10	Rohini, Hasta, Shravana
Mars	7	Mrigashira, Chitra, Dhanishta
Rahu	18	Ardra, Swati, Satabhishak
Jupiter	16	Punurvasu, Vishakha, Purvabhadra
Saturn	19	Pushyami, Anuradha, Uttarabhadra
Mercury	17	Aslesha, Jyeshtha, Revati
Ketu	7	Magha, Moola, Ashwini
Venus	20	Poorva Palguni, Purvashadha, Bharani

#	NAME	DASA	#	PADA	FROM	NAME	lord		TATWA	STARS	SYMBOL & MEANING	d9	Race
1	Ashwini (Star of transport)	KE	1	Dharma	0AR00	CHU	MA	Thief	Fire	3	HORSE HEAD Veda Murti	AR	Human
			2	Artha	3AR20	CHAY	VE	Childish	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	6AR40	CHO	ME	Fortunate	Air			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	10AR00	LA	MO	Enjoyer, long life	Water			CA	Human
2	Bharini (Star of restraint)	VE	1	Dharma	13AR20	LE	SU	Sacrificing	Fire	3	YONI Bearing body	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	16AR40	LU	ME	Happy, rich	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	20AR00	LAY	VE	Cruel deeds	Air			LI	Human
			4	Moksha	23AR20	LO	MA	Poverty	Water			SC	Rogue
3	Krittika (Star of the Axe)	SU	1	Dharma	26AR40	AA	JU	Radiant	Fire	6	RAZOR Protection	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	00TA00	EE	SA	Spiritual	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	3TA20	U	SA	Grief	Air			AQ	Rogue
			4	Moksha	6TA40	A	JU	Long life, sons	water			PI	Angel
4	Rohini (Star of ascent)	MO	1	Dharma	10TA00	O	MA	Prosperous	Fire	5	CAR Vehicles	AR	Human
			2	Artha	13TA20	VA	VE	Many evils	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	16TA40	VE	ME	Timid	Ari			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	20TA40	VU	MO	Truthful	water			CA	Human
5	Mrigasira (Star of searching)	MA	1	Dharma	23TA20	VAY	SU	Kingly	Fire	3	ANTLER Branches of knowledge	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	26TA40	VO	ME	Thief	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	00GE00	KA	VE	Enjoyer	Air			LI	Human
			4	Moksha	3GE20	KI	MA	Wealth, grains	Water			SC	Rogue
6	Ardra (Teardrop Star)	RA	1	Dharma	6GE40	KU	JU	Spendthrift	Fire	1	TEARDROP Moist Rudraksha	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	10GE00	KHA	SA	Poverty	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	13GE20	JNA	SA	Short life	Air			AQ	Rogue
			4	Moksha	16GE40	CHA	JU	Thief	Water			PI	Angel
7	Punarvasu (Star of renewal)	JU	1	Dharma	20GE00	KAY	MA	Happy	Fire	4	BOW & QUIVER Return of light	AR	Human
			2	Artha	23GE20	KO	VE	Learned	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	26GE40	HA	ME	Sickly	Air			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	00CN00	HI	MO	Untruth	Water			CA	Human
8	Pusya (Star of flourishing)	SA	1	Dharma	3CN20	HU	SU	Long life	Fire	3	LOTUS Spiritual flower	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	6CN40	HAY	ME	Thief	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	10CN00	HO	VE	Enjoyer	Air			LI	Human
			4	Moksha	13CN20	DA	MA	Intelligent	Water			SC	Rogue
9	Aslesha (clinging star)	ME	1	Dharma	16CN40	DE	JU	Childless	Fire	5	SNAKE KING Entwine, committed	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	20CN00	DU	SA	Servitude	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	23CN20	DAY	SA	Sickly	Air			AQ	Rogue

			4	Moksha	26CN40	DO	JU	Prosperous	Water			PI	Angel
10	Magha (star of might)	KE	1	Dharma	00LE00	MA	MA	No funeral	Fire	5	THRONE Palanquin authority	AR	Human
			2	Artha	3LE20	ME	VE	Sons	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	6LE40	MU	ME	Deadly disease	Air			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	10LE00	MAY		Scholar	Water			CA	Human
11	Poorva (1 st) Phalguni (star of patronage)	VE	1	Dharma	13LE20	MO	SU	Skilful	Fire	2	BED HINDLEGS Prosperity Marital bliss	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	16LE40	TA	ME	Righteous	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	20LE00	TI	VE	Cruel	Air			LI	Human
			4	Moksha	23LE20	TU	MA	Short life	Water			SC	Rogue
12	Uttara (2 nd) Phalguni (star of patronage)	SU	1	Dharma	26LE40	TAY	JU	Scholar	Fire	2	BED FORELEGS Patronage, favour	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	00VI00	TO	SA	Emperor	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	3VI20	PA	SA	Success	Air			AQ	Rogue
			4	Moksha	6VI40	PI	JU	Righteous, just	Water			PI	Angel
13	Hasta (Star of the clutching hand)	MO	1	Dharma	10VI00	PU	MA	Heroic	Fire	5	PALM Human fingers Benediction	AR	Human
			2	Artha	13VI20	SHAW	VE	Learned	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	16VI40	NA	ME	Sickly	Air			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	20VI00	DHA	MO	Wealthy	Water			CA	Human
14	Chitra (Star of the beautiful)	MA	1	Dharma	23VI20	PAY	SU	Thief	Fire	1	PEARL Brilliance, Creativity	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	26VI40	PO	ME	Artist	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	00LI00	RO	VE	Truthful	Air			LI	Human
			4	Moksha	3LI20	RI	MA	Learned	Water			SC	Rogue
15	Swati (Star of self- going)	RA	1	Dharma	6LI40	RU	JU	Thief	Fire	1	CORAL Freedom Mobility Strength	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	10LI00	RAY	SA	Short life	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	13LI20	RO	SA	Charitable	Air			AQ	Rogue
			4	Moksha	16LI40	THA	JU	Kingly	Water			PI	Angel
16	Vishakha (star of purpose)	JU	1	Dharma	20LI00	THI	MA	Justice	Fire	4	POTTERS WHEEL Chastity purposeful	AR	Human
			2	Artha	23LI20	THU	VE	Polity, policy	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	26LI40	THAY	ME	Learned	Air			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	00SC00	THO	MO	Long life	water			CA	Human
17	Anuradha (Star of calling to success)	SA	1	Dharma	3SC20	NA	SU	Fierce	Fire	4	TRIUMPHANT ARCH Friendship	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	6SC40	NI	ME	Charitable	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	10SC00	NU	VE	Long life	Air			LI	Human
			4	Moksha	13SC20	NAY	MA	Bad background	Water			SC	Rogue
18	Jyeshtha (chief star)	ME	1	Dharma	16SC40	NO	JU	Cruel	Fire	3	EARRINGS Courageous Senior most	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	20SC00	YA	SA	Enjoyer	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	23SC20	YO	SA	Intelligent	Air			AQ	Rogue
			4	Moksha	26SC40	YU	JU	Sons	Water			PI	Angel
19	Moola (Root Star)	KE	1	Dharma	00SA00	YAY	MA	Enjoyer	Fire	11	GOAD Truth seeker Trapped	AR	Human
			2	Artha	3SA20	YO	VE	Sacrifice	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	6SA40	BA	ME	Friends	Air			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	10SA00	BI	MO	Lordly	Water			CA	Human

20	Poorva (1 st) Shadha (star of invincibility)	VE	1	Dharma	13SA20	BU	SU	Good human	Fire	2	LEFT TUSK Victory (material)	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	16SA40	THHA	ME	Kingly	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	20SA00	BHA	VE	Eloquent	Air			LI	Human
			4	moksha	23SA20	DHA	MA	Wealthy	Water			SC	Rogue
21	Uttara (2 nd) Shadha (star of invincibility)	SU	1	Dharma	26SA40	BAY	JU	Lordly	Fire	2	RIGHT TUSK Victory (spiritual)	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	00CP00	BO	SA	Inimical to all	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	3CP20	JA	SA	Honour	Air			AQ	Rogue
			4	Moksha	6CP40	JI	JU	Religious	Water			PI	Angel
ABHIJIT													
22	Sravana (star of learning)	MO	1	Dharma	10CP00	JU	MA	High honour	Fire	3	EAR Listening	AR	Human
			2	Artha	13CP20	JAY	VE	Virtuous	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	16CP40	JO	ME	Scholar	Air			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	20CP00	GHA	MO	Charitable	water			CA	Human
23	Dhanista (Star of symphony)	MA	1	Dharma	23CP20	GA	SU	Long life	Fire	4	SMALL DRUM Leaders	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	26CP40	GL	ME	Reputed scholar	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	00AQ00	GU	VE	Timid	Air			LI	Human
			4	Moksha	3AQ20	GAY	MA	Great spouse	Water			SC	Rogue
24	Satabhisha (star of veiling)	RA	1	Dharma	6AQ40	GO	JU	Eloquent	Fire	100	100 LIGHTS Healing cosmic waters	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	10AQ00	SA	SA	Wealthy	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	13AQ20	SI	SA	Happy	Air			AQ	Rogue
			4	Moksha	16AQ40	SU	JU	Sons	Water			PI	Angel
25	Poova (1 st) Bhadra (scorching pair)	JU	1	Dharma	20AQ00	SAY	MA	Valorous	Fire	2	HIND DEATH BED Transform	AR	Human
			2	Artha	23AQ20	SO	VE	Thief	Earth			TA	Rogue
			3	Kama	26AQ40	THA	ME	Brilliance	Air			GE	Angel
			4	Moksha	00PI00	THI	MO	Enjoyer	Water			CA	Human
26	Uttara (2 nd) Bhadra (Scorching pair)	SA	1	Dharma	3PI20	THU	SU	Kingly	Fire	2	FORE DEATH BED Giving to society	LE	Rogue
			2	Artha	6PI40	SYAM	ME	Thief	Earth			VI	Angel
			3	Kama	10PI00	CHA	VE	Sons	Air			LI	Human
			4	Moksha	13PI20	THA	MA	Happy	Water			SC	Rogue
27	Revati (Star of wealth)	ME	1	Dharma	16PI40	THAY	JU	Spiritual wisdom	Fire	32	TWO FISH Soul protection	SA	Angel
			2	Artha	20PI00	THO	SA	Thief	Earth			CP	Human
			3	Kama	23PI20	CHA	SA	Victorious	Air			AQ	Rogue
			4	Moksha	26PI40	CHI	JU	Grieving	water			PI	Angel

NAME	DEITY	SYMBOL	LORD	SIGN	QUALITY
1 Ashwini	Kumaras	Horse Head	Ketu	AR	Healer/inspiration
2 Bharani	Yama	Yoni	Venus	AR	death/rebirth/bearing
3 Krittika	Agni	Razor Edge	Sun	AR/TA	Cutters/power/war
4 Rohini	Brahma	Chariot	Moon	TA	Red/growing/seasons
5 Mrigashina	Soma	Deer Head	Mars	TA/GE	Hunted/gentle/innocent
6 Ardra	Rudra	Teardrop	Rahu	GE	Feeling/vitality/intense
7 Punarvasu	Aditi	Bow	Jupiter	GE/CA	Renewal/safety
8 Pushya	Brihaspati	Flower	Saturn	CA	Nourish/stable/Guru
9 Ashlesha	Nagas	Serpent	Mercury	CA	Visionary/embracing
10 Magha	Pitris	Throne	Ketu	LE	Regal/ambitious
11 Purvaphalguni	Bhaga	Bed	Venus	LE	Female/creative/kind
12 Uttaraphalguni	Aryaman	Bed	Sun	LE/VI	Male/courage/patron
13 Hasta	Savitar	Hand	Moon	VI	Skill/artists/wit/heal
14 Chitra	Tvashtar	Pearl	Mars	VI/LI	Beauty/forced reform
15 Swati	Vayu	Coral	Rahu	LI	Discontent/religion
16 Vishakha	Agni/Indra	Archway	Jupiter	LI/SC	Purposeful/courageous
17 Anuradha	Mitra	Lotus	Saturn	SC	Unite opposites/friend
18 Jyeshtha	Indra	Umbrella	Mercury	SC	Eldest/most powerful
19 Mula	Nritta	Lion's Tail	Ketu	SA	Root/spiritual birth
20 Purvashadha	Apas	Tusk	Venus	SA	Wisdom/justice
21 Uttarashadha	Vishwedevas	Bed planks	Sun	SA/CP	Patient/advisory
22 Shravana	Vishnu	Arrow	Moon	CP	Tradition/learning
23 Dhanishtha	Eight Vasus	Drum	Mars	CP/AQ	Music/Most Famous
24 Shatabhishak	Varuna	1,000 flowers	Rahu	AQ	Unique/blunt/science
25 Purva Bhadra	Aja Ekapada	Sword	Jupiter	AQ/PI	Attack/defend/seed
26 Uttara Bhadra	Ahir Budhyana	Twins	Saturn	PI	Surrendered/wise
27 Revati	Pushan	Fish	Mercury	PI	Move beyond/artistic

NAVATARA

Navatara meaning Nine Stars represents the interaction between the 27 Nakshatra's of Lagna and the Moon. It shows the connection between our personal lives, society and our past. It is based on 3 levels as follows:

- a) Personal
- b) Society, work environment. If a malefic planet transits this Nakshatra there will be work related problems. Benefics transiting here will help the work.
- c) Past, all the past karma, good or bad

The following is the grid used to explain events. First establish which is stronger Lagna or Moon. If the Moon is stronger start cycle from Lagna and if Lagna is stronger start cycle from Moon. In my chart the Moon in Vishakha is stronger and therefore the Navatara starts from my Lagna Nakshatra Pusha.

Nakshatra	8	15	15	6	16	13	16	20	20
DASA period	JU	SA	ME	KE	VE	SU	MO	MA	RA
NAVATARA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
a)	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
b)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
c)	26	27	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Each Odd NAVATARA is difficult and even is auspicious. Ketu Vimsottari dasa was the 4th in my life. Venus is now running is 5th or odd which can mean having to face the enemy and my worst enemy is myself given my 6th lord is in 1st house.

Nakshatra's of day Count from Nakshatra of natal Moon to Nakshatra of day and divide by 9, If the remainder =

1. JANMA Not a good day to begin journey or risky activity
2. SAMPAT Positive day. Wealth and prosperity
3. VIPAT Danger, losses and accidents
4. KSHEMA Prosperity
5. PRATYAK Obstacles
6. SADHANA Realise ambitions
7. NAIDHANA Dangers and difficulties
8. MITRA Good day
9. PARAM MITRA Very good day

Nakshatra in 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th from natal is unfavourable

NAVATARA

Nava means nine, Tara means star and Bala means strength. In Navatara Bala. Legend tells us how Tara the goddess of spiritual splendour the wife of Jupiter (Brihaspati) is who rules our intelligence (ascendant). Tara was kidnapped by Soma the Moon God on the

GANA NAKSHATRA –

3 NATURES have 3 major failings that caused their birth

MANUSHA – HUMAN - whose purpose is to give; avoid and get over their greed or DANA

RAKSHASA – DEMON - purpose is to be merciful and stop their cruelty or DAYA

DEVA - DIVINE - whose purpose is DAMAYA (SELF CONTROL) and abstinence from too much enjoyment

Nakshatra's and healing

Starting healing practice, revitalization, rejuvenation	Ashwini	00.00-13.20AR
Administering medicines, cleansing, catharsis	Shatabhishak	06.40-20.00AQ
Nurturing, tonifying, rejuvenation	Mrigashira	23.20ta-6.40GE
Healing of wounds, tissue growth	Rohini	10.00-23.20TA
Nurturing and building therapies	Pushya	03.20-16.40CA
Counseling and psychological healing	Shravana	10.00-23.20CP

1. ASHWIN 0-13.20 Aries KETU - BIRTH - DHARMA

TAMAS – DEVA – MALE – TOP OF FOOT – BUSINESS CASTE - KUMARS

HORSEHEAD Beginning of Souls journey into life. Pure creative power in latency. Great healers. Regenerative Potential. Leadership. Thirst for sensation

2. BHARANI 13.20-26.40 Aries VENUS - FOOD - ARTHA

RAJAS – MANUSHYA – FEMALE – SOLE OF FOOT – LOWER CASTE

YAMARAJ - YONI GOD OF DEATH Excessive in behaviour sex/yoga. Idealistic. Preservation of germ. Investigate occult laws. Excess indulge in sex.

**3. KRITTIKA 26.40Aries- 10.00Taurus SUN - TROUBLE - KAMA
RAJAS – RAKSHASA – FEMALE – HEAD – BRAHMIN - AGNIDEV
RAZOR** Need guidance due to destructive potential. Primordial light. Dedicated
divine service. Quarrelsome and selfish.

**4. ROHINI 10.00-23.20Taurus MOON HOME - MOKSHA - CHARIOT
RAJAS – MANUSHYA – FEMALE – FOREHEAD – SUDRA - BRAHMA Red.**
Passion. Sensuality, potential. Engineering divine power. Social progress and love of
wealth

**5. MRIGRASHIRA 23.20TA-6.40Gemini MARS - STRUGGLE - MOKSHA
TAMAS – DEVA – NEUTRAL – EYEBROWS – SERVANT – SOMA - HEAD OF
DEER** Desire to experience something more. Loses purity. Tantra elements.
Intelligence Egotism. I-ness

**6. ARDRA 6.40-20 00Gemini RAHU - LEARN - KAMA
TAMAS – MANUSHYA – FEMALE – EYES – BUTCHER - RUDRA TEARS
PRECIOUS STONE** Search for intellectual perfection. Destroy ignorance. Universal
intelligence. Study of Esoteric Laws. Conflict

**7. PUNARVASU 20.00Gemini-3.20Cancer JUPITER - SLAYER - ARTHA SATVA –
DEVA – MALE – NOSE - VAISYA – ADITI BOW/HOUSE** Prepare to reach for
goals. Union of sound/divine consciousness. Discipleship Accentuation of passionate
nature

**8. PUSHA 3.20-16.20Cancer SATURN – HELPER - DHARMA
TAMAS – DEVA – MALE – FACE – KSHATRIYA – BRIHASPATI
FLOWER/CIRCLE** Holy, balance between expansion and restriction. SPIRITUAL
MAGNETISM Tranquil mind. Emotional instability

**9. ASHLESHA 16.40Cancer-0.00Leo MERCURY – PROTECTOR- DHARMA
- SATVA – RAKSHASA – FEMALE – EARS - LOWEST CASTE – NAGAS
SERPENT** Alienation. Discord. Psychic. Visionary. Painful end of cycle. Initiation
in esoteric mysteries. Treachery/immorality

**10. MAGHA 0.00-13.20Leo KETU - WORK - ARTHA
TAMAS – RAKSHASA – FEMALE – LIPS/CHIN – SUDRA PITRIS
PALANQUIN/HOUSE Mighty.** 2nd cycle of soul's journey into pleasure and pain of earthly life. Transmigration of the soul. Regal glamour. Servitude

**11. PURVA PHALGUNI 13.20-26.40Leo VENUS MARRIAGE KAMA-
RAJA – MANUSHA - FEMALE – RIGHT HAND – BRAHMIN – BHAGA
FIREPLACE** Luck. Fulfills worldly desires. Wealth, happiness, children, creativity. Thirst for experience. Conquest, domination, debauchery, gambling

**12. UTTARA PHALGUNI 26.40Leo-10.00Virgo SUN - WEAK - MOKSHA
RAJAS - MANUSHYA – FEMALE – LEFT HAND – KSHATRIYA - ARYAMAN** Male half of Palguni. BED. Recognise failings - downward flow of power. Leaders, servant to lower desires, latent powers. Ambition.

**13. HASTA 10.00-23.20Virgo MOON - SECURITY - MOKSHA
RAJAS – DEVA – MALE – FINGERS – BUSINESS – SAVITAR - HAND** Entire mind. Hand shows entire solar system/planets. Destiny. Inner urge is to stride ahead but restricted. Conflict. Guided to public service, renunciation, sustaining power in community. Duration, time. Earning bread.

**14. CHITRA 23.20Virgo-6.40Libra MARS - CHALLENGE - KAMA
TAMAS – RAKSHASA – FEMALE – NECK – SERVANT - TVASHTAR architect -
PEARL -VENUS** debilitated. Cuts away rough edges, forced to reform. Shell has to be broken thru insight, courage and ordeals. Beautiful worldly illusion. Space. Dance of SHIVA. Urge to build. Pig in the mud

**15. SWATI 6.00-20.00 Libra RAHU - ACHIEVER - ARTHA
TAMAS – DEVA – FEMALE – CHEST – BUTCHER - VAYU
SUN** debilitated. Material gain, desire for success, feel empty, need spiritual meaning. Passion, Scales need to be balanced, self-propagating. SKY

16. VISHAKHA 20.00Libra-3.20Scorpio JUPITER - ARCHWAY -DHARMA - SATVA - RAKSHASA - FEMALE - BREASTS - LOWEST CASTE - AGNI/INDRA - POTTERS WHEEL VANQUISHER SA exalted MO debilitated. Desire to go deep. Threshold of new life. The great unknown. Turmoil. Stress. Psychism. Fire. Pleasure. Tapas/austerity. Experience of restriction

17. ANURADHA 3.20-16.40 Scorpio SATURN - COLLEAGUE - DHARMA TAMAS - DEVA - MALE - STOMACH - CRAFTWORKER - LOTUS - MITRA God of Light Mars wants to act and SA brings Karmic restrictions to be overcome. Causes trauma until harnessed. Lotus - reaches to Sun from mud - rebirth. Spirit-matter mix. Occult powers used selfishly. Material whirlpool.

18. JYESHTA 16.40Scorpio-0.00Sagittarius MERCURY - LEADER - ARTHA SATVA - RAKSHASA - FEMALE - RIGHT TORSO - SERVANT - UMBRELLA - INDRA (God of Gods) Change starts, elder sister/Ganges. Guidance to activate Charkas. Must master lower nature thru breath, yoga, austerity, meditation. Award for passing tests. KUNDALINI, Serpent fire. Divine benediction, Arrogance.

19. MULA 0.00-13.20Sagittarius KETU GURU - FATHER KAMA TAMAS - RAKSHASA - NEUTRAL - LEFT TORSO - BUTCHER - LIONS TAIL - NITTRITI - Goddess of Death. Attachment to material severed for new spiritual beginning. Initiation. Immense anger. Supremacy. Elephant's goad painful prodding towards path. Urge for liberation. Karmic nemesis. Cruel. Possessive

20. PURVASHADHA 13.20-26.40Sagittarius VENUS - FORTUNE - MOKSHA RAJAS - MANUSHYA - FEMALE - BACK - BRAHMIN - APAS WATER GOD Strength gained from wisdom. Cleanse sins. Sudden change. Danger from demon forces. Wisdom never lost. Reflecting the Divine. God's grace. Pride

21. UTTARASHADHA 26.40Sag-10.00Capricorn SUN - PATH - MOKSHA RAJAS - MANUSHYA - FEMALE - WAIST - WARRIOR - VISHWA DEVA PLANKS OF BED. Universal Gods. JUPITER debilitated. Wisdom here comes from life not knowledge. Responsibilities from past have to be completed. Cosmic unity. Humility. Self-centeredness

22. SHRAVANA 10.00-23.20 Capricorn MOON - TEMPLE - ARTHA – RAJAS – DEVA- MALE – GENETALIA – LOWEST CASTE - VISHNU PRESERVER - EAR/ARROW MOON waxes/wanes SATURN rigid/disciplined Listening. Total silence thru discipline. Distinguish fact/fiction to mature. Meditational attention. Obedience

23. DHANISHTA 23.0Cap-6.40Aquarius MARS - HEARTBEAT – DHARMA – TAMAS – RAKSHASA – FEMALE – ANUS – SERVANT – EIGHT VASUS OR SUN Gods. DRUM TESTS Warlike formation of MA/SA. SA clears past karma before allowing Mars to break through. Fulfilling others' expectations rather than own, lonely, empty within, chase dreams, musical. Radiation of life force. Occult attainment. Deprivation of material conveniences

24. SHATABHISHAK 6.40-20.00Aquarius RAHU - MEDICINE - DHARMA TAMAS – RAKSHASA – NEUTRAL – RIGHT THIGH – BUTCHER - VARUNA - SIDDHI - HORSE/1000 FLOWERS RA/SA learning lessons, obstacles on internal from RAHU, external from SATURN. Need to demonstrate duty to others. RA teaches cosmic law. VARUNA gives knowledge and wisdom. Nature in bloom. Maintenance of Law. Blend of Consciousness in Infinity. Psychological pain

25. PURVA BRADRA 20.00Aq-3.20Pisces JUPITER – DEATH - ARTHA SATVA - MANUSHA - MALE - LEFT THIGH – BRAHMIN – SWORD –AJA EKAPADA SANNYASA attack/defend - Unborn Cosmic Energy, Stability, courage. Idealism wants to change the world. Fight for cause. Cuts thru restrictions, cosmic stability, fearlessness. Anguish. Sorrow

26 UTTARA BHADRA 3.20-16.40Pisces SATURN - CLUB - KAMA TAMAS – MANUSHA – MALE – LOWER LEGS – WARRIOR – AHIRBUDHANYA water/dark deity SERPENT OF THE DEEP Rebirth. MERCURY debilitated. Gives up personality and ego to merge with Universal. Unveiling of wisdom. Nirvana - liberation. Complete disinterestedness

27. REVATI 16.40-30.00 Pisces Ruler: MERCURY - FREEDOM – MOKSHA - SATVA – DEVA – FEMALE - ANKLES – CRAFTWORKER - PUSHAN - CORONATION – GOAL - FISH - Venus exalted. Seeds sown for future growth. Go beyond life, death, transformation. Ultimate Truth. Fish symbol of procreation and creativity. Dissolution, equanimity and complete destruction

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Technique

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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

*A Craftsman pulled a reed from the reed bed
Cut holes in it and called it a human being
Since then it has been wailing a tender agony of parting
Never mentioning the skill that gave it life as a flute... RUMI*

The mind is our most important link to the spirit which moves us. The song of the soul's purpose for taking birth is constantly being sung through the mind. In order to pick up the words from the appropriate channel we need to be keeping any interference cleared. In our busy world the mind is constantly bombarded with demands from the outside while on the inside it must battle with thoughts and desires which we may or may not find comfortable and there is no let up. We run through an estimated 60,000 thoughts per day and most of them are a repeat from yesterday. Growth involves working through and overcoming the doubts and fears which can torment the mind.

Instead of blaming ourselves and feeling guilty for the condition of our mind, when we get to understand something of how it works, we start to see we have very little

control over the changeability of its nature. **We all have an inspection team running around inside of us looking for faults. When we find a problem, we can use it as an opportunity to undermine our confidence and destroy all that is good. The other option is to look with compassion on ourselves and practice forgiveness.**

Suppression does not work and like trying to submerge a wooden cork in water, the moment the pressure is off, its concerns come right back at us. However, it is important to remember, whatever our mind is focused on is what we prefer to be involved with and therefore it is useful to have techniques to rein it in and guide its direction.

To have peace in our hearts and control of our body we need to tame the mind. We need to help it to feel safe, to talk back to it, reassure it that its needs are being heard and patiently make room for its concerns. Growth involves working through and overcoming the doubts and fears which can torment our mind. We need to be kind, patient and forgiving towards ourselves and others letting our aim be gradual progress rather than rigid perfectionism.

Only when we know the kind of stress created by the Worrying, Wondering and Wanting of the mind are we willing to look at alternative way of seeing things. We are invariably caught in habits and addictions which are hard to break and unless we are willing to challenge ourselves, they will continue to bring us grief. Free Will is not such a great gift until we learn to use it to our advantage. It does not mean we do as we like, keep whatever company we like, eat all the rubbish we like and not suffer the consequences. We have an animal nature that is instinctive in going after what it desires without thought to the consequences. However, we have been given intelligence and the power to choose. We only have to look at the size of the health problems and the level of fear and anxiety which people are experiencing to know there is something wrong with how we are living. Unfortunately, the choices we make are not always to our benefit.

It takes a long time to form a habit and to break a destructive pattern of behaviour we have to first recognise we have it and why. There are several activities which are a source of distress and to target the problems we need to identify the source of disturbance. It can be any one of the following:

Source	Effect	Remedy
Environmental	Tense atmosphere	Leave; music, sing, play, chant, dance, laughter,
Physical	Body ailments, tired, lazy, overworked, weight	Medical Remedy; Moderation in food, work, rest, and play
Mental	Ambitions, thoughts, likes and dislikes	Light of knowledge will expose temporary nature of our de/illusion
Emotional	Instability – cannot function mad, sad, glad Greed, Fear, Anger	Energy medicine; Blessing of spiritual guide, Mantra
Spiritual	Deep longing, emptiness Soul sickness	Ignites quest for Higher Self. Ultimately sees God everywhere

All of these circumstances create stress which brings out the worst in us. They cause us to be out of balance at different levels and the remedies are actions to be taken which will help to restore harmony.

With self-knowledge our awareness grows about what our underlying or sub-conscious story is. Once we know what our core story is we can start to recognise the coping mechanisms we have used to keep us functioning. We begin to see ourselves in a new light which enables us to make a conscious effort to break our predictable, destructive patterns. We are really on the road to recovery when we can watch ourselves falling into the same patterns of behaviour and can laugh at our foolishness at getting caught again in a delusion of fear and anxiety.

Rahu, Saturn and Mars each represent our greatest difficulties as indicated within the Bhagavad-Gita as Desire, Fear and Anger respectively. Remedies to these problems are generosity, knowledge and compassion. The purpose of Vedic remedial measures is to bring spiritual growth, a person's inner perceptions changes and hence can change his/her outer behaviour patterns. All human behaviour areas can be controlled, moderated or eliminated through spiritual growth.

There is a very thin line between despair and elation and this fragile path must be walked by all of us at every moment of every day. Hatred, greed and anger are our

biggest stumbling blocks which cause the mind to waste its energy and direct its effort to hurting others and ultimately ONESELF. Thoughts and deeds which are generated from negative emotions are the seeds of the future unless we learn to forgive and release past hurt. Life is suffering due to our failure to overcome these emotions and give love in our previous lifetimes, hence we come in crying and our goal is to recognise the foolishness of our dramas and to do such deeds which when we go this time we are LAUGHING.

“There are 3 things which are real

(1) God

(2) Human folly

(3) Laughter.

We cannot understand 1 and 2. With 3 we must do what we can”

In Astrology we look to the Moon as the symbol for the mind due to its changeable nature with its bright and dark times as it moves away from or toward the light. Its effect on the tides is similar to the ebb and flow of our emotions and like the breast-feeding mother responding to the baby’s needs, it is a constant source of nourishment necessary for our continued survival. By seeing its position in a birth chart and the current influences on it we can see where the immediate concerns are and put the necessary supports in place for its protection. **“Moon’s strength is the seed of strength of all planets”**

Take time for inner reflection and gratitude. Root out any hurt which you have been unable to **forgive**. There can be no peace while we harbour ill-will toward another. We can disagree with people’s values but ultimately, we are **all one in Spirit**. It’s our attitude or fantasy about situations as well as ambition and fear that cause inner disturbance. By making someone or think more important we lose our peace of mind. Focus on the problems which need to be eliminated and put into **practice kindness and compassion for peace at all levels**. To restore harmony and balance we need to detach with an open mind and leave others in the hands of God.

Meditation as a daily practice creates inner space to restore tranquility and let go the contriving ego. It calms the mind, purifies our thoughts and lets the light in to recharge us. When we learn to calm our mind through meditation, we become open to the cosmos and the source of all creative energy and solutions.

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Sufi's believe disease on the physical body has its root in an affliction of the spirit and it can be cured through the power of music, poetry and dancing.

“Since the mind must play, give it a song to sing, for like any good melody, which when hummed brings delight and joy, a song is the best thing that keeps the mind happy. The Moon creates the vocalists and singers...representing the mind and its constantly changing moods. There is no right song, there are no wrong songs, anything that rhymes with you and touches your heart is right for you so long as it is not wrong for anybody else. For what is wrong for somebody else has to be wrong for you for they are an aspect of you, your co-born” - Sanjay Rath

HOUSES – WHERE THE ACTION IS

"We see things and people not as they are, but as we are" Anthony DeMello – Awareness

Houses make the universal language of Astrology personal. Houses indicate what our needs are according to the intelligent laws of nature. The study of the houses in a horoscope reveals one's destiny in all areas of life. The division of the Astrology Chart into 12 houses is started by the RISING SIGN or the sign of the Zodiac on the Eastern Horizon at the start of any significant occasion be it the birth of a person, business, relationship etc. The quality of time at the start of an event will determine its long-term potential. Where this concept developed from is the passage of the Moon and tides of the ocean with high tide and low tide representing our emotional involvement with resources available to us or taken away. The four turning points in the ocean are symbolic of the cross of life and the pillars necessary to live a full life which are our **health(1st)**, **peace of mind(4th)**, **relationship with other (7th)** and **the dignity of work(10th)**. These are the most important needs and without any one of them we find it hard to function and feel unfulfilled.

The inspiration for each of these comes from other houses; for example, our neediness in the 6th house will inspire us to work (10th) with the aspiration of providing resources to feed us in the 2nd. Proving our virility born out of the 3rd house gives us a partner (7th) with the aspiration that we will satisfy our need for companionship as seen in the 11th. Like this we can see the connection between our various needs and how we hope to have them met. Life has a natural flow where one need serves to fulfill another, but our primary instincts are to satisfy our 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th.

Signs of the Zodiac are independent of one's place of birth while the houses are anchored to Eastern horizon at the place of one's birth. As the zodiac rotates through the day each sign will get a 2-hour opportunity to occupy the 1st house position or take control of the Ascendant. The 1st house in Indian Astrology represents a 30degree region of the sky with 15 degrees above the eastern horizon and 15degeees below the horizon. 2nd house is a 30degrees portion starting after 1st house. Therefore, if you are born around 4am, your Sun will be in the 2nd house.

Time of birth is essential to finding the Ascendant or 1st house in Astrology. For someone who doesn't know their time of birth the Sun position will give clues to what the Ascendant might be based on the prominence of the areas indicated. It highlights the issues that will arise, and demand attention based on the house the Sun is in. There are other factors also which will also influence the needs or demand more attention in a life, however, the area highlighted by the Sun will naturally take prominence. Allowing for variation in Sunrise time based on time of year and place of birth it can give an estimation of the time of birth, therefore we can make an estimation of a likely starting point for the life and find an Ascendant.

	house	sex	Nature	direction	sun	sky	Arise
1 st	Self, rising	M	Benefic	East	Sunrise	Hidden	Status
2 nd	Values	F	Malefic	Northeast	3-5am	Hidden	Money
3 rd	Courage	M	Malefic	Northeast	1-3am	Hidden	Book
4 th	Security	F	Benefic	North	Midnight	Hidden	House
5 th	Creativity	M	Benefic	Northwest	9-11pm	Hidden	Award
6 th	Enemy	F	Malefic	Northwest	7-9pm	Hidden	Fight
7 th	relationship	M	Malefic	West	Sunset	Visible	Partner
8 th	Legacy	F	Malefic	Southwest	3pm-5pm	Visible	Debts
9 th	Fortune	M	Benefic	Southwest	1pm-3pm	Visible	Lotto
10 th	Work	F	Benefic	South	Midday	Visible	Role
11 th	Desires	M	Malefic	Southeast	9am-11am	Visible	Profit
12 th	Expenses	F	Malefic	Southeast	7am-9am	Visible	Forgive

All of these influences can make us attractive at different levels for different reasons—physical, emotional, spiritual.

The Ascendant also called the Lagna or 1st house lord shows the nature of person. From the 1st house can be seen the physique, appearance, ego, sense of wellbeing as well as name, fame and reputation. We simultaneously play many different roles as mother, daughter, lover, worker, student, etc. therefore we use Varga or Divisional charts to provide insights into the different environments we must operate in i.e., Navamsa (D9) for relationships or Dasamsa (D10) for career. In any chart the Ascendant gives clues to the atmosphere and desires that prevails in each environment. Zodiac sign in the Lagna will indicate the natural qualities i.e., *Pisces is*

the sign associated with unconditional love therefore there will be a desire for peace and harmony if this sign is on the 1st house.

Ascendant LORD gives results according to its nature being kind or cruel –

- **Jupiter, Venus, Moon and Mercury** are pleasant and kind.
- **Sun, Mars, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu** are cruel and create separation.
The 1st house lord in each divisional chart plays a controlling role in that life department as it represents who you are in that area. The Lagna lord in every divisional chart shows what your attitude, ideals and views are toward that environment, i.e., work (D10), property (D4), parents (D12).
- **Lord of the house** gives insight into the intelligence or life force behind what we do, and its position will determine where we hope to get the needs met – it shows the intelligence applied to achieve the need. *E.g., The 1st house lord (our personal wellbeing) placed in the 2nd house shows ideals are wealth orientated in D10 (career) or D9 (relationships)*
- **Lordship results get achieved through the house it's in.** *i.e., Lord of 1st house placed in 4th house will achieve its 1st house objective through 4th house activity*
- **ASC lord give results according to its nature (Venus in pleasant/Saturn is cold) in matters related to the house it's in i.e. (4th safety) on account of Padas he is with (i.e., A2 finances) - Saturn as 1st house lord in 2nd with A11 brings sorrow to self (SA) in family/assets(2nd) on account of friends(A11).**
Number of signs a planet is from the house it rules show who will be involved in the experience - 1st lord in 5th is 5th (child/student) from its own house
Planets in 6th /8th /12th from home will bring troubles to that person. A planet in 8th from home will be death to that person.
- **Ascendant lord in 6th /8th /12th from home will bring problems to the self.**

DASA & ANTARDASA relationship - The house a dasa lord rules from a point of reference will be activated during its AD

e.g. if open opposition lord (7th lord) is Jupiter – then from Jupiter see what house the current AD lord rules – so if Jupiter is in Aries then in Mars AD 1st house and 8th house from Jupiter will be activated suggesting self-development 1st and retirement 8th – death and rebirth for opposition

OUTSIDE INFLUENCES - Our nature is influenced by our home environment, the people we relate to and interact with in the world, and the work we do or 4th, 7th and 10th houses. Planets placed in these kendra houses show **People with power to influence** our nature - the houses they rule show who they are i.e., 7L partner, 4L mother 11L friend, 8th lord people we are indebted to.

PLANET IN ASC—take on its nature in time

Malefics placed in Ascendant will bring challenges to upset the environment due to its nature and what it signifies. Malefics in first house make one miserable i.e., **Mars and Saturn can give violent depression and suicidal tendencies.** MALEFIC causes harm to relations with person ruled by house occupied – in the 1st house will be with the self.

- **Benefics will bring blessings i.e.,** Jupiter in 1st with A5 brings joy (JU) to self (1st) on account of children/students (A5).

Planets aspecting ascendant

- **MALEFICS** aspecting Ascendant bring pressure on us through **SIGN ASPECTS (Rasi Dristi) - LORDSHIP** shows WHO is putting on pressure i.e., 3rd lord brothers or 9th lord father, 12th lord secret enemies.
- **Benefics or Natural significators will not bring pressure**

Moon shows what the emotions (give insights into feelings of mad/sad/ glad etc.) and mind (desires for sustenance). Like the mother it wants to give you everything you want. The Moon's dispositor job is to give what the mind wants and if he is associated with Lagna a KEVALA Yoga occurs, and all the persons wishes will be fulfilled. If Kevala is with AK, the mind is always at high spiritual level.

Karaka is the spirit behind what is happening, and the Sun is Karaka for 1st house – give insight into the quality of the experience.

KARAKA (significator) IS THE HAND OF GOD AND GETS THE JOB DONE

If the significator is afflicted by house placement or sign, it can show poor judgement in the area it is significator for and suffering will follow. The houses owned by the significator will show the source of blessing or trouble

Behaves like BOSS natural significator (karaka) or root cause for the house – lord of a house works for KARAKA ie in 5th will behave like Jupiter to give Jupiter like experience as the karaka of 5th house

Dispositor of Lagna lord shows scope for what is to be achieved i.e., in Aquarius ruled by Saturn/Rahu will show problems due to fear/poison

- **Strength and placement of Dispositors will decide if results will bear fruit.**

Comfort level and state of a planet – Shadbala and Avasta

The Body follows where the mind takes us –

- **Zodiac Sign** shows the opportunity that are unfolding coming from what the environment is asking of us and **Narayana Dasa** as Ascendant progresses
- **Moons Nakshatra** creates **VIMSOTARI** cycles are based on the Moon as it shows the strongest influence on mind and how we respond emotionally and mentally.

The starting time of any event is like Sunrise which determines the vitality available for the life of that event and this becomes the 1st house in an Astrology chart. The 1st House called the ASCENDANT represents our personality and intelligence with the power to discriminate or decide on what is good or bad. We all want to know our destiny and to understand the unique way we are to go about getting our needs met. But without the starting time we are only guessing. Poor choices will be made if there is a restrictive influence on 1st house.

The creative force loves diversity and so we get a multitude of possibilities for expressions that are all unique. We can think we can do what we like when in fact we can only do what we are meant for. Surrender to this is our greatest difficulty. When we apply the ancient astrological wisdom to the houses, they will indicate how we go about getting those needs met and among other things how the people in that area will approach us. The houses indicate what is uppermost in our mind and show how we attract certain experiences until we have learned the life lesson.

Development and growth are nature's way of working with and through us. Recognising our needs and the unique way we hope to have them met is one of the basic foundations of astrology.

1st "first impressions last"

Personal wellbeing and a healthy glow at outset signal the vitality necessary to take on the journey of fulfillment.

2nd "food for thought"

Cultural, mother tongue and family values feed our vision and prepare the ground to sustain us

3rd "fighting spirit"

Siblings are our training camp for the challenges we must face as we reach out to life, and it is with them we learn to develop our courage and strength.

4th "peace of mind"

Security is learned in the arms of our mother and what happiness we know will always be measured against that experience.

5th "What we adore"

Devotional practice and what we are willing to give ourselves to wholeheartedly is what we love, including our children.

6th "our enemy within"

What we cannot digest will sicken us and our weakness for vices will always catch up with us.

7th "Significant other"

Death of the self to engage with another as we learn to compromise and cooperate with what seems our opposite. What we look for in the other.

8th "As sick as our secrets"

What is hidden and private that for progress must be revealed and transformed.

9th "Ideals that inspire"

Faith of our father in a guiding principle which gives us wings that has the capacity to help us rise above our selfishness and provide the vision of what is our true potential.

10th "Karma and our work"

The commitment to duty and to work hard at what we have been inspired to do usually takes most of our time.

11th "Hoped for satisfaction"

Fulfillment of our desires in relationship is friendship, companions for life and groups we can associate with.

12th "Letting go"

Self-sacrifice and surrender in the form of sleep is our daily practice getting us ready for the inevitable release that must come when our time is up, and it is time to merge back into the universal ocean.

The 12 houses show the basic needs we have to further our potential and fulfil our purpose. The 1st house represents oneself, while the rest involve other people. The Planets are the characters we call out from within ourselves to make this happen with each having a preferred area it is good at as follows:

HOUSE its NEEDS and the PLANET who will cause it to happen		
1 st House	Health, vitality and well-being	SUN
2 nd House	Self-worth, resources to sustain us. Our values.	JUPITER
3 rd House	Mental/physical strength, it gives us the courage to act	MARS
4 th House	Milk of human kindness and a sense of safety or Sanctuary	MOON
5 th House	Devotion, Someone or thing to love to give our hearts to	JUPITER
6 th House	Ailments that teach us humility and help our growth	SATURN
7 th House	Letting go of self to unite with another, sexuality	VENUS
8 th House	Secret fears and the unconscious urgings	SATURN
9 th House	Philosophy and ideals that inspire us	JUPITER
10 th House	Worthwhile work or vocation that brings status	MERCURY
11 th House	Profit or gain that serve ourselves and the world around us	JUPITER
12 th House	Sleep perchance to dream, Surrender, meditation	SATURN

Each need within us calls out innate abilities to deal with that particular requirement. If we feel we don't have a skill we will look to people, situations, saints or deities who do to help strengthen that quality in us. For instance, if we need to lighten up, we might watch a comedy, play sport or listen to music. If we need to stabilise ourselves emotionally, we might isolate or retreat from external stimulation and practice meditation. To get any need met we must have the necessary skills to do it. For instance, if we are facing a difficult situation, we will need courage and therefore we call up that energy in ourselves. If we want to improve our relationship, we need

strengthen our cooperation skills and so on.

We all come from goodness and are going back to goodness. We are given life because we have work to do, and we might go around in circles to get to that place. We learn our lessons in life through our experiences as the natural boundaries are put in place to get us on the path and into the work that is right for us. Unlike the plants and animals, we share this planet with we fool ourselves into believing we have choices when in fact all the major roles have been decided without any effort on our part at all. The people we meet parents, children, siblings, partners, friends are all gifts.

Many religions instill a concept of sin in the hope that we will feel bad enough about ourselves to feed their coffers and constantly look to them for guidance. However, any time we look outside ourselves for answers we are running away from our own truth. Be as little children - the answers are within say all the great mystic teachers. Yet the great religions inflict intense guilt and suffering by telling us that we could never work it out for ourselves and whatever hope men might have women could never do it! This is paradoxical given that the qualities recommended by all religions of compassion, kindness, forgiveness and self-less service are feminine traits. Meanwhile the need to control through anger, fear and roguery are more commonly seen as male characteristics, which seem to be dominant in those in power. How else could there be such emphasis put on the production of weapons of mass-destruction and the hoarding of food while people starve despite the Earth producing all that it needs.

How we go about getting our needs met will be determined by where the planets who are responsible for doing everything reside. If 4 planets sit in the 1st house, then personal development will be the priority. However, when we put too much emphasis on one or two areas then all the rest will suffer due to neglect. This is where the concept of past lives and unfinished business begins to make sense. Our compulsions to fulfil certain needs and ignore others has a powerful motivating force which without the philosophy of reincarnation would make no sense at all. We work hardest where we are weakest as Leonard Cohen sang "it's through the crack in everything the light gets in".

Every house has a planet who takes responsibility for getting its needs met. If that planet is in his own house, then he is very well situated to fulfil the needs of that house.

Alternatively, if he is gone to someone else's house then the place he has gone to will take priority and the houses he is responsible for will feel the effects, good or bad, of its owners' involvements. Just like when we go out to work and we have to leave home to do it, yet what we do has a direct impact of our home. The houses where the planets go will show where the focus will be and what needs will take priority. Having no planets in the 2nd house doesn't mean that we don't eat. If there are no planets in a house, then the planet that rules that house will be busy with some other activity where it will draw off energy to take back to the house/s he owns.

The night sky in ancient times provided the hope and faith our ancestors needed to guide their lives and they have left a rich legacy of knowledge to draw from. WE are given what we need and the ability to strengthen this is also available to us because as we all know "necessity is the mother of invention"

A planet will focus on the aims of the house it is in and brings its baggage from its own house/s also. Houses influenced are most important in deciding its results. The House shapes its occupants as well as the houses they rule and aspect. E.g., 11th lord in 4th aspecting 10th will bring growth (11th) in status (10th) through property (4th)

Every house has a lord, and the lord needs to be in a good house from its own house and also from the ascendant for the house to flourish. Each House has a purpose it wishes to achieve or events it wants to bring, and the planets are the people who make it happen.

The lord of a house in the 6th, 8th or 12th from its own house becomes weak and if it is a 6th, 8th or 12th from the Ascendant also it becomes even weaker. Other problems a house lord can have is if it is too close to the Sun (combustion) or about to or has just changed signs

<p>KENDRA or QUADRANT 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th represent present PANAPHARAS or SUCCEDANT 2, 5, 8, 11, represents future APOKLIMAS or PRECEDANT 3, 6, 9, 12 represent past</p>

Each House represents aspirations and needs we all have in common, which are natural areas of life, necessary for our survival. Yet we have unique circumstances in which to fulfil our life's purpose.

"Kill therefore with the sword of wisdom the doubt born of ignorance that lies in thy heart." - BHAGAVAD GITA

House	<u>Energy</u>	<u>People</u>	<u>Needs</u>	<u>Significator</u>	<u>SIGN</u>
1.	Vitality	Self	Body	SUN	ARIES
2.	Sustenance	Family	Speech	JUPITER	TAURUS
3.	Courage	Siblings	Weapons	MARS	GEMINI
4.	Inner peace	Mother	Happiness	MOON	CANCER
5	Devotion	Children	Knowledge	JUPITER	LEO
6	Weakness	Enemy	Disease	MARS	VIRGO
7	Passion	Partner	Sex	VENUS	LIBRA
8	Regrets	Debtors	Death	SATURN	SCORPIO
9	Faith	Father	Natural Law	JUPITER	SAGITTARIUS
10	Work	Boss	Actions	MERCURY	CAPRICORN
11	Hopes	Friends	Gains	JUPITER	AQUARIUS
12	Surrender	Ancestors	Loss	SATURN	PISCES

AFFLICTION - MALEFIC INFLUENCE ON HOUSES

- 1st Self-esteem suffers, hallucination, defeat or affliction to the head.
- 2nd Wealth will be afflicted, food poisoning.
- 3rd Younger siblings becomes inimical.
- 4th Unhappy, emotional disturbance, troubles with mother and conveyances.
- 5th Children have problems, lack of devotion.
- 6th Enemies or sickness attack but malefics give the ability to fight back
- 7th Life partner creates problems.
- 8th Hindrances and obstacles on the way.
- 9th Doubt, lack faith, unlucky, change religion
- 10th Challenging work life
- 11th Gains will be difficult to come by and will always want more.
- 12th Insomnia, hidden enemies attack. There may be even incarceration.

ASCENDANT or 1ST HOUSE - LAGNA

The energy or forces flowing from the East have always been revered. What is coming up on the Eastern Horizon at any moment in time is called the RISING SIGN, ASCENDANT, LAGNA or 1ST HOUSE. It is a source of power which has a permanent impact on and will determine the strengths and weaknesses of an event or individual for its life. The Ascendant or Lagna reflects the personality, conduct, purpose of birth, the inherent impulses and tendencies. It is the primary indication of the self, showing our nature, intelligence, energy, reputation, character, health,

environment, vitality and appearance. **First impressions** last and this is especially true in Astrology where the Ascendant (Lagna) defines the starting point in life and determines the roles to be played by the Houses and planets. From here everything is calculated. The Ascendant is the window we look through to see the world and we can spend a lifetime working through its influences, initially at a more instinctive level, and with time we evolve to the sign's higher potential. **SUN is the Significator**, and his choices can be easily influenced by the desire for personal glory or EGO fulfillment. This is where we make **independent choices** that can be influenced by the **preferences** of the Arudha Lagna and the **wisdom** of the Paka Lagna (position of Ascendant lord).

ASCENDANT LORD or PAKA LAGNA (lord of sign or point of reference)

Where the Lagna Lord goes is an expression of the Ascendant called the Paka Lagna. What we show to the world, our expression of life. His dispositor will have a big say on how well he functions. His strength decides how well we are able to handle the demands of life. Other planets are secondary. If Ascendant lord goes to the 10th House, he will be involved in public life. If he goes to the 8th house there will be interest in the mysteries of life. If he goes to the 7th, one is always thinking of relationships. The Lagna lord is always like the Sun irrespective of whatever planet may lord the lagna and he is well placed in those houses whose natural significators are friendly to the Sun. The placement of the Ascendant lord tells us a lot about a chart; it shows the actions taken and therefore also shows thoughts, because thoughts and actions usually go together. The outcome of the thoughts and actions are read from the Arudha Lagna. e.g., The 1st lord represents us, and 4th represents mother – if 1st lord is in 4th house, we will be intent on doing something for our mother. For a deeper understanding of what this will be D-12 Divisional chart is to be used. 4th lord represents our experience with mothering and its placement becomes Ascendant of mother.

ASCENDANT LORD MUST BE WELL PLACED FROM ASC

DOMINATES LIKE SUN

DISCERNS LIKE JUPITER

Shows quality of intelligence

Shows interaction with the world

DRAINS LIFE FORCE FROM HOUSE IT IS IN

WILL *HELP* THE HOUSE INDICATED **COUNTING BACK** TO ASCENDANT

GIVES HEALTH AND VITALITY

IF **SUN** IS WELL PLACED **FROM ASCENDANT**

IF **SUN** IS WELL PLACED FROM **1ST HOUSE LORD**

PLANETS INFLUENCING *WILL BENEFIT IF* FRIENDS WITH **JUPITER**

KARAKA (significator) IS THE HAND OF GOD AND GETS THE JOB DONE. If the Karaka is afflicted by house placement or sign, it can show poor judgment in the area it is significator for and suffering will follow. The houses owned by the significator will show the source of blessing or trouble.

The Ascendant lord for every divisional chart will indicate who you are in that area and what your attitude toward it is.

Malefics in first house make one miserable

Ascendant lord in Movable sign (AR, CA, LI, CP) aspected by his lord will make one good, fortunate and prosperous.

If Ascendant lord is in 8th house it gives weak constitution, but this will not be the case if there is a benefic aspect.

If Ascendant lord is strong but his dispositor is weak benefits will decrease; if both are weak body will suffer.

Deha is Zodiac Sign dispositor of planet and JEEVA is Nakshatra dispositor of planet. Deha is the body - Jeeva is the life force.

Propitiate JEEVA if Nakshatra dispositor of Ascendant lord is badly placed as life force, circumstances and fortune will take a nosedive.

If Deha, Zodiac sign dispositor of Ascendant lord is badly placed in 3rd, 6th, 8th, 12th, ill health is expected during dasa.

Lagna lord well placed sustains person throughout life.

ARUDHA LAGNA(AL) - Arudha lagna is a reflection of our true selves in the illusionary world and shows how successful we appear to be. Arudha is used to assess our material achievements. It is a reflection of ourselves as the Moon is to the Sun.

The Lagna is our true self and the Arudha is how other people see us, our status in other people's eyes. How we appear and how we really are is not the same. It refers to the relative distance of a sign as the lord of a sign is from the sign he owns.

1. Find sign occupied by Lagna lord.
2. Count in Zodiacal direction the same number of signs from the sign containing the lord
3. **EXCEPTION** Arudha cannot be the 1st or the 7th from the point of origin and if the count ends there then we must count 10 more signs to find the AL

The Arudha means the "Risen One" and shows what rises or what we GET from a house that can be seen by others. The Arudha Lagna is where we focus on what we can get to satisfy our senses. We suffer the illusion of separation in the AL and the world mirrors back to us what we project from here. This is where we strive to impress with our achievements and where we look for approval. Here we see things as good and bad. Our abilities in life are measured by what we get from them. i.e., we may be intelligent (5th) but having a certificate to prove it is A5. A natural benefic will give a good image and natural malefics give bad image. Tamasic and natural malefics Mars, Saturn and Rahu do well in tamasic houses 3,6,9,12th and so in 3rd or 6th from AL give a rise in worldly fortune due to their enterprising and demanding nature. Rajasic Venus and Mercury, ruling honey and money respectively, placed in 3rd or 6th house will find their needs destroyed and will want to renounce these things. Benefics like Moon, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury are soft by nature and will struggle. Malefics in 7th from AL will show people working against you while benefics here will help. If there is no planet then look to the lord and its placement. 7th lord from AL opens door to life, if a benefic it will be helping you and if a malefic will be standing in your way. Its status, house placement and planets influencing will show the outcome. If Venus, natural significator of marriage, is exalted as 7th lord from AL promises happy marriage but if with Rahu may be created.

REMEDY - Each of the houses has an Arudha to represent what is to be achieved out of the intention of the original house. If there are problems in an area of the life and

you want to improve it, the remedy is to pay homage to and do some act of service for the planet who has responsibility for that area of the life. The way to do this is to find the ruling planet for that area and on its day perform some act of charity, penance, prayer etc. For example, if there are problems in the area of work which is related to 10th house, then find the planet that rules A10, say it is Venus, and on its day which is Friday practice some form of self-sacrifice. The planet who rules the 2nd house of sustenance from A10 should also be honoured and called on.

MARRIAGE - If there are marriage problems fasting on the day of the lord of UL and call up the strength of 2nd lord from UL. for its sustenance. Planets aspecting UL by SIGN (Rasi Dristi) will identify the nature of the likely candidates for marriage. Mars.

HOUSE From	ASCENDANT Natural ability Needs to be met	ARUDHA LAGNA Perceived status. What others say that feeds ones self-image	ARUDHA PADAS Tangible, seen What you get
1 st	Self-development, vitality, personality	Fame, status, image	AL Reputation
2 nd	Wealth, resources, speech	Wealth Reputation feeds image	A2 Possessions
3 rd	Communication, initiative	Enterprising courage, boldness	A3 Books, adventures, projects
4 th	Comfort, happiness	Perceived happiness, support	A4 Home, cars
5 th	Creative talent, popularity, following	Creativity reputation	A5 Mantra, awards, followers, child, abilities
6 th	Weakness, service	Resistance to blockage	A6 Fight to win, manifests war
7 th	Need for partner	Impact of others, oppose/help	A7 diplomacy, passion, desire
8 th	Transform, risky	Others resources, sudden change	A8 Obstruction, tension, Loan, hidden
9 th	Protection, fortune	How lucky we seem, protects ones image	A9 Winnings, guru
10 th	Karma, work	References for ones image	A10 Position in life
11 th	Friend, gain, group	Perceived gains in status	A11 Profits, income, friends
12 th	Losses, letting go	How laid back, loss	A12/UL Die to self, give, spouse

GRAHA ARUDHA – Arudha of Planets -

PERCEPTIONS – ARUDHA PADAS OF THE HOUSES show what we are perceived to have achieved from an ability, while **ARUDHA OF PLANETS (GRAHA ARUDHA)** show how we perceive what we have achieved from the various planets. The planets Arudha placement will show how we feel about that planet's performance during its dasa period.

Graha Arudha is calculated by counting from the relevant planet to the stronger sign owned by the planet, in zodiac direction. Then count same number of signs again. Exception as with Arudha Pada where reflection cannot be in 1st or 7th. JHora software does all these calculations for us and Graha Arudha can be found under the Basic Tab under *Choose a view* by right-clicking on chart of interest.

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TYPES OF HOUSES & RULES REGARDING RULERSHIP

KENDRAS (ANGULAR HOUSES) auspicious – 1ST, 4TH, 7TH, 10TH

Where we take action in life.

Benefics ruling Kendra's take on negative energy and can harm

Malefics ruling Kendra's take on positive energy and can do good

Lords of Kendra's are powerful, 1st weakest, 10th strongest.

Planets in Kendra's are a powerful, prominent influence in the life

Planets in Kendra's may not be friend with each other, but they have a common purpose to sustain and give vitality to the life.

TRIKONAS (TRINAL HOUSES) auspicious – 1ST, 5TH, 9TH

Fortunate blessings due to past life good deeds

Rulers of trikona are very positive and bring great benefit even when they own dusthanas. Their lord's help each other prosper.

Planets in trikona and the houses they rule flourish

9th lord is the most beneficial

UPACHAYAS (HOUSES OF GROWTH) improvement – 3RD, 6TH, 10TH, 11TH

Growth – where we improve with time

These houses show forces causing gains and growth

Any planet ruling Upachaya's may cause slight harm, conditions will improve in time with effort

Malefics in Upachaya's give excellent results

Benefics in Upachaya's give mediocre results

3rd is weakest, 11th is strongest

NEUTRAL HOUSE – 2ND, 8TH, 12TH

Can take on the qualities of the planet they are with

DUSTHANAS (EVIL HOUSES) Difficult – 6TH, 8TH, 12TH

GRIEF - misfortune spoiling what they influence

Cause setbacks and obstacles to the matters signified by it

Ruler of Dusthana causes problems wherever he goes

Planet in Dusthana is spoiled as are the houses it rules

6th house and its lord are the least malefic as this is Upachaya

MARAKAS (DEATH INFLICTING PLANETS) killer – 2ND, 7TH

DEATH - dying to be born again

PLANETS, HOUSES THEY REPRESENT AND THEIR NATURE

The results of a house are judged from (1) the house itself (2) the lord of the house (3) the significator of the house. Each **HOUSE** in the chart shows our **approach** to getting our fundamental needs met on a physical level. The **RULER OF THE HOUSE** shows the **nature** of the people who have the potential to meet those needs. The **NATURAL SIGNIFICATOR** for the house is the one who can do the job easiest. If these areas have malefic influences, then there will be problems in fulfilling the needs. The following are the list of planets with the House needs they are best suited to as well as their style of behaviour.

PLANETS, HOUSE AND NATURE

SUN and 1st - AUTHORITY IN
MOON and 4th - COMFORT FROM
MARS and 3rd, 6th - STRENGTH FROM
MERCURY and 10th - CURIOUS ABOUT
JUPITER and 5th, 9th, 11th - HELPFUL IN
VENUS and 4th, 7th - PLEASURE FROM
SATURN and 6th, 8th, 12th - INSECURE IN
RAHU - GREEDY FOR, CHAOTIC
KETU - READY TO LET GO OFF

Signs of the Zodiac are independent of one's place of birth while the houses are anchored to Eastern horizon at the place of one's birth. As the zodiac rotates through the day each sign will get a 2-hour opportunity to occupy the 1st house position. The 1st house in Indian Astrology represents a 30degree region of the sky with 15 degrees above the eastern horizon and 15degeees below the horizon. 2nd house is a 30degrees portion starting after 1st house. Therefore, if you are born around 4am, your Sun will be in the 2nd house.

	house	sex	nature	direction	Sun	sky	arise
1 st	Self, rising	M	Benefic	East	Sunrise	Hidden	Status
2 nd	Values	F	Maraka	Northeast	3-5am	Hidden	Money
3 rd	Courage	M	Malefic	Northeast	1-3am	Hidden	Book
4 th	Security	F	Benefic	North	Midnight	Hidden	House
5 th	Creativity	M	Benefic	Northwest	9-11pm	Hidden	Award
6 th	Enemy	F	Malefic	Northwest	7-9pm	Hidden	Fight
7 th	Relationship	M	Maraka	West	Sunset	Visible	Partner
8 th	Legacy	F	Malefic	Southwest	3pm-5pm	Visible	Debts
9 th	Fortune	M	Benefic	Southwest	1pm-3pm	Visible	Lotto
10 th	Work	F	Benefic	South	Midday	Visible	Role
11 th	Desires	M	Malefic	Southeast	9am-11am	Visible	Profit
12 th	Expenses	F	Malefic	Southeast	7am-9am	Visible	Forgive

VISIBLE HALF AND INVISIBLE HALF OF ZODIAC

The 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th are visible and give results that are easily seen in the world their bases being Artha (work) and Kama (relationship).

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th are invisible half and give results that are not obvious their bases being Dharma (true to self) and Moksha (spirituality)

PROTECTION – mould of Vishnu that ensures survival

In every horoscope, one of the three trine houses from Lagna (1,5,9) shall be the strongest; among these, there shall be one planet and if none placed, then its lord will determine the mould of Vishnu in which the person has been built. The ninth house always protects and that is why Vishnu is always protecting this creation. 1.4.7.10 are the walls which need to be strong to have a successful life.

KEYWORDS FOR HOUSES *Where the action happens*

1ST SUN

Self, well-being, character, temperament, life essence, vitality, appearance, personality, health, constitution, strength

DHARMA TRINE/bless KENDRA/power HEAD

2nd JUPITER

Family values, resources, riches, speech, vision, diet, mouth, killer, oral tradition, jewels, creative potential, sustenance

ARTHA MARAKA/KILLER EYES

3rd MARS

Courage to pursue goals, sibling, weapons, arms, dance, prowess, messenger, adventure, skills, will, stamina, writing, will power, effort, intent

KAMA UPACHAYA/GROWTH NECK

4th MOON

Inner peace, sanctuary of home, mother, real estate, education, happiness, car, emotion, sincerity, comfort, crops

MOKSHA KENDRA/POWER HEART

5th JUPITER

Creativity, child, give our hearts to, deity, mantra, aspiration, shares, intelligence, foresight, flirting, gamble, students, decisiveness

DHARMA TRINE/BLESSING STOMACH

6th MARS

Servant, uncle, wound, weakness, pet, enemy, hard work, service, disease, vices, litigation, latent powers, sickness

ARTHA DUSTHANA/DIFFICULT INTESTINE

7th VENUS

Partners, significant others, associations, sexual pleasure, travel, diplomacy, tact, sociability, passions, death, prostrate

KAMA KENDRA/POWER OVARIES

8th SATURN

Hidden depth, wealth, debts, legacy, psychology, fear, misfortune, secrets, disgrace, mysticism, genitalia, research, discovery, occult knowledge, insurance. Hard work, penance

MOKSHA DUSTHANA/DIFFICULT ANUS

9th JUPITER

Guiding light, principles we live by, religion, teacher, father, distant travel, law, inspiration, past merit, fortune

DHARMA TRINE/BLESSING HIPS

10th MERCURY

Work, place in world, career, status, hobbies, renown, vocation, power, politics, karma, paying past life debts

ARTHA KENDRA/POWER KNEES

11th HOUSE – JUPITER

Desires and supportive friends/ groups, older sibling, community, profits, goals, dreams, income, fruit gathering

KAMA

UPACHAYA/GROWTH

CALVES

12th HOUSE - SATURN

Spiritual practice, secret enemy, waste, sleep, expenses, bed pleasure, foreign travel, asylum, dissolution, identity loss

MOKSHA

DUSTHANA/DIFFICULT

FEET

NATURAL SIGNIFICATORS – NAISARGIKA KARAKATWAS

SIGNIFICATORS of houses are the givers of results of houses:

SUN Self, soul, constitution, health (1st)

Fame, power (5th)

Father, boss (9th)

Career, achievements (10th)

MOON Mind (1st)

Mother, peace of mind (4th)

Friends (11th)

MARS Courage, younger siblings (3rd)

Real estate (4th)

Scholarship, speculation (5th)

Enemies, diseases, accidents, loans (6th)

MERCURY Speech (2nd)

Learning (4th)

Memory, scholarship, students (5th)

Work, achievements, honours (10th)

Credits (11th)

JUPITER Family, wealth, sustenance (2nd)

Traditional learning (4th)

Children, intelligence (5th)

Teacher, religion, fortune (9th)

Elder brother, gains (11th)

VENUS Vehicles (4th)

Wife, husband, marital bliss (7th)

Bed pleasure (12th)

SATURN Following (5th)
 Servants (6th)
 Longevity, troubles (8th)
 Losses, hospitalisation (12th)

RAHU Accidents (6th)
 Occult knowledge (8th)
 Pilgrimages, going abroad (9th)

KETU Moksha (12th) Occult knowledge (8th)
 Pilgrimages, going abroad (9th)

HOUSE LORDS

A House has a purpose it wishes to achieve, events it wants to bring and people who will make it happen. Each house represents a need we want fulfilled. The motivations of the planets get adapted by the needs of the house/s they have been given the task to fulfill.

HOW WE ARE APPROACHED

The lord of the house shows how we are approached by those people we expect to meet our needs in that aspect of life. The people we meet display the qualities we must develop to satisfy our needs. The *Lord of sign shows your attitude toward a need and what you get reflects that.*

During its dasa if a planet is well placed it will give the following results:

1st house rules our perspective and where its lord goes has the beneficial role of helping us find our place in the world and doing what is right for our nature or Dharma. E.g., If in 7th house sex or partners rule the thinking. Where 1st house lord goes show how we will act and is called the Paka Lagna. Lord of Ascendant shows the fruit of the Ascendant or how we will act. Malefics in 1st disrupt childhood.

2nd lord represents how we use the resources like money, food, family and community we have been born into and during its Dasa we can expect success in these areas.

3rd house lord shows the weapons and determination we use to fight our battles. The planet is malefic in nature because of its selfish intentions. If favourably placed, we can expect help from siblings and be able to achieve our goals.

4th house lord gives priority to peace of mind, security, education and our happiness. As a house of action, we may or may not be pleasant in our behavior as we try to find a safe haven in life. During its dasa property, land, vehicles, learning as well as mother may improve status.

5th house shows what we will give our hearts to. It represents our devotions and aspirations. The 5th house lord carries the expression of our intuition, creativity and intellect making it a great benefit. During its Dasa we may expect enjoyment, mantra, and the birth of a creative project.

6th house lord shows where we are likely to suffer until we grow out of the problems, we create such as enemies, disease, accidents. Our weaknesses show up as the poor behavior we struggle with. If well placed, we can expect good health and success with resolving disputes during its Dasa.

7th house lord shows our associations and how we satisfy our desire to share with others. Relationships are our highest priority after our own personal wellbeing. We all want to belong, what we are prepared to give is usually the measure of our capacity to allow significant others into our lives. During the Dasa of a strong 7th lord we can expect marital happiness and partnership agreements.

8th house lord carries our hard work, penance and secrets. This planet has the task of transforming us. It can bring great gain and great loss but always it is balancing the karmic debt we have brought with us into this lifetime. Our quest for answers can be satisfied by research into the deeper meaning in life and this lord will take us into occult subjects. Its Dasa may be opportunity to clear debts using unearned monies or inheritance.

9th house is a house of Dharma representing the source of our inspiration and the faith that sustains us. The 9th house lord will bring blessings to whatever it touches when we are true to our nature. Fortune smiles on us during the Dasa of the 9th house lord bringing health, wealth and happiness.

10th lord carries what we are born to do. The work we have been assigned will go directly toward eliminating the karma of previous lifetimes. Our actions and activities can be selfish or unselfish. During the Dasa of 10th lord we can hope to realise our ambitions and achieve fame, prosperity and respect for our activities.

11th house lord carries that last hope or temptation that will keep us coming back for more of what we fancy. The hoped-for satisfaction of our desires is the reason we do anything and during its Dasa we can expect to have those desires fulfilled.

12th house lord is associated with our capacity to let go our worldly desires and our willingness to forgive. Spirituality and meditation or loss of self through drugs and other addictions will be lived out through the 12th lord. When well-placed we are more likely to spend our resources on good causes.

MALEFICS SPOIL THE HOUSES THEY OCCUPY especially RAHU except 3RD, 6TH, 11TH BENEFICS BRING GOOD RESULTS TO THE HOUSES THEY OCCUPY Except 6TH, 12TH
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*The Divine has come in the form of the planets
to bestow the results of their karma or previous actions,
to destroy the evil forces, to strengthen the Divine in us
and set the course of our lives to achieve the highest good."*

Maharishi Parasara 3000BC

HOUSE RULES

BENEFIC LORDS	1 st , 5 th , 9 th ,	Acting for the greater good
MALEFIC LORDS	3 rd , 6 th , 11 th	Motivated toward selfish goals
NEUTRAL LORDS	2 nd , 4 th , 7 th , 8 th , 10 th , 12 th	Can be selfish or unselfish

“Benefics ruling angles will not give benefic results while malefics ruling angles will not remain inauspicious”

“a natural malefic owning an angle will become auspicious which is only true when it simultaneously rules a trine and not by merely owning an angle”

“The lord of a trine will give auspicious results”

“The 1st house lord is particularly auspicious, since the lagna is an angle and a trine.”

“A planet owning the 3rd, 6th, 11th house will give inauspicious effects.”

“The effects of 2nd, 12th, and 8th lords depends on their company and other house ruled”

“The 8th lord is not auspicious as he owns the 12th from the 9th. If the 8th lord simultaneously owns the 3rd, 7th or 11th he will prove to be particularly harmful while his simultaneous ownership of a trine will bestow auspicious effects. The 8th lordship of the Sun and Moon is not harmful.”

“In each group the significance will be in the ascending order.”

ANGLES	10 is stronger than 7 stronger than 4
TRINES	9 more auspicious than 5 more auspicious than 1
MALEFIC	11 more malefic than 6 more malefic than 3
NEUTRAL	8 is more neutral than 12 more so than 2

“The planet owning a predominant house will stall the effects due to another owning a less significant house and will give his own results.”

“Due to ruling angles Mercury has more potential for maleficence than the Moon, Jupiter more than Mercury and Venus more than Jupiter.”

“Should a planet own two houses, the effect of the house which is the Moolatrikona predominates while the effects of its own Rasi will be half.”

“If a planet owns two signs, one of which falls in an auspicious house and the other in a Dusthana, and if the planet occupies the auspicious house, he produces the good results of the auspicious house and does not produce any adverse effects of other house.

“If one and the same planet rules and is placed in a trine or angle it is a Yogakaraka.

RULES OF INTERPRETATION

The Astrologer, who proclaims good and bad results after deep consideration of the ten Avasthas (states) of planets and the results arising from the different houses, never goes wrong. "Varaha Mihira

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MALEFIC INFLUENCES

Problems arise where there are indications of influences from planets who represent the base instincts and most especially Greed (Rahu), Fear (Saturn) and Anger (Mars). Being self-centered or full of one's own importance is not conducive to a harmonious way of being in the world. Wherever these planets show up will indicate an area in the life we will have difficulty making friends with while our purpose in life is to do just that. If the HOUSE, the HOUSE RULER and the NATURAL SIGNIFICATOR for an area are all influenced by any or all of these planets then the weight of the karma from previous lifetimes will be too strong to expect fulfillment of that need. While initially we may bemoan our circumstances at what seems like a very unfair world and will probably cry and fight to force a change of circumstance eventually, we will

come to accept our lot. A birth chart is a map of our karma that helps us to accept ourselves as it gives an understanding of the consequences of our actions in the past that has a direct bearing on our lives.

If Mars is in 10th, one may be ambitious to be in charge and strive for excellence in work. However, if Mars is in 7th that perfectionist behaviour in relationship will not be very pleasant. If Saturn is in 10th, one will be slow and take time to finish things while in 7th Saturn can bring stability and commitment to relationship but not without some grief. The nodes (Rahu and Ketu) on the other hand are likely to bring some shocking or unexpected experiences with little stability to whatever area of the life they are influencing.

DISPOSITORS

The planet that rules the position another planet is placed in is called its dispositor. Dispositors are vital in Jyotish and can never be ignored.

The following are classified as dispositors:

- Pakesha - Lord of sign occupied by planet. In a good house promises good health and physical strength to the body.
- Lord of sign occupied by Pakesha. Well placed it promises sustenance and grains as well as the source for the good health and physical felicity.
- Lord of Navamsa occupied by (2). When well-placed shows good intelligence and ability to think well and achieve.
- Amsesha – lord of Navamsa occupied by planet. A well placed Amsesha in D1 (birth chart) shows good karma of the past incarnation bringing success from its Karaka's (natural significations).
- Lord of Nakshatra occupied by a planet. This Depositor becomes Jeeva and if well placed shows a strong and elevated mind that is in harmony and brings success in all activities.

Dispositors give the results of the planets who are occupying their signs or Navamsa.

This applies to

- 1). NAKSHATRA (Moon sign) – life force
- 2). NAVAMSA (D9 – Relationship) dispositors
- 3). RASI (Sun sign) - body

Deha is the Zodiac sign dispositor

Jeeva is the Nakshatra dispositor of a planet.

Deha is the body while Jeeva is the life force.

If a dispositor is in strength in Kendra the houses owned by the planet prosper and gain prominence. If the dispositors are badly placed, in enemy signs or is in a Dusthana, they cause destruction and troubles due to:

- Enemies - 6th
- Own flaws/disease – 8th
- Past debts - 12th
- Unknown source (Badhak)

A dispositor's strength will determine how much its residents can achieve and it is capable of giving the results of the planet it disposes. A dispositor's placement and strength is capable of influencing the results attributed to a house. The Moon's dispositor is called Subhapati and is a major source of strength. A malefic planet is mellowed by being a dispositor to a benefic, however his malefic nature increases if he disposes a malefic. The strength and placement of his DISPOSITOR will decide if the results can bear fruit. If Ascendant lord is strong but his dispositor is weak benefits decrease. If the dispositor of an EXALTED planet is weak and poorly placed the exaltation may be ruined as a result. Dispositors of FUNCTIONAL BENEFICS will bring good in the dasa period of the dispositor and activate the promise of the functional benefic.

FINAL DISPOSITOR in a chart will give an indication of the main motivations in the life particularly in the houses they influence. The dispositor will show how desires will manifest. *i.e., if in 7th, then through partners. If in 11th, then through learning Astrology, friends, etc.*

DEBILITATION CANCELLATION (neechabhanga) - The lord of the sign of debility of the debilitated planet is in a kendra to Lagna or Moon. This is the concept of the dispositor of the planet, and if the dispositor of a debilitated planet is in a Kendra to Lagna or Moon, then neecha bhanga occurs. This is also an important part of the Kalpa Druma Yoga where the dispositor of the strong lagna lord is required to be in a Kendra

to Ascendant. In such a case, when the person approaches someone for help, when in trouble or in debility, help is sure to come.

When planets dispositors are in each other's signs it causes an exchange of roles for planets called PARIVARTANA i.e., if an exchange happens between lords of 7th and 6th house, good and evil houses, it will cause a good situation (marriage) to turn sour (enmity). Later this will reverse again where a bitter situation (enmity) becomes the cause of a great friendship.

TRANSIT – when two planets, one Navamsa (D9) dispositor and Rasi (D1) dispositor meet in conjunction it will produce results for the dispositor planet, either good or bad depending on signs/houses owned by the disposed planet.

UPAGRAHAS - Upagrahas give results during the periods of their dispositors if they are not conjoined or aspected by any planet (here check for Graha dristi) something like the Nodes, but different as they do not have their own Dasa.

Nakshatra dispositor of Gulika is referred to as Gulika dasa and is said to be dangerous. So, if Gulika (or Mandi) is in Rahu's nakshatra, and one enters Rahu dasa, then is it referred to as Gulika dasa and can be very dangerous for health and even the longevity.

Dispositor of Roga Saham or the 8th lord or the lord of 64th navamsa or 22nd drekkana will carry some element of danger, obstruction, etc.

Navamasa (D9) dispositor of Saturn, Mandi or 8th lord will destroy happiness.

THE HOUSE LORD PLACEMENT

is more important to give the results while afflictions such as aspects etc. will reveal the source of the cracks. A badly placed house lord will cause breakage, accidents, endings and is more damaging than aspects or conjunction with malefics. The company we keep is likely to be less harmful than the place we find ourselves in.

Moon's position shows where there will be up/downs or wavering in the life which can damage the house it is in. Afflicted Moon can make one quarrelsome or even criminal especially if it's a Dark Phase Moon as this makes the person weak minded and impressionable.

A planet's function is to fulfil the needs of the houses he is lord of and he will do this according to his nature. The sign he is in will control his ability to do this.

- The lord of a house will determine the fortune of the house
- The placement of the lord of house becomes the ascendant for that person, *e.g., 4th lord placement becomes the Ascendant for mother.*
- Lord of a house associated with malefics is a person with problems, *e.g., 5th lord with Rahu indicates Ascendant of child with problems.*
- When the lord of a sign is in the 6th, 8th or 12th from its own sign there will be difficulties to be overcome to achieve its results.
- Lord badly placed from a house destroys this house, but if it's well placed from Lagna then it's good for you, *e.g. 4th lord in good house from Ascendant will give good experience from mother.*
- If other planets are with the lord of the house, they will affect the results
- When the lord of a sign aspects its own sign it will protect its interests
- The lord of a house will carry the effects it is Significator for.
- The ascendant lord will protect
- Ascendant Lord house position shows where the thoughts and actions are being applied.
- Arudha Lagna shows the results that can be seen to be achieved from thought and actions of Ascendant Lord or how successful they were as seen by others.
- Success of Arudha's of houses (A4 for mother) is seen by their placement from the Lagna.

- Ascendant lord with lord of 6,8,12, conjunct or aspected by malefic, health will suffer.
- Ascendant lord with benefic aspects will benefit health.
- Relationship between Asc Lord and other house lords give deeper insights
- The strength of the Significator will determine the outcome in the area it represents.
- If significator is afflicted we will be unhappy about what it represents due to Sun -ego, Mars -anger, Saturn -fear, Rahu - shock, Ketu – mistakes,
- Intervention through Argala from a friendly planet or significator will benefit while intervention from an unfriendly planet will bring problems
- When a sign has malefic forces on either side it causes defeat or bondage and there will be loses in that area.
- Planets represent people.
- A planet in a sign/house will dominate and its needs will take priority.
- A gentle planet will take a gentle approach and bring pleasant experiences while a tough planet will be demanding and cruel in their approach.
- A retrograde planet does not conform to usual rules, like a tsunami it has full strength and will not give up whatever the strength of other influences.
- If there is no planet in a sign, then the planet that owns that sign can act in an independent way according to its nature and placement in a chart.
- When there are planets in a sign then the planet that owns, that sign will have to act for and give the results of the planet in the sign. i.e., Mars and Rahu are conjunct in Sagittarius, therefore Jupiter as lord of Sagittarius will give the results of Mars and Rahu. Its benefic nature would be damaged as it takes on volatile nature of the combination of Mars and Rahu. What may look like a blessing as a Jupiter aspect may instead be cruel and destructive!
- Signs lorded by benefics are benefic in nature, while signs lorded by malefics are malefic
- A house a planet is lord of will determine its function
- A planet brings gifts from the house/s ruled
- A planet focuses on the aims of the house he is in
- A planet will share what he has to offer with the house/s he aspects
- A planet has to act on behalf of the planets he is dispositor for.
- A planet will use his natural abilities to achieve results, e.g., Mars will be forceful and aggressive if necessary to get what he wants. If he rules 7th house, then the

partner will show these traits in his personality. If it's Mercury, he will be childlike and chatty. Saturn may be depressive and melancholic.

- Many planets together in a sign will give mixed results but if the soul significator (AK) is there it will dominate.
- Planets in Badhak, Dusthana or Marana from a point of reference will bring obstruction, destruction and grief respectively
- Jupiter and Venus in Kendra or trines give good results.
- Planets in 10th are described as elevated adding extra vigour.
- Chart is strong when planets are not in 2/12 from each other
- A planet will focus on the aims of the house it is in and brings its needs from its own house/s. Houses influenced by a planet are most important in deciding its results. The House shapes its occupants as well as the houses they rule and aspect. *E.g., 11th lord in 4th aspecting 10th may give growth (11th) in status (10th) through property (4th) or 11th lord in 6th may grow (11th) in spirituality (12th) through fighting weaknesses.*
- Each planet functions according to its nature during its Dasa, Saturn with pessimism and Jupiter with enthusiasm in matters related to the house it is in. *i.e., Saturn in 2nd with A11 may have cause for pessimism in financial matters with friends. A retrograde Jupiter in 9th with Rahu and A6 may experience enthusiasm (JU) that is unstoppable (retrograde) for higher knowledge (9th) due to the turbulence (Rahu) generated by enemies within (A6).*
- During the Dasa of a planet any planets conjoined will make or mar the Dasa lord potential according to what houses they rule (12th =loss) and house results they naturally produce i.e. (Venus = sex). If 4th house lord is strong in its own sign it will give a secure home but if it is afflicted with malefics the home will have problems.

No planet will give all good or all bad results; the nature of the results will always be modified by natural and temporary associations. Dasa of a planet will produce effects according to:

Own nature
Modified by nature of house it is in
House it owns
Aspecting planets and the houses they rule
Associations
What it is the natural significator for
Position in divisional charts
Changing subperiod planets and their relationship to each other
6/8 or 2/12 will be challenging
Natural and temporary relationship
Period of 6/8th lord difficult
Period of 5/9th is beneficial
Intensified by transits vitalising the dasa planet or its houses

Results will be good if a planet is strong and favourable. If a planet is weak, its results will challenge and we need to know the cause of the weakness to understand the problem.

Phala Deepika:

15.4.: "Malefics occupying the 6,8,12 house from Lagna or other house under examination cause the destruction of that house."

15.5. "If the lord of the house under examination is in 6, 8, or 12 from Lagna, that house is destroyed. The same will be the results if that house is occupied by the lords of the 6, 8 or 12. The house concerned will however flourish if it is aspected by a benefic."

15.11. "Should a planet own two houses, the effects of the house which is the Moolatrikona will predominate while the effects of his own house will be half."

15.19. "If malefics occupy the 6, 8, or 12th houses from the lagna, they intensify the evil of those houses. Benefics in these houses cause destruction of these houses. In other words, the evil effects arising out of these houses are destroyed."

Uttara Kalamrita (4.16):

"Benefics in kendra, in houses 2,3,5,9, and 11 are auspicious.

Malefics are auspicious in houses 3,6, 10 and 11.

Sun and Saturn are favourable in the 9th

Mercury is beneficial in the 8th.

Saturn in exaltation, own sign or in a sign owned by Jupiter will give benefic results, even if it is in the lagna/Ascendant.

Even when placed in the 12th, Venus (Sukra) is auspicious except when he is in a Rasi (D1) or Navamsa (D9) belonging to Saturn (Sani)."

PROTECTION – mold of Vishnu that ensures survival

In every horoscope, one of the three trine houses from Lagna (1,5,9) shall be the strongest; among these, there shall be one planet and if none placed, then its lord will determine the mold of Vishnu in which the person has been built. The ninth house always protects and that is why Vishnu is always protecting this creation. 1.4.7.10 are the walls which need to be strong to have a successful life.

MISSION – desire to take birth

Purpose in life or desire to take birth can be seen from the signification of the house that we get from counting from KK to Lagnamsa. The cause of birth could be due to a mission (saint/leader) which has to be fulfilled or weaknesses. The strongest karaka for the house will indicate the cause. How we achieve that mission can be found by counting from the D9 Ascendant to the position of the Atmakaraka in D9. DASA rulers' position D9 gives deeper insight into inner quality of time period.

The following questions will help find what you need to know to interpret a chart:

WHAT IS THE PLANET SUPPOSED TO DO?

LORDSHIP

HOW WILL IT DO IT?

NATURAL CHARACTERISTICS

LIST PARAMETERS that CONTROL the RESULTS SIGN, GUNA, AYANA, HOUSE, ETC.

One (astrologer) should have a good memory, ready powers of analysis, and a capable mind to grasp the varied and conflicting evidence presented before his mind and draw proper and reasonable conclusions.

B V RAMAN

CHART ANALYSIS

Starting with the Ascendant which show the 'true self' describe the qualities of the Sign, its element, nature etc.

- **Describe the nature of any Planets in the Ascendant who will have a dominant influence on the personality**
- **Describe the nature of the Lord of the Ascendant**
- **Where is the lord of the Ascendant placed**
 - **what SIGN it is in will determine how comfortable it is i.e., exalted, friend, enemy etc,**
 - **what HOUSE it is in tells what the person is interested in doing and the thoughts behind it.**
 - **The outcome or the results of the thoughts and actions of the Ascendant lord are read from the Arudha Lagna(AL). it shows what becomes visible or can be seen by others, who cannot be aware of the 'true self' or the intentions and thoughts of our inner life.**
- **MALEFICS aspecting Ascendant bring pressure through SIGN ASPECTS**
- **LORDSHIP shows WHO is putting on pressure i.e., 3rd lord brothers or 9th lord father, 12th lord secret enemies.**
- **Benefics or Natural signifiers will not bring pressure**

ASC lord give results according to its nature (Venus in pleasant) in matters related to the house it's in i.e. (4th safety) on account of Padas he is with (i.e., A2 finances)

Saturn in 2nd with A11 brings sorrow (SA) in family/assets(2nd) on account of friends(A11)

Or Jupiter in 1st with A5 brings joy (JU) to self (1st) on account of children (A5)

INTERPRETATION OF SYMBOLS

Use a list of key words for the 3 main features i.e., HOUSES, ZODIAC SIGNS AND PLANETS. Ask the question about the style of behavior or approach(sign) to be taken to meet the needs in the different circumstances (house) *E.g., Capricorn in the 7th house of relationships would indicate a cautious approach in dealings with others. Saturn as ruler of Capricorn would be the planet assigned to the task and as he has a reputation for being slow and even cold by nature it might not auger well for igniting the fiery passions.*

The PLANETS take the action, and we need to ask if they are welcome in the situation, if the job suits their nature and if they like what they have to do? The more comfortable the circumstances the more true to its nature it can be and the better will be the results. The Planets are the active agents with the power to influence what they aspect and associate with. They can be helped with remedies if they are struggling – appease the functional malefics and strengthen the functional benefics.

Houses and house lords influence each other therefore the strength of a house must be assessed as well as its lord to confirm the area where the good or bad results are likely to occur. The more planets involved the more complex it becomes as each will bring its house needs with it and all must be included in the interpretation. See what house lord is occupying which house and the benefic or malefic influences on it. *12th lord connected to 2nd lord will spend one's wealth but if 11th lord is strong there will continue to be an income.*

Consider the strength of a planet to give results based on the SIGN it is in and the HOUSE/S it rules.

-Signs can exalt or debilitate while

-House rulership will decide its malefic or benefic role.

The functional nature of the lord of a house will dictate the results of the house.

Because each house rules several different things the natural significator or Karaka for the activity must also be assessed as he is the overall controller of what is possible. The lord of a house works for the significator of the house. All the house indications will not suffer together and the assessment of the overall significator for an activity will decide the outcome. i.e., *if we want to know about wealth, we will have to see influences on 2nd house, 2th lord, Jupiter and 2nd house from Jupiter to get a sense of what is possible. Alternatively, if we want to know about speech, we will still look at 2nd house, 2nd lord and but this time we evaluate Mercury as he is the significator for Speech and the 2nd house from Mercury before deciding the overall results. We would look to Venus for beauty or Sun for father as 2nd house also rules the face and the family.*

A malefic will cause harm to the house occupied and if this is a house of difficulty it will damage those results as well i.e., two negatives making a positive, and give good results. So, *a malefic in 3rd will upset relations with co-borns but make us courageous when faced with a challenge.*

Number of signs a planet is from the house it rules show who will be involved in the experience. i.e., *1st lord in 5th is 5th from its own house so child/student is involved and being in 5th will behave like Jupiter as Jupiter is the Significator for 5th house giving an optimistic Jupiter-like experience.*

Lordship results get achieved through house the planet is in. So, *planet in 4th as lord of 9th will achieve its 9th house objective of expansion through 4th house (education) activity and brings the benefit of 9th lord influence onto to 10th (career) which he aspects.*

When a planet occupies a house, he also aspects other houses and one must Consider the natural relationship the aspecting planet has with the natural significator of the house he aspects. If they are friends, there will be co-operation and if they are enemies there will be resistance.

A natural benefic aspecting a house will take away most of the negative indications and enhance its ability to give good results.

So, by combining a key word for a planet and a house i.e., *Jupiter (teacher) in 1st (ideals) could mean ideals are inspired by teacher.* The quality of the experience will depend on the sign as this shows the dignity or the circumstances. Avasthas and good/bad yogas will also influence.

The lordship from the karaka (significator) is the bringer/giver of the karaka.

Venus is responsible from bringing spouse and 7th lord from Venus will bring them.

Sun is karaka for father, so 9th lord from Sun brings the father. It is also the job giver, so 4th lord from Sun gives YOU a job (this is because the 4th house from Sun shows those who are working for the Sun – which is you).

The Sun rules health, hence, the dispositor of the Sun or 1st lord from Sun gives good health, 6th lord from Saturn is the bringer of diseases, whilst 8th lord from Saturn brings the chronic ailments, so in this manner we use the lordships from the karaka.

8th house shows ability to transform, change

8th from Saturn shows ability to work hard, struggle

A8 shows how the problem will manifest based on the sign it is in, the house it is in, its ruling planet, aspecting planets – e.g.

A8 in Gemini in 12th with Ketu aspected by Sun, Mars, Rahu by sign aspect

- Gemini interactions, business deals

- 12th house change will come through forgiveness, spiritual practice, travelling abroad

-Mercury ruling planet– writing, business, learning

- Ketu – computers, astrology, mystical

- Mars/Rahu aspect – unexpected challenges

Possible interpretation = Transformative struggles abroad will manifest through interactions about spiritual writing, learning and astrology

9th house shows our fortune, inspiration

9th from Jupiter shows the bringer of fortune

A9 shows how the fortune manifests based on the sign it's in, the house it is in, planet ruling planet, aspecting planets

i.e., A9 in Scorpio in 5th house, ruled by Mars & Ketu, aspected by Jupiter, flanked by malefics

-Scorpio – intense research, secrets

-5th house – creativity, devotion, mantra

-Mars – ambition/impatience

-Ketu – astrology/mistakes

-Jupiter – protective blessing

-Malefics shows dam-like pressure brings fortune or difficulty to achieve

Reading – fortune will come from intense research with ambition to explore occult creatively giving the heart with pure devotion.

Aspecting planets influence through:

- what they represent,
- pada they rule
- houses they rule
- planets they are with
- yogas

* Transits to padas are also influential

Note to Astrologer:

“Only the still pool can reflect the stars” and the same is true for the astrologer. BV RAMAN says to be an astrologer one should have a good memory, ready powers of analysis, and a capable mind to grasp the varied and conflicting evidence presented before his mind and draw proper and reasonable conclusions”. The art or skill in Astrology is based on one’s intuitive ability to choose the appropriate meaning in appropriate divisions. The Astrologer uses a diagram of the heavens to map the placement of the planets in our solar system for any given moment in time and with computers these maps have now become easily available. What is more difficult to grasp is the story being told and the possible significance or meaning behind its message. No moment in time is repeated and so each map is an original. With the infinite number of possibilities and variations the interpretation of these maps can seem a daunting task and will require many hours of meditation and patient research to even take a single confident step into analysis. The Maharishis of India left us a rich legacy of rules for helping us to make sense of it all but without a translator we cannot get far there either. Common sense and experience are as necessary to learning as all the rules. A chart is a force field of energy. The role of the astrologer is to highlight where the negative or positive conditions are and raise awareness about what can be done about it.

- HEALTH WARNING – BE PATIENT
- ASK FOR HELP –
OM NAMO BAGAVATE VASUDEVA YA
- SENSITIVITY TO WHAT CLIENT IS ABLE AND READY FOR

In the chart of AE the Ascendant the perceived self is represented by Libra, the lover of harmony and beauty. Libra is assertive, intellectual airy sign which shows him as a man of action in the pursuit of justice, balance and harmony in the world around him, most especially within himself and the struggle between spirit and matter. There are no planets in the Arudh and therefore the Libran idealism of wanting to maintain perfect harmony could find freedom of expression through him.

Venus as ruler of Libra, becomes the Lord of the Ascendant and gives his true nature the Venusian qualities of gentleness, sensuality, peace-loving and pleasure seeking.

Arudha – LIBRA - His work clearly displays his longing for balance and harmony in all areas of life, and most especially within himself and the struggles to understand Spirit and Matter with his spiritual and worldly. Despite divisive forces wanting to curtail his aspirations he achieved worldwide renowned for his work in setting up co-operative movement to advising and empowering farmers to be self-supporting.

YOGA – COMBINED POWER

Ni neart le cur le ceile - CONJUNCTIONS

“The point about planetary conjunctions is that when 9th lord is so close to 12th lord then in Vimsottari dasa, the dasa of 9th lord is like that of the 12th lord and vice versa”. Sanjay Rath

Yoga’s are combinations of energy that together set out to achieve an objective that may not have been possible otherwise. They show connections being made by different houses and planets to give particular results overriding individual planetary influences.

In life we rarely get to do our own thing all the time and in astrology it’s no different. Relationships are key to survival which goes for planets as well as people. Supportive surroundings in good company are more inclined to be prosperous. Difficult circumstances where what we have to share is unwelcome will make it almost impossible to make any progress.

Yoga means union or yoke and in Astrology it refers to the types of relationships the planets can have with each other and the houses they influence in a chart. When planets meet together in a sign, they can get too close for comfort with each looking to have their needs met as the priority. Because of this conflict they can undermine each other’s strength. When their opportunity to develop comes their role is taken over by the other occupants. It’s a bit like having a visitor in your house you find yourself distracted from your usual activities to attend to their needs. Needless to say, this can sometimes seem be very frustrating or unproductive - yet we must surrender to dealing with what is asking for our attention i.e., the other person in the room. The opportunity to fulfill one’s own needs will come and at that time the others will have to make way for us.

B.V. Raman’s book **THREE HUNDRED IMPORTANT YOGA COMBINATIONS** is highly recommended as a way of learning all the various possibilities. However, they are very difficult to remember without a background in Sanskrit. Individual yoga’s were given Sanskrit names of everyday things as a memory aid to deepen insights. Knowing a yoga will have the effect of a spear (Shoola) rather than a field (Kedara) gives a clearer understanding of possible results. So obviously knowing what the

Sanskrit word means will help with remembering the possible implications of a combination.

Planets conjunct Rahu will indicate the main focus of DESIRE in this lifetime, while Planets conjunct Ketu will indicate what we lost or renounced in the previous life- depending on the position of Ketu.

I have found it impossible to remember all the names much less the many varieties that are available.

The following are examples of Yoga' AND there are 100's of others.

YOGAS OVERRIDE INDIVIDUAL PLANETARY INFLUENCES

YOGAKARAKA – A planet that rules both a trine (1,5,9) and a quadrant (1,4,7,10). i.e., Mars is Yogakaraka for Cancer and Leo, Venus is Yogakaraka for Capricorn and Aquarius.

PARIVARTANA YOGA – When two planets occupy each other's house they exchange roles and have the effect of connecting the activities of the two houses involved.

PARASPARA YOGAKARAKA – Planets in mutual quadrants become mutual coworkers to achieve a common objective.

PANCH MAHAPURUSHA YOGA - Indication of maturity of soul promising wealth and position formed by Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn in

OWN - EXALTATION in 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th houses from Ascendant

RUCHAKA – MARS Radiant, powerful, intelligent, conqueror, strong physique, long-lived, talkative, conforms to tradition, leads army.

BRADHRA – MERCURY Sharp intellect, neat, honest, pleasant, eloquent speaker, kingly personality, attains high intellectual eminence.

HAMSA – JUPITER Handsome, righteous, liked, esteem, lustful, much luxury, swan, water sport, considerate, devoted to God and higher life

MALAVYA – VENUS Beautiful body, deep voice, comforts, happiness, learned, strong-minded, renowned, family person, surrounded by children

SASA – SATURN Fearless, powerful, protruding teeth, agile, flirt, head of town, plunderer, army chief, forests, sensuous, occultist, anti-social leader, performs arduous deeds.

MOON YOGAS

ANAPHA - Planets in 12th from Moon (except Sun, Rahu, Ketu)

Exceptional deeds that earn great gains

SUNAPHA – Planets in 2nd from Moon (except Sun, Rahu, Ketu)

Wealth and power through own efforts

DURUDHARA – Planets in 2nd and 12th from Moon (not Sun, Rahu, Ketu) Learned, charitable, extrovert, victorious, wealth, prosperity

KEMADRUMA – No planets in 2nd or 12th from Moon

Poverty, devoid of education or intelligence

Cancelled if any planet is in an angle (1,4,7,10) from Moon

MOON & SUN YOGAS

Moon in 3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th from Sun – Wealthy, courteous, intelligent, learned

Moon in 2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th from Sun – medium levels of the above qualities

Moon in 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th from Sun – minimum levels of above qualities

YOGAS BY NATURE OF SIGNS

RAJU –

(King)

active

All Planets in MOVABLE signs

Handsome, charming, cruel, new ideas, travel,

MUSALA –

Wooden grinder

duty

All planets in FIXED signs

Patient, thoughtful, strong, proud, attached to

NALA

(Quick growing grass)

mind

All Planets in DUAL signs

Balanced skill. Learning, intelligent, steady

DALA

(Small leaf)

All benefics in angle/Kendra (1.4.7.10)

Comforts in life

SARPA

(serpent)

All malefics in angle/Kendra (1,4,7,10)

Difficulty/misery in life

SEVENTH HOUSE YOGA

KAMA YOGA when the 7th house and its lord are well disposed under benefic influence

making the person wealthy, prosperous, happy progressing more than his father, enjoys

married life with a virtuous spouse and children.

DUSHKIRT YOGA When 7th house and its lord are ill placed and afflicted, which is

detrimental to one's spouse and marital life, making one licentious and adulterous with others

wives, etc.

NUMBER OF PLANETS TOGETHER

GOLA *All 7 planets in 1 sign (Sun) (globe)* Self focus, no outlet, discouraged, miserable

YUGA *All planets in 2 signs (Moon) (pair)* Reflects what is around us, cannot follow one path

SHOOLA *All planets in 3 signs (Mars) (spear)* Brave warrior, debater, harsh, cruel, quarrel, opinionated

KEDARA *All planets in 4 signs (Mercury)(field)* Farmer, helps others, truthful, kind, secure, stable, attains goal finally, slow to change

PASHA *All planets in 5 signs (Jupiter) (chain/bond)* Gives good and bad results depending on Jupiter, He is protector and if afflicted gives bad results, righteous, wealthy or

poor, imprisoned

DAMA *All planets in 6 signs (Venus) (Garland)* Charitable, educated, happy, impractical. If Venus is weak problems due to negligence

VEENA *All planets in 7 signs (Saturn) (7 stringed music Instrument)* Intelligent, skilled in every

kind of work, prosperous happy, love of music and dance.

JUPITER YOGAS

ADHI - Mercury, Venus, Jupiter in 6, 7, 8 from Moon or Ascendant

Famous, energetic, wealth, daring, good position in life, politer, affluent, trustworthy, capable of defeating enemies

AMLA - Mercury, Venus, Jupiter in 10th from Moon or Ascendant

Virtuous, prosperous, helpful, lasting fame

GAJAKESRI - Moon and Jupiter in angle from each other. In the same sign is strongest.

Respected, friendly, leader, wealthy, gives long life, fame, influential relations, success, head of political, social or religious organisation

GURUCHANDALA - Strong malefic conjoins Jupiter

Agnostic if not atheist, upholder of truth and justice but acts contrary in personal life

GURUMANGAL – Mars conjoins Jupiter

Head of city, wealth, liberal, strong constitution, righteous anger

HAMSA – Jupiter in Cancer, Sagittarius, or Pisces in an Angle

Handsome, righteous, pure, liked, wealthy

SHAKATA – Moon in 6, 8, 12 from Jupiter

Cycles of prosperity and adversity, misery, stubborn EXCEPT when Moon is in an angle from Ascendant.

SHUBH-KARTARI – Moon or Ascendant hemmed between benefics

Good health, accumulation of money, enjoyments

VASUMAN – Mercury, Venus, Jupiter in 3, 6, 10, 11 from Moon or Ascendant

Very wealthy

DESTRUCTIVE YOGAS –

Destroy house they are in. Remedy is house significator mantra i.e., 3rd = Mars

SUN&VENUS – Work not done due to energy wasted on pleasure

MOON&SATURN – Pessimistic, lonely, outcast, unable to make deep connections

MARS&RAHU – Attacked and caused to fight Rahu stops Mars burning healthy and free.

MERCURY&KETU – Mentally impractical, breakage of bones, weak earth

JUPITER&SUN – Arrogance and ego cause the fall of Jupiter

VENUS&MOON – Responsibility of motherhood ends fun, Rudra Yoga

SATURN&MARS – New replaces the old, traditional

RAHU&MERCURY – Discrimination is lost which leads to Maya. Rahu scheming uses Mercury's planning

KETU & JUPITER – delays children,

GRAHA MALIKA YOGA – garland of 4 or more planets in consecutive houses not including Rahu and Ketu. The start and end houses hold the key to the purpose and success of the yoga. The planets activities in the starting house will trigger event and the planet in the ending house will show the outcome.

KALA SARPA YOGA –

All planets between RAHU and KETU with Rahu leading going toward (BHOGA) MATERIALISM = DURGA is solution

KALA AMRITA YOGA –

All planets between KETU and RAHU with Ketu leading going toward (TYAGA) renunciation = GANAPATI is solution

Traits from these yoga's are obsession, revolutionary, surprises, originality, minority, foreign, they go against the flow. The reason behind these yoga's is due to having played with others' lives in the past, denied help, guidance, opportunity and must learn what it feels like. Rahu's dispositor placement shows why Rahu is attacking the house it is in. RAJYOGA form at age 40-43

REMEDY Association with saints or guru.

Natural benefic in 1st or 7th house or conjoined the nodes

Natural malefic conjoined the nodes will break the yoga but will not bring benefit of wealth

TAPASWI YOGA –

Where SATURN, KETU and VENUS are associated with or influence each other. i.e., a conjunction of Saturn and Venus with Ketu in trine to them. Saturn shows hard work, Ketu selflessness and Venus show passion. A Tapaswi is a person who performs Tapas (penance) forgetting everything and pursuing something single-mindedly. A Tapaswi usually dedicate themselves to research and uncover the

secrets of the world. A Tapaswi can be into yoga, mantra, Tantra, astrology and even physics or chemistry. If AK (Atmakaraka – soul) is involved with this yoga it must fructify and shows a continuation of the efforts from past lives.

JUDGING a PLANET

- **degrees**
- What house it is **in**
- what house/s ruled
- **natural characteristics**
- **Strength**
- aspects **received**
- aspects **given**
- Time of influence **major and sub periods**
- **transits**
- **dispositor**
- **Navamsa dispositor**
- **divisional chart**

STRENGTHENED in following situations:

Lord is *flanked* by benefics

Lord gets *aspect* from benefics

Lord is in **friends, own, Moolitrikona or exalted**

Lord is in 3,6,10,11 a *house of growth* from ascendant

Lord is in 1,4,7,10 a *house of power* from Asc, own house or Asc lord

Lord is in 1,5,9 a *house of blessing* from Asc, own house, or Asc lord
dispositor of lord is strong

WEAKENED in the following situations:

Lord is flanked by **malefics**

lord is aspected by **malefics**

lord is **debilitated or in unfriendly** place

lord is **too close to sun** and combust

Lord is in **8, 12** from Asc, own house or Asc lord

FROM BIRTH CHART WE CAN GET GENERAL RESULTS - FROM DIVISIONAL CHARTS WE CAN GET INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC AREAS IN THE LIFE.

TIMING OF EVENTS with DASA and TRANSITS

"The one who would be constant in happiness must frequently change." Confucius

The greatest revelation I ever had about the order in the Universe was given to me the first day I attended a Vedic Astrology class and learned about Dasa cycles. I was given a list of dates and told these are the times when your priorities in life changed. It was remarkable the accuracy with which it could determine the ebb and flow of my life. It was like as if I was just following orders as laid down long before I got here and it didn't just include me, but it could account for my choice in partners, the nature of my parents, the work I could do, the number and timing of sisters and brothers, the career choices of my son and it goes on. At that moment I was in total awe at the majesty of the power moving the Universe and felt myself surrender to its exquisite timing.

DASA is a method of identifying when our fate as promised in a chart will happen. It gives an understanding of the karma unfolding as on-going changing life circumstances. It shows the time when we will experience the planets or signs potential as promised in a birth chart. It is a method of prediction unique to Indian Astrology based on the constellations.

DASA SYSTEMS INCLUDE:

Narayana – Major trend, where our efforts go, Maya, represents what the environment is asking of us and it shows the progress of the Ascendant.

Sudasa - fruits of efforts, Resources available, blessings prosperity,

Drig Dasa – Spiritual outlook

Moola Dasa – Root cause of what is happening

Vimsottari – cycle based on the Moon as it shows the strongest influence to the mind. The response to events as perceived in the mind will depend on above.

Narayana shows the opportunities which are unfolding while the **Vimsottari** show how we are responding emotionally and mentally.

There are many Dasa systems but the most popular and most widely used is the VIMSOTARRI which literally mean 120. Each of the nine planets gets a set period of time to give its results over 120 years. It has a set sequence and set periods of time. The following table shows the number of years each planet rules for and the Constellations it rules. These periods, called Mahadasa, are broken down into subperiods called Bhukti and subsub periods called Antara. This can be subdivided down to inhalation and exhalation but usually 3 levels are enough information to be working with. All Vedic Astrology software programs calculate this information. The

planet that rules the Nakshatra of the Moon or the Ascendant at birth, whichever is stronger, will decide the sequence. In India much more emphasis is placed on the MOON. It is given more importance because any changes to it will be reflected in our mind and emotions from where most decisions are taken. Peace of mind and emotional stability are our most prized assets. Any hopes, fears, dreams and plans all grow due to the attention our mind gives to them.

VIMSOTTARI DASA – 120 YEAR CYCLE

PLANET	yrs	NAKSHATRA (TARA)
0Sun	6	Krittika, U.Phalguni, U.Ashadha
EMoon	10	Rohini, Hasta, Shravana
FMars	7	Mrigashira, Chitra, Dhanishta
PRahu	18	Ardra, Swati, Satabhishak
KJupiter	16	Punurvasu, Vishakha, P.Bhadra
LSaturn	19	Pushyami, Anuradha, U.Bhadra
BMercury	17	Aslesha, Jyeshtha, Revati
QKetu	7	Magha, Moola, Ashwini
CVenus	20	P.Palguni, Purvashadha, Bharani

Life progresses along an evolutionary cycle of events which we must experience to fulfil our destiny. It is helpful to keep remembering everything is happening for our benefit. These cycles can be read in the same way you would read the time on the clock except what is being measured in Vedic Astrology is the timing or sequence of patterns for what is uppermost in your mind out of which the events in your life unfold. Obviously, we do not start school, get married, and begin the new job etc. at the same time. Everything has its season and the Dasa systems give us a way to time the flow of events, understand what the time we are in is good for and how long it will last.

The Vimsottari (pronounced vim-show-tree, literally means 120) Dashas runs for a period of 120 years. It is calculated from the Moon or Ascendant, whichever is stronger, and is the most effective and commonly used system as it indicates the movement of the mind through life - where the mind goes the feet are likely to take us in that direction. Hence it will indicate how you feel about the experiences in the different phases of life.

With the 120 years there is the **Main period**, called a Bhukti or Mahadasa, when a planet will have its opportunity to develop. This period can be broken down further into a **sub-period**, called Antara dasa, and broken down again into a **sub-sub period**, called Pratyantar dasa. It actually goes to five levels but three levels is most commonly assessed. It can be compared to the way we use a clock where the **HOUR** hand gives the overall influence, it lasts for a long period of time which can be analysed in more details by using the **MINUTE** hand and when you want even more precise information you look to the **SECOND** hand.

The dominating influence will be the **HOUR HAND** with each planet getting its set period of time to develop and integrate its qualities into the personality. The sequence of events are started by the planet that rules the Lunar Mansion (Nakshatra) the Moon or the Ascendant is placed in at the time of birth. With computers this is now calculated for us, but it is useful to know where the sequence starts from and to understand how it will unfold.

The hour hand and the minute hand form a relationship to each other similar to the Sun and Moon where the Sun supplies the opportunities while the Moon is always chasing after him making demands. In the same way the Main dasa planet will indicate what he is giving based on his nature and the sub-period planet will be bringing demands from the environment, usually in the form of other people. Nothing works alone in the Universe. The relationship between these two shows the balance between supply and demand and if they are not friends to each other and not in supportive position from each other the time will not produce good results and there will be lots of struggle. For example, if they are in a 6/8 relationship then the period will play out like a struggle between Mars and Saturn. The relationship between these two tell us how we feel while the Sub-Sub period planet shows how we react or what

we are doing about it. The distance they are to each other and their attitude towards each other will determine how effective their combined efforts are going to be. What is happening is what is coming to meet us and as we have no choice in it but “forewarned is forearmed”. Therefore, it is always good to remember the line from Rumi “welcome whatever comes because each has been sent as a guide from beyond” .

MAHA DASHA PERIODS AS THE HOUR HAND

From the Sun shows the supply and availability of opportunities for us.

Planet is considered good or bad first if the MAHADASA lord is beneficial from the SUN

Allocated to the nine planets are as follows---

KETU	7 YEARS	
VENUS	20 years	
SUN	6 years	
MOON	10 years	*TOTAL IS 120 YEARS.
MARS	7 years	
RAHU	18 years	
JUPITER	16 years	
SATURN	19 years	
MERCURY	17 years	

Each one of those 9 main periods of planets are divided into 9 planetary sub periods giving one sub period to each one of the 9 planets but in proportion to how many years they rule in their main periods.

Then again, those subperiods are again divided into 9 subsub divisions to give one of those subsub periods to each one of the 9 planets in proportion as well.

We can see that the main periods are like the first level, and we have 2, 3, 4 and 5 levels.

ANTARA DASHA PERIODS OR MINUTE HAND

Moon - shows the demand that we have for various objectives/articles in this world - hence Maha and Antara Dasa show the balance between supply and demand.

ANTARDASA is level 2 MOON what is coming to meet us. We have no choice in this'

but, give thanks when you meet good people.

Relation between Maha/Antar lords tell us about how we feel Pratyantardasa LEVEL 3 What we can do.

1) See the relationship between Maha and Antara Dasa Rasi's. Find the significator of the house-relationship.

2) If the significator of the house is strong, then its results will be very prevalent. If weak then the results will barely be there.

Example: If a person running Venus Dasa, Ketu Antara Dasa, whilst Ketu is in the 6th from it, then the results of Ketu's Antar Dasa, will show itself depending on Mars and Saturn, which will show; Fights/aggression and Hard work/Labour respectively, off course also depending on the placements of Venus and Ketu.

THE SUB-DASHAS---The first sub is called a **BHUKTI**

Which are calculated by dividing the main Dasa lord time period into 120 parts and allot time in proportions to sequence as outlined for the main cycle. The first period is always the same as the main dasa lord.

FOR EXAMPLE--Venus dasha/dasa is 20 years so we need to divide this into 120 parts where Venus will get the first 20 parts, Sun the next 6, Moon, 10, Mars 7, Rahu 18 and so on until Ketu.

PRATYANTAR DASHA OR SECONDS HAND

The pratyantar dasa from the lagna shows when we take/get those opportunities,

Pratyantardasa LEVEL 3 What we can do

THE SUB/SUB DASHA/DASA or PRATYANTARA

Are calculated in the same way so in the example of Venus Dasa in Venus sub-Dasa this time is again divided into 120 parts and each planet is apportioned time in the same sequence as before

MINUTE HAND

- Those that you meet are your teachers and you get opportunity to meet all the varieties of personalities that ensure you are capable of dealing with every type of situation. We have no choice in who we meet and its best to be grateful when we meet good people. The relationship between the Mahadasa lord and the Antardasa lord tell us how we feel.

- The house a planet rules from a point of reference will be activated during its AD.

e.g. if the point of reference is Jupiter as open opposition lord (7th lord) – then from Jupiter see what house the current AD lord rules – so if Jupiter is in Aries then in Mars AD 1st house and 8th house from Jupiter will be activated suggesting self-development 1st and retirement 8th or death and rebirth **for opposition**.

GUEST

NATURE

A planet will give its results according to its nature cruel or kind, playful or serious.

Sun:	Leaders, government, regal
Moon	Comfort seekers with demands, comforting
Mars	Youthful, courageous warriors
Rah:	Materialistic, strange, greedy, unexpected, revolt
Jupiter:	Optimistic, inspiring, hopeful, teachers
Saturn	Serious, hardworking, subservient, democratic, fearful
Mercury:	Students, business, Playful, witty, chatty, curious
Ketu:	Mystical, subversive, self-sacrificing,
Venus	Pleasure seekers, lovers, harmonising, loving

“Welcome whoever comes because each has been sent as a guide from beyond” Rumi

If you are being visited by Rahu types, then those you meet will mirror to you the revolutionary or the angel qualities which can be exciting when we are able to ride the wave and yet upsetting when we fail to see some aspect of what was coming.

SECOND HAND

Pratyantardasa at level three shows what we can do.

Again, at this level, for a still shorter period of time, you can see how each planet takes its turn to present it perspective on what is happening. By their nature the most

difficult are Rahu and Saturn. Rahu shows our greed and Saturn where we are mean, when they visit us, these qualities get exposed. Always when there is a Saturn influence it is payback time, he forces us, at every level, to surrender what we have been withholding. We are always reaping what we have sown, we get what we deserve. Saturn gives an opportunity for self-assessment and deepening the inner life. When we struggle or fight against what it is asking us to give the time becomes very painful. What Saturn highlights is our doubts and fears due to lack of knowledge and the only solution is to let the light of wisdom, laughter and music clear it away.

Rules of Judgement

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1. Treat Dasa planet as temporary Ascendant - AD POSITION IN RELATION MD lord will focus results on that house and give those results during their Dasa. (i.e., AD in 3rd from MD will give 3rd house results and Mars like approach)
2. Packak, Bodhak, Karaka, Badhak
3. Planets in
4. 6th from SU SA RA JU
5. 12th from MA MO KE
6. 4TH from VE
7. 3RD from ME are very inimical for these planets throughout their Dasa and they give their full evil qualities on Antardasa.
8. House from Dasa planet for which it is Karaka should have beneficial planets otherwise the significator suffers.
9. Dasa of GK (Gnatikarak) gives strength to fight enemies removes disease and recover
10. Shoola Dasa of AK (Atmakaraka) will not kill native
11. Vimsottari is started from MO or ASC depending on which is stronger.
12. Drig Dasa of AL (Arudha Lagna) gives renunciation, of lagna give spiritual awakening or may become head of a spiritual organisation also use Narayan and GL
13. Shoola Dasa in trine to Jupiter gives death of spouse.
14. MAHADASA sets the overall environment for the AD/PD Graha's to give their results

15. Rasi Dasa are more effective for evaluating the results
16. Problems come from desires that cannot be handled and desires come from the soul. Why the soul has come back.
17. Make the significator for the house strong (relationship between the AK to Navamsa Lagna) to get out of the problem once and for all.

DASA RESULTS

The 12 signs and 12 houses in a chart represent the potential or possibilities that we are capable of achieving based on the seeds we have sown in the past. Our charts represent what is now coming to fruition with each HOUSE having its own area of responsibility and each SIGN will give that area its unique gifts while the PLANET will take the required action.

When the time comes for a particular planet's agenda to become significant, we get an opportunity to develop and incorporate its qualities more deeply into our lives. The seeds of these experiences have been sown in the past and are nearly impossible to avoid. Divine intervention is usually called on when we don't like what we have to face and yet when we show up to it we are usually richly rewarded. This is Karma at its simplest and the combined dance of our thoughts, words and deeds today are the seeds of our tomorrows. What's unfolding are experiences to purge karmic debts. In this it will be useful to remember that what happens in our lives is a reflection of what we are ready to address. It will serve as a teacher whose role is to propel you with more determination to fulfil your destiny. The time around the end of a period will bring significant changes as will the time of the Karmic planets Saturn and Rahu. During Saturn/Rahu or Rahu/Saturn. Rahu's karma can extend to lifetimes whereas Saturn's must be completed. To willingly accept and face one's obligations is what we learn during these times. This can be tough when we are young and with maturity it gets easier. Jupiter/Ketu can be spiritually and financially rewarding. Venus/Rahu is not a time to commit to relationship no matter how compelling it seems. The relationship between the main period lord and the subperiod lord is important for understanding events as well as the strengths and circumstances of the planet. When a planet is well placed it will give good results.

Each planets functions according to his nature during its dasa. Saturn with sorrow or Jupiter with joy in matters related to the house it is in i.e., 2nd house money/family etc. people are Pada's, i.e. A11 friends.
e.g. SA causes sorrow in 2nd money on account of A11 could means friends bringing sorrow on account of money

“Natural malefics give evil results during the end of the dasa while natural benefics are evil in the beginning”. Sanjay Rath

PLANET	PREDICTIONS of results during dasa	people
SUN	+ Health, confident, career focus, charisma, power, leader, respect - Illness, Disease, lack confidence, penalty, poverty, failure	Father, boss
MOON	+sociable, helpful, healing, comfort, rich, secure, popular - worry, isolation, discontent, quarrel, disappointed, uneasy	Mother
MARS	+ ambitious, organized, focused, energized, respected, land - frustrated, dispute, accident, angry, destitute, enemy, boils	Siblings
RAHU*	+research, change, unexpected, radical, challenge - confusion, intrigue, complications,	Foreigner
JUPITER	+Optimism, understand, clarity, purpose, respect, fortune -meaningless, financial struggle, uninspired, disheartened	Child
SATURN	+mature, dutiful, status, letting go, traditional, responsible -insecure, addiction, stress, disease, forgetful, servant, weak	Elderly
MERCURY	+Learning, skilled, wit, profit, initiation, merchant, speech -indecision, business loss, nervous, mind wavering,	Friends
KETU*	+spiritual, retreat, letting go, past connection - fever, wounds, irreligious, hard to diagnose disease	Mystics
VENUS	+pleasurable, loving, refined, revelry, artist, respected -indulgent, misunderstanding, debauch, venereal trouble	Partner

**Rahu and Ketu are shadow planets and give effects according to the nature of the planet/s they associate with and whose house they are in.*

Desire of the Soul is seen from Atmakaraka and when it gets activated by association with Dasa lord the time can be very painful the more materialistic we are. The Ascendant (Lagna) show physical or personal objectives while the Soul (Atmakaraka) shows the invisible desires of the soul.

ARGALA decides who gets supported and blocked as Dasa change

A PLANET GIVES WHAT A SIGN OFFERS ACCORDING TO HIS NATURE
(SA – sorrow, JU – joy, MO – compassion, ME – curious, VE - passion)

ON ACCOUNT OF THE PLANETS AND ARUDHAS WITH OR ASPECTING IN MATTERS RELATED TO THE HOUSE HE IS IN AND IS KARAKA FOR PLANETS ASPECTING BY RASI DRISTI GIVE AN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE BASED ON THEIR HELPFUL OR HINDERING PERSONALITIES (malefics are negative and fearful).

PLANETS ASPECTING BY GRASI DRISTI COME FROM THINKING TO PRODUCE DESIRES.

No planet will give all good or all bad results, the nature of the results will always be modified by natural and temporary associations.

Dasa of a planet will produce effects

- Own nature

- Modified by nature of house it is in

- House it owns

- Aspecting planets

- associations

 - Position in divisional charts

 - Changing subperiod planets and their relationship to each other

 - 6/8 or 2/12 will be challenging

- Natural and temporary relationship

- Period of 6/8th lord difficult

 - Period of 5/9th are beneficial

- Intensified by transit of Sun vitalising the dasa planet or its houses
- transit of other planets

Results will be good if a planet is strong and favourable. If a planet is weak, it results will be a challenge and we need to look to the cause of the weakness to understand the problem.

“DASA is a Hindu word and concept that is unique to their Astrology. It has been defined as the STATE, CONDITION and CIRCUMSTANCES of a body, both animate and inanimate, during predefined periods of its life as fated by the positions of the planets, stars and other heavenly bodies in the zodiac at the time of its conception or birth”. **Sanjay Rath**

TIMING NARAYANA DASA

To estimate the trends of a Narayana Dasa period the Zodiac sign gets divided into three parts known as Sirsodaya or Head rising, Pristodaya or back-rising and ubhayoda rising – both head and back rising and refers only to PISCES. If the Dasa sign is malefic its period shall be felt in the end whereas if a benefic, its effect shall be felt in the beginning. Pisces is the only exception whose dasa shall be felt in the middle portion. The remaining two portions are to be judged from the Lord of the sign and the planets aspecting or conjoining the dasa sign.

SIGN	RISING with	FIRST 1/3rd	SECOND 1/3rd	THIRD 1/3rd
GE LE VI LI SC AQ	Head	House	Lord	Occupant/aspect
AR TA CA SA CP	Back	Occupant/aspect	Lord	House
PISCES	Both	Occupant/aspect	House	Lord

This chart is used for timing events to get a clearer picture of when and how the NARAYANA Dasa results will manifest.

DESTINY AND TIMING – TRANSITS – GOCHARA

“It isn’t what happens that matters, but how you dance with it!” Indian saying

Jyotish or Vedic Astrology is the study of the quality of the time and space where the only certainty is change. We take for granted the daily planetary movement that bring us light and dark and when a planet changes **sign he brings a different focus**, with the slow-moving planets having the deepest impact. Reading the signs for where the changes are happening in the heavens shows us where we can expect to see changes in our environment and within ourselves.

Jupiter’s cycle is 12 years, spending one year in each Zodiac sign, and his bulky body is a source of optimism and wisdom due to its ability to provide us with the grace of protection from the meteorites of destructiveness that regularly come at us from within and without. *“Jupiter shows us the way forward as the planet that will take us out of the shadows. The soul gets a glimpse of its true nature through the grace of the guru and begins to live with a new awareness in the house Jupiter is transiting.” Sanjay Rath*

Saturn represents **sorrow** due its distance from the source of light. He moves very slowly in the heavens taking approx. 29 years to do one full circle of the Zodiac, symbolising the path of experience as the slowest, most painful, process to learn from. He is a hard task master who carries the scythe, cutting away the irrelevant and exposing the vulnerability of our human condition. is very slow moving and will spend approximately one week giving very close inspection or audit on each area he passes over. Also, as you know the week coming up to the audit can be more intense than the event itself and it will serve you well to have a plan in place to release the tension. Remember he only punishes the excesses and rewards hard work, service, responsibility, fasting, prayer, meditation, etc. Every activity has a planetary signicator or a planet that by his nature has a natural affinity with that activity. For example, Venus is the planet that has a natural affinity with the area of relationship and takes responsibility for bringing entertainment, pleasure, marriage, beauty, attraction and sex. During the Dasa period of Venus we can expect an increase in these activities.

LUNAR AND SOLAR ECLIPSE

(When the Earth passes between the Moon and the Sun at Full Moon = Lunar Eclipse)

(When the Moon passes directly between the Sun and Earth at New Moon = Solar Eclipse)

The Lunar eclipse preceding the solar eclipse benefits Lagna/Chandra and the karakas joined.

When the solar eclipse happens first, it will benefit the Lagnesha/Surya and lordships, but ruin the Raja Yoga of the Lagna/Moon and Karakas.

solar eclipse causes poverty and hardship

lunar eclipse causes physical ailments and health problems

Identify which Signs and Nakshatra's the luminaries are placed in during the solar and lunar eclipse.

Analyse the signs and houses in which the eclipse occurs.

In case of eclipses affecting the Lagna/Moon or karakas, the effects will be felt after the eclipse if the degrees are less than the graha

House Position of transiting Jupiter shows the major direction of change taken by the individual after/before the eclipse.

The transit/eclipse Lagna shows the events which transpire to instigate the major direction indicated by the eclipse

A north nodal eclipse gives, and a south nodal eclipse takes something away that needed to be taken. For every loss there is a gain and what is lost is linked to house and planet being visited by Ketu.

The solar and Lunar eclipse usually happen within 2 weeks of each other. If the Lunar Eclipse happens prior to the solar eclipse, it brings disturbances and quarrels, where people are unruly and unjust. When the Lunar Eclipse happens after the Solar eclipse people are happy and contented; prayers increase as well as spiritual growth.

Jupiter placement in transit at time of eclipse shows area of growth

Saturn placement in transit at time of eclipse shows where restrictions will be felt

When the eclipse is in conjunctions with a planet in transit and is at higher longitude then events will be triggered prior to the eclipse.

An Eclipse is an omen for changes on the way; it exposes hidden possibilities that are about to surface. The Mind (Moon) is being triggered to bring transformation to our physical reality (Earth). Eclipses bring challenges in areas where we need a change of attitude, and this can be seen from the position of the Moon in our chart. The transformation process can be painful, but it is ultimately incredibly rewarding to our spirit as we learn to adapt and grow with it. Birth at the time of a Solar Eclipse is likely to bring financial difficulties while during Lunar Eclipse health issues are more likely. The lord of the Nakshatra where the eclipse occurs is the source of remedy.

Use the time of the Eclipse to recharge as deep insights can become available and solutions to old problems emerge. Postpone any major undertakings as this is a time for expansion at an inner level. Meditation during an eclipse on what you would like to grow will give excellent results. Make a wish but be careful what you wish for! Recite mantra e.g., AUM or a holy name.

ECLIPSE REMEDY

If moon sign is in

Chara Rasi (movable sign = AR, CA, LI, CP) then chant HARI

Dvisbhava Rasi (dual sign = GE, VI, SA, PI) chant HARI OM

Sthira Rasi (fixed sign = TA, LE, SC, AQ) chant HARE KRISHNA

Just chant it during the eclipse and till the next eclipse the effect of the Kali Yuga will not torment you. Sanjay Rath

THE TRANSIT OF DASA LORD IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS HE HAS THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON ONE'S MENTAL STATE.

THE RESULTS GIVEN BY PLANETS DEPEND ON WHAT THEY STAND FOR IN THE NATAL CHART.

A PLANET OCCUPYING OR ASPECTING A ZODIAC SIGN IN TRANSIT INFLUENCES THE MATTERS SIGNIFIED BY THE HOUSES AND PLANETS STATIONED IN THAT SIGN IN THE NATAL CHART.

MOON TRANSIT IN 8TH - CHANDRASHTAMA

"When the Moon in transit enters the 8th sign from the natal Moon-sign or Janma Rasi, it is known as Chandrashtama. This is a period of two-and-a-half days every month, when one should be extra alert to problems, irritation, physical lassitude and difficult mental moods. In its simplest form, Chandrashtama leads to depression and irritation. A simple example would be when one is very warmly invited to a wedding. But once at the venue, one finds one is ignored (may be inadvertently) or even slighted by the host leaving one feeling bitter and angry. Another case of Chandrashtama showing its relatively harmless sting is when everything goes wrong at office or at home, or one is late for a meeting and then discovers one has left behind important papers without which the meeting ceases to make any sense. On the more serious side, a Chandrashtama period when it coincides with an adverse Dasa and Bhukti could result in accident, loss, death of oneself or a loved one, attack, assault, humiliation, defeat or any other kind of calamity."

In electional astrology, it is classed under the list of major adverse factors that should be avoided when venturing on any activity.

When important planetary conjunctions occur in transit close to important natal positions, they trigger important changes and events in life.

Retrograde

If the 4th lord is Retrograde, then also don't move. All our day-to-day actions are Karma related. That means Shani is the Karma Karaka and if he is retrograde during transit, then wait till he becomes direct. Otherwise, if you move during Shani's retrogression, you will again change as soon as he becomes direct or he transits the same longitude when he started retrograde. Also check the transit of Kuja and he also should not be retrograde.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Su	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	o/-
Mo	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-
Ma	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	/	+	-
Me	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
Ju	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
Ve	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Sa	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sade-sati - transits related to natal Moon in Navamsa. I have found Sade-sati effects to be more profound from Navamsa Moon. Sanjay Rath

TRANSITS OVER PADAS

Any graha, transit over AL or trine to AL (or any Pada or trine to said Pada) has the ability to influence matters/ areas of said Arudha. For example, Rahu transit over AL or trine to AL give victories/ promotions in material life, while Ketu transit over AL or trine to AL make failures and perhaps renounce the material world. So, Sun too influences same way.

“The one who would be constant in happiness must frequently change.” Confucius

ASHTAKAVARGA - 8 Sources of Energy

Vedic Astrology has specific rules for reading TRANSITS or the changing positions of the planets with the passage of time. We can be grateful to computers for their ability to do the calculations, but it is useful to understand how these numbers are arrived at.

Ashtakavarga is a way of assessing the qualities of a planet based on the co-operation they achieve, and energy contributed from the Ascendant and the seven planets excluding Nodes. Parasara said that the intellectual pygmies of Kali Yuga cannot cope with too many complicated principles and presented Ashtakavarga as a simple technique that lets them make reasonable predictions without much fuss. Ashtaka means “consisting of eight” and Varga means “a group”. Ashtakavarga is the system of analyzing a chart with respect to a group of 8 reference points.

To assess Saturn’s move to **Virgo on 9/9/9** we will use this method to find out how helpful or otherwise this transit will be.

In the Saturn Table below a “0” score shows lack of cooperation from that area and is called a **BINDU**. While a “1” score will show a source of energy that will benefit which is called a **REKHA**. Good houses for Saturn to occupy in relation to Sun will be the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th and he gets no score if he is in 3rd, 5th, 6th, 9th or 12th from Sun. Do the same for other planets

From House	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Lag
1 st	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2 nd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 rd	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
4 th	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5 th	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
6 th	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7 th	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 th	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
9 th	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10 th	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
11 th	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12 th	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0

Where a planet scores a Zero is a difficult place for that planet and is called a **BINDUPRADA**. It’s a bit like the Eurovision song contest where every country gets a set number of votes and gives most points to the song it likes best. In Ashtakavarga

every sign can only get 8 contributions in total be they good or bad (Only eight voters). They don't all get the same number of scores or Rekhas to contribute as per following table:

<u>PLANET</u>	<u>REKHA</u>	<u>BINDU</u>
ASCENDANT	49	47
SUN	48	48
MOON	49	47
MARS	39	57
MERCURY	54	42
JUPITER	56	40
VENUS	52	44
SATURN	39	57
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	386	382

Now we don't need to calculate all the points scored manually and so we can look up the Ashtakavarga tables in the Strengths section of the software for a detailed breakdown for each planet as well as the total for all the signs as shown in the SAV. It highlights the position of the planet of interest and gives the individual scores or REKHAS and level of benefit achieved in each sign.

If Saturn is badly placed from **Moon**, it will disturb our peace of mind and the **houses Saturn owns** will show the cause for worry. This applies to **all charts** including Natal and Divisional charts. In any Divisional chart you are interested in use the Natal chart placement of the transiting planet which in this case is **Virgo**. Saturn well placed will enhance his good qualities giving patience to persevere and work hard.

SCORES ABOVE 4 = VERY GOOD - BELOW 4 = NOT SO GOOD in area of rulership

With Ashtakavarga we can not only assess how well placed a planet is from Sun and Moon but also from **Ascendant and other planets**. We can use this formation to assess how helpful Saturn's new placement in Virgo will be in relation to our **current major and sub period Dasa lords**. The promise in a chart gets its opportunity to come to fruition when the **TRANSIT** is good and the **DASA** is running. In NARAYANA

DASA the points a planet scores in a sign will determine what he has to contribute to that sign.

If Astakavarga is low, we need to pray to the lord to strengthen in the period of a planet that gives points. Houses with high score in Astakavarga will be beneficial to Arudha Pada during Dasa.

Table is from Vedic Astrology. An Integrated Approach by P.V.R. Narasimha Rao.

“When we start seeing horoscopes, we start loving and respecting everybody and then we become closer to God... that is the real purpose of Jyotish” . Sanjay Rath

NADI ASTROLOGY TECHNIQUES

Nadi means pulse or heartbeat and Nadi Astrology in India is renowned for its ability to indicate all events in a person's life. The great seers of India recorded 1000's of charts and when you are ready to hear it you will meet with the Nadi Astrologer who has yours waiting for you.

There are techniques within Jyotish from the Nadi's which are not found in the classic texts and the following article outlines some of their teaching which I have learned from the work of C.S. Patel and R.G. Krishnan.

64TH NAVAMSA

Refers to 8th house position in D1 transferred to Navamsa (D9). It shows the sins we must pay for through sacrifice to God. When AK is also in this house, the Soul takes on this disposition, and the whole life is full of physical ailments (sacrifice). It is the 210th degree from any point of consideration. The 64th Navamsa is the 4th sign from a planets Navamsa sign. Also called a Khara, Karesh or Khara Navamsa applied to Ascendant, Moon, Sun or any planet and is arrived at as follows:

From Ascendant at 11Cancer the 8th house will be 11Aquarius which gives Navamsa Capricorn or in the 4th house from ascendant in D9. Transits to these points bring some major event.

Dasa of lord of 64th Navamsa OR 22ND DREKKANA brings many difficulties and/or danger. Planets ruling or located in 22nd Drekkana (8 houses from rising Drekkana or 64th Navamsa or 4th from ASC/SU/Moon in D9 can have damaging effect on health. Transits of malefic planets to the 64th Navamsa are very difficult and cause major setbacks. Saturn takes approx. 3 months and Rahu 2 months.

BHRIGU-BINDU

The imaginary MIDPOINT of RAHU and MOON is a sensitive point and when it is aspected or transited by a benefic it gives very good results. The conjunction is more powerful than the aspect. A malefic will bring some major event, while another person's planets sitting on this point will have some serious work to do with you. Its

main effect of the transit is felt immediately the planet crosses that position. The duration is for one Navamsa 3*20.

Jupiter fulfils some long-cherished desire, progress in studies or marriage while Rahu/Ketu brings some sudden, unexpected large-scale event.

To find the Bhrigu-Bindu add the longitude of the Moon to Rahu and divide the total by 2.

Longitude of Moon	=	6 signs 27 degrees and 50 minutes or 27Libra50
Longitude of Rahu	=	8 signs 17 degrees and 03 minutes or 17Sagittarius03

		3 signs 14 degrees and 53 minutes
Divided by two	=	1 sign 22 degrees and 26 minutes
Brighu Bindu	=	22Taurus26

DISPOSITORS

Any planet in transit will give results at exact degree of its dispositor. i.e., *Jupiter at 18Gemini and Mercury at 10Virgo. When Jupiter transits 10Cancer (11th house from Mercury) will bring gains.*

RAHU/KETU AXIS

When Mars and Venus are on opposite side of Axis it brings difficulty to relationship, on same side married life is happy.

If Moon and Sun are on the same side of the nodal axis, there will be little help from parents. On opposite halves it will be better.

When Saturn and Jupiter are on opposite sides of axis one has to work really hard to achieve anything and is employed far away from home. While on the same side things are offered on a platter.

If Saturn -Mars conjoin in one side of the axis and Venus –Jupiter conjoin on other side, there will be great calamity in 49th year.

If Mercury and Jupiter are separated by Nodal axis there will be disagreement with children. Moon - Saturn has similar problem with mother and for Sun - Saturn with father.

TIMING EVENTS

The promise in a chart for the first 30 years of life can be read from the Ascendant. For the next 30 to 60 years from the Moon and 60+ from the Sun. This way an affliction to the chart can end after 30 and new possibilities arise as read from the Moon Ascendant or Chandra Lagna.

SUN/MERCURY/VENUS – SENSITIVE ARC

These 3 planets are always near each other in the chart with Mercury never more than 28degrees away from Sun and Venus 48degrees.

When this Arc is transited by RAHU it brings highly beneficial results in profession, earnings, promotions, and rise in political life. While transit of Ketu 9 years and 3 months later give major setbacks in these areas. The effect is felt the moment the node enters the sign in which it is formed with major events happening when they cross the degree of the planets.

TRANSIT OF CONJOINED PLANETS

A native with Cancer Ascendant, with Venus occupying GEMINI NAVAMSA in LIBRA sign will give wealth and happiness during the conjunction of Mercury and Venus. During the time the RASI and NAVAMSA DISPOSITORS are conjoined in transit they give results pertaining to the sign/house owned by the disposed planet. *For example, when the Rasi and Navamsa dispositors of 5th Lord conjoin good results come to children. 10th for career, 7th for relationship, etc.*

When 12th lord (mental anguish to self) conjunct a malefic in transit, during his Antara (sub-period) as 6th from 7th (partner) and 8th from 5th (child) brings sickness to these areas.

When Lagna lord and 6th lord conjoin in transit, the native can overcome his enemy if 6th lord is weaker than Lagna lord. Similar results can be expected from other houses when the ascendant lord conjoins the lord of any House. Bring success if that lord is strong.

TRANSITS to key points

ADD the longitude of Lord of 5th counted from Natal MOON and Natal JUPITER.
When Saturn transits this point a *child is born* if lord of 5th has benefic aspect.

ADD the longitude of 4TH, 11TH and ASC LORD from ASCENDANT.
When Saturn transits this point there is an increase in *cash flow*.

ADD the longitude of 2ND, 11TH and ASC LORD from ASCENDANT.
When Jupiter transits this point there is a *gain of wealth*.

ADD the longitude OF 5TH, 7TH AND ASC LORD from ASCENDANT. When Saturn transits there will be *career developments*

ADD the longitude of 4th lord from MARS< MOON and Ascendant. Transits give acquisition of *real estate*.

ADD the longitude of 2ND, 10TH AND 12TH LORD from ASCENDANT
When Saturn transits with aspect of Jupiter, *marriage* is likely.

ADD longitude of 11TH LORD from VENUS, JUPITER AND SUN
When MOON transits this point every 27 days it is good for *cash flow*. Good day to do the *lotto, close deal*.

Adverse transits for

SIBLINGS – add Lord 6th, 3, 12 from ascendant

CHILDREN - add lord Asc, 5th, 12th from ascendant

LOSSES - ADD lord 12th, 7th, 2nd from ascendant

TRANSITS TO PLANETS

When SATURN transits Natal SUN or in trine to Sun it brings adverse developments to father. JUPITER in transit gives good results/expansion.

They bring similar results to the following when in transit to:

MOON to Mother

MARS to Siblings

JUPITER to children

VENUS to partner

SATURN own health

RAHU mental anguish, death of relative

JUPITER transit the sign identical with Navamsa occupied by 7TH LORD or VENUS Navamsa marriage is likely.

JUPITER transit the Navamsa sign of its Natal position and the Natal sign of its Navamsa position gives exceptional results.

i.e., JU in CA in Natal chart and Navamsa in Leo

JU in Leo in Transit chart and Navamsa in Cancer

Duration is 1 month and 10 days.

When SATURN and RAHU transits through similar positions they bring adverse results. *Saturn for 3mths 10days and Rahu for 2mths 2days approx.*

REMEDY

“Diseases of the soul are more dangerous and more numerous than those of the body.” Cicero

God’s Grace is an essential factor in all remedial measures. Finding the right remedy is a constant challenge and when it comes it is such a blessing. When a problem arises, we will go to any lengths to alleviate it using Mantra, gems, colours, Bach Flower, Homeopathy, herbs and Tissue Salts. There is much to learn in this area.

Astrology has been used to identify problem areas but with or without a birth chart, the wisdom of the ancient India has left us with many tools for helping us to make friends with the mind and provide it with security. One of the most powerful tools is the repetition of a Mantra which helps to cleanse, protect and strengthen the mind. The word Mantra breaks down into MAN = mind and TRA = protect. Reciting or singing holy names, with emotion, over a period of time will provide a sanctuary we can turn to whatever life may bring.

Choose the area that is most important or most painful for you and work with the tools given to us from ancient India. They recommend 3 ways of dealing with a problem

- **Prayer and meditation**
- **Self-denial and fasting**
- **Acts of charity**

In India it is common to have many deities to pay homage to as they are all forms of nature. All events, however, we perceive them, are all traits of the natural order of things, they are all traits of GOD. Spiritual growth sees all traits as nature – our own bright/dark side. Undesirable traits are not devils – they point to where there is need to work toward self-development.

The deities we choose reflect the personality that is most comfortable to love or the ways we relate and share our love. For some it is the love of a father that most clearly represents the Divine, for others it is the mother and the Divine in the form of a female. If we take all of the planets in turn, we can see the type of relationship that we can most easily relate to:

Sun is the Father/Male aspect of Divinity,
Moon is Mother/Female aspect of Divinity
Mars is Brother/personal army
Mercury is Friends/extended family
Jupiter is love we would have for a wise teacher/Protector
Venus is beloved
Saturn is servant/democracy/disciplinarian/servant do service
Rahu is foreigner/fierce feminine
Ketu is mystic

The following are some other powerful recommendations from the Vedas:

- **Speak sparingly** and be selective about who and what you listen to.
- **Singing sacred songs aloud** helps overcome distractions, clears our mind, purifies the atmosphere around us and helps to awaken awareness in the mind of the listener.
- **Let your mantra become your background music** and it will bless all of your activities and the food you serve and eat.
- **Practice silence and fasting** with fruit one day a week to cleanse and rejuvenate the mind and body and is especially powerful during eclipses and new or full moon days.
- **Meditation on holy image** or someone you admire will help you to acquire those qualities. Best time is dawn or dusk and during the night when there is less noise in the atmosphere making it easier to concentrate. Maintain silence for 15 minutes after meditation to enrich the experience

"Jupiter shows us the way forward as the planet that will take us out of the shadows. The soul gets a glimpse of its true nature through the grace of the guru and begins to live with a new awareness in the house Jupiter is transiting." Sanjay Rath

MEDITATION TECHNIQUE *Find a muscle in your abdomen, just below your rib cage, which moves when you breathe such that it (the muscle) rises and falls. Attend to it. Every time the muscle rises, think "OM" and every time it falls, think "OM". Let all other thoughts drift by and keep your attention focused on this muscle. With practice this exercise will bring inner calm and peace.*

From BE HERE NOW by Ram Dass

PUJA – Rituals. - Sometimes when our problems are bigger than we can handle ourselves we call on the experts at connecting with Divinity. Rituals in India are timed to align with planetary events, and they perform special ceremonies called Puja's to suit individual needs, intervention to give us the necessary strength to face life's difficulties. There is no point in looking to avoid an experience as this is only a delay tactic which means the karma can get delayed until another time. Many temples perform these ceremonies, and they will usually look for the Nakshatra placement of your Moon to decide when to do the Puja. It is important to offer a donation as it symbolic of how much of yourself you are willing to sacrifice to help the situation. N Suresh Swami at Sri Mookambika Temple, Kollur, Karnataka (0091-8254-58214) has been very helpful to me in this area both by telephone and when I visited there. With technology it is now possible to witness a Puja on the Internet, but nothing can match the power of a live experience. An especially good time to have a Puja done is when a planets period of influence is finishing, and a new planets influence is about to begin. This is a method to clearing away old baggage and drawing on the strengths necessary to deal with the new time ahead.

SOUL WORK IN THE PAST, PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

How we live today is sowing the seeds of tomorrow while our present experiences are our past bearing fruit.

The soul uses the language of images or symbols to wake us up to who we really are. The traditional story of the person running through the forest being chased by a wild elephant is symbolic of how resistant we are to face up to truth of what we have created. In our panic to get away we lose our footing, fall down a cliff where we happen to be fortunate enough to find a branch that we can cling onto - we spend our time in the present moment waiting with our mouth open for the drip of honey from the nearby beehive - while all the time our minds are worried about the way our time is running out as the black and white mice are nibbling away at the roots of the branch. Meantime the inevitable future awaits us as down below the snake curled up like the galactic spiral is ready to devour our seemingly very important lives back into the great unknown.

- Close your eyes and imagine you're being chased through a forest by a wild elephant
- in your hurry to get away you fall down a steep cliff
 - you manage to grab hold of a branch –
 - you try to ignore the black and white mice nibbling away at the root of the branch because
 - you are so hungry for the drip of honey from the nearby beehive.
 - Refusing to look down at the inevitable future

*“There are Two Types of Relationships:
One is of Fight, Fear, Hatred –This Creates Ego –
The other is of Love, Compassion, Sympathy.
These are the Two Types of Relationships.
Wherever Love is, Fight Ceases, Ego Drops.”*

Rajneesh

GEMS

"A gem free from all impurities and radiating its characteristics internal luster should be looked upon as an escort of good luck. A gem which is cracked, fissured, devoid of luster, or appearing rough or sandy, should not be used at all." Agni Purana (ch246 Verse 7-8)

Wearing gemstones is very popular but few are aware of their capacity to transmit energies powerful enough to transform different life situations. According to the ancient Indian Shastra certain gemstones help the planets to alleviate its difficulties and/or to attract its beneficial effects. The Gem will help the planet fulfill its function for the house/s it rules and is said to increase its ability to achieve results for the house it is in and any other planet it has an influence on. It is recommended to initially attach the stone to the body - assess its worth through your experiences before having it mounted. If in doubt don't wear it.

planet	element	offer	Gem	Avatar	Strengthens
SU	Fire	Lamp, candle	RUBY (garnet)	Rama	Health, vitality, confidence, digestion, relation with father, professional life, character, vital fires to burn toxins
MO	Water	Milk, ghee	PEARL	Krishna	Calm, Emotional stability, sensitivity, mental peace, detachment, security, hormone balance, white blood count, family life
MA	Fire	Lamp, candle	CORAL	Narasimha (man/lion)	Discipline, energy, courage, patience, independence, order, ambition, anemia, blood flow, nervous system, adrenals, marrow, urinary, boils, will to do, makes things happen, relations with siblings
ME	Earth	Incense, sandalwood, perfume	EMERALD (peridot)	Buddha	Dexterity, manage practicalities, business, commerce, Youthfulness, communication, decisiveness, friends, nerves, lungs, skin, thyroid, regulating metabolism
JU	Ether	Flowers, garland	YELLOW TOPAZ (citrine)	Vamana (dwarf)	Optimism, philosophy, forgiveness, protection, faith, wealth, immune system, spleen, hips, intestines, appendix, brain, liver, sugar disorders,
VE	Water	Milk, ghee	DIAMOND (crystal)	Lakshmi	Wealth, refinement, relationship harmony, Self-worth, pride, respect, romance, kidneys, hormones, immune, diabetes, semen, restores life, firefighter
SA	Air	Ornament, dhoop, dress	BLUE SAPPHIRE (Lapis Lazuli)	Kurma (tortoise)	Maturity, hope, face life, overcome crisis, knees, nerves, relieve stress, longevity, sense of belonging, dispels doubts
RA	Nodes as shadows adapt to sign they are in and who they are with		GOMED hessonite	Varaha (boar)	Ultra-Violet cold rays are used to cool extreme overheating as in fevers, aids scientific genius, clears obstruction
KE			CATS EYE chrysoberyl	Matsya (fish)	Infra-Red are the hottest rays used in chronic illness, skin disease, enhance psychic powers, protect against drowning, enemies

*“The highest achievement of a planet is to be a representative of Vishnu Avatara. If you want a planet to give the result of being in exaltation, just repeat the name of the avatara. Soon the evils related to the planet will simply vanish. After all, if you keep calling me ‘Prabhu’ sooner or later I have to behave like a ‘Prabhu’ with you. In a similar manner, the highest praise that can be given to any planet is to *remind him* that at one time he was the representative of the avatar. The planet delights and takes the form of Vishnu, and in that all compassionate kind, caring and ever forgiving form, every curse, every sin shall be forgiven. That is the secret behind the working of the mantras” Sanjay Rath*

Problems

Vata is dried up, parched

Pitta burns with anger, fever

Kapha can be swamped, drowned

“From an Ayurvedic point of view, disease is primarily due to ahamkara or ego distortion and therefore due to rajas and tamas. Yes, there are external causes but the susceptibility is also due to a distorted perception of reality”. Sanjay Rath

FOR **HEALTH** problems the 8th, 6th and Badhak lords are the points of reference. See the Zodiac sign of 8th lord, the HOUSE of 6th lord and everything connected with Badhak lord.

64th NAVAMSA 8th house in D9 is the 64th Navamsa. It shows the selfishness we must pay for towards God in the form of physical ailments (sacrifice). When AK (soul) is involved, it will bring intense suffering.

In the Bhagavat Gita the source of our problems are identified as

Desire of RAHU – Fear of SATURN - ANGER of MARS

and **the solution** is

Generosity of JUPITER, Knowledge of SUN and the compassion of the MOON

Where we have these planets in our chart becomes the focus in this lifetime - we can strengthen positive aspects by reciting the Mantra

HARE RAMA KRISHNA.

This is a three-word Mantra with six syllables. The number of words indicate the house the energy is taken from, and the number of syllables shows where that energy will be directed. 3rd house represents our intentions, courage and self-will, 6th house is the house of the enemy or our weaknesses. By reciting a three-word Mantra with six syllables we are drawing from our energy(3rd) to heal our weakness (6th) - the benefit from this will go to the 5th from the 6th, which brings us to the 10th house enabling us to do good work in society.

REMEDIAL MEASURES –

Edgar Cayce said that healing comes about when the body is attuned to healing vibrations, whether this attunement is brought about through the use of medicine, surgery, or spiritual practice; different bodies may require different ways to attain the same healing that is available to all.

ALKALINISE BODY

Edgar Cayce stated that viruses cannot survive in an alkaline environment. This means, a virus needs an acidic bodily condition in order to multiply in the body to affect its functioning. Alkalinise bloodstream by omitting foods containing refined sugars and omitting any other foods such as meats that cause acidity in the body. Take plenty of fruit juices and allow much rest (sleeping helps alkalize the body). For a rapid way to get rid of a virus, take Alka-Seltzer tablets. There are Alka Seltzer tablets for cold symptoms, too. This does the job quickly. Baking soda is another inexpensive preparation that alkalinizes the body and chases viruses away.

CASTOR OIL

The healing properties of castor oil, the oil of the castor bean plant is world famous. This inexpensive oil has been found to be an excellent emollient (skin smoother) as well as being effective in small dosages (1 teaspoon) as a lubricant for the intestinal tract that helps rid the body of toxic buildup in the upper and lower colon. Edgar Cayce recommended the use of the castor oil pack to alleviate a variety of ailments. This castor oil pack may be applied for anyone suffering from internal organ disorders as well as skin disorders. A small flannel cloth (either wool flannel or cotton flannel cloth) is saturated with castor oil and then gently wrung out, so the oil does not get too messy. This pack is then applied to the abdominal area, covered with a plastic

barrier (food wrap is okay to use), a heating pad or hot water bottle is placed on top of the plastic to gently heat the oil for its better absorption through the skin.

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MINERAL TISSUE or CELL SALTS –

<p>Ferr (Iron) Pisces Phosphate</p> <p>Fever, chest Feet Slippery</p>	<p>Kali Phos Aries Potassium Phosphate</p> <p>Nerves Head Temper</p>	<p>Nat Sulph Taurus Sodium Sulphate</p> <p>Water balance Face Obstinate</p>	<p>Kali Mur Gemini Potassium Chloride</p> <p>Respiratory Neck Fickle</p>
<p>Nat. Mur Aquarius Sodium Chloride</p> <p>Circulation Ankle Eccentric</p>	<p>Pray for knowledge and to remove weaknesses – self-indulgence Fragmented consciousness is cause of disease or Rajas and Tamas ego distortion Saturn and Rahu close aspects bring chronic disease, disharmony, separation Disease restores balance per nature’s law 8th lord disease is due to broken law by ancestor or self</p>		<p>Cal. Fluor Cancer Calcium Fluoride</p> <p>Elasticity Chest Moody</p>
<p>Calcium Capricorn Phosphate</p> <p>Bones/Teeth Knees Mean</p>			<p>Magnesium Leo Phosphate</p> <p>Add Vigour Stomach Arrogant</p>
<p>Silica Sagittarius Dioxide</p> <p>Cleanser /Prophetic Thigh Exaggerates</p>	<p>Calcium Scorpio Sulphate</p> <p>Transformer Sex Organs Contrary</p>	<p>Nat Phos Libra Sodium Phosphate</p> <p>Fear Neutraliser Lower Belly Indecision</p>	<p>Kali Sulph. Virgo Potassium Sulphate</p> <p>Skin, Nails Intestine Critical</p>

1 CA	CANCER	CALC. FLUOR. Calcium Fluoride	Maintains tissue elasticity. Over relaxed tissue, deficient enamel of teeth.
2. CP	CAPRICORN	CAL. PHOS. Calcium Phosphate	Constituent of bones and teeth. Indigestion, teething problems, chilblains.
3 SC.	SCORPIO	CALC. SULPH Calcium Sulphate	Blood constituent, pimples during adolescence, skin slow to heal, sore lips.
4. PI	PISCES	FERR. PHOS. Iron Phosphate	Minor respiratory disorder, blood stream oxygenation. Coughs, cold symptoms, chills, feverishness, chestiness
5. GE	GEMINI	KALI. MUR. Potassium Chloride	Minor respiratory disorders. Coughs, cold symptoms, wheeziness and chestiness, children's feverish colds.
6. AR	ARIES	KALI PHOS. Potassium Phosphate	Nerve soother for stress/worry. Temp nerviness, nervous headache or indigestion due to excitement.
7. VI	VIRGO	KALI. SULPH. Potassium Sulphate	Maintains skins condition. Minor skin eruptions with scaling or sticky exudation. Brittle nails. Catarrh.
8. LE	LEO	MAG. PHOS. Magnesium Phosphate	Soft tissue salt. Cramp, flatulence, occasional minor pains.
9. AQ	AQUARIUS	NAT. MUR. Sodium Chloride	Distribution in body water. Watery colds with flow of tears and runny nose, loss of smell or taste
10. LI	LIBRA	NAT. PHOS. Sodium Phosphate	Acid neutraliser. Gastric indigestion, heartburn, rheumatic pain tendency.
11 TA.	TAURUS	NAT. SULPH. Sodium Sulphate	Body water balance. Queasiness, digestive upsets, flu symptoms.
12. SA	SAGITTARIUS	SILICA Silicon Dioxide	Conditioner, cleanser. Pimples or spots, brittle nails.

MINERAL TISSUE or CELL SALTS – Most common salts in body critical for health, they are necessary to build tissues, regulate fluids, purify blood and restore natural vitality. – They were first identified by Wilhelm Schussler, chemist and physicist in 19th Century.

sign	body	house	cell salts	Remedy
Aries	Head	1	Kali Phos (6)	Nerve soother for stress, worry. Headache or indigestion due to excitement
Taurus	Face	2	Nat Sulph (11)	Body water balance. Queasiness, digestive upsets, flu symptoms
Gemini	Arms	3	Kali Mur (5)	Minor respiratory disorder, cough, colds, wheezy, chesty, children's feverish colds
Cancer	Chest	4	Calc Fluor (1)	Maintains tissue elasticity. Over relaxed tissue, deficient enamel of teeth
Leo	Stomach	5	Mag Phos (8)	Adds vigour, soft tissue salt, cramp, flatulence, minor pains
Virgo	Intestine	6	Kali Sulph (7)	Maintains skin condition, minor skin eruptions, brittle nails, Catarrh
Libra	Lower belly	7	Nat Phos (10)	Fear/acid neutraliser. Gastric indigestion, heartburn, rheumatic pain tendency.
Scorpio	Sex organs	8	Calc Sulph (3)	Blood constituent, pimples during adolescence, skin slow to heal, sore lips
Sagittarius	Hips	9	Silica (12)	Conditioner, cleanser, Pimples or spots, brittle nails
Capricorn	Knees	10	Calc Phos (2)	Constituent of bones and teeth. Indigestion, teething problems, chilblains
Aquarius	Ankles	11	Nat Mur (9)	Circulation, distribution in body water. Colds, flow of tears, runny nose, no taste
Pisces	Feet	12	Ferr Phos (4)	Minor respiratory disorder. Blood stream oxygenation, cold, cough, fever, chills

"A physician without the knowledge of astrology has no right to call himself a physician." Hippocrates (460BC)

"And in our momentary lives one thing only is essential, to taste if we can a single drop of the nectar of true love, which is possible, for every atom, only if it can catch a glimpse of that peculiar beauty which is the proper object of its SOUL"

OLD IRISH PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

I bind unto myself today,

The strong name of the Trinity

I rise today through the Strength of Heaven

Light of Sun

Radiance of Moon

Splendour of Fire (Mars)

Speed of Lightning (Mercury)

Swiftness of Wind (Jupiter)

Depth of Sea (Venus)

Stability of Earth Firmness of Rock (Saturn)

SERENITY PRAYER
GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE
COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THING I CAN
AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Many years ago, I started a long struggle to attain peace of mind when I took refuge in a 12-step programme where it was recommended for those in the grip of despair or lack of faith to recite the Serenity Prayer. In more recent times I have discovered that this isn't just a prayer but also a lesson on how to use our Inner Solar System to understand the motivations in our lives

This prayer teaches us that we cannot achieve peace and serenity without the grace of God's **(Sun)** *GOD grant me the SERENITY*. Our serenity is disturbed by the Mind **(Moon)** when it creates the illusion of self-importance where we think we are God. The cravings for excitement from Thoughts **(Mercury)** and Desires **(Venus)** are so strong that we are powerless to resist - because we have freewill, we can choose to pursue whatever it is we are greedy for, fighting **(Mars)** for it if necessary.

For those of us not blessed with the good fortune of faith in a power greater than ourselves we struggle to achieve the illusions of the Mind, which creates much distress, always ending in despair. My pursuit of pleasure has always led to disillusion, because, whether I achieved it or not, it was never enough. To become available to God it was necessary for me to exhaust all my own possibilities.

The powerlessness I experienced eventually led me to meditation where I discovered that by giving my mind a rest from the constant bombardment of thoughts, I became more peaceful within myself, was able to think clearly, and was less pulled in different direction by every passing fancy. In the Bhagavad Gita ch5.27-28 it recommends

*“Closing his eyes, his vision focused between the eyebrows,
making the in-breath and out-breath equal as they pass through his nostrils,
he controls his senses and his mind, intent on liberation;
when desire, fear, and anger have left him, that man is forever free”*

Reciting a Mantra (man=mind, tra=protect) we protect the mind. Sanjay Rath says, “a good thought is the seed of good deeds” and the Bhagavad Gita in ch8-13 suggests “uttering the sacred AUM, is itself freedom”

Now this brings me to the second part of the *Serenity Prayer* whereas a result of balancing the Mind through Breath work, Meditation, Mantra we are better able to face the reality of any situation with maturity (**Saturn**) – *ACCEPTING the things we cannot change*. We will have the strength of character to discriminate between right and wrong action (**Mars**) - having the *COURAGE to change the things we can*. Our outlook and behaviour becomes more positive, kind, generous (**Jupiter**) as a result of having gained the *WISDOM to know the difference*.

The Serenity Prayer is a fine example of how Universal Wisdom is made available to us by the Grace of God when we surrender to His will. That it could have brought me from the depths of despair to the joy of Jyotish was beyond my wildest dreams.

EASTERN PHILOSOPHY - The battle of the heart versus the mind is the war that is raging within us as we struggle to find our place in the world, our purpose in life. In Eastern philosophy the light of the spirit sits in the heart, out of here all life emanates. By combining the wisdom of the East or our inner energy, with the external expression of energy of the West we could open to a new world that liberates us. Moving from the fear-based conditioning of the authoritarian church - connecting to the spiritual essence that moves all of creation. We must learn to hold a space in our hearts for both by taking time to respect our inner need for spiritual nourishment. Allowing our forceful masculine qualities to be seduced by our feminine qualities has to be our priority. At the moment, the masculine energy is aggressive, forcefully taking, even raping what will not be sold or surrendered. There is little or no room for partnership. Those of us seduced by the Eastern philosophy have an opportunity to learn another way. Hopefully bringing some of the ancient wisdom to ease the turmoil of all that is brash, aggressive and greedy in the West.

LIGHTING THE LAMP - Jyotish is Sanskrit word which literally means the ‘Science of Light’ or Source of Light. It helps us to see where the light of knowledge be brought to our lives to help eliminate the darkness of ignorance. Being able to shine a light into

the darkness of the unknown is the role of the Astrologer. This light can guide us toward a realisation of the Self as an aspect of Divinity and ultimately to spiritual liberation. The night sky is the 'greatest show on Earth' and has always been a source of fascination. We can only bow in humility to its magnificence - surrender in acceptance to the higher intelligence of an unknown force that keeps regenerating itself.

"Brahman alone is real and the universe is unreal"

Upanishads first statement emphasises the Divine within and dissolves the multiple unrealities of the external world.

OM TAT SAT which literally means DIVINE ABSOLUTE TRUTH and is used as a signature on a piece of writing to make the work created an offering for the highest good.

OM TAT SAT

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BAVA

To every thing there is a season A time to every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes

"Astrology represents the summation of all the psychological knowledge of antiquity." Carl Jung

"Why wonder that men comprehend Heaven, when heaven exists in their very being and each one is in a smaller likeness the image of God himself." Manilius

"The Astrologer foretells what the effects of heavenly phenomena will be on men; the sage foretells what the effects of man's actions will be on the heavens." Yan Hsiung

"Fools obey the planets while wise men control them" B.V. Raman

"A King without an astrologer is like a boy without a father." Atharva Veda

A physician without knowledge of astrology has no right to call himself a physician." Hippocrates 460-370BC (Father of modern medicine)

"He who looks outside dreams, he who looks within awakens" Carl Jung

"The wise man is master of the stars." St. Thomas Aquinas

"There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in." Leonard Cohen

"It is in the shelter of each other that people live." Irish Proverb

"We are lead through beauty to contemplation and fantasy which is the goal of the soul. away from materialism. It leads to depth to which there is no end, not to conclusions."

"Gods friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are always there"

The VEDA is the oldest living world scripture. The Vedas reveal secrets of all aspects of life and cosmology. They are religious books of hymns and poems from enlightened beings. They refer to four books of knowledge as in:

RIG VEDA - HYMNS
YAJUR VEDA – PRAYERS
SAMA VEDA – CHANTS
ATHARVA VEDA - SPELLS

India's ancient scripture or books of wisdom. The three Vedas, the Rig, Yajur and Sama follow the Vedic Trinity of Agni, Vayu and Surya. The fourth or Atharva Veda came later. The Vedas are 'not human in composition' being directly revealed by the Supreme Being. Each Veda has two distinct parts; Mantra/Samhita and Brahmana; the former deals with the laws and principle, the later with rituals and rules of observances. The former is the esoteric aspect of the Vedas, the Jnana Kanda or the division of Divine Wisdom, the latter exoteric precepts, Karma Kanda, division of actions and work.

Vedanta is the philosophy of self-knowledge; a vedantist is one who studies the Vedas. Other literatures that elaborate on this knowledge are:

UPANISHADS which come at the end of the Vedas, are the schools of Indian philosophy which teach the ultimate aim and scope of the Vedas is to have knowledge of Universal Spirit, also called Brahman or Paramatman.

EPICS – Mahabharata, Ramayana, Bhagavad Gita

SUTRAS – KAMA SUTRA

PURANAS – Stories of Gods and Goddesses, i.e. Vishnu Purana, Narada Purana

Vedanga – the Vedanga are the limbs of the Veda

There are six VEDANGA that teach about the following subjects:

GRAMMER	FACE	VYAKARANA
METRE	LEGS	CHANDAS
ETYMOLOGY	EAR	NIRUKTA
INTONATION	NOSE	SHIKSHA
RITUAL	HANDS	KALPA
ASTROLOGY	EYES	JYOTISH

JYOTISH means Science of Light, includes Astronomy and Astrology covering:

CALCULATIONS	GANITA
COMPILATION	SAMHITA
DELINATION	HORA

In the ancient Indian education system, Jyotish (astrology) was one of the 36 sciences or shastras, one of the 64 arts or Kala taught to all students. There are different traditions including NADI (leaf reading), TANTRIK (mystical) and TAJIKA (Arabic/Indian mix) that I'm not familiar with. My studies are based on the teaching of Maharishi Parasara and Jaimini a student of his as taught by Sanjay Rath. The following are the six limbs of JYOTISH:

OBSERVATIONAL	GOLA – Telescopes make it easy when cloud free
COMPUTATIONS	GANITA – Computers now do most of this work
NATAL CHART	JATAKA – A road map of personal karma
QUESTION TIME	PRASNA – answers questions or concerns
ELECTIONAL	MUHURTA - choosing best time for an activity/event
OMENOLOGY	NIMITTA – everything speaks to us when we can read the signs

- Manu Vedic original Man or father of human race, founder of human culture, a cosmic progenitor
- Manvantara Time interval between two Manus. Fourteen Manus take charge during the course of a kalpa or 'day' of Brahma equal to 4,320,000,000 human years.
- Kalpa One cycle of creation; one day of Brahma equal to 4,320,000,000 years. Each day of Brahma a period of active manifestation, is followed by a 'night' of Brahma of similar duration
- Pralaya Destruction of the whole universe at the end of a 4,320,000,000 humans years or a Kalpa; Brahma's night when the world is no more and signals the start of another cycle. A period of obscuration – planetary, cosmic or universal

Yugas World ages

- Four Fold Divisions of the ages of the Universe
- KRETA, Agni, Fire/gives excellent results very easily
- TRETA, Jala, Water/needs some effort
- DWAPARA, Vayu, Air/needs a lot of strength like Rudras might to do work and give results
- KALI, Prithvi, Earth/most disinclined to do anything and results will be tough to obtain
- YUGA Ancient India saw TIME as divided into 4 YUGAS that keep repeating.

1. KRITA YUGA 1,728,000 years Age of perfection

Described as a golden age of harmony when the gods and demons churned the cosmic oceans for Amrita or the lost nectar of immortality. Treasures recovered included Sun, Moon, elements, Lakshmi, Elephant, Horse and Cow. Amrita stolen by demon had his head cut off but had achieved immortality as Rahu and Ketu.

Indra slays the dragon of drought and water is restored.

Avatars include:

Matsya – enormous fish – rescued the Vedas and Manu from the flood

Vamana

2. TRETA 1,296,000 years Age of reason

3. DWAPARA 864,000 years Age of Greed

Ambitious Kings dominated

Krishna, lover of life, birth marked its end

4. KALI YUGA 432,000 years. Age of darkness

This is the last quarter of the world cycle characterised as the age of chaos and moral breakdown.

This is 4th and final Yuga where we are now and is predicted to be a time of great difficulty because of materialism. It started approx. 5000 years ago.

Yugma Rasi Even Rashi

Yuti Conjunction

An extract from "Autobiography of a yogi" concerning the topic of freewill;

Astrology is the study of man's response to planetary stimuli. The stars have no conscious benevolence or animosity; they merely send forth positive and negative radiations. Of themselves, these do not help or harm humanity, but offer a lawful channel for the outward operation of cause-effect equilibriums which each man has set into motion in the past.

"A child is born on that day and at that hour when the celestial rays are in mathematical harmony with his individual karma. His horoscope is a challenging portrait, revealing his unalterable past and its probable future results. But the natal chart can be rightly interpreted only by men of intuitive wisdom: these are few.

"The message boldly blazoned across the heavens at the moment of birth is not meant to emphasize fate-the result of past good and evil-but to arouse man's will to escape from his universal thralldom. What he has done, he can undo. None other than himself was the instigator of the causes of whatever effects are now prevalent in his life. He can overcome any limitation, because he created it by his own actions in the first place, and because he has spiritual resources which are not subject to planetary pressure.

"Superstitious awe of astrology makes one an automaton, slavishly dependent on mechanical guidance. The wise man defeats his planets-which is to say, his past-by transferring his allegiance from the creation to the Creator. The more he realizes his unity with Spirit, the less he can be dominated by matter. The soul is ever-free; it is deathless because birthless. It cannot be regimented by stars.

"Man is a soul and has a body. When he properly places his sense of identity, he leaves behind all compulsive patterns. So long as he remains confused in his ordinary state of spiritual amnesia, he will know the subtle fetters of environmental law.

"God is harmony; the devotee who attunes himself will never perform any action amiss. His activities will be correctly and naturally timed to accord with astrological law. After deep prayer and meditation, he is in touch with his divine consciousness; there is no greater power than that inward protection."

The day starts at Sunrise and the first hour of a day is ruled by the planet that rules the day.

The 2nd hour is ruled by the planet 6th in line as per weekday lords. So, the 2nd hour on Sunday will be ruled by Venus given that Friday is the 6th day after Sunday.

The 3rd hour will belong to the planet ruled the 6th day from Friday, which is Wednesday, ruled by Mercury and so on.

The following table of Planetary Days and Hours is used to time events and to establish the planet that ruled the hour of your birth.

The planet that rules the hour we are in shows the current priority.

The planet that rules the first Hour from SUNRISE is the same as the planet that rules the weekday.

“The good effects relating to a bhava can be reaped if an enterprise relating to that bhava is started in an ascendant ruled by the lord of that bhava, or when the lord thereof is in an upachaya house, or on the weekday. Hora, year or month ruled by that bhava lord. The good effects will be 25% by year lord, 50% by month lord, 75% by lord of week and 100% by Hora lord.”

Hora	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat
7	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup
8	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars
9	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun
10	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven
11	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc
12	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon
13	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat
14	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup
15	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars
16	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun
17	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven
18	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc
19	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon
20	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat
21	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup
22	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars
23	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun
24	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven
1	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc
2	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon
3	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat
4	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars	Merc	Jup
5	Merc	Jup	Ven	Sat	Sun	Moon	Mars

OM TAT SAT



I Am Sailing.....

Winds as Transits – Wave as Dasa – Om as Mantra – Ganesh as Guide

Astrology is like a boat we use to cross the ocean of life. It gives the mind a method to chart its course through the highs and lows of the tides of time. Anchored to Divinity the destiny ordained has a limited timeframe. The journey becomes easier as we learn to surrender to the inevitable winds of change and let go into the purpose we have taken birth to fulfill.