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*Western star name:*

- Hydrae (Alpha Cancri)
- Lord : Budha (Mercury)
- Symbol : Serpent
- Deity: Sarpas or Nagas,, deified snakes
- Indian zodiac: 16°40' - 30° Karka ;
- Western zodiac: 12°40' - 26° Leo

**SerpentDeity: Naga, the Serpent KingSymbol:Coiled serpent**

**Animal symbol:Male cat**

**Visasleshana shakti:The serpent energy with divinewisdom; the power and capability to inflict with poisonousvenom, to paralyze enemies with its hyphotic gaze.Brihat Parashari**

**Hora Shastra : Ch. 94, Versus 11-13. “ A boy, or girl, born in the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th quarter of Aslesha Nakshatra, destroys his/her mother-in-law and a boy, or a girl, born in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd quarter of Mula Nakshatra, becomes the destroyer of his/her father-in-law. Therefore suitable measures, as may be possible within ones means, should be taken at the timeof the marriage of such boys and girls. There will be no evil effect, if the husband has no elder brothers.”**

**Barbara Pijan Lama:Ashlesha - NagaAslesa - Aazlesha - Aayilyam - Ahideva - Ahidaivata - Bhujamgabha -Bhaujamga - Uruga - Vaba - Kak (Tibetan)Azlesha:**

•intimate connection , contact

•embracing , embrace

•entwining, entanglement

•adherence , clinging to

•Serpent

•"breast-going", a serpent , snake, a female snake

•a Naga (semi-divine serpent usually represented with a human face)

•the Nakshatra Ashlesha (presided over by the Nagas)

•leadbhujja

•a bending , curve: the arm, the breast, the hand, the trunk of anelephant, a branch , bough

•coil of a serpent gabha

•"slit", the vulvabhujjaMgabha

(Cologne Digital Sanskrit Dictionary)

•" serpent-asterism" name of the Nakshatra Aslesha

•Ashlesha compulsion vs. "socially responsible practice"



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•In our era of shrinking natural resources and astronomically expanding global population, the ethic of "reduce, reuse, recycle" is commendably promoted throughout the modern world. Choosing to "squeeze" more utility from a resource or an object, before disposing of it, or "going without" an environmentally expensive luxury such as air-conditioning, is a noble social practice in many cases.

•What makes Ashlesha's behavior different from modern and traditional conservation practices is (1) the compulsive quality and (2) cheap, tight control on personal items (drinking cups, razor blades) while happily allowing the greater world to "run amok".  
•Ashlesha rarely has a rational, altruistic global conservation motive. Its concerns are strictly personal. Also, Ashlesha is unable to stop hoarding, stealing, scrimping, saving, and obsessively re-using -- even in the face of abundant natural resources or personal wealth.

Socially responsible practices like "reduce, re-use, recycle" are rational programs of social behavior change that are sensible responses to limitations in global environmental resources. Valerie J. Roebuck : "Circle of Stars" Location = "the head of Hydra": delta, epsilon, eta, rho & sigma Hydra "The Clinging" - "The Embracing"  
"All the snake-like associations of clinging, creeping, and poison; of embracing and sexual union."

•Hypnotizing, poisoning, seducing, squeezing - destruction of the victim.

The symbol for this intense nakshatra is the coiled serpent at the base of the spine reflecting the potent kundalini energy that resides here. Ashlesha means "the entwiner" and denotes the challenges of our addictions to sensory attachments. It is a very mental asterism ruled by Mercury and located in the sign of Cancer ruled by Moon. The main deities are the Nagas, the Serpent Kings. The shakti revealed here is "power to inflict poisonous venom". Ashleshans have a rakshasa temperament with a primary motivation of dharma. Great mystical talents and enlightenment can be experienced if the primordial energy of this lunar asterism is harnessed. The Buddha had this nakshatra rising under a benefic full Moon during his blessed birth. The King Cobra protected the Buddha from the storms of life as performed his tapas (spiritual austerities) under the bodhi tree. The nakshatra, Ashlesha is formed by six stars in the constellation of Hydra, the Water Snake.

David Frawley, Fruits of Worshipping Each Nakshatra: "The Gods and the Demons were at war. The Gods made an offering to Ashlesha. This drove away the Demons. One who makes the appropriate offering to the Serpent God, to Ashlesha, drives away his hateful opponents. In Ashlesha one can defeat one's enemies. Through it one gains the poison of the serpent to use on others. Those born under Ashlesha make powerful warriors with powerful weapons." Ashlesha is ruled by the serpent God. This is the ninth nakshatra of the zodiac, spanning from 16°-40' to 30°-00' in Karaka house. It is the birth star of Ketu. The force of Ashlesha can be understood by its name Naga.



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Aslesha Nakshatra can be helpful if we have enemies but it can serve to give a person an inimical temperament as well. It all depends upon how the energy of this Nakshatra is used. Aslesha's Symbol — Coiled snake. Devata — Ahi (snake). The force of Aslesha can be understood by its name Naga. Naga and Ahi are same. In Naga, 'ga' stands for gati or gamana or go in English. 'a-ga' means that which has no go. 'Na-a-ga' or Naga means to say that it can go where one cannot go. Indeed, snakes possess such power. The creature can remain coiled in such small holes or cracks where it seems impossible for the creature to go. Mind (Chandra is the symbolical expression of mind and the ruling Graha of Karkata) has similar capabilities. It has power to secretly travel or penetrate into a place where ordinarily it is impossible to go. Such power is depicted by the name Chandra-Ketu — another name of Siva — the lord of wisdom. Chandra-Ketu is, therefore, represented by the symbol of Siva in yoga with

Chandra (as Chandra or moon appears in Krshnaa chaturdashi, XIV phase in the period of New Moon) on his forehead and a snake coiling round his neck. The symbolical idea of such Chandra means to say that total extinction of mind is not possible, a part of the mind and the senses remain to function 'yoga' (union or communion) while the rest is under control or in Samadhi. A person born in 'Ashlesha Nakshatra' is a born wanderer i.e. travels unnecessarily, wicked, causes anguish to others, spends his wealth for evil purposes, and is a sensualist. Their disease resistant capacity is limited. They tend to put on weight in the middle age. They are actively associated with organisation or persons or services whereas underhand dealings are undertaken. They also make successful politicians. These people can make some of the best statesmen, given a favorable combination of planets like Jupiter, Sun and Mars. They have excellent communication skills and many of them are good orators. Females born in this nakshatra know how to win their opponents through act. They are good for administrative works. Males born in this sign, are reluctant to come out with their views openly.

**The Nakshatras of Vedic Astrology: Ancient & Contemporary Usage**

**By: Dennis M. Harness, Ph.D. and Maire M. Masco states : Ashlesha: Nagas deified serpents Intertwining serpents symbol of healers found prominently in charts of psychologists, astrologers. Snakes live beneath the ground, so it symbolizes the unconscious, dark side, you do see axe murderers here, like the sign Scorpio, mesmerism/hypnotic, sneaky not quite straightforward quality, manipulative, kundalini energy, foundational energy, poison.**



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Ashlesha nakshatra is best at doing business of emotions. This nakshatra occurs under the sign of cancer which is an emotional, caring and nurturing sign, however, since Mercury now rules this part of Cancer, there is a bit of logic, detail analytical skills and critical thinking. When this happens, such people tend to think of emotions as an investment, like where they should invest their feelings, how much nourishment should they give the other because if they know they will not get the return by investing in their feelings, they will not place the bed of their heart towards those things or person. They become quite critical as parents of their children because they want to do see their children at their finest, but this can also lead to lot of low self-esteem in the child because of too much criticism from the parent who has this nakshatra in their moon or ascendant.

The reason why snake symbolizes this nakshatra is because they are able to maneuver through everyone or anyone while stinging someone or giving love to someone, but they keep moving forward. They tend to strike the ones who use them and love the ones who obey them. They also have the harsh tongue or speech that may sting like a snake bite because Mercury represents speech, or it's the karaka of speech, and Cancer is a very moody and emotional sign, so due to their overwhelming emotions they can say very hard and sharp things to others without every meaning them, but most of the time they distance close friends due to this nature they possess by saying things without looking at other's emotions, however the padas play a greater role in this as each pada will have more or less of the qualities.

**Ascendant in Ashlesha:** Sensual, seductive nature, cruel, ungrateful, need to develop tact, needs time alone, service-oriented, many enemies, issues of deception and intrigue.

**The Moon in Ashlesha:** Leadership, political success, mystical nature, entertainer, astrological gifts, intuitive, writing and speaking gifts, poetic nature, learned, research and organizational skills, need to watch diet, insincere, ungrateful, sinful. The moon in Ashlesha indicates a person is penetrating, intense, hypnotic, wise, profound and secretive. They are ambitious and full of conviction and are unable to take criticism or humiliation. They can also be crafty, devious, controlling and vengeful. Those born in the Nakshatra of Ashlesha are moody, short tempered, have harsh speech, are wealthy, religious and slow in their deeds.

**The Sun in Ashlesha:** Business oriented, greedy, stubborn nature, opinionated, mystic, intuitive, good communication skills, erratic career, unpredictable, deceptive, evasive

**Career interests:** Politicians, lawyers, writers, teachers, astrologers, mystics, snake charmers, zoo keepers, prostitutes, pimps and related activities:

**Auspicious events:** Fierce competition, things relating to serpents, as in serpent puja, things relating to poison, rash actions, starting a business, money exchange. **Health issues:** Food poisoning, obesity, poor diet, venereal disease, arthritis, nervous disorders.

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**Shadowy side:** Mental instability, worry, fear and melancholic mind. Issues with temper and anger. A good Nakshatra for separation, filing divorce and ending a business partnership. Cannot tolerate personal humiliation. A sensitive nervous system, psychic vulnerability and self-deception. Crafty, elusive and lie when it serves their need. Pain is inevitable and have difficulty in controlling diet. Have difficulty in facing life realistically.

Ashlesha nakshatra pada 1- Falls in the Dhanur navamsa, has the ability to put in hard work, has a lot to deal with enmity, diseases and 6<sup>th</sup> bhava affairs. People with Ashlesha nakshatra pada 1 are very different from the above description yet the same. They are very caring and emotional people who build their huge wealth by giving more wealth to others and opening up charities around the world, however they are same as above description because they also use people in the process of building their wealth, however by giving money to charity balances out their karma. They often make quite good business men medicinal and pharmaceutical companies.

**Shil-Ponde. (1939). Hindu Astrology Joytisha-Shastra .p 107, "for the male only":**

**"Usually laborers and people of the service type...**

**Bold, daring, thoughtless and cruel;**

**ungrateful, easily angered, and quite stupid.**

**Cause of great anxiety and misery to the mother;**

**may sell and use drugs;**

**quite often contracts venereal diseases**

**Drug peddlers are found in the first quarter. "**

**Ashlesha nakshatra pada 2- Falls in makara navamsa, involved in dealing with public and negative traits like deceit and trickery could be used to get what one wants.**

**People are the ones who become the true nature of this nakshatra which is cunning, clever, harsh tongue and harsh speech and only giving or showing emotions to the one that will benefit them the most in future. They only invest their feelings where they feel they will be able to tap on it as a resource in the future, like a mother adopting a specific baby because the baby may have a trust fund. Although this is not the case most of the time since aspect and conjunction of moon also alter this behavior, but there is a lot of build up of emotions.**

#### **Das/ Behari:**

- **"You will have difficulty saving large amounts of money.**
- **Be mindful of serious curable and preventable diseases. "**

**Shil-Ponde. (1939). Hindu Astrology Joytisha-Shastra . p 107: "for the male only"**

**"Thieves or people who borrow money with no intention of returning it are found in the second part "**

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Ashlesha nakshatra pada 3- Falls in kumbha navamsa, connected with secrecy and occult and use of inventive ways of scheming and plotting. People usually suffer some illness related to Mercury, like nervous system, lungs and speech, and since Moon and Mind both represents our mind and intelligence, this may also affect them by being prone to depression. However, this nakshatra is also very good in detecting their own illness or illnesses of others, which makes them very good doctors and nurses. People born under pada 2 of this nakshatra are become wealth after the age of 26, that too in medicine or hospitality business.

**Das/ Behari:**

"You may experience some discord with your relatives. You may suffer from venereal diseases. This moon placement indicates a troubled relationship with your mother. "

**Shil-Ponde. (1939). Hindu Astrology Joytisha-Shastra .p 107, "for the male only":**  
And when the third and fourth parts are rising, the father of the native will suffer much financially thought the native 's acts.

Ashlesha nakshatra pada 4- Falls in meena navamsa, a place for illusions and moral; struggles. The native could be deceived by others. People born under the nakshatra of Ashlesha pada 4 are very lucky in life. They get lot of wealth and happiness by their mothers and father and parents usually become a source of wealth. These folks do very well in real estate business, hotel or motel owners and they are also gifted in the art of writing. Education is also a very big part of their upbringing since this is right on the border of Cancer and Leo sign, but most think this is a Gundmool nakashaktra, which is nonsense, this pada only becomes bad if the planet itself is positioned in the bad house.

**Das/ Behari:**

"There is difficulty for both the father and mother together in a short span of time.  
"You will have difficulty saving large amounts of money.  
Be mindful of serious curable and preventable diseases. "

Also, you may find that sometimes you earn your money in ways which you must keep somewhat secret, and that also may take place far away from your place of birth. "Shil-Ponde. (1939). Hindu Astrology Joytisha-Shastra . p 107, "for the male only":  
same as pada-3 ... when the third and fourth parts are rising, the father of the native will suffer much financially thought the native's acts.

Places connected with this asterism: underground places of reptiles, secret service institutions, hospitals, factories manufacturing poisonous chemicals, drug stores, pawn houses, places of illegal business and dealings, false cults and religious institutions.



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**Professions:** Industries dealing with poisons, petroleum, chemical engineers, cigarette industry, dealers with legal and illegal drug dealers, politicians, manipulators, psychologists, doctors, surgeons, conmen, thieves, swindlers, pornography industry, dealing with reptiles, pet owners, tantrics, yoga teachers, hypnotists, psychologists, psychiatrists, charlatans, false gurus,

**Not good for commencing new activities, lending or borrowing money.**

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