

LAGNA AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

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THE pendulum of luck always oscillates between success and failure, fortune and misfortune, joys and sorrows throughout the life of human beings. From a higher standpoint, this has one major significance – man is essential born to conquer destiny. become a master of stars rather than one subject to the unerring course of destiny, which is harsh and merciless at times but benign and educative in its nature and spirit. Adversity changes to prosperity in a fraction of a second and the converse is also true under the planetary rulership. A scientific explanation for this phenomenon was sought to be provided by the sages of yore and Vedic astrology is their bequest, not only to the current generation but also for ages to come.

Determination of lagna

The first house in any horoscope is termed as lagna. If the Sun were to be in Virgo and a person is born exactly at sunrise, his lagna changes with the Sun's movement across the horizon. At sunset, the lagna will be in the 7th from the Sun. In the above example of Virgo lagna, if the person were to be born about two hours from sunrise, the lagna would have by then moved to Libra. Each sign becomes the lagna for about two hours and in a span of 24 hours, the lagna covers the twelve signs. It must be mentioned here that Scorpio and Aquarius are examples of signs of shorter duration and Gemini and Libra are longer duration. Fixing the lagna is of

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planet, say in the 11th is highly beneficial. while the same in the 12th is not only powerless, but also a malefic. If doubt exists whether a person is born in Leo lagna . then unless a clear answer is found it is not possible to determine the status of planets – for instance, Mars is a yogakaraka for Leo ascendant and a strong malefic for its adjacent sign, Virgo.

Significations of lagna

The lagna denotes the physical feature of a person such as height, weight and complexion and also the region of the head , with reference to body. The strength of lagna will have a major bearing on the native's success, fame and also longevity. The lagna is comparable to a wall without which there cannot be a portrait. The potential of a horoscope can either be enhanced or suppressed by the strength or weaknesses in the lagna bhava.

Lagna lord and its role in natal charts

The best position for the lagna lord to occupy in the chart would be the lagna itself. This arises out of the dictum that a bhava flourishes when its own lord. In such a position, the native will be blessed with physical strength and longevity. Health of a person is affected, if the lagna lord occupies 6, 8 or 12, bereft of benefic influences. The lagna lord in any one

longevity. The lagna lord in the 8th by itself is good for longevity, but when conjunct or aspected by a malefic, the effect is reversed and there is a threat for of the accidental death. The 11th house stands for speedy fulfillment of wishes and the presence of the lagna lord in the 11th house is welcome feature of any horoscope, especially from the native's financial standpoint. The exchange of house between the lagna lord and the 11th or the 2th can lead to substantial monetary gains. Exchange between the lagna lord and the 9th house is generally an auspicious one termed as “lakshmi yoga”. From the viewpoint of acquiring conveyances and immovable property, the presence of the lagna lord in the 4th is a desirable one

Lagna lord in evil houses

When the lagna lord occupies an evil house i.e. 6, 8 or 12, the foremost question that arises is whether it is good or bad? It is not possible to give a categorical reply. It is here the importance of “bhava vichar” or analysis of bhava comes into play. When the lagna lords occupies 8th house, the lagna bhava gets affected, while the 8th bhava is benefited. Any bhava for that matter which plays host to the lagna lord stands to gain. The lagna lord, in the 6th is undesirable from the

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from the 6th house point of view, a favourable planet in the 6th does not spoil the bhava. When the lagna lord is in the 12th, we can say that expenditure will be only for good purposes and all other potentialities of that bhava are benefited. But the lagna bhava, which stands for physique, vitality and appearance stands affected, when the lagna lord is in the 12th. When either the 8th lord occupies the lagna or when the lagna lord occupies 8th longevity is assured. Longevity is a function of two dependent bhavas – lagna and the 8th. Between the two, the strength of the lord is considered more important than 8th longevity is assured only if both the lagna lord as well as the 8th lord are rendered strong. An important rule in this context is that the lagna lord in order to ensure long life should be stronger than the 8th lord. Longevity is curtailed, if the 8th lord is stronger than the lagna lord.

Malefics as lagna lords

For Aquarius lagna, Saturn as the lagna lord is a natural malefic, but a functional benefic in view of lagna lordship. Presence of a natural malefic in the 6th is considered as a welcome feature in the horoscope. However when Saturn occupies Cancer for a person with Aquarius lagna, the presence of the lagna lord in the 6th must be considered a detrimental feature of the horoscope. This establishes the dictum that the functional lordship of a planet is more important than its natural qualities in predictive astrology. Here we are confronted with two conflicting rules:

- 1) Lagna lord in the 6th is unfavourable.
- 2) Saturn in the 6th is favourable.

Though both the above views are

When the lagna lord occupies the 7th, it becomes beneficial to the native in more than one way. Since the 7th house is the house of spouse, it leads to harmony in married life. It also activates the other potentialities of the 7th house like overseas travel, overseas employment and birth of children. By aspecting the lagna from the 7th, the lagna bhava gets fortified.

correct, one has to take the view that the lagna lord in the 6th acts as a detriment to the chart as a whole and the benefits arising out of Saturn in the 6th is insufficient to neutralize the deficiency. For Pisces lagna, if Saturn occupies Leo, it is wholly welcome as Saturn becomes the lord of the 12th in the 6th. Similarly for Leo lagna, Saturn in the 6th becomes the lord of the 6th in the 6th and this is also a favourable disposition. The presence of Saturn in the lagna is undesirable but for Aquarius lagna this principle gets reversed, as Saturn in Aquarius for Aquarius lagna is wholly favourable as the lagna lord in the lagna. Just as a thief does not steal from his own house but only from others' houses. Saturn does no harm to its own house as lagna lord in lagna or as bhava lord in bhava. To sum up, lagna lord in the 6th is favourable from the 6th house standpoint; unfavourable from the lagna viewpoint. Further a strong lagna lord in the 6th aspected by benefics can also give freedom from diseases.

Issues connected to lagna lord

There are two debatable issues concerning the lagna lord and lagna.

- 1) Whether the lagna is a Kendra or a kendra-cum-trikona?
- 2) Whether the lagna lord can be subject to kendradipatya dosha?

Lagna is generally considered as a Kendra and the trines usually refer to 5 and 9 only. Some opine that

lagna is both a Kendra as well as a trikona. As a corollary, only lords of quadrants become subject to Kendradipatya dosha and since the lagna lord is a trinal lord as well, it can never become subject to Kendradipatya dosha. There is merit in this view and consequently it has also widespread acceptance.

Lagna lord in 7th

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Effects of lagna lord in the twelve bhavas

The presence of lagna lord in lagna not only ensures long life, but also freedom from diseases and a strong

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personality. In the 2nd, it confers wealth. In the third, it gives good friends and makes one charitable in outlook. In the fourth, lagna lord gives happiness as also reverence to parents. In the 5th, it gives children and spirituality. In the 6th, it gives freedom from diseases as also victory over enemies. In the 7th, it gives one a good appearance and a beautiful wife. In the 8th, it confers longevity. In the 9th, it gives good conduct and fame. In the 10th, it gives favours from kings, reverence to preceptors and makes one a scholar. In the 11th, it gives freedom from sorrows and good life. In the 12th, it gives wisdom and livelihood in an alien country.

Predominance of lagna

When a planet owns two houses, one of which happens to be the lagna and the other an evil house, emphasis should be laid on lagna lordship and the other has only secondary importance. In other words, the planet concerned is deemed to be the lagna lord primarily and its ownership of the other house has only residual significance.

यद्भावेष्वशुभोऽपि वोदयपतिस्तद्भाववृद्धिं दिशेद्—

दुःस्थानाधिपतिः स चेद्यदि तनोः प्राबल्यमन्यस्य न ।

अत्रोदाहरणं कुजे सुतगते सिंहे ऋषे वा स्थिते

पुत्राप्तिं शुभवीक्षिते झटिति तत्प्राप्तिं वदन्त्युत्तमाः

(Phaladeepika XV/10)

The lord of the ascendant (even though it may be an inauspicious planet) will only promote the growth of the house occupied by it. Even though it may be a Dustana lord, it lagna lordship will gain precedence over Dustana lordship. When Mars as lagna lord occupies Meena or Simha coming under benefic aspect, astrologers say that the native will be blessed with sons soon.

Lagna lords as dustana lords

For Taurus Lagna, Venus in the 12th cannot be considered a drawback, because the 6th lord in the 12th generates a partial Raja yoga, which is enough to neutralize the drawback of the lagna lord being in a Dustana. Thus for Taurus as well as Scorpio Lagna, the presence of the lagna lord in a Dustana may even turn out to be a blessing in disguise, since the lagna lord has simultaneous ownership over an evil house.

Effects of the nine planets when occupying the lagna

Sun: The person will be tall, short tempered, impatient, cruel, inactive, has little hair, courageous.

Moon: (Waxing) strong body, long life, wealthy and powerful.

(Note: When Waning moon occupies the lagna, the above effects are reversed.)

Mars: The person is adventurous, short lived and cruel.

Mercury: Sharp witted, learned in scriptures, soft spoken, long lived.

Jupiter: The person is handsome, fortunate, brave, blessed with children and longevity.

Venus: The person is happy, elegantly dressed, healthy, has a charming body and long life.

Saturn: In Libra, Capricorn and Aquarius as ascendants, the person concerned is a king or some Chief.

In other signs: Suffers from poverty, untidy, sorrow and misery.

Rahu: Short-lived, diseases in upper part of the body, wealthy.

Ketu: Suffers from ingratitude, is unhappy, tale-bearer, keeps company with wicked people.

Planetary aspects on lagna

Sun: The person gets paternal wealth.

Moon: Dealer in marine products (products obtained from ocean), has a tender physique

Mars: Endowed with courage.

Mercury: Educated, famous.

Venus: Blessed with all kinds of enjoyments, prosperous, is handsome, has all comforts.

Jupiter: Spiritual in outlook, respectable.

Saturn: Service mentality, lives without happiness.

Planetary conjunctions in lagna
The conjunction of Moon with

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Jupiter in lagna is considered as a Raja Yoga. This is a case of Gajakesari yoga occurring in Lagna bhava. One will be well dressed, if Moon and Venus occupy lagna. One becomes skilful and has expertise in some branch of learning, if Moon and Mercury are in lagna. If the lagna is aspected by several planets, then it is considered as Raja yoga. We might as well draw one main inference from the many rules applicable to planetary conjunctions in lagna i.e., if the planets in conjunction in lagna are benefics and also lords of Ishtasthanas (*auspicious houses*), the indications will be favourable; if Dustana lords or malefics conjoin in lagna, the result will be unfavourable. If one planet is a benefic and the other a malefic by nature, the effects vary – for instance Mars with Mercury in lagna is considered a favourable combination, whereas Mercury with Saturn is considered unfavourable.

Lagna and the Yogas

Let us now briefly summarise some of the yogas involving lagna.

Chapa Yoga: When the lagna lord is exalted and there is an interchange of houses between 4 and 10, this yoga is caused. The person becomes wealthy, and becomes a member of the king's council.

Bheri yoga: If Venus, Jupiter and the lagna lord are in mutual kendras and the 9th lord is strong, this yoga is given rise to and it makes a person long lived, generous, happy and give various sources of income.

Dhana Yoga (In Middle Age)

The 2nd lord possessing Kalabala (*or temporal strength*) joins the lord of lagna and the 11th lord in a quadrant or trine and gets aspected by benefics, in this particular yoga.

The effect is that the native acquires self-earned wealth in middle age. A perusal of astrological literature bearing upon wealth reveals clearly that in order to become rich, one should have in his horoscope combinations which comprehend a point of contact between lords of lagna, 2nd, 11th, 5th and 9th. Permutations and combinations of these lords give rise to a stupendous number of Dhana yogas.

Rahu Sat Moon		Asc
	Case-study 1 01 Nov. 1968 20.55 (IST) Ludhiana	
	Venus	Sun Jup Ketu Mars Merc

Practical illustrations: Now, let us turn our attention to charts which feature some of the concepts discussed earlier. For Chapa yoga to occur, lagna lord should be exalted and there should be an interchange of houses between 4 and 10. In Case-study 1, there is a slight variation from the above rule in the sense that instead of interchange, there is a conjunction between the lords of 4 and 10, while the lagna lord is not only exalted but also Vargottama. A powerful wealth yoga is given rise to by the mutual aspect between Moon and Mars. The native who started his career as a banker is now holding a senior position in a multinational banking corporation.

	Mandi	Mars
Moon		
Jup	Case-study 2 19 Aug. 1962 00.15 (IST) Madras	Rahu
Sat Ketu		Sun Merc
		Venus

As discussed earlier, lagna lord should not only be strong but also should have more strength than the 8th lord to confer long life. In Case-study 2, the lagna lord is debilitated while the 8th lord is strongly placed in the 10th. From Chandra lagna, the lagna lord is in the 12th, while the 8th lord is debilitated in the 7th. The Ayushkaraka Saturn is afflicted by Ketu. The native was killed in a car accident in Venus dasa, Saturn bhukthi, both planets becoming strong indicators of his untimely demise.

The other concept regarding longevity as discussed earlier is that if the lagna lord is in the 8th, longevity is assured; but when afflicted by a malefic, longevity gets curtailed, as the above dictum gets reversed. This is illustrated in Case-study 3, where the native, a lady, was killed in a car accident in

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Sat	Venus Asc	Ketu Mandi
Sun Merc Moon	Case-study - 3 10 March 1937 09.20 (IST) Alleppey	
Jup	Mars Rahu	

Jupiter dasa, Venus bhukthi. The lagna lord is also the 8th lord in the 8th but Rahu joins the lagna lord in the 8th thereby curtailing longevity. Further, Ayushkaraka Saturn is in the 12th, whose sign-dispositor Jupiter and Venus (*Sign-dispositor of Mandi*) contributed to her untimely demise in their conjoined period.

In **Case-study 4**, the lagna lord has interchanged houses with the 11th lord

	Sat	
Mars Rahu Merc	Case study 4 07 Jan. 1970 06.30 (IST) Bombay	Ketu
Asc Venus Moon Sun	Jup	

(which stands for wish-fulfillment) and also in own Navamsa. Saturn aspects the 7th, which stands for overseas residence. as also the lagna lord. The girl is happily married to a boy who is well placed overseas. The marriage took place in Sun dasa (*lord of 9 in lagna*) and she is blessed with two children. The mutual aspect between the lagna lord and the 2nd lord has also made her affluent. The lagna lord aspects the 2nd lord and vice versa, while the 9th lord conjoins the 11th lord. 2nd lord is in the 5th house. This is a case-study, which conforms to the view that all dhana yogas involve a point of contact between lagna lord and the lords of 2, 5, 9 and 11 and their permutations and combinations.

A Raja yoga arises, when the lagna lord conjoins the 5th lord. If an exalted

Ketu	Asc	
Case-study - 5 31 Aug. 1967 00.10 (IST) Chidambaram		Sun Mars
Sat	Moon Rahu	Venus Merc Jup

planet conjoins a debilitated planet, the “*neecha*” planet obtains “*neechabhanga*” or “*cancellation*” of debility. When both the above rules are simultaneously satisfied, the resulting yoga is termed as “*Neechabhanga Raja yoga*”. The above Raja yoga can be formed in a variety of ways. Case-study 5 is an illustration of Neechabhanga Raja yoga involving the lagna lord Venus and 5th lord Mercury. Saturn as bhagyadipathi (*9th lord*) aspects the lagna and is placed in the Watery sign, Scorpio. The native, who is a Chartered Accountant, had a long stint abroad and is now happily placed having returned to India after his overseas tenure. Neechabhanga Raja yoga involving lagna lord as also Saturn’s placement in a Watery sign as the 9th lord aspecting lagna from the 7th have all contributed to his successful overseas tenure.

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One should be really fortunate to have a blemishless second house. The second house is an amalgam of personal, physical and economic traits in an individual. We may term speech and eating habits as personal qualities. Facial beauty is a physical feature. Wealth is related to economics. So, when a single house becomes an indicator of such varied features, it gains considerable importance in judgement of horoscopes. Secondly wealth is an important indicator of social status, comfort and power to give good education to children or for organizing social events.

THE SECOND HOUSE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

THE second house is a very important house and needs to be analysed in-depth, before predicting the outcome of the planetary dispositions in individual horoscopes. There are seven major significations governed by the second house. These are as follows:

1. Family
2. Facial Beauty
3. Speech
4. Right Eye
5. Wealth
6. Food and Eating habits
7. Education including initiation into hymns (or mantras)

One important inference one needs to draw from the above-mentioned seven significations is that all these traits have a significant bearing on one's prestige and social status. So while analyzing a horoscope, if one is questioned about whether the person whose chart is taken up for analysis will be able to make a mark in life in terms of social status, immediately the second house should be taken up for analysis. If the second house is strong and coming under the favourable influence of planets, then one becomes an influential person in the society, while a weak second house denotes failure in respect of matters governed by that house.

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FAMILY

Generally benefics such as Jupiter, Venus or Mercury not only give a good family while being in the 2nd house, but also promote happiness through family members and relatives. Malefics such as Rahu, Ketu, Sun and Saturn not only reduce the family size while influencing the second house, but also promote discord. This principle gains considerable importance now-a-days, when the horoscopes of girls and boys are considered for marriage. Whether a girl would opt for living in a joint family along with the husband's relatives or would prefer to live with her husband alone without interference from in-laws and other relatives could be deciphered from the second house. How a boy will move with his in-laws can also be looked into by adopting the same approach. In today's life, where marriages are contemplated in the midst of various expectations from both the families seeking alliance, it would not be a bad idea to seek astrological counsel before taking a final decision.

EYESIGHT

There is a Sanskrit adage which says "Sarvendriyanam Nayanam

Pradhanam" (Among all the sense-organs, eyes are most important). We are now witnessing a lot of people suffering from Myopia, glaucoma, cataract and retina detachment. Software professionals constantly work in front of the computer screen, which always throws out Ultra-violet radiation. Today's youth have very little knowledge about safeguarding eyes. The Sun is considered as the Karaka planet for eyesight, but some authors reckon both Sun and the Moon as joint karakas for eyesight. While taking the second view, the Right eye is governed by the Sun and the Left eye by the Moon. Now we will have a look at some of the rules pertaining to this topic and by a proper understanding of these rules, it is possible to say whether a person will be blessed with good eyesight or not.

- 1) If the Sun is powerful and aspecting the lagna lord, the 2nd house is occupied by a benefic and the 2nd lord is either conjoined or aspected by a benefic, then the person will have beautiful eyes.
- 2) If the second lord conjoins Mars, Saturn or Gulika, there will be eye-disease.
- 3) One will be blessed with beautiful eyes, if Venus occupies

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the second house.

- 4) If the 2nd lord occupies 6,8 or 12, there will be problems in eyesight without ostensible cause. This may be termed as “*non-genetic predisposition*” to eye diseases.
- 5) If the second lord joins Mars and the Sun or gets aspected by them, then one will have reddishness in eyes.

It is important to note that in every horoscope, there may be some evil influence or the other on the second house. One should be really fortunate to have a blemishless second house. It is recommended that the “*Aditya Hridayam*” – hymn to the Sun god taught by Sage Agastya to Lord Rama should be recited by all those who seek freedom from eye-diseases. Aditya Hridayam in order to prove effective must be recited thrice in the morning. It confers blessings of Sun-god in abundance.

FACIAL BEAUTY

It is said that “*Beauty lies in the eye of the Beholder*”. John Keats wrote “*A thing of beauty is a joy forever*”. One vexed question for which no one seems to have the perfect answer is, whether beauty is something we attribute to the overall personality of an Individual? In Greek mythology, Helen was considered beautiful and her face is described as “*the face that launched a thousand ships*”. Winding up this argument, we may say that what constitutes beauty is the beholder’s perception, mainly of the face and then at a secondary level attributes such as physical appearance, gait, voice and other pleasing qualities. Why we attribute prominence to facial beauty is that all the secondary qualities coupled with an ugly looking face would negate the concept of beauty in an

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overall sense. When investigating the science behind perception of something as beautiful, it is found that a sense of proportion is very high in good looking people while in others the sense of proportion is low. A row of teeth all of similar size gives rise to a beautiful smile. When we see pictures of demons, goblins or ghosts, artists use various symbolisms like a huge body, long teeth, thick hairs, long limbs and so on and so forth, to depict their ugliness in full measure. This lack of symmetry makes the demons look realistic.

Venus is generally associated with beauty, fashion, luxury, aristocracy and opulence. A well placed Venus in the 2nd is a major asset and in the case of females can even make them recipients of awards at beauty pageants.

Moreover actresses, compeers and models can be trained by analyzing their horoscopes from the second house standpoint. On the contrary, an afflicted second house would largely contribute towards denial of the above traits.

SPEECH

It is said that Goddess Lakshmi resides at the tip of the tongue (*Lakshmi Vasathi Jihvagre*). Sweet speech is often associated with prosperity and rude speech brings both danger and calamity. Now the underlying astrological principle is easy to comprehend. It is the second house that denotes speech. The same second house denotes wealth. Suppose a natural benefic like Jupiter occupies the

second house, this planetary disposition gives rise to both good speech and prosperity.

If the lord of the second house occupies its own, exaltation or friendly house one becomes an eloquent speaker. If the lord of 2 is afflicted, one will have stammering. The quality of a person’s speech will also suffer when Ketu occupies the 2nd house.

Generally astrologers should be blessed with good powers of speech. If the second house belongs to either Saturn or Mars and are also occupied or aspected by malefics, then it would be better if such people are dissuaded from taking up astrology as a profession. Else all their evil predictions would come true and whatever auspicious things are told by them would never come to pass. The second and third houses in an astrologer’s horoscope should preferably be occupied by benefics. This would not only enhance the “*good karmic balance*” (punya) of the astrologer, but also prove beneficial to their clients.

WEALTH

It is said in the scriptures that wealth is one of the four ultimate objectives of human endeavour, the other three being Dharma (*performance of duty*), Kama (*obtaining enjoyments*) and Moksha (*final emancipation from births and deaths*). But as correctly predicted by our sages, in the present age which is known as Kaliyuga, there is decline in efforts towards attaining Dharma and Moksha.

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while considerable emphasis is laid on Artha and Kama. Artha or Wealth is also sought as a means of obtaining Kama (*sensual pleasures*). According to Mantreswara (*vide Phaladeepika*), one of the ways of procuring the wrath of planets is obtaining or pursuing wealth through deceitful means. Whenever combinations for wealth are discussed in text books of astrology, they invariably pertain to obtaining wealth through legitimate means only. The fundamental principle underlying dhana yogas in astrology is that there should be some nexus between lords of 1,2,5,9 and 11. Nexus between the 12th lord and the lords of either 2 or 11 leads to poverty. Another combination for poverty is when the 12th house is occupied by the lords of 2 or 11. Alternatively when the 12th lord is in 2 or 11, poverty is the result. Let us have two sets of planets, Group A comprising of the lords of 2 and 11 and Group B comprising of the 12th lord. Among the 12 houses, let us have two similar sets, Group C comprising of houses 2 and 11 and Group D comprising of the 12th house. Now planets in Group A should be in the houses mentioned in Group C only for prosperity. If Group B planets are in Group D house also, prosperity is the result. Now we come to the rules for poverty. If there is some nexus between Group A and Group D or between Group B and Group C, it will result in poverty. The above rules are equally applicable from Chandra lagna also. If the 2nd and 12th houses from Moon are vacant, then also Kemadruma yoga is caused, which leads to poverty unless one of the Kemadruma bhanga yogas also

FOOD AND EATING HABITS

Before we discuss the 2nd house and eating habits, let us understand the correlation between planets.

*Rasas (or tastes) and flavours

PLANET	TASTE	FLAVOUR
Sun	Katu	Pungent
Moon	Lavana	Saltish
Mars	Tikta	Bitter
Mercury	Mishra	Mixed or Combinations of Tastes
Jupiter	Maduram	Sweet
Venus	Amla	Sour
Saturn	Kashayam	Astringent

- If Venus occupies the 2nd house, one consumes milk and other nourishing dishes.
- One partakes food of low quality, when Saturn occupies the 2nd house.
- One partakes non-vegetarian food, if Mars along with Gulika occupies either the 2nd or the 8th house.
- One partakes poor quality of food, when Mars and Rahu together occupy the second house.

By analysing the nature of planets occupying the second house, one must infer the tastes of food which a native will consume by correlating the planets and tastes (*vide the Table above*). For example one prefers eating sweets, if Jupiter is placed in the second house.

EDUCATION

- (a) One becomes well-versed in astrology, if there is a Sun-Mercury conjunction in the 2nd house.
- (b) If Mercury occupies a quadrant, the lord of 2 is powerful and a benefic occupies the 3rd house, then also one becomes an astrologer.

(c) A person born in Aquarius lagna becomes an astrologer, if Jupiter is powerful and Venus is in Pisces.

- Proficiency in Mathematics is attributed to Moon, Mars and Mercury. If Mars and Moon together occupy the second house and Mercury is either in a quadrant, powerfully placed or in the 8th house, one gets proficiency in Mathematics.
- Venus in 2 makes one more proficient in poetry and rhetorics.
- Jupiter in 2 makes one learned in the Vedas.
- One becomes an expert in Grammar, if a powerful Jupiter occupies the second house in conjunction with Sun.

MISCELLANEOUS

- If the lord of 2 is associated with or aspected by Mars, powerless, occupies evil shadvargas and in conjunction with the 6th lord or Rahu, then the person loses his wealth on account of thieves, rulers or due to fire.
- If the lord of the 2nd house either conjoins or gets aspected by Saturn, there is danger of dog-bites.
- If Rahu and Gulika occupy the 2nd house, there is danger of Snake-bites.
- If the lagna lord is a benefic and occupies the 2nd house, the person obtains treasure-troves
- If a malefic is in 2 or aspects the 2nd house or if a malefic aspects the 2nd lord, then the native will be deceived and consequently drugged or intoxicated.

Now let us focus our attention on a few horoscopes where the concepts discussed above are understood in practice.

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Case-study 1

Sat							
Rahu							
Case-study 1 18. Nov. 1968 03.25 (IST) Tanjore, Tamilnadu India RASI CHART							
Venus	Sun	Merc					
			Asc	Jup	Mars	Moon	Ketu

The native is the only son of his parents and has two sisters. He is unmarried and stays with his mother, since his father passed away a few years back. In his chart, the second house is well fortified by presence of the lagna lord Mercury. But the second lord is afflicted by occupying an inimical sign, aggravated by the malefic aspects of Mars and Saturn. It again occupies an inimical sign in Navamsa, afflicted by the Sun. The fact that two malefics occupy the 7th house deprived him of marital happiness. The above chart is an illustration of the principle that an afflicted second house leads to disappointments in family life.

Case-study 2

Moon	Sat	Asc		
Rahu				
Case-study 2 25. Sept. 1969 21.40 (IST) Mangalore, Karnataka India				
			Venus	Ketu
Mars			Jup	Sun
			Merc	

This native was born in a rich family, but has become more or less a person placed in middle class. He is also unmarried. Here the second house receives the aspect of malefics Mars and Saturn. Though the second lord is exalted, it is afflicted by the 8th lord Jupiter in conjunction. It is also said that an exalted planet proves ineffective in retrogression, which is true in this case. From Moon-sign, the second house is afflicted by Saturn, weak in placement.

Case-study 3

	Mars	Rahu Sun Venus	Merc
Moon	Case-study 3 11 June 1947 11.00 (IST) Pudukottai, Tamilnadu, India		Sat
			Asc
	Ketu	Jup	
7	6	5	4
Jup	8	Asc	Merc
	Ketu		2
		Moon	Rahu Sun Venus
9	10	11	12
			Mars

This chart belongs to a vedic pandi. Though born in a poor family, he was able to lead a life of comfort due to his earnings, which were largely due to his own efforts. In his horoscope, the 2nd lord is well placed in 11. From Moon sign, the 2nd lord Jupiter is well placed in the 9th. The 2nd lord's placement also gave him proficiency in Vedas.

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Case-study 4

Sat			
Ketu	Case-study - 4 07.Sept.1997 13.09 (IST) Chennai		Rahu Sun Merc
Jup	Tamil Nadu, India	RASIS CHART	
Asc	Venus Moon Mars		

This chart belongs to a boy who is now staying in the Middle East with his parents. He is dignified, soft-spoken and liked by everyone in his family. In his chart, the 2nd lord is placed in the house of Jupiter having interchanged houses with the Lagna-cum-4th lord. The 2nd lord is strong in Navamsa. From Moon sign also, the lagna lord and the 2nd lord are in conjunction.

Case-study 5

		Rahu	Asc Sun
	Case-study 5 01. July.1946 06.35 (IST) Mayiladuthurai, Tamil Nadu, India	Venus Sat Merc Moon	
	RASIS CHART		Mars
	Ketu		Jup

This chart is an illustration of prosperity. As discussed above, all dhana yogas involve a point of intersection between the lords of lagna 2, 5, 9 and 11. Barring the 11th lord (which is placed in the 3rd house) all the other lords conjoin the 2nd house. Thus the chart becomes strong with reference to the second house. This has given the native a life of affluence and happiness. The native is soft spoken and good in nature.

The second house is an amalgam of personal, physical and economic traits in an individual. We may term speech and eating habits as personal qualities. Facial beauty is a physical feature. Wealth is related to economics. So, when a single house becomes an indicator of such varied features, it gains considerable importance in judgement of horoscopes. Secondly wealth is an important indicator of social status, comfort and power to give good education to children or for organizing social events. When the signifiers of the second house are weak, astrologers should advise their clients to propitiate Lord Kubera, Goddess Lakshmi and the concerned planets to ward off the evils associated with the second house. When the affliction is related to factors other than wealth, appropriate remedial measures either in the form of Japa (chanting hymns) or Vedic rituals (homams) may be performed to mitigate the harm and augment the beneficial potential of the second house.

Power of Numerals in 2009

Master Number 11:- The Year 2009 is dominated by the vibrant and powerful Master Number 11—(2+0+0+9 =11). According to Numerology, the Master Numbers like 11, 22, 33 etc cannot be reduced to a single digit like the other numbers. Instead, they need special consideration, as they hold more potential and higher vibrations than the other numbers. The Master Number 11 indicates 'a coming together' of all nations and people, as they globally unite for the good of all! Under this vibration, 2009 will see people becoming more contemplative of their actions--making sure that their conduct is seen to be good! People who have been quiet in the past will now feel the urge to speak and profound things to say!

Number 2:- According to Numerology, in 2009, the Dominant Number of the New Millennium is Number 2. Astrologically speaking, Number 2 is associated with the planet Moon, representing feelings, instincts and emotional needs. Infact, under the influence of Number 2, we are gradually, but subtly being shifted into implying a more emotionally-centered approach towards life. Hence, humane and socially progressive concerns will now be more amplified.

Zeroes :- The Double zeroes (00) in 2009 prompt conscious decisions to jointly create new evolutions.

Number 9:- The driving force of Master Number 11 also carries with it the tolerant Number 9. In astrology, as Number 9 is associated with Mars— more aggression and strife will be seen in the world.

by Malati

implications of lesser-known 3rd house

The third house has very important connotations in predictive Astrology. Many astrologers do not seem to realize its importance. Houses which have bearing on Wealth, Fortune, Career etc are viewed with greater care, at the expense of “lesser important” houses such as the Third house. However this write-up is not only intended to bring out the importance of the Third house, but also highlight how a weak third house can mar the fortunes of the chart as a whole.

All about THIRD HOUSE

By Dr. E.S. Neelakantan

One important aspect of astrology, generally not attended to diligently by its followers, is the acquisition of knowledge relating to indications or significations of the twelve houses of the zodiac and the twelve bhavas in an individual's chart. To cure this defect, let us now try and understand what are the various significations of the third house. The third house can reveal what exactly will be the prospects relating to the following:

1. Brothers: The third house, is termed as “*Brathru*” sthana: as the word denotes, it refers to brothers. But generally the third house refers to “*younger brothers*”, while “*elder brothers*” come under the 11th house.
2. Courage or in its absence, timidity.
3. Skill in war and diplomacy
4. Danger from quadrupeds, snake and water.
5. Diseases, especially pertaining to throat, neck and ear.
6. Proficiency in music.
7. Wearing of ear ornaments.
8. Listening to pleasant sounds or conversation, or by its absence, getting unpleasant news.
9. Generous instincts and miserliness.

Planets occupying the third house

SUN: The presence of the Sun in the third enhances the power of the horoscope as a whole. Generally natural malefics in the third are good from health standpoint and such natives rarely fell sick and even if they fall ill, they are quick to stage a recovery. Sun in the third confers quick success in all endeavours.

MOON: Moon in the third confers good knowledge, blesses one with good spouse and confers spiritual values in life. All these indications will be prominent, if the Moon is in its Waxing phase.

MARS: Generally it requires much care in analyzing a third house - placed Mars. If the house happens to be Capricorn, Aries or Scorpio, the benefits will be felt in abundance, because Mars – Jupiter conjunction in Capricorn is highly favourable, because Mars is placed in exalted position, and also cures the defect arising out of debilitated Jupiter. Similarly Moon – Mars combination is also a good feature. In these cases, we find an additional benefit arising out of the Guru – Mangala Yoga and the Chandra – Mangala Yoga. In the remaining houses, Mars gets vitiated by the dictum

“*Karako Bhava Nasaya*” – a karaka in the bhava spoils the bhava. Mars in the third increases possibilities to misunderstandings within the family, accidents, suicidal tendencies and ear ailments. It is also not good for brothers or sisters. The presence of Mars in the third or aspecting the third can also make a person, devoid of younger brothers, thus making one the youngest child in the family.

MERCURY: One will do good deeds, when Mercury is in the third, but the native himself will not be happy. The person will have independent views: when the native understands a work, he will tend to finish it without getting discouraged.

JUPITER: One becomes optimistic and philosophical, when Jupiter occupies the third house and blesses one with brothers and sisters.

VENUS: One will take delight in music, dance and fine arts, when Venus occupies the third house. But Venus in the third is adverse for financial prospects as well as health.

SATURN: Generally, Saturn in the third is a very good feature in any birth chart and the native will be honoured by rulers.

RAHU: While Rahu in the third is not good for brothers, it promotes one's fortunes as a natural malefic in the third. Generally, Rahu or

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Ketu are not independent in giving results. as they take their colour from the conjoining or aspecting planet. In case, no planet aspects or conjoins Rahu, it tends to take the colour of its sign dispositor.

KETU: Ketu in the third is good for courage and confers strong love of adventure.

RESULTS OF THIRD LORD'S PLACEMENT.

1. Third lord in lagna gives proficiency in music, dance and acting. Livelihood is through self-exertion.

2. 3rd lord in the 2nd house is not a good feature, since the preceding house is detrimental to the bhava. One likes to convert others' wealth for personal use.

3. 3rd lord in the 3rd is the best position for the 3rd lord to occupy as the dictum, " Bhava Lord in Bhava" applies to all planets in general, whether they be natural benefics or malefics. One will be brave, blessed with friends, relatives and good children, and also be wealthy, happy and contented.

4. As a whole, life will be happy. One becomes rich and learned, when the 3rd lord is in 4.

5. One will get good support from friends and relatives. If the native is a professional, he will get good support from his clients, if the 3rd lord is in 5.

6. One will not have support of brothers, friends or relatives. In some cases, even death of brothers is likely, when 3rd lord is in 6.

7. The 3rd lord in 7 may indicate marriage with cousins or friends. Some times marriage may be an off-shoot of romance. In any case, it leads to friendship and harmony in married life, especially when the 3rd lord in 7 comes under benefic influences.

8. 3rd lord in 8 is an adverse placement for one's brothers. It also affects career and married life.

9. When the 3rd is in 9, the native's brother will inherit ancestral property. The native will meet with good fortune on account of his brother.

10. Native will be happy, intelligent and rich, when the 3rd lord is in 10.

11. The 3rd lord in 11 is good, provided the lord comes under benefic aspect. The native has to exert himself to earn wealth.

12. The 3rd lord in 12 leads to ups and downs in life.

THIRD HOUSE AND COBORNS

When the third house comes under beneficial influences, it leads to prosperity for brothers. There are two ways, by which, this can be interpreted. Brothers' prosperity is assured, because of the third house being influenced by benefics. The native derives prosperity from brothers, because of benefics in the third. When malefics afflict the third house, it affects one's brothers and sisters. When brothers are affected themselves, how can they prove useful to the native? When the third lord is strong, but with malefics influencing the house, it may be said that brothers will prosper, but the native may not derive any benefit out of that, since the house is tenanted by malefics. In some cases, where the third house is severely afflicted, it can even result in loss of brothers.

COURAGE:

When we talk of courage, we need to distinguish between "mental courage" and "physical courage". Mental courage is indicated by a strong Moon. Physical courage is indicated by a

strong third house and Mars. Persons working as commandos, Police Officers or in the armed forces need physical courage. Certain sports such as Foot ball, Cricket, Boxing or wrestling need both courage as well as strength and stamina. In choosing persons to pursue these disciplines, it would be better if they are having a strong third house, occupied by Mars. One becomes timid, if Mercury occupies the third house. According to Sarwartha Chinthamani, "if the third lord occupies a beneficial house or joins a benefic or if Mars is similarly situated, the person is endowed with courage" (verse 435)

By looking at the charts of kings, generals and commanders, one can conclude before the advent of war, which country is going to meet with success

DANGER FROM QUADRUPEDS AND SNAKES:

According to Sarwartha Chinthamani. If the third lord joins lagna with Jupiter, there will be danger from quadrupeds. If the third lord joins Lagna with Rahu, there will be danger from Snakes.

DISEASES OF NECK, THROAT AND EAR:

The throat is signified by both the 2nd and the 3rd house. Ear and neck are represented by the third House.

■ If the lord of 3 joins Mercury, there will be neck disease.

■ If Rahu or Ketu is in the 3rd house and Mercury joins the third lord, there will be neck disease.

■ When Saturn joins Mandi in the 3rd house, windy diseases (*vata rogas*) are caused

EAR ORNAMENTS:

If Sun occupies the 3rd, the ear ornaments will be red, Saturn gives

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blue. Mercury gives green ornaments. If the 3rd house is aspected by evil planets, these ornaments will be lost.

THIRD HOUSE AND HEARING:

Textbooks of astrology say that if the third house comes under benefic influences, the person listens to pleasant and virtuous conversation, good music etc. We can interpret this in another way also. The benefic planet influencing the third houses bestows upon the native the good fortune of hearing virtuous and pleasant talks and sounds.

GENEROSITY:

According to Bhavartha Ratnakara, "if the lord of 3 joins the 2nd lord, one becomes generous. One becomes a miser, if Saturn combines with the 2nd and 3rd lords." (Chapter 3, stanzas 8&9) Having analysed the theory behind the third house from all possible angles, let us now focus our attention upon a few case-studies to understand how these rules function in practice.

Case-study -1

The native is blessed with one brother only and was singularly unfortunate in losing him, when the latter succumbed to a rare disease. In his horoscope, lord of 3 is relegated to the 6th house and even a strong Mars in the 9th house could not avert the tragedy.

Ketu	Mars		
		7 Jan. 1959 21:39 hrs Ernakulam	Asc
RASI CHART			
Merc Sat Sun Moon	Jup Gulika		Rahu

Case-study -2

The native is the eldest son of his parents and is blessed with a younger brother and four younger sisters. The lord of 3 is Vargottama and in lagna. From the Moon-sign also, we find the 3rd lord Mercury in Chandra-lagna and in a Vargottama position. Mars as the karaka of the 3rd house joins the 5th house with lagna lord Venus. All these factors have contributed to a large family.

	Merc Sun Moon Ketu		
Mars Venus	20 April 1958 19:25 hrs Vijayawada		
RASI CHART			
Sat Gulika		Asc Jup Rahu	

Case-study - 3

The native is blessed with brothers, who are both affluent and happily placed abroad. The 3rd lord Mars is also the karaka of the 3rd house, well placed in the eleventh and occupying own navamsa.

Rahu				Moon
Asc Jup Gulika Mars	1 Nov. 1950 14:34 hrs Davangere			
RASI CHART				
	Venus Sun Merc		Sat Ketu	

Locations of lesser-known 3rd house

Case-studies 4 & 5 are both eminent cricketers having represented India at the International level.

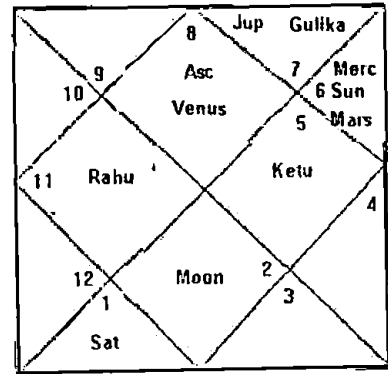
Case-study -4

DOB: 24 April 1973. 13:00 hrs, Bombay. Lagna in Cancer; Moon and Rahu in the 6th Sagittarius; Mars and Jupiter in the 7th in Capricorn; Mercury in the 9th in Pisces; Sun and Venus in the 10th in Aries; Saturn in the 11th in Taurus; Ketu in the 12th in Gemini.

Here, not only Mars is exalted as yogakarma, but also forms a powerful Vachabanga Raja yoga with the lagna. Lord of 3

Case-study -5

	Sat	Moon	
Rahu	17 Oct. 1970 09:40 hrs Bangalore		
	RASI CHART		Ketu
	Asc Venus	Jup Gulika	Merc Sun Mars



Rasi Chart

In Case-study 5, the 3rd lord being a natural malefic is beneficially placed in the 6th house (being a upachaya house which is quite good for malefics) and aspected by Jupiter. The 3rd house karaka Mars is the lagna lord and joins the 11th in conjunction with lord Sun and exalted 11th lord Mercury, which is well placed in its own house.

Fourth House, the seat of happiness

By Dr. E.S.Neelakantan

The seers of astrology in their enormous wisdom have defined "Fourth house" as "Sukhashthana" or the seat (or rather house) of happiness. If the 4th house as well as the 4th lord are powerful and aspected by benefics, one will own conveyances. If the lord of the 4th conjoins the 9th lord and is strong by virtue of placement in own house, exaltation or in a trine house, the native will get conveyances, wealth and comforts through royal favour.

OPLE. in general, have a common seeking i.e. the quest for happiness. The search for happiness is an universal quest. The concept of "happiness" may vary from person to person, but it is the same "state" that is much sought after. The seers of astrology in their enormous wisdom have defined "Fourth house" as "Sukhashthana" or the seat (or rather house) of happiness. Here, we will try and understand what the Fourth house stands for, as well as its potentialities.

SIGNIFICATIONS

From the planetary influences falling on the Fourth house, one has to judge (1) Mother. (2) relations. (3) Houses, (4) Water. (5) Prosperity. (6) Enjoyments, (7) Conveyances. (8) Heart, neck and shoulders. (9) Ascending Throne, (10) Happiness & (11) Education. The only point that needs mention is that education is represented not only by the 2nd house, but also by the 4th house. So, if a question is raised on prospects relating to education, one has to analyse both 2nd and 4th houses simultaneously. A general rule is that horoscopes need to be analysed from Janma lagna, Chandra Lagna and thirdly by treating the house occupied by

the karaka as lagna and then we should judge the horoscope. From the three layers of analysis given above, we should decipher the indications offered by the stronger planets and only such events as indicated therein would come to pass.

MOTHER

If one of the following combinations is present, one's mother will be blessed with a long life.

- 1) Moon or Venus is placed in a quadrant, aspected by benefics and 4th house has a benefic in it or aspecting it.
- 2) If the navamsa sign-dispositor of the 4th lord is in a quadrant or is placed in a quadrant from (a powerful) Moon.
- 3) If the 4th lord is strong and conjunct a benefic, while at the same time a benefic occupies the 4th house.

If we replace the word "benefic" in the above discussion with "malefic" then, it denotes afflictions to the 4th house. In particular, the aspect of Mars on the 4th house is a powerful adverse influence on all the significations of the 4th house. The only exception to the above rule would arise either when Mars owns the 4th house or the lagna or becomes yogakaraka.

COMBINATIONS FOR DROWNING

We have a number of incidents where people who attempt to swim in the beach for pleasure get drowned accidentally. Now there are certain astrological rules to remember for drowning. If such combinations are present in a horoscope, it is suggested that such people should avoid water sports to whatever extent possible. If astrology is used in that sense, it would serve as a useful tool in saving the lives of people.

The combinations for drowning are:

- (1) If the 4th lord is weak and a debilitated planet conjunct a malefic occupies the 4th house.
- (2) If the lords of lagna and 7 together occupy the 4th house aspected by the 10th lord.
- (3) If the navamsa sign-dispositor of the 4th lord has the conjunction or aspect of 4th lord.

Combinations for being honest or dishonest

Before recruitment of candidates, Human Resources Department in any organization is required to give a "due diligence report" on the character and previous employment details of the candidates, before they are finally appointed. When persons are expected to discharge their duties

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in a fiduciary capacity (eg. *Trustees of Public Trusts*), it is very important to select persons with integrity. But the problem lies in finding out who is that honest person in all financial dealings. There are some persons who are selectively dishonest. Astrology comes to our rescue and gives important clues on the character of the person. Let us now look at these rules.

(1) If the 4th house is occupied by a malefic or if the 4th lord is aspected by a malefic or is conjunct malefics, the person will be dishonest.

(2) If the 4th house is occupied by Saturn, Mars or Rahu (*without aspect of benefics*) and the 10th lord, being a natural malefic is in 4 aspected by malefics, the person will be dishonest.

(3) If the 4th house is occupied by the Sun and (*a weak*) Moon, the person will be dishonest for a short time and thereafter he will become honest.

(4) If Jupiter and Venus occupy lagna or if a benefic occupies the 4th house with 4th lord conjunct a benefic, then the person will have pure heart.

(5) If the 4th lord is powerful and in favourable vargas such as Gopuramsa or if 4th lord occupies his own house or a friendly house in navamsa then also the person will be clean.

(6) If the 4th house is occupied by Rahu aspected by evil planets or if evil planets occupy the

4th, which happens to be a sign owned by a benefic planet, then the person will merely put on the appearance of a honest

“A person becomes a King or attains royal status, when either the 4th lord or the 10th lord is in conjunction with the lords of 5th and 9th (Brihat Parasara Hora sastra, on Raja Yoga 41/37)

man, though he may not be pure. **Combinations for owning houses, vehicles and other conveyances**

In ancient times, owning a horse not only gave its owner a prestigious status but also served as a vehicle. Even today people purchase fancy cars, not just for the purpose of travel but also as a status symbol. In the western countries, people own even private jets so that they need not have to bother about availability of seats in passenger airlines. When treatises on astrology were written in India, animal-drawn vehicles were in use. So, its authors while giving vent to their thoughts, while discussing the 4th house, wrote about horse-driven carriages etc. In modern times, we need to slightly modify these views and interpret them in the light of changes in lifestyle brought about by advances in Science and Technology.

(1) If the lagna lord occupies lagna in conjunction with both the Moon and the 4th lord, one will be endowed with horses (*or rather vehicles*)

(2) If the 4th house as well as the 4th lord are powerful and aspected by benefics, one will own conveyances.

(3) If the lord of the 4th conjoins the 9th lord and is strong by virtue of placement in own house, exaltation or in a trine house, the native will get conveyances, wealth and comforts through royal favour.

(4) One will have three vehicles, if the lord of 4th is conjunct Moon, Venus and Jupiter.

Note: the above verse emphasizes one basic premise in predictive astrology. The 4th lord, if strong, is enough to give enjoyment of one vehicle. But since there are three benefic planets, in conjunction with the 4th lord, each one of them imparts its benefic quality to the 4th lord.

(5) When the 4th lord occupies the 9th, Jupiter and Venus occupy the 4th and the lord of the 9th joins trines or quadrants, the person will have ornaments, clothes, conveyances and articles of comforts from many countries.

COMBINATIONS FOR ROYALTY.

The ultimate benefit that can arise out of powerful 4th house is ascending the throne or becoming a King. One has to keep in mind an important logical deduction arising out of astrological analysis – whenever combinations for royalty are present, the immediate conclusion one should arrive at is, there is no need for any further examination of other fortuitous combinations giving rise to wealth, conveyance, houses etc. Once a person becomes a King, naturally he will have all the wealth in his kingdom at his disposal, a palace with lots of servants and attendants, horses, elephants, all forms of conveyances and soldiers to defend the king and the kingdom. So, upon analyzing the horoscope and detecting a Raja Yoga which would come to pass, factors such as wealth, servants, conveyances, horses etc which are all part and parcel of a king's life need not be considered at all

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or rather the presence of regal paraphernalia should be taken for granted.

The following combinations can make one a King.

(1) A benefic in the 4th, the 4th lord exalted or in a quadrant or trine from lagna, 9th lord in exalted navamsa.

(2) The lord of 9 in a quadrant and also occupying exalted navamsa and if two more Planets are in exaltation.

(3) When a powerful 4th lord occupies lagna, and exalted benefic in 9th and the 2nd lord is in a quadrant.

(4) When the 4th lord is strongly placed in the 11th house or occupies the 4th house with Mars or if the 4th lord occupies the signs of Mars.

(5) If the lord of lagna, 4 and 9 are not combust (*or weak*) and occupies the 10th house and 10th lord is in lagna.

BHAGYA-VAHANA YOGA

Bhagyavahana yoga means a combination of planets which secures for the native good fortune in general and at the same time, possession of conveyances and similar comforts.

The following combinations give rise to the above yoga.

(1) When there is interchange of houses

- between lords of 4 and 9
- between lords of 4 and 11
- between lords of 4 and 5
- between lords of lagna and 4.

(2) When lords of 4 and 5 occupies their respective houses.

EDUCATION;

(1) If Venus occupies the 4th house one becomes proficient in

Music.

(2) If Mercury occupies the 4th house one becomes proficient in astrology.

“ THE FOURTH HOUSE AND KENDRADIPATHYA DOSHA:

One important concept having a major bearing on predictive astrology is Kendradipathya dosha. A natural benefic owning a quadrant becomes subject to this dosha, when it occupies a quadrant. Natural malefics do not suffer from Kendradipathya dosha, irrespective of where they are placed. When lords of 3,6 or 11 join a planet which suffers from Kendradipathya dosha, the dosha gets intensified and such effects of the dosha will be felt in full. For instance, if the 4th lord being a natural benefic occupies the 4th in conjunction with say, the 6th lord, the dosha may be said to be present. The effect of this dosha is vitiation of prospects relating to the 4th house such as mother, conveyances, happiness etc...

Let us now turn our attention to a few horoscopes with specific reference to the 4th house.

Case-study 1

Merc	Sun Venus	Rahu Moon Jup	
Sat	Case-study 1		
	4 May 1965		
	15:30 hrs		
	Chennai	Mars	
	RASI CHART		
	Ketu	Asc	

The native is blessed with a lucrative job overseas, with a long lived mother and all kinds of comforts. The 4th lord is not only the occupant of own navamsa, but also well placed in the 9th in conjunction with an exalted Moon. The 4th house is entirely free from malefic influences.

Case-study 2

Sat	Rahu	Mars	Sun
		Venus	Jup
	Case-study 2		
	29 June 1966		
	01.45 hrs		
	Mumbai		
	RASI CHART		
		Moon	
		Ketu	

The native lost his mother, when he was just about 12 years of age when Saturn dasa had just begun. The 4th lord Moon, which is also the

karaka of the 4th house gets relegated to the 8th bhava (*though occupying the 7th house*) in conjunction with Ketu. The lord of 4th from Chandra lagna has further vitiated the 4th house prospects.

Venus Mars Merc	Asc	Moon	
Rahu Sun Jup	Case Study-3 13 March 1951 09:00 hrs Chennai		Ketu
RASI CHART			Sat

	Rahu	Asc Venus Sun Merc
	Case Study-4 1 July 1984 05:45 hrs Chennai	
	RASI CHART	
Jup	Ketu	Mars Sat

The natives of case-studies 3, 4, and 5 were all drowned in a single incident, when they had gone on pilgrimage. While the first one took a plunge in the river, he was overpowered by the currents. When the second one came to his rescue seeing their plight he was also dragged by the currents. The third member volunteered to rescue them both and in this process, all of them met with a watery grave. Strictly speaking, life span is discussed in detail, while dealing with the 8th house but for the limited purpose of pointing out the link between 4th house and drowning incidents (*discussed earlier*) we will take up one rule and see its application in these charts. As mentioned earlier if the navamsa sign dispositor of the 4th house has the aspect/conjunction of 4th lord,

Venus Sun Merc	Moon Rahu	
Jup	Case study-5 15 March 1986 16:45 hrs Chennai	
	RASI CHART	
	Mars Sat	Ketu

one will get drowned. The drowning incident took place in Karnataka on 01 May 2001.

Case-study, 3: The 4th lord (*from Chandra lagna*) is Sun, which is placed in Gemini navamsa. whose sign dispositor is Mercury. Both Sun and Mercury (*though in different signs*) are conjunct, since they are only 2 degrees apart. Besides this point, the lagna- cum- 8th lord in the 12th house also gave the native a watery grave.

Case-study 4: The 4th lord Mercury is in Venus navamsa. Both Venus and Mercury are in conjunction. From Chandra lagna, 4th lord Venus is in Jupiter's navamsa. Both Venus and Jupiter are in mutual aspect.

Case-study 5: The 4th lord Mars is in Jupiter's navamsa. In Rasi, Mars aspects Jupiter. The 4th house being a Watery sign stands vitiated by the Mars – Saturn conjunction. This chart partially satisfies the rules for drowning (*which requires the 4th lord and its navamsa sign-dispositor to be in mutual aspect*) since Jupiter does not aspect Mars.

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The 5th house is vast in scope, because it not only deals with oneself in the present birth but also the karma inherited from previous births, as also the destiny of one's descendants. It also has vast spiritual connotations. To be born with an unblemished 5th house is the biggest boon, that can be conferred on an Individual in the cosmic scheme of things.

The Fifth House and its Implications

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THE most important house for enabling us to understand a horoscope as a whole is the fifth house. The doctrine of "*Poorva janma Karma*" or merits of deeds carried forward or transferred from previous births to the present birth is totally covered by this bhava. Since karma theory states that, "*As we sow so we reap*" or, "*Every deed produces some result, good or bad based on whether the deed itself is good or bad*". we have to inevitably come to the conclusion, that the fifth house acts as a fulcrum, having all the remaining eleven bhavas under its sway. One's entire gamut of thoughts is also covered by the fifth house. So being the case, no competent astrologer can venture to give any predictions, without giving adequate weightage to the prosperities of the 5th house.

Significations of Fifth House

The fifth house in any chart denotes:

(1) Merits of previous births accumulated, but ready to be spent in the current birth. In other words, the potential power of Sanchita Karma is reflected by the indications of the 5th house.

(2) Progeny

This can mean all matters connected to children.

(a) Whether children would be

male or female, or possibility of getting both female as well as male children.

(b) Doshas preventing the birth of children.

(c) Number of children a person is likely to have.

(d) Whether one's children would be happy or otherwise.

(e) Strrows on account of children

(f) Loss of children

The words used in Sanskrit such as "*Putra sokam*", "*Putrarishtam*" or "*Putra-nashtam*" are all intended to mean loss or affliction to a person with reference to children. For example, let us consider the term "*Putra-nashtam*" – which loosely translated means '*loss of children*'. It is used to denote the death of children. For instance, a strong Mars with malefic power in the 5th can lead to loss of children. But really the word "*Putra-nashtam*" has far reaching connotations. It means, "*a son who is of no use to his parents that he is as good as dead*".

In this context, I am reminded of a story by Leo Tolstoy titled "*God sees the truth but waits*". In that story, a person is exiled to Siberia for a murder not committed by him, but falsely attributed to him by the police on finding a blood-stained

knife in his bag. Eventually the truth comes out, and Tolstoy concludes the story on an enigmatic note saying "*By the time, order of his release came, the poor old man was already dead*". Many boys in our school were taught that the convicted person was never released, because he died before the release order came. When the District Educational Officer came to our school for inspection, he put this question to our boys, who explained the story as taught to us, but finally the Officer brought out the essence of the story stating that the literal meaning of the words of the author should not be inferred. The person was not dead, but as good as dead, as he had almost lived his whole life in a prison in Siberia.

Applying this principle here, we may say that all afflictions to the fifth house need not result in actual demise of children, but perhaps may lead to dissatisfactory state of affairs with regard to children. So the rules laid down in textbooks of Astrology need not be given their literal meaning.

(3) Thoughts

There is a saying in Sanskrit "*Buddhi karmanu Sarini*", which means a man's mind always functions under the influence of past karma. This principle is very important for all students of astrology, because it explains the

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rationale behind Astrology as a science. By looking at a chart, how can one say for sure that a particular event will happen? Let us take the case of foreign travel. If a person's past karma has to make him settle down abroad, first it gets reflected in the 5th house. Planets such as Jupiter seldom take a native abroad. Venus, Saturn or Rahu predominantly influencing the 5th house create a taste in a person for foreign territories and the glamour associated with that, besides a dislike for one's own culture and traditions. Such people eventually settle down abroad. (In some cases an afflicted 4th house can also give foreign settlement). So it is the fifth house, which instigates a person to do something and what he does or how he does that will come under the purview of the 10th house. Impact of that will be reflected in the 9th and the 11th houses. Like this, there is a cascading effect felt on the horoscope as a whole.

(4) Speculation

When astrology as a science was codified, stock markets did not exist. However, present day astrologers tend to look for success or failure in speculation by reading the 5th house, since success in speculation depends upon intuitive power. It may be quite correct to presume that a strong 5th house leads to success in speculation, while a weak 5th house would denote failure. Moreover activities such as stock market investments cannot be termed as just gambling, because there are lots of trained equity analysts, who guide people on investments. (Gambling was known in ancient times, because we find references to the dice game in Mahabharatu played

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between King Yudhishtira and Sakuni, but as gambling was considered as an activity leading to Adharma, no reference to that is found in the textbooks of Astrology). So the 5th house can be described as a house, which is capable of throwing light on events of a contingent nature in a person's life. Activities which are speculative in nature may be predicted on the basis of planetary influences on the Fifth House.

(5) Diseases

The 6th house is the house of diseases. But where mind itself is the cause of disease, then it can be deciphered from a combined analysis of both 5th and 6th houses. Such illnesses are termed as "psychosomatic diseases". According to Bhagawad Gita, there are three gates to hell viz.. desire or lust, anger and greed and hence one should give up these three negative traits (chapter 16, verse 21). When work is performed with ulterior or selfish motives, one gets caught in the "Karmic trap" (Ibid, 5/12). When thoughts are focussed upon worldly objects, it leads to desire for them; unfulfilled desire leads to anger; anger leads to forgetfulness of the spiritual path, which in turn leads to loss of intelligence and eventually one suffers destruction (spiritually or otherwise also) (Ibid, 2/62 – 63). In everyday life, we know that when we think impartially or unbiasedly, we get all the right

answers. But to be unbiased, the mind should be clear. All the emotions which play on one's mind can only contaminate the thought process. Further a person need not think about anything, unless otherwise required. Unwanted thoughts themselves pose great danger. Such people can very easily get insomnia and hypertension. I wish to conclude this analysis with the closing remark namely, "The nature of planets influencing the 5th house will dictate the course of thoughts; if thoughts play upon the mind in an unregulated manner, by itself it can be a contributory factor for occurrence of diseases. Our Rishis used to practise meditation or wilfully stopping the thought-process, mainly to avoid getting trapped by the mind".

Mantra Siddhi

It is very difficult to explain in laymen's language, meaning of the term "Mantra Siddhi", but it refers to a person's success in activating the inherent power of an incantation (mantra), by sheer concentration and practice, so that it becomes result-oriented. Lots of people spend many days, months or even years practising various mantras, pujas etc and one can hear some of them bemoaning their fate saying that all their spiritual practices constitute sheer waste of time and energy. It is here Astrology becomes a valuable

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tool; by looking at the strength of the 5th lord, one can say for sure whether the person will attain Mantra Siddhi or not. In the latter case, more efforts will be required and even if such efforts meet with failure, one should find solace in the fact that good deeds of the present birth will get carried forward to the subsequent births; one who has done lots of good karma in earlier births will derive Mantra Siddhi very easily in the present birth and similarly good deeds of current birth will yield benefits in subsequent births, if not exhausted in this birth itself. If the lord of the 5th house is very powerful, Mantra Siddhi will be conferred during the *dasa* of the 5th lord. Two important concepts need elaboration here.

There is no difference between a mantra and the deity to which it is addressed. The mantras transform themselves into gods, who have unlimited powers or potentialities. The second point we need to note is that mantras represent a double-edged sword. If recited properly, they become beneficial; if otherwise, they can produce untoward results.

Presence of the 5th lord in various houses:

The Table below gives the results of the 5th lord occupying the 12 bhavas

House	Effects
Lagna	One gets riches and vehicles. One becomes head of a community.
2	Domestic happiness, good speech
3	Courage, good personality, younger brother becomes famous
4	Good for vehicles, immovable property, political power
5	Becomes great in his sphere of activity; good at mathematics; friendly with people in power; good for children. Expert in Mantra Sastra.
6	Since 6 th is a Trika house, placement of 5 th lord in 6 is not good. From the point of view of 5 th house and its significations, enmity with children is possible. Maternal uncle becomes famous.
7	Renowned, learned, prosperous. One's children settle down abroad.
8	Paternal wealth will be lost on account of debts. Family might become extinct. Predisposition to lung diseases. One will become unhappy.
9	5 th house is comparable to Potential energy and 9 th to kinetic energy. When the 5 th lord occupies the 9 th , the potentialities of 5 th house are fully harnessed. One becomes a teacher or an exponent of some science with a spiritual bias.
10	A lord of trine joining a Kendra lord creates a Rajayoga. Even if the 5 th lord joins the 10 th , it is good for career. One also gets landed property and royal favour.
11	In this case, lord of 5 aspects 5 th house. What we discussed for 5 th lord in 5, become applicable here, partially. One becomes rich and learned. Success in all ventures. Sons turn helpful.
12	One becomes detached. Still lord of 5 in 12 means, <i>poorvapunya</i> is deficient and so the law of karma will work to one's disadvantage.

PLANETS IN THE FIFTH HOUSE:

SUN: All said and done. Sun is only a malefic and hence Sun in the 5th leads to unhappiness, unless it is otherwise well placed or influenced by benefics.

Moon: One will be honest and bereft of enemies. Clarity of mind will be there. Speculative tendencies will be there.

Mars : If Mars owns the 5th and is present there in Aries or Scorpio, it is good; because it gives the effects of 5th lord in 5, as discussed earlier. For Virgo lagna, Mars in 5 will strongly give the effects of 3rd lord in 5, bestowing courage and success. Per se, Mars as malefic in 5 is not desirable, as it makes a person rash and disturbs the serenity of mind, always.

Mercury : Bestow intelligence and makes one an advisor. Good for business since one will be blessed with financial and political acumen.

Jupiter: Gives daughters rather than sons since the dictum "*Karaka bhavanasaya*" (*karaka in bhava afflicts the bhava*) gets invoked. But in general one will be well behaved, knowledgeable in law, good at logic, having vehicles at one's disposal and having very good powers of description.

Venus : Venus in the 5th gives good knowledge, especially in poetry and music. One will have taste for Fine Arts.

Saturn : This is generally not a favourable combination. But if Saturn in this case is influenced by benefics, its evil potential is curtailed. The main reason why Saturn affects domestic life

while in 5 is because it influences 4 key houses, the viz. 2nd (*family and speech*), 5th (*progeny*), 7th (*spouse*) and 11th (*elder brother and fraternal relationships*)

Rahu: Afflicts progeny; colic and heart problems might arise; similar to Saturn in giving effects.

Ketu : Afflicts progeny; stomach troubles arise. One becomes spiritual in outlook.

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PARASARI RAJAYOGAS

According to Maharishi Parasara, any link between a Kendra Lord and a Trikona lord is enough to generate a Rajayoga. The trinal lords are lords of 5 and 9. So if the lord of 5 joins a Kendra lord, a Raja yoga results then and there. The conjunction of Lagna Lord with the 5th lord results in a Raja Yoga par excellence.

SENSITIVE POINTS

BEEJA SPHUTA: Add longitudes of Sun, Venus and Jupiter in a male horoscope. Expunge multiples of 360 degrees. The sign arrived at indicates Beeja Sphuta. In a male, this sensitive point should fall in an odd sign and navamsa. Further, if benefics aspect this house, it is all the more beneficial. If all good features mentioned above are present, it means the person has the required virility and planetary support to become the progenitor of a child.

Ketu 344°38'	Moon 26 52'	Jup 62°34'
Sun 301°52'	Case-study 1 14 Feb. 1978 16.54 hrs Chennai	Asc 103°50'
Venus 307 27'		Mars 90°21'
Merc 292°13'	RASI CHART	Sat 123°43'
		Rahu 164°38'

Ketu Moon	Mars
	Case-study 2 19 Dec 1958 06.50 hrs Chengleppe
	RASI CHART
Asc Venus Sat Sun	Merc Jup Rahu

Merc Sun	Sat Moon	Mars
Venus	Case-study 3 29 March 1944 22.00 hrs Tanjore	Rahu Jup
Ketu	RASI CHART	
	Asc	

KSHETRA SPHUTA: In this case, we add up the longitudes of Mars, Moon and Jupiter, expunge the multiples of 360 degrees. The sign arrived at is called Kshetra Sphuta, which should preferably fall in a female sign and navamsa, aspected by benefics. This indicates the potential of a girl to beget a child.

Case-study 1 is an example of female infertility. As discussed, it would be advisable to look at the Kshetra Sphuta using the formula mentioned above.

	Degrees	ms.
Longitude of Moon	26	52
Longitude of Mars	90	21
Longitude of Jupiter	62	34
	179	47

The Kshetra Sphuta falls in Virgo, which is an Even sign. But the drawback here is that it is fairly close to Rahu and without benefic aspect in it. This explains the problem related to the 5th house significations.

When lord of the 5th occupies the 5th house itself, one will be an expert in whatever field one chooses to specialize. Additionally, one will be an expert in mantra sastra. It also gives excellent powers of concentration and intuition. All these are proved correct in the case-study 2, who is an authority on Management. He is a Chartered Accountant, certified information systems Auditor and also a doctorate in Management. He has profound knowledge of Vedas and is an acclaimed authority on Vedic Management.

When focussed meditation (*Upasana*) is done on a particular deity, one will obtain Siddhi. When

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certain mantras are chanted for a specified period or times. Mantra-siddhi arises. Pre-requisite for getting Mantra-siddhi is a strong 5th house. This dictum is proved right in the case-study 3, (who resides in Chennai), who is gifted with Mantra-siddhi through the grace of Lord Ganapati. In fact,

Homam, everyday in his house. In his horoscope, lord of the 5th is exalted in the 9th, aspecting Ketu in the 3rd (who denotes Lord Ganapati). From Chandra Lagna also, the lord of the 5th is Vargottama aspecting the 5th house. Mantrasiddhi was conferred upon him in Jupiter dasa

aspecting the 5th) in the month of July, 1975. This is proof enough of the astrological dictum that a strong 5th lord would confer Mantra Siddhi while, in its Mahadasa. Incidentally, the bhukti lord happened to be Mercury who as the lord of the 5th in the 11th (from Moon), Vargottama, is fully qualified to bestow this power.

The Sixth House of debt, diseases and enemies

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If the 6th lord with a malefic is in the lagna or in the 8th, the body will have sores or cuts. Bilious complaints are possible, if the lagna lord, 6th lord and Mercury are in conjunction. If the lords of lagna and 6 join Rahu or Ketu, one will get headache often.

When lagna lord, 6th lord and Jupiter are conjunct, one will be free from diseases.

IN our analysis of the 12 houses of Zodiac undertaken so far, we had a look at houses one to five, which are all auspicious by their very nature. Moving in serial order from Lagna onwards, we now descend on the first of the three Trika houses, which symbolize evil indications.

The significations of the 6th house are as follows:

Enemies; Debts; Diseases; Disappointment; Miseries or Sorrows; Wounds or Cuts; Thieves; Maternal uncle; Taste for pickles etc.

If we look at the above list carefully, we find that the last two need not be bad. But they not necessarily be good also. Kamsa was maternal uncle of Lord Krishna, but met with his end on account of his enmity with the latter. Taste for pickles is very common in some parts of India, but unless one is suffering from hypertension or cardiac problems, it cannot be classified as bad. Nowadays, doctors keep telling their patients, "Avoid Pickles", because they cannot check the blood pressure everyday and suggest whether the patient should have pickles or not. There is hardly any nutrition value in pickles and avoiding them won't cause any damage and as one doctor puts it. "The tongue is the

main cause of all diseases. If people stopped eating what their taste buds recommend and switch over to a healthy diet, everyone would become healthy".

The human body is considered as the abode of diseases and pleasures (*Roga-bhogalaya*). Simultaneously one can be experiencing pleasures and also suffering from diseases. An example of this would be a diabetic having coffee with sugar substitutes. In fact there are many shops now open during Diwali season which sell sweetmeats made using sugar substitutes.

Some of the rules relating to the 6th house and their impact on horoscopes.

- 1) If the 6th lord with a malefic is in the lagna or in the 8th, the body will have sores or cuts.
- 2) If there is a conjunction of the lagna lord with Moon, Mercury, Sun and Rahu, one will have Syphilis.
- 3) If Sun, Moon, Mercury and lagna lord conjoin, one will have diseases of blood.
- 4) Suppose a three planet conjunction, of which two planets are lagna lord and lord of 6. If the other planet happens to be Sun, there is threat of fever; If it is Moon, there is danger from water; if it is Mars, there is danger in battle field.

5) Bilious complaints are possible, if the lagna lord, 6th lord and Mercury are in conjunction.

When someone is having a cold, we say that we should not mix with them because the infection spreads through air. But how come doctors, who see infected patients day in and day out never fall sick? One view is that they would have inhaled several strains of these pathogens, that they should have developed sufficient immunity to it. Likewise one can really feel sick, when reading about the sixth house in any text book on Astrology. However we are going to get some welcome relief from that when we see the following rule:

When the 3 planets in conjunction are lagna lord, 6th lord and Jupiter, one will be free from diseases.

6) If lagna lord, 6th lord and Saturn conjoin, one will have Vata or Windy complaints.

I wish to spend a little time dwelling on this rule. Why does conjunction of lagna lord, 6th lord and Saturn give rise to say, rheumatism? Lagna lord denotes the body. 6th lord denotes diseases. Saturn denotes Air element. Linking all the three, the disease on account of the air element is felt in the body. So this interlinking is important. That is how the disease gets transmitted.

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I wish to cite one example here. Let us say you are watching World Cup Soccer on TV. If there is a power-cut in your house, you can't watch the programme. The same is the result, if your cable operator suffers a power-cut. If the channel from where the programme originates suffers disruption, you can't see the programme. So the programme emanates from the channel operator goes to cable operator and enters the TV in your house. If one of the links gets severed, you can't watch the programme. Likewise, the conjunction of lagna lord, 6th lord and Saturn is indicative of rheumatism or any such disorder of air element. The 6th lord joins Saturn and vitiates the air element. The conjunction with lagna lord implies that you are getting the disease.

7) If the lords of lagna and 6 join Rahu or Ketu, one will get headache.

Now, if you see the above rule and compare it with what is happening in today's world, you can see the irony. You go to a doctor with a headache. Some analgesic is given, which is usually paracetamol or ibuprofen or a combination of both. The doctor might have made a diagnosis of what is wrong with the system. Supposing the patient were to have the combination mentioned above, how on earth the doctor is going to know that planets are the root cause of disease. Hence there is a crying need for spreading the science called "*Medical Astrology*". As Shakespeare put it,

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your

philosophy" Hamlet Act I, scene 5, 159-167

Surely, a day might come, when the horoscope of a person would supply all the inputs required for understanding the karmic state of a person and its role in causing disease.

8) If the lagna lord, 6th lord and Saturn join a quadrant or trine, a person will be imprisoned.

Jupiter is the planet of expansion, Saturn is the planet of contraction. You can even say, Jupiter represents freedom, Saturn symbolizes loss of freedom and consequent suffering. Going to Jail is due to an inauspicious yoga, termed "*Bandhana yoga*".

9) If the lords of lagna and 6, conjoin Mars, one will get small pox.

10) If the Sun in 6 is with a malefic, and aspected by another malefic, one will suffer from bilious complaints.

11) One suffers from "*Rakta Pitta*", if Mars occupies the 6th and conjoins a malefic and also occupies the navamsa of a malefic.

"*Rakta Pitta*" is nothing but hypertension. Recently a person went to an Ayurvedic doctor seeking medicine for high blood pressure. The doctor said, "*Hypertension is not a disease. So I cannot give any medicine*". The patient was perplexed. What the doctor said is true. Hypertension by itself is not a disease. It is a symptom of some problem in the system. If the liver or kidney is not functioning properly, your hypertension will go up. Apart from this, BP has several causes.

In another case, a person went to a doctor with high BP. The doctor

made a quick diagnosis and said, "This drug you have to take not only in this life time, but also in your next birth." The underlying Truth is BP drugs should never be discontinued. If you discontinue the BP drug, one fine day, the disease will strike without a warning.

Going to park for a morning walk, moderate salt in diet, maintaining the same weight, eating high fibre and low cholesterol foods are all very good things to do, but don't forget the doctor's medication and never resort to your own medication. Usually the doctor is supposed to know more about the disease than the patient.

12) If the Moon and Mars conjoin in the 6th house, one will get Leucoderma.

I wish to state that Leucoderma is also a Pitta disorder. In the Ayurvedic textbook, "*Ashanga Hridayam*", there is a formulation called "*Tiktakam Ghritam*",. This has a bitter taste and usually for all the Pitta complaints, this drug is prescribed. So, in the treatment of leucoderma, this is sometimes used.

13) When Mercury is in the 6th aspected by a malefic and also joins a malefic navamsa, phlegmatic disorders are given rise to.

A word of advice needs to be given here. According to Ayurveda, Gingelly oil mitigates Vata, Honey mitigates kapha or phlegm and Ghee mitigates Pitta. So if you take milk with honey the phlegm is controlled, but if you take milk with sugar, phlegm gets increased. So people who have problems with phlegm should as far as possible, avoid sweets, ice creams etc. and cut down on

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sugar to the extent possible.

14) When Saturn, aspected by a malefic occupies the 6th joining an evil navamsa, one will suffer from Gulma roga (or enlargement of spleen).

15) If Jupiter and Mercury occupy the 6th house or if the 6th house / lord falls in the houses of Jupiter and Mercury, one will be fond of pickles.

Some basic concepts

We now consider an example, where Saturn as the lord of 6 is in the 6th house itself. This can happen in a case, where a person born in Leo lagna has Saturn in Capricorn.

a) By occupying the 6th house, Saturn becomes the occupant of an Upachaya house and therefore favourable.

b) The lord of any bhava in that bhava itself is a welcome feature. This also applies to Saturn here.

c) A natural malefic in the 6 is good for both health as well as happiness and that principle is satisfied here.

d) We know that the lord of 6 in 6 generates a very auspicious yoga termed as "Harsha yoga".

e) The aspect of Saturn falls on 3,8 and 12. We know Saturn's aspect vitiates a house. Here all the quadrants and trines which are the main pivotal houses in any birth chart are exempt from Saturn's malefic aspect.

So in a situation like this, we find occupation of Saturn in the 6th house as a redeeming aspect of the chart.

Consider a case, when Mars as a yogakaraka for Leo Ascendant occupies the 6th house.

a) Mars as a natural malefic in 6 is welcome.

b) Yogakaraka planet exalted is good for the chart.

c) Lords of 4 and 9 in 6 is a negative feature.

d) Lord of 9 aspecting the 9th house is good.

Overall if the chart is seen, this will make out a case for fluctuating fortunes. No doubt, this scenario is blessed with a lot of good points. But the relegation of the lord of fortune (9th house lord) to an evil house is an irreparable damage, which cannot be compensated, however well the other planets may be located.

I have discussed both these planetary positions in detail, so that one can comprehend the subtle differences which crop up on account of difference in lordships and due to differences in the basic qualities of planets.

Certain important rules in disease-causation and cure

A study of the 6th house would prove to be ineffective, if we do not understand certain principles about the cause and cure of diseases.

1. When someone falls sick, we immediately try to give them rich foods, so that their immunity level goes up and their recovery is fast. Actually whenever someone falls sick, their food intake should be drastically reduced. As the adage goes "A drink of milk given to a snake only increases its poison". (Paya panam bhujanganam kevalam visha vardhanam). So unless the toxins or "Ama" as it is referred to in Ayurveda, is completely expelled from the system, the patient will not recover and appetite will be poor.

2. I know a person, who was perfectly healthy. He used to go for long walks and took

considerable pride about his exercise habits and his health. One day, he went for a medical checkup. The doctor upon taking the test, pronounced that the person was a confirmed diabetic. The gentleman was so shocked that he went into some kind of depression. Was all the exercise he was doing not able to prevent the onset of diabetes? The answer is simple. Diabetes is a hereditary disease. So a single gene transmitted from parents at birth is enough to trigger this disease at a particular age. However in some cases, lazy people do get diabetes, because of their excessive food intake, sedentary habits and poor digestion. A seminar in diabetes was held sometime back, when a foreign delegate said "Diabetes is a disease of prosperity". If you see the statistics, rich people get it more often than the poor. The poor people who toil day in and day out are generally healthy, because whatever food they consume is easily digested and the Calories are spent out.

3. We hear people saying, that Amla (Indian Gooseberry) is good for health, because it contains Vitamin C. I think that the first part of the statement alone is correct. Amla is good for health, because it is anti-pitta. That it contains Vitamin C is incidental. All substances which are sour promote pitta, but Amla is an exception. Pomegranate fruit is another fruit which though sour will not promote pitta. Similarly substances of bitter and pungent taste will promote vata – exceptions being garlic and the herb called Gudici (Tinospora Cordifolia). Similarly Abhaya (Terminalia Chebula or

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Haritaki in Sanskrit), though an astringent substance, is hot in potency and non-obstructive in nature, contradicting the rule that Astringent substances are cold in potency and obstructive in nature. These unique herbs and plants find extensive use in Ayurvedic medicine.

Sleep

It is said in Ashtanga Hridayam that happiness, good physique, strength, knowledge and very existence of life in the body depend on good sleep. Sleeping at improper times and also lacking or over-indulging in sleep could destroy a person like kalaratri (*the goddess of death*) . Sleeping during daytime increases moisture in the body. Sleeping during daytime is not good for health, but there are a few exceptions like old people or people with indigestion can sleep during daytime. For a person with throat infection, even sleeping at night is supposed to be bad, which means sleep itself does only harm to a person with throat infection.

Ojas is considered as the essence of Kapha (*or phlegm*). Anger, worry, grief or exertion tends to decrease vata. Ojas when present in sufficient quantity in the body gives strength , nourishment and contentment. Please note that tea or coffee deplete Ojas. Narcotics such as opium , bhang etc will also deplete Ojas – same is the case with tobacco.

Drinking of coffee once in the morning is okay, but try to avoid the second , if possible . Apart from depleting the ojas, it can disrupt sleep also. After taking coffee , if a person gets sleep , that sleep will only be shallow. Only deep sleep is nourishing to

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Planets and Body parts

The correlation between the planets and body parts is explained in the following Table:

Saturn	-	Nerves, Muscles.
Sun		Bone
Moon	-	Blood
Mercury	-	Skin
Venus		Semen
Jupiter		Brain
Mars		Bone marrow

We now see the correlation between the Tridoshas and the planets in the following Table.

Vata	-	Saturn, Mercury, Rahu
Pitta	-	Sun , Mars ,Ketu
Kapha	-	Moon , Jupiter, Venus.

Mind and its rule in disease causation

The Moon is the karaka of mind. So an afflicted Moon will cause diseases. How the mind works is a vast science by itself, but we will see a few concepts relating to mind. The job of the eye is to see, the ear is to hear and so on. The job of the mind is to gather all this information filter the same and give it to us for necessary action. Take the computer for instance. It does lots of jobs for us. But you are not the computer – you are the Master of the computer and the device is your servant. Likewise, you as the Atman or Soul are the master and the Mind is your servant. What happens if the servant conducts a mutiny and becomes the Master? For a vast majority of people in this world, this event has already happened. They are hapless victims caught in the trap laid by the Mind. So, today, the mind says “*Go to some theatre in the evening*” - and you go. Your free-will is completely lost. There is a tyrant within “*you*” and “*you*” listen to all his commands. The only way to overcome the enemy is to become the witness of the Mind and you once again begin to shine in all your glory. Mind is a very good tool when used properly, but when misused it takes over as Master and subjects the Inner Self to slavery.

Once the correct use of mind is understood, you overcome all your mental problems or diseases and move over to the higher potential of Self-realisation. Only then, you can transcend the mind to Pure Awareness, which is an entity outside the prisons called time, space and causation.

We will now move on to a few case studies on sixth bhava.

Sat (R)	
Rahu Moon	Mars (R)
Case-study 1	
RASI CHART	
Jup	Merc Venus Asc Sun
Ketu	

Case-study 1 belongs to a person who is hale and healthy, though he is more than 90 years of age. He travels alone in Public Transport buses and needs no help. All planets are in kendras, except Jupiter which is strongly placed in the 2nd aspecting the 6th house. The Lagna lord is debilitated, but the point to be noted is that according to Kalidasa in Uttarakalamritam, a debilitated planet when retrograde gives the effects of an exalted planet. So we can say that Mars as the Lagna lord is as strong as it would be while in Capricorn. Since Mars owns the 6th house as well, the overall beneficial features have enabled the native to live a long healthy life.

Moon	Asc	Mars
Jup (R)	Rahu	
Ketu	Sun	
Sat (R)	Merc	
Case-study 2		Venus
RASI CHART		

Case-study 2 is an example of Rheumatism. We just now discussed the rules about the disease in Rule 6 above but a little bit of explanation needs to be done while understanding the problem. Students taking up examinations know very well that an Examiner would like to coin new problems in the Question paper, rather than take a Model Problem from the textbook. The intention in that case would be to make the Examination look challenging. Being a Chartered Accountant myself I can say that what we study in the books for the CA course has nothing to do with the Exam where we see a totally new problem being discussed. Likewise one cannot find the same combination prescribed by Textbooks on Astrology, while reading charts. The Combinations may be similar but not the same. Rule 6 states that the conjunction of Lagna lord, 6th lord and Saturn would lead to rheumatism. Here, the Lagna lord Venus also happens to be the 6th lord and is debilitated. Two malefics - waning Moon and Mars afflict Venus by their aspect. An afflicted Saturn aspects the 6th house. Though the verbatim rule does not occur here we can say that effectively the rule which presupposes affliction to the Lagna, 6th and Saturn is satisfied here. One more point that needs mention

here is that the native met with an untimely death due to a car accident. More on this subject we shall discuss while dealing with the eighth house.

	Jup	Venus	Mars Rahu
Sat (R)	Case-study 3		Sun
Moon	RASI CHART		Merc
Ketu			Asc

Case-study 3 is an example of diabetes. Diabetes involves a link between Lagna lord, 6th lord and either Jupiter or Venus.

Here lagna lord Mercury is in 12, directly aspected by 6th lord Saturn. Saturn aspects Jupiter which in turn aspects the 12th house.

Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter are in three evil houses namely 6, 8 and 12. Venus also does not fare well, because it is very close to the 8th lord Mars. Diabetes is essentially a disease connected to Metabolism and therefore the serious afflictions to Jupiter and Venus and the unholy nexus between Lagna lord, 6th lord and Jupiter cannot but lead to this chronic disease.

SEVENTH HOUSE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

One of the key houses to be analyzed when we take up a chart for analysis is the 7th house. The 7th house at once, happens to be

- The 7th house from lagna
- 4th house from 4th
- 10th house from 10

So it is a key link for the 4 quadrant houses namely lagna, 4,7 and 10. It is a mirror image for Lagna. To be clear, just as 7th is the 7th house from lagna; while lagna is the 7th house if we analyze a horoscope treating 7th as lagna.

(This is required when we choose to analyse a chart from 7th, Kalatra bhava for marital prospects).

Combination for being blessed with family

Reckoned from the house occupied by the 7th lord, if the 2nd, 7th and the 11th are occupied by the benefics, the wife of that person will enjoy all happiness and the couple will be endowed with good children.

If the lords of 2,7 and 12 occupy either trines or quadrants aspected by Jupiter, the aforesaid results accrue to the native.

To understand these rules better let us study them in a bit more detail. The 2nd house is the house of family, 7th is the house of marriage and the 12th relates to pleasures associated with married life. When the aforesaid lords are well placed and also aspected by Jupiter, good results accrue.

Many astrologers are consulted when parents are eager to know when their children would get married. The word “Kalyanam” in Sanskrit means “auspicious”. So “Kalyana Kalam” means “auspicious time”. You are now running “Kalyana Kalam” means you are running a good time. In Sanskrit the

equivalent term for “marriage” is “vivaha” . Why I am discussing this matter in detail is that there are lots of periods in a person’s life when “Kalyana kalam” would operate but that doesn’t mean the person would get married each time.

Marriage is indicated during the dasha of that planet which

- 1) occupies the 7th house
- 2) aspects the 7th house
- 3) owns the 7th house

When the lord of 7th in transit occupies the 7th house, that is a suitable time for marriage.

Take the following pairs of planets

(1)

- (a) Rasi sign dispositor of 7th lord.
- (b) Navamsa sign dispositor of 7th lord.

(2)

- (a) Venus
- (b) Moon

Out of the two pairs given above, choose the stronger pair.

When Jupiter transits a sign trine to the Rasi or Navamsa occupied by the 7th lord when the dasha of the aforesaid planet is in progress, marriage will take place.

In the above illustration let us say, Venus and Moon are stronger. Let us say Mars as the 7th lord is in Aries and Jupiter is in Leo in transit. Venus dasha is in progress. This is the probable time for marriage according to the rule , we have discussed .

There is a general rule in transit that Jupiter gives good results in general. Astrologers tend to confuse this rule stating “Gurubalam” has come, now the native will get married”.

If there are so many rules for getting married, then how come there are so many unmarried persons in society? The answer is simple :- It is not enough if the text book rules are satisfied-the concerned planet must be strong enough to ensure marriage takes place. If not, the promise of marriage will be there but in reality that person will not get married.

Maraka connotations of 7th house

The maraka connotations of 7th house needs careful scrutiny. Let us say a girl is 25 years old and she is running Jupiter dasha, with Jupiter in the 7th in her birth chart. This may prove to be an ideal time for her to get married. Let us say she is 75 years old, she is running Jupiter dasha, with Jupiter in the 7th in her birth chart. This may prove to be an ideal time to leave the world. The same planet has two functions-when time is ripe it gets her married; when time is over it takes her back to the place where she came from. Please note that a Maraka planet can do its role at a younger age also, if longevity is absent in the chart. This is where knowledge, coupled with wisdom and interpretation skills are required in Astrology.

7th house and overseas travel

In older days, going abroad had a different meaning altogether.

1. In India, convicts were exiled and sent to Andaman and Nicobar islands.
2. In Soviet Union, convicts were exiled to Siberia.
3. In UK, convicts were deported to Australia. In those days only convicts stayed in Australia.

In Indian mythology, we have the example of Lord Sri Rama, being sent to the forest for 14 years.

In all these cases, going to a foreign country was an undesirable thing. Today going abroad is the most preferred option because you are assured of a high income, social status and very good living comfort. Near Hyderabad there is a temple called Chilkur Balaji temple, where lots of Visa-seekers queue up everyday since there is a belief that the presiding deity of the temple, lord Balaji would certainly fulfil this particular aspiration of the devotees.

1. If the 7th lord occupies the lagna, one will go abroad.

2. One will go abroad, as a crew of a ship if 7th lord is with benefics.
3. One earns wealth in a Foreign country if 9th lord is in the 7th house.
4. Marriage in a foreign country or with a foreigner is possible if lord of 7 is in 12 or if 12th lord is in 7th house.

Please note that a strong 7th house promotes overseas travel. A strong 7th lord or a strong planet aspecting the 7th house (see discussion on Chart 2) will promote overseas travel. When 7th house is aspected by a number of planets one gets overseas residence (see discussion on chart 3). When the 7th lord occupies a house of Saturn in either Rasi or Navamsa one goes abroad (see discussion on chart 1). Saturn, Rahu and Venus have an inherent alien nature which makes them causative of foreign travel while Mars gives foreign travel only when associated with the 7th house.

7th house and marriage-certain Intricacies

1. A person may have two marriages if Saturn is in 2 and Rahu is in 7.
2. If Saturn, Venus and Mars are weak and occupy 2,4,7,8 or 12, the person will have two wives.
3. If Venus is in 7 with Saturn the person will be attached to his own wife.
4. If Mercury is in 7, the person will be addicted to women, other than his spouse.
5. A person's wife will be deeply devoted to him if Jupiter occupies 7th house.
6. A person will be skilled and tactful if Rahu is in 7. (The Sanskrit term used is "Nipuna" which means skill, tact or being adept in performance of tasks).
7. A person's wife will be a shrew, if Ketu is in 7.

After going through these rules, the reader might get a few doubts which I will address now.

We know that benefics promote the quality of a bhava and malefics spoil them.

Please don't apply this rule verbatim to 7th bhava. There is a slight variation here. Read the first rule again. A person will have two wives if Saturn is in 2 and Rahu is in 7. When malefics occupy 2 or 7, the house of family and the house of wife are both afflicted. So the indications of that bhava are vitiated.

So, as an astrologer you would predict : "That person will not have a family: That person will be unmarried: That person will live as a bachelor or spinster"- is it not?" But the Founding Fathers of Astrology took a different view.

That person will have two wives. How come Jupiter in 7 gives only one wife, while Rahu gives two? I will explain the reason now.

When the seventh bhava is supposed to exist in a horoscope , the person will get married. Assume for instance, 7th lord is in 9- that person will get married. Now Jupiter in 7, gives a deeply devoted wife .So the person is satisfied and he will not look out for extra –marital affairs. Under the same condition, if Rahu is in 7, then the wife of that person will not give marital happiness. Since the yoga for getting married exists and an unfulfilled married life is in operation due to Rahu, the 7th lord in 9 generates a desire for extra-marital affairs. Hence the rule is : Saturn in 2 and Rahu in 7 will give two wives.

In any horoscope the mutual dispositions of Mars and Venus need to be assessed carefully . Venus is associated with marriage, happiness, fertility , physical beauty and friendship. Mars is associated with fortitude ,aggression high energy levels and sensual gratification. Union of these two planets in a chart, especially in relation to the seventh house is a warning sign. Parents need to bring up kids with such combinations with care. If such a combination gets the aspect of Jupiter , the evil is neutralised. Venus is the Karaka planet for 7th house. Venus in Scorpio predisposes a person to physical attraction while Venus in Cancer may lead to a person marrying twice, due to vacillation of mind. In general Venus is supposed to be a "tricky" planet and when its major period is in operation people should guard themselves from trivial desires which may eventually cause great harm. Conjunction of Venus with Rahu will also predispose a person to opt for a life partner of his /her choice.

Kendradipathya dosha

In every textbook on Astrology, you will get one standard rule. "When Jupiter is in the 7th house one will get a devoted and loving spouse."But please note that this rule has several exceptions.

One such exception is Kendradipathya dosha. If the Lagna of a person happens to be Gemini , Virgo ,Saggittarius or Pisces, then Jupiter in the 7th is not going to be of any use in marriage related matters: on the other hand it is positively harmful. What is the reason? The answer is : Kendradipathya yoga. Peculiarly enough this dosha haunts only benefics: Jupiter, Venus, Mercury and waxing Moon. Malefics are exempt from this dosha. Please note that to come under the evil of Kendradipathya it is not enough if the planet is the owner of a quadrant-Simultaneously it should be an occupant of a quadrant. This dosha occurs when benefics become owners –cum- occupants of quadrants. Some scholars opine that if a boy has Jupiter in the 7th (for say Virgo lagna)then the horoscope can be matched with that of a girl who has Mars in 7.Thus Kendradipathya dosha is strong enough to neutralize even Kuja dosha.

We will wind up the theoretical part of the 7th house with this and move over to our discussion on case studies.

THE EIGHTH HOUSE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

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Three undesirable houses in a horoscope are the Sixth (ruling debts, diseases and enemies), the Eighth (ruling over life, misfortune), and the Twelfth (ruling over failure, loss expenditure). Contrary to what everyone believes, the Eighth house does not represent death. Because the Eighth house is an undesirable house and death is an undesirable event, people wrongly understand that the Eighth house represents death. "The day I had dreaded has come; the final loneliness is here." wrote Pearl S Buck in *A Bridge for Passing* (1962). In this sentence she describes the death of Richard Walsh, her husband, articulating her emotions as the survivor. A practical perception on death occurs in the Mahabharata. To the question "What is the most wonderful thing in this world?" *Yudhistira* responds:

*Ahani ahani bhutani gacchantih yamamandiram|
Sesah sthavaram icchanti kim ascharyam atah param||*

[Every human sees that many living entities die every moment, but still that human imagines that he/she is permanent and make elaborate arrangements for pleasure. That behavior is the most wonderful thing in this world.]

In *Stillness speaks* Eckhart Tolle writes: "Death is not the opposite of life; the opposite of death is birth; life is eternal" (page 103). Tolle offers a remark, in passing, on reincarnation: "Reincarnation doesn't help you in your next incarnation if you still don't know who you are (Ibid, page 52). Self-realization can take place only, when you are in this physical body". In *The Power of Now* Tolle explains this with an analogy: "If you saw an angel and mistook it for a stone statue all you would have to do is to adjust your vision and look more closely at the stone statue — not start looking at somewhere else. You would then find that there never was a stone statue (, page 164).

Satyam bruyat; priyam bruyat; na bruyat satyam apriyam (speak truth; speak what is pleasant; never speak an unpleasant truth) – is an ancient Sanskrit adage. An intelligent practitioner of astrology will not predict death. An average astrologer cannot foresee the death of a person. So it is better that a client ceases to seek an answer to this question since neither of the two can direct the client to the right answer. A misconception that usually prevails in both scholars and students of astrology is that the lord of the Eighth house existing in either the Sixth or the Twelfth house will offer *viparita raja yoga*. I cannot understand how this yoga is so grossly misunderstood. If the lord of the Eighth House exists in either Sixth house or Twelfth house, will not the person's longevity get restrained? If a person does not live, then who will receive the fruits of *viparita raja yoga*? Note that lord of Eighth House in house Eight bears good effects: the *sarala yoga*. Presence of the lord of the Eighth House in houses Six or Twelve is a major affliction in a horoscope. Note that the lord of the Eighth House should be strong, but for longevity to exist in a chart, the lagna lord should be stronger than the lord of the Eighth house.

Esoteric meaning of Eighth house

Instead of my elaboration on the esoteric meaning of the Eighth house and its implications, I would rather allow the reader to have a look at the views of Vaughn Paul Manley, which offer insights into the functionality of the Eighth house. If you were to discuss the prospects of the Eighth house with an astrologer, he/she will only offer skeptical thoughts on it. Let us look at Vaughn Paul Manley's analysis on the connotations of Eighth House in his article entitled *Transformation and change*. Manley says: "The Eighth House has earned the dubious reputation as an undesirable house in Astrology. It is the one capable of causing most damage, even death, and it's hard to get more morbid than that. It can be summed up as the house of change — sudden, dramatic and intense change. As a society we love the kind of drama, which the Eighth house provides, as long as it involves someone else!" Even though it is valid, from an astrological standpoint, to explain the effects of the Eighth house as malefic, it is our attitude about that change that is critical. Our happiness is

internal. "People are disturbed not by things, but by the view they take of them," writes Greek philosopher Epictetus (1st century BC) Astrology reveals the likely outcome of our external situation, but not our internal reaction to it. That is our choice, from a moment to another. Either we choose to be the victims of our fate or we rise above it.

Similar to compost taking time to transform from biological waste, the blessing the Eighth house would offer takes time to be revealed. According to the Dalai Lama, "Sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck." We all know of people who have lost their dreams only to find that something better was awaiting them, if not immediately, but eventually. Carl Jung says, "Whatever is not conscious will be experienced as fate."

Rules governing the Eighth house

Consider these three planets – Lagna lord, Eighth lord and Eleventh Lord. If these planets occupy a quadrant or a trine or the Eleventh House, longevity is assured.

The lord of the Tenth house is the lord of karma —how is it useful in offering longevity to a person? If a person has a long career ahead of him, should he not be alive in the first place? Now we will discuss three rules, which help resolving the question of longevity.

- When the lords of the lagna, and Eighth and Tenth houses are strong and at the same time not influenced by Saturn in any manner, the person will live long.
- When out of the three planets viz., lagna lord, lord of the Eighth House and the Tenth lord, only two are strong, life span will be of medium length.
- When none of them is strong, longevity could be said as absent.

If the lord of the Eighth bhava occupies a *dustana* (6,8,12) in conjunction with a malefic, the person will be short lived. Please understand the subtle difference between what was discussed earlier and this rule. If the lord of Eighth bhava is in 8, longevity will be there, more so if it is aspected by a benefic. If a malefic conjoins the Eighth lord in the Eighth house, then the person will be short lived.

Rekha yoga

The result of being born in Rekha yoga is that he/she would forbear neither knowledge nor wealth; he/she would be penurious, hostile, lustful, and wrathful; his/her mind always remains distressed; he/she is disagreeable, having neither charm nor grace; he/she is crafty; he/she lives in alms; he/she is filthy and quarrelsome; he/she is full of envy and rage; he/she verbally abuses God and educated people; he/she will be detested by his/her own family".

The following astrological combinations give rise to Rekha yoga:

- When the lagna lord is weak and aspected by lord of the Eighth House and if Jupiter is combust.
- When benefics occupy the 6,8 and 12 bhavas, while the malefics occupy either quadrants or trines and lord of Eleventh house is weak.
- When lagna lord is weak, while the lords of 8 and 9 are conjunct in Fifth house.

The above list is illustrative only. Please note that in all the above, the lord of the Eighth house has a major role to play in subjecting the person to deprivation of good things in life and humiliation.

Eighth house in Charts of Females

Mars in the Eighth house in a chart of a male will cause his death, but not that of his wife. In the chart of a female (who is married), Mars in Eighth House will result in the death of her husband, but has no bearing on her longevity. In charts of spinsters this rule is inapplicable. In the chart of a female, Eighth house denotes *Mangalyasthana*. So a male who has Mars in house Seven can marry a female with Mars in house Eight. But a female with Mars in house Seven or Eight should never marry a male with Mars in the Eighth house. A girl

who has *Shuddha Jataka* (meaning absence of a malefic in 7 or 8) can marry a boy who has Mars in Eighth house. A word of caution: when Mars is in Eighth house, if other pointers to longevity are present in a male chart, that person will be long lived. Merely because Mars in 8, one should not jump to a conclusion, without examination of other pertinent factors, such as presence of benefics in quadrant, strength of lagna lord and aspect of benefics on the Ascendant.

When the lagna lord is also the lord of the Eighth House, it will offer results of being the owner of lagna, when it is strong. This point gets clarified by the explanation given by Mantreswara in Phala Deepika (Ch. 15, Verse 10). Take Aries, for instance. When judging the chart, proceed on the assumption that Mars is the lagna lord and ignore the fact that it owns Eighth house. I am giving this clarification here because at times clients ask me: "Mars is in the Ninth house: should I view it as lagna lord in 9? Can we take it to be the eighth lord in 9?" The answer is :- it is the lagna lord in 9.

A rule of thumb is offered by Jaimini to ascertain longevity of a person. Let us consider the Lagna lord and the Eighth lord as a pair: lagna lord—eighth house lord (in short, LE pair).

Long life is indicated if this pair occupies movable signs. Alternatively one of them should occupy a fixed sign and the other a common sign. I shall explain this: Longevity is indicated if the LE pair occupies either movable signs or two dissimilar signs other than a movable sign. If the LE pair occupies two common signs, medium span of life is indicated. Same is the case if they occupy two dissimilar signs other than a common sign. If the LE pair occupies two fixed signs, a short span of life is indicated. Same is the case if they occupy two dissimilar signs other than a fixed sign. With this theoretical discussion on the Eighth house, let us proceed to discuss a few charts with a view to gaining conceptual clarity with reference to Eighth House prospects.

Chart 1 belongs to a person, who is nearing 90 and active. Lagna lord is in the Eleventh house, while the eighth lord is in own house — both pointing to long life. Applying the Jaimini logic, the LE pair occupies movable signs — a definite pointer to the person living a long life.

Chart 2 is that of a businessperson, who died when he was 90+, who was also active till the end. When a debilitated planet is in retrograde motion, it gives the effect of an exalted planet. In chart 2, it is the debilitated lagna lord, which is retrograde, thereby becoming strong. Further the Eighth House is strongly aspected by Jupiter from the Second house. A long life was experienced by the chart holder.

Now to chart 3 ; In this chart Mars and Ketu occupy the second *bhava* and therefore the chart is governed by Kuja dosha, which is dreadful in a female chart because of its tendency to make the person a widow (subject to her not being a spinster). In this chart, Saturn as the lord of the Seventh house is in the Eighth house. As discussed earlier, in a chart of a female, the Eighth House denotes longevity of the male spouse. In this chart both Saturn and Rahu occupy the Eighth house. In other words, this is a chart where Mars dosha occurs in addition to a heavily afflicted eighth house. The woman was widowed when she was about 36 years old. Her husband was healthy, but died suddenly.

Chart 4 belongs to a person who lived in affluence but passed way suddenly while in early 50s. The lord of the Eighth House in the sixth did not contribute to longevity. A *viparita raja yoga* could be said to occur here but that did not favour longevity.. Mars is in a common sign and Mercury is in a movable sign. Based on the LR pair theory this is indicative of short life only. This could be taken as an additional argument against longevity in this chart.

I have taken an example chart for each of the possibilities we discussed earlier. I am confident that the reader can verify the rules in various charts that he/she happens to either see or discuss. In the next article in this sequence we will take up the Ninth house for discussion.

Ninth House and its implications

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Man proposes God disposes: - so goes the age-old maxim. Meaning of this adage is human beings can make any plans they want, but it is God who gives success or failure. This proverb is a translation from "The Imitation of Christ" by the German-born Thomas à Kempis (c.1380-1471):

"For the resolutions of the just depend rather on the grace of God than on their own wisdom; and in Him they always put their trust, whatever they take in hand. For man proposes, but God disposes; neither is the way of man in his own hands."

This may be a reflection of a verse in the Bible (Proverbs 16:9):

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps."

Shakespeare, too, had a similar message in the form of a dialogue between Hamlet and Horatio:

"There is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will."(Hamlet, Act 5, Scene 2).

Hamlet is acknowledging that there are many things out of his control, and that in the end it is God who will determine our destiny. This is an important realization for Hamlet, who is undergoing a transition from an indecisive worrier to an honorable and resolute character. These lines would also have been relative to Shakespeare's audience. When Shakespeare was finishing up the play in 1603, there was uncertainty in England. Queen Elizabeth had no clear hereditary successor, and the future of the nation was unsure. Changes in authority throughout the previous century had resulted in widespread political and religious persecution. The citizens of England had reason to be apprehensive about the future. However, there was also a belief at the time that royalty were ruling by divine right. The message that "There's a divinity that shapes our ends..." would have reminded Shakespeare's audience that whatever was in store for them would be the will of God. Whether they would prosper or suffer, they could take comfort knowing that there is a greater meaning to it. The invisible

force which guides the life of every human is divine grace. Theists believe that it is the same force which creates atheists and agnostics. Our Rishis believed that a person receives divine grace on account of past karma. So, they conceived of an invisible link between merits of past birth and divine grace and introduced this concept through Astrology. In Astrology, the fifth house denotes *poorvapunya*, while ninth house denotes divine grace. These houses share a trinal link viz. ninth house is fifth to the fifth house.

The ninth house stands for *Guru* (Preceptor), *devata* (deity), *Pitru* (father), *Subha* (auspiciousness), *bhagya* (fortune), *Pooja* (worship), *Tapas* (Austerity), *Sukruta* (Virtuous deed) *Powtra* (grandson), *Japa* (prayer) and *Aryavamsa* (Pedigree).

One gets happiness if the ninth house is occupied by a benefic or by the 9th Lord. Even a malefic in ninth house is good provided it is in its own house or in exaltation or happens to be a friendly planet of the ninth lord.

If Jupiter is placed in the 9th aspected by the Sun, one becomes a King; if aspected by Mars, one becomes a Minister; if by Mercury, will be wealthy; if by Venus, will own horses; if by Moon, will be happy and if aspected by Saturn, will own Camels.

The above rules come into play when a single planet aspects Jupiter. What happens when a pair of planets aspect Jupiter? If Jupiter occupying the 9th Bhava be aspected by both the Sun and the Moon, the person will own elephants, cows, horses and be blessed with wealth ; if by Sun and Mars, he will have an army, vehicles and own precious stones; if by Sun and Mercury, he will be blessed with huge wealth and such a person will take delight in participating in debates with scholars; if by Sun and Venus, will be polite in speech; if by Sun and Saturn will abound in moral excellence; if by Moon and Mars, will have fame, will command an army and be blessed with wealth; if by Moon and Mercury ,will be blessed with domestic happiness; if by Moon and Venus, will be wealthy and active; if by Moon and Saturn, will be meritorious and become an expounder of law in a Foreign Country; if by Mercury and Venus will surpass everyone in learning. If all the planets (barring Jupiter) aspect Jupiter in 9, one will be a King. One will become a king if Moon in the 9th is aspected by Saturn, Mercury and Mars. One becomes a King if a planet in exaltation in the 9th is aspected by another friendly planet.

One will be eloquent and conversant with many sciences if Moon and Mercury are in conjunction in the 9th. One will gain respect and be wealthy if Mars and Jupiter are in conjunction in the 9th. Both knowledge as well as wealth will be present in one, in whose chart Mercury and Jupiter are conjunct in the 9th house. One will be devoted to music and also will enjoy all forms of pleasures if Mercury and Venus occupy the 9th house. One will be exceedingly wealthy if Jupiter and Venus occupy the 9th house. One will be a King's equal if Venus conjoins Saturn in the 9th.

If Sun in the case of day birth and Saturn in the case of a night birth be well placed and aspected by benefics and the 9th lord is strong, the native's father will be blessed with long life. If the Sun and the Moon form a trine to Mars and Saturn, the child will be abandoned by its parents. However if the 9th bhava is aspected by Jupiter, the child will be happy and long lived. If Saturn is in a movable sign, unaspected by benefics and Sun is in 6,8 or 12, the child will be brought up by a foster- father.

The child will be given in adoption

- If either the 9th house is in a movable sign or the 9th lord occupies a movable sign, provided they come under influence of Saturn and
- Lord of 12th is strongly placed.

A person earns money exclusively through self effort when the lord of ninth occupies the rising sign. Inheritance through father is indicated when ninth lord occupies the second house. One makes a fortune through writing or oratory when ninth lord is in the third house. In fourth, the aforesaid planet bestows vast landed properties and luxurious villas. One's children meet with good fortune with the 9th lord is in the 5th house. One will travel abroad and meet with good fortune in an alien land with the 9th lord in the seventh house.

The best house for the ninth lord to be placed would be its own house viz; the ninth house. In such a case

- The native's father would prosper and be blessed with long life
- Native would be religious and charitable
- Foreign travels would give both wealth as well as fame.

One becomes famous and occupies a position of authority when ninth lord occupies the 10th. Much wealth and comfort would be bestowed on the native. The native would be righteous and will also be a law abiding citizen. In the eleventh, the ninth lord would bestow wealth in abundance. Friends would be both powerful and influential.

The three houses wherein, the ninth lord would bestow undesirable results would be the 6th, 8th and 12th. One's father would be ailing if lord of 9 is in the sixth. Native's father passes away if ninth lord is in the eighth. One would meet with failure in every undertaking if the ninth lord is in the twelfth house.

The presence of Sun in the ninth is an unwelcome feature in any chart as it comes under the "*Karaka bhava nasaya*" (*karaka* in *bhava* spoils the *bhava*) rule. However Sun, if otherwise well placed in the 9th need not be a cause for worry. Conjunction of Moon with Sun in 9th causes eye diseases while Venus in the same house in conjunction with Sun causes health problems.

One will be fortunate and prosperous if Moon occupies the ninth house. However if the Moon in the ninth were to conjoin Venus, one will lead an immoral life. One will build charitable institutions if Moon were to be in the ninth. One will be affluent and wield authority if Mars were to be in the 9th. One will be learned if Jupiter and Mercury were to conjoin Mars in the 9th. One will become a great scholar if Mercury occupies the 9th. Jupiter in conjunction with Mercury in 9 makes one wise and witty. Mars in 9 makes one a scholar in theosophy and metaphysics. One will travel abroad and also be invited to deliver lectures by educational institutions. One will become an exponent of law and philosophy if Jupiter were to be in the 9th house. People with Jupiter in 9 lead an ethical life. With Venus in 9, one is endowed with every kind of happiness, more particularly, fame, learning, happy married life and good children. Saturn in 9 contributes to loneliness. Since it is 3rd from 7th house (denoting marriage) it may lead to friction in marital ties.

According to Varahamihira, "if Jupiter, Moon and the Ascendant come under the aspect of Saturn, simultaneously, the native would become a King, who happens to be a writer on scriptures and science". (Brihat Jataka, chapter XV/4) Historically we know that two great writers on Astrology viz. Varahamihira, author of Brihat Jataka and Kalyana Varma, author of Saravali were kings. In mythology, we have

the example of Janaka, father of Sita (consort of Lord Rama), who was the King of Mithila and was also a great yogi. These examples are quoted to show that there were instances of Kings who were not only able administrators but also proficient in Ayurveda, Yogashastra, Jyothisha and allied subjects.

In timing events related to ninth house, the following factors should be reckoned:-

1. 9th lord
2. Planet aspecting 9th
3. Occupant of 9th house
4. Planets in conjunction with or aspecting 9th lord
5. 9th lord from Moon
6. Sun, being the karaka Planet

The following three rules would be vital in judging the effects of Dasa or Bhukti lords

1. If both dasa and bhukti lords influence the 9th, they produce excellent results,
2. If the bhukti lord is related to the 9th, while dasa lord is unrelated to 9th, results are negligible,
3. If the bhukti lord is unassociated with 9th while dasa lord is associated, the results are seen to a very small extent.

Summing up, effects of 9th house are fully realized if both dasa and bhukti lords are associated with 9th house.

When the lord of 9 occupies 6, 8 or 12 and the 9th lord as well as the 9th house comes under the influence of malefic planets, the resultant yoga is termed as *Nirbhagya yoga* (Phaladeepika, chapter 6, verse 66). A person born under this yoga is bound to lose all parental property, is irreligious, is antagonistic towards preceptors and elderly, wears worn-out clothes, and is indigent and miserable.

When lord of 10 is in 9 and lord of 9 is in 10, the person becomes a renowned monarch (Ibid, chapter 7, verse 9). If Jupiter, Venus, Mercury or Moon occupy the 9th and be aspected by benefics one becomes a King who will be worshiped by the subjects like a divine being (Ibid, chapter 7, Verse 14).

In a female horoscope, even if there are malefics in 7 and 8, a strong benefic in the ninth is capable of neutralizing the evil and the girl will be blessed with a happy married life and with good children. In transit, when Sun passes over the 9th house one will be subject to humiliation. Moon in 9 in transit gives disease. Loss of wealth and humiliation occur when Mars transits 9th house. Mercury in 9 causes impediments. Loss of wealth and impediments are caused when Saturn transits 9th house.

From the above discussion, one can easily make out that most of the planets give adverse results when passing over the ninth house.

The only two planets which are auspicious while transiting the 9th are Jupiter and Venus. One enjoys happiness and prosperity when Jupiter transits 9th house. Venus confers happiness in the 9th, while in transit. With these words we will now move on to our practical discussion on charts to understand how to apply these rules .

Chart 1 belongs to Sharmila Tagore, noted Bollywood actress of yesteryears. In her chart the ninth lord is strong in its own house and is placed *vargottama* in conjunction with lagna Lord Sun. From Moon ninth lord Venus is well placed in the fifth. She has won several National awards for her performances.

Chart 2 belongs to Morarji Desai, former Prime minister of India. In his chart the ninth lord is exalted in the fifth house. According Kalyana Varma, if two planets are simultaneously exalted at birth, the native will be rich and famous; three planets in simultaneous exaltation will make one head a town, wealthy and an Army chief. (Saravali, Ch 45 Verse 23-26). In Desai's chart Jupiter, Mars and Saturn are exalted thereby elevating him to the level of Head of State. One can also spot the *Mahabhagya Yoga* in his chart due to the Sun and Moon being placed in odd signs ,with the Ascendant falling in an odd sign He was honoured with the Bharat Ratna award in 1991.

Chart 3 belongs to the noted Hollywood actress Halle Berry who acted in the sensational James Bond movie, *Die another Day*. In her chart both the Lagna Lord as well as the ninth lord are *vargottama* and in conjunction in the Third house. In

the Bhava chart one can see an impressive array of five planets in the Fourth House. It is the strength of the Ninth lord that catapulted her to dizzy heights in her profession.

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The Twelfth house and its implications

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The most misunderstood and misinterpreted house in the Zodiac is the Twelfth house. Western astrologers have sometimes described this house as, “the valley of miseries”, “dark den of sorrow and horror”, “the garbage bin of the Zodiac” and in many other frightening words. Is the twelfth house intrinsically good or evil? Is this the house of bondage or Moksha? Does the twelfth house denote ill-health or freedom from ill-health? Answers to these questions, we will discover in the course of this article. Further we will try to unravel the occult side of the twelfth in the course of this dissertation.

We will now try to understand the significations of the twelfth house. The twelfth house stands for:

1. Expenditure
2. Obstacles
3. Sleep and pleasures of bed
4. Livelihood in distant countries
5. Moksha
6. Hell
7. Penury
8. Left eye
9. Punishment
10. Liberation from pain and suffering
11. Renunciation
12. Physical injury

13. Death
14. Incarceration

For Capricorn ascendant, Saturn as Lord of rising sign gives bad results while occupying the twelfth in Sagittarius. This is a peculiar rule since Saturn as lagna lord is the primary supporter of longevity while it being the Ayushkaraka is the natural karaka of the 8th house which rules over longevity. When this crucial planet gets relegated to the twelfth, longevity is curtailed. On the other hand, Venus in the twelfth in Pisces for Aries ascendant is an unmixed blessing. Though there is a rule that lord of 2 in 12 is bad for finances, Venus as lord of 2 in 12 for Aries ascendant is favorable in twelfth due to two main reasons: - The first reason is that Venus is the only planet in the entire cluster of planets which yields beneficial results while in the twelfth. The second reason is Venus is exalted in Pisces.

The Lagna lord in the twelfth destroys the vitality of a chart and is supposed to be highly detrimental to the chart. However there are two exceptions, viz., Venus in the 12th for Taurus ascendant and Mars in the 12th for Scorpio ascendant. This is due to the fact that only for these two rising signs, the Lagna lord is also the owner of 6th house.

The 12th lord in the 12th is a welcome feature in any chart and is technically known as Vimala yoga. The 12th house is an evil house and the 12th lord is an evil lord. When an evil lord occupies an evil house, the evil indicated by that house gets mitigated.

The 12th house rules over sleep. This is one reason why Venus in 12th is a preferred choice over other houses as Venus gives rise to pleasures of the bed. Nearly one-third of a human being's life is spent on sleep and if that part of life is unsatisfactory then life is not worth living. Malefics

in 12th or the 12th lord otherwise afflicted gives rise to disturbed sleep. Nightmarish dreams can spoil the quality of sleep. Though Jupiter in the 8th or 12th is an undesirable feature in any chart, the silver lining is that from these houses, Jupiter tends to influence the twelfth in a benign way.

Based on the indications of the twelfth house a person could be extravagant or be a miser. One becomes liberal if a benefic occupies 12th and the 12th lord is strong; one becomes a miser if a benefic occupies 12th and the 12th lord is weak. A malefic in 12 and the 12th lord strong, makes one a spendthrift. Though the 2nd lord occupies 12, the evil therefrom is mitigated if the said planet is exalted (For example, Moon in Taurus for Gemini ascendant). Thus, a strong 12th lord gives lot of expenses while a weak 12th lord reduces expenditure. These factors get aggravated or mitigated depending upon whether the planet which occupies 12th is a benefic or a malefic. In general a benefic in 12 reduces expenditure and a malefic aggravates it.

A wealthy man spent money lavishly on a foreign tour and then proceeded to meet a scholar on Vedanta. He boasted, "Panditji, you keep telling that hoarding wealth won't give you happiness. Today I came back after a wonderful trip. I could go for this tour only because I was wealthy. Now, at least, would you like to concede the fact that hoarding wealth gives happiness?" The Panditji replied, "Sir, I would humbly like to stick to my viewpoint. It was not the possession of wealth that gave you happiness. When you spent the money on travel, you gained happiness. In other words, you gained happiness, when money left you". It is the parting of wealth rather than its possession that brought you happiness.

Here is another anecdote: *A generous man died and on the same day a miser also passed away. Both of them were ushered into the courtroom of Yama Dharmaraja, God of death and in his presence was Chitragupta, the divine accountant. Chitragupta suggested that according to the records the miser should be sent to heaven and the generous man sent to earth for another birth. Yama was confused. He said, "Chitragupta, it appears you have committed some silly mistake. You wish to send the miser to heaven, when actually he has not done any charity. On the other hand, the generous man deserves heaven - Please check up if there is any mistake in your records". Chitragupta politely said, "My Lord, there is no fault in the records. Both these people have bequeathed their assets through a Will. The miser, not having spent even one rupee on charity has bequeathed his entire wealth to the beneficiary. For this good deed, he deserves heaven. The generous man has not left behind assets to the beneficiary in large measure. Hence he has not earned any merit. That's all, my honour". Yama appeared puzzled by Chitragupta's argument.*

According to Jataka Parijatha, "A person will be short lived if the 8th lord occupies the 6th or 12th in conjunction with a malefic. Same effect is produced if a weak 8th lord conjoins Lagna lord in 6 or 12 (Chap XIV, Verse 48). Though the presence of the 8th lord in 6 or 12 mitigates its evil propensities, it is also a bad placement as longevity is fundamental to any horoscope. As the saying goes, "Without a wall, there cannot be a portrait". When longevity is absent, all the merits of a chart gets neutralized by this single negative factor.

According to Mahadeva's Jataka Tattuva "If Ketu occupies the 12th from karakamsa, one obtains Moksha or final liberation. If Aries or Sagittarius happens to be the 12th from karakamsa and a benefic

occupies that house, even then that person will obtain Moksha” (Chapter 8, Verses 116,117). Even Ketu in 12 from Janma Lagna confers Moksha. The logic is fairly simple. Ketu is Mokshakaraka and 12th is the seat of Moksha. So Ketu in 12 is fit to confer to Moksha. Another factor to be considered is that Ketu, being a malefic confers sorrow. Being in the 12th, Ketu confers permanent release from sorrow. If there is a benefic in 12 while the 12th lord is exalted and associated with a benefic one will attain final emancipation.

Deities in Hindu pantheon have some relationship with planets. If Ketu occupies the 12th from karakamsa, one will be a devotee of Lord Ganapathy or Lord Subrahmanya. If Sun along with Ketu occupies 12th from karakamsa, one will be a devotee of Lord Siva.

There is enormous literature on “Moksha” and means for attainment of Moksha. I would like to share my thoughts on this topic here so that one can understand in brief what it is all about. According to Advaita, “Brahman state” or identification with consciousness is the only true state and the means of attaining the same is removal of Avidya(Ignorance) in misidentification with the body and the five sheaths(koshas). Here the emphasis is on identification with one’s true or fundamental nature to the exclusion of everything else. While this is the main thrust in Shankara’s works such as Viveka Choodamani, modern authors such as Eckhart Tolle have laid heavy emphasis on knowledge of the ego and withdrawal of consciousness from the mind and mind-based illusions as the key to enlightenment .From the time you get up in the morning till you go to bed, you can hear a “voice inside your head” giving opinions and suggestions all the time. This is the voice of the ego which runs your life. To silence this voice, it is necessary to get out of the mind’s clutches. Once you are rooted in

consciousness, internal and external, you can be in silence for hours together and this is the path of enlightenment.

If you check any standard dictionary, “God” is a noun. My view is that when a person is in an unenlightened state, the word “God” denotes a noun. For an enlightened person, “God” is a verb. As far as the twelfth house is concerned, when the indications of the house are positive, God is understood as a verb, not as a noun.

Shankara was asked to explain the concept of “Brahman” through an example. You can ask a school boy, “How does the cuckoo appear?” expecting an answer “The cuckoo resembles a crow”. Scholars expected Shankara to give an example which could provide clinching evidence of “Brahman”. An example could be provided if there exists another object which is similar. In the case of Brahman, which is the only entity present in the universe, there is no second object with which it could be compared. So the analogy of crow with a cuckoo cannot be furnished here. That was Shankara’s answer to his critics.

Philanthropic and reformatory organizations come within the ambit of the twelfth house. Jails, asylums, hospitals and other places of confinement come within the ambit of the twelfth house. It also refers to criminals, spies, foes, enemies of the country and secret service agents.

Twelfth house is one of the houses which have a bearing on overseas travel. Two malefics in the 4th mean that the chartholder would not reside in his/her birth place. From 7th one can judge the prospects of foreign travel. The 7th is the primary house to look for foreign travel. 9th house denotes higher education and when this house is involved one could be going abroad for higher education. The twelfth house, when

involved in foreign travel means the journey is for spiritual purposes(refer discussion on Swami Vivekananda's chart at the end of this article), for a holiday or as a form of punishment or transfer from work.

Earnings of a person will be through sinful means when 12th house is occupied by Saturn, Mars or other malefics and there is no benefic aspecting the house. A person will be dumb if the lord of 2nd house with Jupiter occupies the twelfth. When the 5th lord occupies the 12th, one will not have happiness through children. When there is mutual interchange between lords of 9 and 12, father dies in the 44th year of the chart holder. The wife of a person will be lavish if the 7th lord is in the 12th. When the 11th lord is in 12, all the efforts put in by the chartholder will be unprofitable. A person will go to hell after death if Rahu is in 12 with Mars, Saturn and Sun. A person is long-lived if Sun is in the 12th for Libra ascendant. When Saturn, Rahu or Mars are placed in the 12th, the chartholder is handicapped. Mars and Rahu in the 12th can give rise to death under mysterious circumstances. (See discussion on Lal Bahadur Shastri's chart under case studies)

Daridra yoga is caused if lord of ascendant occupies 6,8 or 12 and lord of 2 is either debilitated or placed in the 6th house. In this combination even a person born in a royal family becomes poor. This yoga is also given rise to when 5th lord occupies 6, while the 9th lord occupies 12 both under influence of Maraka planets. When Lord of Lagna as well as Moon-sign are in 12 and are either combust or bereft of benefic influences then the native will neither have a spouse nor children and becomes the terminator of his/her family.

There is one astrological peculiarity in respect of lords of 2 and 12. These lords give the effects of their sign-dispositor in a predominant

way and have no independent role to play in a chart. For instance, if lord of 12 occupies the 10th house and the 10th lord is exalted, then the dasha of 12th lord proves beneficial as its sign-dispositor is well placed.

One gets pleasures relating to bed, when 12th lord is in a good house, benefic navamsa and associated with a benefic while the 12th house is occupied or expected by a benefic. When there is parivartana between lords of lagna and 12, one will be:

- (a) A miser
- (b) Devoid of intelligence; and
- (c) Feeble minded

From these principles we need to understand that 12th house denotes drain of energy and resources. If lagna lord is in 12, one will be fatigued and devoid of energy. If 2nd lord is in 12, financial resources get drained out. Whatever has a beginning has to have an end –so the 12th house denotes loss, expenditure, wastage and erosion of resources. It is like a “ hole in the bucket” which drains all the water. The 12th house is exactly the reverse of houses 2 and 11, which denote gain and conservation of resources.

Now, I revert to the question I raised at the beginning of the article:-Is the twelfth house intrinsically, good or evil? Is it the house of misery or Moksha? Does it give rise to misery or does it release a person from misery?

Here is my viewpoint. The answer will vary depending upon whether at this point of time in your life; you are clinging on to your illusions or getting out of that. As a human being, you have free-will, you have choices. You are the creator or architect of your own destiny. If you are

embarking on a materialist quest in terms of destiny, the twelfth house is your foe; if you are embarking on a spiritual quest for self-realization; twelfth house is your ally. Whether you wish to make the twelfth house your foe or your friend is your choice. Whichever way you look at it, the ultimate goal of the twelfth is to make you one with God or a master of your destiny. It is the house which proves to be the culmination point of all your worldly desires and happiness, after which there is only divine bliss.

This sums up my dissertation on all the twelve houses. A proper understanding of the twelve houses is an essential pre-requisite for an astrologer and I hope this dissertation gives you the foundation to master the esoteric science behind Astrology.

Before I sign off, let me take up a couple of case studies to comprehend the principles of 12th house.

Chart 1 belongs to Lal Bahadur Shastri, the Second Prime minister of India. He became Prime Minister of India on 9th November, 1964 but his tenure did not last long since he passed away while in Soviet Union soon after signing the Tashkent declaration. The conjunction of 12th lord Mars with the shadowy planet Rahu gave him death under mysterious circumstances, more so as this conjunction occurs in the 12th from Moon. Mercury in its dasha acted as a Yoga-maraka, took him to dizzy heights in his life but eventually brought about his demise while in conjunction with Sun, 12th lord from moon-sign.

Swami Vivekananda is generally referred to as the “cyclonic monk” for his zeal in spreading Hinduism and for his patriotic fervor. He toured India extensively between 1888 and 1893, went abroad in May 1893, addressed the “Parliament of religions” in Chicago, USA on 11th Sept

1893 and returned to India in 1896. In his chart (Chart 2), Mars as 12th lord is strong and being in the 5th house and aspecting the 12th, all his tours were due to his urge to propogate spirituality. The 12th lord Mars aspects Jupiter and it was in Jupiter dasha, Vivekananda went abroad. From moon-sign, lord of 12 is in 4, while three malefics Mars, Saturn and Rahu influence his 12th house resulting in extensive travels.

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TENTH HOUSE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

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In this sequence, we have discussed in detail, the first nine houses of the zodiac. In this article, we will understand the nuances of the “Tenth House”. The Tenth house is commonly referred to as the “Karma” bhava. Some of the important significations of the Tenth house are Occupation, Fame, Aristocracy, Recognition, Honours, extent to which a person will grow in his profession or employment, fire rituals (yagaas), funeral rites of parents, pilgrimage, profession, employment, business, self – control, paternal wealth, means of livelihood and political power. Needless to say, “Karma bhava” has extremely wide connotations as can be understood from the matters coming within its reach.

“As you sow, so you reap” is the essence of the Law of Karma. In my view, law of Karma is not just a moral law to enforce discipline; it is a law relating to physics which deals with action, energy, cause and effect. The mechanism of the law of karma appears to be a by – product of the design of life to protect the Unity of the whole universal system. But for the working of the Karmic Law , the fragmented entities of consciousness would accumulate karma negatively and destroy the parent entity. The law of karma is intended to protect the Unity of the Whole (whom we refer to as God or Brahman). If “A” were to kill “B”, then “A” must necessarily disregard “B”’s viewpoint on pain and other all emotions; Fragmentation of consciousness in an entity, lowers its vibrational frequency and this process leads it to a stage of unconsciousness. **The karmic law could be regarded as an Anti-Virus software of the Universe.** To make this point clearer let me cite an example. Let us say 90 % of people in a country are Truthful and 10 % are thieves. A thief is arrested and sent to jail. What if the ratio changes to 90 % of people becoming thieves and 10 % becoming truthful? The answer is obvious. All thieves would join together run a country and honest people would be imprisoned .The laws of a country would turn topsy turvy. Apply this logic to the Universe. But for the karmic law the Universe would head towards chaos .The Karma theory is accepted by all India systems of thought barring the Charvakas (Atheists)

Indian systems of Thought and Karma

(i) Yoga

According to yoga systems , karma is of 4 types:-

- (a) Black karma (krishna) which produces sorrow
- (b) White karma (sukla) which produces happiness
- (c) White – black (sukla krisha) which partly produces happiness and partly sorrow
- (d) Neither white – nor black (Asukla krishna) karma which neither produces happiness nor sorrow

(ii) Mimamsa

There are three types of karma.

- (a) Nithya karma (obligatory actions)
- (b) Naimittika karma (occasional rites)
- (c) Kamyas karma (optional rites)

In order to attain liberation, one is advised to perform the first two and abstain from doing Kamyas karma.

(iii) Advaita vedanta

The Vedas do not have their purport in rituals and karma is not the means for release. However, karma is the means for purification of mind (*Chitta shuddhi*) and therefore an auxiliary to liberation.

(iv) Vaishesika

Karma means physical motion. It is of 5 types:-

- (a) Upward (utkshepana)
- (b) Downward (avakshepana)
- (c) Contraction (akuncana)

(d) Expansion (prasarana)

(e) Locomotion (gamana)

Astrology itself is based on karma theory. We need to understand that all beings are born due to karma. They are of five types:-

- Born of earth (udbhija)
- Sweat born (svedaja)
- Egg born (andaja)
- Womb born (Jarayuja)
- Unknown origin (ayonija)

Having understood the meaning of the word “ karma” from all the Indian systems of Thought let us proceed to discuss “ karma “ from the Astrological angle

Karakas of tenth house

Tenth house has the maximum number of karakas in the zodiac. The Sun is the foremost karaka of the tenth house. But for the Sun, all activities in the world would come to a standstill. The Sun denotes political power. The Sun in the 10th cancels almost all doshas in a Muhurtha chart and this auspicious time is called “Abhijit Muhurtha”. Mercury denotes activity, correspondence, quick disposal, intelligence and commerce and therefore it is considered a karaka of the 10th house. Jupiter denotes knowledge, wisdom, spiritual sadhana and sound judgement. All these make Jupiter a karaka of tenth. When we ask someone, “How did you come up in life?”, that person might reply : “By blood, sweat, toil and tears”. Hard work is the mother of success and what planet, other than Saturn can denote relentless hard work? Needless to say, Saturn is a karaka of the tenth house. Sun and Saturn are mutual enemies; Mercury and Jupiter are mutual enemies. Then, how come these inimical pairs become karakas of 10th house? The answer is simple. When the tenth house is related to work of an aristocrat, it is denoted by sun. When business activity is related to 10th, it is governed by Mercury. When advisory services or finance is the activity, it is denoted by Jupiter. When labour or servitude is indicated as an activity, Saturn becomes karaka. Work is of various categories – so

How to Judge Tenth House

Generally, we understand 9th house to be the house of father. However, Sage Parashara is of the view that if the karma lord is strong, the native will desire paternal happiness and will do good deeds and acquire fame (Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra, Chapter 21, Verse 2). If the karma lord is bereft of strength, various obstacles come in the way of work. When several benefic planets occupy the 10th a person will earn religious merit equal to that of performing a *Vajapeya* sacrifice (Jataka Parijatha, Chapter XV, Verse 6). The benefit of any sacrifice which accrues to a person should be judged from the position and strength of the 10th lord, Mercury and Jupiter. A person will be spiritual or orthodox if the 10th lord conjoins Jupiter while a person becomes irreligious if the Karma lord is in the 6th or 12th (Bhavartha Ratnakara, chapter 10, Verse 7) . When the lord of 10, joins 4 planets (resulting in a 5-planet combination) in a quadrant or trine, the person will attain Moksha or Final emancipation (Jataka Parijatha, Chapter XV, Verse 25).

Mere luck without efforts is not going to help anyone; even more pitiable is the state of a person who puts in his best efforts but does not consider himself lucky. An ideal combination is one where one's effort is equally supported by luck. The Rishis who taught the science of astrology seem to have had this in mind when they spoke of Dharma – Karmadipathi yoga; which is nothing but a yoga arising out of a Yoga when lords 9 and 10 together occupy an auspicious house (Vide Phaladeepika, 6/37). The most powerful trine is the ninth while the most powerful of the quadrant houses is the Tenth. What better yoga can you think of other than this one, which enables a harmonious blending of these two powerful houses? **Dharma Karmadipathi Yoga is a Raja Yoga par excellence.**

One becomes a trader if Mercury as lord of lagna occupies the 10th; or if the 10th house is aspected by benefics. Similar is the case if lagna lord joins the 10th or if lords of lagna and 10 are in conjunction. If the 10th lord occupies a quadrant and

the trinal lords occupy the 11th house aspected by benefics one becomes a trader; same is the case if 10th lord occupies 10th conjoined with benefics (Jataka Tattvam, chapter 32, verse 149). Basically 2 and 11 are houses of finance, while 10 and 7 are houses of profession. Any inter – relationship between these two pairs would make one a businessman. However, in some way or the other, the lagna or lagna lord should be associated with this combination to complete the link and make the chart holder successful.

Moon in *Ashwini* or *Sadabhishek* makes one a doctor. Same is the case if lagna falls in these two stars. Mars in Leo makes one a doctor. Conjunction of two planets involving Sun, Mars or Venus makes one a doctor. Strong Jupiter influenced by Mars makes one a homoeopath. If the *karmasthana* is influenced by Ketu, one becomes proficient in languages. To become a Chartered Accountant, the 10th house or lord should be influenced by Mercury and Jupiter. Please note that when the 11th house is weak, one meets with failure in competitive exams and therefore to become a CA, a strong 11th house is essential. Mercury, Venus and Ketu signify computer engineers.

Let us have a quick look at the *Dhatu*, *Moola* and *Jeeva* classification of planets. *Dhatu* refers to minerals or inanimate things. *Jeeva* refers to living beings, such as, birds, insects, animals and human beings. *Moola* refers to plants, which occupy an intermediate stage in evolution between the inanimate things and the living beings. The planets are classified on this basis as follows:-

Dhatu: Moon, Mars, Saturn and Rahu

Moola: Sun and Venus

Jeeva: Jupiter, Mercury and Ketu

Take for instance biochemistry. Biology deals with living organisms while chemistry deals with minerals. If one were to become proficient in biochemistry, there must be a planetary inter – relationship between a Dhatu planet and a Jeeva planet. Mercury, Venus and Jupiter represent Humanities and Social sciences. All other planets deal with Science and Technology. **Since Moon is karaka of mind, it denotes Human Resources Management.** Moon influencing the 10th makes one

take to HR as a career. Movies, drama, theatre and photography are denoted by Venus. All aesthetic matters are governed by Venus.

The Sun denotes Mathematics, Statistics, Physics and Ayurvedic system of medicine. Law is denoted by 6th house and Jupiter. The 6th house denotes litigation, disputes, rivals and animosity. Therefore, influence of the 6th house over the 10th leads to a career in law. With rapid progress in science, we are now inundated with various kinds of jobs. All jobs should be covered only by these nine planets and the twelve houses in the zodiac. So, a twin-track approach of sound theory mixed with common sense in practice would enable an astrologer to predict which occupation would suit a person. With these words, we will conclude our discussion on the theory underlying Tenth house and we will proceed to understand the theory discussed so far with case studies.

Mars and Saturn play a key role in the charts of engineers. For chemical engineering the key planets are Moon, Mars and Saturn. In chart I, the 10th is aspected by Sun, Venus, Mercury, Saturn and Mars. Mark the conjunction of the three key planets, discussed above in Navamsa. The native cleared the IIT-JEE exam and qualified as M-Tech and since then he has been in service as a Chemical engineer in an Indian company.

Physics deals with fundamental laws of Universe. In order to excel in Physics, one should have strong Sun, Saturn and Mercury. Chart 2 belongs to a person who patented a semi-Conductor device for use in mobile phones while working in USA. He is an Electronics Engineer from IIT. Saturn occupies 10th, while Jupiter as 10th Lord occupies the Sun's Sign in Rasi and Mercury's sign in Navamsa. This completes the link between Saturn, Sun and Mercury. Mark the aspect of Mars on 10th, which is a key factor in research as Mars denotes heat and energy which make electronic devices function.

We discussed earlier how a connection between a Dhatu planet and a Jeeva Planet leads to a career in biochemistry or biotechnology. In chart 3, the Dhatu planet Rahu is in the 10th aspected by the Jeeva Planet Mercury. The Dhatu planets Mars and Saturn are exalted in Rasi while the Jeeva planet Mercury is exalted in Navamsa. The chart holder is a doctorate in biochemistry.

Chart 4 belongs to a Microbiologist. Mark the presence of the 10th Lord Saturn (a Dhatu Planet) aspecting Sun (a Moola planet) and Mercury (a Jeeva planet).

Chart 5 belongs to an Ayurvedic doctor. Both Sun and Mars are key signifiers for Ayurvedic Doctors. Mark the presence of an exalted Mars in 10th in Sun's Navamsa. Mark the presence of an exalted 10th Lord Saturn with 6th Lord Mercury (denoting diseases) in an Amsa of Mars.

Chart 6 belongs to a businessman in textiles who had a substantial rise in his career after starting from humble origins. Mark the mutual interchange between Lagna Lord Mercury and 2nd Lord (Dhanadipathi) Venus. Mark the mutual aspect between Lords of 10 & 11 (Saturn) and 2nd Lord Venus from Moon Lagna.

Chart 7 belongs to a Gynecologist. We discussed earlier that Moon in Sadabhishek or Mars in Leo makes one a doctor. Here both these conditions are satisfied. Further we discussed that Mars- Venus relationship is essential for a doctor. Mark the presence of 10th Lord Mars in a Navamsa of Venus while Venus occupies the 10th in Rasi in a Martian Sign, Aries from Moon. Mark the aspect of the 5th Lord Mercury and Putra Karaka Jupiter on the 10th, indicating a career in gynaecology.

I would advise the reader to do his own research on this subject. Tenth house is a vast subject and the possibilities are quite numerous to be fully comprehended in the course of a single dissertation. It is important to judge the nature of the signs, nature of planets, and their inter-relationships to correctly judge what Karma has in store for a person in his cosmic journey.

ASTROLOGICAL INDICATORS OF CAREER IN TODAY'S WORLD

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Traditionally, those occupations recognized as “true professions” have been medicine, law, and the clergy. Over a period of time a number of professions and career paths have evolved making career interpretation a difficult task for an Astrologer. Take the case of a web designer. The internet is a concept which has evolved only in the Nineties. Could any Astrologer by reading the chart of a person born in 1975, for instance, have predicted that the chart holder would become a web – designer , when the profession itself was unknown? Can anyone predict what a newborn child, who is born in say,2013 would pursue as a career twenty years down the line? In my view, the Rishis who formulated Astrology gave clean guidelines on what career a person would undertake based on the position of planets. However, the interpretation of the charts should suit current trends. I remember watching a comic drama in 1978 when a guest comes to a house and narrates various events in their town when a postman comes with a telegram which contains the message that the guest who had come is dead. This leads to a comedy of errors and the story becomes amusing and intriguing till the end. The same play was staged thirty years later but the audience appeared somewhat bemused as telegrams had become redundant and instead we have better communication modes such as “SMS”, “e-mails” and many other ways of communication. Telegrams were the in – thing till the eighties but now it appears as though they belonged to some other civilization..Such is the progress of technology. (Interestingly enough after writing these words I read in the next day's newspaper telegraphic service stands abolished – Maybe I had this hunch when I wrote the above paragraph)In this article, we shall see how to interpret the birth chart to understand what career a person would pursue in the present day context.

Before we proceed to discuss the various options which present themselves in today's world, I would like to give the case study of an eminent Zoologist, whose career was predicted much in advance by a Nadi Astrologer. The chart holder (in chart 1) is a Zoologist of eminence. He is the author of some of the standard textbooks on Zoology in India. Later in life he diverted his study to entomology and is considered as an authority in his field. When he was very young, his chart was interpreted by a Nadi reader. Coming to his career, the Nadi Astrologer predicted that the native would pursue a career where he would discover insecticides for control of pests. The Nadi reading showed that his career would deal with pest control using modern technology (Nutana Krimi nasana Nirikshanam). Till few decades back, entomology was practically an unknown subject in India. Then, how come a Nadi reader could have predicted the study of entomology in this chart ?

To pursue Zoology one should have the following influences on the Tenth house:-

1. Jeeva planets related to the Tenth
2. Influence of Moon, Rahu or Ketu

3. Influence of watery signs on 5 or 10

In chart 1, Jupiter (as a Jeeva planet denoting living organisms) forms a union with Venus and Ketu aspecting Rahu who is in the 5th in a watery sign. Probably it was this planetary position which guided the Nadi reader to this conclusion or it is possible that the Rishis in their infinite wisdom wrote the destiny of persons to be born in this world on palm leaf manuscripts and the Nadi reader merely read the manuscript in front of him. The Nadi system of Astrology itself is a closely guarded secret and very few people have access to the methodology adopted in making predictions.

One becomes a mathematician if Sun and mercury are conjunct in house 1,4,7,10,5,9, or 11. Generally, Ketu denotes languages and if Ketu is well placed and related to benefics and the 10th house one becomes a linguist. Physics is a science which deals with matter, energy, space and time. If Sun, Mercury and Saturn are interrelated, one excels in Physics. Here, Saturn deals with technical skills to study the laws of the Universe. Converting base metals to gold or silver is known as Alchemy. It was this science which led to the growth of Chemistry and Medicine. The fifth house should be linked to Scorpio in order to give proficiency in Chemistry. Moon, Mars and watery signs also lead to knowledge of Chemistry. Mars denotes kinetic energy; Sun denotes Physics while Saturn denotes technical skills. Fusion of Sun, Mars and Saturn on the 5th or 10th house leads to career in Mechanical Engineering. Mars denotes immovable property. Saturn denotes construction material, while Mercury denotes computational skills. Mars, Saturn and Mercury in harmony leads to a career in Civil engineering. Chemical engineering is a practical version of chemistry. This is denoted by fusion of Moon, Mars and Saturn in watery signs. Both Sun and Mars are fiery planets. Sun, Mars or Ketu in fiery signs related to 5th or 10th houses leads to a career in Electrical Engineering. If we include Mercury in the above yoga, it leads to a career in electronics rather than electrical engineering. In today's parlance they call it Triple "E" (an acronym for Electronics and Electrical Engineering). Sun, Mars, Mercury, Ketu and Saturn, together make a person proficient in Computer engineering. The role of Jupiter (a Jeeva Planet) in relation to Mars and Saturn leads to a career in biotechnology. Moon, Jupiter and watery signs play a key role in persons who deal with biochemistry. Sun – Mars, Mars – Venus and Venus – Sun are the three Yogas which can give proficiency in Medicine. Venus is the key planet in Hotel Management. If the airy sign Gemini and Mercury (natural karaka of 3rd house in Zodiac, which deals with travel) are prominent one becomes a pilot or has a career in airlines. To become a singer or actor one must have a strong Venus connected to the 10th house. The 3rd house is known as "Swarasthana". It denotes musical talents. To become an accomplished Carnatic Musician, one must have a good 3rd house preferably aspected by Jupiter. Vedic Astrology can guide us in identifying whether one will be a successful sportsperson. Mars denotes courage. Mercury is the planet of intellect, while Sun rules fame and victories. The third house denotes courage, while the sixth house grants victory over rivals. Mars, Sun and Mercury are sports related planets while houses 3 and 6 are relevant to sports. All these factors grant success in sports. **One more factor we need to consider is that whatever be the role of Raja Yogas in relation to charts, the same rules will apply to Sportspersons too.**

The horoscope of M.S.Dhoni,(Chart 2) India's cricket captain can be taken up as a case study for understanding these points. Mars as the third lord aspecting its own house is excellent for sports. Mercury as lagna – cum – 10th lord in 10 has catapulted M.S.Dhoni to the pinnacle of glory. An excellent Gaja kesari yoga in Lagna brings name, fame and prosperity. The sixth lord in lagna conjunct Jupiter brings victory over opponents. Rahu in the 11th conjunct 9th Lord Venus is a major asset to the chart. Dhoni's career blossomed in Rahu Dasa, Jupiter Bhukthi and there was no looking back. In the Ashtakavarga Chart(SAV Chart), Dhoni has 36 Bindus in the 11th (the highest) while the 12th House has 22 bindus(the least).Thus the maximum number of Bindus goes to the House of Wish Fulfillment and the minimum number to the House of loss. This is a remarkable feature of Dhoni's horoscope.

The horoscopes of businessmen should indicate a strong Mercury with an inter relationship between houses 2, 10 and 11.Further the 12th house should be unconnected to houses 2 and 11.Jupiter denotes teachers. When Jupiter is well connected to the 10th House one takes to teaching as a career.Both Mercury and Jupiter rule over Chartered Accountants. The 6th house rules over litigation, 2nd speech, and 9th rule over judiciary. If these houses are inter related and Jupiter is related to Saturn one becomes a lawyer.

In the case of TV Anchors and Camera crew, the following astrological principles hold good.

1. Strong Venus influencing Lagna
2. Link between houses 3 ,5 and 10
3. Inter- relationship between the houses 2 and 3

The various roles one perform in the visual media are based on which house the 3rd Lord is related to in natal charts.

Summing up, one can infer from this analysis that Vedic Astrology provides us valuable clues to decide which career path one is destined to pursue in life.It can also suggest which career would yield fruitful results and thus facilitate decision making.Before I conclude I wish to cite an amusing anecdote.A student who had joined Chartered Accountancy was asked,"What is your ambition in life?" He replied: " My desire is to become a Fake Godman".Everyone was taken aback as either the student should have said he would wish to become a Chartered Accountant or if he had a genuine desire he could have aspired to become a true Godman.So how come he thought of becoming a " Fake Godman" ? .My view is that everyone wishes to have a lucrative career and in today's world it is quite possible that some would wish to pursue any calling so long as it appears lucrative which in other words means that the rewards associated with that vocation appear disproportionately high compared to the effort involved.

THE ELEVENTH HOUSE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

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The most coveted of the twelve houses in the Zodiac is the 11th. It is the house of wish fulfillment and what is human life but for wishes and their fulfillment? We live in a world where success decides the correctness of the means adopted to attain it. The Italian Philosopher, Nicolo Machiavelli (1469-1527) is credited with the saying, "The end justifies the means". The world rejoices in gains, recognition, awards, rewards, encomium and publicity. All these happy portents come under the purview of 11th house. Needless to say, the 11th house is the most significant house in the zodiac with reference to fulfillment of wishes.

I wish to cite four examples from Vedic Astrology to prove this point.

- 1) All planets are beneficial in 11th house – whether it be in a transit chart or in natal chart. It is the only house in Zodiac which enjoys this distinction.
- 2) Guligan is bad in all houses barring the 11th house. There is a Malayalam saying which translated into English means "Good in 11. Bad in 11" (*Padinonnil aga, padinnonnilum aagaa*). Does this look paradoxical? I would think otherwise. In fact it is a wise saying. "Good in 11" means Guligan is favourable in 11. "Bad in 11" means bad in the remaining 11 houses.
- 3) Moon in 11 promises success in a horary chart subject to the other rules in Horary Astrology. Moon in 11 is a powerful determinant of success and if other parameters appear favourable, success is assured.
- 4) In Muhurtha chart, if Sun is in the 11th house, even a crore of doshas in the electoral chart stand nullified.

In Ashtakavarga system compare the bindus obtained by houses 10, 11, and 12. Please note that 10th house denotes your work, 11th denotes your gains and the 12th denotes losses. If the number of bindus obtained by the 11th house exceeds the number of bindus in the 12, you will be successful in life. If the number of bindus obtained by the 11th house exceeds the number of bindus in the 10th, you will be successful in career. If it is the other way round, then you will lack job satisfaction or your efforts in your office will not gain recognition. Please note that I am discussing these concepts as they apply in Kaliyug, not in Dwaparayug. In Kaliyug, success equals bank balance, nothing else. "Do your duty, leave the rest to God"- is an axiom which was widely employed in earlier yugas but they have practically lost their relevance in this age. Here is an anecdote. A candidate applied for a job in a five star hotel. The starting salary for that job was Rs.8000/- p.m. The candidate attended the interview, was sound suitable and was selected for the job. However he refused to accept the offer. The interviewers were intrigued as to what might be the cause for the candidate's reluctance to take up the job. The candidate came up with a stunning reason: "Sir, with the salary you are going to employ me, I can't even afford a decent mobile phone". The interviewers were shocked with the repartee but nevertheless took this in their stride.

If you apply the Vedic concepts of Astrology Verbatim, you will find that today's world is so corrupted that you will find the tenets highly misleading. Probably the teachings were meant for that age, not today. After reading the anecdote I discussed what do you think?. Is the candidate right or wrong? I am unable to say, whether the candidate's reaction is justified or unjustified. Today's world appears to be absolutely paradoxical . We are witnessing today in front of us, what sage Vedavyasa predicted in Srimad Bhagavata about the evil ways of Kaliyuga.

The "Kama" triad of houses comprises of 3,7and11- all these houses are trine to each other. Every preceding house negates the propensities of the succeeding house. For example the 11th house negates the 12th house. The 12th house is a spiritual house- it denotes Moksha.So, by implication, the 12th to the 12th house is the 11th and therefore the 11th denotes denial of Moksha. If the 11th house is good, you will have a great life, great success in your career, healthy bank balance and all material comforts but please note, you will carry none of these things to the other world. When this world offers so much of joy, why should one leave it- so it paves the way for rebirth and consequent suffering.

The 4th house denotes happiness, comforts and well being. When health is affected all these matters tend to suffer. The 11th house, being the 8th to the 4th may not be good for health of mother. Though books on Astrology show bountiful praise on the 11th, I for one could decipher three major detrimental factors:

- 1) The eleventh lord is invariably an enemy of the lagna lord- hence one cannot trust the 11th lord as a loyal ally.
- 2) The 11th happens to be the 6th to the sixth house, which is the seat of diseases. By invoking the "bhavat bhavam" dictum, the 11th house gets vitiated.
- 3) The 11th house is a Badhaka sign for moveable houses.

For Aries ascendant , Saturn as lord of 10 and Jupiter as lord of 9, in general should give rise to a Raja yoga but Saturn by virtue of ownership of the 11th does not give rise to this yoga. (vide Bhavartha Ratnakara) Mere ownership of the 11th is enough to debar a planet from participation in Dharmakarmadipathi yoga . Exaltation of the 11th lord is a welcome feature in any chart but the same gets diluted for three rising signs viz Gemini, Aquarius and Pisces. As can be seen from Table 1 , for the following Ascendants the 11th lord is exalted in a dustana.

Table 1

Ascendant	Exaltation sign of 11 th lord	House
Gemini	Capricorn	Eighth
Aquarius	Cancer	Sixth
Pisces	Libra	Eighth

When inauspicious planets occupy 6,8 or 12, they cause destruction of that house. Auspicious planets in such a position are also incapable of giving good effects of that house (Phaladeepika XV/ 4).

When the 11th lord is exalted in the 9th, it is a formidable position and one cannot hope for something better. This can happen only if the rising sign Cancer or Virgo. (See Table2).

Table 2

Ascendant	Exaltation sign of 11 th lord	House
Cancer	Pisces	9
Virgo	Taurus	9

Another excellent combination would be mutual interchange between lord of Lagna and 11. A person born with such a combination is one who is born with a silver spoon in the mouth, so to say. For Scorpio Ascendant, conjunction of Mercury and Venus in the 11th translates into a wonderful Neechabhanga Raja Yoga. This Yoga appears possible for certain signs such as Taurus, Gemini, Virgo, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn and Pisces, by the conjunction of an exalted planet with a debilitated planet.

If we understand the principles behind Vedic Astrology, we would invariably reach the conclusion that the 11th house favours material gains and proves detrimental to physical health. If you are looking for comforts, health or peace of mind, 11th is bad. Here is an anecdote . Parents of an Indian boy settled in New York, live in Chennai. The boy invited them to come and stay with them in New York. Parents readily agreed but the boy's father imposed only one condition. I will visit New York only if you buy the return ticket within 15 days of my coming to USA. Everyone was surprised. People prefer to stay in USA even on a permanent basis- so how come this boy's dad was imposing this strange rule. The boy's father gave out his reason: "In Chennai, I am independent; I can go anywhere and all comforts are available to me. I have peace of mind and happiness .I can on any day meet all my relatives. I can eat whatever food I like. Life in New York is like life in a prison. I am not enamoured of that life." The boy's parents returned to Chennai after a 15- day stay. Coming to our discussion, life in New York is like having a good 11th house. Everyone would feel that you are in top of the world but inside you know your life is empty; you know no peace, no happiness, you experience very little comforts for yourself though on the surface it appears all these things are there in abundance.

Eleventh house denotes “easy money”. Financial freedom brings happiness by relieving a person from the tedium of day –to- day life. Hence eleventh house could be designated as the house of happiness or that which brings freedom from misery in a material sense. It is the most powerful of the Upachaya Sthanas. The presence of 4th lord in 11th gives rise to “Vahana Yoga” or the Yoga for acquiring vehicles. The 11th lord in 7 gives good life after marriage and indicates settlement abroad. It gives a person a spouse from a affluent family. It also gives success in business done in partnership. A “Dhana yoga” is formed when there is interrelationship between lords of 2 and 11; however in this yoga, there should be no link with either the 12th house or the 12th lord. When the lords of lagna, 2 and 11 are linked, not only prosperity occurs but the chart holder enjoys the fruits of prosperity. For Leo lagna an excellent dhana yoga is formed when Mercury occupies Virgo or Gemini especially if it is in conjunction with Sun. The same is true for Aquarius lagna if Jupiter is in Pisces or Saggitarius. As far as possible, there should not be any nexus between the 12th house and the 11th house. The 11th house rules over gains and the 12th rules over losses. These houses are basically antagonistic to each other. On the other hand the 2nd house which rules over wealth is a friendly house to the 11th. Even if one gains a lot, the same is frittered away if the 2nd house is weak or if the 12th lord influences either 2 or 11. The 11th house is comparable to a river, while the 2nd house is comparable to a dam, which stores water. The 12th house is like the sluice gate in the dam, which when opened leads to depletion of the water stored. With these remarks, we will move to our discussion on case studies.

Chart 1 belongs to an Indian who is happily settled abroad with family. He is blessed with a good wife, has good children, has a good job, is affluent and in short, has everything that makes up for a happy life. In his chart the 11th lord is exalted in the 9th and more than anything else this has given him a hassle-free life. Apart from this planetary placement the presence of Saturn in the 6th as the Sixth lord is an excellent placement which is technically known as Harsha Yoga. This chart is a classic example of how the 11th lord can completely change the complexion of a man’s life.

Chart 2 belongs to a Chartered Accountant who served as Chairman of a Public Sector Bank. In his chart the 11th lord is placed in the 10th in conjunction with Venus. This Mercury-Venus combination is aspected by Jupiter, a first rate benefic. The 10th lord Sun is in 11 in an exchange of signs with the 11th Jupiter. The 11th house is tenanted by three malefic viz Sun, Saturn and Ketu thereby proving the dictum that natural malefics in 11 generate immense beneficial effects while in 11 since it happens to be an Upachaya house. The chartholder’s rise to the top could be explained by the fact that the 11th lord conjuncts a benefic (Venus), gets aspected by another benefic (Jupiter) and is involved in an exchange of signs with the Tenth lord (Sun).

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