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Editorial

Though there are foreign universities who have accepted astrology as a science, we are still in an era in the great country of Bharatha wherein we don't accept astrology as a science. Not only that we don't accept astrology as a science but we also scorn at it or look at it with doubting eyes. There are many people who don't even like this science and think that it is just humbug or fault things just told in order to gain money.

Blame also should go to astrologers who are either false in their knowledge or those who just use it for money – these people cause harm to the science of astrology itself. But needless to say, astrology is the eyes of the Vedas and therefore no harm can ever come to it. It is readily available for any person to tap into in order to gain knowledge of future. In this process the person can avert any danger that is going to happen or at least be prepared for the dangers that might happen in the future. Even as the Sun remains exactly irrespective of whether it is used in order to impart knowledge in daylight or to kill a person, similarly the science of astrology remains ever the same – ready to help out people out of their miseries, setting their path smooth and lead them towards the ultimate goal of life of moksha.

There are many people who strive to learn astrology and even know tidbits of astrology but aren't able to really implement it. There are many reasons for their failures but the first and foremost is analyzing astrology for themselves or people who are related to them. As the first rule of astrology one should refrain from using it on one's own horoscope or horoscope of related people. If it is argued that only oneself or related ones are known well and therefore astrology can be verified, then this is wrong. There are great people in the world whose horoscopes can be used as their entire lives are known well to the public. One can learn or verify astrology through analysis of the horoscopes of such people.

Another reason why astrologers are failures is because they use it as a source of money. Astrology should never be used in order to earn money. Yes, dakshina is required in order for astrological predictions to become true but they are dakshina and not money. And even if a questioner just offers his prostrations or wishes or is with an open mind, that itself becomes the dakshina and nothing else is required.

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Yet another reason why astrologers are failures is that they don't follow the sadhanas that are required in order to master this science. Japa, dhyaana, learning of the scriptures and good habits (dharma) is important in order to learn or master astrology. People today want anything and everything easily and they also think that with money they can buy things easily. This will not work with the science of astrology and it will only backfire at them.

A person who truly strives to be an astrologer should follow a spiritual routine while learning Vedanta as well as astrological texts. Good routine will calm the mind and bring concentration to it. Then one will be able to focus and remember the astrological texts that are learnt. Moreover such a person will also develop power of speech that will help him in prediction through intuition (word-power). Though all these cannot be logically understood or proven, a sadhaka just needs to follow these and then he will find them to be true.

If a sadhaka is able to follow routine and learn the science of astrology then he will be able to slowly become proficient in it. Slowly he should try to practice this science for others (and their welfare). Though it might take a while in order to become really proficient in it, eventually his hard work will pay off and he will become a true astrologer.

What is the use of becoming a true astrologer?

A true astrologer is one who is himself or herself able to progress in the spiritual path towards the goal of moksha smoothly but he also will be able to help others progress in the spiritual path towards moksha. As long as obstacles are there in the path we will not be able to focus on the goal of moksha. Our focus will be on removing the obstacles. Obstacles can be easily found out through astrology and remedies can be applied as well. Therefore the science of astrology will ensure that we aren't focused on any obstacles but are focused on the ultimate goal of life moksha. Therefore quickly we will be able to attain the goal of moksha and will be able to ever rejoice in bliss.

Often the mistakes that an astrologer makes in predictions are pointed out – this is wrong. There are times that things go right and things go wrong. Even as when we write wrong answers in an exam, we don't punish ourselves similarly we shouldn't punish or think ill of an astrologer when wrong predictions are made. Such wrong predictions can have multiple meanings. Ultimately though astrology predicts the future, the future is still dependent upon an individual – his current action can change the future and therefore we cannot say that

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predictions will definitely happen (though there is big chance the predictions will come true). This has to be remembered while following the science of astrology or even while seeking advises in astrology.

The purpose of this magazine is to ensure that people are able to learn the science of astrology and thereby are able to become true astrologers who spread bliss to the entire world in one or the other form.

May we all strive to learn and implement the science of astrology so that we are able to progress ourselves to the ultimate goal of life of moksha and help others as well to attain moksha.

Jyothishavidanustaana Vivaranam

Recap

Previously we saw the fifth sadhana of dhyaana or meditation. Meditation is important in that it brings concentration to the mind. Without concentration, absolutely nothing can be attained in life. Those who have attained peaks in different walks of life have been able to do so as a result of concentration only. Without concentration we will find ourselves not getting anything at all in life. Though we might achieve some success, it will not lead to any goal at all but just some petty objects of the world. True satisfaction comes when we are able to achieve the peaks of life. Since the world is full of distractions, it is important to have concentration to ensure that we attain whatever we want to attain in life.

Concentration while living in the world and doing work is not possible and therefore it has to be done separately only. When the practice of dhyaana is regularly continued, a sadhaka will find that he attains the fruit of concentration of mind. Then the mind will be one-pointed or focused on whatever it wants to focus. Such a person alone will become a true astrologer as then he will be able to predict appropriately while looking at a chart and not getting distracted by anything at all in the world (else he will get distracted by the world and will not be able to predict aptly or correctly).

The sadhanas that have been discussed till now are only pre-requisites. Once the pre-requisites are set, then the actual sadhana begins. This is similar to setting the foundation for a house which is just the pre-requisite. Really the building of the house only starts after foundation is set. Similarly the true sadhana only begins after the pre-requisites (that have been explained in the past) have been followed. The next sadhana is the real sadhana that is required for a person desiring to become a true astrologer.

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20. Learning of scriptures is sixth.

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21. Scriptures are Vedanta and Jyothisha.

Any science is learnt only through the various texts or scriptures that are written on it. For example, if we want to learn chemistry then we have to read the various textbooks that have been written in chemistry. Similarly the various astrological texts or shaastras have to be learnt in order to become proficient in astrology.

But what scriptures are to be learned?

The author says that scriptures to be learnt are of two types – first is Vedanta and second is jyothisha. Vedanta is that philosophy which teaches about the underlying essence of everything. It is through knowledge and implementation of Vedanta that a person attains the ultimate goal of life of moksha. Thereby alone a person will be able to know the three times of past, present and future. Such a person alone will have true power of words – such a person alone therefore will be able to predict astrology properly.

But this doesn't mean that texts of astrology need not be learnt. They also have to be learnt along with Vedanta. The various texts that have come down to us from various acharyas have to be learnt. These have to be learnt again and again without fail. There should be consistent and continuous study of these scriptures in order to ensure that the concepts explained are not just understood but remembered at all times in the mind. Then alone will a person be able to use it whenever there is time to make predictions.

A true astrologer therefore will be proficient in not just astrological texts but in Vedanta as well. It goes without saying that if a person is proficient in astrology but doesn't know Vedanta, he will not be a great astrologer though he might strive to be; but if a person knows Vedanta and doesn't know some or all of the texts of astrology, still he will become a great astrologer as he knows Brahman (that Brahman which is the basis of everything). Therefore anything and everything will be waiting to be of service to him. Words, thoughts, memory and knowledge will flow through him freely and without much effort itself. He alone

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therefore will be able to make right predictions that help people to remove obstacles in life (and eventually attain the ultimate goal of life of moksha).

The effects of learning the shaastras is mentioned in the next sutra

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22. Fruit is attainment of knowledge.

As explained in simple terms, a person who learns Vedanta and astrological texts will gain knowledge. He will not just gain knowledge of astrology but also Brahman. This will thereby ensure that he is able to predict the future aptly for any person and at will. Such a person alone is a true astrologer who is thereby able to help out people very easily and freely.

It should always be remembered that those who strive to become true astrologers should regularly learn and revise Vedanta as well as the various astrological texts.

We will continue with the next sadhana in the next edition.

May we all strive to learn Vedanta and astrological texts so that through becoming true astrologers we are able to rejoice in bliss and make others rejoice in bliss as well.

PS: Please find the sutras with literal translation in the below link:

<http://vedantatattva.org/vedanta/works/JyothishavidanustaanaSutram.pdf>

Bhavartha Ratnakara - VII

In this edition we shall discuss the 8th chapter of Bhavartha Ratnakara with some examples. This chapter is called "Fortunate Combinations" and deals with good combinations which make a person wealthy and fortunate.

Fortunate combinations

1. A parivartana between the 9th and 11th lords or an association between these two lords indicates a fortunate native.
2. If eight planets occupy four houses in pairs of two each, the native will be fortunate. The same can be predicted if there are three pairs of planets in a horoscope.
3. If four benefics are aspected by malefics, the native won't be very fortunate but he'll have some wealth.
4. If malefics occupy the 3rd, 6th and 11th houses, the person becomes Lucky.
5. The person will be fortunate in that bhava whose karaka is situated in the 12th house.
6. If the lords of the lagna, 9th and 4th are in the 10th, lagna or 7th in association with the 10th lord, during the dasas and bhuktis of such lords, the native will become very fortunate.
7. It's auspicious to have an exalted planet situated in either 5th or 9th.
8. If there's a Sun-Venus-Mercury combine in 5th with Jupiter in 11th, the Mercury dasa will bring the native much fortune.
9. If Sun and 9th lord are together in the 12th, fortune through father is indicated.

10. The native's father will either be fortunate or otherwise, depending on whether Sun is exalted or debilitated.
11. For a Sagittarian, even a debilitated Sun will confer riches through the father.
12. The placement of the lords of 9th, 12th and Sun augur well for the father, or if Jupiter and 12th lord are in 12th.
13. If Venus and Moon are both in 12th, the native will be fortunate through his mother and wife.
14. If Mars or 9th lord is in 12th, the person will be fortunate in respect of his brother or father respectively.
15. If Mercury conjoins the 2nd lord in 6th, the native acquires money through his enemies (or cousins and rivals).
16. If Jupiter as 5th lord is exalted, the children enjoy much fortune.

Chart 1

The 9th lord in the above chart is mercury and sun is the 11th lord. Both these lords are together in lagna. This makes the native of the chart is fortunate. The native is fortunate to be wealthy, educated and holding good position in life.

There is no parivartana yoga between the 9th and 11th, but still we see the effects of the rule in this chart.

From moon, sun is in the 11th house, though it's debilitated. The native's father is well off and holds high position.

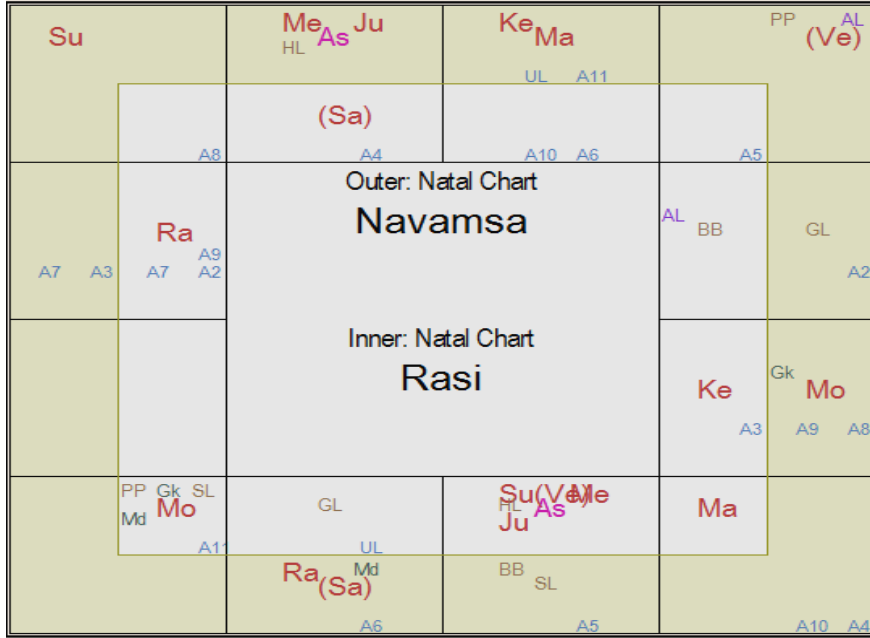


Chart 2

In the below chart we see that from lagna, the 3rd house has Saturn, which is a malefic. The 6th house has rahu, which is also a malefic. In the 11th house sun is with mercury and venus. Venus is a benefic, but sun is a malefic. So malefic is also present in 11th house. Thus in the natives chart from lagna, 3rd, 6th and 11th houses are occupied with malefics.

The native is really fortunate. Though native is not in good terms with her relatives, native has all needs met and has good position, wealth, education and name as well.

Native grew up in life facing tragic situations in early childhood and was an average student but now has surprised many a people in life for what the native achieved in life.

Thus we can say that the native is fortunate due to these combinations in the chart, though she didn't receive much support from family members.

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Me PP Su A3	Ve SL Ju A11	Mo As A5	HL Ma A5
BB	Natal Chart Rasi		Sa
AL			Gk Md UL A8 A6
A10	GL	Ra A9 A4	A7 A2

Chart 3

In the below chart we can notice that from moon there are sun, venus and mercury in the 5th house, along with mars. But Jupiter is in the 10th house and not in 11th. So we see one of the conditions for being fortunate partially present in the chart.

Another significance is that 5th house from moon has an exalted planet. Sun is exalted in the 5th house. The 9th lord sun is exalted. So 9th lord is exalted and an exalted planet is in the 5th house. Also the 5th lord mars is in its own house. Thus both the 5th and 9th lords are powerful from moon in the natives chart.

This indicates a very good life and future for the native. Hence the native of this chart is very lucky. Native is very well educated, had been in very high posts, being well respected and recognized in his field and has authority at work place. Native is also financially sound and leads a pleasant life.

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AL A8	Ma ^{Gk} Md Su Ve A10	Me ^{PP} As A9 A3	HL
A2	Natal Chart Rasi		SL Ra A6
Ke UL			
Mo A11 A4	A5	GL	(Sa) ^{BB} (Ju) A7

The father of the native is very fortunate as the sun is exalted in the natives chart. The person’s father is very well placed in life and had power and position.

We do see here that 2nd lord mercury is with 6th lord venus in 12th house. Both mercury and venus are aspecting the 6th house. So the native can acquire money even through enemies.

Chart 4

Father of the native is very rich and well placed in society. Thus the fortune is from his father for this native.

We can see that sun is in the 12th house from lagna. Though the 9th lord mars is not in the 12th house, but the effects of the rule we do see in case of this native.

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<p>UL A6</p>		<p>A2</p>	<p>AL Ma</p>
<p>Ke A5 A4</p>	<p>Natal Chart Rasi</p>		<p>(Me) Ju Su Ve</p>
<p>SL A3</p>			<p>Sa Gk Ra Md As A11 A9</p>
<p>PP</p>	<p>GL Mo A8 A7</p>		<p>BB HL A10</p>

Thus we have discussed many a rules of chapter 9th, with examples. We shall continue with the next chapter of bhavartharatakara in the next edition of magazine.

Maasaphalam – Thula of Jaya varsha

Currently we are going through the month of Thula in the Jaya Varsha (this roughly comes to Oct 15 to Nov 15 of year 2014). It is a very important month in that it signifies the movement of Saturn from Thula to Vrischika.

Many people think as to what is the importance of movements of few planets – though all planets are constantly moving, it is Jupiter, Rahu-Ketu and Saturn that move slowest. Jupiter roughly takes a year to move from one sign to another; Rahu-Ketu take roughly 1.5 years and Saturn is the slowest taking around 2.5 years to move from one house to another. Since Saturn is the slowest therefore its effects in a house can really be felt for a long period of time. Considering that Saturn also leads to sade sathi or ezhara sani – 7.5 years of encapsulating the Lagna or the Moon (2.5 years for the house before moon, 2.5 years in the moon and 2.5 in the house just after moon – similarly with lagna too), therefore also transit of Saturn is very important.

Saturn moves into Vrischika on the 3rd of November and this would signify ezhara sani for those with moon sign as dhanus (moola, purvashada and some parts of uttarashada). These people will go through a lot of problems as sade sati just starts for them (the starting period will be tough and the ending period too will be tough). Those who have lagna as dhanus also will be affected by saturn's movement.

Other than dhanus, Aries people will be affected with loss of job as Saturn, the 10th lord is in 8th. Gemini people also will face problems due to health issues as a result of Saturn being in the 6th house.

More on the effect of Saturn can be found in a separate article in this magazine that targets just the transition of Saturn alone.

As of the middle of the month (Nov 1st), the positions of the planets are as below:

Sun – Thula (moves to Vrischika on the 16th of November)

Mercury – Kanya (moves to Thula on the 5th of November)

Venus – Thula (moves to Vrischika on the 12th of November)

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Mars – Dhanus

Jupiter – Kataka

Rahu – Kanya

Ketu – Meena

Saturn – Thula (moves to Vrischika on the 3rd of November)

It is fortunate that when Saturn moves to Vrischika, Mars has already moved to Dhanus. An association of the both could have caused lot of issues like air attacks, earth quakes, political instability etc.

It wouldn't be wrong to say that generally the month of Thula would be like a balance and therefore we will find everything in it – both good and bad. There have been a lot of things happening in the world – both good and bad. The month of Vrischika can be said to be contrary and generally only bad things will be seen majorly. Vrischika is called keeta sthaana and Saturn being in it will cause a lot of problems in the next 2.5 years. As to how the month of Vrischika will be, we will see in the next magazine.

Nakshatras - IX

This is the last series on this topic of stars and the information they provide about the person born in that star. We shall see the last three stars in the 27 stars that appear on the zodiac.

Poorvabhadhra/ Poorattadhi

This star along with the next star uttarabhadra appears like the four legs of a cot in the sky. It is also said that this star is like a hammer.

It belongs to the manushya gana, black in color called three fourths of a star. Some people call it "samataara". It has three padas in Aquarius one in Pisces. Animal symbol is Lion(M). Its weakest portion is stomach.

The ruler of the star is Jupiter. The anujanma stars are punarvasu and visakha.

General Characteristics

They land themselves in trouble at the end. They will earn a lot. They will unnecessarily sacrifice. They will protect people unnecessarily. They will think they are unworthy. Deva Guru Brihaspathi falls under this star.

Those born in this star are cheerful and gay. They are really friends in need. Being kind and merciful in nature one can expect them to be at one's side at the time of need. As they behave towards people with a sense of impartiality, they have many friends. They behave with respect towards women. Although they appear to be cheerful, they are not without worry or anxiety.

They are clever in amassing wealth. They have weakness towards women and loose money as well. They are active and never afraid of work, they have blessings of goddess lakshmi. They are smart in the matter of exchange and barter. They have good health. They excel in painting and cultural arts. They are good examples of fickle minded people. Chances of becoming mad are there.

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First three padas are in kumbha and they are over clever. They are money and material oriented. They are cunning and trap other people. They need name and fame. They live till 60 to 75yrs.

The fourth pada is in Meena rasi. The rulers of the 4 padas are Mars, venus, mercury and moon.

As we have seen the star ruler is Jupiter. The rasi lord for 3 padas is Saturn and for the last pada is Jupiter. Along with this we need to consider the pada lords.

1st pada: Mars is the lord. They are Dangerous people. They will command and dominate over others. They are courageous, strong willed and able to manage any contingency that may arise. Being impertinent and sharp tongued, they may easily get a bad name. They do go to temples.

2nd pada: Venus is the lord. They are clever. Asura Guru falls under this group. They will be comfort loving. They will love to adorn themselves with nice clothes and ornaments and be very anxious to make an impression on others. They are pious. They love to eat well. They plunge into actions beyond their capacity.

3rd pada: Mercury is the ruler. They will achieve success in life. The native will excel in speech and intelligence. Will be able to impress others with sweet words and attract them by clever actions. His association and friendship will be with those who are clever, smart and learned. They are always planning and being good in economics. They are careful in financial matters. They are generous by nature and helpful to others.

4th pada: Moon is the lord. They will turn to be mental patients. The native appears to be prosperous. He will have charming looks and magnetic personality. They will protect people unnecessarily. Deva Guru falls under this group.

They are anxious to lead a comfortable life, but they are not capable of handling small obstacles. They are devoted and loving to their mothers, They can charm women through

their speech and loving towards their wife's. with so many desirable qualities, no wonder people will respect them.

The letters "see", "so", "thaa", "thea" correspond respectively to the four padas of this star. By naming children thus, one can ensure prosperity and longevity to them. Jupiter lasting 16 years corresponds to this star.

The star is good for getting mantra upadesha from elders. Its also good for digging a well, installation of idols and for temple festivals. Its auspicious for planting seedlings and for purchase or sale of machines. Its good for barter and buying new cattle.

Better to avoid travel in this star. But if its necessary then better to commence travel after taking honey mixed meal and starting in the eastern direction.

The star is seen shining bright in the month of october after midnight like four legs of a cot.

Like all jupiter-ruled stars, poorvabhadra people are also generally proud in nature (and a bit egoistic we can say). But since the two rasis are aquarius and pisces therefore character of such people also tends to be a bit different (based on the rasi). Aquarius people are generally unpredictable (they are pot which means we can't know what is inside the pot). Pisces people are also fluctuating in nature (like a fish) but very soft in nature.

Jupiter-oriented people generally are also very good in making friends or socializing. Hence purvabhadra people will also have lot of friends in their circle and they will also make friends very easily.

Uttarabhadhra/ Uttarattadhi

Although this looks like a single star, according to sastras its made up of two stars. It looks like a cane, so it is called in Sanskrit "dandakriti".

This is a firm star able to achieve success in any undertaking. Hence it is also known as druvataara. Black in color. It belongs to kshatriya caste. Those born in this star, acquire the characteristics.

It belongs to manushya gana. Cow (F) is its animal symbol. Its weakest part is stomach. The ruler of this star is Saturn. It's in Pisces. The anujanma stars are pushyami and anuradha.

General Characteristics

They will suddenly change moods, but they will retain the mood for long yrs. They will have negative and positive moods. They will move with different people in different ways. Sattvic qualities are there. They will have material, they will go on feeding people. They have strong likes and dislikes. They have lot of preferences. They will also live long. Mental problem or physical or family problem will be there.

They will live in big building and comforts, materials. They will be mentally unstable, they will attack people.

With sharp intelligence they can talk affably and hence have lot of friends. With midas touch every piece of work they undertake meets with success. They carry out all business with slightest effort and therefore they are lucky and joyous.

With love towards their wives they have good progeny. They will conquer all their enemies. They are never idle. Their minds should be directed towards pious and philosophic deeds.

All the four padas of this star are in pisces. The padas are ruled by sun, mercury, venus and mars.

We need to consider Saturn which is the ruler of the star. Jupiter is the owner of the house where the star resides. Along with the above, the owner of the pada of the star should be considered.

1st pada : Sun is the ruler. They will be self destructive. But they are good people. They will do good to others. They will be foolish. They will face suppression/depression of mind. They will suffer in life. They will live above 80 yrs.

They are quick in action, alert and hasty in manner. Being in anger, his eyes are red. It is rather difficult to see him ever peaceful and quiet in behaviour. His desire is to rule over others and be arrogant in nature.

2nd pada: Mercury is the ruler. They will pose that they are not in problem. They will land themselves in problem. They will come across sattvic people and come out of problems. They are clever. They will lead good life. They are intelligent and will shine in learned circles. Some will take deep interest in astrology.

He is tactful and clever in dealing with people. He is proficient in action and skilful in managing any situation. In addition, he is lucky too, why then be surprised at his success? One wonders whether the same ardour and efficiency shown in his work he bestows on his bodily welfare, for he looks weak and fragile.

3rd pada: Venus is the ruler. Clever people, they will manage well. Once in a way they will have upsets in life. They are good people. They will mostly roaming around and visiting places. Foreign countries they will visit.

They will be good at specialized arts as venus is the ruler. They will get deeply absorbed in any work undertaken. With full determination and great enthusiasm, he will carry out of the work to success. He would like good food and would appear ever cheerful because of his cultural interests. He shows much interest in women. Some are worshippers of goddess.

4th pada: Mars is the ruler. Dangerous people. They will come under control of sattvic people and become good at the end.

The eyes of native too are red. Being fair in appearance, they show off to the public in a conceited high handed manner. They are therefore proficient in army and police services. However they are kind and noble. Being quick and fast by nature, some are likely to suffer from blood pressure.

The letters signifying various padas are "thoo", "sa", "sha" and "ha" respectively. The Saturn dasa lasting for 19 years pertains to this star.

Any work begun in this star will grow in power and significance. This is an upward looking star. It is good for better agricultural operations. It is auspicious for marriage and other

functions and for wearing new jewels. It is also good for going to temples and for religious purposes as also for laying foundation stone for building temples.

Although it is not very good for travel, one can start after taking curd rice or sweet products, in the eastern or northern direction. The star is good for commencing instructions in mantra and for laying down foundation for house construction. If fever comes in this star one has to do saanti by worshiping golden images for cure.

The star can be seen in the sky in the month of October after 10p.m.

Uttarabhadra is the second last star among the 27 stars. It is ruled by the planet of saturn. Saturn denotes slowness and therefore uttarabhadra people are generally slow in nature. But being pisces as rasi, they are fluctuating like fish (can't say fluctuating but just that they will be changing according to situation).

Smart, they will have lots of friends and will mingle with almost anybody. They should therefore be given something related to business or management (as they will be able to manage it very well). But they should be given some time to do things - as they will not be able to achieve things very quickly.

Revathi

This is the last star in the 27 star series. This star looks like a fish and all the padas of the star are in pisces. It is red in color and consists of three stars in the shape of a fish. It is soft star and feminine by nature.

It belongs to the deva gana. Its animal symbol is Elephant(F). The weakest portion of the body is feet.

The planet ruling this star is mercury. The anujanma stars of revathi are aslesha and jyestha.

General Characteristics

They have sharp intellect. They will be able to move with many people. They keep their identity. Sometimes they are over clever or over intelligent. They land in trouble and get out of trouble quickly. They won't interfere in others affairs. Generally good people and they live long. They don't copy others, even if it's good. They have their own ways. Jyesta star people are more dangerous. Revathi people will correct themselves later only if they go wrong. They won't torture their mind, they will forget soon, whether its good or bad. They will be good at the end of life. They will also travel a lot.

Those born in this star are very handsome and being perfect in appearance have not the slightest bodily defect. Being lovable and good natured they are pleasing to everyone and speaking softly and fluently and are able to charm others.

Naturally they will have lot of friends. Not only they are pleasing to others and esteemed by others, they desire that others also should be happy and cheerful with them. They earn by hard work and are sensible enough in their spending and savings. They begin action only after great thought and deep consideration of every aspect of the problem. They are strict and honest and not in least interested in others property.

King Ravana belonged to this star. Actor Mohan lal too belongs to this star.

The four padas of this star are ruled by Jupiter, Saturn, saturn and jupiter.

The lord of rasi is jupiter and the ruler of the star is mercury. Along with the pada ruler, we need to consider Jupiter and mercury.

1st pada: Ruler is Jupiter. They will be wise, religious and prosperous. They will be highly respected and continue to live happily. They are devoted, pious and philanthropic by nature.

2nd pada: Ruler is Saturn. They think they are religious. But they are neither religious nor spiritual. They will be diplomatic and cunning. They will become mad. Others will find it difficult to move with them. They cannot be depended upon. They will run away. They are

highly intelligent. Before others find out the problem they will find solution as they wish. They will correct it at the end but they wont repent . They will go after other women. They will indulge in evil activities without hesitation. Their interest lies in other directions than in their own family.

3rd pada: Ruler is Saturn. The native will be handsome in appearance. Dull intellectually and evil in character. Many actors are in this group. They will get help of sattvic people. They wont repent for their mistakes.

4th pada: Jupiter is the lord. Therefore the native will be intelligent, merciful, kind, gentle, respects elders, pious and devoted. They will follow only the right way and interest themselves in charitable and religious activities.

The letters "tey", "to", "chaa", "chee" correspond to four padas of this star.

Mercury dasa lasting 17 yrs pertains to this star.

The star is good for doing any kind of auspicious activities. It is also good for trade, exchange and barter, house construction or house purchase. Auspicious for beginning lessons to children or commencing music classes or meeting elders to get their blessings.

This star is auspicious for wearing new clothes and ornaments for marriage and for other occasions. For landholders this is very good star for commencing ploughing and sowing of seeds. It is good for oil bath after illness. Its also good for purchasing vehicles and for learning to drive the vehicle.

This star can be seen in the shape of a fish in month of November after midnight.

We have finally come to the last star or nakshatra - revati. Being ruled by Mercury, people of this star are very smart (and many times oversmart as well). They generally will be diplomatic in their words (and rarely will be open or frank). Mercury also makes them brilliant in one or the other way. They will have sharp intellect and often will be titled towards intellectuality rather than emotionality - therefore they can be cursed with lack of faith or trust or devotion (Mohanlal is an exception and therefore we should remember that

the above qualities are general and predictions should be made after analyzing of the entire horoscope alone).

An interesting star as people in this star cannot really be predicted fully. They are smart and therefore might very well go with the tide (rather than fighting with people, they will adjust well with people). But unlike some stars where people totally adjust with others, here the adjustment also takes into account as to what is their own benefit out of it - if adjustment leads to a problem to themselves then they will get away from adjustment and that too in a smart way (therefore not leading harm to themselves and not harming the relationship with others as well).

With this we come to an end of this topic of Stars and their characteristics. Knowing the star of person, we can understand to an extent the persons behaviour and can have right expectations from the person, will help us to deal with the world and various kinds of people.

Phaladeepika - I

This is an ancient astrology text belonging to the 16th century written by Mantreshwara. This has been translated into English by V. Subramanya. This text consists of 27 chapters. We shall discuss the text and its various chapters in depth in this topic.

Phaladeepika helps the beginners in astrology, to clear many basic concepts. It is prescribed for all earnest learners in astrology. Let's begin with the first chapter named as "Definitions". This chapter has 18 slokas. The first two slokas is the prayer to the almighty to bless the teacher and student with conducive environment and minds to study the text, which benefits both.

The 3rd sloka talks about plotting the chart based on the time of birth of any native and thereby determining the strength of the planets and the bhavas. We shall see the rest of the slokas and their meaning.

Sloka 4: The parts of the body of the person kala beginning with the lagna are respectively 1) the head 2) the face 3) the breast 4) the heart 5) the belly 6) the hip 7) the groins 8) the privates 9) the two thighs 10) the two knees 11) the two calves 12) the two feet. The concluding portions of Vrischika, meena and katakaare called bhasandhi or rikshasandhi. Others apply this term to the last portions of all the signs.

The end portions of any sign or house is called sandhi. It's that portion where the house ends and the next house starts. If planets are planets in such location, they are often inauspicious and do not produce desired effects as well. The strength of the planet is reduced to minimal. It causes many negative effects. The end portions of the three signs vrischika, meena and kataka are far more inauspicious than the other signs and give disastrous effects. Hence are mentioned here with emphasis. These are the main deathly regions in the horoscope.

Till now we have seen the 12 houses and how they signify the parts of the body, now we shall see each house and which regions they cater to in the world.

Sloka 5: The abodes of the 12 signs from mesha onwards are respectively 1) the forest 2) a field under water(meadow) 3) a bed room 4) a chasm with water in it 5) a mountain 6) a land with water and corn 7) the house of a vaisya 8) a hole or cavity 9) Kings residence 10) water abounding forest 11) The spot frequented by potters and 12) water.

Sloka 6: Mars, Venus, Mercury, Moon, Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Saturn, Jupiter respectively are declared the lords of the 12 signs from mesha onwards. Mesha, Vrishabha, Makara, Kanya, Meena and Thula are the exaltation signs of the seven signs of the seven planets respectively from the sun onwards, their signs of fall being the 7th from their exaltation ones. The highest exaltation and fall of the planets counting from the sun are the 10th, 3rd, 28th, 15th, 5th, 27th, and 20th degrees of several signs.

The general order of the planets from sun is as follows: Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. This is always followed in this entire text. So it will be good for the readers to remember this order, for further understanding of this text.

Based on the above order, the exaltation signs for the planets can be understood with reference to the sloka 6. The degrees of exaltation of each planet in each sign should be also understood.

Thus we have seen the exaltation details of the seven planets, excluding rahu and ketu. Thus taking the exact opposite degree, we get the debilitation degree for the same planets. The difference of 180 degree gives the debilitation degrees.

Sloka 7: Simha, Vrishabha, Mesha, Kanya, Dhanus, Thula and kumbha are the moolatrikona signs of planets from the sun onwards. The first 20 degrees of simha, the last 27 degrees of vrishabha(27 degrees after the highest exaltation degree), the first 12 degrees of mesha, the 5 degrees following the highest exaltation degree of mercury in Kanya(i.e from 16 deg to 20 deg), the first 10 deg in dhanus, the first 5 deg in thula, first 20 deg in kumbha form the moolatrikona portions of the seven planets from sun onwards. The first half of dhanus, Kanya, Mithuna, Kumbha and thula are bipeds or human signs. Vrischika is a keeta or reptile or centipede sign. Karkataka, later half of makara, meena are watery signs. The rest i.e Mesha, Vrishabha, simha, dhanus and makara are quadruped signs.

We have seen the moolatrikona signs and degree in those signs for all the seven planets in the same order as we have discussed earlier. We have also seen the various signs categorized based on human, quadruped's, reptile and watery signs.

Sloka 8: The signs Vrishabha, karkataka, Dhanus, Mesha and Makara rise with their back (Pristodaya). Mithuna and meena come under ubhayodaya. The rest appear with their faces and are termed as sirshodaya signs. The pristodaya signs and mithuna belong to the moon and are termed nocturnal rasis. The other six belong to the sun and are termed as diurnal signs. The four signs counted from the rasi last passed by sun are in their order termed 1) urdhva or upwards 2) adha or beneath or under 3) sama or level or same 4) vakrabent or crooked. This order holds good in the case of the 8 signs.

Below in the Diagram I is shown the debilitation and exaltation positions. Debilitation is marked as green and exaltation in red. The degrees of exaltation and debilitation of all planets are also mentioned.

In Diagram 2 we see the moolatrikona positions of all the planets. The degrees where the planets when placed will be in their moolatrikona positions is being mentioned.

Diagram 2

Mars 0-12	Moon 3 - 30		
Saturn 0-20			
Sun 0-20 deg			
Jupiter 0-10	Venus 0-5	mercury 16-20	

Diagram 1

Venus – 27 deg	Sun 10 deg	Moon – 3deg	
Mercury – 15deg			
Saturn 20 deg			
Jup – 5 deg			
Mars – 28			
Mars – 28 deg			
Jup – 5 deg			
Saturn 20 deg	Mercury –15 deg		
Moon – 3deg	Sun 10 deg	Venus – 27deg	

Sloka 9: The signs from mesha taken in order are 1)chara – moveable or cardinal , sthira fixed and ubhaya-dual, mutable or common 2) Dwara-entrance, bahis-outside and garbha-inside 3) dhatu or mineral, mula or vegetable and jeeva or animal 4)krura or fierce and saumya or auspicious 5) odd and even and 6) male and female. Mesha, vrishabha, mithuna and karkataka with their trikona or triangular signs represent the four quarters commencing from the east. The six houses from the 7th represent the left side limbs of kalapurusha. While the other six houses i.e reckoned from the lagna represent the right side ones.

The above sloka means that mesha is chara, vrishabha is sthira and mithuna is ubhaya and it continues so with all the 12 signs. Thus making mesha, kataka, Thula and Makara as belonging to chara group, Vrishabha, simha, vrischika and kumbha as sthira group and mithuna, kanya, dhanus and meena as ubhaya group.

Similarly the above groups also fall as dwara, bahis and grabha groups and many other categorizations as mentioned in the sloka above. Directions of mesha, simha and dhanus is east. Vrishabha, kanya and makara is south, mithuna, thula and kumbha is west and remaining signs are north.

Sloka10 :Lagna, Hora, Kalya, Deha, Udaya, Rupa, Seersha,Vartamana (living) and Janma are the names of the Ascendant or the first house. Vittha, Vidya learning, Swa, Annapana (riches) food and drink, Bhukti (eating), the right eye (Dakhakshi), face(Asya), letter or document (Patrika), speech (Vak) and Kutumba are appellations for denoting the second house.

Slokas 11-12 :Duschikya, Uras (breast), the right ear, army,courage, valour, prowess and brother are the designations, of the third house. House, land, maternal uncle, a sister's son, a relation a friend, vehicle, mother, kingdom, cow, buffalo, perfume, clothes, ornaments, the nadir, Hibuka, Sukha (happiness), water, bridge and river are the terms to denote the 4th house. Rajanka (Sovereign's mark), a minister Kara (tax, hand or toll), Athrnan (intelligence) (Dhi), knowledge of the future, Asu (life) son(Suta), belly (Jatara), Sruti (Vedic knowledge) and Smriti(traditional law) are the names of the 5th house.

Sloka 13 : Rina (deb), Astra (arms), Chora (thief), Kshata(wounds); Roga (disease), Satru (enemy), Jnati (paternal relation),Aji (battle), Dushkriya (a wicked act), Agha (sin), Bheeti (fear) and Avajna (humiliation) are the names of the 6th house. Jamitra, Chittottha (desire), Mada (passion), Asta (set), Kama (desire), Dyuna, Adhvan (way or road), Loka (people), Pati (husband), Marga (way) and Bharya (wife) are the designations of the 7th house.

Sloka14 :Mangalya, Randhra, Malina, Adhi (mental pain),Parabhava (defeat or insult) AyusKlesa (sorrow), Apavada (blame or scandal), Marana (death), Asuchi, (impurity), Vighna (obstacle or impediment) and Dasa (servant) are the terms to denote the 8th house. Acharya (preceptor), Daivata (deity). Pitru (father) Subha (anything auspicious), Purvabhagya (previous luck), Pooja (worship) Tapas (penance), Sukruta (virtue or religious merit; a good or virtuous act), Putra (grand son) Japa (prayer) and Aryavamsa (noble family) are the names for the 9th house.

Sloka 15 : The terms to indicate 10th house are Vyapara(commerce), Aspada (rank or position), Mana (honour), Karma(occupation), Jaya (success), Sat (good), Kirti (fame), Kratu(sacrifice), Jeevana (livelihood or profession), Vyoma (sky orzenith), Achara (good conduct), Guna (quality), Pravritti(inclination), Gamana (gait), Ajna (command) and Meshurana,Labha (gain), Aya (incom) Agamana (acquisition), Apthi (etting,gain), Siddhi (accomplishment, fulfilment), Vibhava (wealth orriches) Prapthi (profit), Bhava, Siaghyata (veneration,commendation), eldest brother or sister, left ear, Sarasa (anythingjuicy or succulent), and (hearing of some) pleasing or delightfulnews are the expressions- for the 11th house.

Sloka16 : The designations used for the 12th house are Duhkha(misery), Anghri (leg), VamaNayana. (left eye), Kshaya (loss,decline), Suchaka (Jale-bearer, spy), Anthya (last), Daridrya(poverty), Papa (sin), Sayana (bed), Vyaya, Ripha, and Bandha(imprisonment). Thus have been declared in their order the namesof the -12 houses. The 3rd, the 6th, the 12th and the 8th houses are termed LeenaSthanas (concealed or hidden houses).

Sloka17 : The 8th, the 6th and the 12th houses are known asDussthanas or houses of evil. The rest are termed good houses andwill be propitious to the native. The 1st, the 10th, the 7th and 4thhouses are known by the terms Kendra, Kantaka, and Chatushtaya.

Sloka18 : The houses next to the Kendras, i.e., the 2nd, the 5th, the8th and the 11th are known as Panaphara. The 3rd, the 6th, the9th and the 12th are Apoklima houses. The 4th and the 8th aredesignated Chaturasra houses. The 10th, the 3rd, the 6th and the11th houses are called Upachaya; the 9th and the 5th are known as Trikona or triangular houses and these are auspicious. Thus ends the first Adhyaya on "Definitions" in the work Phaladeepikacomposed by Mantreswara.

This brings us to the end of the first chapter of the text phaladeepika. We shall continue with the next chapter in the next edition of the magazine.

Parijatha Yoga

One of the rare Raja yogas of wealth, comforts and a royal life is Parijatha yoga. This is also known as kalpadruma yoga. Word Parijtha means a rare flower from the devaloka. Kalpadruma means celestial tree. Thus this yoga means that the person's desires will be fulfilled. This yoga is like a wish fulfilling tree. People having this yoga generally are fond of battles and fights. They have a kingly stature, have all the paraphernalia around them. They shall enjoy this yoga in their middle and last parts of their life. They are famous, generous, good natured and will lead a royal life.

This yoga when is clubbed with pravrija yoga, will make a sanyaasi, head of a spiritual organization and have all the royalty as a king and as well as command respect from his spiritual followers. The strength of the pravrija yoga determines the mode of life and determine.

Many well noted personalities in all walks of life have had this yoga. Bill gates, Abraham Lincoln, Albert Einstein, Swami Jayendrasaraswathi, Mahatma Gandhi, Balagangadharatilak, Gautama Buddha, Adolf Hitler and many others. All these people were having fighting nature and became world famous in various ways. They had strong personalities and some were spiritual like swami jayendrasaraswathi, some totally cruel like Adolf Hilter, some fighting for nation and dharma like BalaGangadharTilalk and Mahatma Gandhi , who were not spiritual.

This yoga is mentioned in various texts like "300 combinations of yogas" by B.V Raman, BrihatParasaraHorasastra and Phaladeepika.

Kalpadruma yoga is mentioned in Brihat Para saraHorasastraVol 1, chapter 36 sloka 33 and 34. This is same as the parijatha yoga.

लानेश-तद्गतर्षेण-तद्गतर्षेण-तद्गताः ।
 केन्द्रे कोणे स्वतुङ्गे वा योगः कल्पद्रुमो मतः ॥३३॥
 सर्वैश्वर्ययुतो भूपो धर्मात्मा बलसंयुतः ।
 युद्धप्रियो द्यात्सुच पारिजाते नरो भवेत् ॥३४॥

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Meaning : Note the following four planets 1) the ascendant lord 2) the dispositor of the ascendant lord 3) The dispositor of the planet at "2" 4) the navamsadispositor of the planet at "3". If all these are disposed at angles and trines from the ascendant or be exalted, kalpadruma yoga exists. One with this yoga will be endowed with all kinds of wealth, be a king, pious, strong, fond of war and merciful.

Let's analyse through some charts as to how to find out whether the Yoga exists and how it materializes in various cases.

BalaGangadharaTilak

Jup Moon Rahu			Merc Sat
	RASI		Asc Sun Ven
		Mars	Ketu

Rahu	Merc		
Sat	Navamsa		
Asc Moon Jup	Mars		Ven Sun Ketu

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Analysis: This is the chart of a famous personality who struggled to release our country from the shackles of the british rule and become independent.

- 1) The ascendant lord is moon
- 2) The dispositor of moon is Jupiter
- 3) The dispositor Jupiter is Jupiter
- 4) The navamsadispositor of Jupiter is Jupiter as well.

Thus the planets we need to look at are moon and Jupiter. Both of these planets are in 9th house from lagna. Thus they are in trines. Hence the native has parijatha yoga. As 9th stands for the dharma sthana, the native felt like fighting for the rights of the citizens of this country. Thus he was one who declared that "Freedom is my birth right". We can see how this yoga has taken shape in his life and made him famous and well off and commanded a name, position power and influence over masses.

As the planets forming the yoga are in the 9th house, it helped him amass lot of wealth and made him dharmic in nature and struggle for the truth.

Mahatma Gandhi

PP A8	(Ju) A10			Mo A10	Ke A10	Ve A11	Ma A11	HL Gk Su A6 A5
	Natal Chart Rasi			Natal Chart Navamsa				SL
GL A9			Ra BB AL Mo					
GL A7	Ke A7		SL	BB GL Sa PP Me	D-9			AL A8
		Sa UL	HL Md Gk Ma Ve As Me Su A11 A4 A2	(Ju) UL A4	As A9	Ra A3	Md A2	

Analysis: Mahatma Gandhi was also known as the "father of the nation". He was one of the main factors for India attaining freedom from the british. He one of the greatest freedom fighters the nation has seen.

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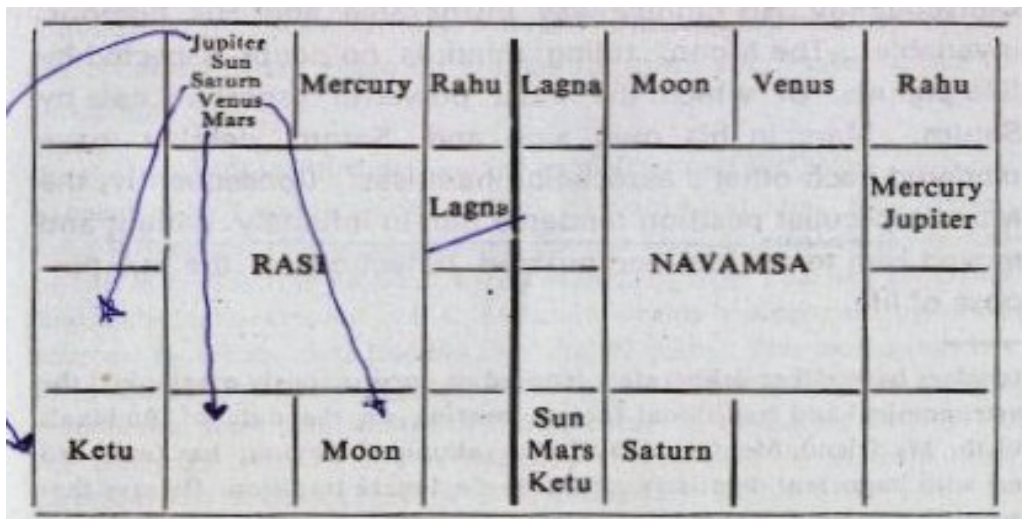
- 1) The lagna lord is Venus.
- 2) It's in the house of Venus.
- 3) Its dispositor is Venus.
- 4) Venus is in the navamsa of Mars.

Both Venus and Mars are in Kendra. So parijatha yoga is there.

We know that Gandhi was fond of fighting against the British. He was generous and had a royal welcome wherever he went and people would obey his orders and support all the movements he had taken up against the British. Thus we see that parijatha yoga is very effective.

It brought his name and fame as an individual and it helped him be recognized as a great man. This is all due to the planets causing the yoga i.e. Venus and Mars being in lagna. It boosted his stature as a national figure. Even till today people talk and think about him though in the freedom struggle many other people had participated.

Gautama Buddha



Analysis: Gautama Buddha was born as a king, in a royal and wealthy family. He had no difficulties in life, but he took up asceticism. Even on his spiritual path, he was the person behind the rising of a different cult called Buddhism. He influenced masses and many became his followers. Many kings patronized Buddhism and prostrated at his feet and

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seeked his support. Though he had not such desires of comforts, he was conferred with everything he wanted by the king. Thus he was the head of the new cult and had Buddhist monasteries set up and had many followers. Even till now we see that many people do follow buddhisim. Thus we can see clearly parijathayoga , even though he was a renunciate.

- 1) The lagna lord is moon.
- 2) The dispositor of moon is venus.
- 3) The dispositor of venus is mars.
- 4) The navamsa lord of mars is Jupiter.

All the planets moon, venus, mars and Jupiter are in Kendra, hence the yoga exists. So this yoga is present along with pravrija yoga in this chart. Pravrija yoga happening in the 10th house from lagna, had made the native a true sanyaasi beyond doubt. Sun is also exalted in the 10th, showing true knowledge being reflected in all his actions. Thus it was a rare combination of both sanyaasa and parijatha yoga.

Abraham Lincoln

Jupiter Venus	Ketu		Rahu			
Sun Lagna Mercury	RASI		Moon Lagna	NAVAMSA		Jupiter
Moon			Merc.			
	Saturn	Rahu Mars	Venus	Sun Mars	Saturn	Ketu

Analysis:We all have heard about Abraham Lincoln the former president of America, who was famous world over as a great personality. He was known as a good human being, a great leader, a man of virtues and one who brought many reforms to the nation and set it on the right path. He has lot of people who support and appreciate him and would follow

and support him. Being the president of U.S he had the royal escorts and commanded over masses. People loved and supported also their leader.

- 1) Lagna lord is Saturn.
- 2) Saturn is in the house of mars.
- 3) Mars is in the house of venus
- 4) In navamsavenus is in the house of Jupiter.

Saturn is in Kendra. Mars is in kona. Venus is exalted and Jupiter is in its own house. Thus all planets satisfy the conditions of parijatha yoga. The planets forming yoga are in 10th ,2nd and 9th houses. We know that as the president, he did lot of actions for the welfare of the citizens. This is due to Saturn in karma sthana forming the yoga. Venus exalted with Jupiter in 2nd house causing the yoga gave him powerful words. Many people were inspired by his speeches and quotes. Even today people talk about the sayings of Abraham Lincoln and his quotes are very popular among the masses. He had always followed path of righteousness and his father was also a well respected man. This can be seen by the yoga formed by mars in the 9th house. Thus we see that the yoga shows all its effects here in this chart.

Chart 1

Below is the chart of a native who has the yoga. Native has gained lot of name and fame in the middle age in life. Person is well known among masses and has got good name. Native heads a company. Native has all the pleasures and comforts and lives like a king attended upon by many people. As an individual she has gained more recognition and say among masses. Native is royal and has fighting nature. Native is generous and good natured as well.

	(Sa)			Su	Me As	Ju	Ke Ma	AL (Ve)
Ra	Rasi			Navamsa				GL
	chart1 November 4, 1970 6:10:13 (5:30 east) 83 E 18, 17 N 42			chart1 November 4, 1970 6:10:13 (5:30 east) 83 E 18, 17 N 42				Gk Mo
SL Mo Gk	Md	GL	Su (Ve) Me HL As Ju	Ra (Sa)	Md		SL	Ma

Analysis: There was a sudden rise in position, name and fame for the native of this chart after 35 years. The native suddenly came into the limelight and now is a well known figure.

- 1) Lagna lord is venus
- 2) Venus is in the house of venus.
- 3) Navamsa lord for venus is mercury.

Venus and mercury both are in Kendra and that too in lagna. Hence we see that the person has the yoga and as it forms in lagna, there is more name and fame as a person of high stature and responsibility than due to anything else. Native is also well respected by all people all over the world.

Chart 2

Native of this chart has parijatha yoga, which will show its effects in the middle and last parts of life. We can see the effects of the yoga showing beginning between 35 to 40 yrs. Now the native looks like an average person and everyone would be surprised or cannot believe that such a person will become famous and get name and fame in life.

AL Ve	BB	Ju Ma	Ke Su Gk
Ve Me	A8 A6 Ra Ma SL	AL	A4
Su As HL PP	Outer: Natal Chart Navamsa		A3
As A9 A5	Ju A4 A3	Inner: Natal Chart Rasi	
	GL	(Sa) Mo A2	BB A9 A11 A10
Ra	PP Me A2	Md Ke	Gk UL A10 A5
		GL HL Md UL	A7

Analysis: 1) lagna lord is Saturn 2) Saturn is in the house of mars 3) mars is in the house of mars 4) The navamsa lord of mars is venus

Saturn is in Kendra. Mars is in its own house and venus is exalted. Thus we see that the native of the chart has parijatha yoga. So in due course of time, the native shall be living like a king with all comforts, pleasures and people around serving the native. Native shall be heading projects or great works. The parijatha yoga is happening due to Saturn in 10th house, hence lot of actions the native has to do and shall earn the effects of the yoga through it. The native will become more courageous, gain more word power and people shall obey the native. Native also is fond of fights and liked and respected by many people.

Thus we have seen the various shades of parijatha yoga through all these charts. It's a very rare raja yoga, which bestows a life of all pleasures and comforts and all the wishes of the native are fulfilled. Many famous around the world have got this yoga.

Knowledge signified in horoscope

Knowledge is of two types, academic knowledge and spiritual knowledge. As we all know that fourth house indicates academic studies and if fourth house or fourth lord are strongly placed or aspected or associated with good planets then the person studies well. For spiritual knowledge as well these factors hold good. Many sanyassi's or sage were even well learned before they took up path of renunciation. Swami chinmayananda was an editor of a newspaper who did M.A in English. Some of our current time sanyaasi's have studied in IIT and have done management in IIMB colleges, before they took up sanyaasa. Even our sanyaasis in recent past like swami Vivekananda were brilliant students in school and college. Our sages of our ancient times, who wrote bhasyas and vartikas etc on our Vedas and Upanishads and all the various works on our vedic sciences and contributed to our vast sources of knowledge in various branches of studies in India, have showcased vast brilliance and depth in their works.

Apart from the 4th lord and house being strong, for spiritual growth, the planets sun and Jupiter should be well placed. We see many people in the world who have risen high in life, who have set highest academic records, but they do not have any spiritual bent of mind. They may be very practical in life. This doesn't mean that all people who are well learned in worldly life cannot become spiritual.

Any spiritual aspirant who has desire to progress in the path, prays for guru's grace. He prays for proper discrimination, knowledge and vairagya. These are the qualities which one has to inculcate. Proper discrimination means to have understanding of what is real and what is not, what is right and what is not is based on the planet mercury. Mercury stands for sharp intellect, logic, discrimination, sense of humour, analytic skills. Sun stands for self-knowledge, Knowledge of the universal truth. Sun also represents power, position, it also shows winning over enemies. Vairagya develops in a person, through observation of the nature of the world and enquiry into the truths within. These deep thoughts are possible only through strong mind and deep thoughts. Strength of mind is needed to stand a witness and observe things.

The right spiritual understanding is what we are terming as knowledge here and not the literal meaning of the word knowledge. For right understanding one should have god's grace

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as well as right knowledge and self-effort. Guru's grace is shown by Jupiter and its strength and position. Sun represents self-knowledge. Mercury gives right discrimination. Let's analyse each planet its position and strength that shall help a person.

Jupiter stands for wisdom, shastras, god's grace, elder's blessings. Jupiter should not be debilitated. Jupiter if exalted will be very good. Thus Jupiter should be in good strength. Jupiter if placed in 5th house gives a devotional mind, a good mind, nirguna upasana and spiritually inclined mind and mind having faith. Jupiter in this position is best for spirituality. If 5th lord is associated with Jupiter as well, gives similar results. If Jupiter aspects the 5th house as well, effects shall be there to some extent.

Jupiter if in the 4th gives one studies of sastras. This also is beneficial for attaining right knowledge, hence it's a good placement of Jupiter. Jupiter in the 2nd house also is good for spirituality. This also may get a person married and have good family, (other factors in the horoscope should be considered) but it will also enable the person to learn to sastras and spread the words of his master and bring people to his master. Jupiter in the 9th house, makes one get merits from previous births. This also makes the person a leader by himself. He himself will be like a guru to all.

Sun exalted is good for spirituality. Sun in own house is next better and sun in friends house is ok. Sun if debilitated or in enemy's house, the right understanding or grasp of knowledge may not take planets. Sun also should be located in lagna, to make a person to be more spiritual. This is best place for sun. Sun in 5th also gives good spiritual inclination. Sun in the 12th house, means that the ego of the person will easily be destroyed by the master.

Mercury if debilitated will not have proper logic or proper discrimination in the world. Such people will find it tough to even do their normal studies. They will have wrong interpretations and understandings of the scriptures. Mercury exalted or in good positions shall give good, sharp intellect and analytic ability to the native. Mercury in the 4th or 5th houses gives one understanding of right knowledge and right interpretations.

Jupiter, sun and mercury if afflicted by aspect or association with malefics such as mars, Saturn, rahu or ketu, then the power of the above positive effects will reduce. The planets

as mentioned may be powerful and be well placed as we discussed, but if afflicted by the malefic planets, will not give fully all the benefits as we discussed.

If Jupiter, sun and mercury are afflicted with Saturn or rahu, the person will be diplomatic in their approach. They hide things from others. They can't be open and straight forward. But if the person turns spiritual

We shall see through some examples and analyse the charts.

Chart 1- Sri Sri Ravishankar

	Su ^{PP HL} GL As A3	Ke Me A11 A4	Ve Mo
BB A9 A7	Natal Chart Rasi		AL Ju A2
SL Md Ma A6			A8
Gk A5	Ra (Sa) UL		A10

Analysis: Sun is exalted in the above chart. Hence sun is very strong. Position of the sun is also favourable. Sun in lagna is a very good placement for spirituality. Thus in all ways sun is well placed from lagna. From moon exalted sun aspects the 5th house. So this is also a good positioning from moon.

Jupiter is also exalted, giving it all the strength. It is placed in the 4th house from lagna. Sri sri Ravishankar was a learned scholar and well versed in sastras. 9th lord Jupiter is exalted in the 4th house. So with lot of merits from the past the native has taken this birth. From

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moon the Jupiter is in the 2nd house. Due to this swami preaches all over the world. He is a great speaker and captivates and makes all spell bound. He spreads the truth of the vedas all around the world.

Mercury is afflicted by Saturn and rahu. But as Sun and Jupiter are very strong and well placed, so the negative effects of Saturn aspect is less.

Chart 2

PP Ra A8 A3	A10 A4 A2	HL Ve A9	Me Su
(Ju) A7 A6	Natal Chart Rasi		Gk AL Md
A5		SL BB	Sa
Mo UL A11	As	GL	Ke Ma

Analysis: Jupiter is the 4th house, which suggests study of vedanta, study of scriptures etc. So Jupiter is well placed. Also Jupiter is in vargottama which shows that the planet is also in good strength. From moon Jupiter is in the 3rd house, not well placed. Sun is in the 8th house from lagna and in the 7th house from moon. So the placement of sun not perfect.

Mercury is not afflicted by Saturn. Mercury is in its own house and is in the 7th house from moon and 8th from lagna. As it's in its own house it is strong. But position of mercury is kind of fine having mixed effects.

Chart 3

<p>Ve</p> <p>Me</p> <p>A6</p>	<p>Ra</p> <p>Ma</p> <p>SL</p> <p>A7</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>A8</p>	
<p>Su</p> <p>As</p> <p>HL</p> <p>PP</p> <p>A11</p>	<p>Natal Chart</p> <p>Rasi</p>		
<p>Ju</p> <p>A4</p> <p>A3</p>		<p>BB</p> <p>A9</p>	
<p>GL</p>	<p>(Sa)</p> <p>Mo</p> <p>A2</p>	<p>Ke</p> <p>Md</p>	<p>Gk</p> <p>UL</p> <p>A10</p> <p>A5</p>

Analysis: We can see here that mercury is debilitated and there is no neecha bhanga as well. Thus the power of mercury is lost. The native is prone to many wrong notions and understanding with respect to the scriptural truth. Native is very weak in logic as well. Proper discrimination of what is right and what is wrong is lacking completely in the native as well.

Jupiter is also debilitated, so studying of scriptures will be very tough for the person. The native will not have any inborn interest in studying. One has to put more effort in order to get the grace of the lord.

Sun is in the house of the enemy. This means that the native shall not have right knowledge as well.

Given all the above factors, it's very tough for the native to be spiritual.

Thus we have seen with very many examples, how we can identify whether a native can acquire right spiritual knowledge and progress on the path, or become one with wrong knowledge.

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Transition of Saturn and its effects

Currently Saturn is exalted in Thula or libra sign. Saturn will move to Vrischika or Scorpio on November 2nd 2014. Saturn will be in scorpio until Oct 25th 2017. For another 2.5 yrs, Saturn will be in the house of mars i.e scorpio.

Scorpio is a sign of scorpion, a poisonous insect. This sign, represents cheating, poison and insects. It is also the 8th sign in the normal calculations. So it indicates obstacles and death. It is a watery sign. Mars the house owner is an enemy for Saturn. Thus conflicts are indicated. Mars stands for weapons in the watery sign of scorpio, which stands for death.

Saturn transition shall influence the world events as well as personal life of individuals. 30 years ago i.e in between 1984 to 1985 saturn would have been in same position. If we look into the world history, we see that 1984 our prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated and there were riots and disharmony in the country. Same year, the epidemic called AIDS broke out. Thus it was an year which saw many problems in India and around the world.

We are already seeing many effects of Saturn transiting, like jayalalitha behind bars, floods, cyclones and natural calamities effecting many places around the world. Epidemics like ebola spreading across nations and killing people in thousands. Hostility, killings and violence is seen in many countries due to various reasons.

We shall analyse the effects of transition of Saturn for all rasis.

Aries/Mesha: For aries rasi or lagna, Saturn is in the 8th house. The 10th and 11th lord is Saturn and is an enemy to the lagna lord. So it is not at all a good time. Saturn will cause obstacles with respect to any activities taken up by the native. There will be delay, difficulties, confusions etc. Studies will not progress in smooth way for students. At work place, people may loose their jobs or settle for lesser positions. Financial problems will be faced by the native. Elders of the native will also suffer as the 11th lord is in the 8th house. Health of the native will deteriorate during this time. Lot of body discomfort and ill-health will be faced by the native. Operations are also possible during this period. Saturn aspects the 10th house, 2nd and 5th house. Work may not be very bad as Saturn aspects its own house. But family matters may be cause of tension. Overall it's not a good time for taking

up new activities. Not good for job, studies, health and finance. This 2.5 yrs is tough time for aries people.

Taurus/Vrishabha: Saturn is a yogakaraka for this rasi or lagna people. This means it will not do much harm. But as Saturn is in enemy house of mars, some troubles can be expected by natives of this house. Saturn is the 9th and 10th lord in the 7th house. It is time for marriages to take place. There shall be elevations at job place. Natives will get recognition, name and fame. There will be travels due to work. Finances will be good this year. Saturn aspects the 9th house, hence father of the native will be fine. Saturn also aspects the lagna, protecting the native. 4th house is also aspected by Saturn, some trouble for mother can be there this year. There can be some discomforts during travel this year. Overall it's a beneficial year for the native compared to others.

Gemini/Mithuna: Saturn is located in the 6th house of enemies. So trouble from enemies is expected this year. Enemies shall be treacherous and shall be poisoning minds of others. Stomach trouble will be prominent this year. Saturn is the 8th and the 9th lord located in 6th house. Through grace of guru which stands for the 9th lord, the person can be saved from troubles. The father of the native will not be having good time this year. Luck may not favour the native. Health issues can also be cause of concern this year. Saturn aspects the 8th, 12th and 3rd houses. This means death may not result this year as Saturn aspects its own house the 8th house. Kith and kin of the native will be in trouble as well. Saturn is not a friend of mercury the lord of mithuna. Hence more bad effects can be see due to placement of Saturn in a dusthana.

Cancer/Karkataka: Saturn is the 7th and 8th lord for this rasi or lagna and is located in the 5th house. 8th lord in the 5th house, indicates troubles for children. Lot of worries and tensions can be expected this year. Faith in people may vanish. Thoughts about leaving once guru may arise in the mind. Saturn aspects the 7th, 11th and 2nd house for this rasi people. Hence financial troubles may arise for the native. It may be trouble time for relationships as well. Overall, it's a mixed bag of good and bad things happening for natives of this rasi or lagna, but the financial matters will be effected and the children of the native will go through tough times.

Leo/Simha: Saturn is an enemy to the lord of this house. So it will give more bad effects than good ones. Saturn is the 6th and 7th lord and is located in the 4th house. The mother of the native will be going through some troubles. Saturn is aspecting the 10th house. So the native will have oppositions at work place. He will have power and position at work. Saturn is also aspecting the lagna. The person will face opposition from enemies. Over all its mixed results for leo, due to saturn transition.

Virgo/Kanya: Saturn is the enemy of the lord of the house. Saturn is a malefic being the owner of 5th and 6th houses. Saturn is in the 3rd house and aspects 5th, 9th house and 12th house. Kanyarasi and lagna people have a lot of relief due to Saturn moving to scorpio as it ends 7.5 yrsezhassani for these people. So coming period is a better time than earlier times. It is not good time for kith and kin, children as well as for natives father. If the 3rd house is generally weak, the person problems related to throat. Overall for this rasi people it's not bad time.

Libra/Thula: Lord of 4th and 5th house is Saturn and is the yogakaraka for this rasi or lagna natives. Saturn is in the 2nd house and aspects 8th house and 11th house. Yogakaraka in 2nd house brings in lot of fortunes to the native. It will be a good financial year. But the native should be careful about any cheating with respect to finances. This is a favourable time for this rasi people. Though the natives of this rasi are undergoing 7.5 years sani, but effect of sani will bring many good things in life.

Scorpio/Vrischika: Mars is the enemy of Saturn. The owner of this house is mars. Saturn is also a malefic for this rasi or lagna people. Due to Saturn in lagna now, the native may suffer health issues. Face may also incur certain problems during this period. Saturn is the 3rd and 4th lord. Troubles for kith and kin and mother are possible. Ezhasani for 7.5 yrs is ongoing for this rasi and lagna people. So it is not a good time for the native. They should be careful about their health. They shall be lot of discomfort with respect to the body.

Saggitarus/Dhanus: Ezhasani starts for this rasi or lagna people. Saturn is the 2nd and 3rd lord here. Financial issues may arise during these 2.5 years of Saturn. 2nd lord in the 12th also leads to loss of wealth. They can have lot of travels as well as Saturn is in the 12th house. Native should be careful while walking, as chances of feet getting hurt will be there.

Capricorn/Makara: Saturn is the lagna lord for this rasi or lord. Saturn moves to the 11th house for these natives. So there is not much trouble due to Saturn transition. Lagna lord in 11th helps one to get many of the desires to be fulfilled. Saturn is also the 2nd lord. 2nd lord in the 11th house indicates lot of wealth inflow during these 2.5 years. So it is a very favourable period for this rasi or lagna people.

Aquarius/kumbha: Saturn is also the lord of this house. Saturn is located in the 10th house. This brings in lot of responsibility at work place for the native. Position and power will come. More actions will be performed during these 2.5 years. Native will have to manage many people. Overall it's a good time for the natives of this rasi.

Pisces/Meena: Saturn is the 11th and 12th lord for the natives of this rasi. It is a malefic for this rasi or native people. Saturn is in the 9th house. 11th lord in 9th house is good for financial matters. 12th lord Saturn in 9th house, will causes some troubles for father. The astamasani period for these natives is just over and they have some relief now. The next 2.5 yrs will be better than the past times.

Saturn overall is good for some rasis and not good for some other rasis. Saturn a yoga karaka for thula and Taurus people doesn't give trouble on the contrary, many benefits they will see through this time. For aries, Gemini, cancer, Leo, scorpio and Saggitarius this 2.5 years will cause lot of trouble, along with ezhasani starting for saggitarius natives. For Pisces and Virgo rasis, the astamasani and ezhasani time has just ended and they will experience some good things in coming yrs. For scorpio natives the ezhasani is ongoing. Natives of thula have to face the last phase of sani for next 2.5 yrs.

Lagna for M.A Math chart is aries and rasi is Taurus. Hence this year we shall see the mixed effects of sani both good and bad. There shall be lot of obstacles in the work undertaken by the math, due to astamasani from lagna, but at the same time, there will be lot of good work done and lot of name and fame for the math also due to Saturn in the 7th for Taurus rasi.

Horoscope Analysis

N T Rama Rao

Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao known as N.T Rama rao was a film actor, director, producer and an politician as well. He also worked as the chief minister of andhra pradesh for 5 years. He was in poilitical field for more than 10 yrs.

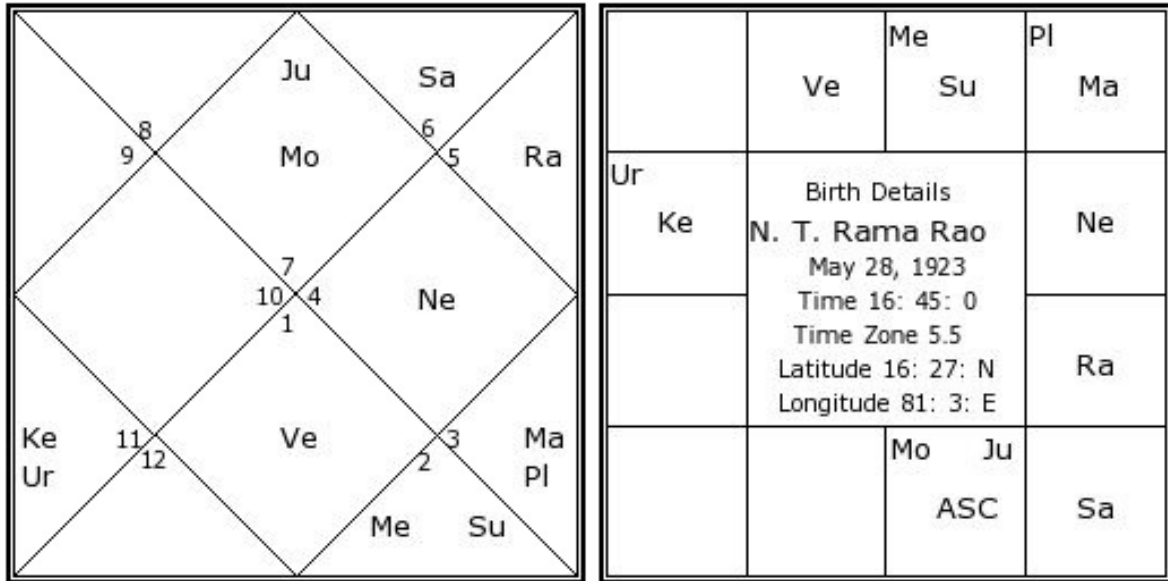
NTR was the best actor of his times and gained lot of name and fame through his mythogolical characters in the films. He acted as Sri Krishna and Sri Rama in many movies and mesmerized people so much that they thought if krishna was to be born again he will be like NTR.

He had lot of huge fan followers all over andhra. He received many national awards. He was awarded Filmfare best actor award. He acted in many films and dominated the film industry for over 50 years. He acted even at the age of 60. He was in cinema for so long.

He got married at the age of 20 and had eight sons and four daughters. His eldest son died in 1962 and his wife died due to cancer in 1985. In 1993, NTR remarried at the age of 70 to Lakshmi parvathi a telugu writer.

He entered politics in 1982 and created a new party called Telugu Desam Party. He stood for elections under this party banner and opposed the then central part Indian congress. He was elected as the chief minister of andhra pradesh and completed one term of 5 years. He stood for elections for 3 times and was defeated once and had to sit in the opposition party as well. He demise took place in 1996.

Chart : NTR



Analysis: All benefics in the lagna and in the 7th has brought him all the name and fame. There are lot of yogas in the chart. Gajakesari yoga formed by Jupiter and moon together is inlagna. Due to this he earned a lot of money. Another yoga is ati-manusha yoga.

Venus and Jupiter opposite to each other causesati-manusha yoga. He was a celebrity due to his extraordinary performance. He excelled in the field of acting and was a very famous actor. Venus is the lagna lord and Jupiter is the 3rd and 6th lord. 3rd lord stand for arts and lagna lord for personality. So the atimanusha yoga showed in his artistic talent as well as his personal charisma.

He had an attractive appearance and was very handsome. Venus the lagna lord is well placed in Kendra. Venus lord bestows beauty to the person. Moon and Jupiter in lagna also made him a very attractive, handsome person, who attracted lot of fansin the state. He had a charisma and style as a person and people recognized through his action in movies.

Gajakesari yoga formed due to Jupiter and moon in the lagna is very strong. This gave him lot of wealth. He became very rich. The 3rd lord Jupiter and 10th lord moon involvement in the yoga lead to earning money through his profession in the fields of arts. He earned a lot by becoming an actor.

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He is said to be a very good person by nature. He was a very straight forward and frank person. This is to the aspects of all benefics on the lagna and lagna lord. There are no malefic influences on the lagna. This made him a very good man at heart.

He even learnt dancing at the age of 40, for acting for a movie. Mars aspecting the 3rd house has given him the talent of dancing. The 3rd and 6th lord in lagna also indicates that he has talents at fine arts.

Mars is in the 9th house aspected by Saturn from the 12th house. Saturn aspecting the 9th house, gives lot of luck and money to the person. As Saturn aspects mars, which is its enemy, he did lot of adharmic actions. Mars is the 7th lord of name and fame and it's in 9th house. Thus he got lot of name and fame and money. He also gained through his marriage.

At the age of 60, his wife died due to cancer. We can see that Saturn and mars aspects lead to this. Mars is the 7th lord aspected by Saturn it's enemy though an yogakaraka. His wife died in the venus main period and sub period of venus. Venus is the 8th lord as well as lagna lord. So 8th lord venus in 7th house, made the partner die early.

But as yogakaraka Saturn is in the 12th, he didn't seem to have much yoga in his life. Even his children didn't become very popular like him. One child of N.T.Ramarao died early in life. He even lost one of his daughters early in life. One of his sons died during the period of mercury and ketu. Mercury is in the 8th house and ketu is the enemy of mercury. Also ketu is in the 5th house. Hence it caused the loss of a son.

He entered politics in 1982, by founding the telugudesam party. He became the chief minister in 1983. This is during the period of ketu and venusdasa and mercury dasa. Mercury is the 9th lord which might have given him the position of chief minister. Ketu gives the effects of Saturn. Saturn is the 5th and 4th lord and is yogakaraka. Hence during this period, he got all fame by becoming a chief minister.

But in 1984 after death of his wife, during venusdasa and venus sub dasa, Rama rao had to undergo open heart operation in USA. Mars aspects Saturn, Mars also aspects the 4th house. Due to mutual mars and Saturn aspects, he had mild heart attacks. Saturn stands for 4th lord, as well as heart.

He was chief minister of Andhra Pradesh from 1984 to 1989. Then he lost power in 1989. This was venus and moon dasa. Venus is the 8th lord and moon is the 10th lord. Thus he lost his position. Again he came back to power in 1994. This was the period of venus and rahudasa. In venus and Jupiter dasa he lost his position to his son-in-law Chandra babunaidu. Jupiter is the 6th lord in lagna. Thus his enemies had taken over the reins of the party from him.

In venus and rahudasha he remarried. Rahu is in the 11th house and venus is in the 7th house. Venus in the 7th house and that dasa running, made him marry again at that age. Rahu in the 11th house of desires, helped him to fulfil his desire.

During the 8th lord as well as lagna lord dashai.evenusdasha, his demise took place in 1996. It was venus and Jupiter dasa. Jupiter is a malefic for thulalagna people. So during the 8th lord dasa and the 6th lord dasa of Jupiter his death took place.

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