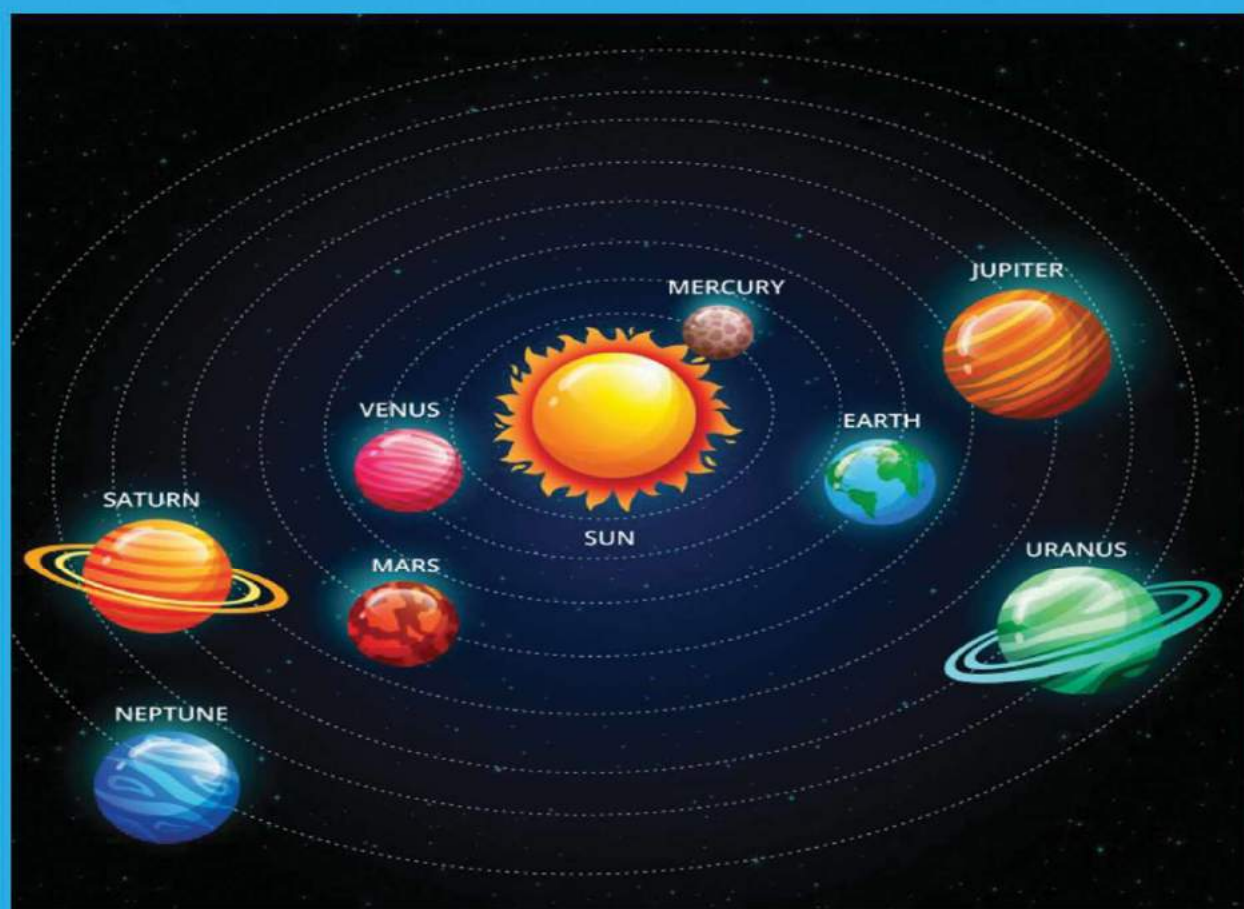


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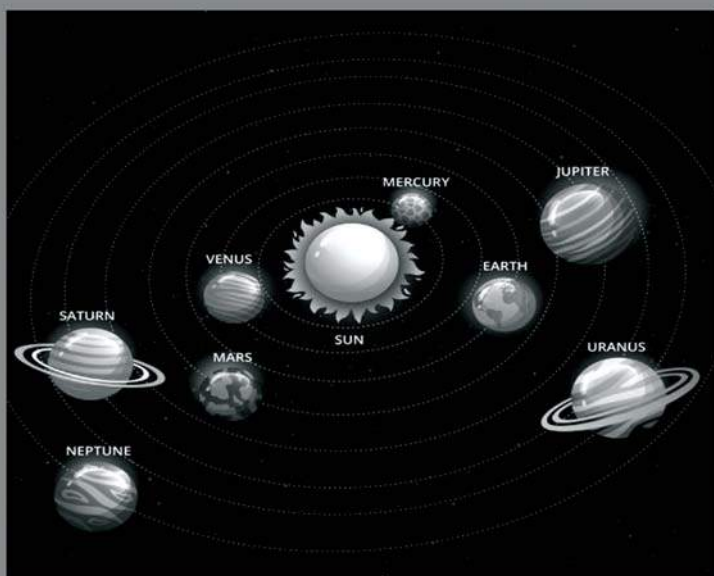


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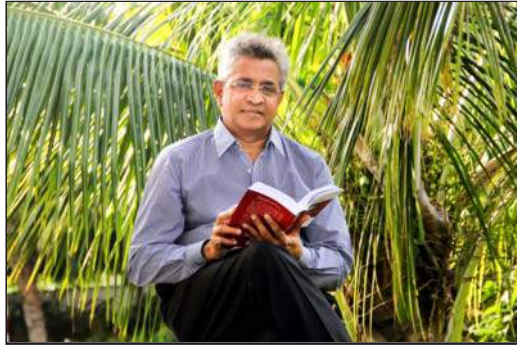
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The big brother to all near and dear
 Who blended science and spirituality
 Who is adept in arts and technology
 Who “gives” to his heart’s fullfilment

A ‘Padmabhushan’ of Indian biotechnology
 A doctored supporter of arts, literature & music
 A thinker & spiritual seeker of high order
 An allrounder and a unique creation of god

I dedicate this book to the one who showered affection
 on me like a brother and also is a cause behind the publication of
 this book.

This book is dedicated to
 “Abhinava Sri Krishnadevaraya”

SRI KODURU ISHWARA VARAPRASADA REDDY

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FOREWORD

Sri Chennareddy VASUDEV, is a retired AGM from BHEL Hyderabad and is well known to me. Among the people who have come closer to me in recent times, he has a unique place among them.

His father was Sri C.K.REDDY, the erstwhile Chief Engineer and board member of the AP electricity board of the combined state. He was a guide and philosopher for me. He was a person of character, dedication to work and of a spotless integrity. His study of the scriptures and the literature of Sri Ramana and Ramakrishna continued throughout his life. According to me, he was a true Karmayogi with vast knowledge.

Mr. Vasudev also inculcated his father's qualities of deep study of various subjects and due to some reasons, concentrated more on Astrology, it's meaning and usefulness to humanity.

In this book, Vasudev tried to explain Astrology in a comprehensive way about it's origin, details, and finally how to utilise this sacred subject for the benefit of all.

The method of analysing a horoscope and details of planets, rashis and significations etc., are deliberately kept at minimum level since that is not the primary aim of this book.

The Philosophy of Astrology is the essence of this book. One will know totally about Astrology after reading this book. The origin, History, details, the complexity of

the subject, the fears and misunderstandings and in what way we should treat and receive Astrology in our lives is explained in this book.

I sincerely wish that people should read and get benefited by this book.

I thank Mr. Chennareddy Vasudev for affectionately dedicating this book to me.

(K.I. Varaprasad Reddy)

PREFACE

I am Chennareddy VASUDEV, and my father, who is no more, is Mr. C.K.REDDY who was chief Engineer and then the board member of the erstwhile APSEB, the electricity board of the combined A.P. State.

I studied BE from Mysore University and joined the BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd) at Hyderabad and retired as AGM in the year 2015.

My mother way back in the year 1971, made me to study the Telugu Biography of “Swami Vivekananda”. Since then, I got hooked to reading like a fish to water and the reading went on touching various subjects.

It was in 1991, while working in BHEL, that I went into a confused state of mind about life, due to severe ill health, heavy job responsibilities, and money fluctuations etc.,. I did not get answers to any of my questions. That state of mind led me to the study of Astrology.

I got hold of the subject to some extent due to the study of various books (classic and modern) and also due to practical applications by studying various horoscopes.

The first major benefit of the study and assimilation of the subject was the understanding of my own life and resultant clearance of certain illusions about my life. I could get the insight that few of the events which appeared as defeats, were in essence blessings in disguise.

Dr. B.V.Raman's books were my initial guiding lights. Then my reading extended to classical and modern literature of Astrology both in Telugu and English languages. It finally got extended upto the K.P. Astrology literature. Whatever today I am, with respect to the knowledge and awareness of Astrology, I sincerely believe is the result of the blessings of Adi Yogi Sri Dakshina Murthy and Maa Saraswati.

Till my retirement in BHEL in 2015, I could guide my friends and aquiantances in the horoscope results and suggest remedial measures to get over the problems. I sincerely followed a rule that I should not get anything from anybody in return.

Presently I stopped studying horoscopes due to the psychological burden experienced, in the process.

INTRODUCTION

What is Astrology? How has it came into existence? How is it useful to humanity. This book is written as an answer to above enquiries. This is a study of the basic philosophy and usage of the subject of Astrology.

The planetary and bhava significations and the study of a horoscope are briefly explained. But elaboration is avoided since this book is not meant for analysis of horoscopes. If one has to learn it, immense number of books are already available.

This book is aimed at understanding of the roots of Astrology, basic elements, the history of it and finally as how to utilise the knowledge in our lives. Puranic and fiction stories were added wherever needed to aid the understanding.

There are lot of fears and misunderstandings prevalent in society about Astrology. Hence if we study the subject from the roots and turn it as a useful instrument in our lives, all illusions would be cleared and we would be benefited.

When we avoid going to the Astrologers for each and every problem, gain true wisdom, do our duty, and pray the lord with pure mind for guidance, we shall surely get the direction for solving our problems. The purpose of this book shall be fulfilled when everyone becomes self sufficient in facing life.

1. THE ROOTS OF ASTROLOGY

The Cosmos, with all its galaxies, planets, stars, earth, trees, living beings was created 300 crores of years back. The creation was supposed to be with “BIG BANG” scientifically.

Since the beginning of the existence of human race, man has been fascinated by Nature and its mysteries. On one side he contemplated on the meaning of nature, cosmos and the purpose of existence. Deep meditation was practised by many thinkers, yogis and rishis, continuously.

On another side, man, in the pursuit of progress and prosperity, went on exploiting nature. These two main functions were going on continuously and parallelly through out the history of mankind.

Gradually man has become aware of the environmental destruction he has been causing over centuries. Due to this awareness, corrective measures are in progress, like search for alternative energy sources etc. Man is presently hoping to achieve a balance between progress and usage of resources and achieve a sustainability level of life so that we can hand over a good sustainable Earth to future generations, which is their right.

The other group which was involved in the study of nature, scriptures, shastras in the mode of Guru Sishya parampara was active from 5000 BC to 1000 AD in the Indian sub continent. This was the time when other continents were involved in wars and settlements.

In the process of their study, concentration and meditations, enormous amounts of spiritual and scientific and medicinal literature was developed, more than half of which was lost during the destruction of Nalanda and Taxshila Universities and also of places of study and worship like Somnath, Mathura etc.

This destruction was caused by invaders who conquered INDIA from 900 AD to 1800 AD (Afghans, Moghals and the Britishers)

When the Maharishis were in deep meditation at exalted and altered states of consciousness, the knowledge received in an “Aparoksha” manner from the creator in such a condition were the “VEDAS”.

Initially the VEDAS were revealed as a single “Veda Rasi”, but at successive times Then the son of “Parasara Maharshi”, Sri VYASA, who is considered as avataar of VISHNU, divided the Vedas for the benefit of the people of Kaliyuga. Since that time he has been called VEDAVYASA.

After the division, the VEDAS have become 4 in number, as following,

1. RIG VEDA
2. YAJUR VEDA
3. SAMA VEDA
4. ATHARVANA VEDA

This knowledge was received directly from “BRAHMA” by the elevated “Samyamana” state of mind of

the Maharishis. Then this was taught to the disciples with “Swara” which is important while learning VEDAS. Since “Swara yukta pathanam” was a must, reading of written words were not encouraged. So nobody recorded them in writing in ancient times and hence the VEDAS were called “APAURUSHEYAS”.

The end portion of all the ‘VEDAS’ have “Upanishads”, which are the essence of the spiritual knowledge contained in VEDAS. That is why the knowledge of the “UPANISHADS” is called VEDANTA. Many upanishads were lost and finally a total number of 108 upanishads are available today. Out of this, the most important 10 were selected which are called “Dasopanishaths”.

The ten Upanishads are

SL NO	NAME	from
1	Aitareya	Rigvedam
2	Katha	Krishna Yajurvedam
3	Taittiriya	Krishna Yajurvedam
4	Eesavasya	Sukla Yajurvedam
5	Brihadaranyaka	Sukla Yajurvedam
6	Kena	Sama Vedam
7	Chandogya	Sama Vedam
8	Prasna	Atharvana Vedam
9	Mundaka	Atharvana Vedam
10	Mandukya	Atharvana Vedam

VEDANGAS are the ANGAS or parts of VEDAS which are essential to study and understand the VEDAS. They are as follows.

VEDANGA THE PART OF VEDAPURUSHA

1.	SIKSHA	THE NOSE
2.	VYAKARANA	THE FACE
3.	CHANDASS	THE FEET
4.	NIRUKTAM	THE EARS
5.	JYOTISHYAM (ASTROLOGY)	THE EYES
6.	KALPAM	THE HANDS

So, Astrology is given the status of the ‘EYE’ of the Vedapurusha. As human eye is the most important part of the human body (“Sarvendriyaanam Nayanam Pradhanam”) similarly Astrology is the most important part of the Veda angas.

Astrology explains things of past and present and throws light on the future to instill action and wisdom, for the mortal human beings.

What Vedas say about Astrology is as follows

SLOKA:

ज्योतिषशास्त्रम महा पुन्यम प्रत्यक्ष्यमपि जीवितम
चंद्रार्का साषिणौ तत्रा सैता स्मार्तादि साधनम ।
स्वयं स्वयं भुवा स्पष्टं चकशुरभूतम दविजन्मनाम
वेदांगा ज्योतिषम ब्रम्हसमम वेदैर्विन्पितम ॥
(JYOTISHASHASTRAM, MAHAPUNYAM)

PRATYAKSHAMAPIJEEVITHAM
 CHANDRARKASAKSHINOUTATRASROUTA
 SMAARTADISAADHANAAM
 SWAYAMSWAYAMBHUVASPASHTAM
 CHAKSHURBHOOTAMDWIJANMANAAM
 VEDANGAJYOTISHAMBRAHMASAMAM
 VEDAIRVINIPNATAM)

Meaning: The Astrology is sacred, directly revealed. SUN and MOON are the evidential entities for Astrology. It is the basis and an instrument for Sroutha and Smartha Karmas. It is an ‘eye’ to the VEDAS and is the root of all subjects.

Astrology truly is the root of all subjects. All subjects in this visible and non visible world find a place and explanation in Astrology. We can say that what does not exist in Astrology does not exist in the world.

With deep analysis of horoscope, we can assess a person’s health, financial, social, psychological and spiritual aspects and also decide the remedies if required. It is said in shastras that ‘MAN’ is made as a microcosm representing the cosmic macrocosm. This is the fundamental basis of Astrology.

A man can perform the actions thought over and decided by him. But what to think and decide, strangely is directed by FATE. Exactly here, the “Karma Sidhanta” operates. The decisions influenced by our intellect are actually the karmic results of the actions of our past lives.

Hence Astrology unfolds the actions and results as per the horoscope which is decisively fixed at the time of

birth and which is the result of a complex equation based on past Karmas.

यदुपचिता मन्यजन्मनि शुभाशुभं तस्य कर्मणः पंक्तिम् ।
व्यन्जयन्ति शास्त्रमेतत् तमसि द्रव्याणि दीपा इवा ।

(YADUPACHITA, MANYAJANMANI,
SUBHAASUBHAM TASYA KARMANAAH PANKTIM
VYANJAYANTI SASTRAMETAT
TAMASI DRAVYANI DEEPA IVA)

Meaning: This subject is throwing light on the items in the dark area revealing the good and bad results of the deeds done in the past.

विधात्रा लिखिता या सौ ललाटे क्षर्मालिके ।
दैवज्ञस्ताम पठे द्रयत्तम् होरा निर्मला चक्षुसा ॥

(VIDHATRA LIKHITA YA SOU LALATE KSHARMALIKA
DAIVAGNASTHAM PATHEDRYUKTAM HORA
NIRMALA CHAKSHUSHA.)

Meaning: The ‘DAIVAGNAS’ are studying clearly the ‘Brahmas’ writing on the forehead with the help of the “HORASHASTRA”.



2. ASTROLOGY - PRARABDA KARMA

Man had been encountering certain basic questions since time immemorial. The questions like,

- Who are we? Where from have we come here?
- What is the purpose of coming to Earth?
- Before birth where were we?
- Does nothing remain after the mortal death?
- What is the meaning of life between birth and death?
- Why grief and happiness? What is our control?
- Food, cloth and shelter, not for everyone why?
- What is our true responsibility in life?
- What is the God's intention for us?

WHAT TO THINK AND
HOW TO LIVE?

The answers for all such intriguing metaphysical questions can be found in the vast spiritual literature of INDIA.

The sacred "UPANISHADS" which are called Vedanta, impart the essential wisdom about human life, the equivalent of which can be found nowhere in the world literature. The knowledge and wisdom contained in the "Prasthanas Traya" elevates human mind and imparts total clarity about life and after. Following are called the "Prasthanas Traya"

1. Brahma Sutras
2. Bhagavad Gita

3. Upanishads

To understand the truth in an easier way and to make it accessible to vast majority of common people, the Puranas and Itihaasas were given by the great Rishis. This process aided the spiritual upliftment of common man who neither can access nor can understand directly the essence of Vedas and Vedanta.

The “Ramayana” gifted us with the eternal “Yoga Vaasishtam”,

The “Mahabharata” gifted us with the eternal “Bhagavadgita”,

And “SriMadbhagavatam” enabled us to understand Godhood and the path of Bhakthi.

Now, we shall see, what was said about human life in these sacred texts.

Sloka (Bhagavadgita 2:27)

जातस्य हि ध्रुवो मृत्युर्ध्रुवं जन्म मृतस्य च ।

तस्माद परिहार्यर्थे न त्वं शोचितमर्हसी ॥

(JATASYAHI DHRUVO MRUTYURDRUVAM
JANMA MRITASYACHA
TASMADA PARIHARYERTHE NATWAM
SOCHITA MARHASI.)

Meaning: Death for the born, and birth for the dead, is a must. For the one who died without self realisation, for him rebirth based on his past karma is a must. Hence you should not grieve for such an essential cycle of happening.

Sloka (Bhagavadgita 2:22)

वासंसि जीर्णानि यथा विधाया नवानि ग्रह्णाति नरे पराणी ।
 तत्त्वं शरीराणि विधायाजीर्णा न्याय्यानी सम्याति नवानि देही ॥
 (VASAAMSI JEERNANI YADHAA VIHAAAYA
 NAVANI GRAHNATI NARO PARANI
 TATHAM SAREERANI VIHAAAYAJEERNA
 NYAVYAANI SAMYAATINAVAANI DEHEE.)

Meaning: Just like a man replaces torn clothes with new clothes, Jeevatma discards the aged and wasted bodies and wears new bodies.

If we conclude based on the above two slokas, the man who is basically a jeevatma (a spirit) had been entering different bodies since ages and has been thus repeatedly visiting the earth.

So, the body is provided to the jeevatma for actions, experiences, improvements, suffering and in an overall way, for evolution. To go through the results of past good and bad karmas, we have taken birth repeatedly as per karma cycle.

If the past account of actions becomes zero, the jeevatma does not find the need to don another body and goes to the 'LORD' for the purpose of jeevatma Paramatma Samyogam. This is the final emancipation or "MOKSHA". How this is happening is given in a Sloka

Sloka: (Bhagavadgita 2:51)

कर्मजम् बुध्युक्ता ही फलम् त्यक्त्वा मनिषिणा
 जन्मबन्धा विनिर्मुक्ता पदम् गच्छन्तया नमायान ॥

(KARMAJAM BUDHI YUKTA HI PHALAM
 TYAKTWA MANISHINA
 JANMA BANDHA VINIRMUKTHA PADAM GACHA
 GACHANTYA NAMAYAAN.)

Meaning: Sri Krishna in GITA has given assurance to humanity about the result of complete surrender to him which is proven by great souls and which is a great boon to all of us.

Sloka (Bhagavadgita 18:66)

सर्वधर्माऽर्ण परित्यज्या मामेकम शरणम ब्रजा
 अहंत्वा सर्वपापेभ्यो मोक्षईश्यामी मां सुचा ॥

(SARVADHARMAAN PARITYJYA MAMEKAM SARANAM VRAJA
 AHAM TWA SARVA PAPEBHYO MOKSHAISHYAMI MAA SUCHAH.)

Meaning: While engaged in nishkama Karma and bind the lord to the Antahkarana and surrender completely, Sri Krishna promised to destroy all our “Sanchita Karmas”.

This is a wonderful assurance by lord Krishna. Because by the time the prarabda Karma (present life) ends, even the Sanchita Karma ends, then there is no pending Karma and there is no need for rebirth and we only reach the lord after life’s end.

Now, let us understand the types of Karma as propounded by Rishis in Sanatana dharma.

The reason for the birth of every human being is the result of the past deeds in the previous lives. For the bad deeds, one experiences grief and for the good deeds, one experiences happiness. Shastras have explained that

PAROPAKARAM IS PUNYAM

AND

PARAPEEDANAM IS PAPAM

The results given in the present life as prarabda Karma, are the results of a complex equation extracted from previous births. It is not a point to point result, nor it is only taken from previous birth. Sanchita Karma of all lives are considered and the karmas which are ready to sprout are selected and fixed as prarabda Karma. Now we shall see what are these categories of Karma.

There are 3 types

1. SANCHITAKARMA ----- PASTTIMES
2. PRARABDA KARMA----- PRESENT LIFE
3. AAGAMIKARMA ----- FUTURE KARMAS.

1. SANCHITA KARMA: These are the sum total of all accumulated KARMAS from all the previous births. These are basically in a seed form.

The Sanchita Karmas including from the immediate previous birth are considered and the Karmas which are ready to sprout are together set aside as “Prarabda Karma”.

As explained earlier sincere life with “Antakarana Sudhi” and bhakti towards GOD will help us gradually destroy the Sanchita Karma seeds.

2. PRARABDA KARMA: This is the Karma set by the lord for the present life. This is the “Karma” indicated by the Horoscope. which is prepared at the time of the birth. The results of prarabda karma unfold in the flow of Maha

Dasas and Antar dasas of the Horoscope.

As per the Shastras, the prarabda karma can not be changed. The horoscope reveals whether it is a yoga jataka, avayoga jataka or a mixed one. This depends on whether the soul entered the body predominantly to suffer or predominantly to enjoy fruitful results.

For the difficult situations of the prarabda Karma, remedies can be performed. The details are discussed in the concerned chapter.

The prarabda Karma in a horoscope, is represented by the 6th bhava, it's lord and the Karaka Sani who is a Karmaphala data.

3. AAGAMI KARMA: All the good and bad actions we are going to perform till the end of the present life are called "Aagami" Karmas. The results are added to the "Sanchita Karma" before deciding the prarabda Karma of the next birth.

The planets influence us and instigate us for negative actions. But wisdom as a weapon, we can counter such forces and abstain from doing any negative actions. This may be difficult and easier said than done. But it is not impossible. Like this, all Aagami Karmas can be made positive. This is in fact is the benefit of the knowledge of Astrology.

Negative EVENT is inevitable
BUT
Negative Action is a Choice

Let us see what Shastras say about the prarabda Karma.

Sloka:

ललाटा लिखिते रेखा परिमाष्टन्व सक्तते
हरिनापि, हरेनापि, ब्रह्मनापि सुरैरपि ॥

(LALATA LIKHITE REKHA PARMASHTANCHA SAKTATE
HARINAAPI, HARENAAPI, BRAHMA NAAPI, SURAIRAPI)

Meaning: The writing on the forehead can not be wiped off, even for HARI, HARA, BRAHMA, devataas also.

Sloka (Bhagavadgita 18:61)

ईश्वरा सर्वभूतानां हृद्देशेऽजुन तिष्ठति
भ्रामये सर्वभूतानि यन्त्रारूढानि मायया ॥

(EASWARA SSARVABHOOTANAAM
HRUDH ESERJUNA TISHTATHI
BHRAAMAYE SARVA BHOOTANI
YANTRAA RUDHANI MAAYAYA.)

Meaning: Parameswara stays in the hridaya sthana of all. He only under maya runs the machinery of body and mind to fulfill actions as per the nature and Karma of individuals.

Why it is not so easy for anyone to escape from the so called “Karmabandham” is well explained by another sloka from Gita.

Sloka (Bhagavadgita 18:60)

स्वभावजेन कौन्तेया निबद्धा स्वेना कर्मणा
कर्तुमनेच्छसी यन्मोहकरिष्येपितत ॥

(SWABHAVAJENA KAUNTEYA NIBADHAH SWENA KARMANAA
KARTAMNEEHASI YANMOHATKARI SHASY NISO PITAT)

Meaning: With attachment to near and dear, what you do not like to do, even such acts with your ‘Kartrudharma’ you will be made to do.

In conclusion of all the above, we can say that no one can escape the results of the prarabda karma. As already mentioned, when events are inevitable (which we can not alter since they are part of the prarabda karma) Our reactions and further actions can be kept in our control with the help of our intelligence, ego control, analysis and wisdom.

To indicate that karma results operate in a subtle but sure way, there is a DOHA in Hindi which is apt to quote. Here it is.

DANE DANE PE LIKHA HAI	KHAANE WALE KA
NAAM,	
DENE WALE NE LIKHA HAI	LENE WALE KA
DAAM.	

Even the ‘Shastras’ emphasise that the prarabda karma results happen surely in ways we can not normally comprehend. There are two puranic stories explaining such prarabda karma realisations which are very interesting to read.

STORY 1.

The Episode of “NARADA”

Once, the Brahma Manasaputra, the Maharshi Narada was walking on a sea shore on Earth, singing the glory of Sri Maha Vishnu.

He observed that a “human skull” was lying in the dirty waters in the sea shore. He lifted it and with his “Yoga drishti”, read what was written on the forehead. It was written that there is finally “Brahma loka prapti” for that skull.

Narada was taken a back. That means his fathers (Brahma’s) writing has not come out true. He felt happy that he got a good example to show to his father and enjoy a good “Samvadam” with him. Infact he was waiting for such an opportunity since a long time.

He took the human skull carefully to Brahmaloaka, submitted it to Brahmaji and explained where he found it. Then he asked that he wanted to know why the writing on the forehead is not compatible to the final position of the skull.

Brahma replied “My Son! This man was a normal human being without any speciality. He also died miserably. But due to some secretive and compelling reasons, I had to write “Brahma loka prapti” for his skull. And I also ordained that it should happen through a Mahapurusha.

This is what exactly happened today. Isn’t it my son? asked Brahma smilingly.

STORY 2:

Episode of “Garutmanta”

There was a parrot enjoying his day sitting on the “Simha Dwaram” of the “Kailasa” loka.

Lord ‘YAMA’ had an official work with lord “SIVA” and was entering the Kailasa. He saw the parrot on the main door. He stopped, looked at him, smiled by nodding his head and went away into Kailasam to meet lord Siva.

The parrot trembled with fear. The parrot knows that a look with smile from lord Yama is nothing but death. With anxiety and fear for life, it prayed for the King of the birds, lord “Garutmanta”. He appeared and enquired what the matter is.

The parrot wept and with fear, explained what happened and said that he is young and wanted to live and made “Stotram” to the lord of the birds. Parrot said there is nothing impossible for “Garutmanta” and if he wills, the parrot can live.

“Garutmanta” was happy for the prayer and took pity on the parrot and said, do not you worry, I will see how they can take your life. I will take you within seconds to Brahmaloaka where very few can reach. You will be safe there. Sit on my back.”

Thus he took him to Brahmaloaka left him there and came back within minutes to the same Simha dwaram.

By this time lord Yama finished his work with lord

Siva and came back to the main door and was searching for the parrot. “Garutmanta” asked him what is it he is searching for. “For a Parrot” answered Yama. “But what for?” enquired Garutmanta.

“Look,” answered Yama, “When I was going inside, I saw it on the door I knew that it had to die few minutes from then in the hands of a cat of the Brahmaloka. I was wondering how will it reach Brahmaloka within few minutes but I had confidence in “Brahmaji” because finally he will make it to happen and looks like it happened.”

As per Shastras, prarabda karma affects us in three different types. They are

1. Adhi Bhautika
2. Adhi Daivika
3. Aadhyatmika

1. Adhi Bhautika Dukham

This is purely physical and mental in nature.

- a. Ill health and bodily discomforts.
- b. Accidents and Chronic diseases.
- c. Damage from animals, snakes.
- d. Suffering through “Arishadvargas”
- e. Trouble through Finances.

2. Adhi Daivika Dukham

These are mostly due to natural calamities.

- a. Floods, Earth quakes etc
- b. Destruction in Mass events
- c. Wars, famine etc

3. Aadhyatmika Dukham

Social & spiritual in nature.

- a. Trouble in social relationships
- b. Trouble through spirits & planets
- c. Confusion in spiritual
understanding of life
- d. Not getting a Guru or in the
grip of bad Guru.



3. THE HISTORY OF ASTROLOGY

As per the Shastras, the subject of Astrology was taught initially by Brahma to Narada Maharshi. Narada taught the shastra to the Munis like Saunaka. The Munis taught the Shastra to Parasara Maharshi and Parasara to Maitreya etc and so on and so forth.

But as per the historians, the Adi rishi for Astrology was “Lagadha Maharshi”.

But based on availability of writings and confirmations, Brighu Maharshi was given the status of one of the true original visionaries of Astrology. Bhrigu Samhita and Bhrigu Nadi belong to him. Presently on his name, “Bhrigu Sarala padhati” and “Bhrigu Chakra padhati” are being practiced.

But “Parasara Maharshi” is the one who is considered as the master of the subject of Vedic Astrology. His major text “Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra” is considered as a reference text book, by all the students of Astrology world over. It is used as a reference for any doubts or clarifications.

Parasara has “Ekalavya” disciples throughout the world. Many books have been written commenting and explaining the BPHS of Parasara. Thus Parasara has been considered as a father figure of Indian Vedic Astrology.

Even the various Maharshis have concluded that only Parasara principles would work well in Kaliyuga. They said,

Sloka:

कलौ पराशरी होरा प्रत्यक्ष फलदायनी
तदुक्त रीत्यानुमीयम जन्मकाला शुभादिकम् ॥

(KALAU PARASARI HORA PRATYAKSHA PHALADAYINEE
JADUKTAREETYANU MEYAM JANMAKALA SUBHADIKAM)

It was also concluded by many and indicated by Parasara also that out of all the types of Mahadasas defined, the “Vimsottari Mahadasa” only works well and is suitable in the times of Kaliyuga. Hence all astrologers follow the 120 years of planetary Dasa period as standard.

Another great Astrologer of the Parasara’s times was “Jaimini Maharshi”.

The Jaimini principles are essentially different from those of Parasharas, though the fundamentals about planets, Rashis and stars remained same.

The speciality of Jaimini is study of “Chara Karakas” apart from the “Sthira Karakas” of Vedic Astrology. The “Karakamsa lagna” principle of Jaimini is followed Universally. But there are very few Astrologers who follow Jaimini system of Astrology exclusively.

The Indian Vedic Astrology, over a long period after Parasara and Jaimini, was expanded, strengthened and practised by a parampara of great rishis and pundits. They were both well known and also unknown. They were trained in “Guru Sishya parampara” and also few of them being self trained geniuses.

If we study the medieval history of Astrology in India, the one name which predominantly comes forward is that of “Varaha Mihira”. He was the author of the famous works “Brihat Samhita” and “Brihat Jataka”.

He belonged to the King “Vikramaditya’s” court, in the ancient city of “UJJAINI” in the sixth century A.D.

There is a very interesting episode in his life which is quoted in many of the astrological texts. His initial name was “Mihiracharya”. He was one of the senior and important astrologer in the King’s court.

During those times, the queen mother gave birth to a baby boy. The King, Courtesans and the common people celebrated for the birth of a prince.

The King ordained for the Horoscope analysis which was a widely prevailing act in those days, especially so in the princely families.

All the Astrologers of the court gave a glorious picture of the future of the prince. They said he will learn all the skills and ascend the throne after the present king.

Only “Mihiracharya” differed. He said that surely the boy will be adept at all the Kingly skills and education, but he can not ascend the throne, since at the age of 18th year, he has a “Marana Gandam” in his horoscope. He shall not live to ascend the throne.

Hearing this, the King was shocked, got angry but since he had such a respect and belief in Mihiracharya, he controlled himself and asked Mihiracharya to further study

and if it is true, tell him the cause of death.

Mihiracharya did the required calculations and told the king that horns of a wild boar would pierce the chest of the prince and he would die due to the serious wounds.

The King kept this prediction in his memory and went ahead in raising the prince as usual with education, skill training etc. When he became a young lad and was entering his 18th year, the King became alert because that is the age of “Marana Gandam” as per the prediction.

The King arranged the top floor of his palace as the residence of the Prince and nobody would see him without the King’s permission. Food was in continuous supply and every sort of entertainment was arranged for the prince so that he need not come out of the residence for any need.

Leave alone the wild boar, even an insect can not enter his residence at the top floor. Such was the strict vigilance ensured to prevent any eventuality.

One day, the prince, who got bored with the jail like circumstances, wanted to breath fresh air and went to the roof top, for which there was no objection for the security staff.

He went to the roof, breathed fresh air, enjoyed himself and laid himself down on to the stone couch existing there. The weather changed suddenly and the air flow became strong. There was a wooden staff attached to the couch and on top of the staff was fixed a statue of Iron boar which was actually the official symbol of the Kingdom.

The air flow became severe and cyclonic in nature, and with that force, the wooden staff broke at the top portion. The Iron boar got separated from the staff, fell down on to the chest of the Prince. With the horns piercing the chest of the Prince, he died immediately.

The King and the courtesans were aghast with shock at the unexpected way the incident took place. There was grief all over the Kingdom.

After few days, the King called upon Mihiracharya, felicitated him profusely and declared that from then on, he should be called “Varaha Mihiracharya”.

If we consider the modern times, in our country, the one person who brought respect and Universal acceptance to the sacred subject of Astrology, through his books and writings in his magazine, “The Astrological Magazine” is surely Dr. Bangalore Venkat Raman, shortly known as B.V. Raman. His “How to judge a horoscope” was like a text book. He brought the subject from the status of

CONSULT IN PRIVATE

&

CONDEMN IN PUBLIC

to, a level of

CONSULT, Study & Discuss openly.

Dr.B.V.Raman’s father Prof. B. Surya Narayana Rao himself was an eminent Astrologer of his times. He was almost the first one among modern Astrologers to have written separately “Stree Jatakam”.

I remember to have read a paper cutting long back, about his prediction regarding Germany attacking RUSSIA in 2nd world war. Prof. Rao heard that Hitler might attack RUSSIA (in 1941). He calculated w.r.to Hitler's Horoscope and found that he was proceeding towards his doom. He then wrote a letter to Hitler, asking him to resist any thoughts of attacking RUSSIA, which if done, would lead him to his doom, but we know what happened and he did his duty as Astrologer, advising the dictator. The daughter of Dr. B.V. Raman also is a famous Astrologer and writer. It is an illustrious family of 3 generations in the service of Astrology.

Sri K.S. Krishna Murthy was a unique shining star of Indian Astrology. He discovered and spread the so called K.P. system (Krishnamurthy Padhati) of Astrology throughout the world.

Sri K.S.K was a great Upasaka of "Uchishta Ganapathi". He had a very deep knowledge of Vedic Astrology. With the blessings of Lord Ganapathi, he could discover K.P.System which is being followed by many Astrologers worldwide.

He was deeply into Vedic Astrology. But he was not satisfied and many of his questions remained unanswered. Accurate timing of events was also very difficult.

He was already observing the effect of planetary placement in the stars and the study of the star Lord positions. There what he did further was to divide the length of the star into divisions of various planets based on the

Vimsottari Dasa proportions of the planets. Such star lord was called sub lord. Further division yielded sub sub lord and so on. Thus new tools and new methodologies were created for a more incisive analysis of a Horoscope though it has become more complex.

KP system is widely practised for the ‘Horary’ or “Prasna” Astrology, where its success has been found to be of very high order. There are a total of 249 sub lords and the questioner is asked to select a random number with in 249. This is an additional tool to the prasna chart with the asking time as ascendant.

The following are the exclusive aspects of K.P. Astrology.

1. The ‘Ayanamsa’ selected is the KP Ayanamsa instead of Vedic Lahiri ayanamsa.

2. The bhava divisions are based on placidus system (similar to Western Astrology)

It is the bhava starting point instead of bhava madhyama of Vedic Astrology.

3. The basic principle of KP system is that the star lord gives the primary results of the planet and the sub lord decides the direction (good or bad) of the results.

4. Similar to planet star lords and sub lords, a great importance is given to bhava star lords and sub lords. With such an expansion of parameters, any expertise in KP system less than the best is bound to falter.

5. One important aspect of KP system is the accuracy of birth time. The sub lord changes fast with time. For example the 'Ravi' sub changes within a minute. Due to this reason, many in KP were found to analyse based on a wrong sub lord due to inaccuracy of birth time. Their analysis may be right but found not applicable to the person due to wrong sub lord.

In Vedic Astrology, lagna or ascendant has a wide time choice. Since we depend mainly on Rasi & Navamsa, the micro variations of birth time do not really matter. Accuracy of time with in 2 minutes is required only for the Varga charts study.

The solution for birth time inaccuracies in KP system lies in the technique called the Birth Time Rectification. This involves going upto sub - sub level of the lagna point, by moving the time forward or backward. But many are not comfortable with this technique.

Due to the above mentioned intricacies and vastness of tools, many find the KP system tough to understand and practice. It requires institutional training which is available presently.

But Astrologers who mastered this technique were found to give predictions with surprising accuracy for type of event and timing also.

Three such names which come to mind (as far as KP expertise is concerned) are

The First : Dr Andrew Dutta of Calcutta who tours the world and also conducts classes in Calcutta. His mother, in her days was a famous Vedic Astrologer.

The Second : Mr. Narnouli of New Delhi about whom I came to know through a video. He is also busy going around and he certifies for the accuracy of Prediction.

The Third : Last but not the least, here is one person who did research into the KP system. He was from Andhra Pradesh and he is no more. His name is Sivala Subrahmanyam. He went into unexplored depths of Vedic and Kp systems. He did research on ‘Navamsa’ and developed “Nava Navamsa” preparation in a simple method.

He wrote books in Telugu and they run into a series; like Sivala scientific series etc. On researched and practised remedies it self he wrote a series of four books.

Unfortunately he died in his mid 50’s leaving as orphans, a big group of followers of himself and KP system. As per my opinion, exploring the subject to such depths is not possible by all. One has to be blessed for that.

There are many self styled KP Astrologers around us, who without studying the depths of Vedic Astrology, jumped half way into KP and are also practising. They are expected to be thorough with both Vedic and KP Astrology. But unfortunately they lack depth in both of them. Hence we see a high rate of failed predictions all around us. The three people mentioned above were strong Vedic Astrologers before becoming KP experts. This is the only path to be followed by all.

Coming back to Vedic Astrology the subject is vast like an ocean, the depths of which can not be fathomed unless until we go to the depths and study. This great subject also causes an illusion in the mind, after reading few books, that the expertise has been achieved. But the proof is only the success rate of predictions.

People who self assert that they know a great deal of the subject are like people who go to the sea shore look at the sea and declare that they know everything about the sea.

In fact wisemen say that “Easwara” is the only Astrologer in the Universe, who created the planets and ordained them duties. All human beings are perennial students of Astrology.

Since this is a subject between MAN and GOD, a sadhana or an upasana of a deity is a must for the hold on the subject apart from deep study, integrity and sincere practice.

Most of us depend on RASI and Navamsa Chakras. But there are Shodasha (16) chakras (charts) for further indepth analysis of each element of life. For example Saptamsa can be studied for children apart from studying the 5th bhava, lord and Jupiter from the Rasi chart. Study of hora chart for money etc. The study requires expertise. Apart from these, the concept of Ashtaka Varga, shadbalas and the transit principles make this a truly complex equation to study.

It is apt to remember what Dr. J.B.S. Haldane, the British Astrophysicist said about the Cosmos.

(Dr Haldane spent the last part of his life in INDIA)

THE COSMOS IS NOT ONLY MORE COMPLEX
THAN WE IMAGINE,
BUT ALSO MORE COMPLEX THAN
WE CAN IMAGINE.

In the above saying, if we replace COSMOS with the word “ASTROLOGY”, then that is the truth about Astrology.



4. THE KNOWLEDGE OF ASTROLOGY

If we wanted to understand, who are the people who really require this knowledge and awareness of Astrology, then we have to understand the different types of people. According to me there are 3 basic categories of people with respect to any belief.

1. Non Believers : These are people basically requiring physical proof to develop any belief. They are mostly atheists. w.r.t. Astrology, they argue how an inanimate planet can influence human affairs? if it is true, as per their argument, even a big hillock in their neighbourhood due to its mass and distance equation has to affect his activities.

Hence they don't believe in Astrology and are not bothered about anything connected with Astrology. They believe that people are wasting their time, money & energy by involving in the illusory & imaginary subject of Astrology.

2. Believers : These are mostly theistic gentlemen who understand the origin and importance of Astrology. They also understand that our prarabda karma results are handed over to us through the planetary forces of Astrology. They are so much into the belief that most of them even don't bother to check their horoscopes frequently unless there is a bad time.

They do their work with a belief in GOD and in the principle of BE GOOD and DO GOOD and try to lead happy and contented lives.

3. Neutral People : These are a combination of theists and atheists. Fundamentally, these people never bother to think about subjects like Astrology. Most of them in this category are even illiterates. They work well, eat well and try to live well; and go, where life takes them. Hence they never bother about Astrology at all.

So we have seen that all the 3 categories of people don't want Astrology then the question arises, who are the people who really require Astrology? For this, a beautiful answer is given in Bhagavadgita (Chapter 7, sloka 16). Here, Lord Krishna explained, who are all the people who seek for him. This is exactly applicable to Astrology also.

Sloka: (Bhagavadgita 7:16)

चतुर्विधा भजन्ते मां जनाह सकृत्पिबुना

आर्थो जिज्ञासु र्थारथी जनानाचा भरत वर्षभा

(CHATURVIDHA BHAJANTE MAAM JANAAH SAKRUTINORJUNA
AARTHO JIGNASU RARTHARTHY JNANACHA BHARATA VARSHABHA)

Meaning : Arjuna! Four types of people worship me. People with physical and mental suffering. The seekers of higher knowledge, Jnanis and people who worship for material gains.

There are two fundamental principles of Astrology which we can call as Root rules because these rules define and direct the results from Astrology.

I. “BUDHEE KARMANUSAARINEE”

Sloka 1 :

अलिरनुसरति परिमलम लक्ष्मीरनुसरति नयनानिपुनम
निम्नमनुसरति सलिलस विधि लिखितम बुधिरनुसरति ॥

(ALIRANUSARATIPARIMALAMLAKSHMIRANUSARATINAYANANIPUNAM

NIMNAMANUSARATISALILAMVIDHILIKHITAMBUDHIRANUSARATI)

Meaning : The bee follows the fragrance. Lakshmi Devi follows who has expertise. Water follows to lower regions and budhee follows Vidhi likhitam (written fate).

Sloka 2 :

अभ्यासानुसारी विद्या बुद्धी कर्मानुसारिणी
उद्योगानुसारी लक्ष्मी फलं भाग्यानुसारी

(ABHYASANUSAREE VIDYA BUDHEE KARMANUSARINEE

UDYOGANUSAREE LAKSHMI PHALAM BHAGYANUSAREE.)

Meaning : The Vidya would be as per the practice. The direction of the mind is as per Karma. Lakshmi follows the profession and the results are as per bhagya or luck.

One has to understand that the skill sets, expertise and the mind working are all different for different people. The prarabda karma and praaptam in various aspects of life makes finally all the lives look so different.

Hence the teaching here is that each life is unique and incomparable. One life should never be compared with any other life. To day many problems in society arise due

to this fundamental mistake of comparison.

A disciple asked a ‘Guru’ a unique question. He asked with in what time period, a horoscope exactly gets repeated in time. The Guru answered that for all planets to be in exact locations and degrees between two horoscope, it takes 500 years. Probably we have eligibility to compare our horoscope only with such a horoscope which never happens in ones lifetime.

Even if we think about the comparison between two lives on a non astrological level, it is absurd since one’s life is constructed by the combination of one’s mind and circumstances. That combination is unique for everyone. The same circumstances with two different minds produce two different lives. Comparisons on a positive note are made only to take it as a bench mark and get inspiration.

Now, let us clearly see the structure of the mind and know how meaningless it is to bluntly compare two MINDS which are essentially two complex systems.

A person is basically assessed by his language, communication, dressing and body language and behaviour. But in a subtle way, what he is internally is decided by his so called Antahkarana (inner self). This is the most important element to understand a human being. It consists of four elements.

1. MANAS : The one which oscillates always like a pendulum and does “SANKALP” and “VIKALP” and desires to possess and experience everything it sees.

‘MOON’ is the significator planet for MANAS.

In a horoscope, if the MOON is strengthened, any Avayoga can be efficiently faced. No ‘yoga’ in any horoscope blossoms if ‘Moon’ is damaged. Mental peace is provided by Moon and he is the karaka.

Astrologers recommend Moon to be studied as an alternate ascendant, parallel with actual ascendant.

Waning Moon is considered a malefic planet and waxing Moon is considered as a benefic planet. The cases of mental aberrations, hallucinations and lunacy are caused by a damaged Moon.

2. BUDHI (Intellect) : This is the intellect, general intelligence, and is a decision maker for signals sent by “MANAS”. The representative lord is “MERCURY”.

When Mercury is powerful, he gives intelligence, logic, abilities in calculations, Business acumen, oratorical powers etc. One with mercury being strong, can not be defeated in arguments easily. This is a significator for Talk & Business.

3. CHITTHA :

A : A deep conscious mind : This is the MIND at deeper levels which is capable of analysing any situation. This is “VIVEKA”, and the 5th bhava and 5th lord are the significators and Jupiter is the Karaka planet.

B. Sub Conscious MIND : This is extremely subtle, deep beyond the normal conscious mind and is not

directly accessible. Effort is required to reach it. All our thoughts, deep memories, fears and apprehensions are stored in this mind.

8th bhava and 8th lord are the significators and SATURN is the Karaka planet.

4. AHAMKARA (EGO) : This is the most important element in human relationships. It operates negatively if we are not aware of it. If aware and have understanding of the mechanism of EGO, then we can have control and make it work positively.

Ascendant and the lord are the significators and ‘SUN’ is the Karaka planet.

The above 4 elements together define one persons “Antahkarana”.

Apart from this “Antahkarana”, the 4th bhava, being a “Sukha Sthana” is also “Hridaya sthana”.

4th bhava & Lord : The study of this bhava and lord placement reveals the true inner nature of that person. Whether a person is basically good or bad at the core of his heart, is revealed by this study. It is of course modified by the aspects of benefic and malefic planets on both 4th bhava and the 4th lord.

Now, it is clear for us that a man’s psychological personality is a combination of all the above. The parameters are so many that a point to point matching between two persons is just impossible.

There is a fictitious story of a ‘Siva bhakta’ about mental suffering due to comparisons in human life.

Once there was a “Siva bhakta” and he had a complaint that lord Siva has not done any good to him in his life. Since he was a sincere devotee and worshipping the lord everyday, lord Siva took pity on him and appeared before him. He told the devotee that he never creates a life without any blessings. That he should only learn to count the blessings given. Saying so, lord Siva disappeared.

After few days, the devotee was further saddened and became sunken and bedridden. The lord Siva noticed his devotees plight and took pity on him and appeared once again in front of him. The lord asked the devotee what happened and what is the cause of his plight? The devotee said,

“My Lord! You asked me to count the blessings in life and I started.

Look at my neighbour, he has two sons and I have two daughters. What an injustice to me? My lord, few more countings and I could not bear it and I became like this.”

Then the lord Siva replied, and explained to him clearly.

1. I wanted you to count the blessings given in your life. You do not have the right to count blessings in other lives which are in my purview.

2. Thinking that your neighbours sons are his blessings is too premature. You do not know the later situation or the final outcome when they grow up.

3. Similarly thinking that your daughters are not your blessings may be your present mental illusion based on future fears. It may not be true.

4. You have to enjoy the positives in your life and take guidance from me to handle the negatives.

Saying so, he disappeared.

II. “Runanubandha Roopena”

Sloka:

रुणानुबन्ध रूपेण पशु पत्नी सुतालया
रुण कक्ष्ये कक्षययान्ति कातत्र परिवेदना ।

(RUNANUBANDHA ROOPENA PASHU PATNEE SUTAALAYAA

RUNA KSHAYE KSHAYAA YAANTI KA TATRA PARI VEDANA)

Meaning : The elements in life like cattle, wife, children and houses are all result of the debt equations from the past lives. They all shall vanish once the debt equation is fulfilled. Then why do you weil over them?

If we study carefully the relations between husband and wife and also between parents and children, we will understand who has been indebted to whom. It is purely the indebtedness brought forward from previous life equations that relationships settle in this life.

If we understand this basic principle, then, if we are experiencing any tough relationship, then we can work towards betterment dispassionately.

For any issue in this world, there are three types of results existing. The positive, the negative and the neutral.

If we consider the relationship and the effects between the parents and the child, the following fated conditions may exist, as an example.

1. Positive fate for children :

In this scenario, the father may be a busy man not able to spend time for children or he may be a negative fellow, a drunkard, not accessible for children. Even in such condition also, the children study well with self help, help also mother and come up very well in life and achieve success.

2. Neutral fate (No YOGA) for children :

The parents would try their best spending a lot of time with children. But somehow they turnout very average in studies and get minimal jobs and settle in a subdued manner in life. This causes unhappiness to parents but they had put their best efforts but to no good effect.

3. Negative fate for children :

The parents would have taken a good all round care for children giving their time, money & effort.

The children, by the time they cross their teenage, would have become criminal in nature. Spoilt

without education & careers. Parents in such examples are perplexed, where they went wrong. They can't explain.

The above are the three different examples given in extreme situations. World is full of such examples with few variations.

If the above examples are viewed w.r.to the indebtedness principle, things would be more clear and if the horoscopes of both parents and children are studied, then everything would be clear.

Great Saints in their discourses say that “You will get riches to the extent of how much you have given” is a statement given combining two lives. If I gave off well to the needy in the previous life, then I get right for my riches in the present life. This is a sure shot “Karma Sutra”.



5. ASTROLOGY - THE DETAILS

Since the dawn of human civilisation, among the many important subjects which took birth and flourished, the Astrology assumes great importance. The different aspects of the study of Astrology have been about planets, their movements, influence on human affairs, and mundane influence on environment, weather and natural events etc.

Some wise experts called Astrology, “The Mother of all subjects”, since there is no subject in the society which is not touched by Astrology. Human life is totally defined in all aspects by Astrology.

Human life fundamentally operates at 3 levels. The physical, mental and spiritual. Astrology can not only explain the facets of life at all the above three levels, but also explains about the other important elements of human life like finances, social relationships and can also explain the overall direction of life and the status in society.

Astrology is a comprehensive tool to reveal everything about one’s life as ordained by our own SOUL to experience the Prarabda Karma.

ASTROLOGY : DETAILS OF THE SUBJECT.

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| 1. | Sidhanta | - | Ganitha Bhaga |
| 2. | Hora | - | Phalitha Bhaga |
| 3. | Samhita | - | Phalitha Bhaga |

1. Sidhanta : This is the theory of Astrology. This is Astronomy for the specific use in Astrology.

There are originally 18 numbers of Apaurusheya

Astrology

Sidhantaas propounded by sages.

Presently 5 sidhantas are in use by pandits who are preparing Panchangas.

2. HORA : The middle portion of the word ‘AHORATRA’ is taken to represent the predictive Astrology. This has two parts.

a. Jyotisha (Natal Astrology) : This is the individual horoscope analysis. A chart of planetary positions is made at the time of birth, considering the time date and place of birth. The Ascendant is fixed and birth star is known.

The results are observed by an expert Astrologer, over a long period and remedial measures are suggested. General structure and general readings are explained. Deep knowledge and divine blessings are required to tell the specific events and their timing.

b. Prasna (Horary Astrology) :

When one is concerned about knowing the result of a particular element in life, a prasna is asked by the client. The time of asking is taken as an ascendant and a chart of that moment is made to predict the results.

3. Samhitha :

It consists of the following.

a. Medini Jyotisha (Mundane Astrology) :

It is a predictive Astrology for the territorial events such as earthquakes, storms, wars, politics and economy.

This is done based on the Astrological dynamics in the Horoscope of a state, nation or the whole world, with the help of transits.

b. Vastu Shastra : The shastra about the soils, structures and directions of the buildings.

c. Iconography : Vighraha Shastra

d. Shakuna Shastra : Matters related to trees, animals, qualities etc.

e. Muhurtha (Electional Astrology) : For finding auspicious timing of important events and actions like marriage, war, travels etc.

Different elements of Astrology :

The stars in the sky are arranged sequentially from Aswini to Revathi, in the grouping of Rasis. Though the planets go around the SUN in actual cosmos, since we are observing from Earth, all the planets are considered as going around Earth. At a point of time, one planet happens to be in one particular star and in a Rasi.

When we are born, the rising rasi in the eastern horizon is considered as ascendant. Like planets, the rasi chakra with stars also is considered as moving (Actually earth is moving) rising in the east and settling in the West. It is an imaginary rasi chakra moving along with stars and planets. The rising rasi at eastern horizon at the time of birth is the ascendant.

The stars :

A total of 27 stars exist with four padas each.

The total padas become $27 \times 4 = 108$. Each rasi contains 9 padas of stars. Based on this padas, navamsa chakra is prepared. Basic horoscope is the RASI chakra, which shows ascendant and all the planets in the corresponding Rasis with particular degrees.

The stars begin with Aswini in ARIES Rasi and end with Revathi in PISCES Rasi.

TABLE

S.No.	Stars	Star lord Planet	Direction
1.	Aswini, Makha, Moola	Ketu	North East
2.	Bharani, Pubba, Poorvashada	Venus	South East
3.	Krittika, Uttara, Uttarashada	Sun	East
4.	Rohini, Hasta, Sravanam	Moon	North West
5.	Mrigashira, Chitta, Dhanista	Mars	South
6.	Arudra, Swathi, Satabhisham	Rahu	South West
7.	Punarvasu, Vishakha, Poorvabhadra	Jupiter	North East
8.	Pushyami, Anuradha, Uttarabhadra	Saturn	West
9.	Aslesha, Jyeshtha, Revathi	Mercury	North

The RASIS :

A total of 12 Rasis exist in the Zodiac wheel. The names are derived from appearance of the formation of the stars in the Rasi. The first Rasi is ARIES (MESHA) and the 12th and the last is PISCES (MEENA).

When the horoscope is studied, the ascendant is

considered as 1st bhava, then counting goes on upto 12th bhava which can be any rasi. Hence Rashis with stars are fixed in the Zodiac but the bhavas change as per the ascendant of a horoscope.

The PLANETS :

The planets while going around the Earth in a clockwise direction, go through all the rashis with stars in the background. The speed of each planet is different hence time spent by each planet in a rashi is different. Following are the details of the planets.

There are a total of 9 planets

5 tara grahas

2 chaya grahas + SUN & MOON

1. 5 tara grahas	Time in a Rashi
Mercury	one month
Venus	one month
Mars	1½ months
Jupiter	1 year
Saturn	2½ years
2. 2 visible planets	King & Queen
SUN	- 1 month
MOON	- 2½ days

3. Chaya grahas (shadow planets)

(These are the North and South nodes of the crossing of Moon's & Earth's orbits)

RAHU	-	1½ Years
KETU	-	1½ Years

These two rotate in an anti-clockwise direction.

The cosmic (general) Horoscope is shown below.

Pisces (Jupiter)	Aries (Mars)	Taurus (Venus)	Gemini (Mercury)
Aquarius (Saturn)	Rasi Chart		Cancer (Moon)
Capricorn (Saturn)			Leo (Sun)
Saggitarius (Jupiter)	Scorpio (Mars)	Libra (Venus)	Virgo (Mercury)

There are Ucha (Exalted) and neecha (Debilitated) locations for planets. To get an idea, the rashi chakra showing above details is given below.

Venus 27 ⁰ (E) Mercury 15 ⁰ (D)	Sun 10 ⁰ (E) Saturn 20 ⁰ (D)	Moon 3 ⁰ (E)	
	Rashi Chakra Exaltatious & Debilitatious of Planets		Jupiter 5 ⁰ (E) Mars 28 ⁰ (D)
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	Moon 3 ⁰ (D)	Sun 10 ⁰ (D) Saturn 20 ⁰ (E)	Venus 27 ⁰ (D) Mercury 15 ⁰ (E)

Exalted planet is strong and benefic. Debilitated planet is weak and malefic.

When a person is born, then a horoscope is prepared

based on date time and place. The above such chart is shown with ascendant & planets. That becomes the personal Horoscope of that person. As an example, our ex PM Sri P.V. Narasimha Rao's horoscope is given here.

MOON	KETU VENUS		SUN MERCURY
	28.6.1921 Sri P.V.Narasimha Rao Horoscope		
			Saturn Jupiter
		RAHU	ASC

Now, let us attempt to understand this horoscope in a simple way as a practice.

- The ascendant is VIRGO rasi. (Kanya) This is a rashi belonging to Mercury. Mercury being strong, in own rasi in Gemini at a fundamental level, the qualities of intelligence, talk calculations which are represented by Mercury are present in his personality.

- The second bhava which is Libra rashi has RAHU in it. There are no planets from 3rd to 6th bhava.

- The seventh bhava PISCES (Meena rasi) is occupied by MOON. wherever MOON is placed, that becomes the Rashi of that chart So the present chart is that of Virgo ascendant and Pisces rashi.

- The 8th bhava has KETU & VENUS in it.

- The 9th bhava is free of planets.

- The 10th bhava which is karmasthana Gemini (Mithuna rashi) has SUN, MERCURY and MARS in it.
- 11th bhava has no planets.
- 12th bhava (Leo) has Saturn & Jupiter.
- As per lordship; the greatest benefic planet for VIRGO ascendant is VENUS (being lord of 2nd and 9th bhavas as counted from ascendant).

Now, if we have to assess the horoscope in general (without going into deeper aspects) then we can say that the ascendant lord mercury is placed in 10th bhava, which is karmasthana and in his own rashi, this mercury happens to be the lord of the houses of ascendant and 10th bhava. Hence lagna lord is placed in 10th bhava in own house and 10th lord is in 10th bhava. This is how the placement has to be seen. This is giving rise to “Bhadra mahapurusha Yoga” and with SUN, Mercury formed “Budhaatitya Yoga”. Both together indicate high placement linked to government which would have life long presence.

In many charts, the results from Ascendant have to be verified by considering Moon as ascendant also. In this case, the yoga giving planets are strongly placed even from MOON, and hence the yogas will come to pass surely. We all know the life results of our ex PM which are compatible with above Yogas.

Detailed explanation about Astrology and discussing all those aspects with the help of example charts is not in the scope of this book. For such a study, innumerable books do exist in the market which would be

very helpful in gaining a deeper understanding of the subject.

But without discussing the fundamentals, the book will be incomplete and readers who are new to Astrology who are reading this book, should get a good idea about the subject at a basic level.’

The planets have “Graha Karakatwas” and the bhavas have “Bhava Karakatwas”. If we look at these, it is fascinating to know that together they cover every aspect of human life at physical, financial, social, psychological and spiritual levels. The planet, bhava together with star lord combine their forces to give results in a horoscope.

Before going further on Karakatwas, another branch of Astrology has to be mentioned here, that is medical Astrology, dealing with diseases and body parts. The fundamental principle here is if “Aarogya” is absent, then searching for “Aiswarya” in a horoscope is meaning less, Hence a big branch of “Medical Astrology” was developed by experts. My intention is only to make a mention of connection of Zodiac to body parts of diseases, information is provided here.

S.No	Rasi	Body Part	Disease
1.	ARIES	The Head	Head aches, fevers, injuries
2.	TAURUS	Face, Throat	ENT, Eyes, Obesity
3.	GEMINI	Arms, Shoulders	Asthma, Nervous Problems
4.	CANCER	Heart, Breast	Chest & Breast diseases

5.	LEO	Back, Stomach	Back pain digestion
6.	VIRGO	Belly, Uterus	Intestines, Kidney disease
7.	LIBRA	Kidneys, veins	Kidney disease, back pain
8.	SCORPIO	Sex organs, Anus	Uterus, Fistula, STD, piles
9.	SAGGITARIUS	Thighs & Hips	Pelvic problems, paralysis
10.	CAPRICORN	The knees	Arthritis, skin problems
11.	AQUARIUS	Calves & Ankles	Gout, muscle pains, nervous problems
12.	PISCES	The feet	Consumption, Boils, TB.

Now, let us see the planets and the diseases they cause.

1. The SUN: Eye disease, Head aches, fever, heart disease, diarrhea, SUN Stroke.
2. The MOON Cold, Cough, Skin & Venereal diseases, small pox, spleen, lever, mental disorder, Epilepsy synus, eye diseases, lunacy.
3. The MARS : Accidents, cuts, wounds, dog bite, blood defect, BP, piles, anaemia, bile.
4. The MERCURY stomach disorder, leprosy skin diseases, mental disorder dumb, bald, leukoderma.
5. The JUPITER Hernia, bronchitis, liver complaints, Jaundice, pancreas, thighs.
6. The VENUS Venereal diseases, Uterine disorders, eye diseases, anemia, ovaries and abortions.

7. The SATURN: lethargy, gas troubles, arthritis, tooth ailments, indigestion, ulcers, bones, asthma.
8. The RAHU: cataract, tooth ailments, pox, leprosy, suicide, stammering liver & spleen, rheumatism, accidents, sexual perversion, snake bite, insanity.
9. The KETU: cuts, wounds, itches, leprosy suicide, piles, cancer, sudden death, murder, hunger, skin diseases, tumour, snake bite.

SIGNIFICATIONS

(KARAKATWAS)

There are general karakatwas, then graha karakatwas and Bhava karakatwas. Once this information is understood and assimilated, the Analysis of a horoscope becomes easy and meaningful.

1. General Karakatwas for relations.

SUN	- Father, superior
MOON	- Mother, Women
MARS	- Younger brother, Husband
MERCURY	- Maternal uncle, friends & relatives
JUPITER	- Sons, elder brother and husband

VENUS	- wife, Mother for Day Born..
SATURN	- servants, subordinates
RAHU	- paternal, grand father, foreigners
KETU	- maternal, grand father, foreigners

I have to mention here about the friendship or enmity among planets which is an essential element in horoscope analysis.

There is an easy method to remember. Planets can be formed into two groups under two Gurus, Jupiter & Venus, (Deva guru & Daitya guru). Just like people in 2 groups have enmity these planets also behave in a similar way. The groups are

JUPITER	VENUS
SUN	SATURN
MOON	MERCURY
MARS	RAHU
KETU	

1. Rahu is similar in nature to Saturn and so is Ketu to Mars (SANI VAT RAHU, KUJA VAT KETU).

2. Jupiter and Venus are not great enemies, they respect each other.

3. Moon wants to be friendly with every one Mercury does not allow Moon.

4. Severe enmity is between SUN - SATURN, MARS - SATURN, JUPITER - RAHU, SATURN - KETU. Any bhava with such pairs struggles to function.

2. General Karakatwas for Bhavas

Bhava	Planet	Karaka for
1.	a. SUN	Vigour, longevity body
	b. MOON	MANAS
2.	a. JUPITER	wealth
	b. MERCURY	speech
	c. VENUS	family
3.	a. MARS	Brother, Courage
	b. SATURN	Misery, longevity
4.	a. MOON	mother
	b. MERCURY	education
	c. VENUS	conveyance
	d. MARS	lands
5.	a. JUPITER	children
	b. MERCURY	intelligence
6.	a. MARS	enemies
	b. SATURN	illness & debts
7.	a. VENUS	wife
	b. MARS	sex vigour, Husband
8.	SATURN	longevity

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| 9. | a. SUN | father |
| | b. JUPITER | Guru, Teacher |
| 10. | a. SUN | power & position |
| | b. MERCURY | trade & business |
| | c. JUPITER | fortune |
| | d. SATURN | service & livelihood |
| 11. | JUPITER | gains & elder brother |
| 12. | a. SATURN | sorrow |
| | b. MARS | confinement |
| | c. VENUS | material desires |
| | d. JUPITER | wisdom |
| | e. KETU | moksha |
| | f. RAHU | foreign travel |

Now, how to use the above information? when we study a bhava, we also have to study the position and condition of the concerned karaka planet for getting correct results. The karaka may alter the bhava results positively or negatively.

3. GRAHA Karakatwas (planetary significations)

SUN : Health, father, power, authority fame, royalty, eyes, medicine, brokerage, blood circulation, paternal uncle, politician courage, doctor, soul, forests, deserts.

MOON : Mother, travel, heart, mind, emotions, blood, liquids, gardening, medicine, changes, hernia, left-eye, foreign travel, milk, pearls, popularity, sea food.

MARS : Courage, Younger brother, husband, stamina, landed property, enemies, blood, surgery, science, logic, fire, mathematics, step mother, passions, anger, hatred, vindictiveness.

MERCURY : Intelligence, education, friends, mathematics, business & trade, speech, publisher, printer, teaching, maternal uncle, accountancy, nephews, adopted sons. black magic, laughter, smell, Astrology.

JUPITER : Sons, husband, wealth, guru, education, Astrology, scriptures, knowledge, wisdom, control over senses, devotion, prosperity, good virtues, religion, faith, law and Teaching.

VENUS : wife, marriage, pleasures of senses, conveyances, ornaments, luxury articles, sexual desires, silver, gems, pearls, flowers, comforts, perfumes, good clothes beauty, dance, music, black hair.

SATURN : Longevity, miseries, old age, ailments, poverty, sins, imprisonment service, science, law, oil, workers, servants, slavery, agriculture, fall from heights, dishonour, debts, hard labour, legs, deformity, renunciation.

RAHU : Research, harsh speech, life in foreign land, skin diseases, snake bite, poison, epidemics, paternal grand father, maternal grand mother, falsehood,

wisdomhood, pain and swelling, drowning, wicked women, gambler, mean minded, backbites, hypocrite, amputation, leprosy.

KETU : Moksha, lunacy, imprisonment, life in foreign land, leprosy, suicide, maternal grand father and paternal grandmother, eyes, poisonous speech, long stature, smokey colour, wound, chain smoker, fallen, intrigues, occultism, philosophy, detachment.

4. RASHI qualities in brief.

1. ARIES : Hasty, impulsive, restless, short tempered, dynamic, active.

2. TAURUS : Slow in movement, inclined to luxury, faithful and obedient.

3. GEMINI : Good speakers, witty & humorous, inquiring & curious, fond of knowledge, fun seeking.

4. CANCER : Emotional, forgiving, sensitive

5. LEO : Dominative, behaves like ruler.

6. VIRGO : Intelligent, good speaker, tactful

7. LIBRA : Judicious in dealings, good talker

8. SCORPIO : Peevish, straight forward, likes to hide, sarcastic, secretive.

9. SAGGITARIUS : Honest, even tempered, easy going, kind hearted, gambles.

10. CAPRICORN : witty, good organizer, secretive, ambitious, pragmatic.

11. AQUARIUS : studious, philosopher, honest, benevolent.

12. PISCES : Emotional, timid, honest, intuitive, psychic, talkative fond of good food & company.

5. BHAVA Karakatwas

1st bhava : self, health, longevity, happiness appearance, character, stature, temperament, prosperity, nature, personality, vitality and vigour, general well being, fame, environment, physical body.

2nd bhava : wealth, death, speech, family, education, learning, right eye, friends, face, self aquisition, second marriage, teacher, lawyers, bankers, bonds, stocks and shares, gold, silver, bank balance, worldly attainments, ruby, pearls.

3rd bhava : Courage, stamina, longevity, younger brothers, patience, writings, short travels, relations, confusion of mind, vigour, pleasure, large undertakings, communications, neighbours, memory, mental inclination, study, agreements, accounting, journalist writer, Astrology, publishing.

4th bhava : Mother, happiness, property, conveyances, moral standards, friends, education, peace of mind, comforts, masses fame, diplomacy, residence, farms, crops orchards, mines, secret life, comforts, aquisitions, basic gruhasthana.

5th bhava : Children, intelligence, wisdom, speculation, fame, mind, emotions, 1st conception, sudden

wealth, good morals, foresight, memory, enjoyment, flirtatious, speculative tendencies, bhakti, knowledge of future life, publications, sports recreations, entertainment, gambling, betting, horse races, shares, love affairs, spiritual practices and mantra sidhi.

6th bhava : Enemies, debts, diseases, misery, sorrows, wounds, worries, disappointments, illness, accidents, obstacles, imprisonment, house of deficiency & wants, service, gains, instruments, hospitals, prisons, punishment, loss in investment.

7th bhava : wife, husband, death, sex desires, marriage, foreign travels, business partner, general happiness, relations with public, cure of disease, passions, diplomacy, second child, honour in foreign country, business tact and marital happiness.

8th bhava : death, debts, disgrace, degradation, sorrows, impediments, longevity, legancies, gifts, hidden wealth, urinary trouble, foreign travel, mangalya sthana for women, accidents, delays, dejections, disappointments, intense internal worry, mysticism, house of mystery and occult science.

9th bhava : Dharma, fortune, wealth, father, religion, foreign travel, higher studies, wisdom, virtues and moral standards, prosperity, house of luck, preceptors, teachers, charity, pilgrimage research, invention, exploration, faith, meditation, fore thought.

10th bhava : Occupation, service, fame, business, respect, honour, foreign travel, father, position, trade &

commerce action, political power, success, status reputation, authority, morality, government rank.

11th bhava : Gains, elder brother, wealth, friends, hopes, wishes, success in under takings, elections, speculations, discharge from hospital, society, ambitious, desires and their fulfilment.

12th bhava : losses, expenditure, left eye, moksha, extravagance, foreign travels secret enemies, sins, sleep, feet, wanderings, living abroad, comforts of bed, mental worry, hospitalisation, jails, waste and extravagance.

As discussed before, these karakatwas (significations) if remembered well, would tell us all about a planets position and the corresponding results.

As an example if MARS is placed in VIRGO rashi for the saggitarius ascendant, then the following has to be studied for assessing the results given by MARS.

- The Rashi qualities of VIRGO
- The Graha karakatwa of MARS
- The bhava karakatwas of 5, 10, 12 bhavas. 5 & 12 for MARS ownership & 10 for placement.
- The VIRGO rashi lord MERCURY placement
- The star lord (SUN, MOON, or MARS) placement.
- Any yuti or aspects of other planets.

To assess MARS results all the above has to be

studied, balanced and finally to be concluded, including Navamsa and dasas.

DISCUSSION ON ANALYSIS OF HOROSCOPE.

Astrology is such a vast ocean of knowledge that if we make a conclusion after analysis, often we find it going wrong. We would not have studied few more hidden elements essential for correct prediction, or wrongly assessed strength, aspects etc. This is quite a prevalent experience among many astrologers. Thus a saying was developed in hindi.

SHASTRA SACH HAI, LEKIN

SHASTREE JHOOTH HO SAKTA HAI

The subject being a part of 'VEDA', is sacred and perfect. But the imperfectness and deficiencies exist only in Astrologers. True masters with deep insights and high level of predicting abilities are very rare.

Now, let us see why it is so.

1. The subject is glorious and complex.

Astrology as a subject is vast and complex. As explained earlier, we have to study the planets, placements. Yogas, karakatwas, star lords, aspects, navamsa, Akshtakavarga and finally transits and co ordinate all the findings from above and finalise the results. And for timing of the results, the maha dasa and antardasa & vidashas have to be studied.

The birth time has to be correct. If ascendant changes due to wrong birth time, all the results go wrong. To clear the doubt, past major events have to be correlated to dasas and the correct time can be arrived at by using the technique of Birth Time Rectification.

In many cases, great yogas in a horoscope were found not actively realising in life, because from Moon, if verified (Moon as Ascendant) it should not project as an Avayoga chart. If Moon is severely damaged by malefics and dusthana lords, then all the yogas of the chart lose their strength.

This can be practically understood, Moon is emotional intelligence & control which is essential to achieve any tough or great job and succeed. If Moon is damaged, he can not manage himself, leave alone managing affairs of other people. He is not aware of his own negative emotions. He can not succeed in great activities.

Similarly if ascendant and the karaka SUN are afflicted, his body can not co operate with him for tougher and higher actions in life.

Hence in a horoscope, initially the Ascendant, lord, Moon and SUN have to be studied carefully before going towards further analysis.

2. The Analysis is an ‘ART’

Co ordinating all the parameters assessing the basic direction of the horoscope, yogas, Avayogas and yoga bhaga situations and getting a final result for prediction is truly a big art.

We can call it a tight rope walk since any element missed or mis read would greatly alter the final out come.

That's why many say that an astrologer with more than 50% success rate is supposed to be good astrologer.

The planets in "Mrityu Bhaga (Death degree) would give only 20% of their expected results. Each planet has a death degree in all Rashis. If this is ignored (many do not check this element) and the planet we are studying happens to be in death degree, which we are not aware, then outcome would be surely wroug.

SUN in neecha Rashi (Libra) if repeated in Navamsa, will not be considered as Vargothama benefic, but becomes a potent weapon to destroy the yogas of the horoscope. Similarly SUN in the same libra, in the 10th degree (parama neecha bhaga) is potent enough to bring down the level of the horoscope. This is sarva yoga bhanga condition.

All such intricacies have to be rememberd and applied before concluding the study of any horoscope.

3. The Prediction requires blessing.

The subject of Astrology is based on INTUITION rather than INTELLECT. A prediction has two parts. The first is the general structure and direction of the future life, covering finances, profession, marriage, children etc. The second part is about a specific event from the above main fields of life and also an accurate timing of the event. The timing depends on the thorough knowl;edge of the subject as well as of the transits, in co ordination with antardasa & vidasas.

Many of the Astrologers falter in giving accurate predictions because of two reasons. One is not being thorough in the subject. The second reason is not being pious and pure and thus not able to attract the divine blessings towards successful predictions.

Astrology is a divine subject between Man and GOD. Not all can become experts. The ability to predict correctly would increase with time only if he is doing upaasana, dhyana etc with pure mind to invoke the blessings from above.

The subject itself is so complex that it goes beyond the stage of simple and straight rules. Following are few of the details explaining the uniqueness of the subject of Astrology in contrast to any other subject.

Unique Qualities & nature of Astrology.

1. Many of the elements, equations and yogas follow the logical rules of Astrology : But all such rules are thousands in number. If the logic is properly assimilated, then one need not remember so many rules. One can arrive at them logically.

2. Some combinations do not follow the logical rules, But those combinations are true and work well certified by rishis and experts. We can't arrive at such a combination through the Astro-logic. The only method is to remember all of them though they run into hundreds of combinations.

3. There are few combinational yogas and Avayogas which are against the normal logic of Astrology. We have to carefully remember them and notice while studying a horoscope.

4. There are few combinational yogas involving multiple planets. This also does not follow any logical rules of Astrology. All have to be remembered to the extent possible.

5. If one adds, all the rules, principles combinations, yogas, Avayogas, they together run into more than 7000 numbers. A continuous practice and improvement would enhance the efficiency in remembering and noticing.

6. Even if you apply all the principles few of the charts can not be finalised and conclusions could be wrong. A multiple yoga chart owner might be leading a miserable life and a weak chart owner might be seen as enjoying a good & happy life. The secret in such cases (provided the timing of birth is correct) lies in the varga charts. The Rasi does not reveal the actual life situations, in such cases. But such situations also do not occur frequently.



6. ANALYSIS OF A HOROSCOPE

Detailed analysis of a horoscope is not in the purview and purpose of this book. A brief introduction is being given to make the book complete in all aspects. Vast literature is already available for detailed analysis of a horoscope. Interested persons can pursue further with the help of such books in the market.

What we have to understand is that the horoscope is not granted by God to us. It is selected by us, Yes, In the spirit form (As Aatma) after the end of the present life. We check out the suitability of conditions for our next birth. This would be based on a complex equation of prarabda karma results of the just finished birth, coupled with the ripened seed karma from the storehouse of sanchita karma.

A family, place and circumstances would be selected to clear above selected karma. The horoscope generated at the time of the birth would reflect all details.

OUR SOUL SELECTED OUR PRESENT HOROSCOPE

That's why in our lives, we should remember that for all the pain, cheating and suffering, the responsibility is fundamentally ours and others become responsible only at secondary level. Hence the pleasures & happiness which are destined for us, become our right to enjoy for ourselves.

It is not out of place to remember here that many great spiritual masters have explained that a soul enters into the human body in around the 3rd month of pregnancy. And since then it has the awareness of past karmas and purpose

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of this birth. The soul makes a self promise that it shall do only good and no bad in the present life, after being born. But when birth takes place as per the divine rule, the VISHNUMAYA engulfs the baby and the mortal life begins in ignorance and the life's journey unfolds as per the horoscope.

Now, The Analysis of Horoscope,

First let us see what are the benefic and malefic planets.

1. Natural benefic planets are

Jupiter

Venus

Mercury (without malefic association)

Moon (Sukla paksha)

2. Natural malefic planets are

Saturn

Mars

Mercury with malefics

Moon (Krishna paksha)

Rahu & Ketu

By nature, the malefic planets are more in number compared to the benefics. In most of the lives, the grief is more than happiness. This is the reality of life.

3. The functional malefics are any planets having lordship of bhavas 3,6,8,11,12 and also natural benefics owning bhavas 1,4,7 and 10.

4. The functional benefic planets are those owning bhavas 1,5,9 and also the natural malefic planets owning 1,4,7,10 bhavas.

The most important locations in a horoscope are called Kendras (Angles) which are 1,4,7,10 bhavas. These are called Vishnu sthanas. If natural benefic planets are placed in these bhavas, it is extremely good.

After the above, the next most important locations are called Kona sthanas (trines). These are also called “Lakshmi sthanas”. They are 1,5 and 9 any planet in these bhavas is good and the lordship of above bhavas also is good for any planet. Any combination of Kendra and Kona planets casuses’ Yoga”.

The next are “Upachaya Bhavas” which are 3,6,10,11 bhavas. Natural malefics placed in these bhavas give beneficial results. These are the bhavas which gradually give improved results with time.

The next are called “dusthanaas” or bad houses. They are 6,8,12 bhavas .

6th is Satru, Roga, Runa bhava

8th is Mrityu, Randhra bhava

12th is Vyaya, bandhana bhava

Any benefic planets placed in these bhavas lose their strength and can’t give results. Malefics cause troubles. The lord planets of the above bhavas, where ever they are placed, are potent enough to destroy that bhavas. Hence while studying a horoscope, special attention is given to these bhavas and lords.

THE METHOD OF EXAMINING A HOROSCOPE

The following elements have to be studied basically to get a grip of the horoscope and its status, before going ahead to study comprehensively.

1. Ascendent
2. Moon
3. General placement of Planets.
4. 9th, 10th, 7th bhavas & lords.
5. 4th and 5th & end of life

1. The Ascendant .

The ascendant is the Rashi sign rising on the eastern horizon when one is born. The ascendant rashi and bhava karakatwas are applicable to the person throughout the life. If the lagna point is in first two degrees or last two degrees, then the birth time correction has to be tried to clear any doubts so that the rashi is not changed.

Next step is to check whether any planet is placed in ascendant or if any planet is aspecting the ascendant from any other rashi. If so that would modify the qualities and results of the ascendant.

Next important thing is to see where the lord of the ascendant is placed. That placement decides and defines the direction of our life. The ascendant lord gives its power to the star in which it is placed. So that star lord plays a key role in that persons life, where he is placed and what he is bound to do in what direction, have to be studied. And also the planets conjoining or aspecting the ascendant lord and its star lord have to be carefully studied for either positive or negative effects.

The physical personality can be assessed from the ascendant combinations but the mental attitude and nature

can be known only by the assessment of 4th bhava, 4th lord, Moon & Mercury.

2. The MOON

After the ascendant, the Moon is the most important element to be studied in a horoscope. It represents a focal point in the chart next only to ascendant. when birth time is not at all available then such charts are studied with Moon as ascendant. maharshi's have called it " Chandra Lagna Jatakam".

Strength of the Moon is one of the most important elements not only of a horoscope but also for human psychology. Because Moon is a karaka for MANAS (emotions and stability). When moon is ill placed and affected by malefics, then the emotions in the mind are under attack. Then the mind efficiency and stability are drastically reduced. This is the reason when moon is spoiled in a horoscope the yogas formed also become powerless and can't give results.

When Moon is strong and a yoga forms well both with ascendant and moon, the power of yoga gets amplified and such yoga / planet gives extra ordinary results.

The combinations for mental afflictions, psychiratric problems, lunacy surely are due to Moon,. Mercury, 5th lord planet getting affected by malefics and dusthanas.

Now let us see how moon gets affected by different placements.

Strong Positions :

- Placement in TAURUS - Exaltation.
- Placement in CANCER - Own house.
- Shukla paksha Moon.
- Opposing 'SUN' is pournami
- conjoining or kendra to Jupiter - Gaja kesari Yoga
- conjoining or aspects by VENUS, Mercury.
- Being in Anafa, Sunafa, Durudhara Yoga
- Being in Subhakartari Yoga
- Placed in Kendra or Konas.

Weak positions :

- Placement in dusthanas
- The Krishna paksha Moon
- Conjoining with Sun - Amavasya
- Conjoining or aspect by 'SATURN' is punarphoo
Yoga
- Conjoining or aspect by Mars, Rahu, Ketu
- Amavasya with Rahu / Ketu - Sampourna Surya
grahanam
- On pournami with Rahu / Ketu - sampoorna chandra
grahanam
- In scorpio - Neecha Rasi

Hence, a strongly placed Moon is an asset to the

horoscope as well as to the human psychology. The star in which 'Moon is placed, is called the "Janma Nakshatra" (Birth star). The Maha dasas are calculated based on this position of Moon only.

3. General Placement of Planets.

The placement of planets is important individually as well as in combination, since they give rise to yogas. The important general placements are given below.

1. The natural benefics should occupy Kendra, Kona positions.
2. The natural malefics should occupy the upachaya bhavas.
3. The dusthanas should be free of planets.
4. The planets preferably should be in exalted, Moola trikona, own rashi or atleast a friends rashi.
5. Neecha Rasi planets are not good.
6. Navamsa position of planets to be strong.
7. No planet to be in "Gandantha star pada".
8. Checking for combustion of planets.
9. Check for various Yogas, Avayogas.
10. Finally assess the direction of the horoscope and status.

4. 9th, 10th & 7th Bhavas.

Now, we shall discuss as per my opinion, the most important bhavas in a horoscope. All bhavas are surely

important equally since all of them signify different elements. But these are the bhavas which raise the status of a horoscope.

9th bhava : For any human activity to be successful, a subtle divine blessing is a must. It works in such a way so as to adjust the circumstances to lead the activity towards success. This we in human language call as LUCK (ADRISHTA). This is represented by 9th bhava and its lord. The 9th bhava, planets in 9th bhava, aspects to 9th bhava, 9th lord's star lord and its placement are all to be assessed to finally conclude about the quantum of luck and which area in life becomes lucky. If the ascendant lord is associated with 9th lord and placed in kendra or kona itself is called 'Lakshmi Yoga' enabling the flowering of Luck throughout life.

Now we shall see what is luck formation astrologically. There are basically three situations arising due to different placements of 9th lord, as given below.

1. Having luck : The 9th bhava has a benefic planet in it and the 9th lord is either in kendras or in 2nd or 11th bhavas, or is in exalted or own rasi, and being aspected by benefic planets.

In such a condition we can say that he has luck. In general, whatever activity he takes up, will be supported by fate and we can call him a fortunate person.

2. Not having luck : No benefic in 9th bhava. The 9th lord not connected with any planet and himself not placed well. Here the luck has become weak. We say he

does not have luck and his efforts would not be supported by luck. So to achieve normal results, he has to put enormous efforts.

3. Having Bad luck : This is the worst of the conditions. The condition of planets would be, a great malefic in 9th bhava (Saturn, Mars, Rahu, Ketu) and the 9th lord is in 8th, 12th or 6th bhava conjoined by malefice planets. This is the combination for Bad luck. Any activity taken up would face obstacles or it shall be negated. Nothing substantial can be built in life. We call him a person with bad luck. But such combinations yield results on spiritual plane. To be checked carefully.

10th bhava : This is the place of society. Like the SUN Shines at mid day, the life shines due to this bhava, 10th bhava madhyama corresponds to 12 'O' Clock mid day position. Any Planet gives good result in this bhava. This is the most important of Kendra bhavas as well as it is an upachaya bhava also. The 10th lord being in dusthanas is an avayoga called "Duryoga". He will struggle for job and existence.

For a bright career, name and fame, fortification of this bhava in the horoscope is a must.

Now we shall see different conditions, w.r.to 10th bhava.

- If either Jupiter or Venus alone are placed in 10th bhava, it is called "Amala" yoga. He gets a good name in society.

- Mars in own rasi or exaltation in 10th bhava (giving rise to Ruchaka Mahapurusha Yoga) is actually a “Vamshodharaka Yoga”. He comes up and uplifts all his people.

- The combination of 9th lord and 10th lord gives rise to the best class of yoga called “Dharma Karmodhipati yoga”.

- The apex level of above yoga forms when 9th and 10th lords get inter changed (Parivartana yoga). Such a person before leaving this world, would have left an imprint in society in a particular field. An example is Dr. B.V. Raman who, with his lifelong work, brought a respectable status to “Indian Astrology” in modern times.

- If 2nd bhava and 11th bhava are connected to 10th bhava (or lords), one earns enormous riches in his profession.

- More than one malefic in 10th bhava, would bring down the status towards the end.

The 7th bhava : In olden days, 7th bhava was considered most important for women. Those days, separte profession for a woman was unthinkable and she never had nay exclusive income.

Those days if a woman had to become rich was through marriage only. Only through 7th bhava. But now a days it has become important for both males and females since it is a marriage bhava and also business partnership and relationship bhava.

Generally, astrologers prefer the 7th bhava to be free of any planet. 7th bhava is a “Kamasthana” also. Except Jupiter, every planet shows up some peculiarities in 7th bhava. So no planet is in a good condition. In a male chart, connection of mercury, saturn or keta to 7th bhava causes “Napumsaka Yoga”.

In a female chart if 7th bhava and 8th bhava (Mangalya sthana for females) are free of planets and 7th lord is fortified, then she would have a good marital life with good husband and children.

4th & 5th bhava : All the above bhavas explained are very important. But many may differ. Because for many of us, there is a tendency in mind, that whatever we got in life, we take it for granted. The whole concentration is on those aspects which are lacking in our lives.

That’s why a person who wants money, would value dhana (2) bhava one who wants meditation, would value dhyana (12) bhava.

As per the opinion of some experts, for a peaceful existence, 4th and 5th bhavas are extremely important. We shall see how.

4th bhava : This is basically defined as “Sukhasthana” in astrology. This is also the bhava for house and lands and also education. All these are essential for happy living. If Jupiter alone is placed in 4th bhava without any blemish, he is capable of giving all the above mentioned elements.

If karaka Moon is in strength and a benefic is in 4th bhava or with 4th lord, life would be happy and peaceful.

5th bhava : If 9th bhava is previous generation, 1st bhava is myself, then the 5th bhava is the next generation. That is my children.

This is also the bhava for wisdom (Viveka), games and mantra sidhi. All these are required in a persons later part of life.

A cinema is called a good movie only if second half and climax is good. Similarly, whatever struggles we undergo initially, if the later life and end of life is happy and peaceful, we can call it good life. This depends on 5th bhava (Santana bhava) and the 4th bhava (Sukha sthana).

When we struggle and bring up our children, they take off and become better than us, we surely would feel satisfied and happy. Otherwise if they don't come up and we have to take up their responsibility, that would disturb us throughout our remaining life. Hence strengthening of 5th bhava, lord and karaka Jupiter are essential for a peaceful later life.

End of life :

- Chaturtha (4th) is the charamanka means the last 10 years of life.

- 8th bhava drekkona decides the way we should exit from the world.

- But if planets exist in 8th bhava, they decide the exit. If unspoil VENUS exists in 8th bhava, one dies

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peacefully in sleep.

- The 12th bhava is moksha bhava.

- The 'loka' we travel to, is indicated by planet in 12th bhava if no planet exists, by the 12th lord.



7. MARRIAGE MATCHING

A man and a woman spend 2/3 of their lives as a married couple. Along with experiencing the marriage bliss they also hold the responsibility of domestic life, taking care of elders and also preparing the children to be responsible citizens.

Misunderstanding, ego, financial and family problems crop up but when they reach severe levels, they break the marriage causing suffering to every one around.

The Karaka planet for the marriage/wife is VENUS. The husband Karaka planet for women is MARS, but some consider Jupiter. The 7th bhava is the bhava for marriage.

The 7th bhava, its lord, and karaka VENUS together play a role in marriage and its success / failure. The 8th bhava for women is the “mangalya sthana”. This also plays a big role in marital relationships. The woman with benefic planet in 8th bhava dies before her husband (“Sumangali Yoga”).

The astrologers started a practice of matching the horoscopes of boy and girl before marriage, to ensure a successful marriage. This today has become a big business running into crores of rupees.

First of all, we should remember that no maharshi in history has followed this theory. The authority for astrology BPHS does not mention about it. It started relatively recently and due to its theoretical efficacy, was propagated by the commercial minded astrologers. Due

to the public anxiety about marriages, and fears of mothers and fathers, it got entrenched permanently. There are very few families who perform marriages without looking into horoscopes. Today unfortunately it is a big business.

I have personally seen few families, known to each other, waited to come together through marriage. They almost decide and finally their family astrologer breaks it saying that the horoscopes don't match. Both parties get disappointed but follow the astrologers advice.

Now, who has verified his knowledge level and success rate? None. There is no past record to analyse. Surely many couples whom he matched astrologically would have faced problems or even separated by divorce or death. There is no record to verify.

If we consider our life to be the hand writing of “Bramha”, then the concluding signature is our death. The marital life is the area where he plans to clear the majority of our prarabda karma through difficult situations and problems, in the domestic life.

We have seen the sloka before, that “Pasu patnee sutaalaya” are happening by “Runanubandha roopena” by marriage matching process, we are in a way obstructing “Bramhajis” plan and almost taking his place to decide our lives. This is wrong. And what happens if we try to do like that, we learnt from the episodes of Narada and Garutmanta.

Finally a couple with “Runaanubandham” only would join to form a family.

Maharshis have mentioned that if there are two persons in previous lives with severe enmity. Bramhaji with a plan to reduce their negative karma in just one life instead of multiple lives, makes them daily fighting husband and wife in the present life. Enmity increased further becomes cause for further lives. we read the story of chennabasappa and veerabhadrapappa the frog and snake story of enmity from the life story of sadguru shiridi sai baba.

Such is the complex equation of one relationship which comprehensively only 'Bramha' can understand. How can we mortals understand the equation spanning multiple lives? Just impossible.

In a way our madness about horoscope matching is convenient to 'Bramha' to take a decision. Since till the correct karmic match comes, all others have to be negated.

1. The boy's negates some and the boys parents negate some.

2. The girl's negates some and the girls parents negate some.

3. When all social parameters match and everybody accepts the family astrologer negates due to non matching of horoscopes.

In my opinion, what is successfully decided by horoscope matching also happen to be 'Karmic couple'. In any which way, it is a Karmic couple coming together. Hence marriage matching becomes a futile exercise.

For marriage, traditionally one has to see the boy, girl, their family backgrounds, physical qualities, mental abilities, social reputation, financial status, careers etc and finally if boy and girl accept each other, they can happily go ahead. If any problem crops up, then along with wise thinking, the horoscopes also can be consulted. Any problems can be solved with MIND power and divine blessings.

Astrologically speaking, if I am represented by ascendant, then 7th is my wife bhava. The 7th by nature, happens to be enemy bhava to ascendant. Hence by marriage, I am getting an enemy in the form of wife, into my house. It is funny but true.

If 7th bhava and lord are fortified by benefic planets, the marriage life would be comfortable. But it is rarely supported in such a manner. Hence problems do exist at different levels which have to be solved or atleast adjusted.

As it is we can understand that no two random minds can automatically match. Adjustments and compensations have to be implemented.

Inspite of many differences in personalities, many wise people in Indian middle class are leading successful marital lives based on the awareness of necessity of adjustments and also due to the feeling of responsibility towards the institution of marriage. This is due to the wisdom created in them by the samskara of Hindu dharma and also other dharmas. Hats off to all such humble beings.

“The excessive unwanted importance of “Kuja Dosham”.

The “Kuja Dosham” is not to be found in the standard astrological texts. It is said that “Kuja dosham” exists if MARS is placed in 2,4,7,8,12 bhavas of a horoscope. Some include 1 bhava also. Some go further and say that the above bhavas to be checked from Moon and Venus also. If truly checked, we won’t find any body without kuja dosham. Hence, for our discussion, let us limit Kuja dosham from ascendant only.

I like to relate a personal experience w.r.to Kuja dosham and we can know how even big astrologers sometimes falter in deciding the presence of Kuja dosham.

I took a family (Horoscope of a girl to be married) to a reputed astrologer in Secunderabad. He had a look into the horoscope and said that there is 100% Kuja dosham and suggested series of remedies and also analysed other things in the horoscope. The parents with me were not fully satisfied (may be the 100% Kuja dosham was unexpected).

Then, to satisfy them, I took them to another reputed astrologer in Hyderabad in the same car immediately.

He studied the horoscope and said there is almost no “Kuja dosham”. Few other things were said by him and we came out after paying the fees.

I was taken aback at the difference between the conclusions by both. Both of them are aged, reputed and also wrote books. Persons at such level of knowledge falter

like this then common man loses confidence on the subject.

The Parents of course jokingly remarked that there was “Kuja dosham” in secundrabad and it disappeared when we stepped into Hyderabad.

I too did not have a thorough knowledge of the subject at that time, to understand what would have made then to conclude like that. But presently when I analyse, I can see that.

The first astrologer who said there was 100% Kuja dosha simply looked at MARS which was in 8th bhava. It is a mangalya dosha. But no malefic is aspecting it. And he failed to correlate that Venus is placed in 12th bhava along with RAHU and the 4th lord, which is a major ‘Sukra dosham’. Hence giving 100% to MARS in this horoscope is wrong, since VENUS also is afflicted. So he concluded hastily without going into depth.

The second pundit depended on various dictums given in texts for compensation conditions of Kuja dosham.

Based on those principles, he concluded that almost there is no Kuja dosham. But these rules were not given by maharshis and I found them not working well in many circumstances.

Thus we can see that both these pundits were some what correct and hasty in conclusion. As an expert rightly said that study of Astrology creates an illusion that one has become an expert and feels ‘No more’ Knowledge is required. But ‘know more’ is a truth applicable always.

Everybody is a student till the end. The lesson from above episode is that even if you are an expert astrologer, if you are not alert while seeing a horoscope, you are bound to falter.

Now, the details about KUJA DOSHAM.

Mars, is a strong planet representing Anger, aggression, emotions, sex energy weapons and blood.

Let us examine the bhavas where if MARS is placed, give rise to Kuja Dosham.

1. Family place 2nd bhava

The talk becomes strong without diplomacy, interest in arguments. excess expenditure. There are fights in the family quiet frequently.

2. Domestic (Gruha) place : 4th bhava

Mars here in dwelling place causes depressions, dullness, misunderstandings and family fights among the members. 4th mars is suitable for gain of lands.

3. Marriage place : 7th bhava

This is the marriage and partnership place. Mars here damages the relationship with ego, arguments, aggression. The partner is tough to manage. If other malefics aspect or associate, then separation takes place.

4. Mangalya sthana : 8th bhava

Mars here is very bad for women since it is a

husbands location in a woman's chart. It tries to take away the mangalya. Mars here if aspected or associated with malefics, tries to kill the husband, making the woman a widow. The person with Mars in 8th bhava also is very tough in mind, not allowing any compromises.

5. Vyaya bhava - 12th bhava

with respect to the marital subject, this is a location of bed comforts, misunderstanding, non compatibility, arguments do happen. Mars in 12th gives excessive talk and expenditure. It causes also bandhana yoga.

Now if we study the above bhavas and we replace Mars with Saturn, SUN, Rahu, Ketu, similar problems at a different scale can be experienced. Since Mars is a karaka for aggression, MARS is more a malefic than others w.r.to marital relationships.

In astrology, there are three planets which are called "Terrorist Planets". They are SUN, SATURN and RAHU. If they are placed alone in any bhava, they act like terrorists. That is, they don't allow good results from that bhava to be realised.

While analysing a horoscope, the lone placement of terrorist planets have to be analysed carefully.

Now the above situation happens in 7th bhava, the effect would be as serious as that of MARS placement.

So, ignoring the effects of all such planets and giving excessive importance to only MARS in the name of "Kuja Dosham" is wrong.

In fact, the total elements to be studied in a horoscope for marriage matters are

- 7th bhava & 7th lord
- 8th bhava & 8th lord
- Venus as Karaka
- Mars as husband karaka
- Navamsa chart
- 7th lord in a star & Navamsa
- coordination with Dasas
- Transits affecting 7th & 8th

The Mars and the terrorist planets have to be referred w.r.to all above elements Ketu also plays an important role in marital affairs as shown below.

KETU :

- He acts like Mars for flare up of situations & sudden events.
- He causes “disinterest” wherever he is placed alone.
- He causes fires, suicides and instills “Sadism”.
- He is a “Napumsaka” planet along with mercury and saturn.

When parameters are so many as explained above,

the analysis becomes complex and conclusion is difficult. It becomes a challenge for Astrologer to predict in a correct manner.

Simple and sincere remedies can be carried out by the person, depending on which planet is predominant in troubling. Graha stotra pathanam and the deity archana are the simple remedies which can be followed by any body Universally.



8. REMIDIES & REALITIES

A 'remedy' is a request made to the Almighty with humility to reduce the suffering when it becomes unbearable. It shall be heard and answered if carried out as ordained by shastras and with pure "Antahkarana".

But people have become so scared and sensitive about problems, that they run to astrologers for each and every problem that crops up in life. They forget that we have to face the problem physically mentally and spiritually ourselves first and then only stepout for an astrological consultation, if the problem is beyond our capability.

today, the remedies business is running into multiples of crores of rupees. For every problem, a point to point, pooja stone, hornam, abhishekam etc are shown and hefty fees is collected. Nobody can verify the succcess rate.

slowly, when the business got entrenched, the 'LURE' and 'SCARE' methods have been adopted to further increase the business. for example,

-If you do this pooja, homam with us, (or buy a stone from us) all your problems shall be solved, you will succeed and be peaceful.

--- This is 'LURE' method.

- If you do not do this pooja/homam with us, or don't wear a suggested stone, your suffering will increase and it will become unbearable.

--- This is 'SCARE' method.

We being sensitive, and looking for 'Hope' during our problematic phase shall fall either for LURE or SCARE.

As per shastras, remedial measures can be applied to Nivaarya Karmas (Amenable for remedies). The anivarya karmas are dridha Karmas which are result of papakarmas done with awareness in the previous lives, and hence won't change with remedies. An expert astrologer can know the difference.

The basic principle in remedies is that it won't avoid or eliminate the bad event. the severity of the event would be greatly reduced bringing it down to the withstandable level. We shall see few examples.

- If a big vehicle accident has to take place resulting in blood flow & fractures, then it remedies are done, the accident does take place but with less severe injuries and treatment in place of surgery.

- An accidental knife piercing incident requiring stitches, may be converted to blade cuts.

- A poisonous snake bite may be replaced by scorpion bite. But if he is destined to die by snake bite, then that cannot be avoided.

Many such examples can be given The change truly happens, when correct remedies are carried out with a sincere approach.

THE GEM STONES:

usage of precious Gem stones as a remedy works very well (if not as a Gem stone, it acts as a ‘placebo’ effect) . only if the suggestion for the gem stone is correct and the stone is not a fake one.

The deception in Gem stones is taking place because on many occasions the receiver and also the seller may not know that the stone is either a defective one or a fake one or sometimes simply a glass piece.

First of all it is very tricky and intricate act to select a suitable Gem stone from a horoscope.

I like to give a live example which happened in my life, over a period of time. without my intention, the whole exercise took shape as a good experiment and teaches all of us a great lesson.

In the 90’s, when I was continuously in the study of Astrology, and remedies, I discovered that a particular ABC jewellers (Name changed) of chennai were doing great business selling precious stones as remedies.

Their “modus Operandi” goes like this. They have a batch of Astrologers with them. If we send a single page horoscope, they charge Rs100 and suggest a stone. If we do not have a horoscope, and send birth details, then they charge Rs300 and suggest a stone, by getting a computer print of horoscope.

Their actual business is not in the Rs100 or Rs300 as above. The stones which we are buying from them cost

between Rs3000 and Rs10000. They were doing roaring business in those days.

I myself was reasonably knowledgeable about Gemstones. I was not wearing any. I got curious, and sent a single page horoscope with my name as C.VASUDEV requesting them for the suggestion of a stone for me.

They replied and asked me to wear a 'Coral' which is the stone for MARS.

This is a wrong stone for me because of the following astrological reason.

My ascendant is scorpio. The lagna lord Mars is in ARIES, and is aspected by saturn. with this strength (6th and aspect of saturn) he was already causing satru, Roga problems heavily. If the strength is increased by wearing a coral, the intensity of the problems could increase. This would have worked with Mars in scorpio, leo or virgo.

He blindly selected a stone for Lagna lord without indepth analysis. I wrote a letter to him, asking as to what was the basis for his selection? He replied saying sir, we can't discuss all such things with every client. We have a team of expert astrologers please believe in us and use the stone and you will be prosperous. I just left the matter at that.

After 6 months, I suddenly remembered again and sent a single page horoscope with name as V.Chenna Reddy instead of C.Vasudev, to escape their data base search.

This time, the suggestion was “Emerald”, the stone for Mercury. If previous suggestion was wrong, then this present suggestion is a “Blunder”.

Mercury for scorpio ascendent is “Maha papi” as lord of 8th and 11th bhava and as ‘Varga Satru’. He causes destruction if sitting alone which is the condition in my horoscope. By wearing emerald, he would have caused more severe destruction.

The blind/shortcut decision this time by the astrologer was either as rasi lord (Gemini Rasi) or the Mahadasa lord. That’s all.

By now I understood the process and hence did not write any letter to them.

Again after 6 months, I repeated the exercise, out of curiosity and changed the name to C.V.Reddy.

This time the suggestion was ‘Gomedha’ (Hessonite) for the planet Rahu.

This is another mistake. Rahu is varga satru for scorpio and is badly placed in dhanasthana. wearing his stone, he would have functioned more negatively.

The shortcut method or a blind method of suggestion done was the stone for birth star lord. My birth star is ‘Arudra’, lord is Rahu. That’s all.

Neither the astrologers, nor the owners of the jewellers knew that wrong stones are being suggested left and right. Probably there was no negative feed back. If they

get hold of one success case, they give him money, take interview and do the propoganda through TV's.

On 3 occasions, I got 3 different suggestions which were totally wrong. I had the awareness hance I escaped from the trap but many innocent people who are already suffering get more trouble and who can save them?

The above episode indicates how difficult and tricky it is to decide which stone to wear for which horoscope. Now another most unfortunate aspect is that the market is filled with fake and defective gem stones. If one wants, they provide a lab certificate and that also is fake. The buyer can never findout and in many cases even the seller also does not know he was selling fake stones.

That means, first of all, we should get a correct reading from horoscope and get a genuine stone from among the jungle of fake/ defective stones. surprisingly all the failure of results experienced due to the above, we are ignorantly blaming the sacred subject of Astrology.

The correct rule for Gem-stone selection.

The functional benefic planet (preferably 1,5 or 9th lords) is positioned for doing good, but lacks strength, then to increase its strength, the Gem stone of such a planet has to be worn. This is a fundamental principle but the following also are to be verified.

-Few horoscopes which are operating well without disturbance have to be left as it is. Gemstone, though good, may disturb the equilibrium of that chart. No gem stone in

such a case is to be suggested. -wearing a wrong gem stone has to be avoided at any cost. the events and the mind to be observed for atleast 6 months to assess negative effects.

One person who came to me was wearing the stone for the most dangerous planet in his horoscope. After removal, after 6 months, we found 70% of his problems disappeared.

Coming back to the discussion on remedies, most of the simple remedies one can do oneself. Nobody else need be there between myself and GOD. It is purely a karma relationship between me, the planet and GOD.

Following are the simple remedies. One can do oneself easily.

1. Every planet has a two line ‘Stotras’ given in every “Panchangam”. This stotra can be recited 108 times every day in the morning.

2. There is a deity for every planet. On the suitable day of the week, one can go to the temple and do archana with bhakti.

Planet		Deity
SUN	-	SUN GOD (Aditya)
MOON	-	Parvathi Mata
MARS	-	Subrahmanya Swami

Anjaneya Swami

Narasimha swami

MERCURY	-	Vishnu bhagavan
JUPITER	-	Dattatreya
VENUS	-	Lakshmi Devi
SATURN	-	Shankara
RAHU	-	Durga Devi
		peddamma
KETU	-	Vighneswara

3. There are ‘things’ and ‘cereals’ represented by various planets. They have to be given in ‘alms’ (Danam) on the particular day of the planet.

4. If found suitable, to wear a “Gem stone”. It shall act atleast as a ‘PLACEBO’.

5. To Psychologically fill the mind with “Ammavaru”. All the planets and the whole cosmos is in her control.

The king and Queen of the planets, the SUN and MOON are her “Ear Rings” as per the lalitha sahasra namam. (“Tatanka Yugalee”). If you are a kid in her lap, you can play with planets.



9. ASTROLOGY & SADGURUS

The “sadgurus” in their speeches or books always have been discouraging people to know about astrology. They projected astrology and its practice, a weakness and always tried to prevent the people from becoming fatalistic. But they themselves were wise enough to understand about astrology and its place in the whole structure of life.

For this discouraging attitude of greatmen, there are strong reasons which they very well knew. We shall see all that but first let us see what these great men have actually said about Astrology.

1. Napoleon : Holding the knife on to the palm and talking to his Army general, “look simon, they say, if a line exists somewhere here, I would be winning many wars. Tell me where it should be. I will just now create it myself with this knife.”

2. Swami Vivekananda : What are planets? What can they do to me? I would not allow anybody to control my actions. I am a free spirit. Whatever I want to acheive, I shall achieve, with my thinking and actions.

3. Jesus christ : My dear loving disciples, All your life functions are revealed in the world of stars up above. But be aware, to know them is prohibited for you.

4. Bhagavan Ramana : Praranda karma is true. The planetary functions are as ordained by GOD. But why do you bother about all these? If you know who you are and get the advaita Jnana, you will know everything.

5. The Holy Quran : If you are a fortune teller and a star worshipper, then all that what is received by the prophet from Allah, is not finding a place in your mind.

6. Sadguru jaggi vasudev : If you know the result of tomorrow, the game of life you are supposed to play today will not be played well. Please know that prediction is match fixing.

But all these elevated souls know that if higher truths are given to immature minds, without preperation then the normal people.

1. Understand the purpose wrongly and get spoiled.
2. They get used to inaction & laziness.
3. They scare people and earn money.

These Sadgurus discourage the practice of astrology only to prevent people from the above 3 damages.

Normal mind would immediately conclude that life is fated and human action is irrelevant. Understanding the true essence of Astrology requires high wisdom levels. Hence wise people show it as a ‘taboo’ to normal people.

A small story is told by a Sadguru to show how Astrology affects normal minds easily. There were two persons A&B in a village. The Village astrloger with good reputation, told these two persons that both would die 3 months from now.

Person A: Got scared, and he wanted to complete important activities, but could not, because the grief took

over him. He became sick with the thought of approaching death. With such a severe mental suffering at the said time he died.

When death was so certain, what benefit did he gain by knowing it before except for depression and sickness. No human being can be peaceful if he knows his end point for certain.

Person B: Underwent a similar time of depression and sickness. But he did not die at the stipulated time due to a wrong calculation by the Astrologer. Then in such a situation, what can go on in his mind. The whole exercise becomes a big joke.

If a studious boy is given a prediction that he is surely going to pass with high marks, it is a natural human tendency that the boy gets relaxed in his studies. Similarly, if a boy is told that he is going to fail, has an effect on his preparation.

As Sadguru said, this is exactly equal to the effect of “Match fixing.”

The spiritual masters resist from speaking about astrology, but if we examine their lives, we have fascinating examples w.r.to Astrology.

In the spiritual classic “Auto biography of a Yogi”, there is an anecdote where Sri Yukteswara Giri, who was the Guru of Sri Paramahansa Yogananda cautions Yogananda about an impending acute pain of the liver for the disciple. He said it is going to be due to planetary combinations but

not due to any accident or food poisoning. As foretold, the pain was experienced and with Gurus blessings came to pass with minimum discomfort.

Kaavya Kantha Ganapathi Muni was one great Yogi and scholar who gave the name of “Bhagavan” to Sri Ramana Maharshi. He became an expert in Astrology in his childhood only.

He grew to become a high level yogi and “Mantra Vetta.” He competed in the vidwath parishd of Nava dweepa in Bengal. He won inspite of being the youngest to compete. They gave the title “Kaavya Kantha” to him.

His mother was pregnant and was expecting delivery. She called the boy Ganapathi on to the Cot, makes him sit next to her and she asks a question about her delivery.

The boy “Ganapathi” took it as a “prasna” and calculates (The transits are taken by heart for that day, in the morning) and concludes that the question was asked in the “Marana Ganda time” and the questioner cannot live beyond delivery.

The lady died during delivery and the boy Ganapathi had to face the wrath and curses of people around in addition to the unbearable grief of losing his mother.

Even our ancient texts are full of the examples of planetary influences. Sri Rama, seeing Jataayu’s plight, consoles him. Jataayu in turn praises Rama and consoles him and told him that the muhurtha in which Ravana took away Sita, has got such a bala or quality that the stolen things

finally has to come back to the owner. Itihaasas and puranaas have such examples w.r.to Astrology.

The antiquity of Astrology is equivalent to VEDAS which was the first and foremost SRUTI SHASTRAS of the Hindu dharma.



10. FATE OR FREEWILL

Since time immemorial, there has been a discussion on the above subject. People formed into groups on either of the sides for an argument on the above dilemma. As many people believed that life is fated, that many people have tried to show that it is free will which builds life.

When we study the origin, nature and purpose of Astrology and consider it as a part of the whole of the Indian philosophy, we can understand in a subtle way that it is “neither of them exclusively”, but “both of them together inclusively”.

FATE INCLUDES FREEWILL

FREEWILL IS DIRECTED BY FATE

The second sentence above was already discussed under the head “Budhee Karmaanu Sarinee”.

Now let us see the functions at the fundamental level. How an action is done by any person. Let us put it in the form of an ‘equation’.

THOUGHT ---> AMBITION ----> ACTION = RESULT

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

In Bhagavadgita, it is said that the results of man’s actions are in divine control. Hence the main teaching of GITA has been nishkama Karma. Doing the work in a sacred manner, without any expectation on the results. There is a proof and historic record that the results might be unexpected but we appear to have a control of what we do

- Humans donot have a total control on the final results of any activity. Hence the (4th) element in the above equation surely is not in our control.

Now, coming to elements (1) and (2), they are, as per the basics of Astrology (Budhee Karmanusarinee) are in the hands of fate. But we cannot be aware of this when we select an action to be performed in life. It could be to our liking only. But in the background that direction of work (Success or Failure) is supposed to be destined for us.

What we deeply desire to achieve, is linked to the past karma willing to give result in the present life through our mind. Though we always want to do what we like, there is a strong karmic urge behind this liking. Hence we are directed by our kama to like certain actions and execute them. So it is not an outright freedom sphere from where we are operating.

So, the remaining portion of equation is no.3 that is 'Action' or 'karma', to be done in the present life. The action is being done by us but the liking and desire to do the action and the results have karmie control over them. Hence we should do the work dispassionately without any desire for results. This is exactly being taught by the sacred GITA. Do your work as a "karma yogi".

There is a small story to explain the fate and free will, how they are interwoven.

The story of a Cow and green grass

There is a Cow. It is hungry. The owner took it to the grass lands and fixed it with a rope and an iron staff (big iron nail) in the middle of the grass land. He went away for some work, expecting that cow would eat the grass to its satisfaction.

The cow is “fatalistic” in mind like many of us in our lives.

So what it did was to move its head (it was in lying down position) to left and right ate the grass in that purview and kept quiet. The grass in its reach is over and its still hungry. It wanted more grass but it did not know how to get it. It thought that only that much grass was written in its fate.

One traveller observed its plight and said, if you stand up then more grass can be eaten. Then the cow put efforts, got up and has eaten the grass around itself and then stood still not knowing what to do further. But it's hunger also still remained. It needed some more grass but it really did not know how to get it. The cow again thought, what else I can do other than standing up. Hence what ever I got till now only is written in my fate. May be I am destined to remain a little hungry today. We humans also have similar thoughts in such similar circumstances.

Then another traveller who was passing by, observed the cow and explained to it that he can go far from the fixed staff since the rope is very long. You can go to the extreme

till the rope becomes tight and then eat all the grass around in the circle.

The cow now got to see the scope and understood. It stretched till the rope became tight and ate around the staff (as centre) in a circle. All the grass in the circle was his and he ate well and then relaxed lying down waiting for the owner to take her home.

Now let us see the roles played in this story.

1. The cow: Any person in life with inaction & fatalism.
2. The owner fixing the staff : GOD
3. Total grass in the circle : “Praaptam” for the cow. True fated food.
4. Standing up & eating and circular eating : Freewill acts
5. Travellers : Guides & Gurus.

We limit ourselves by wrong fatalistic thinking. When we have an aim and when we are achieving it, we should go all out in efforts. At the end of the action only we shall understand how much was destined for us.

In the above example, if the cow doesn't exercise free will, it would get only head stretch grass and it would have been under illusion that it is only fated for it.

Astrology tells us that circular grass is actual fated food but we do not know unless we exercise free will, work for it & reach there.

The message of the story is the clarification of fate and free will. The glory of free will and action is given in the following sloka. This sloka glorifies human action.

sloka:

गच्छन पिपीलिको योजनानाम सतौरपि

अगच्छन वैनतेयोपि पादमेकम् नगच्छति

Gachan pipeelako Yojananaam Satairapi

Agachan Vainateyopi Padmekam nagachati

Meaning : Even an ANT tries and goes to reach 100 Yojanaas distance. Even Garutmantha also cannot go even one step further if he does not move.



11. HOW TO BENEFIT from ASTROLOGY.

All the shastras throughout the ages right from VEDAS to PURANAAS & ITIHASAS were given to mankind only for the purpose of guidance and upliftment of the human being. If there are any negative results experienced by following the shaastras, the fault lies in that person's wrong interpretation and defective implementation.

The one subject which has experienced this sort of bad name and contempt from a section of people is surely Astrology.

The reason is that most of the astrologers with low level of knowledge have been giving half cooked predictions which easily go wrong or become partially correct. They don't improve by feedback and with time, more and more such astrologers get added to the existing ones. Very rarely we can find a true expert, non commercial, astrologer with high success rate.

Now, the question is in what way we can get benefited by the subject of Astrology. If we know, then it becomes a permanent consultant for us, and we will be always happily living with it.

Since a horoscope is a designed parabda Karma for us, we should neither blame it for its deficiencies, not compare it with any other horoscope. When we know that we only selected our horoscope in the SOUL stage, we should own it and do the following to assimilate horoscope into our lives.

1. Understanding the Horoscope.
2. Accepting the Horoscope whole heartedly.

1. Understanding the Horoscope.

First, the general structure has to be studied and the following are to be understood.

a. Horoscope shows our personality (Physical, mental, spiritual) and the interests and inclinations, passions if any etc., and tells you what you are.

b. The mental qualities formed have to be understood, like short temper, dullness, communication etc., and for every negative tendency one has to put efforts in the opposing direction to improve on a continuous basis.

c. The arishad Vargas become easier to control when understood by the planetary combinations of horoscope, we have to attack those which are at high level and are influencing our lives. If we don't analyse then, we would think that all people have these qualities and it is normal and we take them for granted.

Ramana Maharshi, showed us the path of "Who am I" to spiritually realise ourselves. As a first step at physical and mental level, if we want to know ourselves by "Introspection", it rarely takes us to the truth. Because we are analysing ourselves with our own Mind and EGO. They colour the picture according to their levels and nature.

If we analyse ourselves impersonally and dispassionately through our Horoscope. we can know

clearly about ourselves, With all positives and negatives. Thus, it would be a great starting point for successfully progressing on the path of Bhagavan Ramana's "Who am I". This is the greatest advantage of having the knowledge of "Astrology".

2. Accepting the Horoscope.

We have to own our Horoscope then we feel responsible towards it, like a father owns a 'SON' with all his positive and negative qualities.

When we own our Horoscope, then we take responsibility for the negative qualities existing in our personality revealed through Horoscope.

Then we put efforts to improve, leading to actual personality development. Finally with the help of horoscope and with time and efforts, we can achieve a transformation of the personality.

Every Horoscope has to be studied for total challenging situations it is offering in our lives.

If we consider an example, if in a horoscope the 4th bhava, lord and Venus are hemmed with malefics, and are connected to 8th bhava or lord, this creates a possibility of vehicles accidents. If one is aware of the above then without comparison to anybody he should, as a compensatory measure, follow the practices given below.

1. Never rash drive and impose a self speed limit.
2. Let others overtake you. You don't overtake

others.

3. Avoid driving if possible.

4. Daily recitation of “Maha Mrityunjaya mantra”.

In another example, one of my friends had “rough talk” combination. Rahu in 2nd aspected by Saturn, When aroused, obscure language flows from him. He wanted to improve his condition and asked me.

He became aware when I explained the structure, that it is inherent in his personality. He started a practice of smooth talk which was difficult to maintain under excitement, on my advise he set up a long time frame with deep intention and also practiced remedies to Rahu & saturn.

After the time frame, there was remarkable improvement people who met him after that time gap could clearly notice the change. He was very thankful to me.

This is how a challenging situation has to be selected from the horoscope and with time and action, gain victory over that. An astrologers guidance may be continuously required.

This kind of internal fighting with bad qualities is the one which is called ‘JIHAAD’ in Islam. Wrong meanings were inserted probably in later periods by people who are pseudo islamics. Hence ‘JIHAAD’ and ‘KAFIR’ meanings were distorted and assumed dangerous proportions and the result is there for all of us to see in this world.

The planets have to be considered as “Instigators” but not “task performers”. Final human action based on “dharma” is only held in high esteem. If we read some of the statements by the famous western Astrologers, we understand how they gave importance to human action only. Let us see some statements.

1. The stars tempt a man but don't compel him for doing an Act.

----SEPHARIEL

2. Astrology teaches you to help, Your planets to help you

---- CHEIRO

3. Astrology warns you of the broken road ahead, but the mender is always within you

---- CHEIRO

4. Temptation is caused by the past tendency through the index of planets. But the fall is always caused by the EGO

-----MAX HEINDELL

Many people ask a very simple question, that they tried their best sincerely but could not succeed. I shall explain about a fictitious situation to understand the problem.

Consider that there is an expert Bharata Natyam dancer. She was invited by people from a village in Rajasthan. The village people being poor and innocent, did not construct

a stage. They put a big sheet of cloth on the sandy land and requested the dancer to perform. naturally she lost her rythm and could not dance well.

Similarly if she is made to dance in a marshy land, she would not perform well.

But if she is made to dance on a standard stage in a hall, we would know how great a dancer she is.

The problem here is not with the skill set or expertise nor the interest. Failure happened because of lack of stage or background.

we all are like that dancer in life. We put sincere efforts in a correct manner, but encounter failures, because of the background conditions not supporting us, and also “praaptam” astrologically not being strong.

“THE FORCES ABOVE ASTROLOGY”

A question arises as to which forces in nature, can overcome the forces of Astrology. The wise masters have declared as follows.

1. Blessings of GOD
2. Protection of GURU
3. Power of our own MIND.

1. Blessings of GOD : We have learnt about remedies. But they are for specific events, situations or planets or dasas etc. But if one has ‘Pure bhakti’ and in constant touch with divinity, he will surely get signals to

escape dangerous situations.

The one who is in the fold of “Amma varu” with parayana of the lalitha sahasra namam, there would be protection for him from bad influences of the planets.

Even during dasa / antar dasas, the graha stotra and the deity worship if done daily with pure mind ensures protection surely during those dasas. There have been great examples of high reduction in suffering due to the divine intervention. But it has to be done sincerely, continuously and with a pure mind.

2. The Protection of GURU

Blessed is the one who has a spiritual master as his GURU. A true GURU looks after a disciple more than a father looks after his SON. He puts the disciple in the right path, cautions and protects him from the bad periods of life and supports him always with his power & blessing. In Hindu Dharma, a GURU's status is next only to GOD.

In our spiritual literature there are so many instances where GURU with his power, has protected the disciple from bad planetary influences. It is also true that if a person is in spiritual sadhana, the bad influence of planets on such a person is not supposed to be severe.

Hence the protection of a SADGURU for disciple is next only to GOD. Sometimes the GURU'S suffer the bad effects by taking them on to themselves where as the

disciple may not even know about this.

3. Power of our own MIND

There appears an anomaly here The ‘mind’ is as set by the horoscope. How can it cross the power of horoscope? (The MIND in horoscope is a combination of MOON, MERCURY 5th bhava and lord, 3rd bhava and lord).

We have to enquire further into the concept of mind. The MIND essentially is in two parts. The conscious and the sub conscious. The above astrological explanation is about the conscious mind only. The sub conscious mind is extremely powerful and also is connected to the universal consciousness (GOD HOOD).

If any idea generates from the sub conscious mind, instead of from conscious mind, then the sub conscious mind takes up the responsibility to make it succeed and accordingly changes the surroundings and the circumstances to make them suitable for success of the idea generated.

For an idea to get generated from the sub conscious mind, there should be great passion for that idea in the mind of the person and he should repeatedly dream about it. Before sleep and while getting up, we should always think only about that idea, action and results.

All the great achievements in any field were achieved only by the thought generation from the sub conscious mind only.

Since the sub conscious mind is connected to

GODHOOD, its potential is beyond normal human comprehension. Effects of self hypronis (aware or unaware) towards positive or negative results are from subconscious mind only.

By practice, if we can generate thoughts from the sub conscious mind, then the mind power in life is capable of rising above the planetary influences. That's why people with passionate desires and ambitious, inspite of repeated obstacles and failures, acheive seemingly impossible objectives and successes. The secret is without they being aware, they would have employed their sub conscious mind, to work for them.

I know that the whole exercise is a difficult process, but I believe in the possibilty since I also believe that GOD gave MIND to MAN to become a MASTER, not a SLAVE.



12. THE NATURE OF GOOD ASTROLOGER

Astrology is a sacred science meant for guidance and upliftment of man. So the Astrologer has a great responsibility towards society. All the major classics have insisted that Astrologers necessarily should fulfil the following conditions, to be called good astrologers.

1. Should have internal and external cleanliness and purity.

2. To be in “Satya Nishta” and be in daily worship of the deity.

3. Even if he takes nominal fees, money weakness should be absent.

4. Should show diplomacy while dealing with times of severe hardships and extra marital relationships.

5. To talk, decide & predict about the time of death is prohibited.

6. Should not discuss ones horoscope with anyone else.

7. To ensure happy and comfortable exit of people who come with anxieties, with proper guidance and encouragement.

The situation existing today due to the extensive availability of the visual and print media is the claim of every other person as an Astrologer.

Knowing about stars, Rashis, planets and transits does not make one a good astrologer. This is a subject more based on intuition than intellect and fact collection. Truly good astrologer with in depth knowledge have become rare. It has become extremely difficult for a common man to decide who is a good astrologer in public life.

We see in various TV channels the analysis of the horoscope of great personalities, by the so called astrologers. It is so misleading on many occasions. For example, Mr Narendra Modis horoscope was explained by two different astrologers in two different videos, one with scorpio ascendant and the other with Libra ascendant. Both look very impressive to the viewers. But one has to be absolutely wrong. Nobody knows which one.

There are 3 or 4 different horoscopes or same horoscopes with different ascendants existing on internet for many famous personalities. Make a video upload and encash. That is the process, Gullible viewers who want to know the truth are trapped with fake truths.

Analysing a famous persons horoscope is not at all difficult. Person with minimum knowledge in Astrology also can do it easily. It is only a matching technology. One matches the very well known events from the life of the famous personality with the positions of planets in the horoscope, dashas and autar dashas. That's all.

A test to true astrologer is the following one. Take a high level horoscope like that of Sachin Tendulkar, Amitabh Bachan or Rajasekhar Reddy. Change the name

and the birth details to escape suspicion. take it to the astrologer and simply say that this is your friends horoscope, as if he is in some difficulties and you wanted to know when that friend would settle in life.

First of all he does not have the ability to know that it is a high level horoscope with yogas. Nor can he decide the direction of life (Sports, politics etc). He would primarily study the horoscope as a random horoscope and would tell you not to worry since good times are seen ahead (Present time also is actually good). Then he would suggest remedial measures. He can never tell you the situation matching the life of the owner of the horoscope. I feel 70% of astrologers would surely fail in this test. Things they say would be very far from truth or even reverse to the actual situation.

In fact if we go to further higher levels of astrological expertise, the great yogis, for whom the time concept get destroyed because of their Sadhana, do not need any horoscope because they have become “trikalagnanis”. By a look at us, they know all our past, present and future at one moment. But such yogis are very rare and do not reveal themselves in public.

There are 72000 naadis in the human “Astral Body”, out of which one is the “Jyothisha Nadi” when the “kudalini sakthi” rises from mooladhara and travels upwards and reaches the ‘Aagna Chakra’, between the eyebrows, the jyotisha Nadi would become charged and live and the

“saadhaka” becomes “trikalgnani” with the destruction of the concept of time. It is said that due to poorvajanma punyam, very rarely people are born with jyotisha Nadi being active. Without the need to study Astrology, they are capable of clearly visualising anybody’s future.

The depths of the subject of Astrology can not be fathomed by normal people. As the depth increases, the precision of prediction also increases. At very deep levels of knowledge, the divine experts of Astrology can tell events with pin pointed accuracy. Such expertise can’t come by just book reading and discussions. Deep adhyayana and spiritual sadhana must accompany. When such experts ripen into old age stunning predictions are possible.

I know one such example. One stranger approached a so called such expert in Astrology in the ancient city of Varanasi. The astrologer was a famous grand old man of varanasi who is presently no more.

He held the strangers horoscope in the hand and immediately said (without waiting for any questions). “look, a month back you hit a dog with such a big stone that it instantly died. what a great SIn it is? You have to do pariharam for the same immediately”.

The stranger was aghast with surprise, since except himself no body else knew it. Even guess work is not possible since the stranger is coming from a far off place.

What actually happened is this. One stray dog used to come to his house in his village frequently and used to bark and disturb him. He used to scare it away. One day

when he was on the roof, the dog came and was barking loudly. Highly irritated, he took the available big stone and hit the dog from the roof. The dog got hit on the head and it instantly died. He threw the body into the fields ensuring that nobody was watching.

The Astrologer further said “see, while coming to my house, on the way, you had urinated to the wall of the graveyard. Is it not the most sacred place after the temple? This act also requires a pariharam to be carried out,” said the expert. In my opinion, this was told with the help of the days transit planets.

Such is the indepth expertise possible by the masters, who’s clan is surely diminishing with time. I suspect that this was the kind of expertise existing with many of the maharshis & Astrologers of Ancient times.

The times of those flowers of fragrance is past. Most of the so called experts of the present times are like colourful plastic flowers with artificial scent.



13. GOD'S Equations & Questions.

Sloka :

जन्तूनाम नरजन्म दुर्लभम् सत जन्म कोटि शुक्रतै पुनैरविना लभ्यते

(Jantoonam Narajanma Durlabhaam sata janma koti
sukrutai punairvinaa Labhyate)

Meaning : It is extremely difficult to get a human life out of the past animal lives. It is the result of many good karmas done in hundreds of past lives. It may not come once again. It is the present opportunity.

Sloka Bhagavat Gita (101 : 15)

राजसि प्रलयोम गत्वा कर्म संघीष जायते

ततः प्रलीनस्तमसि सूधा योनिषु जायते.

(Rajasi pralayam Gatwaa karma sangishur Jaayate

Tatha praleenastamasi Moodha yonishu Jaayate).

Meaning : At the time of death, when Rajoguna dominates, he is born as human to do karma. If Tamoguna dominates, he goes into Neecha yonis. when satwa guna dominates, he would be born into homes with spiritual wealth.

If we understand the above slokas clearly, then we know that the human birth is granted very rarely as a result of past good deeds. Wise men say that human life is a big opportunity created by GOD. We should realise this fact and do good karma and do Maanava Seva and Madhava seva to retain the huma birth again and again.

Many of us come to a sort of intuitive automatic wrong conclusion that once a human birth is achieved, then it is going to be always a human birth. there is no such automatic equation in the kingdom of GOD.

The author philosopher “MALLADI” says God has given us twin legs in this life. If we have not moved and lived properly, to create stability & to avoid a fall he will grant us four legged Janma.

To ensure a human life in the next birth, first we have to live as ordained by the lord (as per dharma) and help people in need and feed the hungry and lead a life of spiritual saadhana.

If we suceamb to arishadvargas then they dominate at the end times and surely we would not be granted a human birth. This is a cosmic rule and nothing can alter it. Gita says that next janma is surely as per the mind condition at the time of death. That mind condition will not be under the control of mind but under the control of Vasanas, samskaras & karmas. To ensure a good, pure mind at the end, we have to start a practice much before in life.

Many of us carrying out certain good deeds, poojas etc immediately feel that they would be accounted by GOD. GOD is not gullible. His rules are precise.

First of all he would not count any pooja or good deed of one does not have the “inner purity” or the “Antahkarana shudhi”. In such aspects he cannot be cheated since he is “Hridaya Narayana” and also “Sarvantaryami”.

What we conclude about ourselves is irrelevant.
what he decides about us is final.

For example, it is said in Shastras that the most suitable and easy “Dharma karyam” one can perform in Kaliyuga is “daanam”, that is to ‘give’ to the needy.

Sloka:

तपः परम कृतयुगे त्रेतायोम जानमुच्यते

द्वापरे यज्ञमेवाहु दानमेकम कलैयुगे

(Tapah param krita yuge Tretayam Gnanamuchyate

Dwapare yagnamevahu Daanamekam Kaliyuge).

Meaning :

Tapas is the most suitable punya kaaryam in krita yugam. In treta yugam it is gnana yogam. In dwapara yugam it is yagna karyam. And only “Daanam” for Kaliyugam.

Wise astrologers said that to give “daanam” also is a “yogam” because

The man with riches, may not have the mind to give “Daanam”.

The man with a pious mind eager to give “Daanam”, may not possess anything worth giving.

Now let us see GOD’s equations w.r.to “Daanam” performed by human beings.

GOD's equations about "Daanam"

1. First of all, if we feel egoistic about "giving", it shall not be counted as given. We have to feel (see the need) in the heart, give in an unseen manner and forget soon.

2. Any "daanam" given out of the "Adharma" earnings can never be counted, even if done as above.

3. We should feel fortunate to have got this opportunity from GOD, for giving with bhakthi, we should think and say to god, that I am giving back to you, your own money.

4. If there is propaganda & news making about the "daanam" made, it shall not be counted. In God's view "daanam" means "Gupta Daanam".

5. What is counted by GOD in "Daanam" is not rupees, dollars or things, but percentages.

If i give Rs. 10000 to an institution, it is taken as 0.01% of my net worth of Rs. 10 crores. Similarly if one beggar gets two idlis and he gives one to the next hungry beggar, then it is counted as 50%. This beggar is the king in the GOD's empire.

6. In this Kaliyuga, the result counted for good actions is very generous since it is very difficult in this yuga to realise the value of good deeds and perform them, overcoming the effect of "Kalipurusha".

7. There is another equation set for the people of Kaliyuga. That is,

Manasa = Vaacha = Karmana

(Thought) (Speech) (Action)

This kaliyuga equation is a blessing for sukarma and a curse for dushkarma.

If I kill my enemy in my thought as an example, then the SIN for actual murder is fixed. Due to old age, if I am not able to go to Badrinath, and make my trip by mental imagination, while singing the same bhajans, the 'Punyam' of visiting Badrinath is counted. It depends on us whether we are using the above equation positively or negatively.

All the above points, do operate strictly as mentioned. We can be careful by being aware.

Now, GOD's Questions

If we study the post death phenormena in Hindu dharma, the departed soul shall be shown the whole picture of life spent on Earth.

Now, the positive and negative karma results shall be taken from the life and also the ripened and ready to sprout sanchita karmas are added and a next birth, shall be consolidated for the jeevatma with sukshma sareera.

A suitable Janma is selected as per the above consolidation and the jeevatma takes rebirth in the place and circumstances suitable to that horoscope totally representing such karma.'

This is a continuos action of "Parameswaras" Janana

Marana circle with strong and irrevocable rules and regulations.

Now, let us see what sort of questions ‘Easwara’ puts us when we meet him at the end of our life. we may feel we lived a life well. But these questions surely would expose us and instill wisdom in us so that we surely can take care before the end of life.

1. How many times did you help the needy in your life? when & in what way?

You know that maanava Seva is my seva. Knowing this how did you implement? how your existence was useful to others?

2. Did you live without malice and jealousy, with pure “Antahkarana”. Did you genuinely feel “Sarvejana sukhinobhavantu”.

3. When you showed hatred, did you later remember me and repent? Did you control your ego?

When you are about to ridicule challenged (Economically, mentally) people, did you remember me and then did you help them?

4. Have you become aware of the sole purpose of human existence? To realise the inherent - divinity in man?

Did you study shastras, served a sadguru and spiritually understood life?

Did you at least start the aadhyatmika saadhana in this life? to utilize the opportunity of human birth?

Now, the glory of achievements in the present life, the luxury living, power, position, difficulties, diseases and insults, none of these in our lives would bother GOD because he knows that these are results of the prarabda karma.

Hence, if we understand his questions and live accordingly, the human life shall be successful and fulfilled in the eyes of GOD.



14. HINDU DHARMA - The Path to GOD

The most ancient of all religions in the world is Hinduism. It is supposed to be not a “Religion” but “Sanatana Dharma”. No single person started this dharma unlike all other religions of the world.

The Hindu dharma started from ‘VEDAS’ which were described as “Apaurusheyas”, meaning not given or written by any human being.

The “Sanatana Dharma” when followed, uplifts any human being and puts him in the path of ‘GOD’ with full knowledge and awareness. This is meant for “Visva maanava” and anybody can follow the principles if they can eliminate from their minds the prejudiced religious attitudes.

Officially, the roots of civilization is declared to have started around Mohenjodaro approximately in 5000 B.C. this may be a premature conclusion since certain evidences give a glimpse of an unknown glorious past. We are still far from the truth, w.r.to the ORIGIN and TIME SCALES concerned with HINDU DHARMA.

For example, a VISHNU statue, which was found in deep excavations in South America proved to be of 10,000 B.C., as per carbon dating.

I read a book in my younger days which was researched and written by a Boudha Bhikku. His name was Bhikku Chamanlal. He wrote a book “THE HINDU AMERICA”. It is proven in this book, with photos, sketches

etc that the whole of South American continent before a long period of time in the past, was a great HINDU empire.

As said before, all the religions of the world started with the teachings of a prophet or a saint. The great prophets were elevated human beings. They formed principles, conditions and advises from the divine knowledge they received, for their disciples to follow, which with time became big religions.

The religions have strived to guide a regional group in specific and humanity in general. It is not their fault if few of the religions have gone into unwise and non universal hands and became prejudiced, symbolic, self centered, causing division and destruction.

Since the birth of major religions, conflicts have been there between them. This is basically due to religions expansionism superiority complex and resorting to conversion processes which were not in the thought process of original prophets.

Religion belongs to a corner room in a house. Religion should not have ambition w.r.to conquering of lands and conversion of people. The truth is one, and all prophets had experienced it and certified it.

There is an Universal truth propounded by hindu dharma. That is

EKAMSAT, VIPRABHUDHA VADANTI. If VIPRA is replaced by the word “prophets” in the above statement, then the secret is revealed that all prophets are revealing

the same truth in different ways suitable to different people.

The conflict arises when one says that his only is the truth to the exclusion of others. The first of the following statements causes conflicts. The second statement actually is the truth and instills wisdom.

THIS ALONE IS THE TRUTH
THIS ALSO IS THE TRUTH.

If we analyse, each maharshi of the Hindu dharma was equivalent to a prophet contributing towards the dharma. The Trimathacharyas (Adishankara, Sri Ramanuja and Madhwa) can be considered as great prophets of their era.

The Hindu sanatana dharma was continuously strengthened by Maha Rishis, great yogis and maha bhaktas. Enormous spiritual literature was created. Hindu dharma brought GOD from heaven to Earth.

If there is anybody in the world with yearning for true wisdom and knowledge, they are attracted towards the Hindu dharma.

The examples are Dr. J.B.S. Haldane (Astro physicist) who lived in Orissa in his old age and Dr. David Frawley (Vedantist and Astrologer) and many more known and unknown.

The enormous spiritual literature generated in HINDU dharma is directed towards two fundamental aspects. One is to cultivate the knowledge and awareness of GODHOOD and how the individual SOUL (Jeevatma) finally conjoins the Universal SOUL which we call GOD.

The second aspect is the actual process and practice of attaining GODHOOD, if one is the theory, the other is the practice.

First, to attain the knowledge of the divine, the study process starts at the age of around 10 years with an activity called “upanayana”.

We should understand an important message here. The social scientists throughout the world, have declared that the most sensitive period for any human being is his teenage. Teenage is defined as the period between thirteen to nineteen. This is the period of various inputs, habits, confusion, misunderstandings, teenage affections, lack of direction etc. On the whole, it is a period of mental turbulence wrong mental inclinations and ideas may get fixed at the end of teenage which influence the whole life.

When the process of “upanayana” takes place, the boy with elders guidance, is on the path of seeking knowledge. In fact most of it in those days was spiritual knowledge and once he gets a taste of true Vidya, he loses interest in meaningless knowledge, bad habits etc. By the time he crosses the teenage, he becomes knowledgeable about his body, mind and spirit and the possibility of doing a mistake becomes remote.

When he attains the age of youth, he won't be an example of “Bramhachary, Sata markataha” and enters grihasthasrama with great dignity and knowledge and becomes a true Brahmin. The Brahmin here is used not as a word of caste but indicating actual meaning of a brahmin,

which is as follows.

Janmato Jaayate sudraha,
 Karmato Jaayate Dwijaha,
 Veda pathanena vipraha,
 Bramha Jnanena Bramhanaha.

From the above, it is clear that a person can be called a Brahmin only when he is a Bramhajnani or the one who is on the path of spiritual progress. The knowledge gain and practice go on parallely for a seeker.

The second element mentioned was the practice of following the path towards GOD.

In other religions, a prayer is the main channel to GOD. Confessions and meditations are also practised but there is no specific structure to reach GOD, other than the above.

But all religions of the world produced great saints known and unknown, at regular intervals, in the history. This means that all of them were (though belonging to different religions) yearning for the same Godhead, undergoing same divine experiences and were leading lives based on truth, non violence, service along with prayers & meditations.

This is a proof of the following sloka told by wisemen, as is already mentioned before.

Ekan sat, viprah bahudhaa vadanthi.

Here 'Vipraa' can be taken as the masters and saints of religious of the world.

Hindu dharma has a structure of various elements in sequence, which when practised and followed would take us to the GODHOOD. There are proofs for this phenomenon as certified by great Yogis throughout the spiritual history of INDIA.

Sufism (which is considered as a branch of Islam) is one process which comes close to Hindu yogic process of God realisation. Most of the great saints of Islam were sufi masters of very high order. To remember a few, Hezrat Nizamuddin of New Delhi, Kwaja Moinuddin chisti of Ajmer and the dattavatar Sai baba of Shiridi and hazrat Tajuddin baba of nagpur and many more can be noticed in history.

Many great Indian yogis had sufi masters as Gurus. Shirdi sai babas guru was a great sufi yogi Hazi varis ali shaw. Hazrat Babajan was a great SUFI Yogini who had to run out of Afghanistan and roamed around Kashmir and finally settled in Mumbai. She was a Gurumaa for the famous MEHER BABA who is well known to all of us as an avataar. Even vice versa is true. Kabir das had ramananda as guru and Sidhaiah, a muslim was a prime disciple of Sri Veerabramhendra Swamy.

Religion since its based on truth and guided by the prophets, Unites at the highest level. We get stuck up with symbolism and make it divisive at the low levels due to our ignorance.

Like all mothers are good,
 All religions are great,
 if we know the core teaching
 Human reasoning is faulty because
 it is not based on the wisdom, but
 is based on the residual ignorance.

When somebody wants to manufacture a machine they make a drawing and write the sequential manufacturing process. The drawing is equivalent to the shastras and the knowledge about God.

For a process to reach God, our Maharshis have set-up a method called “Ashtanga Yoga” (This is not the “Ashtanga marga” of Gautama Budha) As indicated in the name, it is a series of 8 steps. Though difficult, if followed sincerely, would surely take one to GODHOOD.

The Ashtanga Yoga Path.

External Cleaning

1. Yama

2. Niyama

3. Aasana -

Internal Cleaning

4. Pranayama

5. Pratyahara -

Samyamanam

6. Dharana

7. Dhyana

8. Samadhi -

The “Kundalini power” exists and operates between No.7 & No.8.

Kundalini, as many are aware, is the cosmic spiritual force dormant at the root of the spine. This is represented as a snake sleeping with $3\frac{1}{2}$ rounds. The external manifestation of Kundalini is the sexual energy.

The 72000 nadis existing in human Astral body, conjoin at 6 places or chakras in Yoga language.

The root chakra where it is in dormant stage (sleeping stage) is called “Mooladhara chakra” whose presiding deity is lord Ganapathi.

On arousal, due to spiritual sadhana, the kundalini energy rises and moves upward in the “Sushumna” nadi with in the spine. As it goes up it activates other chakras as follows.

1st chakra - Mooladhara - Root of backbone

2nd chakra - Swadhishtana - lower abdomen

3rd chakra - manipooraka - Naval region

4th chakra - Anahatha - Heart Region

5th chakra - Vishudhi - Throat region

6th chakra - Aajna - Between eyebrows

7th chakra - Sahasraara - Top of the skull.

Now, when kundalini reaches the aajna chakra (The RUDRA Grandhi) then one becomes “Trikaala Jnani”. There is no concept of time for him.

By the time kundalini reaches Aajna chakra, it would have travelled through all previous chakras and Bramha and Vishnu grandhis. This would give the Yogi enormous sidhis which he should not either utilize in a wrong way nor get attracted towards them.

On further efforts the force of Kundalini rises further from Aajna chakra and reaches “Sahasraara”. But Yogis say that this final step requires true blessings of GOD/ GURU.

Once it reaches Sahasraara chakra (Described as a 1000 petalled LOTUS), it is called “Samadhi” stage. (Savikalpa and then Nirvikalpa samadhi). This is the status of the Union of Aatma with paramaatma.

Experts say that the divine nectar flows from above into the body and the “Ananda” is experienced. This Ananda can not be compared to any of the worldly pleasures. After coming out from samadhi, the body and mind yearn to experience the status repeatedly. This is the ultimate realisation in life and only a select few are blessed to enjoy this status.

They further lead their lives on divine instructions. They will know when to depart and also know at what time

the prana goes out of the sahasrara chakra.

One western scholar has explainedd about Hinduism describing a scene as below.

- One river is flowing.
- On the bank, two saints are sitting opposite to each other.
- There is a yagna kundam between them.
- There is a cow next to them.
- There is a scared book. He said this is “HINDUISM” encapsulated.

Now let us see what they are

- That River is Holy “Ganges”
- There is a holy cow.
- Gayatri yagnam was going on.
- The sacred book is “Bhagavat gita”.
- Those two saints are Govinda swaroopa “Ramana”
& “Ramakrishna”.

Thus he explained Hinduism in a nutshell covering the 5 “Gakarams”.

(Ganga, Gau, Gita, Gayatri, Govinda).



15. TO BE HAPPY - VASISHTA BODHA

I asked a spiritual master, “Guruji, how to live happily?” “Live like a DOG” came the answer instantly. “Guruji, I have not understood” I exclaimed. ‘Guruji started explaining,

See my dear, if you observe a dogs life carefully, it offers you a great teaching. It is ‘GOD’ when you read it from back.

Observe what dog does always. It keeps its body always active. It is never lethargic with respect to bodily functions.

And its mind is filled with only simple things like food search, play and attack when required. And it has nothing else in mind.

So it is keeping its body active and mind simple.

In contrast, look at a man’s life. He moves his body in vehicles, stays in A\C rooms. Most of the work is done in a continuous sitting posture. This is exactly reverse to Dogs life.

Mentally man fills his mind always with worries of existence, anxiety to earn more money, gain status in society. This continuously goes on and everybody is in the same mode. The man does not know living in the present. While living in the present times, he fills his mind with “past regrets” and “future worries”. In this “MAZE” the LIFE in the present evaporates. So he never really “lives”.

The method of 'DOG' is the way to

HAPPY LIVING

The method of 'MAN' is a sure way for

"PERENNIAL UNHAPPINESS"

The Hindu sanatana dharma has propounded a theory applicable to all times. That is the unquestionable

"SIMPLE LIVING AND HIGH THINKING"

Gradually with time, we reversed it due to lack of wisdom and materialistic outlook.

HIGH LIVING AND SIMPLE THINKING

And, as we progressed in prosperity and technologically, and going away from dharma sastras, we as a society SUNK deeply into

LUXURY LIVING AND LACK OF THINKING.

If we realise now, in what stage we are, that awareness can bring us back to the roots, which is only correct for all types of human life.

Now, coming back to the discussion of happiness, we know that man exists at three levels, physical, mental and spiritual levels. We have to discuss the happiness at all three levels, astrologically.

1. Physical level:

The happiness at physical level in normal life is

called 'SUKHA' and comes from all types of body comforts. Airconditioning in summer luxurious journeys, good sleep, food etc., are the few examples. In astrology the yogas are formed as dehakashta yoga and deha sukha yoga etc. Since it is linked to lagna lord, the effect would be through the life.

Same effects can be experienced when natural malefics (other than lagna lord) or lords of dustanas occupy the lagna bhava.

And, as we progressed in prosperity and technology

If the jeeva and tanukaraka SUN and lagna lord are linked to dustanas, then he lacks the body comforts. His body is always put to stress due to the circumstances. He has to physically struggle on many occasions even if his financial status is found to be good.

In such situations, first the awareness brings primary relief and for further improvement, parayanam can be done and as a remedy, daily chanting of "Aditya Hrudayam" and the graha stotra of lagna lord, can be done.

2. Mental Level:

Happiness at mental level is more complex.

In normal life, happiness at mental level is called "Santosham". Mind gets elevated and experiences happiness when we hear good news, experience success etc. Wise people say that "Santosham" causes happiness and with time goes out of memory. But the opposite

“Dukham” causes unhappiness and grief and is etched in memory and surfaces frequently to tease us. This is the peculiarity of human nature.

For fundamental happiness of the mind 4th bhava and the karaka moon should not be spoiled by malefics, papa kartari and dustana planets. Moon should have paksha bala (away from SUN) and should not be trapped by ‘Grahana’ of Rahu/Ketu. Combination of Moon, Mercury with natural malefics is the cause of mental disturbances and lunacy.

Following bhavas and planets are involved towards mental level happiness.

- a. 4th Bhava - Sukha sthana.
- b. 5th Bhava - Viveka sthana.
- c. 8th & 12th to be free of planets.
- d. Moon as karaka of “MANAS”
- e. Mercury as karaka of “Budhi”
- f. 4th lord placement & aspects.

If all the above are clear, then it means that the horoscope is offering him a platform for mental happiness.

But since man’s nature is peculiar and so self centered, that the mind takes for granted, what is given by GOD through the horoscope, and one finds reasons to remain unhappy.

His mind would be dragged towards what is lacking especially in comparison with people around him.

To be truly happy in mind, out of the three important

elements in human life, the EGO, the INTELLECT and the WISDOM, we should strive to increase the wisdom reduce the EGO and ensure that the intellect operates in between.

3. Happiness at Spiritual Level:

Happiness at spiritual level is called 'Ananda'. The final stage of anandanubhuti (spiritual ecstasy) is the one every sadhaka seeks.

First let us see astrologically, what contributes towards the spiritual happiness.

- a. 9th Bhava : Spirituality, guru sthana, teertha yatra.
- b. 5th Bhava : Wisdom, mantra sthana, purva punya sthanam.
- c. 12th Bhava : Moksha Bhava and a place of meditation.
- d. Jupiter and the 9th lord play a role.

For happiness at spiritual level there are two parts.

First Part: This is the joy of the knowledge when we study the spiritual literature. When we discover the unknown aspects, the mind gets elevated. This is a joy. Similarly when one hears a good discourse on spirituality, the mind retains the joy for a long time. Similar is the joy from Satsang. As we go on gaining the knowledge and clarity, we experience the spiritual joy of knowing.

Second Part: This is a spiritual joy resulting out of the practice of Pranayama and dhyana.

The experience of true spiritual ecstasy is when the Kundalini reaches Sahastara chakra. The 'Ananda' experience also has a scientific proof as given below.

Few british scientists have decided to check the brain function and the body condition of the yogi in samadhi state.

They set up their equipment and started the test. When the Yogi apparently went into Samadhi state, they observed that a whole set of new type of “NEURONS” were generated in the mind and were travelling to the whole body parts energising them. Since they were neuro scientists, they knew all about the types of neurons existing. But the neurons they were watching, were not matching with any of the existing models. They were perplexed. The flow diminished as the yogi came out of the samadhi stage.

Then they knew that those neurons cannot be produced in normal condition of the body. They were seen flowing only in the ‘Ananda’ state of Samadhi.

They named them “HAPPY NEURONS” and closed the experiment.

(From the British journal of Neuro Science)

The Teaching of VASISHTA

This is an episode from the epic “Raghuvamsam”, written by Mahakavi Kalidasa. The essence of all the vedanta they say is inherent in this message.

“Indumati”, the wife of “Kaaja” maharaja, in Raghuvamsham, meets with untimely death. The maharaja is gripped with uncontrollable grief at the unexpected and unnatural death of his loving wife.

Then, the “Raja Guru” Vasishta sends a consoling

message to the maharaja.

“Raja, don’t grieve, your wife had completed her duty and went back to her own place. Can you grieve about this? The paths travelled by different people after death are different. Their paths and destinations are as per their papa and punya Karma situations.

Maharaja, I like to remind you a very important aspect about life. Please listen. For people, the post death situation only is the natural status. What we see with bodies and names is an unnatural and impermanent sheath. This is actually vikruthi.

Before formation of this body, after decimation of the body, what exists is the free natural status of the ‘Jeeva’ which is “Prakruthi”

When an actor dons the clothes of the character in a drama, then he becomes the character. After the drama is finished, he wears his own clothes and goes home happily. This is exactly a similar situation. Wise men would not grieve for this.

A thought of permanent residence in this body is an impossible desire. Your unaware attachment to this body is incorrect. This is a temporary bondage for you. A person who is bodily related to your body has departed and it has caused so much of grief in you. A wise man like you cannot wail like a common man. It is unnatural.

Like the trees on a mountain swing during cyclone, if even the mountain swings, then there is no difference

between the trees and the mountain.

This is how Maharshi Vasishta sent a consoling message to “Kaja Maharaja” to maintain his composure and regain his balance.

This message is the essence of Vedanta.

“Maranam Prakruthi”

“Sareeranaam Vikruthi Jeevitham”



16. HOW TO LIVE - A MESSAGE

How to live meaningfully and happily is the big question everybody is facing. Life throws at us unexpected difficult situations very frequently. Every situation is different and the corresponding reactions are entirely different. Hence nobody can prescribe life rules to such situations in general.

There is a GOD ordained path of living as explained in Bhagavadgita. As common people, it is a stepwise effort for us to reach such apex level of living. Let us Coordinate all which was said so far and conclude in a practical way. Because the message of how to live not only should give us good life but also should propel us towards the realisation of self, which we know, is the ultimate aim of life.

In conclusion, following are the steps towards fulfillment of meaningful life.

1. To gain the knowledge of Advaita Vedanta through the available vast spiritual literature, Satsanga and Sadguru seva.

2. To become aware of the role and purpose of Astrology and understand the general structure and challenges in your horoscope.

3. Whatever we do, should be done as if that work is given to us by GOD himself and enjoy the efforts of overcoming the challenges. Treat the final outcome as secondary in importance and also as decided by GOD.

4. The above method gives us joy in work and the

Astrology

ability of not taking the result to the heart. This is a process towards Gita's "Nishkama Karma".

5. Put the 'Yoga' knowledge to practice by doing asanas, pranayama and meditation of course with correct guidance, to keep ourselves on the spiritual path.

6. Fill the mind with humility and genuine bhakti. Treat everyone as an image of "Narayana" and help all whenever possible.

If we observe the above points, we can see that each one is successively more difficult than the previous one. Thus the concept of bhakti and helping others naturally happens to be most difficult. We shall analyse.

If one does yoga & meditation, and help the poor and the needy, then a lot of "Punya" is gained and with such a status, a person after death, goes to *uttama lokas* and after the ordained period, takes birth in a pious good family. If he had lived in a reverse way, the result also is going to be exactly the reverse. After death he travels to *adho lokas*, and then after wards takes birth in "Neecha Yonis". Then he has to work his way upwards.

In this continuous cycle of births and deaths, based on *punya* and *papa*, ironically there is no place for GOD and a normal man could never realise 'GOD'. (Great Yogis have *kundalini* as the vehicle for GOD realisation). Hence the 'nhakti' towards GOD or the divine love is actually the most essential element for GOD realisation for normal people.

With respect to “bhakti”, even ‘Vedavyasa’ required guidance from Narada Maharshi.

When Veda Vyasa finished division of vedas and writing of the epic “Maha Bharata”, still he found himself to be restless and he did not know how to regain his mental peace.

Then Narada appeared and told him that he shall be peaceful. Only if he writes an epic to show to the common man what bhakti is and how God is submissive to only Bhakti at a primary level. So he ordained vedavyasa to write about poornavatara Sri Krishna. His janma life story, leelas and how he came to the rescue and upliftment of his true bhaktas. Once people read this, they would comprehend the power of bhakti and the “bhakti yoga” would become easiest path to most of the common people to attain “Moksha”. And Narada also said that after completing the writing of the so called “Sri Madbhagavatam” explaining Sri Krishna janma and leelas. vedavyasa would surely regain his mental peace.

Then if we analyse about “Bhakti”, it is the love of GOD with genuine humility inculcated by understanding his creation and its vastness. A true bhakta feels GOD in every aspect of nature.

Who gave the fragrance to flowers?

Who gave the Milk its white colour? Who is expanding the Milky Way Galaxy?

The answers to all such questions is the lord of the

Universe.

Einstein has declared after a deep enquiry into cosmos and theology,

“ The whole cosmos seems to be operating on perfect mathematical principles. GOD does not play DICE”.

To understand the true concept of bhakti, one should study “ Sri madbhagavatam”, with humility in mind. Sri Krishna was a Poorna Avatar. Reading his leelas would cleanse the mind.

‘Mahakavi’ Potana, who translated the epic into telugu, was so genuinely humble that he felt only lord ‘SRI RAMA’ made him to write the telugu Bhagavatam. Normal people who have superficial bhakti for materialistic gains, Lack the true spiritual wisdom. It is moodha bhakti and lacks power to be noticed by GOD.

The one who has inner purity and genuine bhakti shall be dearer to GOD even if he is not an adept in shastras and even not well educated.

Yoga sadhana with out humble bhakti shall make one a yogi but does not take him towards GOD realisation.

A sincere and pure bhakta who does not do yoga is eligible for God realisation.

The shastras have recommended different yoga margas (for Moksha) for people of different nature.

1. Bhakti Yoga :

For people with emotions, imagination and humility.

2. Jnana Yoga :

For people with smart intellect and comprehension.

3. Raja Yoga :

For people with lot of patience and calm posture.

4. Karma Yoga :

For people whom the bodily work suits.

So, finally to conclude, one should fill his Antahkarama with purity, knowledge and wisdom. Then he should live “ with a spirit of fighting” doing the “ nishkama karma”. What ever the results are, the process of work is to be enjoyed as a gift of GOD. If we do this, even defeat shall convert into victory.

Sloka:

कर्मन्येवाधिकारस्ते माफलेषुकदाचना

मार्कमफलहेतुरभूमते संगोस्वर्कमनि

(KARMANYE VADHIKARASTE

MAA PHALESHLIKADACHANA

MAA KARMAPHALA HETURBHMATE

SANGO SWAKARMANI)

Meaning: you have the right only for doing the duty. But you have no right for the results of the actions. Show interest in the Karma but never on the results.

In this world we have to do our duty (dharma) with interest on the activity- That's all. The results shall be totally as per the Horoscope on which we do not have either the control or the right.

Following is the last but important sloka from Bhagavadgita (18:77)

Sloka :

यत्र योगीश्वर कृष्ण यत्र पार्थो धनुधरः
जत्रशीविजयो भुतिरधृव नीतिरसतिरधमा

(Yatra yogeshwara krishna

yatra partho dhanurdharaha

Tatra srirvijayo Bhutirdhruva

Neetirmatirdhama)

If we apply the above sloka to the human life

Battle field - is our work situation

Bow & Arrows - Instruments of work

and chariot

Sri Krishna - GOD, Guru & parents

Arjuna - The bhakta, The warrior,

The worker

All the available elements are present, the wisdom is imparted by Gita and only the ‘ work ‘ remains to be done. Our situation in life also is similar to this. Get wisdom and do the work.

The final concluding message is given here

Do not lead life with WEAKNESSES and lack of WISDOM

AND NO WORK

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Live with WISDOM, lack of WEAKNESSES

AND FULL OF WORK



17. KARMIC PEARLS OF WISDOM

1. ALL HUMANS AT ALL TIMES AND AGES ARE
GUIDED BY INDIVIDUAL PRARABDA KARMA
2. HIGHER THAN “PRAPTHAM” AND BEFORE
THE “KAALAM”, NOTHING IS DESTINED TO BE
RECEIVED BY ANY BODY
3. THERE IS NO MEASURE FOR ‘WISDOM, THERE
IS NO LIMIT FOR ‘IGNORANCE’
4. EVERY SILVER CLOUD HAS DARK EDGES
EVERY DARK CLOUD HAS SILVER EDGES
5. ASTROLOGY WITH A PERSON LACKING
WISDOM IS A SHARP STONE IN LUNATIC HANDS
6. ABHYAASAANUSAREE VIDYA, BUDHEE
KARMAANUSAARINEE
7. RUNAANUBANDHA RUPENA, PASHU PATNEE
SUTAALAYAA
8. ONE HAS TO BE WORK ORIENTED WITH
WISDOM AND LACK OF WEAKNESS



18. IN REMEMBRANCE : MOTHER & FATHER



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SLOKA:

मातरम पितरम चैव साक्षात् प्रत्यक्ष दैवताम्
 मत्वागृह निषेनातः सदा सर्व प्रयन्ततः
 MATARAMPITHARAMCHAIVA
 SAKSHAATPRATYAKSHADAIVATHAM
 MATWAGRUHANISHEVETHASADAA
 SARVAPRAYATNATAHA

Meaning: The mother and father are the living gods for us. We should serve them by all means and efforts.

“MATRU DEVOBHAVA, PITRU DEVOBHAVA”

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“A prayer to parameswara for all of us
 ANAAYASENAMARANAM,
 VINADAINYENAJEEVANAM,
 DEHANTE TAWASAYUJYAM
 DEHIME PARVATHI PATHE

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