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**Dr. David Frawley states in “The Milky Way and the Cosmic Soma” :”The Nakshatra of Soma called Mrigashira or the antelope’s head (23 20 Taurus – 06 40 Gemini, with 0 Gemini as the central point). It is said to be the head of Prajapati or Brahma, the Creator, who also has the form of a deer or antelope. Mrigashira includes the same region as the constellation Orion, marking its upper portion. If one draws a line directly north from the three stars in the belt of Orion one comes to the star Calpella (Alpha Auriga), the star called the heart of Brahma (Brahma-hridaya) in Vedic thought (Surya Siddhanta VIII.20). This appears to be the main spiritual power point in the Vedic zodiac.”**





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Mrigashira(मृगशिर) is the correct name of the star, while Mārgashīrsha(मार्गशीर्ष) is the name of the month related to Mrigashira, i.e, the month in which moon will be in conjuncture with the Mrigashira nakshatra.

Mrigasira Nakshatra extends from after 23°20 in Vrishabha Rasi up to 6°40 in Mithuna. Star is governed by **mars** and the presiding deity is Chandra. Symbol is **Antelope** or **Deer**. Rules the following parts of the body : face, chin, cheeks, larynx, palate, throat, vocal chord, arms, shoulders, thymus gland, upper ribs.

Mrigashira, the initiator of Martian energy, is represented in the celestial firmament by a bright star and three not so bright stars in the constellation of Orion. These stars are known in modern astronomy as Pi2-Orionis, Pi3-Orionis, Pi4-Orionis& Gamma-Or/nfs{Beffatrix). Bellatrix is the bright star among them, with a Visual magnitude of 1.66. It is easy to locate, as Orion is one of the most prominent and easily noticeable constellations in the night sky. Bellatrix is the bright star at the top right hand corner of Orion, while the three faint stars can be seen aligned in a bowlike formation a little away on the right hand side of Bellatrix. The ancient vedic seers however saw these stars to be forming a deer's head.

27 Nakshatras at a glance ©2006 Astrosalon p/1 :

“Mrgasira (Mrga — deer to search for; Sira — the head) means searching mind, research, etc. It represents the ideas of tracing out, a track, road, journey, etc. Mrgasira represents hunt, pursue, investigate, examine, Search or Hunt, Erotic affair, Radiant beauty, feminine attributes, maternal instincts cruelty, etc. No wonder that Mrgasira may denote greatest intellect, researchers, poets or beautiful looking persons”

The word 'Mriga' represents forests, gardens, a search, a seeking to find, to roam about in forests and a hunter, to seek to blaze the trail, a guide and preceptor. An erotic affair, beauty of the countenance with particular emphasis on the radiant lustre of the face, because of the Moon. To seek is the primary characteristic of the star, to discover hidden treasures after the churning of the Sea, the 'Samudra Manthan' of the Hindu Mythology, the mother, motherly conduct that is to say maternal instincts, self-sacrifice without hope of requital, etc. Mrgasira (Mrga — deer to search for; Sira — the head) means searching mind, research, etc. Mrgasira represents hunt, pursue, investigate, examine, etc. No wonder that Mrgasira may denote greatest intellect, researchers, poets or beautiful looking persons.





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Chandra is the lord of the mind, so all mental attitude, good or bad, sympathies and antipathies, patience and impatience, the fidgetiness and placidity, imagination, the gift of poetry, purity, sweetness and light, physical and mental aspects, all these come within this star and when things of sweetness and light of physic as also of the mind, both derivatives from the moon, the horoscope of Rabindra Nath comes to mind. His Janma lagna was Mina with Chandra there and Vrhaspati was in Karkata rasi. Because of this yoga Rabindra Nath had something like physical translucence which was object of admiration all the world over, wherever people met. Also, at the same time his poetry enthralled the whole world.

It conveys the ideas of searching for beautiful faces, visit or request a girl in marriage. People born in this nakshatra have a strong body and moderate complexion. They are sincere in their behavior towards others and expect that others should also behave in the same way. They have a good grasping power, can quickly learn new things and have a creative nature.

The moon in Mrigashirsha indicates a person who is restless and nervous, and constantly searching or looking for something. They are gentle, tender and peaceful, sensual and romantic, with motherly instincts. They are always curious and so are good travellers, investigators, researchers and collectors and they make good public speakers and communicators. A person born in this Nakshatra is a sharp shooter, loved by the king and follows virtuous path. They always have financial and personal difficulties.

Females born in this nakshatra like to keep themselves busy in some way after the marriage. Vast learning, likes research, high position, noble views of life, mystical are some of the traits exhibited by those born under Mrigashirsa nakshatra.

Barbara Pijan Lama: Mrigashiras - Agrahayani "The Deer's Head"

Mriga - Mraga - Mirashira - Mrigaziras - Mrigashirsha - Mrigagka Mrgasira - Margashirsha - Makyiram - MakeeryamTaramriga - Enaziras - Invaka - Indubha - Aindava -Uduganaadhipa - Migottama - Saumya - Basatkara – Go (Tibetan)

mriga

- "ranger", "rover"; a forest animal or wild beast , game of any kind , (esp.) a deer , fawn , gazelle ,
- antelope , stag , musk-deer; musk
- the deer or antelope in the moon (i.e. the spots on the disk supposed to resemble those of an antelope as well as a hare) ; the disk or antelope in the sky (either the Nakshatra Mrigashiras or the sign of the zodiac Capricorn ; also in general the 10th arc of 30 degrees in a circle)
- an elephant with particular marks
- " one the secondary marks of whose body are small "
- a large soaring bird
- name of a demon or Vritra in the form of a deer slain by Indra

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- of a celestial being (occupying a particular place in an astrological house divided into 81 compartments)
- of a particular class of men whose conduct in coitus resembles that of the roebuck
- a particular class of women; a kind of metre; a particular gait of a dancing girl ; demoniacal possession , epilepsy
- of the district in Saka-dvipa inhabited principally by Brahdvipa (maga) themselves
- of a horse of the Moon; a particular Aja-paia sacrifice
- search , seeking , asking , requesting
- a female deer or antelope , doe; of the mythical progenitress of antelopes

#### mArga {mRga}:

- seeking , search , tracing out , hunting
- the track of a wild animal , any track , road , path , way to... or through
- course (also of the wind and the stars)
- to give up the way to , allow to pass
- by way of i.e. through , across or along ; with
- to go the way of i.e. suffer the same fate as
- through; by means of.
- in order to make way for any one
- by the wayside or on the way ; with
- to set out on one's way; to go one's way
- a walk , journey
- reach , range
- a scar , mark (left by a wound)
- (in medicine.) a way , passage , channel (in any part of the body , esp. the intestinal canal , anus)
- a way , expedient , means
- a way , manner method , custom , usage; the right way , proper course
- (with Buddhists) the way or path pointed out by Buddha for escape from the misery of existence (one of the 4 noble. truths)
- a title or head in law , ground for litigation
- a way of speaking or writing , diction , style
- a high (opp. to ``vulgar '') style of acting or dancing or singing
- (in drama) pointing out the way , indicating how anything is to take place
- (in astrology.) the 7th mansion
- (in geometry.) a section
- musk
- the month Margasirsha (November-December)
- the constellation Mriga-siras
- name of Vishnu (as ``the way '' , scil. to final emancipation)
- belonging to or coming from game or deer



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**Enaziras**

- name of Mrigashiras

**tArAmRga**

- star-antelope, mrigashira

**Mrigaagka**

- deer-marked; " having a deer-spotted form "'

- the moon

- camphor

- the wind; of a sword

- name of the planet Mercury

- the god of love

- the Nakshatra Mriga-shiras

**mRganetra**

- having the Nakshatra Mriga for a leader

- a woman with eyes like a fawn's

**mRgaziras**

- name of the 3rd (or 5th) Nakshatra containing 3 stars  
(one of which is Orionis ; it is figured by an antelope's head)

**Indubha**

- a group of lotuses; the nakshatra Mrigashiras

**uDugaNAdhipa:**

- "the lord of the stars", the moon; the Nakshatra Mrigashiras.

**migottama**

- best of antelopes , a very beautiful deer; Nakshatra

**Mrigashir "deer-head"**

**aindava**

- relating to the moon , like the moon , lunar

- the planet Mercury ; the Nakshatra Mrigashiras

- Serratula Anthelminthica

**Saumya**

- relating or belonging to Soma (the juice or the

sacrifice or the moon-god) , connected or dealing with

Soma , having his nature or qualities; a Soma sacrifice; an adherent , worshipper

- cool and moist; northern; auspicious

- "resembling the moon", placid , gentle , mild ; a pearl; moonshine ; gentleness

- planets, esp. of the Nakshatras Mriga-shiras, Chitra , Anuradha , and Revati

- happy , pleasant , cheerful ;

- of Budha or the planet Mercury; of the Vedic Rishi Budha

- the left hand; the left eye; the middle of the hand

- Ficus Glomerata

- the fifteenth cubit from the bottom or the third from the top of the sacrificial post

- the blood before it becomes red ; serum ; the gastric



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juice; a name of Durga

- the month Marga-shirsha
  - name of the 43rd (or 17th) year in the 60 years; cycle of Jupiter
  - a class of deceased ancestors
  - of the 7th astrological Yuga (Jyotisha)
  - name. of various plants (Abrus Precatorius ; Glycine Debilis ; Ruta Graveolens etc.)
  - the Nakshatra Mriga-shiras; name of the five stars in Orion's head
- (source: Cologne Digital Sanskrit Dictionary)

**David Frawley, Fruits of Worshipping Each Nakshatra**

"Soma desired. "May I win the lordship of the plants." One who makes the appropriate offering to Soma, to Mrigashira, wins the lordship of the plants, wins the lordship of his peers.

**Ascendant in Mrigashira:** Attractive, seductive nature, mystical, seeker of truth, face of a deer, enthusiastic, talkative, good speech, daring, active mind, mental vacillation, love of travel.

**Moon in Mrigashira:** Intelligent, writing skills, political nature, wealth, sensual, beautiful, timid, trouble with business partnership. The moon in Mrigashirsha indicates a person who is restless and nervous, and constantly searching or looking for something. They are gentle, tender and peaceful, sensual and romantic, with motherly instincts. They are always curious and so are good travellers, investigators, researchers and collectors and they make good public speakers and communicators.

**Sun in Mrigashira:** Adventurous, courageous, architect, competitive, leadership, authority figure, poetic, writing skill, jack of all trades, creative, indulgent nature, laziness.

**Career interests:** writer, poets, astrologers, mystics, researchers, teachers, engineers, gemologists, acting profession, music, real estate, sales, travel agents, The first half of Mrigashira falls in Taurus producing beautiful, creative and intelligent Landscapers; Farmers & Gardeners; Forestry workers; Real Estate developers & children, bringing in material affluence. The second half resides in Gemini manifesting writing, public speaking and persuasive speech with an inclination to curiosity, intelligence and research, Travellers & Explorers; Psychics and Astrologers; Teachers especially those dealing with beginners; Artisans & Clerks; Commentators.

**Related activities:** Marriage, Brahmin receiving sacred thread, travel, construction of temples or other religious buildings or installing holy objects therein, laying foundation stones, breaking ground.





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### **Places:**

Forests, Fields & Meadows; Deer Parks; Villages and Small Towns; Bedrooms; Playgrounds; Nurseries; Nursery Schools; Recreation rooms; Entertainment places of all kinds; Streets, Footpaths & Roads; Lawns & Gardens; Forest trails; Art & Music Studios; Small Shops; Markets and other sales places; Astrological & Psychic institutions; All places connected with the above professions.

**Health issues:** vocal chords, sore throats, consumption, venereal disease, sciatica.

**Shadowy side:** Indulgence in pleasure, sensory attachments, strong earthy needs, craving for sensation, fickle nature in the Gemini half of the Nakshatra.

### **THE PLANETS IN MRIGASIRA AS STATED IN RAVANA SAMHITA**

#### **THE SUN IN MRIGASIRA**

- If aspected by Moon - earns through the articles related to water
- If is aspected by Mars, the native is brave and earns through bravery
- If aspected by Mercury, the native intelligent and becomes a writer.
- If aspected by Jupiter, the native has links with government, has close ties with the ruling party and earns/benefits through them.
- If aspected by Venus, the native's wife earns through business, and the native himself is in politics.
- If aspected by Saturn, the native is very miserly and marries a lady who is elder to him.

#### **THE MOON IN MRIGASIRA**

- If aspected by Sun, the native is wealthy and earns his livelihood by lending his money on interest.
- If aspected by Mars, the native gets separated from his first wife because of another woman. He displays cruel behavior with his mother.
- If aspected by Mercury, the native gets married within his relations. He gets honor due to his children and wealth.
- If aspected by Jupiter, he gets all the comforts of his life, with wife, children and wealth, and becomes famous.
- If aspected by Venus, he gets wealth from his mother's side and his life is happy.
- If aspected by Saturn, the native is poor, there is danger to the longevity of mother, but his children are obedient.



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### MARS IN MRIGASIRA

- If aspected by Sun, the native likes to follow the path of righteousness and lives in a forest area. He hates females.
- If aspected by Moon, the native has respect for his mother but runs after prostitutes. He has to undergo a lot of troubles & obstacles in life.
- If aspected by Mercury, the native loves music and dance. He loves his friends a lot.
- If aspected by Jupiter, the native will be blessed with a few children and little wealth.
- If aspected by Venus, the native gains a high political post or high post in army.
- If is aspected by Saturn, the native is a rogue, a villain.

### MERCURY IN MRIGASIRA

- If conjunct with Sun, the native has high education, is learned, interested in studies and teaching, and joins a profession in government.
- If aspected by Moon, the health of the native will be good. The native gives a lot in charity, has great honor in the society and looks after his family with ease.
- If aspected by Mars, the native is full of anger and takes pleasure in destroying things.
- If aspected by Jupiter, the native fulfills his promises, is a firm believer, devoted to others and the leader of intelligent people.
- If aspected by Venus, he enjoys his life in all walks of life, he is a successful business man, fortunate and wealthy.
- If aspected by Saturn, the native suffers from penury. He has to face obstacles at each step of life. He falls into troubles & obstacles due to his friends.



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### JUPITER IN MRIGASIRA

- If aspected by Sun, the native is blessed with wealth, position-fame and servants. He is working on some high post and has close links with the ruler.
- If aspected by Moon, the native is wealthy, has all pleasures and is extravagant.
- If aspected by Mars, the native is fortunate, has patience and intelligent but his marital life is not happy.
- If aspected by Mercury, the native has high education, virtuous, and endowed with riches.
- If aspected by Venus, the native has dignified personality, enjoys the company of beautiful women. He earns through items used by women.
- If aspected by Saturn, the native is learned in different languages. He gains praise due to own labor. His wife has harsh behavior.

### VENUS IN MRIGASIRA

- If is aspected by Sun, the native has a beautiful and fortunate wife. The native gets wealth (after marriage and) due to his wife.
- If aspected by Moon, the mother of the native has high status in society; the native in turn also enjoys a very high social position in society.
- If aspected by Mars, the native will be cheated in marriage; wealth is spent on low type of women folk.
- If aspected by Mercury, the native is cheerful and fortunate.
- If aspected by Jupiter, the native will have a good wife, children and wealth.
- If aspected by Saturn, the native suffers from the hands of his father-in-law's family and his wife.

### SATURN IN MRIGASIRA

- If and aspected by Sun, the native is learned in Vedas and shastras. But most of his life will be dependent on others for his day to day requirements.
- If aspected by Moon, he attains high position in the political field and becomes the head of a department of the government.
- If aspected by Mars, the native becomes an officer of the army and has a respectable ideal family.
- If aspected by Mercury, the native works under females and remains under criticism for his bad character.
- If aspected by Jupiter, he becomes an equal partner in happiness and sorrow of others. He is always ready to help the others without giving any thought.
- If aspected by Venus, the native is landlord or friend of the officers of the government. He enjoys women and wine.



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### THE FOUR PADAS OF MRIGASIRA

#### THE FIRST PADA OF MRIGASIRA

( 23. 20' – 26. 40' )Taurus, falls in Leo navamsa, ruled by Sun : relates to the fixed and unyielding side of Mrigashira, but also has the ability to express its experiences through creative and artistic activities. He will be famous in politics, intelligent and gains wealth from the marriage.

#### PLANETS IN THE FIRST PADA OF MRIGASIRA

**Sun** - fond of flowers, fortunate, intelligent and has attractive personality. He has a few children. He has diseases of throat, face or eyes.

**Moon** -famous as a scholar, has more daughters, his wife is beautiful, is of good character and is engaged in political or social work. She helps her husband in money matters. The native suffers from eye disease and joint pain.

**Mars** - has harsh speech, is always in dearth of money. He has responsibility of maintaining a large family. His span of life is short. He may lose his wife early. If the lagna is in Vishakha nakshatra the native may not have any child. He suffers from high fever, discharges and inflammation of glands.

**Mercury** - is pious in character, intelligent and wealthy. He suffers due to short memory in his old age due to mental imbalance.

**Jupiter** - has fluctuating mind but has nature to learn more. The native has strong muscular body, wealth, name and fame. Still the native is not satisfied. If the lagna is also in the same pada (1 st ) of this nakshatra, the native has fair color skin and beautiful eyes. The native suffers from knots in nerves in the hands and feet, a hunchback, or can suddenly become physically disabled.

**Venus** - expert in music, dance and drama and fine arts. He earns through fine arts or through acting. He indulges in sensual acts and sexual joys. He gets an award for his arts or acting skills.

**Saturn** - is tall and narrow chest, blackish complexion, curly hairs, and weak in monetary point of view. The wife of the native will be unchaste, if aspected by Venus or Jupiter. He suffers from the diseases of teeth and hairs.

**Rahu** - is financially affluent. He earns reputation by his good deeds. The native suffers from epilepsy, white leprosy or intestine or stomach diseases





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**Ketu** - faces many ups & downs in his life. He has many children. He earns little money by his own efforts. However, due to good children who would take care of him, he spends peaceful life in his old age. He suffers from diseases of eyes.

### THE SECOND PADA OF MRIGASIRA

from 26. 40' – 30. 00' Taurus, falls in Virgo Navamsa ruled by Mercury- represents the discriminatory, calculative, satirical and humorous side of Mrigashira. The conversational acumen and the strong mental ability of Mrigashira is more evident here. The fusing of the planetary energies of Mercury and Venus takes place here in such a way that the more grounded practical side of Mrigashira is expressed.

### PLANETS IN THE SECOND PADA OF MRIGASIRA

**Sun** - is dressed neatly, shining face, and has attractive personality. He is fond of music. He has fear of water. He begets marriage at the age of 25 year.

**Moon** - (if moon and Lagna is on the same nakshatra) the native takes birth in affluent and royal family and he is a good man. He will have an early and happy marriage. He will suffer in later half of life from bronchial asthma, tuberculosis, and other lung problem and heart diseases.

**Mars** - the native brings bad luck (ghatak) to his family. He brings bad name to his family by his misdeeds. He suffers from chronic disease such as back ache, pain in spine and other rheumatic problems.

**Mercury** – the native earns through menial jobs. He is jealous of wealth and grandeur of others. He has many male children and only one daughter. He suffers from throat diseases, teeth, small-pox and bronchitis.

**Jupiter** - the native will have close links with rulers or with politicians. If the ascendant has the same nakshatra pada (2 nd ) and Jupiter has relations with lagna, the native will be highly educated, intelligent and will have an attractive personality.

**Venus** - the native has more association with women. He helps the needy with whatever he has in his hands. He will be generally healthy but may suffers from kidney's diseases, swelling, tuberculosis, and rheumatism.

**Saturn** – has friendship with bad character people. He is extravagant. He is engaged in business but does not gain. The speed at which he will rise in life with the same speed he will fall down in life. He may become bankrupt by spending his money on enjoyment with females & other pleasures of life.

**Rahu** - the native is foolish, short tempered. However he gets sudden gain of wealth.



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**Ketu** - the native has a defect in his limb but will be a great scholar. He is engaged in upliftment of handicapped people. He suffers from throat or tongue defect.

**THE THIRD PADA OF MRIGASIRA** from 00. 00' – 3. 20' of Gemini, falls in Libra Navamsa ruled by Venus. This is the first pada of Mrigashira which falls in the sign Gemini. The emphasis here is on sociability and a penchant for exploring the mental side of all types of relationships. Just like the previous pada, a fusing of Mercurial and Venusian energies takes place here, but on a whole, this pada is more airy in comparison to the previous pada; and thus cannot give strong material results.

#### PLANETS IN THE THIRD PADA OF MRIGASIRA

**Sun** - deals in finance, attains a fairly high position in his field due to his intelligence. His son attains name and fame in research in science. He suffers from nasal or teeth problems from time to time.

**Moon** - has name and fame with satisfactory income, may not get love and affection from his mother, indulges in tobacco chewing and begets diseases due to that.

**Mars** - pada and lagna also in Mrigashira, one takes birth in poor family. He suffers from boils on face. He is clever in business but suffers from diseases

**Mercury** – is intelligent, has patience and is always hopeful. He loves women and marries more than once. He has a defect in speech. He may suffer from tuberculosis.

**Jupiter** - the native has less happiness from children and wife. The native is a miser, will have doubts on the members of her/his family. He suffers from blood diseases or heart trouble.

**Venus** - expert in shastras, music, dance and drama, he earns through dance and drama and fine arts. If Venus is aspected by a malefic planet, he will have two marriages. He native gets auspicious results in the main period of Venus. The native starts earning at the age of 13 years. He will have mixed results in his life. He may suffer from headache and liver problems.

**Saturn** - and lagna is posited in Uttara Bhadrpada nakshatra and if the chart be of a female she will conceive even before marriage ceremony. The male native may be employed in security jobs.

**Rahu** - the native is greedy. He is engaged in low type of deeds. He gives trouble to others due to his bad deeds. He is jealous of the prosperity of others. He always apprehends dangers from his enemy. He suffers from his own deeds.

**Ketu** - the native spends his time in talks of ills of others or is jealous of others. He suffers from rheumatism, gout & skin diseases



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**THE FOURTH PADA OF MRIGASIRA** from 3. 20' – 6. 40' Gemini, falls in Scorpio Navamsa ruled by Mars. This pada relates to the intellectual, argumentative, suspicious, flaky and whimsical part of this nakshatra. This pada is not as superficial as the previous Libra pada, but tends to over-intellectualize matters, rather than getting to the root of anything. Most of the negative qualities of Mrigashira find expression through this pada. It can function wisely only in evolved souls and thereto through proper guidance.

### PLANETS IN THE FOURTH PADA OF MRIGASIRA

**Sun** - works for the benefit of public. If Mercury and Moon are also in the same nakshtra, the native is extremely intelligent, good in rhetoric, and an expert astrologer. The native suffers from problem in throat.

**Moon** - the native is engaged in the profession of medicine, chemistry or cosmetics. He gets more earning if he is in the profession of a doctor (vaidya). The male suffers from lung diseases and female suffers from menstrual problems.

**Mars** - one suffers from heredity problems. He has no happiness in his marital life as his wife remains frequently sick. He suffers from diseases of throat and other diseases.

**Mercury** – is fortunate, religious, gets medium education, but is famous due to his hard labor. He is on high post having many servants. He suffers from mental imbalance, defect in speech, and other diseases of the body.

**Jupiter** - native is wealthy. He receives posts and honors from rulers. He understands the psychology of others as a physician and will be a very intelligent person. He suffers from eye diseases or bowel disorders.

**Venus** - has noble character, will have short to moderate height and a muscular body. He is a poet or a writer. He has mole on his face. If the lagna in Pushya nakshtra, he has two marriages or has extra marital relations. He has venereal diseases or glandular diseases.

**Saturn** – native may have defect in limb at the time of birth or afterwards can become handicapped throughout his life. He shifts to another place from his birth and commits bad deeds in secret. He suffers from asthma or lungs diseases.

**Rahu** - he is engaged in research work. His children obey him. His character is doubtful, but he has respect & love for his own wife.

**Ketu** - native is engaged in sinful deeds. He has bad character. He suffers from various diseases. He has no penny and is bankrupt by his own deeds.





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