

SHRAVANA HARI

HARI TAKES THREE **FORMS** BHRAMA

SHRAVANA THE EAR IS SPLENDED FOR LISTENING PROFESSIONS-PSYCHIATRY ADVISING, DIPLOMACY, VISHNU & SHIVA SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING.

LORD BUDDHA LISTENED TO HIS INNER VOICE, RENOUNCED THE WORLD AND ATTAINED ENLIGHTENMENT AND NIRVANA.

AS THE IRTH STAR OF DEVI SARASWATI IT SIGNIFIES AND BESTOWS KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, RESPECT FOR THE SHASTRAS. SARASWATI IS WORSHIPPED I SHUKLA PANCHAMI.



In mythology, Vishnu means 'he who crosses the heights' which means 'active' or 'progress'. Vishnu traverses space in three strides of which first two are visible and the third is space (beyond the flight of birds). It is also used to denote knowledge of the world, the universe and which is beyond the two. Again, they also mean past, present and future or Time. The name is also referred to as Urugaya, Urukrama — he who strides far. Vishnu is an ally of Indra whom he helped in defeating Vrtra and is associated with the Maruts. The mythology helps in knowing the powers of the Nakshatra and its relation to help correct vision into the objectives.

- **o** Western star name: α, β and γ Aquilae (Alpha Aquilae)
- o Lord: Chandra (Moon)
- **Symbol: Ear or Three Footprints**
- o Indian zodiac: 10° 23°20' Makara;
- Western zodiac 6° 19°20' Aquarius
- Deity: Vishnu, preserver of universe
- Symbol: An ear, three footprints
- Animal symbol: Female monkey
- Samhanana shakti: Power of linking people together to their appropriate paths in life.

"Hearing/The Ear" - "Lame/One Who Limps" The Moon of Listening

Ashvattha = "The Pipal Tree" (ficus religiosa, the anciently sacred tree under which Buddha attained enlightenment - sacred in India 2000 yrs before Buddha.

Location = Altair, Alshain, and Tarazed: alpha, beta and gamma of Aquila, The Eagle - The Circle of Stars - Valerie Roubeck

"Vishnu desired, "May I hear people say good words about me. May I not gain any bad regard."

One who makes the appropriate offering to Vishnu, to Shravana, hears good words about himself and does not come to any bad regard.

Those born under Shravana are concerned about what people say about them and about their public reputation.

They will strive to keep themselves in good repute.

## They are sensitive about the opinions of others."

- David Frawley, Fruits of Worshipping Each Nakshatra

## Barbara Pijan Lama:

#### zru

to hear, listen or attend to anything

#### srAma

lameness, sickness, disease - esp of animals

### zravaNa:

- the ear
- the act of hearing (cf. zruti); acquiring knowledge by hearing, learning, study; relating to or perceived by the ear, audible
- · knowledge derived from hearing; listener
- fame, reputation; wealth
- limping, lame; three footsteps = tri-vikrama
- hypotenuse of a triangle or the diagonal of a tetragon
- the 20th (or 23rd) Nakshatra (presided over by <u>Vishnu</u> and containing the three stars inc. *Aquilae*, supposed to represent three footsteps

# Shravana the Ear is a splendid nakshatra for any of the listening professions.

- Psychiatry and psychology; pastoral counseling; social work.
- Advising and confidentiality professions, esp. physician and attorney
- Diplomacy (Barack Obama, Condoleezza Rice, Queen Elizabeth II)
- Spiritual counseling in its many guises.

<sup>=</sup> Cologne Digital Sanskrit Dictionary

Shravana "people are talking, Shravana is listening"

## From the file of Barbara:

- Shravana is deeply concerned with public respectability and reputation.
- In the extreme case, Shravana may be willing to damage the internal family life in order to preserve the facade of public dignity.
- In my files is a case of Shravana Chandra during Sade Saati.
  - The 30-something Shravana Chandra female, under tremendous stress of an unexpected divorce, was so concerned with avoiding public embarrassment that she left her children with the exhusband and moved to a city 500 miles away.
  - She joined a new church, got a new job, rented a new apartment in a prestige neighborhood.
  - She never told co-workers or neighbors about her divorce or the children she left behind.
  - o Fellow churchgoers heard that she was widowed.
  - o Only after the end of Sade Saati did she permit her children to visit her, and even so they did not go out to restaurants or walk in the town, due to her fear that people might talk.

This is the star of listening, also called the "Star of Learning". They are always questing for knowledge, and information. They can be very intellectual. Wisdom and the spoken word are very important here. They make great teachers, or perpetual students. Counseling is a gift for they have the ability to truly listen. Their sense of hearing can be very acute and sensitive. They are very traditional and want to uncover knowledge of the past. Listening and participating in gossip are common, even though they are extremely sensitive and hurt as a result. Their restless nature causes them to travel extensively, usually in a pursuit of knowledge. There seems to be trouble and disappointments early in life, and some disabilities. With age they slowly regain their sense of self-confidence. They can walk with a limp or an unusual gate.

Even illiterate born in this Nakshatra will show complete maturity and will be eager to gather knowledge whenever they get opportunity

The symbol of Sravana is three foot-prints. This is distinct from the symbol of Lakshmi — the goddess of prosperity or Acaaraana who has two foot-prints. The symbol of Saraswati or Lakshmi is seen in decoration before the image before the service or worship. The ideas of the symbols will be clear from the illustration given herein. The \_ foot-prints of Sravana denote progress and where knowledge is concerned it denotes knowledge for progress or progressive knowledge. But in case of Lakshmi the idea of the worshipper is to see her steady and firmly fixed.

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A person born in this Nakshatra is well versed in the sacred texts and scriptures, has many sons and friends, and destroys his enemies. These people like to mingle with others and have a large network of friends.

Sravana born people are ready to help others, they seldom gain the respect and faith of those whom they help. Those who born under this nakshatra will be financially successful and lead a materially comfortable life.

A male born in this nakshatra will be of medium height and a slender body. Females born in this nakshatra tend to be too much talkative and they have some rigid ideas about their husbands and they are not ready to compromise when it comes to the qualities of their husband.

Ascendant in Shravana: Religious nature, scholarly work, excellent character, w2ell-known, may live away from birth place, charitable, kind nature, few children.

Moon in Shravana: Inteligent, good speech, fame, wealthy, creative genius, art interests, charitable, a good host, principled, political interest, overly zealous, generous, religious, perfectionist, eats good food.



The moon in Shravana indicates a person who is good at listening and learning and is on a quest for knowledge and information. They are intellectual and wise, and make good teachers and counsellors and are good at conversation, but they can also be gossipy and restless. They are interested in the past and their heritage and are extensive travellers. They can suffer troubles and disappointment early in life.

Sun in Shravana: Political, pragmatic nature, successful, difficulties with superiors, rebellious, gifts I the communication field, strong constitution, good health.

Ideas: Organ or power of hearing, to hear, to listen, to learn, be attentive, be obedient. One who has learnt or studied, learned, scholar, knowledge, learning, endowed with knowledge, to intellectual pursuits. To be heard, perceived or learnt about or from, to be taught or stated, to inform, instruct, communicate, relate, tell. To be celebrated, be known as, renowned, oral, tradition, revelation, sacred knowledge, rumour, report, news, intelligence, vocabulary, words, languages. To attend upon, serve, obey, pupil, disciple, teacher. To take as one's to appropriate for one self. To progress, to proceed to, gait, deportment, limping, lame.

Career interests: Teachers, speech therapists, linguists, astrologers, religious scholars, politicians, business skills, geologists, researchers, travel.

Health issues: Hearing problems, ears, skin sensitivities, reproductive organs, knees, rheumatism.

Shadowy side: Rigid or obstinate nature, enemies due to issues of jealousies, gossiping, sensitive and easily hurt by others opinions, face disillusionment in early life, feeling of inferiority. Once they achieve financial security they are free to pursue the higher goals of enlightenment and spiritual liberation.