

*Kanad Rishi*

*Bhatnagar*

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**That Flashy, Intuitive  
Astrological, Brilliance**

**I**t was in this period (1978-80) that Raja Saheb Maqsoodpur introduced me to a very genial astrologer, Kanad Rishi Bhatnagar who had written nearly two hundred plays for the All India Radio. He was a very gifted man but it had spread about him that he was at his best as an astrologer if he got choicest wines to drink. I do not know how true it was but Dr. R.K. Caroli who had known him very well for many years told me that Bhatnagar had some supernormal and intuitive gifts which worked best when he really got drunk. *He depended mostly on transits of planets for his predictions.* Dr. Caroli also told me that when drunk, he could sometimes make amazingly great predictions but rarely of the positive type. All his predictions about fatal events came mostly true when he was drunk. He could sometimes even tell about the event of the past with rare accuracy. But when he sat down to do some calculations and predict he *mostly failed*, as an astrologer should do, and normally does. This is what I heard from others but I had no occasion to know



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how true it was. In Delhi, it suits people to exploit such an astrologer. He had shown his horoscope to me and I had warned him of a spell of bad health and that he better avoid drinks. He could not do it. He gave me his horoscope which I analyzed for him in my own way through the composite techniques in detail, sharing the joy of his ever ebullient reactions. *I told him that Ketu in his 5<sup>th</sup> house<sup>1</sup> had given him his intuitive gifts but he was misusing it.* He could learn sounder techniques of astrological predictions and not tax his gifts. He did not heed to this advice of mine and started going wrong when his gifts let him down, which happened more often in the last years of his life. In Delhi among many astrologers I met only two impressed me as excellent, Kanad Rashi Bhatnagar was one of them, for his intuitive gifts. He never worked hard on any horoscope but gave excellent predictions fast and free without ever charging any money from anyone. The other was K.C. Saxena who had a keen probing mind. Other astrologers were the run of the mill mercenaries, which they are even now.

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<sup>1</sup> We have earlier repeated this few times in disjointed manner and here it is full, *influence of Ketu/Rahu in the 5h from Asc or Asc Lord or 10H/10L or Arudha Lagna 'can'* at times give brilliance to an astrologer in the form of rare & stunning predictions as per our observations. Cheiro had Ketu in the 5H from Asc, Prof K S Krishnamurthy (KP system) had Rahu in the 5H from retro Asc Lord Saturn (place it in previous house) and Rahu aspecting the 2H (*another super yoga when Rahu aspects the 2H/L for brilliant predictions – this we have stated in our commentaries of Ravan Samhita, Joni Patry who predicted the Japan Tsunami also has this yoga of Rahu influencing the 2H of speech, so also Gayatri Devi Vasudev who predicted the Japan Tsunami has Rahu in the 2H, we have often seen this Super Predictive Yoga give great results among astrologers and at the same time cause deceit by a family member as Rahu is karaka for cheating*), then Prof B Suryanarayan Rao had Ketu in the 5H from 10L Saturn, his grandson B V Raman had Ketu in the 5H from Asc lord, Gayatri Devi Vasudev daughter of B V Raman has Rahu/Ketu axis in the 5H from Arudha lagna, Nostradamus had Ketu in the 5H from Asc lord Jupiter retro (taken from previous house), the legendary predictor Seshadiri Iyer who introduced divisional charts in vedic astrology in the last century had Ketu in the 5H from Arudha Lagna, R Santhanam had the Rahu/Ketu axis falling in the 5H from AL, British astrologer Komilla Sutton has Ketu in the 5H from Asc. For those who use divisional charts & know the true importance of Dasamsa will note that K N Rao has Ketu in the 5H in D10. – SA.

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## CHARADASHA

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| <b>SIMHA</b>  | 1927 to<br>1939 | The period of childhood when he got interested in the study of Sanskrit. Ketu in the 5 <sup>th</sup> aspected by Jupiter is classical Language.   | <b>Sun, who is also the BK, became the cause of his father's death.</b>                            |
| <b>KANYA</b>  | 1939 to<br>1940 | Childhood is spent and amatyakaraka with darakaraka gave him interest in music also because there are two artistic planets, Moon and Venus here.  | <b>Kendras have benefics.</b>  |
| <b>TULA</b>   | 1940 to<br>1951 | From here, the 11 <sup>th</sup> House has many planets. So his earnings had to start. Prepare the sub-periods and see the importance of the Kanya sub period.   | <b>See darakaraka and amk in the 12<sup>th</sup> house.</b>  |
| <b>VRISCH</b> | 1951 to<br>1960 | From here, Jupiter, the natural putrakaraka is in the 5 <sup>th</sup> house. Between 1950 and 1960, he had five children, daughter, son, daughter, son and daughter. His last child was born on 1961. His wife had conceived in 1960. | <b>See a good 10<sup>th</sup> house. He got his promotion in 1958.</b>                             |
| <b>MAKAR</b>  | 1963 to<br>1968 | Makar is the period of change.  | <b>There was changes in his job</b>  |
| <b>KUMBHA</b> | 1965 to<br>1980 | He was deprived of promotion. See the Amk in the 8 <sup>th</sup> house. But he got one promotion after some delay.  | <b>But Jupiter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house gave money from his plays from the All India Radio.</b> |
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| India Radio |              |  |   |
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## Now see some features of the horoscope

1. **The second house has two benefics, Venus and the Moon aspected by Jupiter.** He had really predictive gifts as Jupiter the planets of Vedanta is also the planet of Vedanga called astrology. I have rarely met an astrologer who could predict so far, so well and make people feel happy.

The second house is the house of speech and *Jupiter's aspect on it gives truthfulness* which is a necessity an astrologer should have to be able to predict well. He got the horoscopes as were brought to him, bare horoscopes, with only the dashas mentioned. He saw them, quickly, applied the transits of planets and in his usual way gave pleasant but correct predictions. How much respect he won from all his visitors, particularly some huge women whose gait had appeared to me something of an earthquake. He made all mothers who came to him with their children very happy by praising, even exaggerating the merits of their children and then telling them cautiously what they should be careful of in the upbringing of their children. His house was a picture of utter confusion with his most innocent and child-like wife talking like a girl of twelve years always. Often in the Indian homes a law of compensation applies, if the husband neglects the home as is the case mostly, the wife arranges everything so meticulously that the house becomes a picture of comfort with a good kitchen and tastefully cooked food. But here was a house where the entire burden of running the household seemed to have been left entirely to God,



who did it so gracefully and kindly that there was always undisturbed peace in that household.

People came to his house to thank him for his successful predictions with packets of sweetmeats which he ate with keen relish inspite of his diabetes. Strangely, his wife or children never protested. I always thought that Kanad knew the art of living cheerfully with all his ailments. How many ailments he had I never knew.

2. **The best benefics are not in kendras from the lagna which gave him a medium life.** It is well known that according to the Parashari principles of astrology, *the 1<sup>st</sup> dasha in the Vimshottari proves bad in all cases of balarishta, the 3<sup>rd</sup> dasha for short life and the 5<sup>th</sup> dasha for medium life* if the span of life calculated does not take the longevity beyond it. After the 1<sup>st</sup> dasha of the Moon, he had the dashas of Mars, Rahu and Jupiter. It was his 5<sup>th</sup> dasha and the dasha of the 7<sup>th</sup> lord Saturn aspected by Jupiter. Yet it must be seen here that Jupiter is retrograde *which according to a principle of Parashari can reverse its promised results. This principle should not be overlooked in crucial predictions.*
3. **The mutual aspects of Saturn and Mars is hardly good for health as they afflict both the lagna and the lagna lord Sun.** Simha is the rashi to be watched for heart problems and the planet, Sun is the key factor for heart ailments. In this case it was very evident that he had to be careful. Yet he had more belief in eating without restriction, drinking without stop and keeping late nights. All his doctor friends had warned him repeatedly but he would meet their arguments that when death came to lift him out of this world, no doctor would be able to stop Yamaraj, the God of death.
4. **His 10<sup>th</sup> lord debilitated with the 12<sup>th</sup> lord gave him less chances for career rise.** He was a victim of the jealousy of his superiors who did not like his intimate friendship with India's top politicians, who visited his house and whom he could contact on phone anytime he liked. *It is well known that the first reaction of an Indian towards anyone's rise is jealousy.* Kanad Rashi had a much larger share of it. An upstartish, astrologer who had been created by an unscrupulous politician then wanted top politicians to visit him which never happened. He had many malicious stories spread about him which he did not care for at all. Kanad was spiritual inwardly and he accepted it as the normal ways of the world.
5. **The exact proximity of Mars on the degrees of his lagna was a real danger signal of which he was aware.** He told me that he was aware of it. If God had chosen to give him a horoscope like the one he had, what could he do was his favourite argument.
6. **See the sub period of Saturn and the frightening picture.**

## Saturn Mahadasha

| Sub-Period | from 28 August 1975              | upto           |
|------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Saturn     | See the Finer Points             | 30 August 1980 |
| Mercury    | to understand the subtle         | 10 May 1981    |
| Ketu       | principles of the interpretation | 18 June 1982   |
| Venus      | of the Vimshottari Dasha.        | 18 August 1985 |
| Sun        | 31 July 1986                     |                |
| Moon       | 29 February 1988                 |                |

## From Jaimini Angle

1. **From Karakamsha**, Dhanu, the presence of the Moon and Venus in the 10<sup>th</sup> house aspected by Jupiter made him a very popular playwright (literary activities) for the All India Radio.
2. **The only good rajayoga** in his horoscope is the combination of the *Amatyakaraka* and *Darakaraka* but here the *Darakaraka* is debilitated<sup>2</sup>. Yet the Moon and Venus combination in this horoscope is a rajayoga spoiled by the aspect of the *Gantikaraka*, Jupiter and Rahu and Ketu.
3. **In the navamsha the Amk is in the 6<sup>th</sup> house from the Atmakaraka** but the *Amatyakaraka* is exalted here.

**Note:** I have noticed that if the *Amatyakaraka* is strong, exalted or in *Moolatrikona* sign important people from different walks of life come into one's life.

| Model for Composite Approach   |  |  |
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| Now see some events from the point of view of both the Vimshottari dasha and Chara dasha |  |  |
| Event  | Vimshottari  | Chara Dasha  |
| Father died in 1939  | In the major period of Mars, the 9 <sup>th</sup> lord and the sub-period Ketu.     | In Simha-Simha, which has the Sun who is also the BK     |
| Mother died in 1967-69   | In Jupiter in the 7 <sup>th</sup> house from the lagna and the sub-period of Venus | It was the dasha of Kumbha from where the Moon is in the |

<sup>2</sup> Note: Here Venus the DK is retro and debilitated. ~ SA

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|   | who is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> lord of the longevity of parents and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> lord from the Moon. 8 <sup>th</sup> house.   |  |
| All children born between 1950 – 1961   | In Rahu covering 5/11 axis and then of Jupiter the 5 <sup>th</sup> lord.   | In the chara dasha, it was the period of Vrischika which has the putrakaraka and has additionally Jupiter in the 5 <sup>th</sup> house aspected by two benefics.   |
| He got two quick promotions in 1958 and 1963.   | All his promotions came in the dasha of Jupiter involved in the Gajakesari yoga.   | In Chara dasha it was mainly in Vrischika and Dhanu from where the 10 <sup>th</sup> House are excellent  |
| Between 1968 and 1980 he was the top political astrologer advising ministers of cabinet of Indira Gandhi. | It was the period of Jupiter and Saturn is in the fourth house and aspects the tenth house. Saturn is the planet of democracy and he brought into his life dozens of big politicians of the country. Jupiter also aspects the 10 <sup>th</sup> lord Venus. | It was the Meena period from where the amatyakaraka, Jupiter and Moon and Venus aspect the 10 <sup>th</sup> house. He became a distinguished writer of play for the All India Radio, though, professionally, he continued to be the victim of his seniors in the office. |
| In early eighties he was at his brilliant best.   | It started in Saturn Venus both of which are connected with the 10 <sup>th</sup> house.  | It was Mesha dasha from where the 5 <sup>th</sup> house of creativity is superb.   |
| He died in 1986.  | It was Saturn Moon period<br>Moon is in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> house.   | It was the Vrisha dasha which is 6 <sup>th</sup> house from the Karakamsha   |

## Dasha Sequence

- In the dasha sequence it can be seen that he got a job in Tula-Kanya and also got married.
- His children were born in the dasha of Vrischika which contains his Putrakaraka and from there the 5<sup>th</sup> house his Jupiter, the natural putrakaraka, aspected by two benefics, the Moon and Venus and also Rahu and Ketu.

I had lost touch with him for about two years in which he got busy in arranging his family matters knowing as an ideal husband that his innocent and unworldly wife would find management of affairs difficult after his death. Once or twice when he met me he seemed to have been gripped by some unknown fears. His predictions had started going

wrong, he was losing his concentration. Selfish politicians who visited him so regularly stopped going to him. He was friendless almost. In the meantime, I was transferred to Bhubaneswar in the state of Orissa as Accountant General in May 1985. After I was re-posted to Delhi in February 1986, and perhaps I never met him in 1986 or had only talked to him on phone when he had sounded despondent. Then the day he died no one informed me about it. A week or two later, I learnt about it. I thought that an astrological poem which I had liked had been removed from the anthology of my life.

## Finer Points

### 1. How to Know who is a Good Astrologer?

One lady journalist came to me once and asked me how to know who was a good astrologer. I told her to go to all astrologers give them the same horoscope cast according to Chitrapaksha Ayanamsha and ask them to tell some past events of the life of the person in writing. I told her to pay their fees I, in turn did it free and gave her predictions in writing. She came back to me after a month and told me that except one lady astrologer, others refused once they came to know that it would be published and predictions of different astrologers on the same horoscope compared.

## Astrological Superstitions

1. I also know some astrologers who told me of what they called great predictions without even showing any technical reason. One of them, very senior in age something of an astrological guru came to our classes and said that *anyone who has a debilitated Venus in the horoscope or even in navamsha, must become a beggar*. Such superstitions spread by these so called gurus without examination of many horoscopes has become quite dangerous. *Some of the most successful men I have met who are also prosperous have debilitated Venus*. I never saw Kanad Rashi falling into such dogmas and superstitions of astrology merely because it is mentioned in the “Jatak Parijat” where no reference to offer divisional horoscopes has been made in any discussion. To accept all this as unfailing truth and talk about it openly before such intelligent and elitist students as we have was a mistake.
2. The latest astrological racket now since 1990 what is called Vastu-Shastra or the architectural planning of buildings according to astrological principles. Some of them are making lot of money. What they say and advise can never be tested for some people who were earlier doing only some bare horoscope reading with their scanty knowledge of astrology have suddenly jumped into this branch seeing lot of money in it. They have lot of gullible businessmen, industrialists and rich landlords as their victims. If astrology gets a bad name it is because of such fraudulent practices.

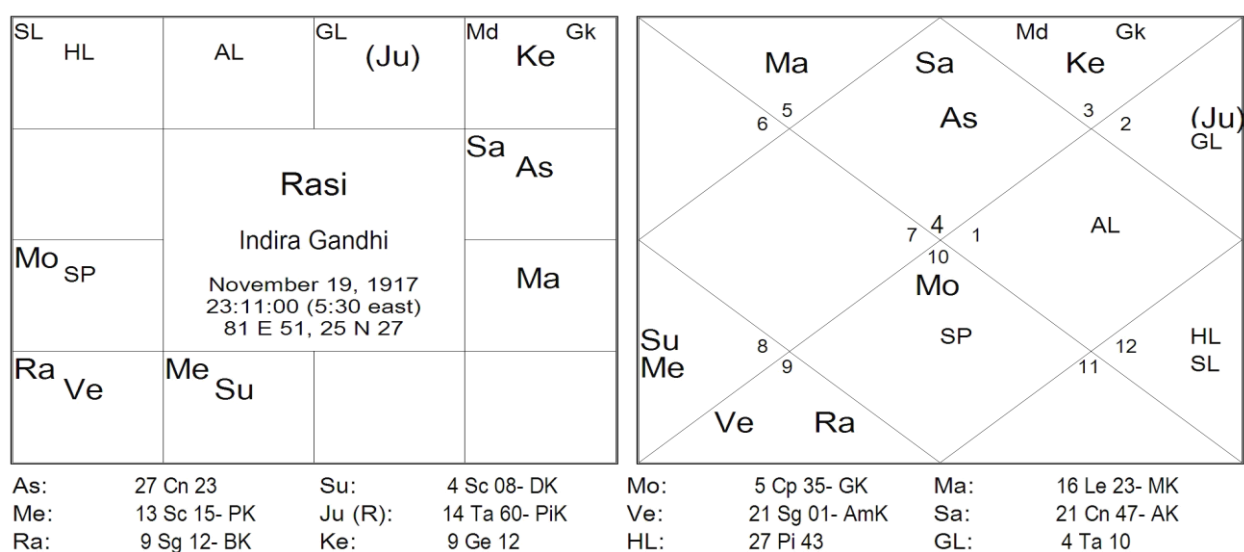


3. The great God has been so kind to his family that all his children are married happily and are prosperous with their own children.
4. A good astrologer late Keshav Menon had produced this small research or better to say gave his observation. I tested it on many horoscopes and found it correct with many variations. Not being a doctor, I kept myself within my limits and have not produced a research which I could have done with some convincing proof.
5. I appreciated this problem of his. Some very senior officers in the department I served in, had become so jealous of my contacts with big person that of the earliest opportunity they manipulated my transfer from many stations, particularly from Delhi.
6. That upstart has become a shameless tout of politicians now yet has won no respect in astrological circles or among astrologers. He did liaison work for many businessmen also who consulted me when they ran into crisis but used him to go to the Ministers to get their work done. It was an experience which made me feel disgusted with astrology than anywhere else.
7. Astrologers are planted by intelligence agencies and also politicians to know about other politicians and their ambitions. To do it they supply them with money and even persuade them to start an astrological journal which gives them a position of vantage. Many of them are the worst racketeers and are not averse to planting some wrong horoscope of important political leaders of India to mislead other serious astrologers. *I remember to have met a young astrologer in Ahmadabad many years ago who was advised by his father never to read astrological journals if he wanted to do astrology seriously and accurately.*
8. He always had the wisdom to see that one could do nothing with the combinations in a horoscope. He rightly advised people to live cheerfully and worship God. He was a totally guileless man, through his fast generalization on the basis of horoscope were sometimes amusing. He would for example, say if he liked a politician that planets had lined up to shoot down his opponents and were waiting with bouquets in their hand to honour him. If he heard a politician, he gave some extreme prediction. Yet he remained guileless but could never overcome his political prejudices in his assessment of horoscope.
9. How pleasant and genial he was will become clear from the following discussion I had with him in presence of Raja Saheb Maqsoodpur. In 1978 Indira Gandhi after her defeat in the Rae Bareilly election in March 1977, had absolutely no confidence that

she could win any election from northern India. She decided to fight elections from Chikamangalur and thought she would lose elections even there; Kanad too had made such a prediction. I, on the other hand insisted that she would win. But then did I not see disaster in her career, he had asked me. I said that the disaster he was seeing would be in December 1978 and not in October or November. I had explained it thus:

## Indira Gandhi

19 November 1917 11:11 PM Allahabad



- According to my calculations Indira Gandhi would be running Saturn-Venus-Mars up to the end of October 1978. In the sub-sub period of her 10<sup>th</sup> lord which is vargottama she had to do better.
- Then Jupiter in Karka and *Saturn about 15 or 16 degrees would be on her vargottama 10<sup>th</sup> lord Mars in Simha.* This transit had to prove good.
- The disaster that was visible would be in Saturn-Venus-Rahu. It is well known that Indira Gandhi was expelled from the parliament after she had won the Chikamangalur elections and even arrested in the last week of December 1978 and put inside the jail for a brief period.
- When Kanad's prediction went wrong and mine proved correct he congratulated me gracefully and told me that he never worked with vast and elaborate data as I had done. I do not remember any other astrologer with so much grace. For instance, when my prediction about the death of Indira Gandhi was discussed all over, some of Delhi astrologers abused me because they could not see this fatal event. Professional and mercenary astrologers are among the worst human beings I have met. It was only an astrologer like Kanad Rishi Bhatnagar who had so many talents and was such a successful playwright that could find in astrology a compensatory happiness.



14. Venus is debilitated in the birth horoscope and Venus is also the lord of the 2<sup>nd</sup> house from the Moon and was also placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house in the navamsha and saptamsha. He had many ailments in this period and he had now some intuitive feeling that his end was nearing. He came to me one day and showed the horoscope of a girl who was poor and parentless and he wanted his son to marry her. Kanad never gave up his strong idealism.
15. The antardasha of the afflicted lagna lord led to worsening of his health.

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| Ra         | Mo  |    |       |
| HL<br>(Ju) | Rasi<br><br>Death of KRB<br>August 26, 1986 |    | Me    |
|            |   |    | AL Su |
| Ma         | GL Gk SL<br>Md Sa                           | As | Ke Ve |

A diamond-shaped diagram representing a horoscope chart. The center contains the number 1. The four corners contain the numbers 10, 7, 4, and 3. The midpoints of the sides contain the numbers 12, 11, 9, and 8. Planets are placed around the diamond: Ra at the top right, Mo at the top, Me at the left, As at the bottom, Ma at the bottom right, SL at the bottom right corner, Sa at the bottom right, Md at the bottom right, GL at the bottom right, Gk at the bottom right, Ve at the bottom left, Ke at the bottom left, AL at the bottom left, and Su at the bottom left.

1. Rahu was in the 8<sup>th</sup> house and Ketu in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house on his birth Moon.
2. Saturn was exactly on his Saturn.
3. Mars in Dhanu was aspecting the 8<sup>th</sup> house from his lagna.
4. Retrograde Jupiter in Kumbha was aspecting the lagna and was 6<sup>th</sup> house from his birth Moon.
5. The worst was the position of the Moon in the 8<sup>th</sup> house from his birth Moon. It was that fatal and death inflicting ashtama Moon.