

‘To Dr Raman with Love’ Series

Horoscopes Of Saints - 1

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A Saint may be a sannyasi or a householder.

1. In the study of the horoscopes of saints and sannyasis, the *5th and the 9th houses should be carefully judged*. The 5th house stands for bhakti and mantra, while the 9th indicates the religious activity and the *virtuous deeds of previous births*. It is but natural to expect that these two houses as well as the lords of these houses are strong in the horoscopes of saints.
2. These two houses apart, the *2nd is also to be judged* as this is the vak-sthana or house of speech. *A man cannot become a saint if his tongue is not restrained*. Moreover, this is the house of wealth too and *from this house, a man's character can also be judged*.
3. Jupiter is the karaka planet for dharma. So, his position, strength, etc., should also be seen.
4. The position of *Venus is perhaps more important*. Venus, when afflicted by Rahu and Mars, will make one lead a life of sexual enjoyment or debauchery. A saint always restrains his passionate urges or carnal desires.
5. Not only Venus, but the 7th house and the lord of the 7th also are to be noted carefully. It is undoubtedly difficult to understand the life and character of a saint from merely the positions of some planets in his natal chart.

Planets are but faithful servants to a saint. But this is true only after God-realization. *God, and not planets, regulates the life of a saint, who has realized the Supreme*. As we find in the Gita:

Ananyascintayanto mam ye janah paryupasate
Tesham nityabhiyuktanam yogakshemam vahamyaham

(IX:22)

But a child's horoscope reveals the future saint in him as the morning shows the day.

Here is the horoscope of **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa**:

Ve		Ra	JuR	Ve 12 1	Ma 10 9
Me Mo Su Asc	18-02-1836			Me Mo Su Asc 11 2 8 5	Ke
Ma				Ra	
	Ke	Sa		JuR 3 4	7 6 Sa

Su: 04° Aq 31'; Mo: 23° Aq 20'; Ma: 20° Cp 58'; Me: 09° Aq 16';
JuR: 11° Ge 32'; Ve: 07° Pi 19'; Sa: 00° Li 32'; Ra: 04° Ta 30'; Ke: 04° Sc 30'

This is the most remarkable horoscope of our age. The *astrologer, who prepared* Sri Ramakrishna's horoscope, quoted from **Bhṛigu Samhita** the following slokas:

Dharmasthanadhipte tunge dharmasthe tungakhecare
Guruna drishti samyoge lagnese dharmasamsthite
Kendrasthanagate saumya gurau caiva tu konebhe
Sthiralagne yada janma *sampradaya*prabhu hi sah
Dharmavit mananiyastu punyakarmaratah sada
Devamandiravasi cha bahusishyasamanvitah

According to the above verses, one becomes a *respectable master of a religious sect, engaged in virtuous activities and has many disciples and lives in a temple* if born in a fixed sign with the 9th lord exalted and an exalted planet¹ in the 9th house and Mercury in a Kendra and Jupiter in a kona aspecting the Lagna lord placed in the 9th. Needless to say that these conditions are scarcely fulfilled. The owner of such a horoscope becomes a Mahapurusha and is worshipped by the people *as the incarnation of Lord Vishnu or Narayana*:

¹ Readers may note that Saturn is exalted but retro in the 9H, many of us take this condition to mean debilitated. One can note that the dispositor is Venus exalted and in nakshatra ruled by Saturn. -SA

Mahapurushasanjnyam narayanamsasambhava
Sarvathra janapujyascha bhavishyati na samsayah

His 9th lord Venus is exalted in Rasi, but debilitated in Navamsa. This Venus has attained as many as six vargas, i.e., Venus is in *Paravata Varga*. According to Parasara, the 9th lord in paravata varga can make the native a *Paramahamsa*:

Sarvadharmaparityegi brahaikapadamasritah
Paravate pare chaiva hamsah cha evatra janmani

Jupiter, lord of the 11th is placed in the 5th and this has made him a spiritual master par excellence. Jupiter being retrograde has gathered strength. If either of the lords of the 3rd, the 6th, the 8th, the 11th and the 12th be placed in the 5th singly or jointly, the native *becomes a master as Parasara* says:

Panchame guruvah matah

The combination of the Sun, the Moon and Mercury in the Ascendant is not good here as they are lords of the 6th, the 7th and the 8th. Even the aspect of Jupiter on Saturn, lord of Lagna, as well as on Lagna *could not save him from cancer*, the fatal disease. Perhaps Jupiter helped the disease instead of checking it as he is the lord of the 2nd and the 11th. He too is a maraka! The Sun-Mercury combination in a Kendra aspecting the 7th or house of marriage helped him choose his own spouse. Considered from the material angle of vision, the marriage was not a happy one, because the 7th lord is joined by the 6th lord and the 8th lord and Mars aspects the 7th. There are many other good yogas in his horoscope also. Jupiter is placed in a trikona from the Moon, forming thereby Gajakesari Yoga. Parvata Yoga is also present. This yoga arises when the lord of the Ascendant is in his own or exaltation house *identical with a Kendra or kona*. The yoga makes one wealthy, famous and beneficial to others.

We may now discuss another remarkable horoscope – that of Swami Vivekananda. His horoscope is as under:

We do not know whether any astrologer made a forecast that the boy who came of a middle class Bengali family of Calcutta would shake the world with the holy message of Vedanta and would be worshipped as an incarnation of Lord Shiva.

There is a controversy among astrologers as to the position of the Sun in his horoscope. Many have tried to explain his horoscope by placing the Sun in the 2nd which is an enemy's house for the Sun. Thus the 9th lord becomes too weak to enable him to deliver the Chicago lecture. If we take the Sun's position in the 2nd for granted, Venus the 9th lord from the Chandra Lagna becomes weak as the 12th lord Sun joins him. Narendra Nath Datta, who later became Vivekananda, was born at 6-31 a.m. (Local Time), sometime before sunrise according to the original horoscope. This has been corroborated by Dr. Bhupendra Nath Datta, the biographer and younger brother of Swamiji. It was the day of Makara Sankranti, i.e., winter solstice. How could there be the Sun's transit in Capricorn before sunrise? I, like many an astrologer, subscribe to this view that his 9th lord the Sun is in Lagna, i.e., the house of Jupiter. *The Sun is the atmakaraka planet and the Karaka Lagna² remains the same as the Janma Lagna and this is a very good Raja Yoga.* His 9th lord the Sun occupies Simhasana varga and is therefore very strong. He is also strong and divine because of his position in the house of Jupiter where he can best manifest the spiritual qualities of Jupiter. The 9th lord is in his own constellation and is free from any aspect. The Sun in Simhasana varga has made him brave, truthful and continent. But owing to the Sun's position in Lagna, he would occasionally suffer from headache, *which Sri Ramakrishna once cured by simply touching his forehead.* Maharshi Debendra Nath Tagore and many other contemporaries of Vivekananda extolled his brilliant and large eyes which would resemble those of a yogi. The credit goes to Venus and Mercury in the 2nd. Had there been the Sun in the 2nd, Vivekananda would have to wear spectacles like Rabindra Nath Tagore who had the exalted Sun, Venus and Mercury in the 2nd! The position of Mercury in the 2nd from his Karaka Lagna Sagittarius unlocks the possibility of becoming a Paramahansa. Venus and Mercury have formed a very good Raja Yoga in the 5th from Virgo the Chandra Lagna, as they are lords of the 9th and the 10th from the Moon. Again, Saturn, the 5th lord from the Moon, is in Lagna and Mercury, lord of the Chandra Lagna, is in the 5th. These two yogas have enhanced the efficacy of the 5th – the house of talent, mantra and devotion. From the Ascendant, Venus, the 11th lord is in the 2nd, and Saturn, the 2nd lord is in a Kendra and Jupiter is in the 11th. About this, Parasara says:

Labhese dhanarasisthe dhanese kendrasamsthite
Guruna sahite bhaveturulabham vinirdiset

² In this article and the part 2 you would notice how beautifully the author has used the atmakaraka in the natal chart as the **Karaka Lagna**. This article was written in 1977 and in 1990s when K N Rao wrote about using Atmakaraka in the natal chart he was heavily criticized as creating something new. Its only when we read old books or articles we come to know the real truth and stop criticising or forming opinions, infact a lot of parampara secrets that are now coming out are from the old issues of astrological magazine of beloved Raman Sahab who broke the slavery of parampara and the glass houses of several **I, Me, Myself** type astrologers who can't write one paragraph in someone else's appreciation. This is the reason we want to bring out Raman Sahab and His Team of Warriors contribution to astrology once again back to the forefront as they were the original chosen ones to spread the light in the New World Order that was created in the last century. – **SA Publisher**.

The lord of the 7th is joined by the lord of the 6th. There is no benefic aspect the 7th; rather Saturn, a maraka, aspects on the 7th. The 7th is also aspected by the 9th lord the Sun. Many proposals came for his marriage. But ultimately he could avoid a married life and become a true celibate. From the Moon, Jupiter, lord of the 7th is hemmed in between two malefics and aspected by Mars, lord of the 3rd and the 8th.

Vivekananda *suffered from diabetes in his last days like his father*. Venus is the lord of the 6th – the house of disease. Venus here aspects the 8th. Ketu is debilitated in the 6th. The Moon, the 8th lord is in the debilitation house of Venus. These factors are responsible for his disease. His health was almost broken in his last day owing to overwork. He could not regain his health. We are to note that his Lagna lord Jupiter is aspected by the 12th lord Mars. He is also sandwiched between two malefics. When he was in Benares, he suddenly fell a victim to *dropsy*. He was brought to Belur Math, where he entered his final Samadhi on July 4, 1902 in the major period of Jupiter and sub-period of Rahu³. Saturn, the 5th lord from the Chandra Lagna, enabled him to be absorbed in deep meditation and Samadhi as he is in his friend's house identical with a Kendra and occupies paravata varga, not to speak of the mutual exchange between the lords of the 1st and the 5th and the position of Mercury in the 2nd from Karaka Lagna.

Sri Gobindanand Giri Maharaj is well-known figure among the sannyasis because he is the chief of the Bhola Giri Sannyas Ashram of Hardwar and also Mahamandaleswar of Kumbhha Mela. Here is his horoscope:

Sa Mo			Ra	Ju	Ra
			Asc	6	5
	2-12-1903		Ju	Asc	3
Ke	Me Su	Ve Ma		Ve Ma	7
				Me Su	8
				Ke	9
					10
					11
					12
					Sa Mo

Su: 17° Sc 21'; Mo: 10° Pi 11'; Ma: 12° Li 08'; Me: 05° Sc 50'; Ju: 20° Le 41';
Ve: 12° Li 36'; Sa: 10° Pi 49'; Ra: 04° Ge 04'; Ke: 04° Sg 04'

Born in Bangladesh, he became involved in the terrorist movement early in life. His political Guru taught him and others of his party how to dive deep into the river as this would be necessary for escaping from the motor-launch, carrying the political prisoner on to the nearest police station. He was asked to dive into the river and collect

³ By using Jhora we get this period as Jup-Ven. -SA

some earth from beneath the river which was at least 50 feet deep. It took him 15 days to master it. For this, he had to practise *Kumbhaka* or the art of holding the breath for a long time. Later, he had to suffer imprisonment in the Mandalaya jail as he was a member of the terrorist party. *We are to note that equal number of planets in the 5th and the 9th houses has caused Bandhana Yoga in his horoscope.* Moreover, this yoga has been strengthened by the position of exalted Rahu in the 12th. From the Moon, Mars in the 8th is also a factor. He became a brahmachari when Saturn completed his first cycle and entered Pisces. His Lagna lord the Moon is with Saturn posited in the 9th and they are not aspected by any other planets. His sannyasa is due to this yoga. Although Venus is not favourable for Cancer, yet his position in the 4th as the 4th lord has been good. About this Parasara remarks:

*Svagehe svamsage svocche sukasthanadhipo yadi
Sukhavahanavridih syat samkhabheryadivadyayuk*

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The meaning of this verse is clear. A native gets happiness and vehicles and is endowed with conch and other musical instruments if the 4th lord is in his own or exaltation house or own Navamsa.

Here the lords of the 4th and the 10th are combined in a Kendra which indicates that the native lives in a political building as Parasara says:

*Karmadhipena sahite kendrakona grihaadhipe
Vihitrasaudhaprakaram manditam grihamadhiset*

(XIV - 74)

As the chief of the ashram which has one big two-storeyed building as its head quarters in Hardwar and many other dharmashalas and ashrams in many other places, he enjoys many vehicles too. But he prefers to live a most simple life. *The placement of the 11th lord in the 4th can also bestow kingdom.* If there is any yoga indicating monkhood, then the native is likely to become a king among the monks. This particular yoga has made him the *Mahanta* and *Mahamandaleswara*. The combination of the 4th and the 5th lords in the 4th has conferred two M.A. degrees on him. Jupiter, the 9th lord, is in the 2nd, a friendly house and is free from any malefic aspect. *According to Parasara, a native becomes a Paramahansa if Mercury is posited in the 2nd or the 4th house from Karaka Lagna.* Here Jupiter, lord of the 9th, is atmakaraka planet and Karaka Lagna is Libra. Mercury is in the 2nd from Karaka Lagna.

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