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Horoscopes Of Saints - 1

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Saint may be a sannyasi or a householder.

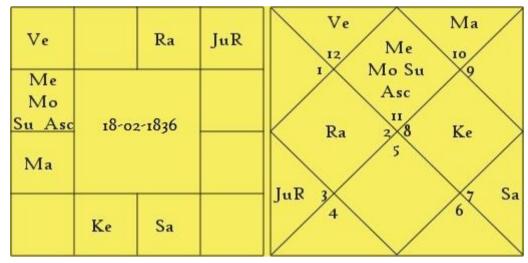
- 1. In the study of the horoscopes of saints and sannyasis, the 5th and the 9th houses should be carefully judged. The 5th house stands for bhakti and mantra, while the 9th indicates the religious activity and the virtuous deeds of previous births. It is but natural to expect that these two houses as 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:

(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 Paramahamsa:



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 **Bhrigu Samhita** the following slokas:

Dharmasthanadhipe tunge dharmasthe tungakhecare Guruna drishti samyoge lagnese dharmasamsthite Kendrasthanagate saumya gurau caiva tu konebhe Sthiralagne yada janma sampradayaprabhu 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 planet^I 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

Mahapurushasanjnoyam narayanamsasambhavah 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

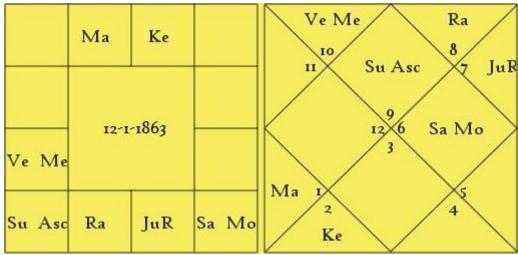
Jupiter, lord of the IIth is placed in the 5th and this has made him a spiritual master par excellence. Jupiter being retrograde has gathered strength. If either of the lords of the 3rd, the 6th, the 8th, the IIth and the I2th be placed in the 5th singly or jointly, the native becomes a master as Parasara 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.



Asc: 27° Sg 31'; Su: 29° Sg 24'; Mo: 18° Vi 54'; Ma: 07° Ar 46'; Me: 13° Cp 13'; Ju: 5° Li 28'; Ve: 08° Cp 32'; Sa: 15° Vi 02'; Ra: 23° Sc 41'; Ke: 23° Ta 41'

Swami Vivekananda was a sannyasi. Sannyasa Yoga may be formed in different ways which may be discussed here in a nutshell.

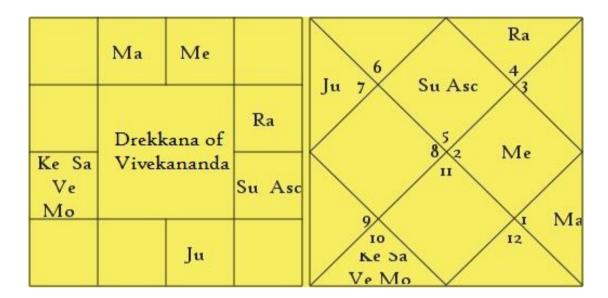
- (a) When there is a combination of four planets preferably in a Kendra other than Lagna, Sanyasa Yoga is formed. If Rahu joins them, the yoga will not be effective. Moreover, planetary strength must always be taken note of.
- (b) If the lord of Lagna is aspected by Saturn only, the native becomes a monk. Saturn must not be aspected by other planets and must be strong.
- (c) If Lagna lord aspects Saturn, the native becomes a monk. Lord of Lagna must not be aspected by other planets. The strength of Saturn should also be considered.
- (d) If the Moon is in the house of Saturn, aspected or joined by Saturn or Mars in the Drekkana chart, Sannyasa Yoga is formed. This will be seen in the case of Vivekananda.
- (e) If the 10th house is Pisces and is occupied by Saturn, the native becomes a monk as Parasara says:

Mane cha meena yadi va arkaputre Sannyasayogam pravadanti tasya (XIV 246)

- (f) If Saturn is placed in a Kendra, aspected by a weak lord of the Moon sign, Pravrajya is indicated.
- (g) A native may also take to the life of a monk if his Lagna, the Moon and Jupiter are aspected by Saturn.

(h) If the 10th lord is joined by Rahu, the yoga will not be effective. Rahu in Lagna may also spoil it.

In our judgement of sannyasa or pravrajya, the strength of Saturn should be carefully assessed. The position of Rahu is also an important factor in this regard. The Drekkana chart of Swami Vivekananda is given hereunder:



Here we see that (i) the Moon is in the house of Saturn and (ii) Saturn has joined the Moon. This is a clear indication for pravrajya. As we know the life of Vivekananda, his success in the Parliament of Religions in Chicago and in preaching Hinduism and Vedanta philosophy was due to his magnetic power of eloquence. Whatever else he was or was not; he was indeed a very spirited and eloquent speaker, whose words came to the audience as electric shock! This is because of the mutual exchange between the lords of the 2nd and the 10th. The Saturn-Moon combination in the 10th can also make the native a king according to the author of Jatakaparijata. This made Vivekananda the king among the monks as his Sannyasa Yoga was predominant. There is another yoga for becoming a king. According to Parasara, if one or more planets who happen to be the lords of the 3rd, the 6th, the 8th, the 11th and the 12th, be posited singularly or jointly in the 4th, the native becomes a king. The concerned planet or planets must be sufficiently strong. In the present case, the Sun is the 12th lord from Chandra Lagna (the natal Moon) and is posited in the 4th from the Moon. This Sun is Vargottama. Not only that, the Sun occupies Simhasanamsa. This made him king among the monks. Mars, lord of the 12th in the 5th, made him a spiritual master. This yoga has been earlier clarified in our study of Sri Ramakrishna's horoscope. Mars is also the lord of the 5th and is posited in the 5th, aspected by Jupiter lord of Lagna and the 4th. This gave him excellent memory. Rahu is in the 12th. The 12th house is aspected by two malefics, Mars and Saturn. This made him travel overseas. He was a most widely-travelled monk of his time.

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 Paramahamsa. 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:

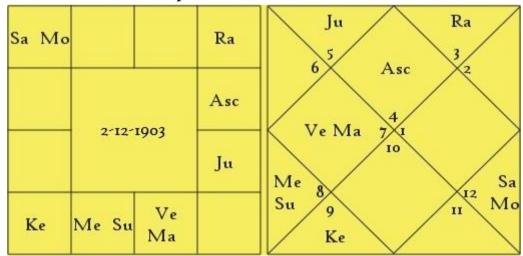
Labhese dhanarasisthe dhanese kendrasamsthite Guruna sahite bhave gurulabham vinirdiset

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 critising 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 Saheb 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 Saheb 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 subperiod 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 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:



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 sukhasthanadhipo yadi Sukhavahanavriddih 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 IIth 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 Paramahamsa 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.

