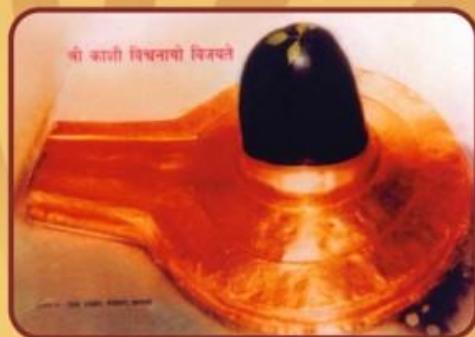


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4. Lalitha Sahasranamam (Bhashyam)
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The Author deems it necessary to highlight the special contribution made by Late Jagadhambal (to whom this book has been dedicated) with respect to Kashi Khand. Late Smt. Jagadhambal was daughter of Late Nungambakkam Nagaraja Iyer (Senior Advocate Madras High Court).

Late Jagadhambal was an ardent devotee who lived in Kashi from 1978 to 1998 and helped various devotees from all over the world in smooth conduct of their Kashi Yatra and worship of various temples in Kashi.

She was involved in translating Kashi Khand from Sanskrit to Tamil and wanted devotees from all over the world to know spiritual importance of various temples, Ganga river and various Teerths in Kashi. But due to various impediments, she could not do it in her life time.

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INTRODUCTION

All human beings face some kind of problem or other at various points of time and they must have come across advices given by various spiritual persons/astrologers.

Learned persons attribute the various difficulties to the different types of Graha Dosham (Dosh) viz. planetary afflictions and suggest various remedies.

We have done extensive studies about various Graha Doshams (Planetary Afflictions) and their remedial measures (pariharam) in various places of worship in Kashi and Tamil Nadu.

The details of Dosham (afflictions) have been culled out from authentic ancient texts and the remedial places of worship have been located by personal visits by the author and her husband. Astrological charts have been given to explain the position of planets which constitute various Dosham.

It is believed by properly applying the remedial rituals in consultation with the learned pundits in the respective places of worship, the affected persons get a strong inner energy and resolve to overcome the evils of the afflictions.

The aim of the author is to simplify matters in such a way that any ordinary person is able to understand the details of the various Dosham in a simple language and go for the remedial measures.

The author and her husband had personally visited and worshipped over 350 temples based in Kashi to learn of the importance of these temples based on Kashi Khand (Skanda Puraan) and Ling Puraan.

The author has got a web-site also namely www.Varanasi-Temples.com in which the details of various temples of Kashi and photos are given and the readers can take help of the site.

As regards various temples from Tamil Nadu mentioned in the book, the readers can refer to the respective sites or other details available on the Net.

It is noteworthy to mention that the author and her husband alongwith some family friends personally visited various powerful temples in Tiruchirapally, Tanjavur, Kumbakonam etc. and had serious interactions with various persons associated with the temples thereat.

While the details given hereunder are authentic, the author is not responsible if any remedial measure does not work upto the readers' satisfaction. The readers are advised to do their own consultation before proceeding.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF **GRAHA DOSHAMS** **(PLANETARY AFFLICTIONS)**

Given under are the various kinds of Graha Doshams which ordinary persons come across in their lives. Many spiritual persons or astrologers talk about such kind of Doshams.

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MANGLIK DOSH

Manglik Dosh is also known as Chevvai Dosham or Kuja Dosham.

Kuja or Mangal or Mars or Chevvai is attached great importance in horoscope match making.

For determining the location of a graham in a horoscope, one should start counting from the house where Lagna is located. Lagna house is the first house and start counting clock-wise in South Indian Horoscopes and Anti Clock wise in North Indian horoscopes.

CONSIDERATION OF MANGAL (CHEVVAI) FOR MARRIAGE PURPOSES

In respect of Marriage, the seventh house from Lagnam is considered. This house should be occupied by good planets and free from any evil afflictions.

For girls, seventh and eighth houses should be considered with equal importance.

Among the various great Rishis who wrote about Astrology, it is noteworthy to mention about Rishi Parashar who was the father of Rishi Vyas. (It may be noted that Vyas Rishi is credited with scripting the 18 Mahaa Puranaas).

Rishi Parashar wrote the ancient text which contains details about astrology and is known as “Brihat Parashar Hora Shastra” and even now references are made to that book by eminent astrologers.

In Chapter No. 80 (Stree Jataka or Female Horoscopy), Rishi Parashar states in shlok 47, 48 and 49 as :

47. The woman born becomes a widow, if Mangal is in the 12th, 4th, 7th, or 8th from Lagna, without aspect by, or association with any benefic.

48-49. The Yog, which causes the woman to become widow also causes a male native to become a widower. If the man and woman, possessing this Yog, join in wedlock, the Yog ceases to have any effect.

Explaining the above shlokas, if in the horoscope of a girl, Mangal is located at 4th, 7th, 8th or 12th house from Lagna, she will become widow and so on for any male horoscope. Now astrologers have added the 2nd house and 1st house (Lagna) in this category.

In due course of time, the girls and boys having such placement of mangal in the horoscope came to be called Manglik.

As per Shlok 49 of the above text, if a Manglik girl marries a manglik boy, the bad effect is nullified.

According to eminent astrologers, if a person with Manglik/Kuja Dosham Horoscope marries a person without similar Dosham, there will be death of the marriage partner or separation. This will result in total ruin of the family and all happiness will vanish.

Based on various studies and inferences, it can be stated that the Manglik Dosh in cases of Mangal (Chevvai) situated in 4th, 7th and 8th house is more intense. If a girl has this combination,

it is **essential** that alliance should be fixed with a boy having similar placement of Mangal.

Pariharam (remedial measure) should be done before marriage in the following cases :

- a. Alliance is sought for a girl with Mangal in 4th, 7th or 8th house (strong Manglik) with a boy who has Mangal in 2nd or 12th house (weak Manglik).
- b. If a girl has Mangal in 2nd or 12th house (Dosham of lesser intensity) and alliance is sought with boy who does not have this combination, then the case can be taken up, subject to other factors viz. longevity of the boy's life as seen in the horoscope and other social factors.
- c. Due to slight Manglik Dosh, if the girl's marriage is getting delayed, Pariharam should be considered.

PARIHARAM FOR MARS IN KASHI

According to Kashi Khand, Chapter 49 (Skanda Puraan), Lord Surya installed one Shiv Ling and one Devi Idol in a place near Pancha Nada Teerth in Kashi (now Panch Ganga Ghat). Then he started praying to Lord Shiva intensely.

Lord Shiva appeared in person and granted several divine wishes to Lord Surya. The Devi Idol installed was named as Mangala Gauri. It is believed that performing proper prayers/rituals at this temple to Goddess Mangala Gauri removes the afflictions on account of Manglik Dosha.

On all Tuesdays, a big crowd of unmarried ladies are to be seen in this temple praying for removing the afflictions as also early marriage.

For other afflictions on account of weak Mangal or adversely posited Mangal (Mars) in the horoscope, the devotees are advised to worship Mangaleshwar Ling in Kashi which is situated in Atma Veereshwar Temple.

According to Kashi Khand, Chapter 17, Mangal installed a Shiv Ling in Kashi and started worshipping the Ling. This ling came to be known as Mangaleshwar. It is believed that performing abhishek of this Ling with Ganga water and pooja with Vilva leaves for 7 consecutive Tuesdays, will remove all afflictions on account of adverse Mangal/ mars in the horoscope.

There is a heavy rush on Tuesdays in this temple which falls under Pancha Mudra Maha Peeth.

PARIHARAM FOR MARS IN TAMIL NADU

There are various temples dedicated to different planets in Tamil Nadu. Among these, Vaitheeswaran temple is dedicated to Mars or Mangal or Angaraka.

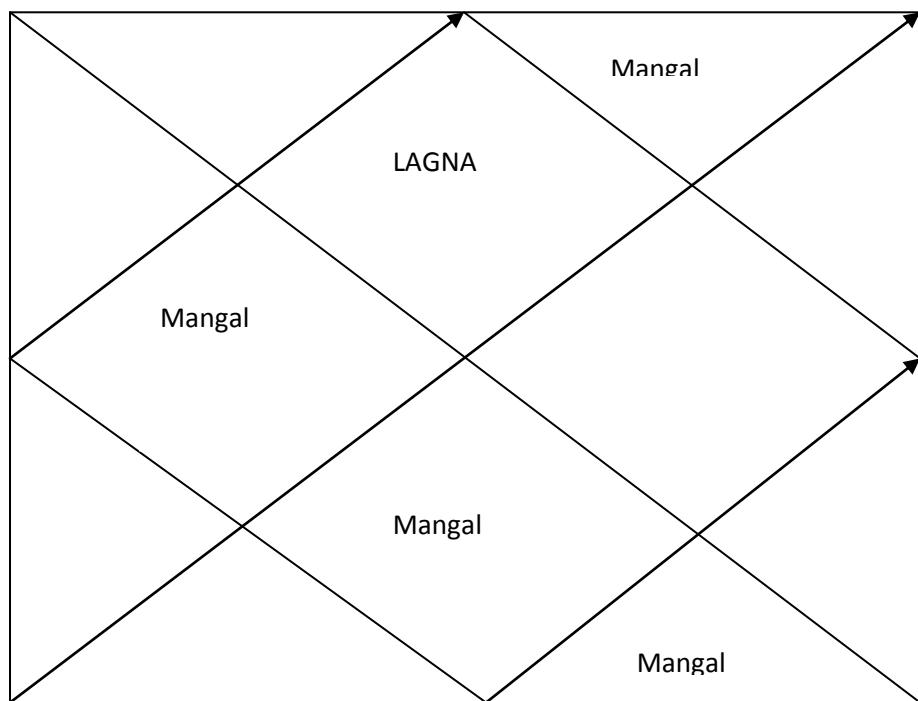
It is believed that during the Ramayana period, Lord Rama, Lakshman and Saptarishis have worshipped the deity in this place. There is a pond at this temple called Jatayu kundam (pot of Jatayu having holy ash of Vibhuti). One of the nine planets, Angaraka (Mars), suffered from leprosy and was cured by Vaidhyanathaswamy (Lord Shiva) and from then

on it is treated as one of the Navagraha Temples for planet Angaraka.

It is believed that the pond in the temple is capable of curing various diseases and devotees bathe here with all divinity.

Special poojas are also performed to the deity dedicated to Angarak (Mars/ Mangal) with prior arrangement with the temple authorities.

The small town housing this temple is located about 27 kms. away from Chidambaram which is easily accessible by road or train. Details can be obtained from Net.



Mangal (Chevvai)	Lagna		
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MANGLIK DOSH OR CHEVVAI DOSHAM



MANGALA GAURI, VARANASI



VAITHEESWARAN TEMPLE, TAMIL NADU

KAAL SARP DOSHAM

Kaal Sarp Yoga / Dosham (KSY) is said to be formed when all the seven planets come between Rahu and Ketu on the one side. The other side should be empty. Readers may note that Rahu and Ketu will be exactly 180 degrees away from each other. If Rahu is in 1st house (Lagna), Ketu will be in 7th house.

The two major varieties are anuloma and viloma or normal and abnormal direction. Normal direction is when the planets are all moving towards Rahu. Abnormal is when the planets are all moving towards Ketu. The abnormal is more malefic. In other words, when you start counting from Rahu, if all the planets come before Ketu, it is more malefic, than when all the planets are between Ketu and Rahu.

Strictly speaking, Kaal Sarp Yog does not find mention in the ancient texts of Varaha Mihira, Parasara, Bhattotpala and other works like Saravali, Sarvartha Chintamani etc. Accordingly, this leads us to believe that Kaal Sarp Yog or Kaal Sarp Dosha must have attained importance in the recent past, say within last 100-200 years or so.

Kaal Sarp Dosha is generally said to bring about hurdles in important work, lesser mental peace, low self confidence, poverty and destruction of wealth, bad relations with family members and friends, treachery from friends and colleagues, very less help from relatives and friends etc. The present day astrologers have given the following 12 types of Kaal Sarp Yog.

Anant Kalsarp Yoga : When rahu is placed in Ascendant (Lagna) or 1st house and ketu is placed in seventh house.

Kulik Kaalsarp Yoga : When rahu is placed in 2nd house and ketu is placed in 8th house.

Vasuki Kaalsarp Yoga : When rahu is placed in 3rd house and ketu is placed in 9th house.

Shankpal Kaalsarp Yoga: When rahu is placed in 4th house and ketu is placed in 10th house.

Padam Kaalsarp Yoga: When rahu is placed in 5th house and ketu is placed in 11th house.

Mahapadam Kalsarp Yoga: When rahu is placed in 6th house and ketu is placed in 12th house.

Takshak Kaalsarp Yoga: When rahu is placed in 7th house and ketu is placed in 1st house.

Karkotak Kaalsarp Yoga: When rahu is placed in 8th house and ketu is placed in 2nd house.

Shankachood Kaalsarp Yoga: When rahu is placed in 9th house and ketu is placed in 3rd house.

Ghatak Kalsarp Yoga: When rahu is placed in 10th house and ketu is placed in 4th house.

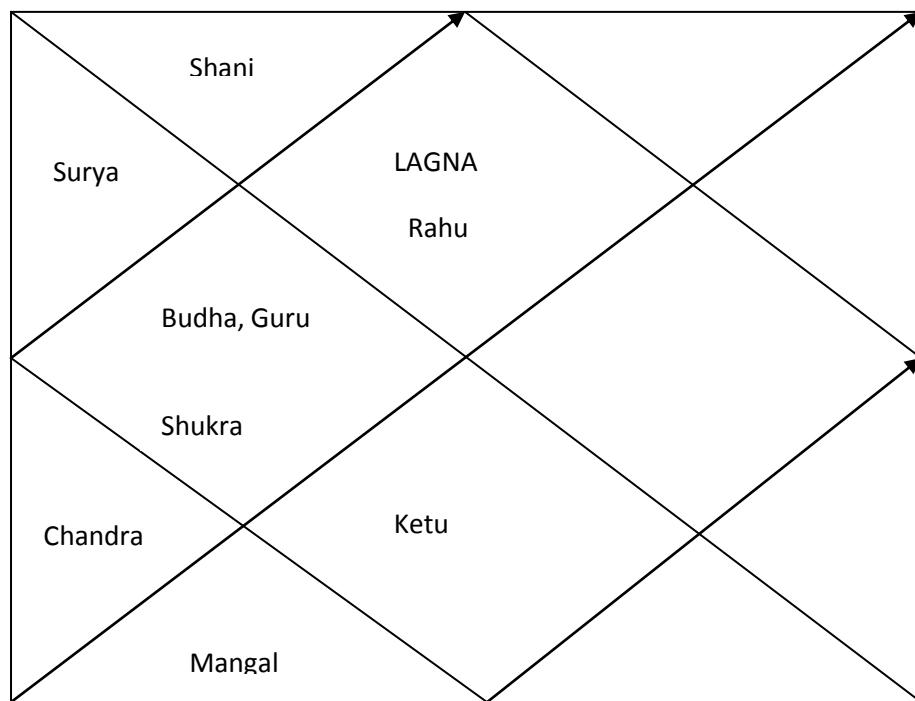
Vishdhar Kaalsarp Yoga: When rahu is placed in 11th house and ketu is placed in 5th house.

Sheshnag Kaalsarpa Yoga: When rahu is placed in 12th house and ketu is placed in 6th house.

(In all the above cases, the 7 planets should be between Rahu-Ketu or Ketu-Rahu. Even if one planet is outside the axis, the Yoga or Dosha is cancelled).

Noted Astrologer, Dr. B.V. Raman, in his book Three Hundred Important Combinations has mentioned that if the Rahu Ketu Axis involves 1st and 7th houses, the marital life may become oppressive and marred by frequent clashes and lack of understanding. However, if the 7th Lord or Shukra is powerful, the evil effects of Kaal Sarpa Dosh get reduced. Lifewise, if the houses involved are 4th and 10th houses, there may be setbacks in one's career.

KSY has its bright sides also. In my humble opinion, I have found that people with KSY are generally hard working and they prosper in their lives. If the Rahu Ketu Axis is conjoined by other evil combinations, the Dosha gets magnified.



	Lagna Rahu	Shani	Surya
		Budha Guru Shukra	Chandra
	Ketu	Mangal (Chevvai)	

KAAL SARP DOSH

REMEDIES FOR KAAL SARPA DOSH IN KASHI

Though much hype has been created about Kaal Sarp Dosha or Yoga, readers need not be unduly terrified. The author has to say the following few words.

- i) This Yoga does not find mention in any of the ancient texts.
- ii) Different evil effects are prescribed by various astrologers as per the categories of KSY.
- iii) KSY causes obstacles and delays in important auspicious rituals like marriage, pilgrimage, education.
- iv) At times, marriages though finalized, may get cancelled also.
- v) Repeated ill effects of KSY have to be dealt with by taking recourse to remedies prescribed for this evil Dosham.

REMEDIES IN KASHI

People believe that performing proper pooja archana and Rudra Abhishek of any one of the 12 Jyotir Lingas will mitigate the evils of this Dosham.

Many devotees visit Kashi to perform pooja archana at Vishwanath Temple of Kashi (one of the twelve jyotirlings). People perform such pooja in Triambakeshwar also.

Kashi Khand, Chapter 66, mentions one powerful Ling called Vasukeeshwar which is in the vicinity of Atma Veereshwar temple. Remedial rituals for Kaala Sarpa Dosh are performed in this temple.

Performing rituals on the auspicious Naag Panchami Day which falls during Shukla Paksha of Shravan month are believed to give multiple results.

REMEDIES FOR KAAL SARP DOSHA IN SOUTH INDIA

In Tamil Nadu, remedies are performed in Thirunageshwaran temple which is about 10 Kms. away from Kumbakonam.

The presiding deity is called Naganatha Swami. (Naga in Tamil/Sanskrit means Snake and Natha means God) This is a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.

An important feature of Naganatha Swami temple is that of Rahu bhagawan (one of the nine celestial bodies) sannathi. It is the 29th in the series of Tevara Stalams located south of the river Kaveri.

Here milk abhishekam is performed daily during Rahukaalam. At this time, the milk that is poured on the statue is said to turn blue in colour when it passes over the body and once again to white after it reaches the floor. This wonder is watched by many daily during the Raahu Kaalam.

This is also the only place wherein one can view Rahu bhagawan with his consorts. The mythological serpents Aadi Seshan, Dakshan and Kaarkotakan worshipped Shiva here. Nala worshipped Shiva here too.

Great Rishis namely Gautama, Parashara and Bhageeratha are said to be associated with this place of worship. Devotees may contact this temple for any ritual.

Elsewhere, rituals for Kaal Sarpa Dosham are performed in Kaalhasti temple which is about 20 kms. away from Tirupathi.

For further details, devotees may take help of internet where necessary information is available.



VASUKEESHWAR - VARANASI



RAHU TEMPLE THIRUNAGESHWARAM

NADI DOSHAM

Nadi literally means pulse which controls the health and life aspect of a human. Nadi in astrology means one of the eight Ashta that are used to calculate the compatibility of aspiring life partners. There are three different Nadis Aadi (start), Madhya (middle) and Antya (end) and different Nakshatras (stars) are grouped under the three Nadis.

- 1) Aadi Nadi : People born in Ashwani (Aswati), Ardhra (Tiruvadirai), Punarvasu (Punarpoosam), Uttaraphalguni (Uthiram), Hastam, Jyeshta (Kettai), Moolam, Satabisha (Sathayam) & Poorvabhadrapada (Poorattathi) have Aadi Nadi.
- 2) Madhya Nadi : People born in Bharani, Mrigasira, Pushya, Poorvaphalguni (Pooram), Chitra (Chitrai), Anuradha (Anusham), Poorvashadha (Pooradam), Dhanshita (Avittam) & Uttarabhadrapada (Uttrattathi) have Madhya Nadi .
- 3) Antya Nadi : People born in Kritika, Rohini, Aslesha (Aayilyam), Magha, Swati, Vishakha, Uttarashadha (Uttradam), Sravana (Tiruvonam) & Revati Nakshtras have Antya Nadi .

Nadi is one of the important Kootas in match making for the purpose of marriage in Vedic Astrology . Nadi Koota indicate whether the couple's ethereal vibrations will complement each other or not.

While matching horoscopes of partners, in north India, Nakshatra Malepak is seen where 36 points of matching are

considered. If there are more than 18 points of matching, then generally the parents of the boy and girl proceed further.

In South India, there is a different set of parameters wherein 10 points of matching are considered, where in Nadi does not find mention. In North Indian cases, it is advised that if both boy and girl have same Nadi, marriage should not be conducted. This is called Nadi Dosh.

Marriage of boy and girl having same Nadi can have many problems like health, mental peace etc. Therefore, parents generally avoid cases with same Nadi.

Though there is no cancellation of Nadi Dosh, experienced astrologers believe that if both boy and girl are under the same star, they may proceed with the marriage, if other social factors are favourable.

REMEDIES FOR NADI DOSH

IN KASHI

If parents of boy and girl decide to proceed further in case of Nadi dosh in case of same star or in cases where marriage has been conducted without horoscope matching but there is Nadi Dosh, Maha Mrityunjay Jaap is to be done for minimum 5000 times in Mrityunjay temple in Kashi, under guidance from a learned Pundit.

Details about Mrityunjay temple can be gathered from our Site www.Varanasi-Temples.com.

SHANI DOSHAM

Shani Dosham is feared by one and all as it affects all persons in one way or the other.

Shani Dosham is of the following types:

1. Weak or unfavourable Shani in Rasi, at time of birth.
2. Weak or unfavourable Shani in Navamsha at the time of birth.
3. Due to planetary movements, when Shani is in the fourth house from Janma Rasi, it is called Kandaka Shani. Janma Rasi is that rasi where Chandra is situated at the time of birth.
4. When Shani is in the eighth house with respect to Chandra Rasi, it is known as Ashtama Shani.
5. When Shani, by planetary movements enters the 12th Rasi and then travels through the Janma Rasi and passes through 2nd Rasi, it is called Saade Saati or Ezhrai Shani. Shani remains for two and half years in one Rasi and the total time for three rasis is seven and half years.

For eg. Shani entered Vrishchika Rasi sometime in December 2014. So, people born in Tula Rasi are having last period of Saade Saati, those in Vrishchika Rasi are in the middle period and those in Dhanu Rasi are facing the first period of Saade Saati.

In respect of adverse planetary transits, the most tormenting time is when Shani is in the eighth rasi (ashtama Shani), followed by Shani in Janma Rasi (middle period of Saade Saati), and then Shani in 4th (in such decreasing order).

VARIOUS ILL EFFECTS OF SHANI DOSHAM

A debilitated Shani in horoscope at the time of birth makes a person mean, cruel, selfish, lethargic and he will develop a passing the buck tendency.

He will try to avoid responsibilities and will be a general failure in his studies and professional life. He will need to constantly prodded to do his own work.

Due to planetary transits also, people are affected in various ways.

The effects of Gochar (planetary movement) of Shani in 4th from Janma Rasi, 8th house, Saade Saati can be easily ascertained from various sources including sites in internet. Listing them out in detail will lead to highlighting the negativities whereas the author desires to concentrate on remedies.

REMEDIES FOR SHANI DOSHAM

Those having Shani dosham should follow the practical suggestions :

- a. Learn to develop patience. Listen to people patiently before jumping into any decisions.
- b. Give respect to elders and try to learn from their experience. It will help in various ways as also getting their blessings.
- c. If you face any problem, write it down in a diary and write down the different solutions. Try to analyse the different solutions and work out each and every solution. You are sure to find an appropriate solution.

d. During temporary bad periods due to Shani's transit like Saade Saati, Ashtam Shani etc., do not form any new friendship. Do not try to take any additional responsibility.

As there are chances of legal problems, do not enter into any sort of agreement, unless you are fully aware of the implications.

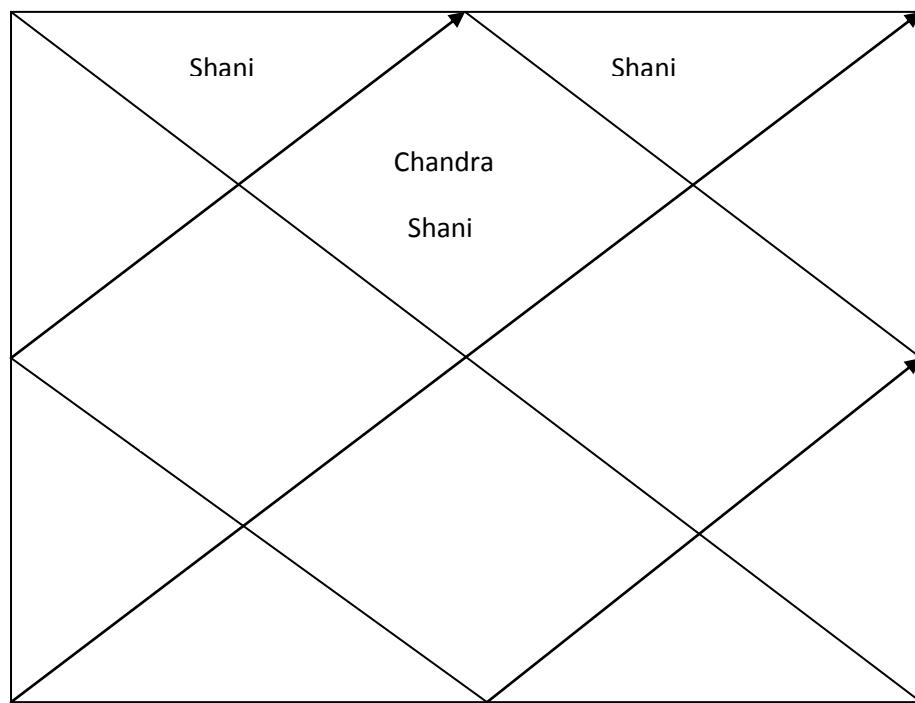
Also, as health problems will arise, it is advisable to avoid long distance travels and also to avoid outside food as much as possible.

SPIRITUAL REMEDIES

Shani is debilitated in Mesh Rasi. Those born with severe afflictions in the horoscope like debilitated (Neecha) Shani in rasi or navamsha or both, should propitiate Shani.

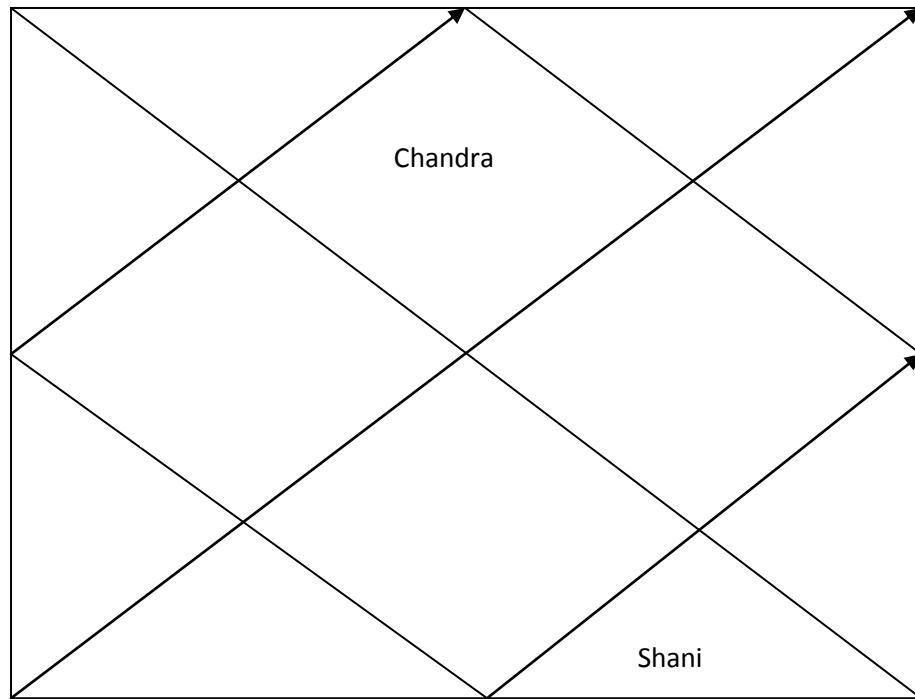
On all Saturdays, in the mornings they should perform Abhishek of Shiv Ling preferably with Ganga water or with any pure water. During twilight time, they should worship Hanuman temple and light til oil lamps.

Those with temporary Shani afflictions due to planetary movements, should do the above rituals till the time the temporary affliction lasts, say two and half years or seven and half years etc. But they should do it without fail.



Shani	Chandra Shani	Shani	

SHANI – SAADE SAATI (EZHARAI SHANI)



			Shani
	Chandra		

SHANI – ASHTAMA SHANI

REMEDIES FOR SHANI IN KASHI

According to Kashi Khand, Surya was born to Kashyap and Dakshayani. Surya married a lady named Sangya, who was very devoted to her husband, as is expected of dutiful wives.

In due course, two sons and one daughter were born to them. The first one was a boy named Vaivasvathamanu, second again a boy named Yamraj and third was a girl named Yamuna. However, Sangya somehow felt that the heat emanating from Surya was increasingly becoming unbearable.

Sangya created a clone of herself who was named Chhaya (shadow). She was an alter ego (splitting image) of Sangya. Under instructions from Sangya, Chhaya was to perform the role of Sangya, spend her life as wife of Surya, without disclosing the secret to any one. She was also expected to take good care of the above three children. After getting an assurance from Chhaya, Sangya went away to her father's house.

After some time, Chhaya gave birth to three children of which the second one was Shani. But once her own children were born she started showing lesser and lesser love to the children of Sangya. Surya came to know about this and got extremely angry whereupon, Chhaya divulged the secret. However, considering her innocence, Surya pardoned her.

Surya went in search of Sangya who was undergoing severe and intense prayers. Surya was overwhelmed and pardoned her too. The boy Shani, born out of Surya and Chhaya came to Kashi, installed a Ling which was later called Shaneswar and started worshipping Lord Shiva. He was blessed by Lord Shiva.

A person who has darshan of this Ling and performs pooja of this Ling on Saturdays will be free from all his afflictions on account of Shani (Shani Dasa, Sade-Saathi etc.) (Kashi Khand Chapter 17). As on date, this sacred Ling is situated in the premises of Vishwanatha Temple.

Afflicted persons should visit the above temple on Saturdays and worship both Vishwanath Ling and Shaneeshwar ling by performing Ganga Jal Abhishek and offering of Vilva Leaves. If temple authorities permit, they may offer til oil to Shaneeshwar Ling also. Such rituals will give multiple effects.

If the devotee follows this religiously and takes practical precautions as mentioned above, he can safely ward off the evils of Shani Dosham.

REMEDIES IN TAMIL NADU

In Tamil Nadu, there is a temple dedicated to Shani in Tirunallar in Karaikkal near Kumbakonam. Though it is geographically located close to and accessible from Kumbakonam, politically it falls in the Union Territory of Pondichery. For going to that place, it is advisable to engage a taxi which has got Pondichery permit. Or bus travel from Kumbakonam can be undertaken.

The temple is known Shri Darbaranyeswarar Temple. Majority of devotees throng the temple for relief from the effects Saturn in their life. They take an oil bath in the Nalatheertham, (Sacred Pond) offer prayers to Kalitheertha Vinayaka, break coconuts and worship Baghwan Sani the planet Saturn.

Offering prayers at this temple is believed to reduce the ill effects of Shani and increase the positive effects. For over

thousand years Hindus have visited this temple and have found their misfortunes and bad luck to decrease as this is the only temple in the world where Lord Shani lost his power to Lord Shiva.

Worshipping of Lord Shani helps people to develop a positive mindset even during the harshest of Shani periods. While it is true that offering worship here decreases the difficult effects and increases the positive effects of Saturn it does not completely eliminate the hardships we will face due to Shani Bhagawan. The true benefit of offering prayers is to get a positive mental attitude that helps us understand the deeper lessons that Shani Bhagawan wants us to learn.

It is the staunch belief and experience too that those afflicted by the adverse effects of Saturn get a relief after praying to the Saturn in the Darbaranyeswarar temple. They also come here for repentance from sins, curing of diseases, getting oratory skills. Above all, it is believed that the devotees get total mental peace.

Those facing evil effects of Saturn, light lamps with gingely oil and with black Til (Sesame seeds). If more than one member of the family is afflicted, the devotees also perform Navagraha Shanti Homas (a puja to satisfy and calm down the anger of the planets).

Elsewhere, there is a temple dedicated to Lord Shani in Shingnapur near Shirdi which is also visited by devotees.



**SHANEESHWAR LING VARANASI
(INSIDE VISHWANATH TEMPLE)**



LORD SHANI THIRUNALLAR

AFFLICTION TO PLANET SUN (SURYA)

Sun or Surya represents father, administration, aatma and inner self in a person. Sun is very powerful (exalted or uchha) in Mesh Rasi and powerless (debilitated or Neecha) in Tula Rasi. Sun stays in one rasi for one month.

According to Chapter 22, Shlok 44 and 45 of Saravali (a famous text on Astrology) by Kalyana Verma, if the Sun is in Tula Rasi at the time of birth, the person will face frustration, destruction and heavy expenditure, will be intent on living in places far away from family (out of distress), be wicked, mean, be devoid of affection, will live by selling gold and other metals.

The person will be bereft of fatherly protection, he may lose ancestral property and any help from father's side.

He will be jealous, will develop inferiority complex, be fond of doing others' jobs, will have bad character, be dirty, will incur royal contempt and be shameless.

The above effects should not be applied verbatim, if there are other good planets to mitigate the evil properties. The bad results will be felt during Sun's Dasa and Bhukti periods. If Sun is afflicted with evil combinations, the results will be all the more negative.

As practical remedies, persons with Sun afflictions should give utmost respect to their father and fatherly persons (Uncles etc.). On all important things, they should seek advice of elders and they should not take rash decisions on their own.

REMEDIES FOR EVIL EFFECTS OF SURYA IN KASHI

According to Kashi Khand, Chapter 49, Lord Surya installed a Shiv Ling near Pancha Ganga Ghat and started intense prayers to Lord Shiva.

Lord Shiva appeared in person and blessed Lord Surya and granted him divine wishes. Lord Shiva stated that the ling installed by Lord Surya be called Gabhasteeshwar.

Kashi Khand also states that there are twelve Adityas (Surya) in Kashi and one of them viz. Mayukh Aditya is located in the temple which houses Gabhasteeshwar Ling.

A person suffering due to afflictions of Surya in his horoscope can get remedies by worshipping in this temple on Sundays. If Sunday combines with Shashti or Saptami, the day becomes all the more auspicious. The temple is located in the vicinity of Panch Ganga Ghat.

Devotees may take bath in Ganges nearby and perform pooja and prayers in this temple for seeking remedial measures.

It is preferable if the rituals are done for at least three Sundays continuously.

REMEDIES FOR EVIL EFFECTS OF SURYA IN TAMIL NADU

Thanjavur-Kumbakonam belt of Tamil Nadu has temples dedicated to each of the Navagrahas.

Among those temples, Sooriyanar Temple is located towards the East of Kumbakonam on Kumbakonam - Mayiladuthurai road. Details of the temple can be found in various sites in Internet and other sources.

It is stated in one of the inscriptions found in the temple that it was built in the reign of Kulottunga Choladeva (AD 1060-1118) and was called Kulottungachola-Marttandalaya.

Lord Siva, pleased with their devotion absolved the devotees of their sins and decried that there will be nine sannadhis for the navagrahas in the Suryanar temple (this is the only temple where all the navagrahas are present with separate sannadhis) and those who pray here will get relief from their problems.

Devotees may take the guidance of the temple authorities in performing remedial poojas. As stated earlier, Sunday is the best day and a combination of Shashti or Saptami with Sunday will be more fruitful.



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SURYA TEMPLE TAMIL NADU

AFFLICTIONS AND DOSHAS BY PLANET MOON

Moon travels through all the twelve rashis in roughly 27 days and stays in one rashi for about two and quarter days.

Moon is very powerful in Rishabha Rasi and extremely powerless in Vrishchika Rasi. It also loses its power when afflicted with evil planets.

In any horoscope, for the planets to exhibit their powers, moon should have above average strength. If moon is in Vrishchika Rasi (Scorpio) he is powerless and if he is in the last quarter of Kettai (Jyeshta) Nakshatra, he will be in Vrishchika Rasi in Navamsha also. This is called Vargottama Neecha (extremely powerless)

GANDHANTHA DOSHAM

There are following three types of Gandantha Dosham. Brihat Parashar Shastra, Chapter 92 mentions three instances of Gandantha Dosham with respect to Nakshatra (Star) and consequently Moon.

Each Nakshatra (Star) rules roughly for one day. Therefore, the 4 paadams (quarters) of each Nakshatra are for roughly 6 hours and each paadam has 4 sub-paadams (quarters) which is about 1.1/2 hours (90 minutes).

The three types of Nakshatra Gandhantha Doshams are as follows :

- i. When the ruling star is Aayilyam (Ashlesha), last 90 minutes and ruling star is Makam (Makha) first 90 minutes comprise the Gandhantha time. For eg. If on a particular day, Ashlesha is ruling till 5.00 p.m.,

whereafter Magha Nakshatra rules; then the time from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. is the Gandhantha time (inauspicious). A child born during this period of 3 hours is said to be suffering from Gandhatha Dosham.

In other words, junction of two Stars viz. last 90 minutes of Aayilyam star and first 90 minutes of Magham star (total 3 hours) comprise the Gandhantha period.

- ii. Again, the last 90 minutes of Kettai (Jyeshta) and the first 90 minutes of Moola nakshatra (total 3 hours) also denotes Gandhantha Dosham.
- iii. The third Gandhantha time occurs during the last 90 minutes of Revati and first 90 minutes of Aswini (3 hours).
- iv. The most evil of the above three Gandhantha periods is the time pertaining to Kettai (Jyeshta) – Moola combination. Sage Parashar has termed it as Abhukta Moola (Chapter 93 ibid).
- v. It is stated that remedial measures should be performed immediately after birth of the child.

But due to lack of awareness or due to non belief in these scriptures, many people tend to ignore. The evil effects of Gandhantha Dosham will start reflecting in later years.

There are some other evil Doshams on account of Moon which are as under :

KEM DRUM YOG

Brihat Parashar Hora Shastra which is considered to be Bible of Astrology mentions in Chapter 37, Shlok 11 to 13 about this Yog. If moon is located alone in any rasi and there are no planets in the next house and in the house preceding that rasi, this results in Kem Drum Yog. Also there should be no planet in the seventh house from Moon.

This is a Daridra Yog whereby it is believed that even a king born under this Yog will lose all his wealth.

SHAKATA YOG

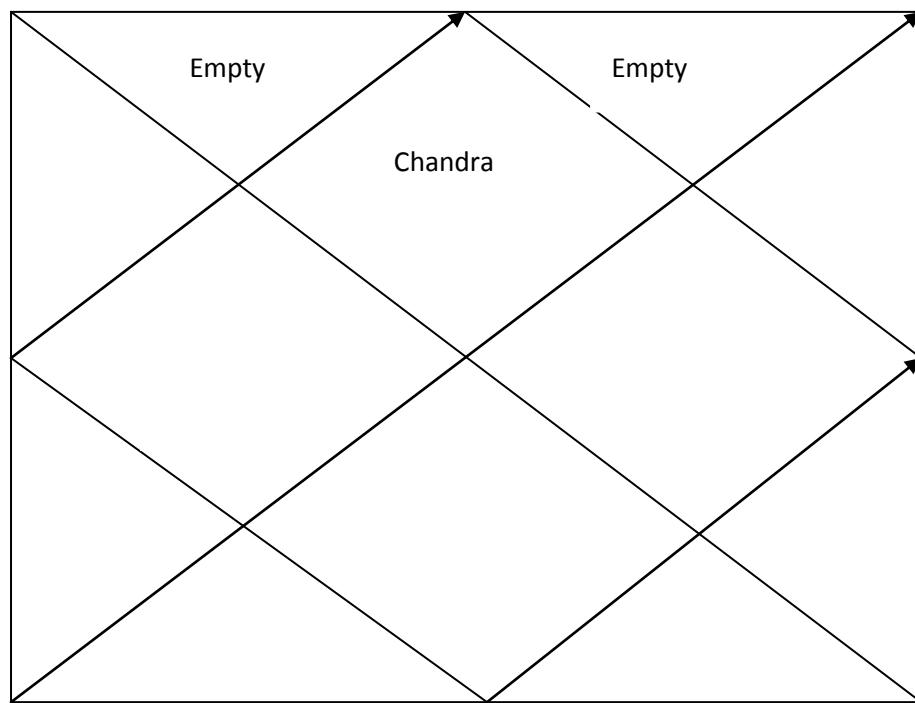
In his book “Three Hundred Important Combinations” the author who is a learned astrologer, Shri B.V. Raman states about Shakata Yog.

When moon is in 6th or 8th house from Jupiter (Guru), this results in Shakata Yog.

By chance if there is Shakata Yog and Kem Drum Yog in a horoscope, it is a foregone conclusion that the person will live in abject penury. Even if he has considerable wealth, he will lose it and will not be able to enjoy it.

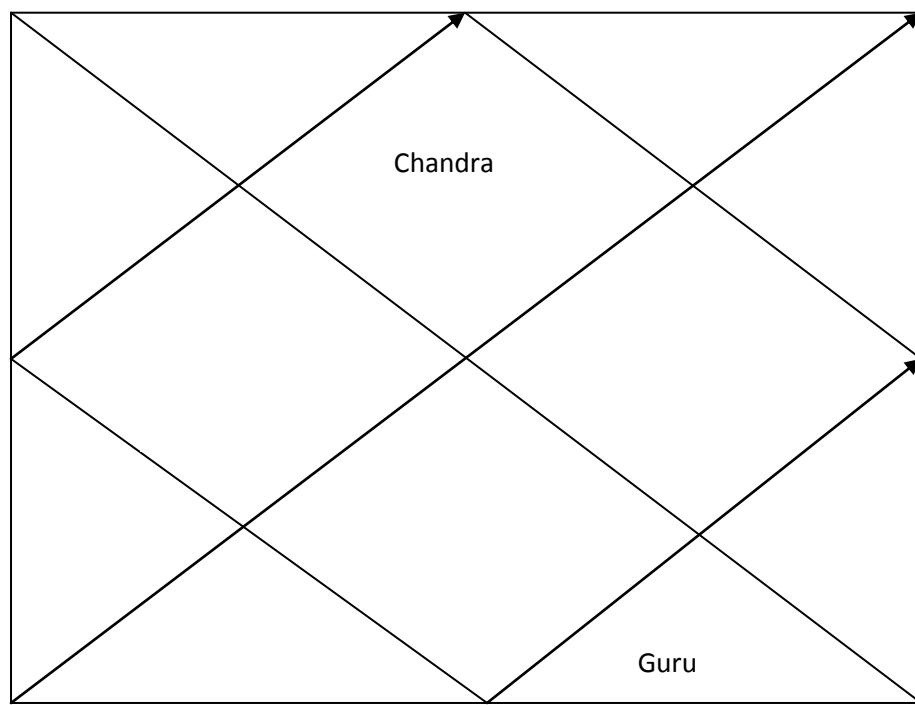
PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

People found to be having either of these Yogas or both of them should not engage in any form of business. They should not indulge in any speculative activities and the parents should inculcate a habit of savings from the early days.



(Empty)	Chandra	(Empty)	

KEM DRUM YOG



	Chandra		
	Guru		

SHAKAT YOG

REMEDIES FOR MOON IN KASHI

According to Kashi Khand Chandra (Moon) installed a Ling named as Chandreshwar for worshipping Lord Shiva. Chandra also dug one Koop (Well) which is known as Chandra Koop. Chandreshwar Ling is one of the Navgraha Shiv Lings and people who undertake Navagraha Yatras perform pooja of Chandreshwar Ling.

After installing this Ling, Chandra undertook rigorous intense penance (Tapas) to propitiate Lord Shiva. This went on for several years after which Lord Shiva appeared in person and blessed Chandra. Lord Shiva stated that the place where the Ling was installed is a Shakti Peeth (seat of vital energy). A person who performs pooja and archana at Chandreshwar Ling on Poornima days (Full Moon) will attain highest level of prosperity and happiness.

Lord Shiva also attached special importance to Amavasya which falls on Mondays (Somvati Amavasya). Devotees should perform Pooja of Chandreshwar on Triodasi (two days before the Amavasya), observe fast on Chaturdasi (one day before Amavasya). Finally on Somvati Amavasya, the devotees should take bath in Chandra Koop, perform Shraaddh Karma for their forefathers. This will give them ultimate happiness and the blessings of their forefathers.

If for some reason, the rituals for forefathers cannot be performed, devotee should at least touch the water of Chandra Koop. Again, if for some reason, the devotee is not able to touch the water of Chandra Koop, he should at least see it so as to get the benefits prescribed in the above paragraph.

After performing the pooja etc. as mentioned above, devotees should perform Annadan (Offering of food) to Sanyasis (Saints)

etc. On poornima days in the month of Chaitra (March – April), if the Star Chitra coincides, they should undertake the above poojas etc. of Chandreshwar. Even if a staunch devotee of Chandreshwar, dies in any place other than Kashi, he is certain to reach heaven. (Kashi Khand, Chapter 14).

Worshipping Chandreshwar Ling gives mental peace and clarity in thoughts. Those who have afflictions in their horoscope on account of adverse planetary position of moon, perform special poojas at Chandreshwar temple for remedy. Chandreshwar Ling also finds mention in Ling Puraan, chapter 1 of the supplement thereto.

REMEDIES FOR MOON IN TAMIL NADU

The temple which has Chandra (Moon) deity is in Thingalur near Kumbakonam.

Chandra (Moon) is also hailed as Thingal and his abode is Thingalur. It is here that Chandran prayed to Lord Siva and got his blessings. As Chandran is held in the locks of Lord Siva, all devotees who worship Lord Shiva invariably worship this planet.

According to legend, the Devas and asuras were churning the ocean using the snake Vasuki. The asuras held the head portion of the snake and the devas, the tail portion. The poison emitted by Vasuki was consumed by Lord Siva to save the devas, but the toxicity of venom affected the Devas who swooned on its impact. Alongwith the nectar (amritham), Chandran emerged and it was he who revived the Devas.

It is believed that the Amrit (Nectar) was being distributed by Lord Vishnu to Devaas and one Asura disguised as Devaa

consumed the Nectar. Surya and Chandra noticed this and complained to Lord Vishnu who threw his Chakra and cut the Asura in two parts. The head of the Asura joined with a snake's body to become Rahu and the body portion kept growing because the Amrit (Nectar) was taking its effect.

The body portion later joined with the head of a snake and became Ketu. Rahu and Ketu did not forgive Surya and Chandra. Rahu went after Chandran and started consuming him.

Chandra worshipped Lord Shiva in Thingalur and got his blessings. Lord Shiva blessed Chandra with the power to grow back to full size in 15 days after being consumed by Rahu. Because of this we see waxing and waning moon.

Lord Shiva also blessed Chandra by adorning Chandra on his forehead so that anyone who prays Lord Shiva will have to pray Lord Chandra also.

By praying to Lord Chandra, the afflictions mentioned in previous paragraphs can be overcome. Wealth, mother's/wife's happiness, Govt's help, ownership of vehicle, marriage, offsprings, prosperity, foreign travel will be bestowed on his devotees.

The temple for Lord Chandra is in Thingalur, which is located 36 kms from Kumbakonam, enroute to Thiruvaiyaru. The presiding deity is Kailasanathar (Shiva). Devotees may contact the temple authorities for special poojas etc. Details can be ascertained from internet.



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திங்கலூர்.

**LORD CHANDRA, THINGALUR,
TAMIL NADU**

AFFLICTIONS AND DOSHAS BY

PLANET BUDHA (MERCURY)

A person having a powerful and well placed Budha (Mercury) in the horoscope will be intelligent, calculative, expert in Mathematics and will become a scholar.

Budha is very powerful in Kanya Rasi and is extremely weak in Meen Rasi. It goes without saying that a person having Budha in Meen Rasi will have the opposite of above qualities. Again, if he is in combination with other evil planets, he becomes all the more negative.

As far as practical suggestion is concerned, a person with weak Budha should be given strong educational support right from the childhood. When the person comes to professional career, he should not engage in any business on a solo basis. There should be family support. Financial line should be avoided.

REMEDIES FOR BUDHA IN KASHI

According to Kashi Khand, Chapter 15, Lord Budha (mercury) installed a Shiv Ling in one of the powerful Shakti Peeths in Kashi known as Pancha Mudra Maha Peeth. The Shiv Ling is known as Budheshwar.

People worshipping this Ling will get the highest level of intelligence and will remain as such despite the age. The prayers/worship should be performed for at least seven Wednesdays.

REMEDIES FOR BUDHA IN

TAMIL NADU

Among the Navagraha temples around Thanjavur, the temple dedicated to Budha Bhagawan is in Thiruvengadu (Swetharanyeshwar temple) which is about 10 kms. near Sirkazhi. It is accessible from Thanjavur or Kumbakonam by road.

Swetharanyeswarar Temple is a Hindu temple located in the town of Thiruvengadu near Sirkazhi. The main deity is Shiva - Swetharanyeswarar ("lord of white forest") and the goddess is Brahma Vidya ambal.

There is a separate place of worship for Budha (mercury). The temple is quite large and all four important Saivite saints have sung in praise of this lord.

This temple is especially known for its unique incarnate of Lord Shiva called "Agora Murthi". He is one of the main god who is being prayed in this village.

Thiruvengadu village is also famous for its unique structure of pools in temples. This temple has 3 pools, 3 Gods. It is a belief that one who takes bath in all these pools, will be free from their problems like diseases, delay in marriage, etc.

Regular pooja/rituals in respect of Budha (mercury) are done with great divinity. Whereas in Kashi, devotees can themselves perform the poojas/ abhishek etc., in Thiruvengadu, the devotees will have to take the help of temple authorities.

Devotees readers are advised to proceed further by getting details in the Net.



BUDHESHWAR VARANASI



BUDHAN THIRUVENGADU

LORD BUDHA TAMIL NADU

AFFLICTIONS AND DOSHAS BY

PLANET GURU (JUPITER)

Guru or Jupiter is an important planet in any horoscope. A powerful Guru in the horoscope is capable of mitigating the evil effects caused by other planets. When Guru is well placed, the Lord blesses the person with luck, wealth, name, fame, happy, respected and prosperous life. The person will be very religious with lot of people following him.

Guru is highly powerful in Kataka (Karka) Rasi and neecha/powerless in Makara Rasi. If in neecha house, Guru will exhibit his evil deeds during his Dasa and Bhukti periods.

In planetary motions, Guru stays in one Rasi for roughly one year. The transit of Guru from one rasi to the next is called Guru Peyarchi or Gochar. When Guru is in the janma rasi or 8th or 12th house from janma rasi, it produced evil effects.

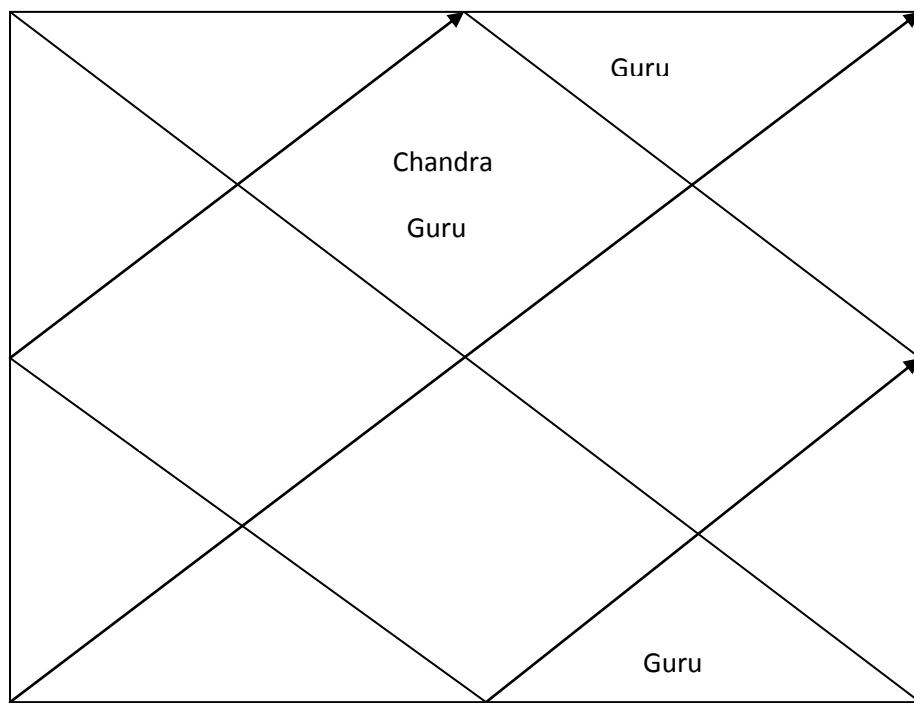
For example, if a person is born under Bharani Star (Mesha Rasi), Guru will produce evil effects when he is transiting Meen Rasi, Mesha Rasi and Vrischika Rasi.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

Persons passing through dasa/bhukti of Guru when the planet is debilitated in the horoscope or those who are facing adverse Gochar effects as above should be very careful in forming new friends during such periods. They should not disclose their secrets to anyone.

Professionally, they should discuss their affairs with only those who are concerned (like their immediate bosses etc).

They should respect their elders, preferably father like persons.



Guru	Chandra Guru		
	Guru		

ADVERSE PLANETARY POSITIONS OF GURU

REMEDIES FOR GURU IN KASHI

Brihaspati or Guru was the son of Angira. He was having all the good qualities of a gentleman, leader, good Samaritan, respectful to the elders and teachers etc.

He came to Kashi, installed a Shiv Ling and performed prayers to Lord Shiva for several years at a stretch. Lord Shiva appeared before him through that Ling in the form of Jyoti (Divine Light).

On seeing Lord Shiva, Brihaspati became ecstatic and started singing praises of Lord Shiva whereupon the Lord granted that Brihaspati will be the Lord of all Devas. Since Brihaspati had sung prayers of Lord Shiva, the latter also granted that Brihaspati will be called Vachaspati (having excellence in speech). The Ling installed by Brihaspati will be called Brihaspateeshwar.

Lord Shiva further stated, a devotee who performs pooja etc. of Brihaspateeshwar on a regular basis will get all his wishes fulfilled. Lord Shiva then summoned Lord Brahma, Lord Indra and other Devas. With all those celestial around, Lord Shiva ordained that Vachaspati (Brihaspati) will be the Guru (Teacher) of all Devas. Vachaspati will become the lord of all intelligent persons.

A devotee who performs prayers at Brihaspateeshwar on Thursday when Pushyami Star conjoins, will be successful in all his endeavours. (Pushyami star is called Poosam in Tamil and Pooyam in Malayalam).

A person who prays to Brihaspateeshwar for six consecutive months is cleansed of all his sins. (Kashi Khand, Chapter 17). Further, this ling also finds mention in Ling Puraan, Chapter 6 of the supplement.

Those having weak Guru in horoscope or when they are passing through evil Guru transit (Guru Peyarchi/gochar) should worship Lord Brihaspateeshwar in Kashi. For knowing effects of Guru Peyarchi, the devotees can access various sites in Internet through Google.

REMEDIES FOR GURU IN TAMIL NADU

Alangudi is the divine place, where Lord Guru can be propitiated in the form of Sri Dakshinamurthy. This place is located about 10 kms. near Kumbakonam. Performance of Pooja on Thursdays will give proper effect.

Abathsagayeswarar Temple – Alangudi

The temple which houses Guru Bhagawan is known as “Abathsagayeswarar temple” located in Alangudi. Lord Guru Bhagavan or Lord Dakshinamurthy is one of the “Navagrahas” and is referred to the planet Jupiter. The main deity of the temple is Lord Shiva.

According to legend Alangudi is the place where Lord Shiva consumed the deadly poison as emitted during the churning of the ocean (Saagar Manthan). Hence the place is known as Alangudi, which literally means ‘the place where Lord Shiva consumed the deadly poison’ and the Lord was known as “Aabathsagayeshwarar” (One who defends from the danger).

Poojas and Worship for Lord Guru

Legend has it that Lord Dakshinamurthy is said to have preached the Devas who became unconscious under the impact of the poison that came out of the churning of the milky

ocean. He is called as Brahaspathi or Brihaspati for his excellence in education and fine arts.

Special poojas are performed on Thursdays. Devotees may personally visit the temple for worship after taking necessary guidance.

If more than one person in the family are affected by evil transits of Guru, it is advisable to visit the temple personally for rituals etc.



BRIHASPATEESHWAR VARANASI



GURU BHAGAWAN, ALANGUDI TAMIL NADU

AFFLICTIONS AND DOSHAS BY

PLANET SHUKRA (VENUS)

Planet Shukra denotes fine arts, music, beauty, vehicles and is vivaha karaka (significator for marriage).

This planet plays an important role in horoscopes of girls because any affliction to this planet will cause delays and difficulties in marriage of girls.

Combination of Shukra with Shani or Rahu or Ketu is evil and any combination with Mangal (Mars) will create obstacles in marriage.

Shukra becomes extremely powerful in Meen rasi and extremely powerless in Kanya rasi. If a girl has Shukra and Shani/Ketu in Kanya rasi which happens to be seventh house, it will be very bad.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

A person having weak Shukra in horoscope should treat elderly ladies with high respect. He/she should not insult them at all.

Such persons should not take music as their profession. In business, they should not follow the line of gems and jewelry, ladies items like sarees etc., they should not involve in transport business.

They should seek the blessings of Goddess in any form.



SHUKRESHWAR VARANASI



LORD SHUKRA KANJANUR

REMEDIES FOR SHUKRA IN KASHI

Lord Shukra once came to Kashi, dug a well (called Shukra Koop), installed a Shiv Ling and prayed to Lord Shiva.

After intense prayers, Lord Shiva appeared in person and blessed Shukra that the latter will be the most shining planet in the galaxy. According to Lord Shiva, persons whose marriages are performed during the time when Shukra is in a good position, will be highly happy during their lives.

The Ling installed by Shukra came to known as Shukreshwar and a devotee who regularly worships this ling will remain happy all along. Shukreshwar is located near a powerful Devi temple called Kalratri which is one of the nine Durgas. Therefore, the entire area is considered very divine and powerful.

REMEDIES FOR SHUKRA IN TAMIL NADU

The place for worship of Shukra is located in Kanjanur village which is located 18 kilometres north-east of Kumbakonam. The name of the temple is “Agniswarar Temple”. Agnishwar is Lord Shiva and there is a separate place of worship for Shukra within that temple.

According to legend, in the Vamana Avataram of Lord Vishnu, Vamana sought three foot steps of land from Mahabali (King). Mahabali was about to make an agreement by giving water from his water pot (Kamandal). Realising Vamana to be no ordinary human being, Shukrachariyar assumed the form of a bee and tried to block the flow of water from the kamandal. Vamana picking up a blade of grass blinds Shukracharya in one eye while trying to unclog the hole in the kamandalam.

Shukracharya had the prowess to bring the dead to living by virtue of his knowledge of Amritha Sanjeevini Mantra. Using this mantra, in the asura war against the devas, he revived the slain asuras. This helped the asura army swell. The devas prayed to Lord Siva for help, who swallowed up Shukracharya in a fit of rage. After residing in Lord Siva's stomach in a siddha state, he later came out.

If a devotee sincerely worships Lord Shukra, he is endowed with wealth, pleasure, prosperity, vehicles etc. He is the next most beneficial planet after Guru. If in a person's horoscope, Shukra is well placed, then the person will enjoy pleasure, beautiful wife, wealth, house, vehicle, good food, fame, love, affection, marriage, siblings, governmental help, chance to govern the country/state and hold influential status.

People who are having afflictions on account of Shukra in their horoscope or even girls whose marriages are getting delayed on account of afflicted Shukra are advised to worship and perform poojas in this temple.

PITRU DOSH

On many occasions, people find themselves surrounded by various unexplained family problems like :

1. Repeated illness among children.
2. Failures in business initiatives.
3. Failures in exams.
4. Unwanted quarrel between husband and wife.
5. Loss of job.
6. Loss of honour

The list is endless. Learned elders many times attribute this to curse of forefathers (Pitrus). Astrologers dedicate this to Pitru Dosh. It is essential to know what is Pitru Dosh.

A human being is born in this world and has to do some good karmas (deeds). He/she has to die one day. As per various Puranas especially Garuda Purana, the evil deeds done by that person will not vanish just by his death. Also, any person may have died an unnatural death and necessary rituals may not have been performed for him.

Besides, the dead persons may have committed some heinous deeds during their life time like insulting ladies especially married women, humiliating elders, learned persons etc. Such sins do not get washed off just like that. The off springs of such persons are expected to perform proper rituals in places like Kashi, Gaya etc., so that the departed souls may get Mukti (liberation) from the all the deeds attached to them.

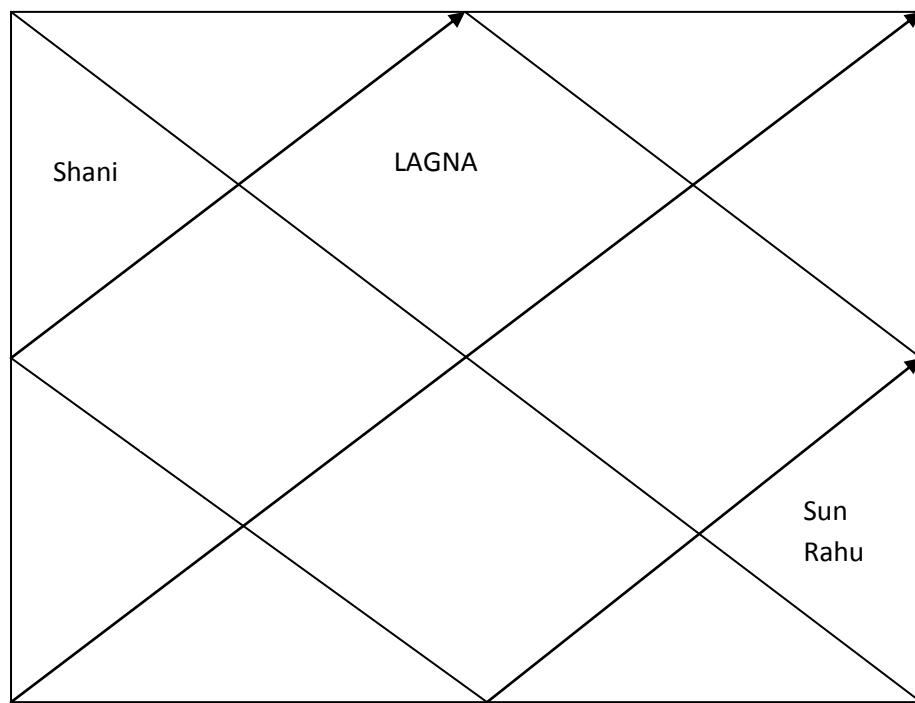
Many times, when a person is in death bed, lot of persons perform Donations and other auspicious rituals on that person's behalf so that he/she gets Mukti. Also it is widely believed that a person dying in religious places like Kashi etc. automatically gets Mukti.

No father or grandfather will knowingly curse their children or grand children. It is the evil deeds which they may have committed which acts as a curse on the present day descendants. This is called Pitru Dosh. Some Dosh may last for several generations. It is believed that any act of humiliation committed on a married lady may cause a curse to last for 3 generations. Married ladies (Sumangali/Suhagan) are considered equivalent to Goddess.

PITRU DOSH IN ASTROLOGY

In the horoscope, the 9th house represents house of father and Pitrus. The fifth house represents Poorva Punya Sthanam and Planet Surya is the Pitru Karaka. If any of the above three places mentioned above is afflicted by the combination of Rahu, this denotes Pitru Dosh.

If the ninth house is occupied by Surya and Rahu (other than Simha Rasi) and Shani is in 3rd house, it is a classic case of Pitru Dosh.



	Lagna		Shani
Surya Rahu			

PITRU DOSH

REMEDIES FOR PITRU DOSH

First and foremost, it is essential to understand about Pitru Dosh. People should not blindly attribute any mishappenings to Pitru Dosh.

1. On all the death anniversaries of the parents (Punya Tithis), Shradh Karma should be performed.
2. If for some reason this is not done, the Karma should be performed on the Pitru Paksh (15 days before Sharadeya Navratri).
3. Shradh Karma at Kashi or Gaya should be performed at least once in a life time. This is in addition to the annual Shradh rituals.
4. Just before any auspicious rituals in household (Mangal Karya) like marriage etc., on any Friday, a pooja to honour Suhagan/Sumangali (married ladies) should be performed.
5. On Amavasya falling on Monday (Somvati Amavasya), 108 circumambulations (Pradakshina) of Peepal Tree should be performed and some donation/charity should be given.
6. On all Sundays, Surya Gayatri should be recited at least 108 times around sunrise time.

REMEDIES FOR PITRU DOSH IN KASHI

According to Kashi Khand, Chapter 97 Goddess Parvaty wanted to know about various Shiv Lings and deities at several places in Kashi and Lord Shiva was pleased to narrate about such deities.

Kashi Khand mentions one Pitreshwar Ling near a Pond named as Pitri Kund.

Devotees who perform rituals for their forefathers at Pitri Kund and worship Pitreshwar Ling will make their forefathers very happy and in turn the devotees will always have their blessings. Such devotees will get relief from evil Dosh like Pitru Dosh.

There is one Kund (pond) known as Pitri Kund and very nearby there is another Teerth called Vimal Teerth which is now known as Pishach Mochan Kund. The local pundits believe that during Pitar Paksh (one fortnight just preceding Navratri in September-October), people perform rituals for their forefathers at Pitri Kund as also Vimal Teerth.



PITRESHWAR VARANASI



PITRI KUND VARANASI

DEVOTEES VISITING KASHI

For devotees visiting Kashi, the best time would be just after Shiv Ratri and before Holi.

If they miss this time period (probably due exams of children etc). they may visit just after Diwali but before 30th November. During these times, there will be lesser crowd.

While intending to perform pooja/ archana of a specific temple, they may worship other temples also and seek blessings of Gods and Goddesses.

Kashi finds mention in various Puranas like Skanda Purana, Kashi Khand, Linga Puraan, Shiv Puraan etc.

DEVOTEES VISITING THANJAVUR

FOR NAVAGRAHA TEMPLES

The Navagraha temples are said to be located near Thanjavur but devotees are advised to make their base camp at Kumbakonam.

According to Learned Pundits in Kumbakonam all sins committed elsewhere get washed away by performing pooja at Kashi. But any sin committed unknowingly in Kashi gets washed off by praying Lord Kumbeshwar in Kumbakonam.

“Anya Kshetrey Kritam Paapam,

Kashi Kshetrey Vinashyati,

Kashi Kshetrey Kritam Paapam,

Kumbakoney Vinashyati.

There are various powerful temples dedicated to Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu in Kumbakonam. Devotees can worship all temples and perform poojas at Navagra temples also.

About 60 Kms. away from Kumbakonam, the famous town of Tiruchirapally is located which houses three important temples, viz. Rockfort Vinayak temple, Tiruvanaikaval and Ranganathaswamy temple at Srirangam.

The author prays to Lord Vishwanatha, Goddess Annapurna and Goddess Vishalakshi of Kashi to free the devotees of all afflictions. May Almighty Lord bless us all.
