

INTERPRETING THE HOROSCOPE

In this section I'd like to include information essential to the overall interpretation of the horoscope. This will include a discussion of planetary combinations (yogas), lordship positions, planetary aspects, and pointers on how to judge the strength or weakness of each planet and each house.

After erecting the horoscope, the first thing that will be noticeable are the planets that are in their exaltation signs, their own signs or their debilitation signs. For example, if Jupiter is exalted (in Cancer) in the first house, it will immediately catch the astrologer's eye, and will give the impression of a significant and probably righteous personality. Similarly, if Saturn is debilitated in Aries in the eighth house, various problems may come to mind, like weak longevity, sinful habits, etc. However, it is inadvisable to reach premature conclusions upon seeing obviously strong or weak planetary configurations. The following will describe a deeper way to understanding the chart as a whole.

The first thing an astrologer should notice is probably the position of the lord of the ascendant. In judging the strength of each house of a chart, you first consider the strength or weakness of the lord of the house. Since the first house is the foundation of the horoscope, look first to the condition of the lord of the first house. If the lord is well situated, the person's life may be fulfilling, or they may occupy a high status in society, or their life may be directed towards auspicious goals.

Next look at the Moon's situation. If the Moon is fortified by a good house or sign position, or by the aspects of benefic planets, then the person has a good mind or is inwardly strong and can deal with the dualities of life in this world. The Moon represents the subtle body. Just as a man wears a shirt and a coat, similarly the self, the atma or soul, wears a gross and subtle covering. The gross physical body made of material elements is represented by the Sun; and you can judge bodily characteristics largely by the Sun's position in a chart. The subtle body of mind is represented by the Moon. Mental and emotional characteristics are judged by the horoscopic position of the Moon.

The functions of the mind are thinking, feeling, and willing. The mind considers something; then there is the generation of desire or feeling towards something, and then there is the determination to act upon it. The Moon represents these thinking, feeling, and willing processes. After these mental functions, the senses of the gross body carry out the action. Therefore in Eastern astrology, or in India, when they ask what your sign is, they mean which sign the Moon is in in the horoscope. It is understood that the mind is the primary cause of all material actions and reactions. In Western astrology when they ask you what sign you are, they are asking about your Sun sign. It is typical of Western culture to think that the body (represented by the Sun) is the self, whereas those who are adherents of ancient India's Vedic culture are not so bewildered. They understand that the self is the soul within.

The soul is covered by the gross and subtle material energies. According to the description of the Vedas, the first creation is that of the subtle elements of false ego, intelligence (which is a representation of consciousness) and the mind (astrologically ruled by the Moon). The gross bodily forms take shape from the subtle principle, according to the mental condition of the soul entrapped within the body. It is clearly stated in *Bhagavad-gita* that the mind is the driving agent by which the self is carried from gross body to gross body in the wheel of samsara, the cycle of birth and death. Therefore to study the mental condition through the position of the Moon in the horoscope is of primary importance in understanding the nature of the material conditioning of the living entity.

It is also important to understand the Moon well so that you can advise each querent appropriately. In other words an astrologer should be sensitive to the thoughts and feelings of his client (which are represented by the Moon), and speak according to what each client can understand or what each client needs to hear. The relationship between the client and the astrologer is a very delicate one. The astrologer should be a learned and pious person who engages in his or her profession with a view towards uplifting humanity, and representing the Vedas properly. The client should have great respect for the astrologer and the astrological science, and should come to the astrologer bearing gifts. When the proper mood is established, predictions and advice will bear good fruit.

In the beginning of all astrological works of great sages, there are prayers or mantras offered to the Lord and His assistants, the demigods. Ganesha is particularly worshipped as the presiding deity of the astrological science. Due to the contamination of the science by unqualified dabblers and abusers of the art, people may consider astrology as a pseudo-mystic, cheater's process. The fact is that the astrological science is derived from the *Atharva-Veda*, which was spoken by the Supreme Lord Visnu Himself, and which was written down by His incarnation Vyasa Deva. Vyasa Deva (or Krishna) is the author of all Vedic literature and is viewed with great respect by all schools of Vedic study. Vyasa Deva's father was named Parasara Muni, another great sage. It is Parasara's writings, along with those of saints like Bhrgu, Gargamuni, etc., that are the standard-bearers of the Vedantist astrologer. Thus one who studies this science properly, from a representative of Vedic culture, is far, far advanced from those who write generalities to be published in mundane newspapers or who advertise some computerized recording over the television for personal fame and profit. It is warned in the Vedantic literature that one who abuses this science will be born blind in the next life or will enter the hellish regions. It is also stated in *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, tenth canto, that an intellectual who knows the science of the stars properly is the best of all brahmanas or teachers.

It should be stated that a person can learn some of the basic formulas of astrology and be able to understand their own horoscope to some degree just by reading this one book. If one intends to practice this science upon others, it will take years of devoted study before one can come to a satisfactory stage. My personal experience is that by practicing, memorizing, interpreting and praying each day for four or five hours, I started to really know what I was doing around my third or fourth year. One should not give predictions or advice to others unless one is in the practice for at least one to two years. It is better that you refer someone to a proven Vedantist astrologer or to this book. In my own practice, in my first year I immediately started saying things to people about their charts. Several years later I looked back, and I had made many mathematical as well as interpretive errors. This is a serious sin. People take seriously what an astrologer says; and unless you are very practiced or realized in the art, you should not create false impressions in a person's mind. Of course, if a person has exalted Jupiter in the first house, it is simple enough to say that they may have an inclination towards spiritual life and you may be right, but it is not necessarily right. Jupiter's potency may manifest only in financial areas, especially if malefic planets are influencing the ninth house (of religion) simultaneously. So I must warn all future practitioners of the art to be devoted and qualified before giving opinions. It is a Vedic aphorism that a brahmana (intellectual or spiritualist) who miscalculates or misinterprets a horoscope will suffer as much as if he had killed another brahmana.

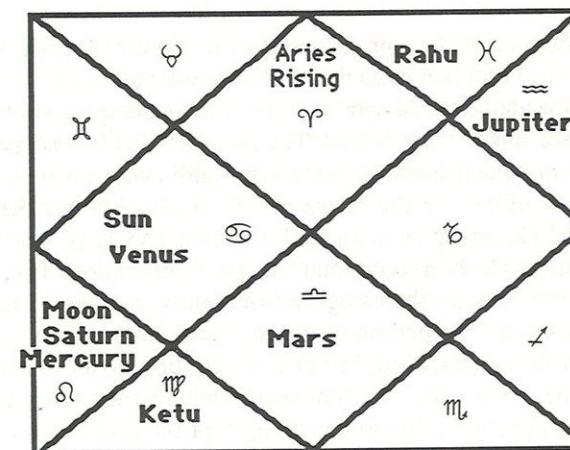
Continuing with our study, there are several things to consider after judging the ascendant and its lord, and the Moon and its position. The lord of the Moon sign (for example, if the Moon is in Gemini, its lord is Mercury) should be well situated if the person is to be happy and intelligent.

The position of the lord of the Moon star should also be considered and then the strength of the Sun should be considered. If the horoscope is a significant or powerful one, some or all of these five factors will be fortified in the chart. Recapping, look first to the following factors when judging the overall strength or weakness of a horoscope:

1. the ascendant and its lord
2. the Moon
3. the lord of the Moon sign
4. the lord of the Moon star
5. the Sun

The five factors mentioned above should occupy benefic places in the horoscope. We will add a sixth factor, since many standard texts (see bibliography) mention it. That is, (6) the lord of the sign where the lord of the ascendant is posited should be strong.

Let's take an example chart and make an appraisal of the horoscope based on these factors.



1. The ascendant is a positive, masculine sign in this male nativity. The ascendant lord is in a quadrant, aspecting and thus fortifying the ascendant. The ascendant lord, Mars, is aspected by the benefic lord of the ninth, Jupiter. The assessment is very positive.
2. The Moon is waxing, in a friend's sign, involved in Gajakesari yoga, involved in Parivartana yoga with the Sun, aspected by the lord of the ninth, Jupiter, and is with neutral Mercury and with the malefic Saturn. The assessment is very positive.
3. The lord of the Moon sign, the Sun, is in a quadrant, in a friend's sign, involved in a Parivartana yoga with the Moon, is the lord of an auspicious house, the fifth, and is with its enemy, the malefic lord Venus. The assessment is quite positive.
4. The Moon tenants the star Purvaphalguni, which is ruled by Venus. Venus is in a quadrant with its enemy the Sun and is the lord of bad houses from the ascendant, Sun and Moon. This is a somewhat afflicted condition.
5. The Sun has already been evaluated as strong in paragraph three above.
6. Venus is the lord of the sign tenanted by the lord of the ascendant, Mars. Venus was described in section 4 as somewhat afflicted.

So out of the above six categories, four of them are quite strong and two of them are somewhat afflicted. The native of this horoscope is of healthy body, mind and spirit. He has made significant contributions to humanity by working for the cause of self-realization and Krishna consciousness. He occupies a trustee's position and is successful in book publishing. He is a gentleman of good reputation. His weak karmas have come under the categories of Venus, such as no marital bliss, renunciation of personal possessions, disinterest in the stimulation of the senses. Note in our consideration of the six factors that the two negative ones were connected with Venus. Overall, his horoscope is quite strong due to the strength of the ascendant and the lord of the ascendant, good yogas involving the Sun and Moon, all of the major planets being in auspicious houses, and a Raja-yoga between the lords of the first and ninth.

It is important to get a general feeling for the strength or weakness of the horoscope as a whole. Once you understand the category of the chart as strong, mediocre or weak, or mixed, then you can make accurate interpretations of each planetary position. For example, Jupiter in the tenth house acts in a certain way. If the horoscope is very strong overall, Jupiter's position may indicate a person who is president of a bank, or the president of a religious temple. If the horoscope is weak overall, Jupiter in the tenth may manifest by making the person a low-paid teacher or a clerk in an accounting office.

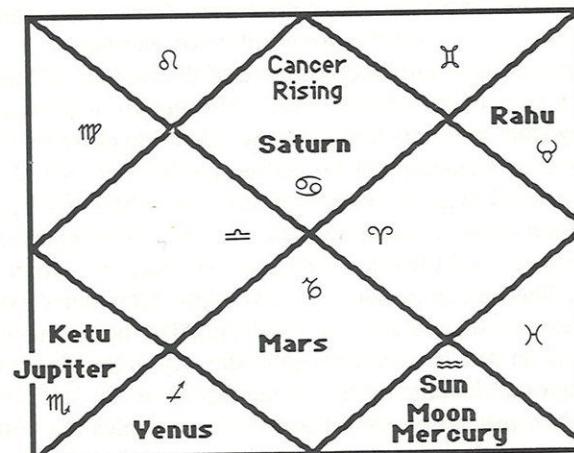
It is also true that a person may have mixed karmas, such as much wealth but poor marital relationships. At one time a person may be a beggar and at another time wealthier than most. Again referring to the *Gita*, "The intricacies of action and reaction are very difficult to understand." But if one uses the above principles for initial impressions of the horoscope, your understanding will be based on a sound foundation.

Then there are simple and obvious laws to consider. The good houses in a chart are the quadrants and trines, that is houses 1, 4, 7 and 10 (quadrants or angles or kendras) and houses 1, 5, and 9 (trines). Good planets in these houses will result in many blessings. One who is born with the good planets in good houses and with the malefic planets in harmless positions will have a smooth life. The idea is that in previous births that soul has undergone penances and purification and will live a pious and fortunate life. If malefic planets are prominent and if the benefic planets are in weak houses, the reverse applies and the person may be powerful but of evil intentions and unrighteous disposition. The weak houses are the dusthanas, or sinful places, that is the 6th, 8th and 12th houses. Thus it is stated that benefic planets, particularly Jupiter and Venus, in the 8th house creates an Asura-yoga or a combination for a demoniac personality.

Planets in the 6th, 8th and 12th house become almost powerless to do good unless there are rectifying sign positions or good aspects to them. In short, you can recognize a good chart by whether the good planets are in good houses or in favorable signs. This also requires a knowledge of what makes a planet good or bad, or an ability to assess each planet in the chart and see which planets will act in a benefic way and which will be malefic. There are several factors in the judgment of each planet, as follows.

1. Judge the benefic or malefic qualities of the planet according to its lordship, that is, according to each rising sign. For Aries rising, Jupiter is benefic; but for Capricorn rising, Jupiter is malefic. See the previous chapter on this subject for a full description of the planets according to each ascendant.
2. Judge the planet according to house position (see Planets in the Houses chapter).
3. Judge the planet according to sign position (see Planets in the Signs chapter).
4. Consider the benefic or malefic yogas the planet is involved in (see chapter on Yogas).
5. Consider the aspects the planets receive, and judge whether the aspects are from benefic or malefic planets.
6. Consider the navamsa position that the planet tenants.
7. Consider the natural condition of each planet (Jupiter is a natural benefic, Saturn a natural malefic).
8. Consider each planet from the lunar lagna; that is, make a chart with the Moon, in whichever sign the Moon tenants, in the first house; and judge each planet with the above seven considerations, using that lunar chart.
9. Repeat step 8 with the Sun sign as the first house.

Let's take an example horoscope and judge the good, mediocre and weak planets in the chart according to the above principles.



The good lords for one born under Cancer ascendant are Jupiter, the Moon and Mars. Mars is in exaltation or full strength in Capricorn and is in a quadrant. Jupiter is in the auspicious trine, the fifth house, in a friend's sign, in the tenth house from the Moon. These two planets are quite strong. She is a prayerful person with good earnings in business and utter devotion to her husband. The lord of the ascendant, Moon, is in an enemy's sign in the eighth house suffering from combustion, being 2° away from the Sun. Any planet which is too close to the Sun (within 5°) becomes combust or burned up by the Sun, and loses its potency to do good. The early part of life was fairly unhappy and irreligious (Moon is lord of the ascendant; and the ascendant and Moon rule the early years of life), and she has no children (Moon rules motherhood). The Sun is in the eighth; the Sun rules one's external personality and she shies away from social life. The father (also ruled by the Sun) had an ordinary worker's job. Mercury in the eighth is the least damaging of all benefic planets in the eighth house. She earned a college degree in psychology and has close communication with her relatives (Mercury rules education and relatives). Rahu and Ketu are exalted. Saturn is a malefic lord in its enemy's sign, but it receives the aspects of Jupiter and Mars, which are both very strong. Venus is in an enemy's sign, is a bad lord and tenants the weak sixth house.

So the good planets in the chart are Mars, Jupiter, Rahu and Ketu. She has much happiness in life through religious life (Jupiter), through married life (strong seventh house), through strong determination to control her senses (Rahu exalted in the eleventh house) and by her good influence over less devotional people (represented by Ketu).

Saturn is at fairly good strength. She is healthy and is a hard worker. Saturn is a natural malefic and malefic lord in the first house, so she does have a pessimistic streak and worked several years at a boring job. Mercury is less than strong but is not badly afflicted. She did get a college education but it has proved useless in her life; and she lives far away from her relatives (education and relatives are ruled by Mercury). She has learned friends and is talented in accounting and business procedures, some of the good effects of Mercury.

The weak planets are the Sun, Moon and Venus. The Sun ruling the second and being in the eighth gives lower-middle-class finances. Moon in the eighth gives weak eyesight, lack of enjoyment of motherhood and mental grief at times. Venus in the sixth indicates a diseased husband and gives less sex pleasure than usual for an attractive girl. Rahu and Mars both have a strong influence on the seventh house, giving a controversial and passionate husband.

In summary, we have determined the strong, mediocre and weak planets mostly on the basis of lordship, house position, and sign position. If you know which planets are powerful, mediocre or weak, and if you know what each planet represents, then you can predict in which areas of life a person will have good, mediocre or weak experiences. For example, the Sun in this chart is weak, being in an enemy's sign and in the eighth house. She does not possess great leadership abilities or a dynamic personality. The father (ruled by the Sun) was modestly successful. The Sun is the ruler of the second house in her chart. The second house rules income, the eyes, diet, family life. Since the Sun is weak, she lives away from her family and her husband has given her no children. She spent many years wearing eyeglasses, and she earns just enough to survive.

These are some of the essentials of interpreting the planets and their positions. There are more esoteric principles of interpretation which may be included in another book at a future time. I believe that with all the information and all the techniques given in this one book, a person can understand all he needs to know about his or any other horoscope. Of course, there is a higher level of astrological knowledge than the mathematical or mechanically interpretive technique. There are the ancient books by superconscious demigod-devotees, such as the *Bhrigu-Samhita*, which gives revealed knowledge of each soul in his past, present and future lives. There are texts by Gargamuni, Yajnavalkya, Vashistha, and others; and there are books called Nadis, by Dhruva and other sages, which can give a very clear vision of each soul's experiences through their long journey through eternal time. I do not pretend to possess or be able to convey knowledge of that level. In India, however, some authentic sources have been found and these readings may become more available to the public through the efforts of the many Vedic astrologers who are involved in this field.

There are also details such as many varga charts like the hora, drekkana, dvadasamsa, trimsamsa, etc., which allow an astrologer more intricate insight into each horoscope. I am not elaborating on them in this book because one should know the essentials in the art of judging and interpreting before filling his mind with the more advanced principles.

There is also the important aspect of using your consciousness, your devotion and your psychic and meditative powers to interpret a horoscope. However, one should not accept whatever inner mental intuition one feels about a certain chart. For example, one should not say, "I feel that you will have a car accident soon. I see it in my mind." But if one by prayerful meditation gets a mental suggestion of some event to occur, he should confirm it with standard books or confirm it by seeing a number of indications in the chart that point in the same direction.

In short, I do not discourage the use of one's intuitive powers, but it is a better technique to pray for the ability to see the practical indications of an expected event within the horoscope. It is an important law of interpreting the horoscope that if you see three or four indications pointing in the same direction, then you can predict or advise with confidence. For example, if the chart has a strong Mars, which governs property, and the fourth house ruling properties is strong, and Mercury, the planet of salesmanship, influences the fourth house or Mars, then you can predict or advise success in the sale of real estate. Similarly, if a malefic planet is in the second house of earning; and if the karaka for money, Jupiter, is debilitated; and if the lord of the second is debilitated in the navamsa chart; and if Saturn, the planet of service, is strong in the chart; then you can advise the person not to waste their money on speculative, financial enterprises, and to take a steady job under the direction of someone with better financial karma.

I remember the advice of a friend in my beginning years of astrological study. He said to see if a number of influences in the chart were flowing in the same direction. For example, if seven planets are influencing the second house, then you can know that the person is heavily financially oriented; and you can predict and advise accordingly. Another example would be if a person has weak financial karma, lack of marital opportunities, and the influence of the intelligent and pious planets, Mercury and Jupiter, on the Moon; then you might advise someone to devote themselves to a religious or monastic life. If, as another example, a person has a prominent Sun (for ego), many influences on the tenth house (status and society), and a weakened Jupiter (piety), then you would encourage them to pursue a more worldly occupation, while at the same time advising that they need to increase their spiritual involvement.

MORE TIPS ON INTERPRETATION

Each house in a chart represents several factors in a person's life, and each planet also represents several categories of experience. For example, the fourth house in a chart represents properties, and Mars is the planetary karaka or indicator of properties. Thus we have to be able to determine the strength of both houses and planets in a chart. One also has to be able to synthesize the information from the houses, signs and planets and judge in which particular way the myriad of influences will manifest in a person's life. For example, if the fourth house of properties is weak, and the planetary karaka for properties, Mars, is relegated to the inauspicious sixth house, and if the fourth sign of the zodiac, Cancer, (which also represents properties and the home) is tenanted by bad planets, then we can be sure that the owner of such a horoscope will spend time residing in another's house or will spend time living out on the street. If some of the fourth house influences are benefic and some are malefic, such person may own a modest cottage of his own. And if the indications are all positive, they may become a big landowner or landlord. For example, in a chart where Mars, lord of the fourth house, is in the sixth, debilitated Saturn is in the fourth and malefic Rahu is in the sign of Cancer, such person resides in another's property as a servant. Whereas, in a chart with yogakaraka Saturn in the fourth, Mars being in the influential eleventh, and the lord of the fourth Sun is in the tenth, and three benefics are aspecting the domestic sign of Cancer, such person is quite wealthy and owns homes on several continents.

In judging a horoscope, we look at many factors. First we note the rising sign, then which planets are strong or weak, then what yogas are present, etc. A primary consideration however, is the judging of each house in the chart. This means judging the strength of the first house to determine the appearance and character; judging the strength of the second house to determine financial capabilities; judging the strength of the tenth house to determine occupational success, etc. Thus it is most important to know how to determine the strength or weakness of each house, and the process is similar to judging the strength of each planet. There are several factors to be considered, as follows:

1. Of primary importance is the relative strength of the **LORD** of each house. Say Capricorn is rising and the lord of the fourth house, Mars, is in its own sign, Scorpio, in the eleventh house (house of profit). Thus the fourth house becomes strengthened and the person may have a good education and may own valuable houses. I have a chart in my files with Mars in Scorpio in the eleventh house; the native attends Harvard, has taught in schools as a professor, and inherited a valuable house from his mother (mother is also ruled by the fourth house).

The importance of the lord of each house may be explained in this way. The lord or owner of an apartment house has the final say-so about how that property is utilized. He may allow certain renters to live in one of the apartments, and they have the right to decorate it in the way they please. This is comparable to any planet tenanting a house. For example, if Jupiter is in the fourth house, the person may choose to keep religious pictures and books in the apartment and have spiritual gatherings there. But if the owner or lord of the apartment decides to sell the apartment house, and it gets torn down so a hospital can be built, the tenant of the apartment cannot really object or do anything about it.

So if Jupiter be in the fourth house, it does have something to say about the conditions within the house; and if the sign of Cancer be in the fourth house, it gives another coloration to your interpretation; but the lord of the house is the most powerful influence on the house itself.

Thus, first judge the strength or weakness of a house (and the things that the house represents) by the condition of the lord of the sign posited in that house. Obviously, if we are to use this essential factor of interpretation, we cannot use the divided house system. If the rising sign is Aries, then the fourth house is Cancer. The system where if the rising point is 29° Aries, then the first house is from 14° Aries to 14° Taurus, is not utilized by this author nor by the sages of the past. One should observe the rule that there is one sign for each house. If Capricorn rises, then Aquarius is in the second house, Pisces in the third, etc. With Capricorn rising, Pisces is the third house, and Jupiter is lord of the third house.

2. Judge the house by whether benefic or malefic planets tenant the house. For example, malefic Saturn in the fourth house means the person will come into the company of fallen yogis or unclean people, etc. And it means that the things represented by the fourth house, such as motherhood, education, environment, etc. will suffer.

3. Judge the house by the aspects the house and the lord of the house receive. For example, strong Jupiter in the fourth aspected by intellectual Mercury means the person will have a pious heart which will become even wiser by his learning and by good friendships.

4. Judge the house by benefic or malefic yogas that are affecting it. For example, if a malefic Saturn is in the 3rd house, and malefic Rahu is in the 5th, then the 4th house suffers by being surrounded by malefic planets (papakartari yoga).

5. Judge the house by the amsa positions, especially the house in the navamsa chart.

6. Judge the house by considering the Moon as ascendant. That is, if a benefic Jupiter is in the fourth house from the ascendant, and if benefic Mercury is in the fourth house from the Moon, the person has strong karma under fourth house categories.

THE GOOD AND BAD PLANETS FOR EACH RISING SIGN

The most important factor in judging your horoscope or in interpreting other's charts is the consideration of the planets according to each rising sign, or according to the principle of **LORDSHIP**. Each planet becomes benefic or malefic according to its lordship of different houses, and thus for each rising sign the planets change their nature for better or worse. For example, the Sun becomes a good planet for one born under Aries rising, as it becomes the lord of the auspicious fifth house. For one born under Libra rising, the Sun is the malefic lord of the eleventh house.

Let us take as an example the rising sign of Aries. The benefic planets for one born under this rising sign are Mars, lord of the first house, Sun, lord of the fifth house (Leo), and Jupiter, lord of the ninth house (Sagittarius). If these planets are in good positions, the horoscope is fortified. The Moon becomes a neutral, and Venus, Mercury and Saturn are malefic lords. For example, if benefic Jupiter is in the eleventh house, the eleventh house will be fortified and thus the person will have good friends and sufficient money. Jupiter aspects the third house (when it is in the eleventh house), and thus they may have knowledge in languages or talents in writing. Jupiter aspects the fifth house and thus they will have followers or good children and will be devoted to prayer. Jupiter aspects the seventh house, so they will have good partners or a spiritual mate. Venus in the second house in its own sign of Taurus would not be as strong due to its bad lordship. You may read in other parts of this book that Venus in the second house produces good results; and Venus in Taurus, its own sign, produces good results. Yet we have seen that a person with this planetary position had at best modest earnings throughout the twenty year major period of Venus. Another person with Venus in its own sign Libra in the seventh house lost her husband as soon as her twenty year Venus period started. These examples illustrate the important principle that each planet becomes better or worse by nature according to the rising sign in the horoscope.

It is an essential principle of this system of astrology that lordships are the most important factor to consider. For Aries rising, Venus, a natural benefic, is the lord of the second and seventh houses and thus becomes more malefic. The Sun, a natural malefic, owns the auspicious fifth house, and thus becomes more benefic. In the following paragraphs we will list the benefics and malefics according to lordship for each rising sign. If you know your rising sign, you can estimate the overall strength or weakness of your horoscope and thus your own potency, or your own current stage of development in the evolution of life. If you have the benefic lords in weak houses or signs, your past activities have not been so commendable and you need to work hard at your self-improvement or your self-realization. Similarly, the malefic lords in prominent places indicate weak karma or indicate a person of selfish character.

If you know the schedule of planetary periods in your life (that is, at what times you go through the different major periods of the planets) you can understand which periods of life are going to be benefic or malefic according to this principle of lordship.

For example, if a person is born with Aries rising and has Jupiter, a good lord, in a decent place in his chart, and is about to enter the sixteen year major period of Jupiter, their karma will be reasonably strong, whereas the nineteen year period of Saturn, which follows Jupiter's period, will not be as easy due to Saturn's malefic lordship.

As with all interpretation of a horoscope, many factors have to be considered before making a final judgment, but the consideration of benefic and malefic lordship is the most important factor, even more important than house or sign position. Here are the ascendants with the benefic and malefic planets for each.

ARIES RISING

The benefic lords are Mars, the Sun and Jupiter. Moon becomes a neutral. Saturn, Mercury and Venus are malefic.

TAURUS RISING

The benefic lords are the Sun, Mercury and Venus. Saturn is the yoga-karaka, or planet of power. Mars is neutral and Jupiter and the Moon are malefics.

GEMINI RISING

The benefic lords are Mercury, Venus and Saturn. The Moon is a neutral. The Sun, Mars and Jupiter are malefics.

CANCER RISING

The benefic lords are the Moon and Jupiter. The Sun is neutral. Mars is the yoga-karaka or the best lord. Mercury, Venus and Saturn are malefic lords.

LEO RISING

The Sun and Jupiter are benefic lords and Mars is the yoga-karaka. The Moon is a neutral. Mercury, Venus and Saturn are malefic lords.

VIRGO RISING

Venus and Mercury are highly benefic. The Sun and Saturn are both neutral. Mars, the Moon and Jupiter are malefic lords.

LIBRA RISING

Mercury, Venus and the Moon are benefic. Saturn is the yoga-karaka. The Sun, Mars and Jupiter are malefics.

SCORPIO RISING

Mars, the Sun, the Moon and Jupiter are benefic. Mercury, Venus and Saturn are malefic.

SAGITTARIUS RISING

Jupiter, the Sun and Mars are benefics. The Moon is neutral. Saturn, Venus and Mercury are malefics.

CAPRICORN RISING

Saturn and Mercury are benefics. Venus is the yoga-karaka. The Sun is neutral. The Moon, Mars and Jupiter are malefic.

AQUARIUS RISING

Saturn, Mars, Mercury and the Sun are benefic lords. Venus is the yoga-karaka. Jupiter and the Moon are malefic lords.

PISCES RISING

Mars, Jupiter and the Moon are benefics. The Sun, Saturn, Mercury and Venus are malefics.

LORDSHIP YOGAS

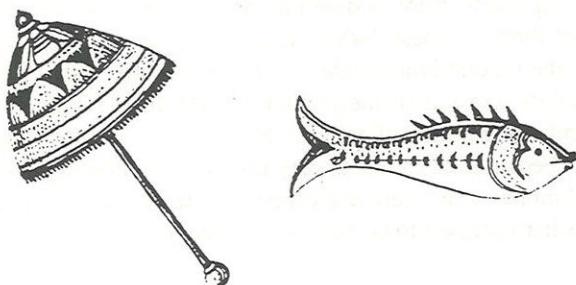
On the following pages you'll find the expected effects of the lords or rulers of each house being placed in each of the 12 houses. For example, if Aries is the rising sign or first house, then Mars, the ruler of Aries, is the lord of the first house. You can read on the following pages the effects of Mars (and the other lords) being placed in each of the 12 houses. The principle of lordship, as previously explained, is quite important in this system of astrology. Thus this chapter is essential for a proper understanding of the horoscope.

The following pages have been compiled by reference to many horoscopes I have studied, and by references to the writings of Parasara Muni, father of Vedic astrology, and the ancient and modern books that follow in his footsteps. Interpretations given in this chapter are also based on common sense, and by combining the ideas represented by the houses involved. For example, we say on the page that follows that the lord of the 1st house being placed in the 2nd house results in "a person who is attached to family life and is skilled in the earning of money." This is actually stated by Parasara and is proven by experience.

But we should understand why such statements are given, as follows: the first house represents the self and the general direction of a person's life, and the lord of the first house (or the lord of any house) is the most important factor in determining the effects of that house. So if the lord of the first house (which rules the general direction of life) is placed in the second house (which rules family life, earning of money, dietary habits, etc.), then the person will be quite involved in family affairs and the earning of money. Such person is also described as "restless," because, when one is very involved with family, food and the pursuit of money, one's senses are very agitated by these external things and one is hard-pressed to be a self-controlled yogi.

Similarly, the lord of the first house in the first house is described as often resulting in dual marriage. Why would there be trouble in marriage? Possibly because marriage is a partnership, a union of two; and the person with the lord of the first house (representing the general direction in life and behavioral traits) in the first house (the self) may be a selfish or self-absorbed person who is unable to be considerate enough of others to live co-operatively with them.

So you can take the statements on the following pages literally, and also add your own intuitive understandings to them. Remember that the predictions given should be minimized or maximized according to the strength or weakness of each planet involved. For example, the lord of the 1st house being in the 10th house is described as resulting in a famous and successful person. Now if the ascendant is Aries, and the lord of the 1st house, Mars, is exalted in the sign of Capricorn in the 10th house, we may fully expect such person to be well-known or occupying a high status in society. However, if the ascendant is Gemini, and Mercury, the lord of the first house, is in its debilitation sign in Pisces in the tenth house, then such results will not manifest to a high degree, or such person may have a reputation or profession which is tainted with some evil influences.



LORD OF THE FIRST HOUSE

LORD OF THE FIRST HOUSE IN THE FIRST HOUSE

A strong and attractive person with an independent spirit and likelihood of dual marriage. They can be self-centered or too bodily conscious. A powerful physique and a widespread reputation results.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE SECOND

This person will be very attached to family life and will be skilled in the earning of money. Restlessness, generosity and a limited number of children are to be expected. Good learning and foresight are manifest.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE THIRD

A courageous, liberal and bountiful person, skilled with their hands and of influential speech. They will have a number of mates and will occupy a position of respect in the community.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE FOURTH

A person of good parentage, who is a property owner and a friendly, popular sort. They are educated, possess a number of vehicles, and are attached to their property and their domestic situations.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE FIFTH

Sharp intelligence and prominence of passion in the character are to be seen. They suffer misfortunes in the area of children. They make good teachers and diplomats in governmental service.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE SIXTH

These people meet with obstacles, debts, disease and enemies on their path, but they have the forcefulness to surmount them. They do well in positions of service and in the medical or military fields.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE SEVENTH

Talent in business and much travelling in life are the results. They may suffer in marriage. Later in life they become ascetic. They are talented in dealing with other people and are engaged in public work.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE EIGHTH

This indicates suffering during youth and some sinful attachments such as gambling and illicit sex. They are learned in transcendental philosophy and in psychology and can give good advice.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE NINTH

This is indicative of a good devotee of God, a fortunate person who can speak well, who has a good spouse and children and who has a good future life as well. They are charitable and can do much good for others.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE TENTH

Successful in work and famous, these are karma-yogis, people who believe in themselves and their important careers. They are attractive in appearance, of good parentage and have minds filled with ambition.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE ELEVENTH

These are influential people, somewhat inclined to enjoy through the help of others. Large business profits are acquired. They have a circle of influential friends. They are happy and have their ambitions fulfilled.

LORD OF THE FIRST IN THE TWELFTH

These people are found in sacrificial or charitable projects. Either by force or by choice, they lose their positions and find themselves in unusual situations. They are interested in self-realization. They are unstable, suffer losses and turn to renunciation for their ultimate good.

LORD OF THE 2nd HOUSE

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE FIRST

This person is talented at the acquisition of money, has less than harmonious relations with family members, lacks good manners and is intent on sexual affairs.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE SECOND

This is a proud person, probably due to good earnings and due to their having plenty of mates and sexual opportunities. Few if any children may manifest. They are talented at satire. Good food is available to them.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE THIRD

This person is courageous and intelligent but of atheistic or depraved tendencies. Talent in music, worship of inferior gods for materialistic reasons may manifest.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE FOURTH

Money from dealing with properties or vehicles will occur along with the qualities given in the previous paragraph. Mother may be wealthy.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE FIFTH

A hard-hearted nature and bitterness with family members results. Money may be made by investments, games and through teaching. Sensuality and miserliness are conferred upon this person.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE SIXTH

This person gains money from competition and from illegal dealings, but may go into debts and suffer litigation. Nonstraightforward speech and strange dietary habits may occur. They have strong lust and suffer theft of their goods.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE SEVENTH

The general indications are talent in the medical field, loose morals for themselves and their spouses, questionable character of the mother, money from foreign places and businesses connected with travel.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE EIGHTH

This person suffers difficulties in marital relationships, needs to improve their dietary habits and has setbacks in business and financial circles, but may inherit or get fortunes as a gift. They may speak sharply.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE NINTH

Good earning capacity as well as knowledge of philosophy, law and religion will manifest. Suffering from disease in the early years, they get happier as the years roll on. They are skillful in executing any task.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE TENTH

Gains from a number of occupations are indicated. This is a learned and respected person, egotistical and lusty and of influential speech. Success in the food, jewel and agricultural industries are indicated.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE ELEVENTH

These are wealthy people, successful in partnership businesses, and inclined to the gratification of the senses. They have good friendships and get the opportunity to hear from enlightened persons.

LORD OF THE SECOND IN THE TWELFTH

They may spend money on religious and charitable causes. They are bold and daring but conceited and they suffer loss of family members. They are not expert in handling money but get a good position of service.

LORD OF THE THIRD HOUSE**LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE FIRST**

This may be a person of thin and tall body, earning money by their own efforts, serving others, and of angry and violent temperament. They like to perform and show their strengths.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE SECOND

Laziness, coveting of other's wealth, engaging in harmful work for monetary gain are described in ancient texts for this combination. Money may be made by correspondence or phone services.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE THIRD

A contented person, satisfied with their achievements, happy in the midst of their family. They can speak out and act with courage. They may earn through publishing.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE FOURTH

A fairly happy life with some anxieties due to the wife's behavior may be expected. This person will be intelligent and may suffer loss of property.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE FIFTH

They have the potency to produce strong children. Romantic life may not be up to par. Talents at manipulating money or government subsidies may come through.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE SIXTH

Hostility with relatives, lack of discrimination in sex, earning of wealth by low-class products may be anticipated.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE SEVENTH

A troublesome childhood may be expected, along with thievish propensities and friction in marital affairs. Trouble from people in positions of power are to be anticipated.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE EIGHTH

Strong words are used in most texts with negative implications as far as criminal involvements, trouble in marriage, disease and death of relatives, weak professional status, etc. Beware of this placement!

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE NINTH

The father may engage in harmful actions. The brother will be religious or fortunate. Earnings through the travel industry, promotions in life through the opposite sex, or more success after marriage, are likely.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE TENTH

This results in one's having a well-known brother and in one making a career through writing and skilled work with the hands. This person may be reputed for courage and/or physical strength. Good intelligence and questionable character of the spouse are indicated.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE ELEVENTH

Similar experiences to the lord of the third being in the first house. Aggressive character, may earn through the family business or through cooperation with brothers and sisters.

LORD OF THE THIRD IN THE TWELFTH

Lack of courage and interest in a secluded or private life. Losses and time wasted through attached family members. There may be a brother interested in spiritual life. Sudden changes in relationships.

THE LORD OF THE 4th HOUSE

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE FIRST

This person will have many educational opportunities. They will suffer loss of inherited property and possible divorce. Seclusion towards the end of life is to be expected.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE SECOND

Endowed with sense pleasures and family happiness, this person can speak well on educational matters. They have potential in earnings through real estate. They are helpful to others and have high ambitions.

THE LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE THIRD

This results in a well-to-do, courageous and liberal person who suffers at the hands of their in-laws. They are healthy and determined.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE FOURTH

Ownership of valuable vehicles and property may be expected along with high education and a good mother. A respectable person who makes a good friend.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE FIFTH

Well-liked and devoted to God, this person will be able to give good advice, has potential in investments on property, and has a learned child.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE SIXTH

This person has an unsettled heart, and will wander, will be thievish, will be a complainer and may move to a distant country. They owe money to others. Anger comes easily to such a person.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE SEVENTH

They have an educated spouse and own property. Ability to do business with rental or sales of property may be noted. They think often of sex and have much travel in their life.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE EIGHTH

Keeping some bad company or wasting time learning useless things may manifest. They are not settled in mind. They have early separation from a parent and lose money on cars and houses.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE NINTH

A popular person with good parentage, good education, association with saintly people and having nice places to live in. A good-hearted person who goes on pilgrimage. Earnings by travel or shipment of goods.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE TENTH

They become the parents of good children. They work mostly indoors and get respect from important people because of devotion to duty. They inherit property or make money from sale of houses, land and cars. Potential in agriculture is to be noted.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE ELEVENTH

These people keep good friendships and get interested in groups and communal living situations. They know how to influence others and are good salespersons. They have strong material desires.

LORD OF THE FOURTH IN THE TWELFTH

They suffer lack of mental peace and have an unstable residence or dwell in other's places. Lack of parental guidance may be noted. They are interested in the knowledge of self-realization.

LORD OF THE FIFTH HOUSE

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE FIRST

This person will be an advisor to important people and may have a reputed child. They will teach others, will be learned in calculations, will be interested in mantras and will have a wide-spread reputation and a romantic nature.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE SECOND

The results are a good number of children, interest in astrology or the ability to make good predictions, becoming proud through wealth obtained by the grace of government service.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE THIRD

They may have a number of children and their brother achieves a position of influence. Talent in research, fraudulent nature also.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE FOURTH

Limited number of children, earnings from land or agriculture, educational opportunities, having a nice house and learned friends results.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE FIFTH

Having good intentions, trouble through one's child, being intelligent but of unsteady mind; this person will be a chief priest or advisor and has potential in stocks, the entertainment line and the investment industry.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE SIXTH

This person may have a child who is inimical to them, or they may turn to adoption. Their uncle may be well-to-do or famous. They are slack in understanding spiritual knowledge or neglectful in religious duties.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE SEVENTH

This will be a truthful person, devoted to their teacher and of virtuous deeds. They may have a child who attains distinction in faraway places. They are interested in business investments, and like to have their opinions heard.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE EIGHTH

This person will have debts, respiratory complaints and should be satisfied with few children. Their guru or employer will lose their fortune. They have an angry temperament and lose faith easily.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE NINTH

This is an excellent placement, indicating one who is righteous, who has much to teach others, and who has a religious child. Authorship and travel opportunities and successful investments occur in their life.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE TENTH

Ownership of properties, doing charitable work like renovating temples, and being an advisor to important people are mentioned in standard texts for this placement. Their child may attain fame.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE ELEVENTH

This is a learned, gentle character, non-violent and helpful to others, and successful in the career. They may have a wealthy child.

LORD OF THE FIFTH IN THE TWELFTH

Loss of a child and great interest in self-realization should be expected in a person with this placement. This is an unattached person, fond of travelling.

LORD OF THE SIXTH HOUSE

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE FIRST

This is a competitive person who may be found in the army or in medical service or in a religious institution; in some way serving a cause. They may have thievish inclinations, foreign residence and susceptibility to disease.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE SECOND

Debts, dental complaints, weakness of the eyes, unstable family life, talent in reciting books of knowledge are to be noted.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE THIRD

An angry and hateful person, having friction with brothers or comrades, being determined but mischievous, skilled with their hands.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE FOURTH

A fickle nature, moving from place to place, causing some distress to those in touch with them. Lack of love with the mother, poor environment and weakness of the heart and chest may be expected.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE FIFTH

Investments in unworthy or illegal things; periods of separation from their children; neglectful in their prayers or duties; enjoyment of much money at various times in life.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE SIXTH

Having a fortunate uncle and getting the opportunity to do service to others or service in temples. Chance to visit foreign lands also arises. Talent in medicine, success in import/export are also possible.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE SEVENTH

Disappointments in love life and questionable character of the spouse are expected. This is a traveller and a money-lender, always inventing new business schemes. Their mates may be sickly but successful in business.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE EIGHTH

Mediocre longevity, periods of failures in business, and being cheated or taken advantage of by others occur. Debts, bad company arise.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE NINTH

Misunderstandings with the father, hesitancy to observe religious rituals, frequent foreign journeys, enmity with the government are seen.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE TENTH

Not being able to get the fruits of one's labor or being stuck in a low position arise. This person may have a sinful and destructive nature and will feign religiosity for selfish reasons. Many enemies bother them.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE ELEVENTH

This person wields influence in high circles, and takes care of the needs of others. They have powerful relatives as well. They are daring, generous and need to learn to accept good advice.

LORD OF THE SIXTH IN THE TWELFTH

Spending one's money in fruitless ways, addictions to bad habits, interest in learning ancient subject matters, susceptibility to diseases, interest in other's mates are mentioned in standard texts and are proven by experience.

LORD OF THE 7th HOUSE

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE FIRST

This person will take many trips. They will consider their spouse of utmost importance in life. They get a stable job in some business concern. They are loyal, bold and lusty.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE SECOND

They have many more than one partner in life. They talk about money and sex often. They are able to handle money and shorten their longevity because of overindulgence.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE THIRD

They may have a powerful voice and a strong effect on those they meet. They may have a short-lived child or an abortion. They meet religious persons.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE FOURTH

This is an indication of an educated person, with a blessed marital partner. They possess properties and do humanitarian deeds. They meet with famous people.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE FIFTH

You may predict their getting a good wife or husband. There is talent in the entertainment field, potency to produce numerous children, and a high financial status for persons with this placement.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE SIXTH

Some periods of lovesickness, having a diseased mate and susceptibility to sexual diseases are likely for people born in this yoga.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE SEVENTH

This will be a loyal citizen and an active, bold character. They have business skill and an ability to convince people about their ideas. Enjoyment of sexual pleasures and a widespread reputation manifest.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE EIGHTH

This person will suffer the death or imprisonment of the mate, or will have anxiety about sexual matters. There will be business losses, some interest in reincarnation, and death in a foreign land.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE NINTH

The wife will be religious and there will be good fortune in foreign lands. Opportunities to visit famous places and big temples arise. This person, if any, should be skilled in trade and diplomacy. Ambition for power is manifest.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE TENTH

This person may do business which involves travel. They will have many helpful partners. Success in sport, law or anything involving competition may be expected. They have a reputed marital partner.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE ELEVENTH

They may lose a child early. Their mate comes from a wealthy family. Their work affects a large number of people.

LORD OF THE SEVENTH IN THE TWELFTH

Unstable marital karma; their mate may leave or die early in the relationship. Time is wasted with bad business ideas. Death may come while travelling. They may have some inability to relate with people. Many sexual dreams or fantasies.

THE LORD OF THE 8th HOUSE

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE FIRST

This is an undesirable situation indicating one who suffers from weakness of health, trouble from the government or arguments with superiors, debts and illicit sexual connections. They will be interested in spiritual and psychological studies.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE SECOND

There will be suffering through the sudden loss of money and by premature death of relatives. This person may get involved in financial illegalities and has a critical tone of speech as well as irregular diet.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE THIRD

Loss of courage, disputes with the brothers, ear complaints, use of abusive language manifest in a person with this planetary combination.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE FOURTH

This is expected to result in early separation from a parent, being forced to visit undesirable places, having sinful ambitions in one's heart, and spending away money on cars and nonpermanent properties.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE FIFTH

A limited number of children, with possible loss of one child, can be expected along with a studious nature, susceptibility to stomach disease, and a love for the poor and humble people.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE SIXTH

This results in troubles from various diseases; having to serve unworthy superiors and suffering losses by theft.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE SEVENTH

This may result in a broken marriage, partnership with questionable characters, and suffering disease or imprisonment while travelling. Some experiences of failure in businesses are to be expected.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE EIGHTH

This person may have a thievish and slanderous streak, but will have good longevity, may get a good inheritance, and has potential in the insurance business. They have the ability to hypnotize or influence others.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE NINTH

This person is a follower of renunciation. They get a marital partner who may leave them and have children by someone else. They suffer difficulties in relations with the father, but inherit property. They may be averse to following rules and regulations.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE TENTH

Troubles in one's career manifest along with a blemish on the reputation. They can do things that are severe and difficult to perform. Back complaints, periods of poverty and sudden gains by death occur.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE ELEVENTH

Difficulties with the elder brother, friendship with illustrious personalities, ear complaints, unusual methods of satisfying one's senses are to be expected.

LORD OF THE EIGHTH IN THE TWELFTH

Weak longevity and unworthy expenses of money are to be predicted, along with a deceitful nature and interest in religious education.

THE LORD OF THE 9th HOUSE

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE FIRST

This is a religious and charitable character, well-known for their good qualities. They may be devoted to their teacher. The father may have good longevity. They get the chance to travel and have good progeny.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE SECOND

Acquisition of wealth from the father, knowledge of religious philosophy, possession of gems and a happy family life are to be expected. They can earn money in far off lands, in the transport business, or through aggressive speech.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE THIRD

This is a friendly person, talented in earning money, getting good fortune through the brother or other relatives. There may be talent in writing. Parents are of moderate means.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE FOURTH

Rulership over property, friendship with good people, success in educational projects are expected. This is a good-hearted person who has a good mother and who sets a good example for others.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE FIFTH

This person's father is well-to-do, and they may get a fortunate child as well. They are sincere in offering prayer, intelligent and make good investments. They are talented as teachers and advisors.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE SIXTH

This person may work hard for success but good luck does not come easily. They do service for religious people. They may serve the State, have disagreements with the father, and be separated from their children.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE SEVENTH

These are spiritually inclined persons, with good luck in business, and good fortune in dealing with foreigners. They get a righteous mate and have most of their desires in life fulfilled. They are born in a high family.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE EIGHTH

Early separation from the father, periods of lucklessness and an aversion to religious discipline may be anticipated. Illegalities may be engaged in. Periods of loneliness are usual.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE NINTH

Strong religious nature and the ability to lead and inspire others to action are seen with this combination. They may have political clout, enjoy frequent travel and have wealth and good relations with the father.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE TENTH

Success in the profession and a widespread reputation are to be expected. Friendship with powerful people, participation in humanitarian activities and much wealth and courage are to be noted.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE ELEVENTH

This may be quite a wealthy person with influence in high places. They try to live a righteous life and they are able to give pleasure to many.

LORD OF THE NINTH IN THE TWELFTH

This indicates a person who pursues spiritual liberation, they believe in the hereafter. They are generous and spend money for others' welfare. They suffer for lack of parental guidance and good luck does not come easily. They have to work hard for what they get. They have arguments with the government or frequently suffer penalties or fines.

THE LORD OF THE 10th HOUSE

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE FIRST

This may be a famous person, skilled in the execution of their work, interested in social upliftment, a talented writer or poet, a person who can organize and perform huge and difficult projects.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE SECOND

Success in businesses connected with food, gems or carrying on the family business are to be predicted. They may have influential speech along with their good monetary karma.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE THIRD

Famous brothers, good learning and a desire to uplift the poor manifest in this situation. Talent in the arts and strong determination are manifest as well. The ability to rear many children may also be notable.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE FOURTH

A well-known and learned person with fortune in the areas of education, properties or agriculture is to be expected. They own nice houses and vehicles, are popular, and very respectful towards religion.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE FIFTH

They will be wealthy and pious, engaged as teachers and financial brokers. They may have a famous child, success in the entertainment world and enjoyment of many comforts.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE SIXTH

This is a helpful person but one who does not get high pay and who may have a criminal streak. They minister to others' needs.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE SEVENTH

A well-known person, able to interact with others, sexually active, skilled in business, fortunate through partnerships or one who has a marital partner who assists in the business.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE EIGHTH

This is usually a person interested in spiritual pursuits and unsuccessful in the career. They suffer loss of respect and even imprisonment, or are forced into works that are dangerous or destructive.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE NINTH

This is a fortunate position in regards to work in religious organizations, having political influence, being able to earn well, having good progeny and getting respect for one's service to humanity.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE TENTH

This will be a person of professional success and widespread fame. They have the talent to succeed at whatever they want, they can get a good inheritance, they are pious and friendly with powerful people.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE ELEVENTH

Good wealth and influence in society are to be expected. This person will be able to speak in public and will fulfill the desires of many others. Full opportunity to enjoy their senses will be manifest, along with ownership of properties, jewels, etc. They will have good children, too.

LORD OF THE TENTH IN THE TWELFTH

This person may suffer from lack of work, bad reputation, and criminal inclinations. They can be successful in spiritual services.

LORD OF THE 11th HOUSE

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE FIRST

Good earning capacity and speaking ability are conferred upon this person. They may be inclined towards sensuality but are very friendly. They make errors in philosophical conclusions.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE SECOND

Gains through cooperative ventures, good earning, enjoyment of luxuries and rich food, potential in the business of food and money management, and the chance to speak before crowds will manifest.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE THIRD

Money through public speech, music, mathematics and craft industries are expected. This person is crafty in behavior and may have relatives that help them financially.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE FOURTH

Earnings through property and agricultural production are expected. The mother may leave money for them. They have influential friends, live in comfort, have good children and many material desires within.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE FIFTH

They will invest their money for better or worse. Limited number of children may be expected. Much piety and good opportunities to earn through educational endeavors are to be expected.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE SIXTH

They are of a quarrelsome nature and are susceptible to ear weakness. They are shy or anti-social but are excellent servants.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE SEVENTH

Periods of lovesickness, amorous affections for many, wealth through the opposite sex and through businesses that take one overseas are to be predicted along with a strong and attractive appearance.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE EIGHTH

At various times, this person will lose their income or their source of pleasure. They resort to strange ways of gratifying their senses. Friendships with these persons will not last. Their longevity may suffer.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE NINTH

This person participates in religious and charitable acts and makes money through those avenues. They have good friends and work hard to create a good future for themselves. They own property and enjoy travel.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE TENTH

This person helps others and has a fairly prosperous business or does work which brings them into the public eye. They get honored for working for good causes. They have friendship with dignitaries.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE ELEVENTH

This results in good friends, the ability to make money without much physical effort, and possibly a helpful and influential elder brother. Poetic talents and leadership qualities may manifest.

LORD OF THE ELEVENTH IN THE TWELFTH

Some similar experiences to the eleventh lord in the eighth may be predicted. They will be highly sexed but suffer loss of their mate. They will contribute money to good causes and have friendship with those in spiritual circles.

LORD OF THE 12th HOUSE

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE FIRST

This is somewhat of an eccentric character, or a well-meaning person who can't get things together. There is a sacrificing spirit, a weak body and interest in renunciation.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE SECOND

This indicates a charitable and devoted person who speaks kindly and philosophically. There may be debts, eye weakness and lack of dietary discipline. They may give food in charity to the needy.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE THIRD

An argumentative sort, who will mistreat others, even those closest to them. They are separated from their relatives or lose a brother. They have the skill to do business, but are only moderately successful.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE FOURTH

Questionable chastity and inability to relate socially may manifest. There will be heavy expenses on property and vehicles and frequent change of residence. Interruption in the education is possible.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE FIFTH

This can result in loss of a child, emotional dissatisfaction and unwise investments, amongst other problems. It is a good placement for learning scriptures. They take pleasure in owning jewelry.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE SIXTH

This is a handsome person with competitive ability; they suffer litigation, spend charitably and live in foreign lands for some time. They suffer due to the questionable character of their mate.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE SEVENTH

Suffering due to want of common sense and due to association with unstable people can be predicted, along with much interest in travel and spiritual powers.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE EIGHTH

Only good words are used in texts describing this position, like devotion to God, charitable heart, kind speech, etc. Small inheritance is to be expected. Time spent learning useless things may occur.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE NINTH

Problems with superiors due to this person's pride may be expected. This person may not be strong in pursuing any principles. They have good luck in faraway places and lack guidance or help from the father.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE TENTH

This makes for losses in the profession and dependance on others. There may be a sacrificing spirit and little ego. They do well in positions of service or assistance. Their reputation is stigmatized.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE ELEVENTH

Potential in the gem industry, expenses for sense gratification and for pleasures in sex are indicated. The person may be a bit lonely due to their own faults; they make enemies.

LORD OF THE TWELFTH IN THE TWELFTH

Generally a religious and charitable sort with a blissful future life ahead of them. Success in remote places, enjoying a comfortable bed and expenses for good reasons may also be expected.

Important Planetary Combinations (YOGAS)

Yoga means "link," or "connection." In the spiritual sense yoga refers to the revival of the individual soul's relationship with the Supreme Lord Krishna. In the horoscopic or astrological sense, it refers to a combination of influences in the horoscope. For example, if Jupiter and the Moon are connected with each other in some way, that is a yoga.

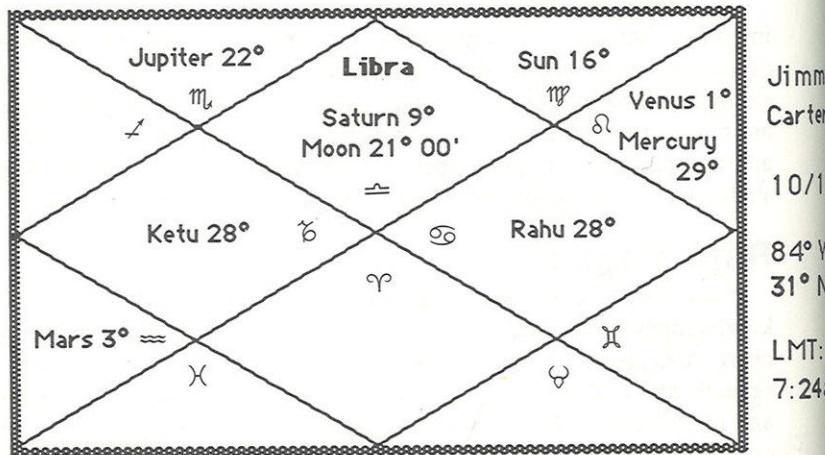
As previously stated, the influence of the lords is the most important factor in assessing a chart. Similarly, the combined influence of certain lords create the most important yogas in a chart. For example, if the lord of the first house and the lord of the eighth house are together (conjunction) or are both aspecting a particular house, that is an important yoga. There are benefic and malefic yogas, of course. We shall start by naming the most benefic yogas, namely the Raja-yogas.

Raja-Yogas

Raja means "king" and yoga means "connection." A Raja-yoga or kingly combination creates great power wherever this yoga influences a chart. A Raja-yoga is caused when the lord of a quadrant (first, fourth, seventh and tenth houses) is connected to the lord of a trine (first, fifth and ninth houses). If the lord of a quadrant and the lord of a trine are conjunct in a particular house or if they aspect a particular house simultaneously, a Raja-yoga is caused. This gives great potency to the house that they tenant or aspect. If a Raja-yoga is connected to the first house, it will indicate a particularly handsome-looking person, or an important person, or a pleasing personality. If a Raja-yoga is connected with the second house, they may make much money or enjoy a large family. If a Raja-yoga is connected to the third house, they will be talented in writing or self-expression or have an influential voice. You must know what each house of the chart represents; and when a Raja-yoga influences that house, it is likely that the person will enjoy good luck in the areas of life that that house represents.

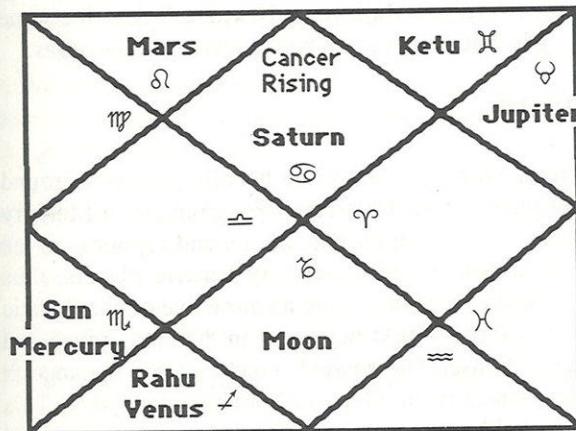
The best Raja-yoga is when the lords of the ninth and tenth house exchange signs; that is, the lord of the tenth in the ninth house, and the lord of the ninth in the tenth house. This indicates great success in the profession and the power to lead others. If the lords of the ninth and the tenth are combined or conjunct in a particular house, that is also very fortunate. Similarly, if the lords of any quadrant or trine are connected, Raja-yoga results.

Example of Raja-yoga



In the above horoscope of Jimmy Carter, ex-president of the United States, there are two obvious Raja-yogas which are indicative of his elevation to that exalted position. Mercury, the lord of the ninth, and Venus, the lord of the first, are combined in the eleventh house, giving him great influence over others. Saturn, which is the yoga-karaka for Libra ascendant as it owns the fourth and fifth houses, is combined with the Moon, lord of the tenth, in the first house, thus indicating that he is a significant personality.

Another Example of Raja-yoga



In the above horoscope of Indira Gandhi, former prime minister of India, see if you can note the Raja-yogas. First there is the influence of the Moon, lord of the first house, on the seventh house by its tenancy of that house; Jupiter, the lord of the ninth, is also influencing the seventh house by its ninth house aspect. So the lords of the first and ninth have a connection to the seventh house, rendering the seventh house quite strong, indicating that this is a widely known person with influence over the public. This yoga is somewhat more fortified by the influence of Saturn, lord of the seventh, on the seventh house by direct aspect.

Note also another yoga. Mars, the yoga-karaka for one born under Cancer rising, aspects the fifth house (by its fourth house aspect) and Jupiter, lord of the ninth, also aspects the fifth house (by direct aspect). So the lords of the fifth, ninth and tenth have combined influence on the fifth house, creating a Raja-yoga. This makes her a big minister (fifth house ruling ministership), and also indicates powerful children (her son is current prime minister).

Raja-yogas are most powerful when the lords of the first, fifth, ninth and tenth are involved. The lords of the fourth and seventh are of secondary importance in creating Raja-yoga. Next I will describe some important benefic yogas that are not quite on the level of Raja-yogas.

Benefic Yogas

Shubhakartari Yoga. This is caused when benefic planets surround a particular house or planet in the horoscope. For example, if Mercury is in the twelfth house, Venus is in the first house, and Jupiter is in the second house, the ascendant is surrounded by benefic planets, thus strengthening the ascendant, thus indicating an attractive or charismatic personality. Another instance would be Venus in the sixth house and Mercury in the eighth house. The seventh house in this instance is surrounded by good planets or involved in Shubhakartari yoga. This may indicate good marital karma, or a personality who will have a good effect on other people. Shubha-yoga can also be caused within one house. For example, if Jupiter is in the ninth house at 15 degrees, with Venus in the same house at 5 degrees, and Mercury is in the same house at 25 degrees, Subhakartari yoga is caused. In this case, Jupiter is fortified, being surrounded by good planets; and thus the person will have good fortune under the categories ruled by Jupiter, like good finances, good children, religious nature, etc.

Obhayachari Yoga. If the Sun is surrounded by benefic planets, a Shubha-yoga is formed, which is called Obhayachari yoga. The person will have enthusiasm, a strong and effulgent appearance, will be appreciated by many and endowed with leadership qualities.

Dhurdhura Yoga. If the Moon is surrounded by good planets, a benefic yoga called Dhurdhura is formed. The person will have a strong mind, will be sensitive and concerned about the welfare of others, and will be blessed with the good things of the world.

Gajakesari yoga. If Jupiter is in a quadrant from the Moon, this will be a generous person, occupying an important position and usually endowed with a spiritual mind.

Adhi yoga. Benefic planets in the sixth, seventh and eighth houses from the Moon. An affluent life with popularity, and good health and character may be expected.

Amala yoga. Benefic planets in the tenth house from the Moon or the ascendant. Widespread reputation, success in the profession, good character and charitable deeds may be expected.

The Five Yogas for Great Enjoyment (Pancha Mahapurusa Yogas)

1. Hamsa Yoga. Jupiter in a quadrant in its own sign or exaltation sign creates Hamsa-yoga. Hamsa means "swan," and this yoga indicates a very benevolent, godly character. If Jupiter is in the first, fourth, seventh or tenth house in its own sign Sagittarius or Pisces or in its exaltation sign Cancer, this yoga is manifest. The person may be wealthy, educated or involved in righteous deeds, depending on which house Jupiter is in. If there is Hamsa-yoga, predict good luck under the categories ruled by the house that it is in. For example, if Hamsa-yoga is present in the fourth house the person will own property, will have a good heart, a good education and good friends.

This understanding should be applied to all yogas or to reading a chart in general. If there are good influences on a particular house, the things represented by that house will flourish in life. For example, if the person has good planets influencing the second house or benefic yogas connected with the second house, they may enjoy family life or good earnings or will be philosophically inclined.

2. Malavya yoga. This is caused by Venus being in its own sign or exaltation sign in a quadrant (the first, fourth, seventh or tenth house). This endows a person with strong senses, material opulence, sexual pleasures and talent as a teacher or artist.

3. Bhadra yoga. This is caused by Mercury being in a quadrant in its own sign or exaltation sign. This indicates intellectual or literary achievements. The person will be friendly, well-dressed, talented in communications and helpful to his or her relatives.

4. Ruchaka yoga. This is caused by Mars being in a quadrant in its own sign or exaltation sign. This indicates a person of much energy. They will have a martial spirit or leadership qualities. They may rule over property and have success in competition, athletics, agriculture, or any of the categories ruled by Mars.

5. Sasi yoga. This is caused by Saturn being in a quadrant in its own sign or exaltation sign. This will be a very productive person who can enjoy good longevity, who can influence the lives of many people, or who will be written in the pages of history. There may be a tendency towards earning by low class methods. There are many more benefic yogas, even hundreds of them. I refer the reader to Dr. B.V. Raman's book "Three Hundred Important Combinations" for further research. However, if the horoscope does not have benefic planets in prominent places like the quadrants and trines and if the horoscope has none of the yogas mentioned above, it is unlikely that any of the other yogas which you may become familiar with will have much effect.

Parivarthaṇa Yogas

These yogas are caused when two planets exchange houses. For example, if Mercury is in the Sun's sign, Leo, and the Sun is in Mercury's sign, Virgo, then the Sun and Mercury are involved in Parivarthaṇa Yoga. These yogas can be benefic, mediocre or malefic according to whether the planets involved are strong, mediocre or malefic, and especially according to which houses the planets involved in the yoga are lords of. That is, if both planets are lords of good houses (say, Mercury is lord of the fifth house and Sun is lord of the fourth house) then the yoga is benefic and it will promote the affairs of the houses ruled by the planets, as well as promoting the affairs ruled by the planets themselves. In that instance, if the lords of the fourth and fifth houses exchange signs, the person may become well educated, or may make good property investments, or may become an advisor to important people. You make the interpretation by mixing the ideas represented by the houses owned, and then judging according to the horoscope in general which of the affairs ruled by the houses may manifest. In this example, with the lords of the fourth and fifth exchanging, the fourth rules higher education, property, friendships, etc. and the fifth house rules intelligence, socializing, investments, etc.

So I have mixed the ideas of both houses; and arrived at the interpretation that a person with that parivarthaṇa yoga may rise in educational circles or may make good investments in property. Now if in the rest of the chart, Jupiter is debilitated, the person may not prosper in educational circles (as Jupiter rules teaching); and if Mars, the indicator of property, is debilitated or in the 12th house, the house of loss, the interpretation about good investments in property may not be correct. This is a good rule to follow: look for several indications in a horoscope that point in one direction. If you find three or four indications that a person will be religious or wealthy, predict it. Do not make bold statements without having your suspicions confirmed by several indications in the horoscope.

Now, back to the Parivartha Yogas. If the lords of good houses exchange houses, good results are to be expected. If the lords of less important houses exchange, mediocre or negligible results may manifest. And the lords of bad houses exchanging with lords of good houses reduce the potency of the horoscope. For example, the lords of the ninth and first houses exchanging make for a fortunate and religious person. The lords of the tenth and first exchanging make for fame and fortune. The lords of the fifth and tenth make one well-known, educated and the parent of good children. The lords of the first and second exchanging bring money easily to the person. Now, the lords of the eighth and first house exchanging is a yoga for chronic disease and obnoxious habits. The lords of the twelfth and fifth exchanging indicates loss of children.

Malefic Yogas

We have previously discussed Shubhakartari yoga, a benefic situation where houses or planets are surrounded by good planets. Similarly, there is Papakartari yoga, where houses or planets are surrounded by malefic influences. For example, Rahu in the sixth house and Saturn in the eighth house causes a Papakartari yoga to the seventh house and afflicts the marital karma or the ability to relate to others. Malefic planets surrounding the ascendant cause a diseased body or a mean character. Another example of Papakartari yoga is; Mars at 5 degrees Aquarius, Jupiter at 15 degrees Aquarius, and Rahu at 28 degrees Aquarius. Jupiter is sandwiched in between the malefics Mars and Rahu (causing papakartari yoga). The person will have weaknesses under the categories ruled by Jupiter, that is, debts, problems with children, liver disease, arguments with religious people, etc.

The basic principle is that the lords of malefic houses (lords of the sixth, eighth and twelfth especially) cause malefic effects wherever they are situated. You would prefer to have these malefic lords away from the good houses, the quadrants and trines, so that they may not disturb the important things in life. In fact, lords of the sixth, eighth and twelfth in bad houses, like the sixth, eighth or twelfth, cause fairly good yogas.

Severe malefic yogas are caused by the lords of the first, fifth, ninth and tenth in the sixth, eighth or twelfth houses.

The lord of the tenth in these places is called Duryoga. This may make one unable to enjoy the fruits of one's work. The lord of the ninth in the sixth, eighth or twelfth makes a person luckless, and they have to struggle for whatever they gain in life.

The Moon aspected by malefic planets causes mental misery. Rahu aspecting the Moon can indicate intoxicative tendencies. Mars aspecting the Moon indicates anger and aggression. Saturn aspecting the Moon gives loneliness and depression. As with any astrological rules, these statements are not to be taken verbatim. You have to judge the house position, sign position, lordship, etc., before ascribing benefic or malefic qualities to anything in the chart.

Kemadruma yoga is caused when there are no benefics aspecting the Moon or no planets on either sign of the Moon. This gives dirty habits, loneliness, cruelty, sickness during childhood and other problems.

Sakata yoga is caused by the Moon being in the sixth, eighth or twelfth house from Jupiter. Sakata means the "wheel," and this yoga indicates radical changes in fortune in life; that is, at one time the person will live comfortably and at other times they will be poor and insignificant.

Kalasarpa yoga. This indicates a person who is suffering from a curse or from weak fortune. It is caused when the seven major planets are in between Rahu and Ketu. It is usually an indication of some serious misdeeds in the past life, which results in bad association and engagement in the four major sinful activities; that is, meat-eating, illicit sex, intoxication and gambling.

Combustion of planets. When any of the planets are too close to the Sun, they become combust or burned by the Sun's energy, and are unable to manifest any of their potencies. Ancient texts give the exact degree of proximity to the Sun for each planet to cause combustion. As a general rule, if a planet is within five degrees of the Sun, it is combust. Mercury and Venus are always close to the Sun, so they may suffer less from this position. If a planet is within the same navamsa as the Sun, the effects are acute.

The Sun-god, who in this age is known as Vivasvan (refer to *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, fourth chapter), is tremendously effulgent and is the king of planets. If the Sun-god came into the same house as you or I, we would become insignificant. Similarly, when planets are too close to the Sun, they cannot manifest their own potencies.

Again we refer the reader to Dr. B.V. Raman's book, *Three Hundred Important Combinations*, for further research into Shubha (benefic) and Ashubha (malefic) yogas. The study of yogas and the ability to recognize the important yogas may be the most important factor in judging a horoscope. A single planet in a good sign and a good house is not as important as the combined influence of several planets on any sign or house. There will be many charts with, for example, exalted Saturn in the tenth house. By itself, this may not raise the person up to great professional success. If there is, however, a Raja-yoga of Saturn and Venus influencing the tenth house, the person can definitely expect a high status in the profession or the chance to do significant work for humanity. If a malefic Sun is also influencing this Raja-yoga in the tenth house, you have to reduce your expectations proportionately.

In other words, the study of yogas, as with the study of the horoscope in general, is a delicate subject and requires the consideration of many factors before a definite prediction can be made. For example, if the lord of the ninth house is involved in yoga, it is very fortunate, but if the lord of the ninth house is simultaneously the lord of the sixth house, and if it is in a debilitated navamsa, or if it is aspected by the lord of the twelfth house, then your expectations for the amount of potency the lord of the ninth has, should be reduced. As one should take one's eternal relationship with God seriously by practicing yoga, so one should take the consideration of yogas in the horoscope seriously.

ASPECTS

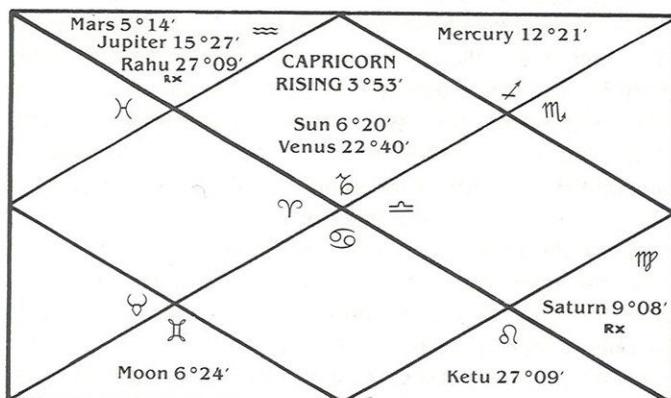
When a planet aspects a house or another planet, it means that it casts its influence upon the house or planet. For example, say we are trying to understand how Mars will act in a person's life, or how the seven-year major period of Mars will manifest. If Mars is aspected by Jupiter in the horoscope, then Mars will manifest to a good degree the qualities of Jupiter. Mars, the planet of action, being aspected by the planet of piety Jupiter, would generally indicate that the person would perform some pious deeds. But say Jupiter is debilitated in the chart. Then the person's actions (represented by Mars) would take on the impious, untruthful or unfortunate qualities of debilitated Jupiter, especially during the seven-year major period of Mars.

As a simple example we can say that a performer may have his own personal style, but upon seeing other performers he may incorporate some of their styles into his own. Similarly, if a planet or house is aspected by one or more planets, it will take on the qualities of the aspecting planets. More references on aspects will be found in the later chapter of Example Horoscopes.

Each planet has a full aspect, a 3/4 aspect, a 1/2 aspect and a 1/4 aspect. Most astrologers only take into account the full aspect; I think this method is simple but sufficient. A list of the full aspects that each planet gives is as follows:

THE SUN	aspects the seventh house from it
THE MOON	aspects the seventh house from it
MARS	4th, 7th and 8th houses
MERCURY	7th house
JUPITER	5th, 7th and 9th
VENUS	7th house
SATURN	3rd, 7th and 10th
RAHU	5th, 7th and 9th
KETU	5th, 7th and 9th

Count the sign that the planet is in as the first house and go forward. For example, say Jupiter is in Aries and the Moon is in Leo. Leo is the fifth sign from Aries, and thus the Moon receives a full aspect from Jupiter. We will herewith include an example horoscope listing all the full aspects of the planets.



SUN—aspects the 7th house

MOON—aspects Mercury and the 12th house

MARS—aspects Ketu, Saturn and the 5th, 8th and 9th houses

MERCURY—aspects the Moon and the 6th house

JUPITER—aspects the Moon, Ketu and the 6th, 8th and 10th houses

VENUS—aspects the 7th house

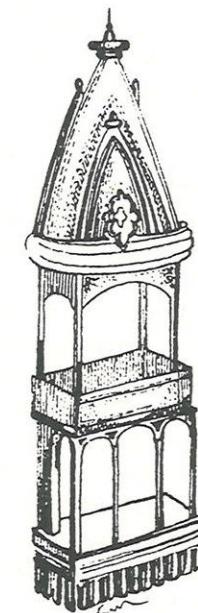
SATURN—aspects the Moon and the 3rd, 6th and 11th houses

RAHU—aspects the Moon, Ketu and the 6th, 8th and 10th houses

KETU—aspects Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Rahu and the 2nd, 4th and 12th houses.

Section Three:

Predictive Techniques



PREDICTING THE FUTURE BASED ON THE PLANETARY PERIODS

In this section we'll study several methods for understanding what might occur at different times in a person's life. The four elements I employ, which give a very complete picture of life's events, are 1) the planetary major period, 2) the planetary sub-period, 3) the planetary transits, and 4) the yearly chart.

All the events indicated by these four factors should occur in a person's life at the indicated time. We have to try to synthesize these factors, using intelligence and common sense, in order to grasp the exact way something will happen. We also must know the priorities of these four factors. I estimate that 60% importance should be given to the planetary major period, 20% importance to the planetary sub-period, and the remaining 20% influence is divided amongst the transits and the indications of the yearly chart.

Let's take an example to put this into perspective. A person goes through the major period of Jupiter from 1988 to 2004. We must use the four factors to anticipate what might occur in these years of his life. And we must use the facts given previously in this book to predict what the major period and sub-period will be like. For example, if Jupiter is well-placed in the horoscope (birth chart), then the major period of Jupiter overall (1988 to 2004) will be good, and the things represented by Jupiter may manifest to a good degree. That is, he may earn good wealth and have children and religious inclinations. Overall, the major period for sixteen years will be 60% like that. These things will come to the forefront especially during the sub-period of Jupiter, which goes for the first two years, one month and eighteen days of the major period. Then, in the sub-period of Saturn for the next two and a half years (these calculations are explained later on), if Saturn is weak in the chart, he may experience some debt or illness, and this will manifest to a degree of about 20% in his life. Overall he'll be fairly secure due to the benefic nature of the major period of Jupiter.

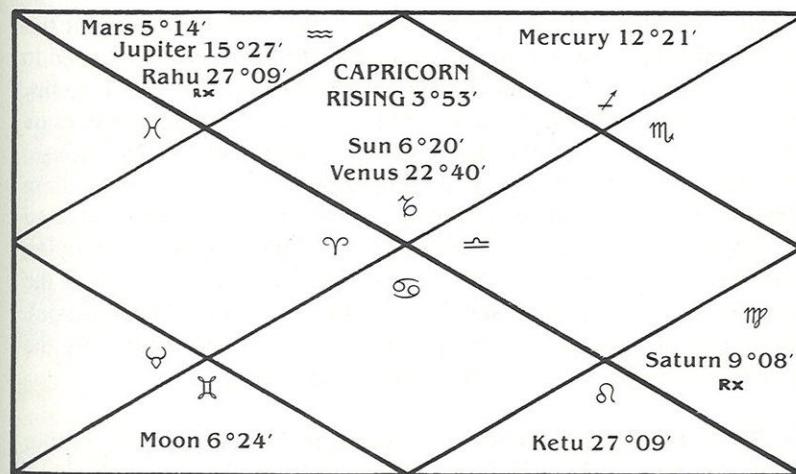
Again, in the summer of 1991, if the combined influence of the transits and the yearly chart look bad, the person may experience loss of his job, unexpected heavy expenses, etc. for a short time as another negative 20% consideration comes into the picture. But overall during this sixteen-year period he will gain his fortune, if Jupiter in the birth chart is powerfully situated.

By now we've learned how to read the strength or weakness of each planet in a horoscope. Understanding the strengths and weaknesses of each planet is the background for being able to predict what will occur in each planetary period. Most astrological books tell you what particular events to anticipate during, say, a major period of Jupiter and sub-period of Mercury. But without studying the position of these planets in the chart, such predictions may be way off the mark. I will not list general indications of each major period or sub-period in this book. I wish the reader to gather his or her own conclusions by applying what they've learned about the nature of each planet, in each sign, in each house, with each aspect it receives, each yoga it is involved in, etc. By this method you should be able to predict for yourself what will happen during different major periods or sub-periods of life. Otherwise, you can write to us at the address given in the beginning of the book for our predictive services; or contact any bonafide sidereal astrologer for interpretations and predictions. Some examples are given for learning this simple interpretive and predictive method; try and learn these methods for yourself.

Parasara, the father of Vedic astrology, gives us several different systems to use in judging the past, present and future from the birth chart. The system most in vogue and which is most suitable for this age is the *vimsottari dasha* system. I have found this method very accurate, and investigation on your part will also, assuredly, be fruitful.

The *dasha* system consists of dividing the life span into major periods (mahadashas) and sub-periods (bhuktis) ruled by the different planets. How to calculate the dates of operation of the different planetary periods is given in a previous chapter. You calculate from that method and find, for example, that a person goes through the major period of Jupiter from ages 18 to 34.

What will happen to the person during those years? We have to consider the position of Jupiter in the birth chart and predict accordingly. We have to look at the houses that Jupiter is lord of, the house it is in, the sign it is in, the yogas it is subject to, the aspects it receives, its position in the navamsa chart, and the intrinsic nature of Jupiter itself. If we look at Jupiter from all these perspectives we can anticipate a lot of the events that the person in the Jupiter period will go through. Let's take our example horoscope from the How to Cast Your Horoscope chapter and discuss the major period of Jupiter according to these principles.



CONSIDERATION OF THE JUPITER PERIOD, AGE 18 to 34, FOR THE PERSON WITH THIS HOROSCOPE

Consider the following points:

1. LORDSHIP. Jupiter is the lord of the malefic 12th house and lord of the 3rd, which is not one of the benefic quadrants or trines either. So it is clearly known that Jupiter is a malefic for those born under Capricorn. Experiences like losses, fruitless expenses, search after truth, wanderings, lack of stability, weakness of health (all significations of the 12th house) were all undergone. Jupiter as lord of the third house gave jobs in writing, preaching, expressiveness through music and speech, protection of property, and management.

2. HOUSE POSITION. Jupiter being in the 2nd house brought the following effects, which are all signified by the 2nd house: he started to earn his own money, he spoke religious philosophy, he traded in gems, changed dietary habits, and suffered disease from overindulgence. Look back in this book to the description of Jupiter in the 2nd house; "...earning by their learning, getting a good mate who helps them through bad times, talkative, difficulty controlling the tongue, inclined to prayer, expounding upon books of law and philosophy and enjoying the pleasures of family life." All those things were experienced in the Jupiter major period by myself (whose chart is the example horoscope). So during any planetary period, expect the things represented by the house that the planet is in to manifest in one's life.

3. SIGN POSITION. Jupiter considered from sign position; Jupiter is in Aquarius in both rasi and navamsa charts. So the qualities of Aquarius, such as devotional and mystic studies, attempts to serve humanity, popularity, unusual character, etc. were manifest. Previously in this book we gave a description of Jupiter in Aquarius as follows: "...interest in philosophy, writing ability, use of money for charitable deeds, desire to promote social reform, great help from one's friends...chronic disease, working hard but unproductively in art, company of persons of low habits, waste of money and engagement in gossip and criticisms." All of these things were manifest during the Jupiter major period. So during any planetary period, expect the things signified by the sign that the planet is in, to manifest in life.

4. YOGAS. Consider the yogas that Jupiter is involved in. Due to being sandwiched in between the malefics Mars and Rahu (papakartari yoga) the Jupiter period caused weak financial condition, death of guru, birth of no children, lack of inner peace and inability to keep vows. These are to be expected when Jupiter has weaknesses. As Jupiter is in the ninth from the Moon, there were great strides in religion, many long journeys, political involvements, help from God and obtainment of a bona fide guru (all significations of the 9th house). As Jupiter is lord of the 7th from the Moon, in the ninth from the Moon, he got a fortunate wife and did business with the public as an astrologer.

5. ASPECTS. Jupiter is conjoined with Mars and Rahu, and aspected by Ketu. During the Jupiter years he was energetic in pushing forward a cause, involved in controversy with brahmanas, and contacted a blood disease (all significations of Mars). He also experienced Rahu energy in the form of association with troubled women, time wasted with intoxicants, frustration of material ambitions, and intense spiritual experiences (all significations of Rahu associated with Jupiter). Ketu aspecting Jupiter resulted in poor finances, performance of severe austerities, service of sannyasis, spiritual initiation, liver disease.

You just have to know what are the things signified by the different planets, houses and signs. You combine those influences to arrive at different ideas for prediction. For example, if Jupiter, a spiritual planet and ruler of the 12th house (search for liberation) in this chart, is conjoined with the intense planet Rahu and aspected by the restrictive planet Ketu, and conjoined with the energetic and determined planet Mars, then during the Jupiter major period or sub-period in life, the person will become a spiritual seeker and teacher, and will have intense moments of realization, but will be a neophyte practitioner as Jupiter is a bad lord and is influenced by malefic planets.

5. NAVAMSA POSITION OF JUPITER. Jupiter is in the first house with the powerful Sun, so leadership positions, concern for spiritual advancement, company of the guru, enough money to survive comfortably, etc. were experienced during the Jupiter years. The navamsa has especially to do with marriage, so Jupiter's strong position in the navamsa, and Jupiter's conjunction with the planet ruling the seventh house in the navamsa, contributed towards his getting an excellent wife during this period.

6. INTRINSIC NATURE OF JUPITER. Jupiter is an expansive, benefic planet by nature, and it rules over teachers, priests, gurus, persons who protect or inform others, people who are secure financially, etc.; so during the major period of Jupiter those things were experienced. The person became a religious and philosophical man who earned money through those avenues. His knowledge expanded and he had many moments of deep happiness available only to those who are determined to please God.

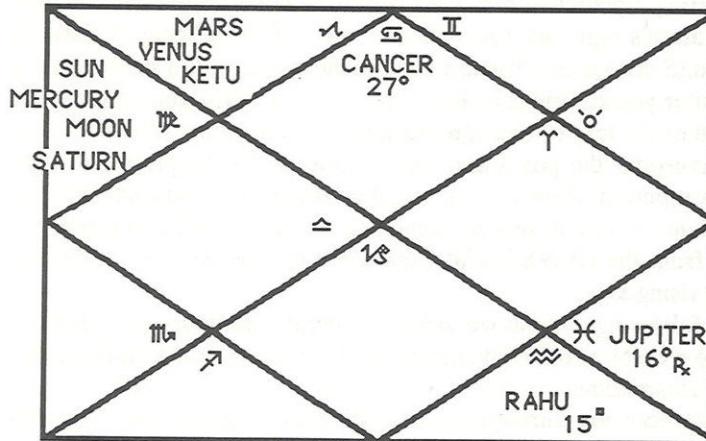
By comparison to the previous major period of Rahu (during ages 1 to 18), the Jupiter period was much wiser and more fruitful than Rahu, which was spent in sinful activities, with philosophical ignorance, athletics, family life and materialistic success. Likewise, the Saturn major period which follows Jupiter's period will bring more Saturnian experiences, like aging of the body, detachment, better work opportunities, chance to serve the public, etc. And Mercury's major period, which goes from age 53 to 70, should be read similar to the above method. Mercury is lord of the 6th house, so he will have trouble from disease and will spend much time in foreign lands; Mercury is lord of the ninth house so he will have religious experiences and possibly the chance to advise people in governmental positions. Mercury is in the 12th house so there will be an increase of renunciation. Mercury is in the seventh from the Moon so he will be involved in the education of the public.

There are a few other considerations you might wish to make when interpreting a particular planetary period. In the example chart, Jupiter is in Saturn's sign, so you will get some of the effects of Saturn's position (Saturn is in a friend's sign, in the fortunate 9th house) during the Jupiter years. This is called dispositorship, when you consider the position of the lord of the sign that a planet is in.

So consider the position of the **dispositor** of the planet during a planetary period. Also look at the **shad-bala** (planetary strength) of each planet if you have the calculations available. Also consider the planet from the **LUNAR** and **SOLAR** ascendant as you did for the natural rising sign.

By following this above system, anyone can understand quickly what to expect at different times of life in our sojourn through this human incarnation.

Now, note the duration of each planet's major period. The Sun period is 6 years long, the Moon 10 years, Mars 7, Rahu 18, Jupiter 16, Saturn 19, Mercury 17, Ketu 7 and Venus 20. After Venus' period the cycle returns again to the Sun period, Moon, Mars, etc. Recapping, we have to calculate which planetary period is in effect at birth. Let's say the Mars period has 20 days to go at birth. Thus the person is under three weeks of the major period of Mars, then the 18-year Rahu period begins, then 16 years of Jupiter, etc. And it is according to the strong, mediocre or weak position of the planet in the birth chart that one predicts strong, mediocre or weak karma during that planetary period in life. Just so we can understand the matter thoroughly without error, let's look at the major planetary periods in another example horoscope, using the above method of prediction.



Major period of Rahu: age 5 to 23

Major period of Jupiter: age 23 to 39

In this example horoscope, we find that the person goes through the major period of Rahu from age 5 to 23, and the Jupiter major period from age 23 to 39. Let's consider these periods with reference to the method discussed previously.

1. Lordship. Rahu has no lordship. Rahu is a shadow planet which acts like the lord of the sign it is in. Thus Rahu being in Aquarius, Saturn's sign, will act like Saturn. Saturn is a malefic lord for one born under Cancer rising. So the negative nature of Saturn will manifest during the 18-year major period of Rahu. Saturn is lord of the seventh house, which rules interaction with others, sex and business, etc. So we may surmise that this person had some bad company during these years, and was unmarried and had few business opportunities. Saturn being in Mercury's sign, next to Mercury, indicates plenty of educational affairs during these years.

Now Jupiter is the favorable lord of the ninth house, which is the house of good fortune, religious learning, long distance travel, rewards for past pious actions, furthering the dynasty, popularity with the public, etc. During the Jupiter period he became a world-famous man, travelling around the globe, making huge amounts of money, fathering at least four children, becoming quite interested in spiritual things. Jupiter is also lord of the sixth house, which indicates foreign travel, litigation, disappointments, enemies, etc. He had experience of divorce, and wrote poems and songs expressing disappointment with war and other conflicts in society.

2. House position. Rahu is in the 8th house, the most malefic house in a horoscope. Refer back in this book, where Rahu in the 8th house is described as follows: "a quarrelsome person with questionable means of earning; involvement with poisons or drugs, suffering with public criticism, etc." So Rahu brings these things during the Rahu years.

Jupiter being in the 9th house is very fortunate. Read previously where Jupiter in the ninth house is described; "A sagacious and principled person, learned in laws or religion, who travels overseas and gets the opportunity to preach what they have learned. They are secure financially and have students or children. They are faithful and can become influential teachers or examples for society." Now, during the Jupiter years, this man has travelled all over, has written songs about spiritual realization which are heard regularly by millions of people, has made a fortune, has had several children, etc. So you see how the influence of the house position of planets is important in determining what will happen to the person during that planetary period. This is a rather extreme example of going from a particularly bad planet (Rahu in the 8th house) to a very powerful planet (Jupiter in the 9th), and not all charts will have this "rags to riches" type of karma. I have chosen this example because it is very clear to see that one planetary period will be quite strong and one will be very weak.

3. Sign position. Rahu in Aquarius is fairly good, but basically it will act like Saturn, which is not a good planet for Cancer rising, and which is combust or too close to the Sun, and which is debilitated in the navamsa. So the Rahu years were not expansive or fulfilling and more or less were a waste of time. Jupiter, on the other hand, is in its own sign Pisces, which is described previously as follows: "A sincere person with a service mood (he is trying to bring peace and knowledge to humanity); talent in nursing, teaching, advising in financial matters and working with children (he has taught spiritual principles to the world, and has provided a wealthy life-style for his several children); softness of heart and psychic perceptions may be noted (he wrote songs like *Driven to Tears* which decries the suffering people put each other through, and he has expressed appreciation for Krishna conscious literature like *Bhagavad-gita*, the ultimate mystic text); a diplomatic person, sometimes with dual marriage (he's working on his second marriage now)."

4. Yogas. Rahu is aspected by the yogakaraka Mars, so he must have enjoyed some athletics and must have been well-provided for by his parents when he was in the Rahu major period, but otherwise there are no great yogas for a planet in the 8th house. Jupiter however is involved in Gajakesari Yoga, which brings spiritual qualities, good reputation and financial success; it is involved in Hamsa Yoga, being in its own sign in the seventh house from the Moon, so the Jupiter period definitely can bring strong fortune.

5. Aspects. Rahu as previously mentioned, is aspected by the yogakaraka Mars, and so is Jupiter. Rahu is aspected by the malefic lord Venus. Jupiter is aspected by the lord of the ascendant, the lord of the 5th, and by exalted Mercury. During the Jupiter years, the effects of exalted Mercury, like success in writing, great sales of one's work, association with Vedic knowledge, etc., became manifest.

6. Navamsa position. Rahu is weak in the twelfth house in the navamsa chart, whereas Jupiter is lord of the 1st, in the 9th house, aspected by the lord of the 9th Mars, so Jupiter looks much stronger than Rahu in the navamsa chart, and we can thus predict more success in the Jupiter years, especially in the areas represented by the navamsa chart, like marriage and partnerships.

At this point it should be obvious how to judge the effects of the different major periods of life. You have to know what each planet represents, what each sign and house represents, which planets are strong and which are mediocre or weak in the chart, and then predict the effects of the planetary periods by the above method accordingly. There are several other things to consider which give finer points of prediction, but it is not the purpose of this book to introduce more advanced principles, nor should they even be considered unless one is advanced enough to grasp the information already given in this chapter.

EFFECTS OF THE PLANETARY SUB-PERIODS

Within each major planetary period, there are nine different sub-periods of the planets. The table of sub-periods is given a few pages ahead. Consideration of the planetary sub-periods, just as we did with the planetary major periods, will help us to go into more detail on the 6-year major period of the Sun, or the 16-year major period of Jupiter. There are several ways of considering the possible effects of each planetary sub-period. The ones I use are given as follows.

1. Judge the planet according to its position in the birth chart. Use the same method you just used for determining how a planet will act in its major period. If you wish to find out what will happen to a person in the sub-period of Saturn, consider the position of Saturn in the birth chart, according to lordship, house position, sign position, yogas, aspects, navamsa position, position from the lunar and solar ascendant, etc. This means that if a person has two good planets in his chart, say Saturn and Venus, then the Saturn major period or sub-period will be good, and the Venus major period or sub-period will also be good.
2. When determining the effects of a planetary sub-period, consider the benefic or malefic juxtaposition of the planet ruling the major period and the planet ruling the sub-period. Say a person is in the major period of Jupiter, sub-period of Venus. If these planets are in good houses (1,4,5,7,9,10,11) from each other, the sub-period will be better than if they are in malefic houses (3,6,8,12) from each other. For example, if a person is going through the major period of Jupiter in the 2nd house and the sub-period of Venus in the first house, there will be some malefic effects of that Venus sub-period, because Venus is in the 12th house from Jupiter. When counting houses, always count the house or planet that you are starting from as the first house. So if Jupiter is in the fourth house, and Venus is in the sixth house, Venus is in the 3rd house from Jupiter.
3. Consider the natural relationship of the planet ruling the major period and the planet ruling the sub-period. If these two planets are friendly to each other, then the sub-period will be smoother than if the two planets were neutral or inimical towards each other.

4. Consider the intrinsic nature of each planet. If one is in the major period of Jupiter, which is a spiritually pure planet, and one is in the sub-period of the sensual planet Venus, then one will have a conflict between self-realization and sense gratification at that time. Also, since Jupiter and Venus are both natural benefics, the person may have more celestial experiences than if they were going through the major period of Mars, sub-period of Saturn, because Saturn and Mars are both malefic by nature.
5. Books that are already on the market list several events for each sub-period in each major period. That is, there are certain events expected during the Sun-Sun period (Sun major period, Sun sub-period), certain events to be anticipated during the Sun-Moon period, the Sun-Mars period, etc. I am not going to list these in this book. You can refer to the many books that are available from our company or from different book stores. It is more important to predict events from the methods I have given on the preceding pages than to quote books. One should consider the major period and the sub-period according to their positions in the birth chart as much more important than the predictions given for planetary periods that do not consider the position of the planets in the chart. That is the major reason for my not listing them in this book. By using the methods I've explained one can come to very accurate predictions for the different periods of life.

Besides the influence of the major periods and the sub-periods, one should consider the influence of the sub-sub periods and even sub-sub-sub periods. These are given in the book Parasara Hora-Sastra. In my personal practice I like to consider the effects of the major period, sub-period, the transits and the yearly chart. If one is so expert that he can go into sub-sub periods, then he should predict events for the sub-sub-period according to the position of the planet ruling the sub-sub-period in the birth chart. In the previous chapters of this book, we have attempted to describe how one can understand the strength or weakness of each planet in the chart and one can thus predict different events in each planetary period accordingly. First one should grasp these subjects very thoroughly before one attempts to predict sub-sub periods, or to read computerized print-outs of the 15 varga charts. I have seen colleagues in this science who look to the dasamsa charts and the astakavarga readings before they even know the essence of interpreting a horoscope.

For example, there was a dispute about the actual horoscope of the great spiritual master His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. One chart had him with Capricorn rising, with exalted Saturn in the tenth and Jupiter in the 8th. Another chart (see the section of this book called example horoscopes) had him with Sagittarius rising and Jupiter in the ninth. Now if one understands the most basic principles of astrology, one would know that it is more likely for a great saintly person to be born under the holy sign of Sagittarius with the lord of the ascendant (Jupiter) in the ninth house of religion, than for such person to be born under the lower-class sign of Capricorn with the ascendant lord exalted in the tenth house (the house of artha or economic development). If one has no simple sense about such things, going into divisional charts and sub-sub periods will be pretty fruitless, in my opinion. One has to know the ABCs of a science before graduating to the advanced class. This book is intended to help people get a good understanding of themselves and their destiny by understanding the basics of astrology, and I pretend no greater ambition than that.

PLANETARY SUB-PERIODS

	Sun Sub-period Month Day	Moon Sub-period Month Day	Mars Sub-period Month Day	Rahu Sub-period Month Day	Jupiter Sub-period Month Day	Saturn Sub-period Month Day	Mercury Sub-period Month Day	Ketu Sub-period Month Day	Venus Sub-period Month Day
Sun Major Period	3 18	6 0	4 6	10 24	9 18	11 12	10 6	4 6	12 0
Moon Major Period	6 0	10 0	7 0	18 0	16 0	19 0	17 0	7 0	20 0
Mars Major Period	4 6	7 0	4 27	12 18	11 6	13 9	11 27	4 27	14 0
Rahu Major Period	10 24	18 0	12 18	32 12	28 24	34 6	30 18	12 18	36 0
Jupiter Major Period	9 18	16 0	11 6	28 24	25 18	30 12	27 6	11 6	32 0
Saturn Major Period	11 12	19 0	13 9	34 6	30 12	36 3	32 9	13 9	38 0
Mercury Major Period	10 6	17 0	11 27	30 18	27 6	32 9	28 27	11 27	34 0
Ketu Major Period	4 6	7 0	4 27	12 18	11 6	13 9	11 27	4 27	14 0
Venus Major Period	12 0	20 0	14 0	36 0	32 0	38 0	34 0	14 0	40 0

HOW TO USE THIS TABLE:

Say you have calculated that a person goes through the 16-year major period of Jupiter from April 4, 1988 to April 4, 2004. Within that 16-year major period he will go through nine sub-periods. The sub-periods always start with the same planetary period that rules the major period; as such the Jupiter major period starts with the sub-period of Jupiter. According to the above table the Jupiter sub-period lasts for two years, one month and 18 days. Calculate these sub-periods using each month as having thirty days. Here's an example.

Month	Day	Year
4	4	1988
+ 1	18	2
5	22	1990

This means that the Jupiter sub-period of the Jupiter major period goes from 4-4-88 to 5-22-90. Then comes the sub-period of Saturn, then Mercury, Ketu, Venus, Sun, Moon, Mars and Rahu.

JUPITER MAJOR PERIOD 4-4-88 to 4-4-04

4-4-88 to 5-22-90	Jupiter sub-period
5-22-90 to 12-4-92	Saturn sub-period
12-4-92 to 3-10-95	Mercury sub-period
3-10-95 to 2-16-96	Ketu sub-period
2-16-96 to 10-16-98	Venus sub-period
10-16-98 to 8-4-99	Sun sub-period
8-4-99 to 12-4-00	Moon sub-period
12-4-00 to 11-10-01	Mars sub-period
11-10-01 to 4-4-04	Rahu sub-period

The major periods and sub-periods always go in this order; Sun, Moon, Mars, Rahu, Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury, Ketu, Venus, then back to Sun, Moon, etc. As such, after the major period of Jupiter ends for the above example horoscope, he enters the major period of Saturn, which lasts for 19 years, from 4-4-2004 to 4-4-2023.

TRANSITS

Transits are the movements of the planets through the different stars and signs. For example, when Jupiter is in the sign of Pisces we say that Jupiter is transiting Pisces. All of the planets are moving through the stars and signs, usually in a forward motion (from Aries to Taurus to Gemini, etc.) but sometimes there is a seemingly reverse motion when the planet is *retrograde*, and the planet may go backwards (from Taurus to Aries, etc.). Either way, the movement of each planet through different signs affects each of us in a particular way.

In this chapter we shall give the effects of the transits of the major planets Jupiter and Saturn, and the transits of the Sun and the Moon. The other planets are also influential, but their transits are not as influential as these four. You can consult several of the literatures in the Bibliography for the effects of the other planets in transit. For myself, I usually just consult the transits of Saturn, Jupiter, the Sun and Moon, and this is sufficient to give a good picture of how the transits of a particular day, month or year will affect us.

The effects of the transits as given on the following pages are all to be judged by the following system. Look at the sign the Moon is in in your birth chart. Count that as house number one. Count the house transits in order from the Moon sign. For example, Jupiter was in Aquarius from Feb. 1986 to Feb. 1987. If in your birth chart, the Moon is in the sign of Pisces, then from Feb. of 86 to Feb. of 87, Jupiter was transiting the twelfth house from your Moon. Take as another example, the Sun. The Sun is in the sign of Scorpio from Nov. 16 to Dec. 15. Now, for a person with the Moon in the sign of Pisces, the Sun would be transiting the 9th house from Nov. 16 to Dec. 15, since Scorpio is the ninth house or sign from Pisces.

In this Vedic, or sidereal, or eastern system of astrology, the effects of the transits are not as important as the effects of the major planetary period that one is in, nor are they as important as the effects of the sub-period that one is in. That is, about 60% of your estimation of what will occur at a particular time in one's life should be derived from your evaluation of the major period. For example, if one is in the 16-year major period of Jupiter, and Jupiter is well-situated in the 9th house of the horoscope, you can expect good financial luck, happiness through children, spiritual progress and long journeys during that 16 years. Within that 16-year period there are nine sub periods of the different planets, which will create better or worse effects. The effects of the sub periods should be considered as about 20% of the influence on one's life. The other 20% of your predictions should be considered from the influences of the combined planetary transits.

TRANSITS OF SATURN

Saturn changes signs every two and a half years, usually. It is the slowest moving planet but is very influential over human affairs. Saturn's transits are particularly important in regards to one's employment situation, one's association or environment, and one's general health and frame of mind. There is a well-known Saturn movement called the *sade-sati*, which is the seven years when Saturn moves across the sign tenanted by the Moon in one's birth chart. Say, for example, that one is born with the Moon in the sign of Gemini. When Saturn passes through the twelfth house from the Moon (or Taurus in this case), the first house from the Moon (Gemini) and the second house from the Moon (Cancer), the person experiences the *sade-sati*.

The first time one experiences *sade-sati* in one's life, one feels mental confusion and goes through personal crisis. The second time it occurs one changes one's directions in life, becomes more involved in economic development and may experience death of parents. The third time it occurs in one's life one may have renunciation, physical illness or death.

First we will give a schedule of which sign Saturn will be in for the remainder of this century, and next we will give some basic effects of Saturn's movements through the twelve houses. Remember that the first house will be the sign that the Moon is in in your birth chart. For example, again, if the Moon is in Aries in your birth chart, then when Saturn goes through Aries, that is the first house transit. When Saturn goes through Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, etc. it will be the second, third, fourth house transit.

Saturn's sign positions for the rest of the century

Saturn is in the sign of Scorpio; all of 1986 through Dec. 17, 1987

Saturn is in Sagittarius from ; Dec. 17, 1987 to Mar. 19, 1990

Saturn is in Capricorn from; Mar. 19, 1990 to June 21, 1990

Saturn is in Sagittarius from; June 21, 1990 to Dec. 15, 1993

Saturn is in Capricorn again from; Dec. 15, 1990 to Mar. 5, 1993

Saturn is in Aquarius from; Mar. 5, 1993 to June 2, 1995

Saturn is in Pisces from; June 2, 1995 to August 10, 1995

Saturn is back in Aquarius from; Aug. 10, 1995 to Feb. 16, 1996

Saturn is in Pisces from; Feb. 16, 1996 to Apr. 17, 1998

Saturn is in Aries from; Apr. 17, 1998 until June 2000.

EFFECTS OF SATURN'S TRANSITS THROUGH THE HOUSES

SATURN TRANSITTING THE FIRST HOUSE:

Personal crisis, weakness of health, visits to foreign lands, sinful temptations and burdensome responsibilities.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE SECOND HOUSE:

Financial expenses, sickness to family members, tendency to speak critically, dietary restrictions.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE THIRD HOUSE:

Gain of new income, acquisition of various paraphernalia, getting servants, increased health and happiness, success in competition.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE FOURTH HOUSE:

Discontent within oneself, sickness to the mother, possible change of residence, bad company, trouble within domestic life.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE FIFTH HOUSE:

Investment losses, sickness to or separation from children, interest in prayers, stomach complaints, opportunities to teach.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE SIXTH HOUSE:

Freedom from disease, conquering opponents, enjoying the company of the opposite sex and good employment opportunities.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE SEVENTH HOUSE:

Illness to the mate; wearisome travelling; arguments or litigation with others; business weakens.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE EIGHTH HOUSE:

Feelings of distress or understanding the futility of material affairs; near-death experience; scandalous temptations; philosophical inquiries; death of elders.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE NINTH HOUSE:

Irreligious activities; sickness to the father; arguments with one's leader or employer; charitable activities or involvements in welfare work; irregular habits and bad luck.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE TENTH HOUSE:

Hard work or new employment; learning new crafts; insults or blame and suffering from enmity from others; back pain, boredom with one's work.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE ELEVENTH HOUSE:

Unexpected gains or promotions; getting gifts; becoming cruel or overbearing towards others; increased influence over others; good luck and happiness.

SATURN TRANSITTING THE TWELFTH HOUSE:

Loss of position, possible fine or hospitalization, exile or delays while in faraway places, separation from dear ones, many expenses, increase of spiritual renunciation.

TRANSITS OF JUPITER

Jupiter changes signs usually once each year. Its transits are important in the areas that Jupiter governs, such as financial affairs, dealings with children, religious life, etc. There is another fact to be considered about the transits of Jupiter, or Saturn, or any of the planets. Each planet rules a certain house in the birth chart. For example, if one is born with Aquarius rising, then Jupiter is the lord or ruler of the second house (which would be Pisces). Therefore, when Jupiter is in a favorable transit, second house affairs, such as earning of money, family affairs, dietary practices, etc. will become more favorable and solid. And when Jupiter is in an unfavorable position, second house affairs will suffer a bit. It is similar with the other planets. If Saturn is ruler of the tenth house, the house of occupation, and Saturn is in an unfavorable transit, then the occupational affairs will suffer a bit.

Back to the transits of Jupiter. The schedule of Jupiter's sign position for the rest of this century is given below. Remember how to read the transit. If the Moon sign in your birth chart is Pisces, then when Jupiter is transiting Pisces (Oct. 86 to Feb. 88), Jupiter is transiting your first house.

SCHEDULE OF JUPITER'S SIGN POSITION

JUPITER IN ARIES	June 16, 1987 to Oct. 26, 1987
JUPITER IN PISCES	Oct. 26, 1987 to Feb. 3, 1988
JUPITER IN ARIES	Feb. 3, 1988 to June 20, 1988
JUPITER IN TAURUS	June 20, 1988 to July 2, 1989
JUPITER IN GEMINI	July 2, 1989 to July 21, 1990
JUPITER IN CANCER	July 21, 1990 to Aug. 15, 1991
JUPITER IN LEO	Aug. 15, 1991 to Sept. 12, 1992
JUPITER IN VIRGO	Sept. 12, 1992 to Oct. 12, 1993
JUPITER IN LIBRA	Oct. 12, 1993 to Nov. 11, 1994
JUPITER IN SCORPIO	Nov. 11, 1994 to Dec. 7, 1995
JUPITER IN SAGITTARIUS	Dec. 7, 1995 to Dec. 25, 1996
JUPITER IN CAPRICORN	Dec. 25, 1996 to Jan. 9, 1998
JUPITER IN AQUARIUS	Jan. 9, 1998 to May 26, 1998
JUPITER IN PISCES	May 26, 1998 to Sept. 10, 1998
JUPITER IN AQUARIUS	Sept. 10, 1998 to Jan. 13, 1999
JUPITER IN PISCES	Jan. 13, 1999 to May 27, 1999
JUPITER IN ARIES	May 27, 1999 to June of 2000

EFFECTS OF JUPITER'S TRANSITS

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 1ST HOUSE:

This transit gives better finances than the previous year and you may learn some new and helpful information. Travel or change of residence may occur. It is a good year for mothers and teachers. Watch for being selfish and spiritually neglectful. Uncertainty over your future arises.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 2ND HOUSE:

This period should bring excellent financial opportunities, the chance to teach or preach what one has learned, more happiness in family life, and better dietary habits.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 3RD HOUSE:

Obstacles at one's work and making bad choices may be expected. It is a good transit for writers or persons who make their living with their hands. Danger to relatives arises. Acquisition of new equipment occurs.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 4TH HOUSE:

Accept the inevitable. It is a year of disappointment with your environment or with your company. It is great for educational affairs and investments on the car or house. You may have revelations within the heart or reformation of character.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 5TH HOUSE:

There are good investments, socializing with VIPs, happiness from children. There is progress in study and in prayer, and the enjoyment of entertainment. A good transit for financial gains and increased fame.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 6TH HOUSE:

There is danger of debt. Opportunities you were counting on may not materialize. A good year for those in positions of service and those who work for religious groups. Expect sickness to children, enemies and stomach problems.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 7th HOUSE:

Improvement in marital status, success in partnerships and growth of business. It is good for short trips, signing contracts and litigation. You get some good spiritual company Give in charity.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 8th HOUSE:

Monetary setbacks may be expected, along with troubles to one's progeny, irreligious temptations, trouble from litigation or official displeasures. Become more disciplined. Watch out for bad company.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 9th HOUSE:

This is the best of Jupiter's transits and should provide a spiritual and financial boost. A year for long journeys and blessings from one's father, guru or employer. One may get good earnings and acquire gems. One's bank account grows and the chance to instruct others arises.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 10th HOUSE:

Impediments in the profession or boredom with one's job may be felt. One may get some bad news or spend away one's earnings. A good year for self-sacrifice, expanding one's reputation, meeting wealthy persons and giving in charity.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 11th HOUSE:

This is a year of gains and enjoying a position of influence. One acquires the things one desires and gets to fulfill sensual demands. Wealthy friends may be acquired and you can expect rewards for past good deeds or good return on investments.

JUPITER TRANSITTING THE 12th HOUSE:

Expenses and enforced renunciation may be expected, along with some spiritual weakness and loss of physical strength. Financial stringency, unnecessary quarrels and worries may arise. It is a good year for students and for those seeking liberation.

MONTHLY TRANSITS OF THE SUN

The Sun changes signs in the middle of each month. Its transits are quite important in relation to one's health, one's career, one's dealings with others and the general interaction of our souls with the material world. The dates of the Sun's position in the different signs will be given, and then the effect of the Sun as it transits the different houses in your chart. Remember to count the Moon sign in your birth chart as the first house transit. For example, if you are born with the Moon in Scorpio, when the Sun is in Scorpio will be your first house transit, then Sagittarius will be the second house, Capricorn the third, etc. Note that the dates given below for the Sun's position in the signs are quite different from the western system which is popularized in western newspapers. For example, if a person is born on Jan. 1, he is actually born with the Sun in Sagittarius, although the western system tells him he is a Capricorn. Thus the western, tropical system of astrology is such a great disservice to society, just as westernized philosophy is.

In the west people think they are their bodies, and that gratification of the bodily senses is happiness, and earning of money to facilitate sense gratification is progress in life. This is called illusion or maya. Actually we are the soul within the body. The gross body and the subtle body of mind and intelligence have nothing to do with our real selves; they are just coverings, like a shirt and coat that cover the body. Progress in life is obtained by reviving this lost consciousness and acting in such a way as to please the self within. Pleasure of the self within is achieved by serving and by loving the Supreme Self, God or Krishna. Just as the whole body becomes nourished by feeding the central point, the stomach, similarly, each individual soul becomes happy by pleasing the Supreme Lord. Anyway, on with this chapter about the Sun's transits. This is a fitting discussion for this chapter, since the Sun represents one's attempts to see the light within.

SCHEDULE OF THE SUN'S POSITION IN THE SIGNS

THE SUN IS IN CAPRICORN	from Jan. 14 to Feb. 12
THE SUN IS IN AQUARIUS	from Feb. 13 to Mar. 13
THE SUN IS IN PISCES	from Mar. 14 to Apr. 13
THE SUN IS IN ARIES	from Apr. 14 to May 13
THE SUN IS IN TAURUS	from May 14 to June 13
THE SUN IS IN GEMINI	from June 14 to July 15
THE SUN IS IN CANCER	from July 16 to August 15
THE SUN IS IN LEO	from August 16 to Sept. 15
THE SUN IS IN VIRGO	from Sept. 16 to Oct. 16
THE SUN IS IN LIBRA	from Oct. 17 to Nov. 15
THE SUN IS IN SCORPIO	from Nov. 16 to Dec. 14
THE SUN IS IN SAGITTARIUS	from Dec. 15 to Jan. 13

If you are born on one of the transitional days, for example if you are born on Dec. 14th or 15th, you should check your ephemeris to find out exactly which sign the Sun is in. It moves into the different signs approximately on the above dates, but you should calculate it exactly. You can write to us at the address in the beginning of the book if you want us to calculate for certain which Sun sign you are born under.

EFFECTS OF THE SUN TRANSITS

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 1st HOUSE:

Travel impulses are felt. The body may become ill or overheated. There is a tendency to self-centeredness or for taking care of one's personal desires or problems. Take care of your health. It is a good month for attending ritualistic performances and for regulating the body. Get your life together, take a new direction if an offer comes. Beware of restlessness and be involved in self-realization. Strive for something great.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 2nd HOUSE:

Expect loss of money or financial stringency. Put off financial decisions until next month. Watch for a strong appetite, dental problems, eye complaints and for the tendency to speak ill of others. Friction in family life may be felt. Don't make promises or borrow money. Beware of boasting and keep a close eye on family members. Have extra money on hand before this month starts.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 3rd HOUSE:

This should bring better health, more courage, and new sources of income. It is a good month for showing one's talents, for being out front, for using one's talents and particularly one's hands and voice for getting what you want. Determination arises. It is good for correspondence, writing, seeing one's relatives, speaking on the phone and for taking vows. Good news may be received and you may acquire some new paraphernalia. It is a good month for decision-making.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 4th HOUSE:

This brings some mental agitation and disturbances from one's friends or from one's environment. Trouble with the property or with the car may be expected. Sickness to the mother, and wearisome household or motherhood duties may be expected. Disturbances in educational affairs, possibility of being insulted and overexertion may result. It is a good time for pilgrimage or for going within oneself to get inspiration. Try to take some formal training in your field. Acquire insurance on property and don't let others push you around.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 5th HOUSE:

A tough time for romantic affairs and for dealing with the opposite sex. Not a good time for conception of a child. Watch for stomach troubles as well. Put off investments until next month. There may be trouble in regard to studies and prayer. The intelligence is not functioning coolly. It is a good time for sports and socializing and for preparing for one's future. Watch for dangers to children, gas in the stomach and inefficiency in your work.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 6th HOUSE:

This is good for political affairs, litigation, for conquering one's debts or diseases or enemies. You may be able to please your superiors by devoted service. You become happier, more daring and more spiritual. It is a good time for foreign travel, for hiring employees, for making amends with opponents, for getting money from the government. It is a good month for seeing doctors, taking medicines, learning languages and for those in the import/export line.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 7th HOUSE:

This is an appropriate time for doing business, for going on short journeys, for being involved with public affairs and charitable activities. Watch for friction in marital affairs or differences with the partner. Strong lust may arise. Be careful of who you are close with and watch for being cheated by employees. Take inventory of yourself and your business. It is a good time for attending ceremonial functions and for improving your appearance and your reputation. Think of what good you can do for other people.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 8th HOUSE:

This is the weakest month of the year, materially, but it gives a spiritual boost for those who understand the falsity of mundane affairs. Watch for ill health and for impulsive actions. This period can bring scandal or rumors about you. Put off long journeys until next month if possible. Digestive weakness, eye complaints and arguments with superiors may arise. Irregular habits, excretory pain, bad temptations, etc. may occur. It is a good time for finding lost articles, for periods of seclusion and meditation and for paying back debts. Don't rely on your own strength.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 9th HOUSE:

This is a time for God consciousness or church-going, and for regulating your bodily functions. It is a good time to prepare for the future, to visit the father, and to serve one's boss. There is likelihood of long journeys or some separation from those who are dear to you. It is a good period for getting advice or instruction. Watch for a lack of humility on your part. Litigation or arguments with political authorities, fines, may occur. Uncertainty over the future arises.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 10th HOUSE:

This is the best time of the year to make career moves and to try and get your plans accomplished. Try to improve your employment situation. Do something bold, do things which will spread your reputation. New work opportunities may arise. Involvements in humanitarian activities and a raise in your status may be expected.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 11th HOUSE:

This is also a favorable month which is supposed to increase the income and assist you in fulfilling your personal desires. Ask for a raise in pay or expect some bonuses. It is a good time for doing cooperative things with friends and for enjoying entertainment, sex pleasures, recreation, free time, etc. Watch for overindulgence. You may look and feel better and experience satisfaction.

THE SUN TRANSITTING THE 12th HOUSE:

This is a time of renunciation and losses. Unexpected expenses may crop up. It is a good time for spiritual life, for long journeys, for doing service for others. Protect your valuables, expect others to approach you for assistance, try not to follow your impulses. Expect boredom or worries about your material situation. Beware of quarrels over petty things and possibility of disturbed sleep. Start no new projects, do charitable deeds, pay debts.

TRANSITS OF THE MOON

The Moon is the fastest-moving planet. It changes lunar stars or nakshatras every day, and changes signs every two days. To follow the transits of the Moon, you need a calendar of the Moon's sign and star positions. These calendars are available by writing to us at the address given in the front of this book.

The transits of the Moon are very important for planning daily events or for predicting when good and bad events are to occur. I have followed the transits of the Moon for the past ten years and without doubt the indications are quite timely. I personally plan important dealings when the Moon is in a favorable star and sign. There are four possibilities to consider as the Moon moves through the 27 stars and 12 signs once each month.

1. The Moon may be in a star and sign that are both favorable to you. These are the best days of the month and you should endeavor to get what you want accomplished done.
2. The Moon may be in a negative star and positive sign for you. These are mediocre days when routine duties can be performed.
3. The Moon may be in a positive star and negative sign for you. These again are mediocre days but are slightly better than the ones in number two given above. Usually when the Moon is in a favorable star you can make progress, unless the Moon is in its worst signs, which are the transits of the Moon through the eighth and twelfth houses.
4. The Moon may be in a negative star and negative sign. Try to avoid important dealings and beware of expenses, accidents, etc. These are the weak days of the month when your bad karma may come upon you.

Remember that the other transits, such as the monthly transit of the Sun or the yearly transit of Jupiter, may modify the daily effects of the Moon's transit. For instance, if you are going through the worst Sun transit month, with the Sun transiting the eighth house, then when you hit your weak Moon transit days, the effects may be worse than if you were going through a favorable Sun transit month. Astrology takes into account many different influences; you have to be intelligent enough to blend them all into a clear perspective.

Obviously, if you are in a bad major period of life, in a bad sub-period of life, with a negative Jupiter transit, with a bad Sun transit for the month, and a negative Moon transit for the day, you should realize that you are in one of the toughest periods of your life. However, remember also the Vedic perspective that spiritual advancement is more easily made at such times. I've seen people become happier in their materially trying times of life, because they know they are suffering deservedly for their past sins, and they take shelter of Krishna to help them through.

Another philosophical point is that it is good to suffer through one's bad times without complaint or without trying to make a material adjustment, because each of us has a destined amount of material happiness and suffering to go through. If we are suffering, we are burning out the destined reactions and making it easier for the better times to come through. Similarly, we have seen that one's good karma only lasts for as long as destined. Many great leaders of the world, like Presidents Kennedy and Nixon, were dispatched from their exalted positions as soon as their karma was ready to fructify. Actually, in the Vedic literature *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, the great devotee Prahlada says, "Whatever is destined for us will happen according to the laws of karma; therefore we should simply accept what comes by the grace of the Lord and utilize all of our energy for spiritual advancement in life."

Hopefully, therefore, we will use whatever facilities we have, even the material science of astrology, to assist us in favorable service to the Lord, to obtain His blessings, and to achieve our goal of going back to the Spiritual Sky. Use of astrology to promote sense gratification, which is the cause of our bondage in the material world, is a great sin; those who dabble in this science to satisfy their senses have missed the point, and will miss the goal of life as well. Parasara Muni, father of Vedic astrology, is very stern on this point; he says that those who abuse this science may be born blind in their next life.

Back to the Moon transits. The Moon stars, of which there are 27, are grouped into nine different categories:

- #1 STARS: danger to the body, no risky actions, routine duties OK
- #2 STARS: financial prosperity, good food and family pleasures
- #3 STARS: danger, losses and accidents; avoid important dealings
- #4 STARS: success at your endeavors; pursue your plans
- #5 STARS: obstacles to your endeavors; delay important dealings
- #6 STARS: fulfillment of ambitions; schedule important dealings
- #7 STARS: losses, accidents, expect no immediate results
- #8 STARS: friendly for the execution of normal affairs
- #9 STARS: very friendly for achieving your desired ends

NUMBER (see above list) GROUPS OF STARS

ASHVINI, MAGHA, MULA
 BHARANI, PURVAPHALGUNI, PURVASHADHA
 KRITIKA, UTTARAPHALGUNI, UTTARASHADHA
 ROHINI, HASTA, SHRAVAN
 MRGASHIRA, CHITRA, DHANISHTA
 ARDRA, SVATI, SATABISHA
 PUNARVASU, VISHAKHA, PURVABHADRAPADA
 PUSHYA, ANURADHA, UTTARABHADRAPADA
 ASHLESHA, JYESHTA, REVATI

EXPLANATION:

Find the star the Moon was in in your birth chart. Say, for example, the Moon was in the star of Mrashira. Then, next to the line above that includes the stars Mrashira, Chitra and Dhanishta, you put a number one. On the line below, which includes the stars Ardra, Svati and Satabisha, put a number two. Punarvasu's line would be stars with a number three, Pushya's line would be stars number four, Ashlesha's line would be stars number five, Ashwini's line would be stars number six, etc.

Each month the Moon goes through these twenty-seven stars for approximately a day at a time. When the Moon goes through a star in the category of number two, expect financial prosperity, etc. as described above. Naturally you will need a calendar of when the Moon is in which sign and which star to utilize this chapter, but as I have said before, you can obtain such a calendar by writing to us. The use of Moon transits is very important for getting the best karma that you deserve, because according to the laws of karma, things occur right on schedule all over the universe. Even Lord Krishna, when He descends to this world as an Avatar, appears right on schedule. Some may consider ignorance to be bliss, but I would rather be informed as to when to expect things or when to plan things for the best results.

If you follow the calendar of Moon transits for a month or two, you will see how accurate these can be. Now on to the transit of the Moon through the signs. Find out what sign the Moon was in in your birth chart. Say the Moon was in Gemini in your birth chart. Then your Moon transit through your first house will be when the Moon is in the sign of Gemini, your second house will be when the Moon is in the sign of Cancer, the third will be Leo, etc., and the twelfth house Moon transit will be when the Moon is in Taurus. Here are the effects for the Moon moving through the different signs.

EFFECTS OF THE MOON TRANSITS

MOON TRANSITTING THE 1st HOUSE:

When the Moon goes through this sign, the body is energized and an optimistic frame of mind is felt. One gets good food and gets good new ideas. Tend to your personal needs, improve your health and beware of selfishness. Pursue the opportunities that arise or seek new knowledge about yourself.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 2nd HOUSE:

Expect expenses; beware of using sharp speech or gossiping; the appetite increases. There may be trouble in family affairs. It is a good transit for acquiring gems, for public speech, for enjoying quiet moments and listening to good advice or reading.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 3rd HOUSE:

This should bring gain of money, purchasing of new articles, increased determination and courage. It is a time to speak out, to express oneself. It is excellent for writing and for creative activities like singing or acting. Persons who use their hands in their work will find this time rewarding. Contact with relatives is recommended, and it is a good time to make promises or take vows. Sex indulgence is prohibited.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 4th HOUSE:

The mind becomes agitated and there is disappointment with one's environment or with the behavior of one's associates. Beware of wasting time or learning useless things. It is good for visiting saintly persons and for spending time away from home. Delay property dealings. Commune with nature, be gentle and charitable.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 5th HOUSE:

Unpleasant emotional experiences and stomach complaints may arise. It is a good time for prayer and study. Put off investments, eat light. This time usually brings some embarrassment or humiliation. Avoid dealings with children and social interactions.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 6th HOUSE:

This transit gives the ability to overcome health problems and to conquer one's opponents or enemies. It is a good time for dealing with foreigners, for taking medicines, for serving the Deities of God, for doing voluntary work and for exercise. Be forceful and authoritative. Make travel plans at this time if possible.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 7th HOUSE:

Improvement of marital affairs, success in business, socializing with important persons, enjoyment of sport, sex and entertainment may be expected. It is a good transit for going on picnics or short journeys. Do good for others, schedule meetings and attend public events. Success at planning strategy also.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 8th HOUSE:

These are the weakest days of the month. Expect anxieties, injury or scandal; practice patience and meditation; ignore opportunities or mental concoctions; begin no new works. Take no risks, don't gamble, as the 8th house is the house of death. It is good for doing tax or insurance work.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 9th HOUSE:

Good for long journeys, church worship, and for those doing import/export business; it is a time to discipline oneself. Expect some physical pains and problems with the government or with one's boss. It is not a period of good luck, so keep the status quo and make preparations for your future.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 10th HOUSE:

Professional advancement may be expected; success at your plans; be bold and daring and make maneuvers for success at work and for spreading your reputation; meet important people. It is also good for humanitarian activities. Be out front and push forward. Not a good transit for renunciation.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 11th HOUSE:

These are days of fulfillment of your desires, satisfaction of your senses, meeting new friends, and getting unexpected gifts or income. It gives you the chance to influence other people, to purchase new items, and to enjoy life. It is good for hearing spiritual messages, for soliciting money and for creative works. Watch for the tendency to exploit others or to overindulge.

MOON TRANSITTING THE 12th HOUSE:

Losses and expenses may occur here. Beware of injury. Don't do illegal things as the 12th is the house of imprisonment and hospitalization. Give food or money in charity. It is a good time for privacy, rest, travel and visiting unusual places as well as for serving saintly persons. Beware of moroseness and intoxication.

NATURE OF THE 27 STARS

If you are going to use astrology in day-to-day matters, it is also essential that you consider the nature of the 27 different lunar stars. Each one has a particular nature which makes it suitable to do a particular activity. That is, when the Moon goes through the 27 different stars, you should plan different activities according to the transits given previously, but also according to the nature of the stars, as given below.

FIXED STARS: ROHINI, UTTARAPHALGUNI, UTTARASHADHA & UTTARABHADRAPADA

When the Moon is in any of these stars, permanent works like planting seeds, moving into a new home, making vows, laying foundations, etc., should be done. Anything started at this time may have good and lasting results.

SOFT STARS: CHITRA, MRIGASHIRA, ANURADHA, REVATI

When the Moon is in any of these stars, recommended activites are the wearing of new clothes, sexual union for conception, dancing and performance of artistic functions, as well as performing ceremonial rites.

LIGHT STARS: ASHWINI, PUSHYA, HASTA

When the Moon is in these stars, activities such as decorations, pleasure outings, sports, starting businesses, undertaking travels and administering medicines are recommended.

SHARP STARS: MULA, JYESHTA, ARDRA, and ASHLESHA

When the Moon is in any of these stars, inauspicious actions like invoking evil spirits or curses, doing harm to others, separating oneself from others, engaging in accusations or debate, and chanting of powerful mantras are more successful than at other times.

MOVABLE STARS: SHRAVANA, DHANISHTA, SVATI, SATABISHA, and PUNARVASU

When the Moon is in these stars, gardening, travelling, acquisition of vehicles and good deeds of a nonpermanent nature are recommended.

**DREADFUL STARS: PURVAPHALGUNI,
PURVASHADHA, BHARANI,
PURVABHADRAPADA and MAGHA**

When the Moon tenants these dreadful stars, it is the right time for nefarious schemes, poisoning or imprisoning others, deeds of arson, deceit or other harmful actions.

MIXED STARS: KRITTIKA and VISAKHA

When the Moon is in these stars, routine actions and daily duties may be performed but no new important works should be undertaken.

THE YEARLY CHART

Forecasting, predicting future events, can be accurately done by interpreting the major planetary period, the sub-period and the combined transits. Yet there is another tool for our use, known as the yearly chart. The yearly chart is a horoscope cast for a one-year period, and it is cast for the time the Sun reaches the exact point the Sun tenanted at birth. This occurs either on or right around one's birthday, so the yearly chart can give detailed predictions for any particular year of life, from birthday to birthday.

Here is the method of calculating the yearly chart. First find the exact degree and minute tenanted in the birth sign of the Sun. Say, for example, a person is born with the Sun at 6°18' Capricorn. Now we want to find the exact minute that the Sun reaches that position, during the year we wish to examine, calculated for the place of birth. Say the person was born at New York City, at 41°N and 74°W. Follow the following procedures:

Exact degree of the Sun in birth chart	6°18' Capricorn
Add; the ayanamsa for the year you wish to calculate the yearly chart for (example; 1986)	+ 23°39'
Total	29°57' Capricorn

Now go to the ephemeris and find the day in 1986 on which the Sun reaches 29°57' Capricorn. In my midnight ephemeris the Sun is at 29°37'39", or 29°38' Capricorn, at midnight (GMT) at the beginning of the day on 1-20-86. At the beginning of the following day, the Sun is at 0°39' Aquarius. So somewhere in between those times is the time the Sun reaches 29°57' Capricorn. To find the exact time we need to construct a ratio.

X	=	19' (difference between 29°38' Cap and 29°57' Cap., or the distance the Sun must travel to reach the desired degree)
24 (hours in each day)		61' (distance Sun travels in 24 hours)
SO: X equals 19 24 61		

CALCULATING THUS:

- 1) 61X equals 19 x 24
- 2) 61X equals 456
- 3) 456 divided by 61 equals 7.48

This means that 7.48 hours, or 7 hours, 29 minutes will go by in the day (GMT) before the Sun reaches our desired point, that is, 29°57' Capricorn. This means that the GMT is 7:29 AM. Now find the LMT. The LMT for 74°W is 4 hrs. 56 mins. less than Greenwich, which means that the LMT is 2:33 AM. Now you cast a horoscope as you have learned in the previous pages of this book for the following information:

DAY: 1-20-86 TIME: 2:33 AM PLACE: 41N 74W

When you have plotted out the horoscope, you should read the chart just as you would a birth chart, but only for the particular year from birthday to birthday. For example, if the second house and Jupiter are weak in the yearly chart, it may not be such a good financial year. However, if the ninth house and the Sun are strong, the person may have political success, spiritual advancement, etc.

The influence of the major period, sub-period and transits are more powerful in making predictions about a particular year. Yet the yearly chart is accurate and will usually reflect what the major period, sub-period and transits indicate. The yearly chart also provides some of the details as to when and how the karma will come.

There is also a system of planetary periods in the yearly chart, which has proven quite accurate in my experience. You calculate the planetary periods in the yearly chart as follows: Take the star tenanted by the Moon in the birth chart. Say a person at birth has the Moon in the star of Mrgashira. In the example chart we just plotted above, the Moon tenants the star of Krttika. Mrgashira is star number 5, and Krttika is star number 3. Count from Mrgashira to Krttika, going forward and then expunging multiples of 9. From Mrgashira to Krttika is 26 stars. Expunging multiples of 9 we get a remainder of 8. Now consult the following table to figure out the planetary periods in the yearly chart.

PLANETARY PERIOD	DURATION OF PLANETARY PERIOD
1. THE SUN	110 days
2. THE MOON	60 days
3. MARS	32 days
4. MERCURY	40 days
5. JUPITER	48 days
6. VENUS	56 days
7. SATURN	4 days
8. RAHU	5 days
9. ASCENDANT	10 days

In the yearly chart, the Moon was in the 8th star (after expunging multiples of 9) from the natal Moon. This corresponds with the 8th planetary period, the period of Rahu. This means that at the beginning of the yearly chart, the person was under the influence of the 5-day period of Rahu. How many days of Rahu were left in operation? This is calculated by the same method as taught earlier in the book for finding out the dates of operation of the major periods of the planets. The method is, to repeat, first find out how far the Moon has gone through the star that it is in in the chart. If the Moon has gone through 1/5 of the 13°20' of that star, that means that 1/5 of the period of the planet has gone by. In this case this would mean that 4 days are left in the period of Rahu in the yearly chart. Thus you can make a schedule of planetary periods for the yearly chart as follows:

1-20-86 to 1-25-86	planetary period of Rahu
1-26-86 to 2-05-86	period of the Ascendant
2-06-86 to 5-24-86	period of the Sun
5-25-86 to 7-24-86	period of the Moon
7-25-86 to 8-26-86	period of Mars
8-27-86 to 10-05-86	period of Mercury
10-06-86 to 11-23-86	period of Jupiter
11-24-86 to 1-19-87	period of Venus

Now, you can predict different events for these different periods of the year based on the position of the planet in the yearly chart. For instance, in the example chart, Libra is the rising sign, with the Moon is in the eighth house, in its exaltation sign of Taurus, aspected by the yogakaraka planet Saturn. As lord of the tenth in the eighth it brings some sorrow about the job. Moon in the eighth brings mental worry and possible sickness to the mother. Moon exalted indicates spread of reputation and good new ideas. Moon aspected by a good Saturn means a new work opportunity and a sudden increase in earnings. So if you have learned how to predict different events based on the house position, sign position, lordship, aspects, yogas, etc. of the planets in a horoscope, then you can read the yearly chart, and the planetary periods of the yearly chart, similarly. Then you have another tool with which to predict events of a particular year. Whenever I interpret a horoscope in depth I first consider the influence of the major and sub planetary periods, then the yearly chart and the transits of the major planets.

Section Four:

Summary Studies



Remedial Measures for Astrological Problems

My spiritual master once said that people go to an astrologer when they are curious about the future or when they are in difficulty. By study of the horoscope we can realize what the weak points of a person's karma, or destiny, are. Say, for example, a person has debilitated Mars in the second house. This results in break-up with family members, using abusive language, bad dietary habits, and poor financial condition. An astrologer should be able to not only realize and predict these things, but he should also be able to give some instruction as to how this karma can be overcome. Basically, karma can be overcome by the practice of a spiritual life-style. The *Brahma-Samhita* says: "*karmani nirdahati kintu ca bhakti-bhajan.*" "Those who worship the Lord with pure devotion overcome all the reactions of karma." Otherwise, destiny is very powerful, and every living entity suffers the good and bad reactions of his past deeds.

The astrologer should use common sense. Direct people away from their weaknesses and towards their strengths. For example, if debilitated Mars is in the second house and a person is having financial problems, don't advise them to go into the construction business, which is ruled by Mars. Find a strength in the chart and push them in that direction (for example, exalted Venus in the tenth house could bring success in the entertainment or clothing business).

There are other remedial measures that can be taken for each planetary problem. Basically, these remedial measures are divided into five kinds. One is the performance of austerities. Two is the performance of sacrifices. Three is different kinds of charity to be given. Four is the chanting of different mantras. And five is the wearing of different gems. I do not wish to go into these five categories in detail. Persons who wish to understand this subject in depth should write to us at the address given in the beginning of the book. I will, however, give herewith the list of gems to be worn for each planet.

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If a planet is weak in a horoscope and causing problems, then it is recommended that one wear the gem associated with that planet. Such jewel should be clear and flawless, pleasing to the eye, uncooked by fire, worn on the proper finger, and first put on at the proper time. There is some nice literature available on the subject, which, if you wish to know, you can write to us and find out. However, in summary, one who wishes to improve the Sun karma in his life should wear a ruby or gold; one with a Moon problem should wear the pearl; one with weak Mars should wear coral; Mercury's stone is the emerald; Jupiter's stone the yellow sapphire; Venus, the diamond; Saturn, blue sapphire; Rahu is pacified by the gomad or hessonite; and Ketu's stone is the cat's eye. The subject of planetary astrology is discussed by Suta Goswami in the *Garuda Purana*, and thus this can be accepted as a bona fide science. We are in contact with good jewel sources for those interested in this remedial measure. Also, a jewel recommendation should be given by a good astrologer after serious study of the horoscope. Serious students of these different arts should correspond with us to receive further information.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Thanks to the readers who have given their time and devotion to this simple book. I hope their knowledge of the essentials of astrology has been enhanced. I hope also that this will be a useful reference book for those who study or read charts.

Let's summarize what has been covered in this book, or what steps it takes to read a horoscope and predict the future. First we must learn what each planet, house and sign signifies. Then we need an accurate sidereal casting of the horoscope. We can get a good personality analysis by reference to the Sun, Moon and rising signs, and the Moon and rising stars. We can get a good understanding of one's general destiny by studying the strong and weak planets and houses in the horoscope. And we can know when the different good and bad karmas will manifest by interpreting the planetary major period, sub-period, transits and through the yearly chart.

Reiterating our method of understanding a person's destiny, we have to study the basic condition of each house and each planet by several methods, such as the planet in the house, its lordship, aspects, yogas, etc. For the major experiences in life, judge by a thorough consideration of the strength or weakness of the following.

The 1st house and the Sun for one's	CHARACTER
The 2nd house and Jupiter for one's	WEALTH
The 3rd house and Mars for one's	SKILLS
The 4th house and the Moon for one's	MOTHER
The 4th house and Venus for one's	HOUSE AND CAR
The 5th house and Jupiter for one's	CHILDREN
The 6th house, 1st house and the Sun	HEALTH
The 6th house and Jupiter for one's	LEGAL AFFAIRS

The 7th house and Venus for one's	MARRIAGE
The 7th house and Mercury for one's	BUSINESS
The 8th house and Saturn for one's	LONGEVITY
The 9th house and all four benefics	RELIGIOUS NATURE
The 10th house and Saturn, Mars and Mercury, or the strongest planet in the chart, for one's	OCCUPATION
The 11th house, Jupiter and Venus	OPULENCES
The 12th house for one's	NEXT LIFE

Some last-minute advice; follow the formulas! Don't invent or imagine an interpretation. Study other bona fide books on this system of astrology. Study the Vedanta, live a pious life in Krishna or God consciousness, and be good to all around you. By being knowledgeable, religious and kind, we can elevate ourselves to good consciousness, to real happiness and we can qualify ourselves to transfer back to the Lord's abode in the Spiritual Sky.