

The Fascinating Dashamsha

Indicator of Inherent Nature and Inclinations

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ONE OF THE MOST FASCINATING of the sixteen vargas, or divisions of a rashi of thirty degrees, is the Dashamsha. This particular varga, which indicates one-tenth of a rashi or an arc of three degrees, in our opinion, has not received the significant attention that it deserves. While dealing with the relative numerical worth of the different vargas, sage Parashara himself does not give a lot of importance to this varga. He is, however, careful to mention that specific and significant aspects of the life of a native must be judged from the Dashamsha. Says he:

दशमांशे महत्फलम्

That is: "Highly significant results (must be judged) from the Dashamsha."

The Dashamsha is often used to predict about the profession of a native. In the olden times, the vocation of the native, at least in India, depended upon the vocation followed by his father. Modern times have seen more and more new professions coming up, and they do not normally happen to be specific to families. This, in today's circumstances, increases the significance of the Dashamsha manifold. The Dashamsha has really become

an important divisional chart that should not be ignored by serious students of astrology.

It has been said, and rightly too, that the navamsha is one of the most important amongst the various vargas. Authorities have gone so far as to say that the navamsha even takes precedence over the rashi chart. This emphasises the significance of the navamsha which indicates one-ninth of a rashi. Unfortunately, the Dashamsha has not been granted similar eminence. While it is not our intention to belittle the relevance of the navamsha in any way, it is certainly suggested that any serious study of a horoscopic chart must include not just the rashi and the navamsha charts but also the Dashamsha chart.

Constructing a Dashamsha chart

Each rashi or sign is an arc of 30 degrees. A Dashamsha is one-tenth of a rashi or an arc of 3 degrees. Each rashi thus has ten Dashamshas. For an odd rashi, the first Dashamsha starts from the same rashi. For an even rashi, the first Dashamsha starts from the rashi that falls in the ninth house from the rashi in question. **Table 1** may be used to construct as Dashamsha chart.

Table 1: Dashamamsha chart

Signs/ Dashamamsha	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. 0°- 3°	1	10	3	12	5	2	7	4	9	6	11	8
2. 3°- 6°	2	11	4	1	6	3	8	5	10	7	12	9
3. 6°- 9°	3	12	5	2	7	4	9	6	11	8	1	10
4. 9°-12°	4	1	6	3	8	5	10	7	12	9	2	11
5. 12°-15°	5	2	7	4	9	6	11	8	1	10	3	12
6. 15°-18°	6	3	8	5	10	7	12	9	2	11	4	1
7. 18°-21°	7	4	9	6	11	8	1	10	3	12	5	2
8. 21°-24°	8	5	10	7	12	9	2	11	4	1	6	3
9. 24°-27°	9	6	11	8	1	10	3	12	5	2	7	4
10. 27°-30°	10	7	12	9	2	11	4	1	6	3	8	5

Let us consider the chart of Bill Gates (**Chart 1**: born on October 28, 1955; at 21:05 hours; at Seattle, Washington, 47°N36'33", 122°W19'57", TZ 8 hours; Daylight Saving 0) with Mithuna (Gemini) lagna and Makara (Capricorn) Dashamsha. The eighth house of the rashi chart becomes the lagna of the Dashamsha, signifying the sudden, the unexpected and the enigmatic in his work and achievements. Earlier, in volume 1 of the Vedic Astrology Digest, we have highlighted the significance of the eighth house pertaining to significant and enigmatic earnings. The eighth lord Sun in the lagna of this chart does not damage the tenth house as, according to Parashara, the Sun as the tenth lord does not suffer the blemish of the eighth lordship.

न रन्ध्रेऽशत्वदोषोऽत्र सूर्याचन्द्रमसोभवेत्

That is: The blemish of the eighth lordship does not apply to the Sun and the Moon.

The natal chart shows very significant Dhana yogas or yogas for wealth. All the

planets here have something to do with the eleventh house or eleventh lord (by association or aspect). This signifies the income and the consequent financial status of the individual. A special Dhana yoga is formed when all the planets are located in houses 10, 3, 4 and 5. The native attained eminence particularly during the dasha of Venus (from December 15, 1982 to December 15, 2002), the fifth lord in the fifth house. As the lord of the twelfth house, associated with Saturn, the ninth (as well as the eighth) lord in the fifth house, Venus also indicates spiritual inclinations and a charitable disposition.

These facts are also confirmed in the navamsha and the Dashamsha charts. In the navamsha, a prominent Dhana yoga forms in the third house by the conjunction of the lagna (and eighth) lord Mars, the second lord Venus and (the tenth and) the eleventh lord Saturn, while the ninth and twelfth lord Jupiter occupies the second house to confer on the native a tendency to spend his wealth in charitable activities. In the Dashamsha, the eighth lord Sun in the lagna

Moon		Ketu	Lagna
Chart 1 October 28, 1955			
			Jupiter
	Rahu	Sun Venus Saturn	Mars Mercury

Lagna 22°59'
Sun 11°45'
Moon 14°28'

Mars
Mercury
Jupiter

5	4	Ketu	2	1
Jupiter		Lagna		
	3	6	12	Moon
7	Mars	9		
Sun	Mercury			
Venus		8		11
Saturn				10
	Rahu			

16°51' Venus 26°56'
23°19' Saturn 28°21'
04°32' Rahu 24°54'

	Lagna	Jupiter	Mars Venus Saturn
Rahu	Navamsha		Mercury
Sun			Ketu
	Moon		

Jupiter			11
Mars	2	Lagna	12
Venus			Rahu
Saturn	3	1	10
	Mercury	4	Sun
5		7	
Ketu	6		9
			8
			Moon

Moon Rahu			Venus
	Dashamamsha		Saturn
Lagna Sun			
Mercury		Mars	Jupiter Ketu

		Mercury	
11	Lagna	9	8
Moon	Sun		
12		10	7
	1	4	Mars
			6
2	Saturn		Jupiter
3		5	Ketu
	Venus		

is aspected by the lagna lord, the second lord and the eleventh lord, as well as by Jupiter, the twelfth lord. Jupiter as the twelfth lord in the ninth, in exchange with the ninth lord Mercury, aspected by the lagna and

the second lord Saturn further signifies that the native would have plenty of wealth and a spiritual/charitable disposition. Venus is the yogakaraka planet whose dasha proved to be the most significant to the native.

This Venus occupies the sixth house and is aspected by the ninth (and sixth) lord from the twelfth house. The Sun dasha (from December 15, 2002 to December 15, 2008) does not see any reduction in his benevolent disposition.

A very significant feature of this chart is that both in the navamsha as well as the Dashamsha, the two luminaries, the Sun and the Moon, are aspected by Jupiter. This feature in any chart raises the status of the native immensely.