**4th HOUSE**

The ‘root causes’ of life can be obtained by measuring and understanding the ‘influence of celestial objects’ with the help of “Tools” provided under Jyothisha Shastra. The basic TOOLS are – ***Rashi Chakra*** (Zodiac Wheel), ***Bhava Chakra***(Wheel of the Houses) with the ***Graha Sthithi***thereininterpreted mainly through ***Rashi Karakatvas, Bhava Karakatvas*** *and* ***Graha Karakatvas***(i.e. Signification of Zodiac Signs, Houses and Planets) The basic tools gifted by our Rishis to measure & understand the celestial influence are:

1. The Zodiac Wheel– Rasi Chakra– Kundali through Nakshatra & Rasi Karakatvas

2. The Bhava Chakra (Wheel of the Houses) through Bhava Karakatvas.

3. The Positions and Association of Planets in Zodiac and Bhava Chakra through Graha Karakatvas

In Astrology, the Zodiac Wheel (12 Signs) – the “Rasi Chakra” and the Wheel of 12 Houses – the “Bhava Chakra” are two separate entities. In the Zodiac Wheel, counting of Signs starts from the Aries (Mesha) Sign. In the Wheel of Houses (Bhava Chakra), counting of Houses starts from the Ascendant (Lagna)

The houses are the **fields of experience**, not the **experience themselves**. The **kendras** (or Quadrants or Angular houses) are **Houses 1, 4, 7 and 10**. These are highly significant houses.

**Now let us confine to 4th house.**

4TH HOUSE means 4th sign or 4th cusp from the Lagna or 4th bhava from the Lagna. 4th house means natural 4th house also. We have to take natural 4th house also to reckon for predictions along with the significators of 4th bhava or 4th cusp.

Fourth house is all about your roots. Just like roots of tree as vital for its existence, 4th house is important to know your basement, your origin, your childhood. It signifies one’s Home, house, residence, domestic environment, Mother, Comforts in life, School education, one’s landed property or immovable property, vehicles, real estate matters etc. Everything that refers to strong ties to your native place comes under 4th house. Relationship with mother & homeland, heritage, family values, and associations are also governed by the planetary position in the 4th house in horoscope. Overall, this is the house of domestic happiness

4th bhava is called generally Matru bhava. It is also called Sukha sthana (house of comforts).

Every bhava will have one karaka planet and that karaka planet plays significant role in deciding the fate of the event. For 4th bhava, Moon and Venus are karakas. Venus is for comforts. As education is allotted to this bhava, Mercury is also reckoned as karaka by some scholors.

This bhava denotes the native’s education and qualification of a person. It indicates in present conditions education upto Intermediate level. Graduation, Post graduation and further studies are indicated by 9th house.

In natural 4th house, Karkataka We have 3 stars. Punarvasu, Pushyami and Ashlesha. Education is allotted to this house. Lord of Punarvasu, Jupiter is the Guru who holds the student and starts teaching and during Pushyami, Saturn stage, makes the student to work hard and learn the subject by doing service (Saturn indicates service) to Guru and during ashlesha, lord being Mercury, basic education culminates into perfection. Hence Mercury is karaka for education.

Generally guru lives in a river side ashram and disciples join there to learn. Karkataka indicates river side. As it is education house, Guru plays dominant role. Hence Guru is exalted here. Whereas the Lagna, the self, the native Mars who is sishya here cannot dominate Guru and simply has to follow Guru by invoking Saturn rendering service to Guru to get complete education by invoking Mercury-ashlesha. Hence Mars is subdued here. The attitude and self ego and dominance of Mars is toned down by the Jupiter here. Hence Mars is debilitated here in Karkataka. If Mars is strong in 4th house, he may not learn to perfection.

If 4th house and Mars are favourable, during their conjoint period, one will buy lands or buildings. If they are unfavourable, the native may sell away lands or there can be loss through the investment on lands, buildings etc.

Similarly, 4th house indicates House, Vehicle. if 4th house and Venus are favourable, the native will purchase car or any such vehicle and enjoys travelling by luxurious vehicle. If not favourable, he will incur expenses by meeting with accident or repairs or sell away the vehicle. As guruji Dr.Raja Sir told, if 4th house and Venus are favourable, he will enjoy luxurious vehicle even though he is not a owner of the same. Somebody will give lift. Similarly he can travel in a upper class I or II or atleast III AC in a train. If not favourable, the native even though owns a higher end car, will be forced to travel by public transport or a ola car or uber taxi. The WL in AC class status will not be confirmed and he has to travel in a general class or at best in sleeper class.

4th house indicates Mother. If 4th house and Moon are favourable, the native will have long living and helpful mother. If unfavourable, mother may pass away in early stage or she may not be helpful in any manner and the native has to serve a sick mother as the 4th house indicates health of the mother.

The loss of children (comforts through children) is also indicated by 4th house as it is 12th to 5th house, which indicates children.

4th house indicates Mind. If 4th bhava is afflicted, the native will not be peaceful and takes unwise decisions landing into problems. If Lord of 4th bhava and Moon are well placed, planets in Punarvasu 4th pada, pushyami and Ashlesha will give favourable results.

Karkataka Lagna the 4th lagna is controlled by mind and hence the natives born in this Lagna can be influenced by counseling or by conversation either positive or negative.

Home and family life are the makings of 4th house. The effects of planets and signs in 4th house are most powerful during childhood. Things like career (10th house), work (6th house) or marriage (7th house) are very big for a child point of view. Children live in the first through 4th house as it represents home. Planets and signs describe the atmosphere of your home, whether it is easy going or full of struggle because parent’s attitude and behavior shape the home life of child. It marks your journey of whether you build a house (of bricks and mortar) or a home (of family values and ties). When you are able to get the best of both worlds, you are at peace with yourself. The 4th house planets and signs go on to shape the home and family life of a native, his attitude and interests and feelings towards home and family.

4th house thus symbolizes and shapes the childhood of a native. In child hood, only mother, father and Teacher play significant role. Mother (represented by Moon), since from the sunrise time to school going time, will be caring the child looking after the needs of the child. In school, major part of day is controlled by Teacher (Guru-Jupiter) teaching him the basics of education. After coming from school, Mother takes over charge and takes care of the native’s food and homework and bed comfort (proper sleep). Here father (Sun) will only supplement what is required and will not have a chance to play significant role because he is more concerned to supply the necessary inputs which will make the child comfortable at home and at school. So 4th house is mainly dominated by Mother (Moon) and Guru (Jupiter). Hence Moon is karaka and Jupiter is exalted. The comfortable position of child is signified by Venus.

Fourth house thus also refers to mental peace and emotional satisfaction. The idea is to create a sanctuary, where everyone can live under one roof with compassion and love. Societal norms, material security, family history, ancestry, culture, lifestyle and traditions also fall in the realm of this house.

It refers to the domestic environment, the condition of your family in the later part of life and how you handle familial issues. It also tells whether the person lives close to or moves away from the native place.

Fourth house essentially marks our journey from the womb to tomb. Womb refers to the mother, our dwelling place, from where we originated, and to what we are most attached. It refers to the roots from where we grow, the place we call home. On the other hand, it also refers to old age, our final resting place. The ground or Earth from where we grow up is where we have to return one day.

Now let us see the effect of planets in 4th house.

The native with 4th house Sun will not be happy unless their home is happy. The native strives to make the home environment active and alive, loving at the same time. The native takes pride in their heritage, respect ancestors, family making childhood positive and purposeful.

For a native with Moon in 4th house, home and family are paramount as they treat home as their sanctuary. Emotional level is high and any disagreements will be taken to heart. Whether for better or worse, they have deep relationship with their parents especially with mother. They spend good time with mother giving emotional support to her. When they create their home separating from their mothers, they do carefully always keeping heir mother’s feelings in mind. They welcome the continued support of their mother as she is a priority in their life.

Mercury in 4th house brings a well nit family, unbiased, slightly detached to deep emotional house. Communication among family members is assisted by Mercury. If there is a tension because of disagreements, Mercury intellectually break the things into rational pieces to find out a solution without the emotional drama. Using words rather than feelings to solve problems and keep the home in peace is the role of Mercury

Venus, always polite and amicable with family members wants a pleasant home life when posited in 4th. A well decorated, clean house is ensured and family life and family heritage is valued greatly. Venus always sees good side of home life overlooking the negative as a child as well as an adult.

A 4th house Jupiter wants a large bustling home with children, friends and relatives sharing joyful atmosphere. Desire for large property, likely inheritance of property, propensity for owning animals can be attributed to Jupiter. The childhood is unrestricted and there is a plenty of opportunity provided by the family in terms of financial and emotional support. When grown up, the native allows his children ample space to explore and experience the world. An open and honest attitude with family members is found when Jupiter is in 4th house

When Saturn is in 4th house, Family and home life can feel restrictive and burdensome. Childhood may suffer financially or emotionally. The childhood experience was not easy. This feeling is transferred into adulthood causing the fourth-house Saturn person to see home and family as a restrictive responsibility. At best, the chart holder simply takes family life serious and is a responsible provider and caretaker. At worst, family is seen as unbearably restrictive and the native longs to escape from it, or avoids establishing a traditional family fearing that it will be a burden. There may be scars in the family heritage that the chart holder does not want to accept.

Last but not least, Mars, satisfying the needs of the will in the fourth house, can be difficult because Mars is an impatient, conscious planet and doesn't have time for, or understand the emotional undercurrents which are better dealt with using patience and tact. To complicate it further, the house inextricably involves family members with whom the relationships are extremely close and even vital. Because Mars only serves the will of the native, delicate family emotions are often dished a harsh blow by Mars' aggressive, determined and intrinsically selfish style., the vital relationships with parents and children can be harmed, leaving Mars feeling uncared for and alone. That is why Mars is not strong and respected here.

Rahu and Ketu are sensitive planets and deliver the results of the planet with whom they are associated as per pancha siddhantha.

Fourth house in Mundane astrology refers to mother land, agriculture, weather, climate, mines, and public buildings. Parliament. Fourth house is also related to all that is under earth such as oil, mining, excavation, agriculture, extraction of natural resources and construction

**Thus 4th House is termed as Matru, Vidhya, Bhumi, Vahana, or Sukha Bhava, Shaurya or Sahaja Bhava.**

**Fourth house denotes** Near and dear ones, caste and ancestry, mother, relatives on mothers side, lands and houses, farming, gardens, orchards, installations, buildings, medicine, education, knowledge of land and geography, hidden treasures, comforts and discomforts, courage, faith, victory and defeat, perfumes, clothes, milk, digging, agricultural produce, vehicles, possession of cattle. Fundamental rights of citizens and comforts provided to the people are the key areas of 4th house in Mundane astrology.

**In Medical Astrology :** Chest, lungs, heart, breast, potent, blood, circulatory system, medicine. Punarvasu 4th pada indicates beri beri, stomach upset, TB, bronchitis, liver complaint, jaundice, poisoning of blood etc. Pushyami indicates Gastric ulcers, gall bladder stones, injuries or cuts in the breast, cancer in chest region, cough, jaundice, eczema, pyorrhea. Ashlesha indicates Vitamin B deficiency, cold, breathing problem, drunkenness, hysteria, nervous disorder, indigestion etc.

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