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## Hindu Progressed Horoscope

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### Introduction

**T**HERE are three popular schools of thought in Hindu predictive astrology. These can broadly be classified as the ones that follow (1) Sage Parasara (2) Maharshi Jaimini and (3) Tajaka System expounded by savants like Nilakantha and Keshava. The system in vogue in our country today can mainly be attributed to the writings of our Rishis and ably expounded by later writers like Varahamihira, Kalyana Varma, Mantreswara and Venkatesa through

their respective works **Brihat Jataka**, **Saravali**, **Phaladeepika** and **Sarvartha Chintamani**.

The Annual or Progressed Horoscope or the Varshaphal comes under the Tajaka school. In interpreting it, a point of contact is established between the birth Lagna or Ascendant and a mathematical point known as Muntha. Muntha is supposed to travel at the rate of one Rasi per year from the natal Ascendant. Once the position of Muntha is determined, the following results can be indicated based on where Muntha falls (*Table I*).

**Table 1: Results of Muntha in Different Houses**

Muntha in House	Effects
1	Destruction of enemies, honour, birth of issue, gain of vehicle, vitality, elevation in one's job and access to fresh sources of income.
2	Fame, honour and happiness.
3	Success over enemies, happiness from friends and relatives, good health, support of people well placed in life.
4	Mental affliction, sickness, misunderstanding with kith and kin.
5	Wisdom, religious learning, birth of children, pilgrimage.
6	Increase in debts, diseases, fear of thieves, increase of enemies.
7	Sorrow to wife, quarrels, failure, disappointment, loss of money.
8	Fear of thieves and enemies, illness, wastage of money on unworthy causes.
9	Favors from superiors, access to wealth, happiness to wife and children.
10	Help from rulers, success, realization of just ambitions.
11	Happiness, physical comforts, fame and respectability.
12	Expenditure, enmity with people, illness, disappointments.



- If Muntha occupies a Bhava with malefic aspect or occupation, evil results are intensified.
- If a Bhava has benefic association, aspect or association and is occupied by Muntha, then the vitality of that Bhava is increased.
- If Muntha lord has favorable aspects, then the year as a whole will be favorable.
- If malefics are involved in an unfavorable aspect with the Muntha lord, then the native suffers from ill-health.

### Connection Between Muntha and Planets

There are two ways in which Muntha can be connected to a planet:-

- 1) By conjunction or aspect by the planet.
- 2) By lordship of the sign of its occupation.

Association with various planets yields different results (*Table II*).

**Table II: Planets in Association with Muntha**

Associating Planet	Result
Moon	Fame, health, joy
Mars or Saturn	Health problems, surgery, fear from weapons
Mercury or Venus	Marriage, religious works
Jupiter	Birth of children, happiness through children
Saturn	Loss of reputation, expenses, physical problems.

If Jupiter aspects the concerned planet, the evil propensity gets greatly reduced.

### Varsheswara

Once the analysis on Muntha is over the placement of Varsheswara or year lord needs to

be considered. The effects of various planets as Varsheswara are shown in *Table III*.

**Table III: Results of Varsheswara**

Varsheswara or Year lord	Strong	Weak
Sun	Good health, finances, prosperity, success	Expenses, bad name, sickness.
Moon	Peace, honour, good agricultural prospects, friendship with political leaders.	Mental worry, asthma and similar complaints, theft, misery.
Mars	Success, destruction of enemies, overall happiness.	Loss of wealth, disappointment in love affair.
Mercury	Gain of wealth, fame, success in debates, friendship of learned men.	Bankruptcy, troubles from all sources.
Jupiter	Fame, new sources of wealth, birth of child, visits to shrines.	Loss of reputation, disappointment, ill-health.
Venus	Domestic harmony, conjugal happiness, success.	Unhappiness, mental anxiety, loss of job.
Saturn	Money from foreign sources, gain of status.	Incarceration, poverty, diseases, sorrow.



### Dasa and Bhuktis

The year is sub-divided into a number of periods and each period corresponds to the rulership of a particular planet. For each Dasa, sub-divided periods correspond to Bhuktis. Thus all the nine planets will each contribute to a Bhukti in the Dasa of a planet. While in the Vimshottari Dasa system, the total of all the Dasas comes to 120 years, in the Tajaka system, the total Dasa periods of all the planets adds up to one year only. This facilitates judgment of that year's prospects accurately.

### Sahams

Sahams are sensitive points corresponding to events. The numbers of Sahams given by different authors differs with Neelakantha giving 50 Sahams, Venkatesa 48 and Keshava 21 Sahams.

Sahams are arrived at by a process of manipulation of the longitudes of the Ascendant and different planets. The general principle is that if the Sahams and their lords are well associated or aspected, they become conducive to beneficial results.

### Comparative Analysis

Given a horoscope, how should the astrologer proceed? Should he choose to follow Parasara and reject the other two? Should he follow all the three and draw broad conclusions? Assuming that the three yield contrary results, which of these should he take as final?

Before an answer can be found to this question an analogy from the dilemmas faced by the medical profession can furnish some clues. Assuming that a patient has diabetes, should medicine be prescribed based on allopathy, homoeopathy, Ayurveda or any of the other alternate systems? Generally, we find that acute diseases are better treated with allopathy, while chronic conditions respond well to alternative systems. Similarly, the methods enunciated by Parasara form the core of

astrology, while the other two are supplementary in nature providing valuable inputs in the hands of a competent astrologer.

There is a Tamil saying, "Even a blade of grass is a powerful weapon in the hands of a good warrior". Thus when it comes to astrological judgment, all inputs must be considered, but while drawing conclusions, factors which are not result-oriented must be set aside and only those planetary indications which are result-producing must be taken into account. Therein lie an astrologer's intelligence and intuition.

The Tajaka system is a vast ocean but in this dissertation, an attempt has been made only to focus on certain core areas of it. A few illustrations will help appreciate the utility of this system.

Chart 1 : Male: Born December 12, 1996 at 6h. 13m at 18 N 58, 72 E 51.

RAHU		MOON			
SAT		Chart 1 (Birth)		JUP.	
VEN		Varsheswara Mars		KETU	
MERC		SUN		ASCEN	
SAT.		MAR 26-09		MUNTHA	

The native of Chart 1 met with a major accident in August 1990 in Venus Dasa. Venus is the lord of the 12th placed in the 2nd in the birth chart and therefore invested with Maraka powers.

In the Annual chart, we find,

- The lord of the Ascendant is in the 4th afflicted by Rahu.
- The Ascendant has Muntha but is aspected by the malefic 6th lord Jupiter.
- Varsheswara Mars is in a Maraka house in the 2nd afflicted by the Sun.
- The 12th lord and 12th house come under the grip of Saturn. The 12th house governs



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**Chart 3: Male:** Born October 19, 1971 at 15h. 45m. at 22 N 35, 88 E 23.

ASCDT	SAT	MUNTHA	ASCDT MARS
<b>Chart 3 (Birth)</b>		<b>Chart 3 (Annual)</b>	
MARS RAHU	KETU	RAHU	Varsheswara Saturn
JUP	SUN MERC VEN MOON	MOON	VEN SAT KETU
		JUP	SUN MERC(R)

The native of Chart 3 was blessed with a child in his 37th year. In the annual chart, Muntha is well-placed in the 10th, while the 5th lord Venus joins Varsheswara Saturn in the 3rd house. Muntha in the 10 is aspected by the 10th lord Jupiter (who is also the 7th lord), thereby giving him a good job also during the year.

**Chart 3: Planetary Positions**

Planets	Rasi	Longitude	Nakshatra	Nakshatra Lord	Pada
Ascendant	Gemini	08-14-14	Aridra	Rahu	1
Sun	Libra	01-54-38	Chitta	Mars	3
Mercury	Libra	11-20-30	Swati	Rahu	2
Venus	Leo	15-45-23	Poorvashada	Venus	1
Mars	Gemini	14-02-58	Aridra	Rahu	3
Jupiter	Scorpio	23-18-59	Jyeshtha	Mercury	4
Saturn	Leo	11-25-29	Makha	Ketu	2
Moon	Capricorn	05-25-19	Uttarashada	Sun	3
Rahu	Aquarius	11-45-50	Satabhisha	Rahu	2
Ketu	Leo	11-45-50	Makha	Ketu	4

**Chart 4: Male:** Born October 4, 1975 at 7h. 05m. at 18 N 58, 72 E 51.

JUP	KETU	MARS	MARS MOON MUNTHA
<b>Chart 4 (Birth)</b>		<b>Chart 4 (Annual)</b>	
	SAT	RAHU	Varsheswara Mercury
	VEN		VEN SAT KETU
	ASCDT RAHU	ASCDT	JUP
	SUN MERC MOON	MERC	SUN

The native of Chart 4 works in a multinational company. In the Annual chart Muntha is placed in the 7th whose sign-dispositor Mercury is well-placed in the 11th. Mercury is not only Varsheswara but also lord of the 7th and 10th well-placed in the 11th. During the year, the native not only got married to a girl from a good family but also got an overseas posting on attractive terms.

**Chart 4: Planetary Positions**

Planets	Rasi	Longitude	Nakshatra	Nakshatra Lord	Pada
Ascendant	Sagittarius	05-19-13	Moola	Ketu	2
Sun	Virgo	16-41-26	Hasta	Moon	3
Mercury	Libra	11-56-46	Swati	Rahu	2
Venus	Leo	03-01-25	Makha	Ketu	1
Mars	Gemini	08-21-49	Aridra	Rahu	1
Jupiter	Scorpio	20-45-11	Jyeshtha	Mercury	2
Saturn	Leo	09-49-56	Makha	Ketu	3
Moon	Gemini	27-15-16	Punarvasu	Jupiter	3
Rahu	Aquarius	12-40-14	Satabhisha	Rahu	2
Ketu	Leo	12-40-14	Makha	Ketu	4

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		SUN	KETU
MARS			ASCDT
<b>Chart 5</b>			
JUP.			
MOON		SAT	MERC

Jupiter and Mercury play a dominant role. Libra rises with its lord in the 5th. The 3rd has Mars, the Sun and Mercury trining the 10th lord Moon in the 7th. The Moon is conjunct Jupiter. So the Sun, Jupiter and Mercury are related to the 10th lord. In Navamsa, the Sun, Jupiter and Mercury are in angles. The Sun, Mercury and Jupiter are again in trine to one another playing a major role in this chart. 2.09 • (to be contd.)

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Chart 5: Male: Born October 4, 1975 at 7h. 05m. at 28 N 39, 77 E 13.

VEN JUP		ASCET KETU	SAT (R)						MARS
SUN		<b>Chart 5 (Birth)</b>				SUN MOON RAHU MUNTA	<b>Chart 5 (Annual)</b>		
MERC MARS MOON						<b>Varsheswara Saturn</b>		SAT KETU	
		RAHU				JUP		ASCDT	

The native Chart 5 is the wife of the native of Chart 3 and was blessed with a child. Muntha is well-placed in the 5th house, while Varsheswara Saturn is well-placed in the 11th. The Ascendant lord is involved in a conjunction with the 9th lord Mercury. All these factors have given a highly favorable year to the native.

Chart 5: Planetary Positions

Planets	Rasi	Longitude	Nakshatra	Nakshatra Lord	Pada
Ascendant	Libra	12-39-48	Swati	Rahu	2
Sun	Aquarius	23-30-57	Poorvabhadra	Jupiter	2
Mercury	Capricorn	26-44-46	Dhanishta	Mars	2
Venus	Capricorn	29-31-26	Dhanishta	Mars	2
Mars	Gemini	07-05-59	Aridra	Rahu	1
Jupiter	Sagittarius	22-45-60	Poorvashada	Venus	3
Saturn	Leo	10-12-47	Makha	Ketu	4
Moon	Aquarius	23-09-36	Poorvabhadra	Jupiter	1
Rahu	Aquarius	03-44-45	Dhanishta	Mars	4
Ketu	Leo	03-44-45	Makha	Ketu	2

**Conclusion**

The progressed horoscope offers certain vital clues in a horoscope which no astrologer can afford to neglect. Only certain major aspects of the Hindu progressed horoscope (Varshapal) have been taken up for analysis and the results found quite encouraging. A comprehensive study of this oft-neglected tool can lead to more accurate and precise predictions. 01-08 •

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**Chart 1: Planetary Positions**

Planets	Rasi	Longitude	Nakshatra	Nakshatra Lord	Pada
Ascendant	Libra	10-40-32	Swati	Rahu	2
Sun	Scorpio	26-08-42	Jyeshtha	Mercury	3
Mercury	Sagittarius	12-43-42	Moola	Ketu	4
Venus	Capricorn	07-17-54	Uttarashada	Sun	4
Mars	Scorpio	01-55-47	Visakha	Jupiter	4
Jupiter(R)	Gemini	14-09-39	Aridra	Rahu	3
Saturn	Sagittarius	19-33-31	Poorvashada	Venus	2
Moon	Taurus	15-36-01	Rohini	Moon	2
Rahu	Capricorn	24-29-06	Dhanishta	Mars	1
Ketu	Cancer	24-29-06	Aslesha	Mercury	3

feet and this part of the body was injured in the accident.

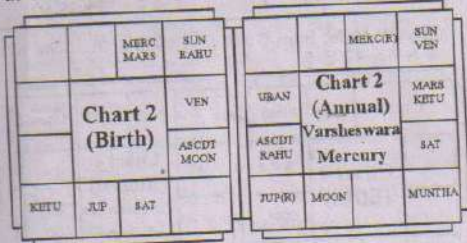
- The accident took place in the Varsha Dasa of Ketu who is in the house of the Moon afflicted in 8th and coming under the Martian aspect.

- The houses denoting children namely, the 5th and the 9th the involve both Muntha and Varsheswara. All these factors helped the safe delivery.

**Chart 2: Female: Born June 17, 1983 at 11h. 44m. at 18 N 58, 72 E 51.**

The native of Chart 2 became the proud mother of a baby in September 2008.

- Muntha is well placed in the 9th.
- Mercury has a dual role to play - as lord of Muntha as well as Varsheswara and is well placed in the 5th.



**Chart 2: Planetary Positions**

Planets	Rasi	Longitude	Nakshatra	Nakshatra Lord	Pada
Ascendant	Capricorn	05-26-42	Uttarashada	Sun	3
Sun	Gemini	01-53-32	Mrigasira	Mars	3
Mercury(R)	Taurus	19-19-20	Rohini	Moon	3
Venus	Gemini	03-56-17	Mrigasira	Mars	4
Mars	Cancer	27-11-57	Aslesha	Mercury	4
Jupiter(R)	Sagittarius	26-13-54	Poorvashada	Venus	4
Saturn	Leo	09-22-46	Makha	Ketu	3
Moon	Scorpio	09-20-30	Anuradha	Saturn	2
Rahu	Capricorn	26-02-26	Dhanishta	Mars	1
Ketu	Cancer	26-02-26	Aslesha	Mercury	3