

JUPITER'S acceleration into PISCES

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Assessment of its placement

1. In Pisces Rasi, which happens to be its own house.
2. In Navamsa, in Cancer, which happens to be its exaltation house.
3. In Poovabhadrapada star, its own constellation
4. The present movement towards Cancer is actually a progressive journey in terms of strength, as it gains strength during its course towards the exaltation point.

THE movement of Jupiter this year seems to be quite unique. Usually Jupiter moves into a sign, remains there for a year, before moving into the immediately succeeding house. This time, Jupiter moved into Aquarius on 19 Dec. 2009. On 2nd May 2010 (Sunday) at 7.40 A M, IST, it moves over to Pisces, without completing its full quota of about 12 months in Aquarius. On 1st November 2010 (Monday) at 10.29 A M, Jupiter in retrograde motion, moves over from Pisces to Aquarius. This marks the re-entry of Jupiter into Aquarius. On 6th Dec. 2010 (Monday) at 10.17 A M, Jupiter moves over to Pisces, once and for all. There are two angles in which we can look at Jupiterian movements – one from an astronomical angle, other from an astrological angle. In this write-up, we will take an overall view of this phenomenon and how it affects the terrestrial affairs. Jupiter resumes direct motion in Aquarius on 19th November 2010. Maharishi Parasara in his magnum opus, Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra had described 8 types of planetary motions.

“Vakranuvakra Vikala Nanda Mandatara Sama Chara Chathichara Cheti Grahanamashtada gadichi”

(BPHS : CHAPTER 27, VERSE 21)

The eight types of planetary motions are as follows:

1. Vakra = Retrograde motion
2. Anvakra = Entering previous Rasi while in retrograde motion.
3. Vikala = Stationery; devoid of motion.
4. Manda = Slower than usual motion.
5. Mandatara = Slower than previous.
6. Sama = Normal.
7. Chara = Faster than usual.
8. Atichara = Entering the next Rasi in accelerated motion

We are now discussing the last point viz. Atichara, while analyzing the movement of Jupiter this year from Aquarius to Pisces,

In the following Table, we will see the time taken by each planet to complete one round of zodiac.

PLANET	Days/Years
Sun	365 days
Moon	27.32 days
Mars	1.88 Years
Mercury	88 days
Jupiter	11.86 years
Venus	224.7 days
Saturn	29.46 years
Rahu	18.6 years
Ketu	18.6 years

Sun and Moon move only in forward direction, while Rahu and Ketu move only in anti-clockwise direction.

If we see the above Table, Mercury is the fastest moving planet, while Saturn is the slowest. Is there any specific reason for this phenomenon?

atichara of Jupiter

To understand movements of planets better, we need to correctly grasp the three laws of planetary motion, enunciated by Kepler.

The Laws of planetary motions according to Kepler.

Johannas Kepler (1570 – 1630) was a German mathematician, astronomer and astrologer. He is best known as the scientist, who was able to correctly understand and codify the laws of planetary motion. Subsequent scientists, like Newton and Einstein were able to improve upon his theory and were able to precisely deduce the laws governing planetary motion. We will take a brief look at the three laws of planetary motion, as deduced by Kepler.

1. Every planet moves around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
2. A line joining the Sun and the planet sweeps out equal areas, during equal intervals of time.
3. The square of the orbital period of the planet is directly proportional to the cube of the semi-major axis of its orbit.

Note: The word "semi-major axis" denotes the length of the ellipse.

Having stated the three laws of Kepler, let us comprehend them in layman's language.

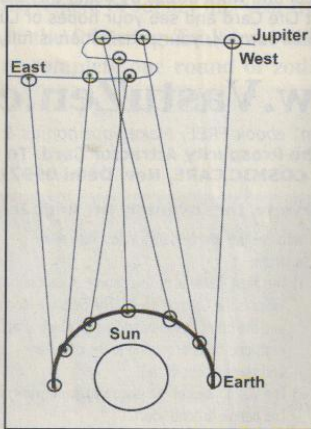
1. The first law of Kepler indicates that each planet moves in an elliptical orbit, but Sun is not at the centre of ellipse but at one focus.
2. The point of nearest approach to Sun is called Perihelion; point of greatest separation is called Aphelion. Hence, by Kepler's second law, planet moves fastest, when it is near perihelion and slowest when it is near aphelion.
3. Kepler's third law implies that the period required for a planet to

orbit the Sun increases rapidly with the radius of its orbit. While Mercury takes only 88 days to orbit the Sun, Pluto requires 248 years to do the same.

In other words, a planet which is close to the Sun moves faster than a planet, which is far away from the Sun. This explains Mercury's speed and Saturn's slow pace.

Scientific explanation for Accelerated Motion and Retrogression

Both Earth and Jupiter are moving round the Sun in elliptical orbits, as explained by Kepler's Laws. Since Earth is moving faster than Jupiter, it will initially move closer to Jupiter and then start moving away from it. When Earth is closing in on Jupiter, we notice Jupiter's accelerated motion as an optical illusion. When both planets are in line with each other, Jupiter appears to be stationary and when Earth crosses Jupiter, Jupiter appears to be retrograde. This phenomenon can be fully understood by looking at the following diagram. If two cars are



moving in two parallel highways at different speeds, the passenger in the faster moving car will feel

that the other car is moving backwards, while overtaking the car. In our example, the "Faster moving Car" is Earth and the "slower moving car" is Jupiter.

Inherent qualities of Jupiter

Jupiter is about 476 million miles from the Sun and is endowed with a bigger mass than other planets. Our rishis termed Jupiter as Devaguru (or preceptor of gods), while Venus was termed as Asuraguru (preceptor of Asuras who are natural foes of Devas). Broadly speaking, Jupiter rules over spiritual matters in striking contrast to Venus, which is inherently "materialistic" in outlook. In today's world, a person dominated by Jupiter would be honest, God-fearing, meditative, benevolent etc., whereas a Venus-dominated person would love to own villas, possess luxury cars, spend his time in holiday resorts and luxury hotels, and spend his entire life in seeking carnal pleasures, as though pursuit of such pleasures were to be the raison d'être of life. Pursuit of hedonistic way of life is essentially Venus-dominated. Another main difference between Jupiter and Venus is that while Jupiter is Karaka of children (Putrakaraka), Venus is karaka of spouse.

Significance of Jupiter's movements

No student of astrology can afford to miss out on the crux of the issue as far as Jupiter's movement into Pisces is concerned.

Once Jupiter moves over to Pisces on 2nd May 2010, let us assess how it is placed.

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The present movement from its house of debilitation, Capricorn, towards Cancer is actually a progressive journey in terms of strength, as it gains strength during its course towards Cancer.

While in Aquarius, it is sharing a 6/8 axis with another slow-moving planet Saturn. This gives rise to lots of disturbances in day-to-day life, both natural as well as man-made.

But, as discussed above, once Jupiter gains strength and also gets into a harmonious direct aspect with Saturn, lots of expansion and progress is foreseen. Saturn, when aspected by Jupiter, becomes less malefic. This (*beneficially-oriented*) Saturn aspects Jupiter. So Jupiter will not be affected much by Saturn's aspect. I would

like to give an example. When a sinner takes bath in Ganges, he gets rid of the sins. One cannot say that Ganges becomes a sinful river, on account of a sinner taking bath.

The direct aspect of Jupiter on Saturn neutralizes all malefic transits such as Sade-sati, Ashtama Sani as well as Ardhashtama Sani. Further another slow-moving planet, Rahu is placed in Sagittarius. It will give its results only based on its sign-dispositor. So, once, Jupiter moves into a beneficial house, Rahu also would become benevolent in nature, by partaking the qualities of its sign-dispositor.

Coming to the retrograde movement of Jupiter into Aquarius, I would like to narrate a short story before describing its effects.

Once a person visited a friend's

house with the object of giving some gift. Since he was visiting the house after a long time, the host and guest entered into a long conversation. After thanking the host for the cordial reception, the guest left, having forgotten to give the gift. Within a few minutes of leaving the house, the guest remembered the gift and returned to the host's house once again. This time the guest left after handing over the gift.

The short story narrated above best describes Jupiter's re-entry into Aquarius. Where a person is destined astrologically to receive certain beneficial effects on account of Jupiter's transit into Aquarius, the re-entry of Jupiter into Aquarius on 01/11/2010 and its subsequent stay till 06/12/2010 would certainly bestow natives with results with certainty.

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