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Planets and Vocational Options

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THE interesting feature of today's world is that both men and women vie with each other for a secure career. This paper will look at the impact of planets on career.

General Rules

i) In general, if the 10th house reckoned from the Ascendant or the Moon is occupied or aspected by its lord or by a benefic, auspicious results follow the work undertaken. If otherwise, success in any undertaking is attained after a lot of effort and difficulty.

ii) The sign dispositor of the 10th lord in Navamsa is indicative of one's career. For example if Scorpio is the Ascendant, then the 10th lord will be the Sun. If the Sun be in Pisces Navamsa, then the ruler of Pisces, namely, Jupiter will be the planet governing the career of the native.

Influence of Other Houses

i) When the 12th lord joins the 10th house or if the lords of the 10th and 12th are in conjunction, one is forced to abandon one's career. The logic is very simple. The 12th house denotes loss, expenditure, Moksha etc. It negates the prosperity of the material world. It denotes sleep. The 10th house deals with Karma or work in other words all forms of activity. By their very nature the 10th and 12th houses are opposed to each other. So before predicting success in career one has to rule out any *nexus* between the 10th and the 12th houses. If there is such a nexus, professional career gets spoiled.

ii) If the 7th lord joins the 10th house, one's career will flourish. This is because by the

Bhavatbhavam dictum, the 7th house is the 10th from the 10th. The 9th house rules good fortune. One reaps the rewards for good deeds performed earlier (past Karma), if the 10th lord occupies the 9th. The 10th lord in the 5th makes a person lead a pious life. Any nexus between the 10th and the 5th or the 9th lord is a Parasari Raja Yoga by itself. Please note the lords of the 9th and 10th in conjunction in the 9th and 10th house produce Dharmakarmadipati Yoga, a Raja Yoga according to **Laghu Parasari**. This Yoga occurs in the birth chart of Albert Einstein (Chart 3).

iii) The 10th house rules fame, goodwill, reputation, honour, skill in work and political power. All of these would be found in abundance

in one who has the 10th lord in the 10th. In fact this combination can also give political power. This rule is highlighted in the horoscope of Jacques Chirac (Chart 2).

iv) The mutual aspect between the Ascendant lord and the 10th lord leads to great success in career provided both the planets are rendered strong. A classic example of this dictum is the case of Tony Blair (Chart 5).

When there is a conjunction of planets, the resultant effect could at times be opposed to the fundamental nature of the planets involved. In other words, what we need to do is to understand the resultant effect of the Yoga by ignoring temporarily the individual nature of the planets involved in the Yoga.

Overseas Travel for Work

There are some who get jobs abroad and settle there itself. Some live there for a while only to return home. It would be easy to decipher whether one would go abroad and or if one would settle there itself by making use of the following principles:-

- a) Venus denotes sensual pleasures, opulence, comfort and luxury. The lifestyle in western countries is for more comfortable than in India. A strong Venus especially in the 5th, 9th or the 10th would indicate foreign travel.
- b) A strong 7th lord especially linked to the 10th or the 3rd house shows residence abroad.
- c) The Dasa of Rahu can take one abroad.
- d) Afflictions to the 4th which rules motherland can make one live overseas.
- e) An exalted benefic in the 9th would make one reside in his own country while an exalted malefic in the 9th makes one go abroad.
- f) The Ascendant lord and the 4th lord in 6-8 positions can make one go abroad.

g) Conjunction of Rahu with Saturn in the 10th or the influence of such malefics on the 10th can make one go abroad.

Predicting whether a person will go abroad requires abundant common sense. Mere application of a few rules will not suffice. For this, an astrologer requires both skill and experience. If the above seven rules are applied and tested, predictions would become simpler.

Specific Vocations

Many boys and girls at the higher secondary level get confused as to which line they should pursue. The following guidelines can be helpful in this context:-

i) Jupiter and Mercury denote commerce and other white collar jobs. Those whose 10th house is dominated by these two planets should opt for CA, MBA etc.

ii) The 10th lord related to the 6th could give a career in medicine. Any link between the Sun, Mars and Venus would lead to proficiency in medicine. A strong Sun or Mars related to the 6th or the 10th would also indicate the medical line. So also if the 6th lord influences the 10th.

iii) Hereditary occupation is shown by the 10th lord in the 9th.

iv) If the Sun and Mercury occupy the 2nd aspected by Saturn, one becomes a mathematician. So also when the Sun and Mercury occupy a Kendra, Trikona or the 11th. This rule holds good for engineering course also.

v) If Saturn or Rahu strongly influence the 10th one will be an employee. If the Ascendant lord or the 9th lord is strong one will be an employer.

vi) A chartered accountant or a lawyer in practice should have a strong 10th house with the 3rd house also rendered strong, the 3rd denoting clients.

vii) Jupiter related to the 6th house would give a career in law.

viii) A strong Mars gives both energy and enthusiasm. A strong Mars is indicative of a career in sports.

ix) The Sun and Mercury in the 2nd give proficiency in astrology. Basically Jupiter and Mercury give proficiency in astrology. When these two planets get linked to the 2nd, 5th, 9th and the 10th one becomes proficient in astrology and since the 2nd house rules speech, whatever predictions are uttered by such natives, eventually turn out to be true.

Chart 1: Chartered Accountant: Born August 5, 1963 at 5h. 50m. at Chennai.

JUP 26-06	GULIKA 3-39	RAHU 27-04	MARS	GULIKA MOON	RAHU MERC
Chart 1 Rasi			JUP	Navamsa	
			VEN 11-39 ASC DT 16-36 SUN 18-32		
SAT(R) 27-01 MOON 13-47			MERC 9-16		
KETU 27-04			KETU SUN	ASC DT	VEN
			MARS 12-02	SAT(R)	

Chart 1 belongs to a practising chartered accountant. Please note the strengths of the 3rd, 7th and 10th houses. The lord of the 10th being a Yogakaraka for Cancer Ascendant joins the 3rd house coming under the direct aspect of Jupiter generating a Parasari Raja Yoga. A retrograde planet in its function is similar to an exalted planet. Mark the strong lord of 7th Saturn in retrograde motion in Capricorn with the Ascendant lord Moon. Mark the presence of Mars in Aries Navamsa. Though this CA started his career in a humble way, he has been able to gain a position of prominence.

Chart 2 belongs to Jacques Chirac, former President of France. There is no better house than the 10th for the 10th lord to occupy. The Ascendant is at the far end of Capricorn. This brings the Moon who is the 7th lord into the 11th Bhava (exalted Navamsa). Generally, the Moon in the 11th is a harbinger of success, especially if in Taurus in Rasi or Navamsa. Mercury, lord of the 7th and 10th from the

Chart 2: Jacques Chirac: Born November 29, 1932 at 12h. 00m. at Paris, France.

RAHU 20-01 GULIKA 18-00	Chart 2 Rasi		MARS 14-14 KETU 20-01 JUP 27-57	-SAT GULIKA	RAHU	MOON	
ASC DT 27-51 SAT 7-50			SUN 14-09 MERC(R) 25-39	VEN 10-08	Navamsa		
MOON 5-02			JUP	SUN	KETU	ASC DT	MARS

Moon-sign, is retrograde. Mercury is in Chandra Lagna Bhava (not in the 12th) from the Moon. Overall, this chart took Chirac to the pinnacle of power.

Chart 3: Albert Einstein: Born March 14, 1879 at 11h. 30m. at Ulm, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany.

VEN 24-48 SAT 12-00 MERC 10-58 SUN 1-20	GULIKA 16-50	ASC DT 19-28	ASC DT	RAHU	GULIKA
JUP 5-18	Chart 3 Rasi		KETU 10-33	MARS VEN	SUN
RAHU 10-33 MARS 4-44			MOON	Navamsa	
MOON 22-21			JUP	KETU MERC SAT	

Chart 3 belongs to Albert Einstein, Nobel laureate and physicist, known for his *Theory of Relativity*. The 10th is involved in a Dharmakarmadipati Yoga as well as Neechabhanga Raja Yoga. The Navamsa sign dispositor of the 7th and 10th lord Jupiter is Mars who is exalted. The uniqueness of this oft-discussed chart lies in the powerful planetary influences operating on the 10th house. Venus denotes both intelligence as well as *poorvapunya* and is a Yogakaraka for Gemini Ascendant and is exalted in the 10th.

Chart 4 belongs to a practising doctor in Singapore. Mark the influence of the 6th lord Jupiter on the 10th house. The strong Ascendant lord in the Ascendant, and the Yogakaraka in the 4th are the strong points of this chart.

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Chart 4: Doctor: Born November 8, 1961 at 5h. 20m. at Singapore.

		GULIKA 13-17		JUP	RAHU SUN	GULIKA	
KETU 00-11	Chart 4 Rasi			MOON	Navamsa		MARS
JUP 7-10 SAT 1-16			RAHU 00-11	SAT			
	MARS 2-23	VEN 2-31 MERC 3-06 ASC DT 6-47 MOON 15-51 SUN 21-55		ASC DT		KETU VEN MERC	

A strong Mars or Sun can give success in the medical line. Mars in own house and Sun in exalted Navamsa indicate success in one's career.

Chart 5: Tony Blair: Born May 6, 1953 at 6h. 10m. at Edinburgh, England.

				MARS ASC DT MERC	RAHU GULIKA	MOON
VEN 21-48	MERC 3-10 SUN 22-09	JUP 5-59 MARS 10-14 ASC DT 11-39		JUP	Navamsa	
	Chart 5 Rasi		KETU 13-41	VEN		
MOON 18-17 RAHU 13-41			GULIKA 5-57			
			SAT(R) 29-08	KETU	SUN	SAT(R)

Chart 5 belongs to Tony Blair, former prime minister of the United Kingdom. One can easily spot the powerful influences on both the Ascendant, 7th as well as the 10th houses easily. The 10th lord Yogakaraka Saturn(R) is directly aspected by the exalted Ascendant lord Venus. If you view this from Chandra Lagna (Moon-sign), there is a role reversal. Saturn is the Ascendant lord and Venus is the 10th lord. So whether you view it from the Ascendant or the Moon-sign, the Yoga is very powerful. Mars as 7th lord conjoins Jupiter and aspects the 7th. Usually, the interchange of houses between the Ascendant and the 11th lord is a sure recipe for success.

Ascetic Yoga

One is said to become an ascetic if there is a four-planet combination in the 10th house. It

is very difficult to say whether the founding fathers of astrology viewed Parivraja Yoga as an auspicious combination or not. In my view, the emphasis is on deriving the best of both worlds. According to Mantreswara in **Phaladeepika** (Chapter 27, Verse 1), if there is a four-planet combination involving the 10th lord, the person obtains Moksha or Final Emancipation from the cycle of births and deaths. Mantreswara makes it clear that this combination should take place either in a quadrant or a trine. But there is one point which lacks clarity. *If the 10th joins four other planets in a Kendra or Trikona, one attains Liberation.* Is Mantreswara referring to a four-planet combination or a five-planet combination? In other words should the 10th lord join four other planets or should there be a four-planet combination involving the 10th lord? This particular issue is for readers to ponder over.

Planetary Conjunctions

Nipuna Yoga or Budha Aditya Yoga is formed when the Sun joins Mercury. This is the most common Yoga one can come across. Suppose Mars joins the above combination, it becomes a three-planet conjunction involving the Sun, Mars and Mercury. Does this mean there are two Yogas present, Nipuna Yoga as well as Sun-Mars-Mercury Yoga? The answer is in the negative. Once the third planet enters the picture, Nipuna Yoga becomes defunct. Hence we need to understand that if the four-planet Parivraja Yoga occurs, all other Yogas become defunct. Another important point to be noted is that if Kemadruma Yoga is present in a chart, all Raja Yogas which may possibly be present would all become defunct.

An example from chemistry will make this concept clear. Atoms of hydrogen combine with those of oxygen to form water. While oxygen actively promotes fire and hydrogen is explosive, one of the greatest paradoxes in chemistry is that the result of this combination is water, which puts out fire. In like manner, when there is a

conjunction of planets, the resultant effect could at times be opposed to the fundamental nature of the planets involved. In other words, what we need to do is to understand the resultant effect of the Yoga by ignoring temporarily the individual nature of the planets involved in the Yoga.

Before I close my paper, I wish to pay my tribute to Mrs. Rajeswari Raman in whose memory this issue is being published. She was the motivating factor behind the success of

Dr. Raman and he in turn motivated her to become a master of Yoga. Today the world of astrology is indebted to them for their mammoth contribution to the growth of this science. I can say without any fear of contradiction that there are very few astrologers in the world today whose views have not been influenced in some way or the other by the work of Dr. Raman. It is a matter of great pride and happiness for all of us that the legacy of Dr. Raman continues through our Editor Gayatri Devi Vasudev. • 154.11