

Vedic Astrology

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“All the universe is speaking to us at every moment and shows us via the simultaneity of the events of our life with the cosmic life, the pattern of what must be.

The planets are the lords of karma or destiny.

The planets not only show our bondage to time but also indicate the way of liberation from it. When we become conscious of the cosmic forces working through the planets, we pass beyond their rule. We integrate their powers within us.” p. 25 Frawley. *Astrology of the Seers*.

The planets are filters for cosmic energy and at the same time a reflection and integration of the karmas that have accrued from prior lives. While these karmas must play themselves out in the events and experiences of our life, by becoming more conscious, we accept our work and align that which is changeable with our higher nature.

Vedic Astrology is particularly adept at holding and honoring suffering as part of life, just as upliftment and joy are part of life. During the Kali Yuga, suffering is the path toward enlightenment. As we move into more enlightened times, this will no longer be so.

The ancient astrologers of early civilizations watched the stars and knew their wisdom. For thousands of years, this knowledge was passed down orally. The Rig Veda was scribed sometime between 1800 – 1000 BCE, and the other three Vedas followed. Western astrology (using the tropical zodiac) evolved out of the time of the Greeks and Romans. Ptolemy (c. 100 CE) wrote *Tetrabiblos*, one of the oldest texts on astrology using the tropical zodiac. From there, Western astrology has had many twists and turns, being ostracized during the witch burnings of the Middle Ages when much was lost. Meanwhile, Hindus in India continued to practice astrology free of demonization or hinderance of any kind. When Vivikenanda brought yoga to the U.S. in 1893, astrology was beginning a return with the advent of Theosophy and the Golden Dawn seekers.

Bhagawan Nityananda (1897—1961), a holy man from India of an unknown lineage, taught Muktananda (1908—1982). Muktananda taught in the U.S. establishing Sidha Yoga Centers (c. 1975). Chakrapani Ullal (d. 2017) became Muktananda’s astrologer and starting teaching Americans astrology. Chakrapani asked Muktananda what they should call this astrology and it was Muktananda who said call it Vedic Astrology, since it is the astrology of the ancient wisdom of the Vedic teachings.

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4 Vedas	4 Aims	4 Ashrams	4 Varnas
Rig Veda = knowledge	Dharma = principle of law; recognition (Fire)	Brahmacharya = find your purpose; Dharma (birth to 20)	Bhraman = Venus/Jupiter = focus on studies and art, the teachers
Sama Veda = teaches upasana, meditation and worship	Artha = achievement of goals; acquisition (Earth)	Grihastha = householder; Artha (20 to 40)	Kshatriya = Sun/Mars = focus on courage, the warriors
Yajur Veda = teaches about karma	Kama = desire, pleasure, connection (Air)	Vanaprastha = enjoy the company of others (Kama)	Vashyas = Mercury/Moon = focus on trade, the merchants
Atharva Veda = shukla (waxing) and krishna (waning)	Moksha = liberation, freedom, spiritual growth (Water)	Sannyasa = spiritual work (Moksha)	Shudras = Saturn = focus on hard work, the laborers

3 Gunas	3 Karmas	3 Doshas
Sattva = truth, purity, being good and looking for good in others	Sanchita = karma from prior lives, sum total of the effects of our actions in prior lives (good and bad)	Vata = wind, breath Saturn, Rahu Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn
Rajas = taking action, searching, passion, dissatisfaction	Prarbdha = karma we face this life, can't change	Pitta = bile Sun, Mars, Ketu Aries, Leo, Sag
Tamas = darkness, ignorance, materialism	Kriyaman = the karma we make of our own free will, by choice	Kapha = phlegm, the cold moisture of the body Moon, Venus, Jupiter Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces
		Tridhatu = a combination of all 3 Mercury Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

The Grahas (Planets) = to seize

Devas = ascension; rise up = Jupiter (benefic), Mars (malefic), Sun, Moon

Asauras = descension, embodiment = Venus (benefic), Saturn (malefic), Mercury

Planet	Sanskrit	Rules	Natural	Ucha(<i>exalted</i>)/ Neecha (<i>debilitated</i>)	Day	Aspects
Sun	Surya	Leo	Malefic Deva	Aries/Libra	Sunday	1,7
Moon	Chandra	Cancer	Waxing = Benefic Waning = Mal Asaura/Deva	Taurus/Scorpio	Monday	1,7
Mercury	Buddha	Gemini, Virgo	Depends on who it is with Asaura	Virgo/Pisces	Wednesday	1,7
Venus	Sukra	Taurus, Libra	Benefic Asaura	Pisces/Virgo	Friday	1,7
Mars	Mangala Kartikeya	Aries, Scorpio	Malefic Deva	Capricorn/Cancer	Tuesday	1,7,4,8
Jupiter	Guru	Sagittarius, Pisces	Benefic Deva	Cancer/Capricorn	Thursday	1,7,5,9
Saturn	Shani	Capricorn, Aquarius	Malefic Asaura	Libra/Aries	Saturday	1,7,3,10
North Node	Rahu		Malefic			1,7
South Node	Ketu		Malefic			1,7

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Planet	Sanskrit	Karakas (Indicators)	Maturity	Gemstone	Gods and Goddesses
Sun	Surya	Body, ego, father	22 yr	Ruby, red garnet, spinel	Ravi, Surya
Moon	Chandra	Mind, mother, beauty,	24 yrs	Pearl, moonstone	Chandra, Soma
Mercury	Buddha	Education, writing, commerce	32 yrs	Emerald, tourmaline, jade, peridot	Vishnu
Venus	Sukra	Marriage, conveyances, art, sex	25 yrs	Diamond, white sapphire	Shukra, Indra, Lakshmi
Mars	Mangala	Brothers, initiative, combat	28 yrs	Red coral, red agate, carnelian	Skanda, Subramanya
Jupiter	Guru	Children, spirituality, wealth	16 yrs	Yellow sapphire, yellow topaz, citrine	Brahma, Brihaspati
Saturn	Shani	Longevity, obstacles, servants	36 yrs	Blue sapphire, blue lapis	Yama
North Node	Rahu	Sudden change, Foreigners	42 yrs	Hessonite, orange zircon	Nagas, Durga
South Node	Ketu	Renunciation, secret learning	48 yrs	Cat's eye, chrysoberyl	Nagas

Planet	Exaltation	Moolatrikona	Debilitation	Rulership
Sun	10 Aries	4 - 20 Leo	10 Libra	Leo
Moon	3 Taurus	4 - 20 Taurus	3 Scorpio	Cancer
Mercury	15 Virgo	16 - 20 Virgo	15 Pisces	Gemini Virgo
Venus	27 Pisces	0 - 15 Libra	27 Virgo	Taurus Libra
Mars	28 Capricorn	0 - 12 Aries	28 Cancer	Aries Scorpio
Jupiter	5 Cancer	0 - 10 Sag	5 Capricorn	Sag Pisces
Saturn	20 Libra	0 - 20 Aquarius	20 Aries	Capricorn Aquarius

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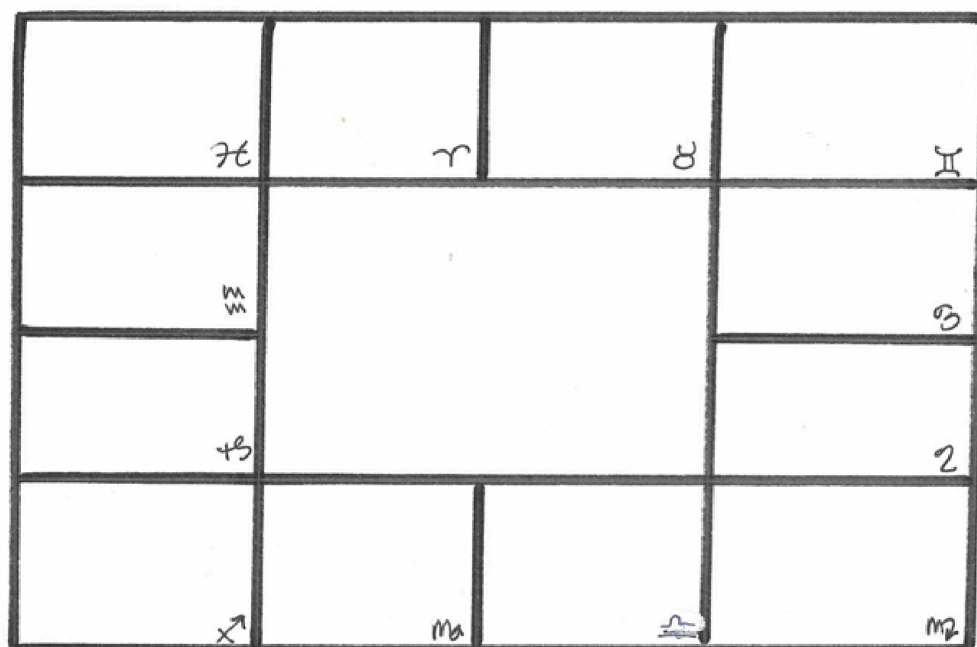
Rashi (Signs)	Sanskrit	Lord	Nakshatras (Constellations)	Degrees	Nakshatra Lord
Aries	Mesha	Mars	Aswini Bharani Krittika	0 - 13°20' Ari 13°20' - 26° 40' Ari 26° 40' Ari - 10° Tau	Ketu Venus Sun
Taurus	Vrisha	Venus	Krittika Rohini Mrigashira	26° 40' Ari - 10° Tau 10° - 23° 20' Tau 23° 20' Tau - 6°40' Gem	Sun Moon Mars
Gemini	Mithuna	Mercury	Mrigashira Ardra Purnavasu	23° 20' Tau - 6°40' Gem 6°40' - 20° Gem 20° Gem - 3°20' Can	Mars Rahu Jupiter
Cancer	Karka	Moon	Purnavasu Pushya Ashlesha	20° Gem - 3°20' Can 3°20' - 16°40' Can 16°40' - 0° Leo	Jupiter Saturn Mercury
Leo	Simha	Sun	Magha Purva Phalguni Uttara Phalguni	0 - 13°20' Leo 13°20' - 26° 40' Leo 26° 40' Leo - 10° Vir	Ketu Venus Sun
Virgo	Kanya	Mercury	Uttara Phalguni Hasta Chitra	26° 40' Leo - 10° Vir 10° - 23° 20' Vir 23° 20' Vir - 6°40' Lib	Sun Moon Mars
Libra	Tula	Venus	Chitra Swati Vishakha	23° 20' Vir - 6°40' Lib 6°40' - 20° Lib 20° Lib - 3°20' Sco	Mars Rahu Jupiter
Scorpio	Vrischika	Mars	Vishakha Anuradha Jyesthta	20° Lib - 3°20' Sco 3°20' - 16°40' Sco 16°40' Sco - 0° Sag	Jupiter Saturn Mercury
Sagittarius	Dhanus	Jupiter	Mula Purva Ashada Uttara Ashada	0 - 13°20' Sag 13°20' - 26° 40' Sag 26° 40' Sag - 10° Cap	Ketu Venus Sun
Capricorn	Makara	Saturn	Uttara Ashada Shravana Dhanishta	26° 40' Sag - 10° Cap 10° - 23° 20' Cap 23° 20' Cap - 6°40' Aqu	Sun Moon Mars
Aquarius	Kumbha	Saturn	Dhanishta Shatabishak Purva Bhadrapada	23° 20' Cap - 6°40' Aqu 6°40' - 20° Aqu 20° Aqu - 3°20' Pis	Mars Rahu Jupiter
Pisces	Meena	Jupiter	Purva Bhadrapada Uttara Bhadrapada Revati	20° Aqu - 3°20' Pis 3°20' - 16°40' Pis 16°40' - 0° Ari	Jupiter Saturn Mercury

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RASHIS (Signs)

♈ = Aries = Mesha
 ♉ = Taurus = Vrishaba
 ♊ = Gemini = Mithuna
 ♋ = Cancer = Kataka
 ♌ = Leo = Simha
 ♍ = Virgo = Kanya
 ♎ = Libra = Thula
 ♏ = Scorpio = Vrischika
 ♐ = Sagittarius = Dhanus
 ♑ = Capricorn = Makara
 ♒ = Aquarius = Kumbha
 ♓ = Pisces = Meena



The Vedic chart always has the signs in the same placement (unlike Western, where the signs move position). Pisces is always in the upper left corner. The house numbers change depending on the Ascendent.

Bhavas (Houses)

Trikona = triangle, trine, beneficial house, uplifts planets that rule and that live in = 1, 5, 9

Dustana = suffering, loss, planets that rule bring suffering, planets that live in bring hardship = 6, 8, 12

Upachaya = gets better over time, starts out hard, obstacles that are overcome = 3, 6, 10, 11

Kendras = angle, places of power and strength, planets that rule gain strength, planets that live in are stronger = 1, 4, 7, 10

Malefics ruling kendras (except Lagna) = loses its ability to harm

Benefics ruling Kendras (except Lagna) = loses its ability to help

Guidelines

1. The Lagna Lord (LL) is the most important planet. It is always a good planet—a temporal benefic.
 - a. If the LL is well placed aka happy, the person will have happiness, joy, upliftment.
 - b. If the LL is poorly placed, life becomes a bit harder.
 - c. If the LL is strong, the person is more likely to get all of the karmas in the chart.
 - d. If the LL is weak, the other planets and karmas may not manifest as strongly (this can be good or bad depending on what the other karmas are)
2. The Moon is of utmost importance. It tells us how we process and digest life's experiences.
 - a. We like to see a well-supported Moon in order for consciousness and for receiving the benefits of past life lessons.
 - b. Support some through associations with other planets and Chandra Yogas.
3. The Dashas are the main timing device.
 - a. We get the karmas of the planet during the Dasha of that planet.
 - b. Good to get the LL Dasha after it has matured and while we are still able to appreciate it.
 - c. We know our purpose in the LL Dasha.
 - d. During each Dasha, each planet has a sub-period (Bhukti). During good Dashas, there are difficult Bhuktis and during difficult Dashas there are good Bhuktis.
4. There are remedies for difficult karmas—stones, mantras, good deeds, timing.

Bhavas (Houses)

House	Sanskrit	Karakas (Indicators)	Aim	Type	Karaka
1	Thanu	Body, appearance, character, self, purpose	Dharma	Kendra, Trikona	Sun
2	Dhana	Money, speech, food, things that come in and out of the mouth	Artha	Maraka, Dhana	Jupiter
3	Sahaja	Siblings, hobbies, fine arts, writing	Kama	Upachaya	Mars
4	Sukha	Home, happiness, mother, property	Moksha	Kendra	Moon Venus
5	Putra	Children, worship, education, poorva punya	Dharma	Trikona	Jupiter
6	Satru	Obstacles, debts, disease, servants, health	Artha	Dustana, Upachaya	Mars Saturn
7	Jaya	Partnership, marriage	Kama	Kendra, Maraka	Venus
8	Mrityu	Loss, abuse, defeat, personal suffering, taboos	Moksha	Dustana	Saturn
9	Bhagya	Religion, travel, education, father	Dharma	Trikona	Sun Jupiter
10	Karma	career, fame, position, reputation	Artha	Kendra, Upachaya	Sun Mercury Jupiter Saturn
11	Ayaya	Gains, acquisitions, honors, community	Kama	Upachaya, Dhana	Jupiter
12	Vyaya	Loss, collective suffering, liberation, foreign countries	Moksha	Dustana	Saturn

Dashas (Planetary Cycles)

Planet	Sanskrit	Years	Good for	Not so good for
South Node	Ketu	7	A spiritual timeout; retreat;	Relationships
Venus	Sukra	20	Love, relationship	Finding oneself, alone time
Sun	Surya	6	Finding oneself; focus on being true to oneself	
Moon	Chandra	10	Processing trauma, healing, emotional growth	
Mars	Mangala	7	Clearing, finding courage, activism, passion	Calm time-outs
North Node	Rahu	18	Drive, ambition, politics, journeys, travel	standing still
Jupiter	Guru	16	Education, learning from teachers, travel, The hare	
Saturn	Shani	19	Becoming a master, responsibility, focus, Tortoise	growth, finances
Mercury	Buddha	17	Play, finances, creative life, writing	

Yogas (Unions)

Lagna	Lagna Lord	Yoga Karaka (Indicator of Yoga)	Dhanas (Karakas of wealth)	Marakas (indicators of death)
Aries	Mars 1, 8	Mars 1, Sun 5, Jupiter 9, 12	Venus 2 Saturn 11	Venus 2,7
Taurus	Venus 1, 6	Saturn 9, 10	Mercury 2 Jupiter 11	Mercury 2 Mars 7
Gemini	Mercury 1, 4	Mercury 1,4, Venus 5,12	Moon 2 Mars 11	Moon 2 Jupiter 7
Cancer	Moon 1	Mars 5, 10	Sun 2 Venus 11	Sun 2 Saturn 7
Leo	Sun 1	Mars 4, 9	Mercury 2, 11	Mercury 2 Saturn 7
Virgo	Mercury 1, 10	Mercury 1, 10 Venus 2, 9	Venus 2 Moon 11	Venus 2 Jupiter 7
Libra	Venus 1, 8	Saturn 4, 5	Mars 2 Sun 11	Mars 2, 7
Scorpio	Mars 1, 6	Mars 1, 6 Jupiter 2, 5	Jupiter 2 Mercury 11	Jupiter 2 Venus 7
Sagittarius	Jupiter 1, 4	Jupiter 1, 4 Mars 5, 12 Sun 9	Saturn 2 Venus 11	Saturn 2 Mercury 7
Capricorn	Saturn 1, 2	Venus 5, 10	Saturn 2 Mars 11	Saturn 2 Moon 7
Aquarius	Saturn 1, 12	Venus 4, 9	Jupiter 2, 11	Jupiter 2 Sun 7
Pisces	Jupiter 1, 10	Jupiter 1,10 Moon 5 Mars 2,9	Mars 2 Saturn 11	Mars 2 Mercury 7

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“with” = in same house (doesn’t matter the degrees apart) or in a parivatna yoga (mutual exchange where the two planets are in each other’s ruling sign)

These are a few of the hundreds of yogas.

Yoga	Type	Rules	Good for
Raja		Trikona lord with Kendra lord	Upliftment
Dhana		Lagna lord (LL) with Dhana lord	Wealth
Arishta		LL with Dustana lord	Brings suffering, illness, challenges in life
Adhi	Chandra	Bens 678 from moon	Wisdom, brightness, support
Geja Kesara	Chandra	Jupiter in angle from moon	Getting support from people in positions of power
Shakata	Chandra	Jupiter in dustana from moon	Support comes from learning the hard way
Vasumati	Chandra	Ben upachaya from moon	Support comes from competition—people are sweet and competitive—healthy competition
Anapha	Chandra	Planets 12 th from moon	Ability to surrender, doesn’t stay attached
Sunapha	Chandra	Planets 2 nd from moon	Ability to acquire, open to receiving
Chandra Mangala	Chandra	Moon with or opposite Mars	Support through courage
DuraDara	Chandra	Planets both 2 nd and 12 th	Ability to both surrender and acquire
Kema Druma	Chandra	No Chandra yogas (including that Jupiter does not aspect the Moon)	No support in life; destitute; extreme struggles, mind is broken; only things that helps is finding a spiritual teacher
Hamsa	Mahaparusha	Jupiter in angle and in own sign or exalted	Wisdom, teacher in past life
Badhra	Mahaparusha	Mercury in angle and in own sign or exalted	Intelligence, logic, knows what things are worth
Malavya	Mahaparusha	Venus in angle and in own sign or exalted	Beautiful, creative, great artist
Shasha	Mahaparusha	Saturn in angle and in own sign or exalted	Hard worker, focused, industrious
Ruchaka	Mahaparusha	Mars in angle and in own sign or exalted	Warrior, courageous, athletic

Gocharas = transits

A planet transits the house and all the planets in that house for the entire time it is in that sign/house. A planet also transits all the planets in the house opposite, and in the case of Mars, Saturn and Jupiter, the houses that those planets shed aspects on.