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Editorial

'If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough' ~ Albert Einstein

It is a time for cleansing, cleaning, healing and health. On November 9 2012, Mars entered Moola nakshatra. Moola is ruled by Nritti, the Goddess of Destruction and thus the association with healing and diseases. Mars [energy] is going to stay in this nakshatra till November 25 2012. During this whole time, the whole of humanity will be experiencing karma associated with health and healing.

On November 9, 2012 I took a flight to San Francisco to conduct a seminar on Ayurjyotish [Medical Astrology]. On November 10, I conducted a 6 hour long session and workshop with some very talented scholars on Ayurjyotish.

It is no coincidence that within a few weeks I am about to conclude a 24 hour long extensive course on Ayurjyotish with my senior students. Health, medicine, healing is an energy in the air now.

This is why this issue of AIAC Times will be on Medical Astrology.

In the September 1982 issue of Dr B V Raman's The Astrological Magazine a complete list of articles were written on the disease Cancer. Classic writers like Dr Raman, H R Shankar, R Santhanam, P S Sastri had contributed articles. However, there was no consensus among the astrologers on some basic combinations that can cause Cancer or any diseases.

In this issue, I will demonstrate a simple fundamental principle and add on to it in the rest of the articles. I will also touch upon the summary of my lecture in San Francisco which essentially shows the connection of Ayurveda and Jyotish [or Ayurjyotish]. I will bring up cases which tend to contradict jyotish philosophies/dictums written in most jyotish books and show you, the reader, how analysis should be approached. In this issue I will also touch upon common flaws of jyotishas while doing analysis and how those flaws can be avoided.

My aim in this series of articles is to explain this complicated topic of jyotish in very simple terms. I am strong believer in simplicity in jyotish. If I can bring about a golden rule or comprehend the empirical formula behind health cases, my purpose will be served for the current edition of the Times.

I also apologize to readers for not being able to devote as much time I would have liked to in writing articles and sharing them freely with you but I do promise to write more and bring out more issues of AIAC Times in 2013.

Kind Regards

Amarnath

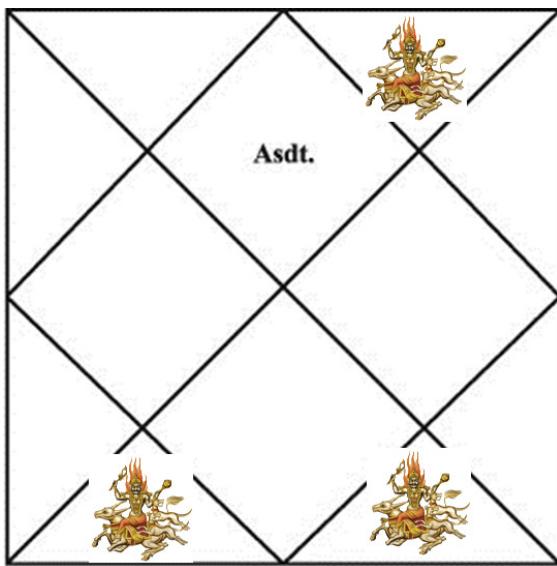
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Jupiter's column

Karma and Health by Amarnath

There are twelve houses in a horoscope [called Bhavas] to mimic the twelve zodiac signs in the celestial sphere. This simple fact of casting a horoscope or natal chart in itself is a fascinating philosophy. Just as in the case of Kalapurusha, an individual is imagined to be a part of the Kalapurusha.

Earlier in the Times, I have written about Karakas. The concept of Karakas is critical to understand and comprehend the concept of Karma in a horoscope. If a reader of this article has not read the earlier article, please do read it before proceeding with this article.



The Bhavas that Saturn is a karaka of are called Trik Houses. These houses along with Saturn [who is a karaka of these houses] are extremely important in determining karma related to body.

Suffering is way to expend Karma. Physical suffering due to diseases is a tool used in creation to experience karmic repercussions of lifetimes. Saturn, who is a karaka for sins and hence karma in a natal chart takes upon Himself to execute the actions necessary for this suffering. Hence, Trik Houses are extremely important in determining health related karma.

Since, I have been writing so much about Karma, let us revisit some very rudimentary concepts related to karma. The karma the soul gathers through lifetimes of incarnation is called Sanchita Karma. A part of the Sanchita Karma is carried over by a soul when it incarnates in a lifetime and this karma is called Prarabdha Karma. In a birth chart, we see the Prarabdha Karma of an individual. Some of the karmic patterns as per Prarabdha is fixed [Driha], mutable [Adriha] or in between [Drihadriha]. As life progresses, due to the person's samskaras, the soul accumulates karma called Kriyaman karma. This karma is action based, based on deeds [Sharirik], thoughts [Manasik] or speech [Vachaka]. At any point of time, the karma the soul has accumulated so far is called Kriyaman but there is always scope to alter it

for good or bad until the moment of death and this karma that can be changed in the future is called Agami karma. It is nothing but future Kriyaman karma.



Ayurjyotish or Medical Astrology helps to interpret Prarabdha. Ayurveda or Medical Remedies/Diagnosis helps to modify Kriyaman through positive lifestyle changes [deeds], meditation [thoughts] and mantra [speech] recommendations.

If we don't know how to read Prarabdha karma, we will not know the problem that needs to be fixed. If we don't know how to recommend solutions, we will not be able to modify Kriyaman and hence will not be able to fix the problem. This is why both Ayurjyotish and Ayurveda need to be studied for a healer to be able to truly help people.

6th Bhava is the trine to 2nd and 10th bhava. It is the Bhava which is the giver of diseases due to own faults related to food habits [2nd house] and actions or deeds [10th house].

8th and 12th Bhavas are the trines to the 4th Bhava which is the primary Bhava related to healing and comfort. 8th Bhava relates to life, longevity and excretion. It is 5th from the 4th Bhava and so the mind creates this Bhava for comfort. However, this creation of the mind can cause diseases. 12th Bhava is the 9th from 4th Bhava and deals with sleep, rest, rejuvenation. The 12th Bhava is the most important bhava for mental peace because it has the potential for creating the mind [4th bhava].

Saturn, being the karaka of these three Bhavas has the potential for giving diseases or suffering. Moon being the karaka of the 4th Bhava is the primary Graha which relates to healing and comfort. Sun being the karaka of the 1st Bhava is the primary Graha related to general health and well-being of a native.

The issue with most medical astrology articles and books I have personally read is that they tend to directly jump into analysis without dealing with the Question – “Why is this chart disease prone?”

The aim of this series of articles is to address this question before we deal deeper into case analysis.

Sun's column

Disease Proneness by Amarnath

Jyotishas have some common flaws which must be brought out in the open. Data-fitting is one of them. To fit a dictum of disease combination in a classical rule book or to prove a theory jyotishas often selectively take up cases which work for them, ignoring the cases which don't.

I read a lot of modern authors before my conference in San Francisco on Ayurjyotish and I was fascinated at the way the jyotishas went about with case studies. When a case was given on a patient with Diabetes, the analysis focused on Mercury, houses of Jupiter and Jupiter whereas when there were cases of bone disorders the focus shifted on Saturn and Sun. I am not denying this mode of analysis but this mode of analysis doesn't answer a few questions – Sun stays in a sign for a month, every native born in a month in an identical year will have Sun - Saturn combination but can we say for certain that all of them will have bone fracture?

I personally have seen simple rules to start with and then reach a conclusion on complicated health issues. This approach I see missing in many of the modern works of jyotish. Every graha gives Karma but Saturn gives karma of the body by being the karaka of the Trik Bhavas of creation.

A few concepts which I have written earlier in the Times time and again will be used here. Readers are requested to refer to earlier editions of my articles and issues of Times to gain better understanding of the analysis of the charts.

I will summarize just one rule that I have written in Jupiter's column earlier for all cases related to health issues.

If we find a connection between the Trik Bhavas and the any one of the Tripod of Life, such a person would have Diseases to experience through Prarabdha Karma.

Translation of the above verse in simpler terms is perhaps required. Also, we must set the boundary of what we can determine by just the above dictum and what we can't.

I give maximum weightage to truth and honesty and so it is perhaps important to say as well that the above dictum is not mine. I have just phrased it simply; it has been mentioned in many a classic and by many authors. Where my contribution lies is that I am providing a structure to the ocean of ayurjyotish wisdom so that learners like me can see a door and a path to enter this vast zone.

Tripod of Life is Lagna, Sun and Moon. The luminaries are the karaka for well-being [1st Bhava, Sun] and recovery and health [4th Bhava, Moon]. Lagna mimics the Sun and the cusp of 4th Bhava mimics the Moon so these grahas [Lagna, Sun, Moon] and these bhavas [1st and 4th] are critical to health.

Saturn is the karaka of Trik Bhavas and thus Saturn, 6th, 8th and 12th Bhavas are the carrier of diseases based on Prarabdha.

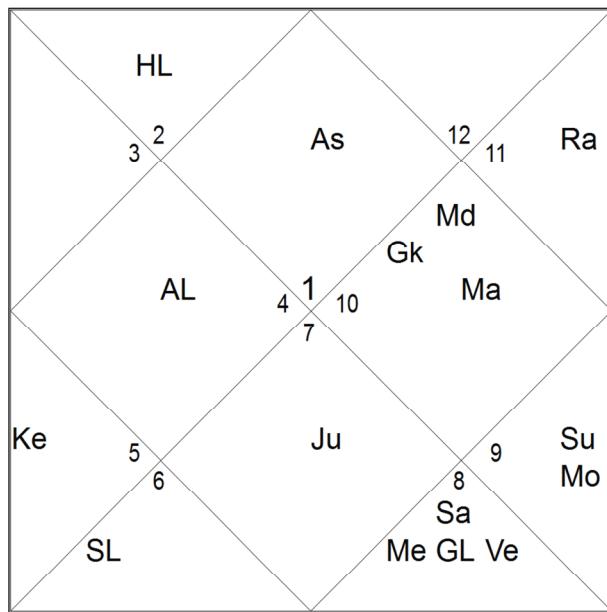
The boundary of this dictum is around diseases based on Prarabdha Karma.

Let me attempt to demonstrate my theory by a couple of birth charts –

Case 1 - Saint Damien of Molokai

	As	HL	
Ra	Rasi		AL
Md Gk Ma	Damien		Ke
Mo Su	Ve Me Sa GL	Ju	SL

January 3, 1840
12:30:00 (0:18 east)
4 E 42, 50 N 59



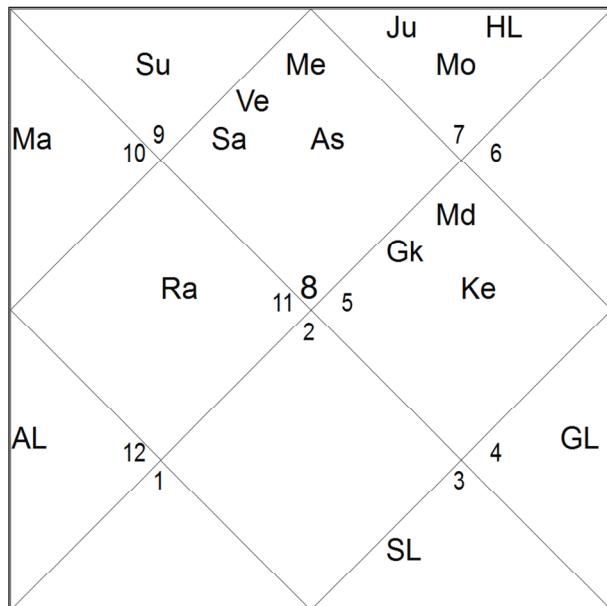
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Me: 28 Sc 13- AK Ju: 21 Li 53- BK
Ra: 17 Aq 53- PK Ke: 17 Le 53

Mo: 5 Sg 04- GK Ma: 18 Cp 36- PiK
Ve: 4 Sc 42- DK Sa: 24 Sc 32- AmK
HL: 0 Ta 20 GL: 15 Sc 08

Case 2 - Albert Auguste Cochon de Lapparent

AL			SL
Ra	Rasi		GL
Ma	Albert de Lapparent		Md Gk Ke
Su	Me As Ve Ju Mo HL Sa		

December 30, 1839
6:00:00 (0:09 east)
2 E 24, 47 N 5



As: 21 Sc 29 Su: 16 Sg 18- MK
Me: 26 Sc 28- AK Ju: 21 Li 12- BK
Ra: 18 Aq 07- GK Ke: 18 Le 07

Mo: 14 Li 08- PK Ma: 15 Cp 14- PiK
Ve: 0 Sc 00- DK Sa: 24 Sc 04- AmK
HL: 19 Li 12 GL: 24 Cn 57

So, first let me start with where jyotishas go wrong. We start from the known disease and then back track explaining how jyotish supports the theory of the native suffering from this disease. Such an approach is not only biased and unscholarly but also a dishonest approach towards jyotish.



Case 1 is the chart of Saint Damien of Molokai also known as Father Damien. He was born Jozef De Veuster, was a Roman Catholic priest from Belgium and member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a missionary religious institute. He won recognition for his ministry to people with leprosy (also known as Hansen's disease), who had been placed under a government-sanctioned medical quarantine on the island of Moloka'i in the Kingdom of Hawai'i.

After sixteen years caring for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of those in the leper colony, he eventually contracted and died of the disease, and is considered a "martyr of charity".

He was the tenth person recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church to have lived, worked, and/or died in what is now the United States.



Case 2 above is the chart of Albert Auguste Cochon de Lapparent. He was a French geologist. He made a brilliant course of studies at the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, graduating there the first of his promotion, and at the School of Mines. Having been appointed mining engineer in 1864, he was chosen by Elie de Beaumont as a member of the staff entrusted with the task of drawing the geological map of France.

The French Government gave him the Cross of the Legion of Honor. Towards the end of 1875 a chair of geology and mineralogy was founded for him at the Catholic University of Paris. For a few years he occupied that position without severing his connection with the mining department, and when the leave of absence he had obtained was cancelled (1880), he preferred to give up his official position and continue to teach a science so dear to him in an atmosphere more congenial to his religious convictions.

Readers and jyotishas please remember that the charts are in LMT and not Standard Times.

Let us now study the charts of these two natives based on their Prarabda karma and health issues.

In Case 1, Moon is in the 8th Bhava and the 9th Rasi from Lagna. Moon is the ruler of the 4th Bhava cusp and the 6th Lord Mercury is with Saturn in the 8th Bhava. Lagna Lord Mars is exalted in the 10th Bhava indicating strong immunity. Saturn, the karaka of disease and Moon, the natural 4th karaka of healing are associated together in the 8th Bhava of diseases. The 8th Bhava diseases are not under the direct control of the native but the 6th Lord being associated shows some action leading to a health issue. The 12th Bhava Lord is in the 7th Bhava showing that some issues will crop up in a foreign land or after marriage.

Saturn is the 10th and 11th Bhava Lord and aspects Mars [Lagna Lord] in the 10th house showing that frutification of the disease karma will be related to work [10th Bhava]. Mars is the Lord of Lagna and the 8th Lord and its exaltation guarantees a long life and general good health.

Father Damien had excellent health and immunity. Even after answering his call to his duty [Mars, 10th Bhava], he had excellent health and did not get infected serving others in leprosy for many years. According to Wikipedia – “In December 1884 while preparing to bathe, Damien accidentally put his foot into scalding water which caused his skin to blister. He felt nothing. Damien had contracted leprosy. Despite this discovery, residents say that Damien worked vigorously to build as many homes as he could and planned for the continuation of the programs he created after he was gone.” Burning water is shown by Scorpio, skin blisters is shown by Mercury afflicted in Scorpio by Saturn. This event clearly shows the activation of his 8th Bhava.

In Case 2, Moon is in the 12th Bhava but with Jupiter and Venus [Venus in Lagna rasi but 12th Bhava]. Moon the karaka of healing is with two benefics, however in the 12th Bhava. The 4th Bhava co-lord Rahu is in swa-rasi and the other co-lord Saturn is in Lagna. The 6th Lord Mars is exalted in the 3rd Bhava and is also the Lagna Lord giving excellent immunity. However, in this case Saturn aspects Mars by the 3rd aspect. Saturn is also the 4th Lord in this case. Mercury, the 8th Lord is in Lagna and Venus lord of 12th is in Scorpio but in the 12th Bhava. Saturn is in kartari Yoga between Sun and Moon [the luminaries of health]. This chart does show excellent immunity of the body [6th Lord exalted and aspecting the 6H and that being Mars, the Lord of Lagna as well].

The most important difference between Case 1 and Case 2 is the 4th Bhava, 4th Rasi and the state of the 4th Lord. In Case 1, Moon is weak [Krishna Chaturdasi] and in the 8th Bhava with Saturn. In Case 2, the 4th Bhava has the 4th co-lord Rahu and the other co-lord Saturn is in Lagna as a strong graha. Moon in case 2 is in 12th Bhava but with one benefic Jupiter in the same rasi and bhava and Venus in Scorpio in the same bhava.

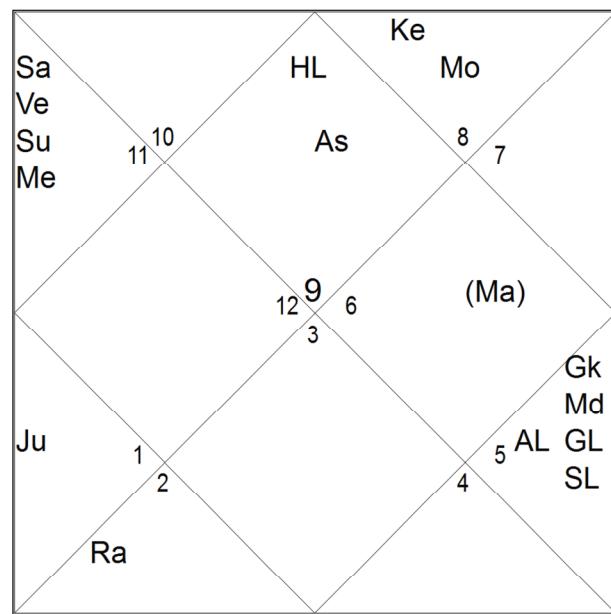
So, completely from a health perspective, Case 2 shows that affliction or health problems can happen but care and revival is very strong whereas in Case 1 recovery is afflicted due to the damage on the 4th Bhava and 4th Bhava Lord.

Interested readers can further study the following two cases –

Case 3 – Epilepsy Case # 14043

	Ju	Ra	
Me Su Sa		Rasi	
	Epilepsy 14043 February 24, 1965 4:30:00 (6:00 west) 90 W 12, 38 N 37	SL AL Md GL Gk	
HL As	Ke Mo		(Ma)

As: 27 Sg 40 Su: 12 Aq 15- PiK
 Me: 12 Aq 31- MK Ju: 25 Ar 60- AK
 Ra: 25 Ta 44- PK Ke: 25 Sc 44

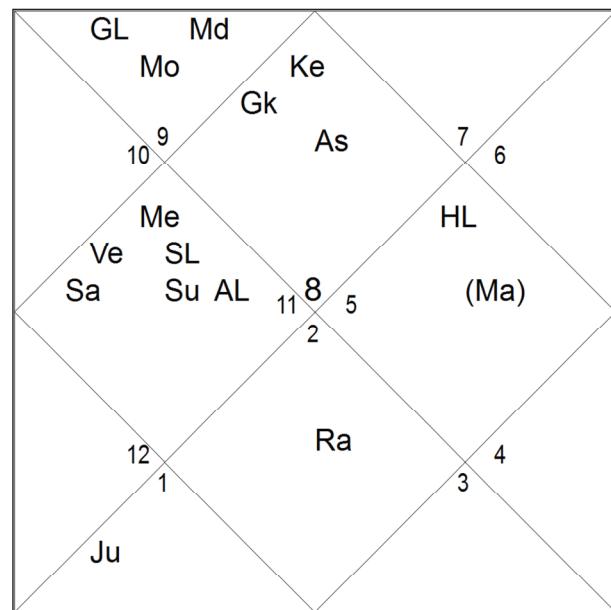


Mo: 25 Sc 25- AmK Ma (R): 0 Vi 12- DK
 Ve: 0 Aq 32- GK Sa: 13 Aq 60- BK
 HL: 3 Sg 20 GL: 21 Le 21

Case 4 – Anicka Rodman

	Ju	Ra	
Me SL Ve AL Su Sa		Rasi	
	Anicka Rodman February 26, 1965 1:15:00 (5:00 west) 75 W 29, 40 N 36	HL (Ma)	
GL Mo Md Ke As	Gk As		

As: 13 Sc 02 Su: 14 Aq 05- PK
 Me: 15 Aq 56- MK Ju: 26 Ar 15- AmK
 Ra: 25 Ta 38- GK Ke: 25 Sc 38



Mo: 16 Sg 55- BK Ma (R): 29 Le 36- AK
 Ve: 2 Aq 49- DK Sa: 14 Aq 13- PiK
 HL: 27 Le 32 GL: 18 Sg 52

Due to lack of time, I am not providing my analysis here. Both cases mentioned above are available on the Astrodata Bank website. The principles in the previous cases are applicable in these cases as well.

Moon's column

Doshas, Tattwas and Rasis by Sue Ann McKean

The 12 Zodiac signs and the 9 grahas residing in these spaces are the coordinates within the map of our condition and show the lay of the land. They also give us an inventory of our assets and flaws we have to work with. As individuals we are responsible to use our will power wisely in the pursuit and choice of our goals, rather than praising or blaming the “grahas” or our fate of finding ourselves in this or that condition. It would be foolish for a traveler to blame the map for having strayed off course, when it was our own legs that got us here and learning how to use the map merely informed us where we're at.

My purpose in this article is to explore the position of grahas in our rasi chart and see how their placement in particular zodiacal signs contribute to innate afflictions which constitute our karmic debt. Equal attention should also be given to our strengths and assets that can point us in the direction of how best to pay back our old karmic debts and avoid making new ones. Like a farmer mindful of the seasons and aware of the nature of the earth, we can learn where and when to plant our seeds. In this article, I will stay on the general and not delve into vargas which are essential for making predictions.

The rasis are the karmic patterns; rasi in Sanskrit means “a heap” of karma. One symbol that is used to characterize the 12 rasis is the Kalapurusa or “Cosmic Person.” This is the pattern of the human body. All human beings are restricted to the form of the Kalapurusa; 2 arms, one head, a stomach etc. and unless severely deformed, which is rare, we are born according to this pattern.

RASI	BODY PART OF KALAPURUSA
ARIES	HEAD
TAURUS	FACE
GEMINI	NECK & ARMS
CANCER	CHEST
LEO	STOMACH
VIRGO	INTESTINES
LIBRA	KINDNEYS & EXT GENITALIA
SCORPIO	ANUS & INT. GENITALIA
SAGITTARIUS	THIGHS
CAPRICORN	KNEES
AQUARIUS	LOWER LEG
PISCES	FEET

The grahas are the carriers of the elemental energies of the 5 Mahaabhuutas; called the panchatattvas or 5 elements – earth, water, fire, air, ether which enhance or afflict the innate function of the rasis that are also composed of a tattva. They are the active agents operating within the rasis representing a particular body part of the Kalapurusa and influencing them; enhancing, blocking, limiting, controlling, expanding, burning, drying or moisturizing depending on the nature of the graha.

If the rasi is the karmic pattern then it is the grahas interacting with the rasi and with other grahas that indicate the imbalances in our bodies that eventual can cause disease and mete punishment or reward based on our karmic debt.

The imbalances we are born with are carried over from past lives due to our karmas. One way we can understand and therefore remedy them is by correct and early diagnosis before a full blown disease erupts.

The most fundamental imbalance is on the level of the tattvas. In Ayurveda there are 3 basic imbalances called dosa. They are created by the tattvas when there is too much of some element(s) or a lack of another.

To understand this and be able to apply this principle to our Jyotish chart we need to know the tattvas of the rasis and the grahas and how the tattvas interact with each other.

The Rasi Tattvas:

RASI	TATTVA	DOSA
ARIES	AGNI	PITTA-fire
TAURUS	PRITHVI	KAPHA- water & earth
GEMINI	VAYU	VATA - air
CANCER	JALA	KAPHA- water
LEO	AGNI	AGNI- fire
VIRGO	PRITHVI	VATA- air
LIBRA	VAYU	VATA & KAPHA- air and water
SCORPIO	JALA	PITTA & KAPHA- fire and water
SAGITTARIUS	AGNI	PITTA-fire
CAPRICORN	PRITHVI	VATA & PITTA- air and fire
AQUARIUS	VAYU	VATA- air
PISCES	JALA	KAPHA- water

Note – There is a great amount of detail which is skipped here to completely understand the Dosha classification of each Rasi.

GRAHA	TATTVA	DOSA
SURYA	AGNI	PITTA
CHANDRA	JALA	KAPHA
MANGALA	AGNI	PITTA
BUDHA	PRITHVI	TRI-DOSA
BRIHASPATI	AKASH	KAPHA
SHUKRA	JALA	KAPHA-VATA
SHANI	VAYU	VATA
RAHU	VAYU	SUPER-VATA
KETU	AGNI	SUPER-PITTA

Elemental Comparability table:

FRIENDLY & COMPATIBLE	NEUTRAL	INIMICAL TO EACH OTHER
AGNI & VAYU	AGNI & PRITHVI	AGNI & JALA
PRITHVI & JALA	VAYU & JALA	PRITHVI & VAYU
AKASH goes with everything		

Now it is a matter of seeing if the graha tattva is compatible with the rasi tattva and draw some conclusions about the health karma in a birth chart.

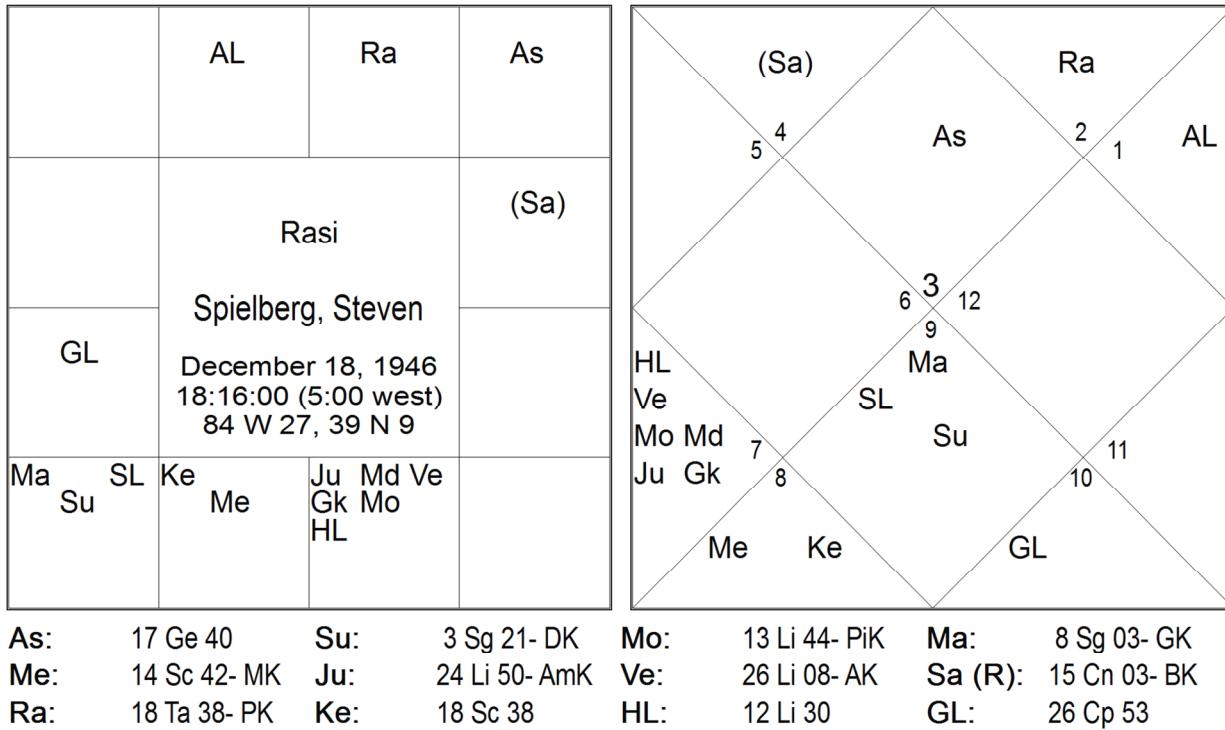
A simple example would be let's say that you have Moon in Aries. The moon is the mind, is a jala- kapha graha. Jala- kapha tends to be heavy and put on weight but Aries is pitta – hot and energetic, so it will burn off the excess weight. The Agni will also influence the mind to be active and possibly want to exercise.

Also, the mind thrives on peace and comfort. So when Moon or mind is in Aries it will cause the mind to be fiery creating activity and high energy. The Aries Moon person can feel some disturbance to the mind like over excitement or be prone to losing their temper since water and fire are not compatible.

If grahas join the Moon it will cause an increase or decrease of the fire energy. For instance, if the Moon in Aries is joined by another agni graha like Sun or Mars then this will add confirmation and enhance the fire energy. If the Moon in Aries is joined by a Jala graha, Venus for example, then the gentle Moon has an ally to support its watery nature and Aries will not be as strong a factor on heating and drying out the Moon as it was when Sun or Mars were conjoined. If the rasi is the karmic pattern then it is the grahas interacting with the rasi and with other grahas that indicate what punishment or reward based on our karmic debt we will experience.

One must however note that this mode of analysis linking Doshas, Tatwas and Rasis has to be done in the framework of the Trik Bhavas and the Tripod of Life, which has been mentioned earlier in this edition of the Times.

Case – Steven Spielberg



LL and 4L Mercury is in Scorpio with Ketu. Scorpio is a Pitta, Kapha sign which can be equated to boiling water. Ketu is super-pittah and Mercury is tridoshic but in this case being the most benefic Graha is under severe affliction. 6th is the intestines and Scorpio indicates the internal organ issues.

He had a form of kidney cancer. This type of cancer is called Renal cell carcinoma. However, his was treated quickly and was cured at the age of 53. He had to have his kidney removed.

From the Chandra Chakra, Moon is in a Vata Rasi, Libra with the 6th Lord [Guru] showing growth in the urinary region of the body. 8th Lord is also with the Chandra and thus although benefics in every other way, the association of Guru, Shukra with Chandra in Libra indicates issues with urinary region of the body as well.

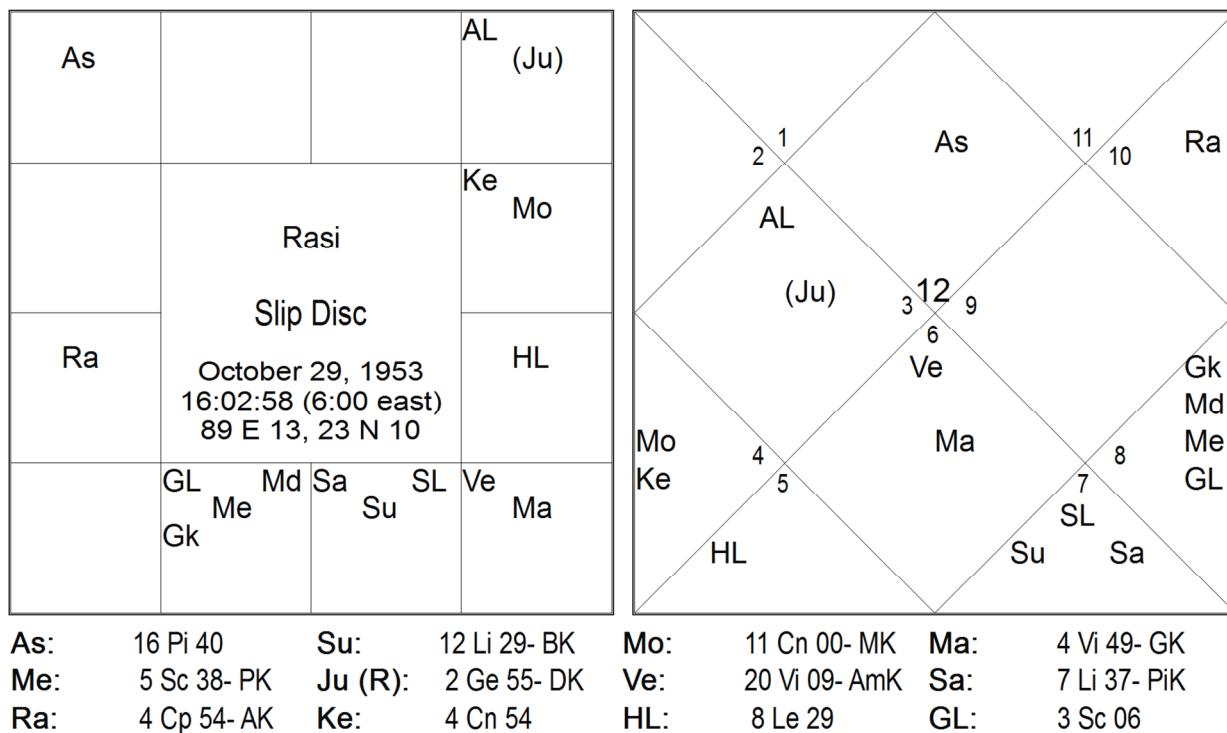
From the Surya Chakra, Lagna Lord is associated with 6th and 8th Lords. The 12th Lord of feet is on Surya Lagna in a Pitta-Agni rasi. Dhanu indicates thighs and the back. Spielberg always had a low back pain and has complaints of swelling of ankles. Note that the LL, 6L and 8L are in the 11th rasi from the Surya Rasi indicating legs.

Venus' column

Health Remedies by Amarnath

Ayurveda is an area where by means of recommending lifestyle changes, a practitioner can help a patient change or alter his/her Prarabdha Karma by means of Kriyaman Karma. Kriyaman Karma can be achieved by three primary rectification process – Sharirik Karma [Food habits, Yoga, Exercise], Manasik Karma [Meditation, Control of Instincts, and Counseling] and Vachaka [control of speech, mantra japa, mauna vrata].

Case 1 – Sharirik Karma remedy



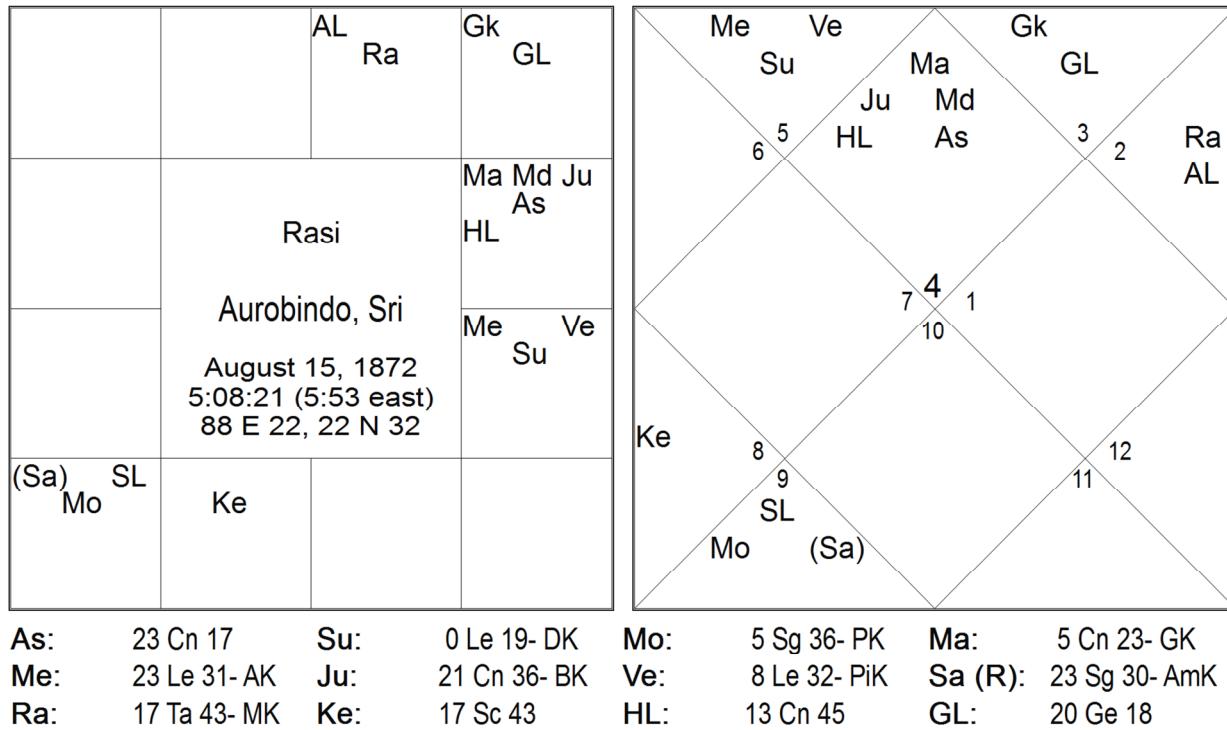
The native above used to ride bikes and in an accident injured his spinal cord. He was bedridden under traction [heavy weight attached to the waist] for 1 year. No amount of medical attention could relieve him of his pain and condition. His life changed when he was introduced to Yoga in his early 40s and till today he practices yoga and light exercise which enables him to lead near normal life.

The 6L Sun is debilitated in the 8H, the 8L Venus is also debilitated in the 7H and 12L Saturn is exalted in the 8H. Most importantly, Jupiter is retrograde in the 4H, trines to the 6L and 12L in the 8H. The 2L Mercury is 2H from Saturn.

From Surya Chakra, the Lagna dispositor and 8L are placed in the 12H. From Chandra Chakra, The 6L is placed in the 12H. The 4H from the Moon is Libra showing the cure, which has debilitated Sun and exalted Saturn. Chara rasis show Adriha Karma as per rules of Prarabdha. Sthira rasis show Driha Karma and Dwibhava rasis show Dhrihadihra Karma. Moon is strong in Cancer but with Ketu which makes Scorpio weak and thus Mercury will suffer which is the 4L. Mercury rules nerves and Scorpio indicates internal issues. 9H indicates the spinal cord. This is the combination which causes the "Slip Disc". The

dispositor of the 4L from Moon will show the cure. It is Venus debilitated in Virgo with exalted Saturn in Libra. Saturn in Libra among many other things shows ancient exalted knowledge, in this case Yoga. All the rasis involved [Cancer, Libra] were Adriha and thus remedies worked like magic. Saturn also shows strictness and very controlled way of life. As long as this is maintained the native will be healthy.

Case 2 – Manasik Karma Remedy



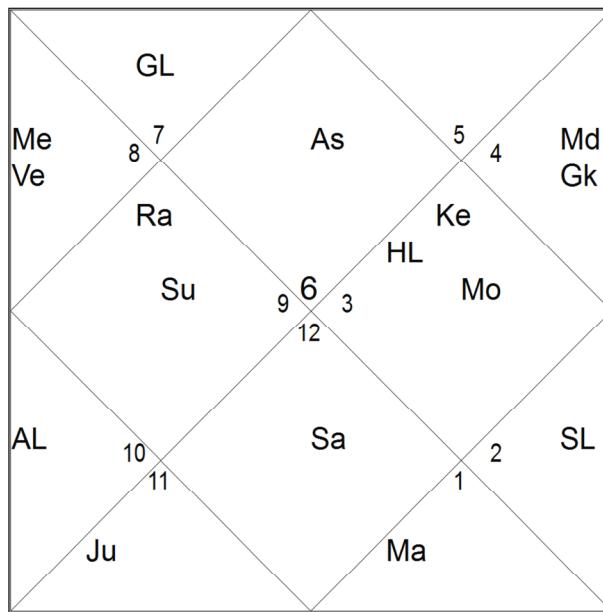
The turning point in the life of Sri Aurobindo was his tenure in the prison when he was charged for bombing a British colony in India. The affliction in this case is more mental than physical. Moon is in the 6H with the 6L in Lagna, there is an exchange between the Lagna Lord and the 6L. In the Bhavas, Moon is in the 5H with Ketu in Scorpio, indicating high heat or headless activity.

However, from the Chandra Lagna, the 4L is exalted in the 8H of transformation. It was completely a time of separation and isolation which turned a revolutionary ruthless freedom fighter into a non-violent Yogi [Mars debilitated with exalted Jupiter in the 8H from Moon]. The healing happened from the wisdom of Akash Tattwa [Jupiter] which deals with hearing and listening to the inner voice.

The Manasa karma of deep meditation and isolation helped Aurobindo to control the ruthless and headless violence of Ketu in Scorpio. Also, note that the giver of the remedy, the 4L from the Moon was in a Chara sign indicating Adriha Karma which can be easily modified by Kriyaman Karmic remedies.

Case 3 – Vachaka Karma

Sa	Ma	SL	Ke Mo	HL
Ju	Rasi			Gk Md
AL	Ramana Maharshi December 30, 1879 1:00:00 (5:30 east) 78 E 15, 9 N 50			
Ra Su	Ve Me	GL	As	



As: 26 Vi 37 Su: 15 Sg 36- PK

Me: 23 Sc 06- AmK Ju: 16 Aq 29- PiK

Ra: 23 Sg 21- GK Ke: 23 Ge 21

Mo: 28 Ge 15- AK

Ve: 0 Sc 28- DK

HL: 26 Ge 46

Ma: 21 Ar 58- BK

Sa: 17 Pi 04- MK

GL: 14 Li 43

This is a classic example of an elated soul who was aware of the karmic rectification required for moving above his Prarabdha. Ramana rishi after having a darshan of Shiva in a young age, stopped speaking or very rarely spoke since his heart was always focused on Shiva.

We see the 4L in 6H, LL aspected by 8L from 8H and 12L in 4H. In the above chart, Sun, Moon and Lagna are in Dual signs showing the huge impact of Drihadhriha Karma. The travel to see Shiva changed Raman rishi's life.

The 4L is in the 6H from both Lagna and Moon. From Lagna and from the Moon, the 4Ls Jupiter and Mercury are in fixed signs. To overcome the limitations of the Driha Karma of the fixed signs, Sharirik or Manasik Karmic Remedies are not enough; one has to practice the restraints of the Atma which is replicated through Speech or Vak.

Guru, Budha	1 H Type	Gyana Marga - Wisdom
Chandra, Shukra	4H Type	Raja Marga – Control on Senses
Shani, Rahu	7H Type	Bhakti Marga – Service to Others
Surya, Mangal, Ketu	10H Type	Karma Marga – Direction to Others

There is much more to this which I cannot write here due to lack of time and space. However, I would like to end this article with a way to check what could be the quality of karmic remedy which could work for the native in the above table.

Mercury's column

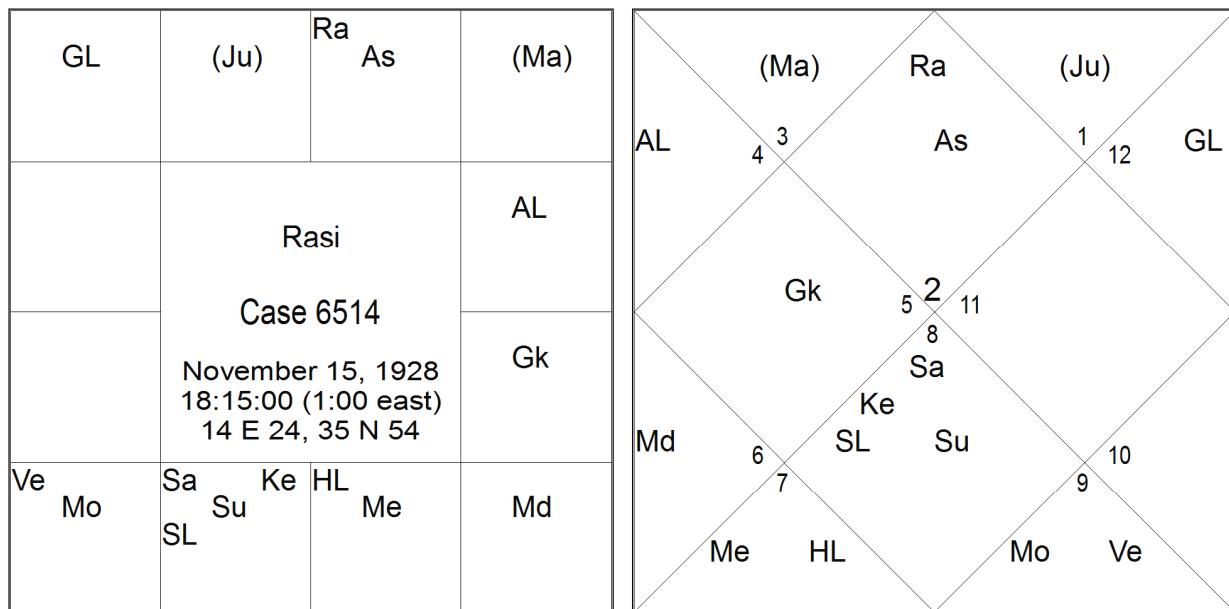
Rules of Balarishtha by Amarnath

Rules of studying charts of children and adults are different. Whereas Kriyaman Karma which may be born of Prarabdha or gained through life makes the 6H of a chart extremely important for diseases and health, for children, Kriyaman is negligible and governed primary by Prarabdha.

Mihira mentions that till the age of 12, a human being falls under the rule of Balarishtha. Bala means child and arishtha means troubles. Troubles in childhood are rules set aside for seeing charts of individuals between the ages of zero to 12 years of age.

Let us see the Bhavas that matter most to children. For children or babies, food, excretion, sleep and care are the most important factors. Thus, 2,8,12, and 4th Bhava are very important in charts of children.

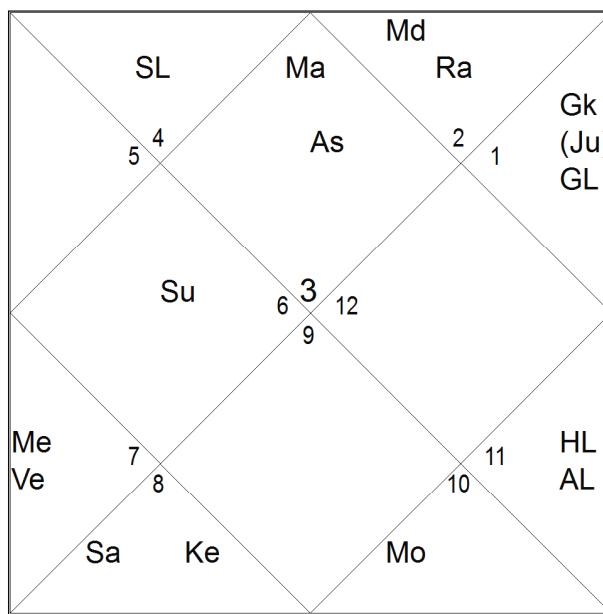
Case 1



2H is occupied by Mars [R], 4H is aspected by Saturn and 4L is with Saturn, Moon is in the 8H and Jupiter is in the 12H in retrogression. The child died at 9 months of age due to internal convulsions. The Lagna Lord Venus is in the 8H.

Case 2

	GL (Ju)	Gk (Ju)	Md Ra	Ma As
AL HL	Rasi			SL
Case 6496				
September 24, 1928 23:30:00 (1:00 east) 9 E 56, 49 N 47				
	Ke Sa	Ve Me		Su



As: 25 Ge 25 Su: 8 Vi 45- PiK
 Me: 3 Li 59- PK Ju (R): 16 Ar 29- BK
 Ra: 9 Ta 43- AmK Ke: 9 Sc 43

Mo: 10 Cp 34- MK Ma: 3 Ge 32- GK
 Ve: 1 Li 47- DK Sa: 20 Sc 51- AK
 HL: 15 Aq 59 GL: 12 Ar 53

The child died following an operation for stomach cramps one month from birth. 2L Moon is in the 8H. Mars afflicts the Lagna rasi and Rahu afflicts the 12H. Mars is also the 6L in Lagna. Sun is a malefic in the 4th rasi. In the Bhava Chakra, The nodes move to the 5-11 axis. Jupiter is retrograde. Mercury is the 4L from Lagna but is with the 12L [and 5L] Venus. Saturn aspects the 8H Moon from the 6H.

If one visits the dictums of Balaristha as per Parasara's classic BPHS, one will see that the dictums are framed around the principle mentioned in this article. Malefic influences on 2H, 4H, 8H or 12H results in death of children.

Mihira goes on to classify the deaths due to karma of mother, father and past birth of child based on the biological age of the child. This is a very deep topic and requires deep research.

Before I end this article, let me quickly share some informational Naadi Techniques related to health assessment. The Bhava from which Saturn is in the 12th will suffer in longevity. Saturn in the 1st Bhava will give dental issues [2H suffers], Saturn in the 2nd Bhava will give weak arms or throat infection, Saturn in the 3rd will give diseases of the lungs etc. Taking into account the drekkana and the navamsa, finer details can be predicted.

The next steps in health analysis are to study Vargas and then Nakshtras. At some point in time, you will see detail articles on those methods.

Mars' column

A Study of Health Karma by Sue Ann McKean

Health is the blessing of positive past karma. When we feel good, we tend to take our pain-free good health for granted, but when we fall ill we look for a culprit.

Often I hear students of Jyotish and astrology talking as if they are victims of the stars: “I’m so depressed, that unrelenting Saturn is sitting on my Moon” or “don’t blame me for yelling at you, Mars was transiting my Lagna.” or “My Rahu made me do it!” The grahas and other heavenly bodies do not make us do the things we do or give us the afflictions we have. According to the laws of Karma everything we are; our temperament, constitution, likes, dislikes, talents and liabilities is due to our past actions and present self-inflicting behavior. We are like travelers come from afar through many lifetimes that arrived at a point in our journey we call “today.”

Karma, means “action” (including reaction or effect) and can also be understood as “debt” or rena. All of creation including sentient life born on planet earth is constantly in a process of responding to external influences, and in its turn, affecting everything in the environment. What this means is that sometimes we have to pay a debt, and sometimes we get to collect a payment for a merit. Suffering a health problem is one of the many ways we pay for a karmic debt.

Jyotish can provide us with a map, to see where we have come from and where we are going. The 12 Zodiac rasis, bhavas and the 9 grahas residing in these spaces are the coordinates mapping our condition like showing the lay of the land.

As individuals, we are responsible moment by moment in making everyday choices and using our “will” wisely in the pursuit of our goals. Blaming the grahas for our fate if we find ourselves in pain and suffering is pointless and foolish; like a traveler who blames the map after having strayed off course. The map’s function was merely to inform us where we are and if lost, where best to go.

It is important to understand that karma is the root cause of what we experience. Health problems are difficult to accept. My purpose in this article is to explore in a chart the indicators of what the individual’s health issues are likely to be.

In order to answer this question first we have to:

1. See if the dushtana houses 6,8,12 that are the cause of our health karma suffering are connected to the Lagna Lord and or the 4th Lord.

- 12th house is our rest, mental peace and the root cause of disease.
- 4th house is the natural Moon house (Cancer) the key to the cure. Grahas located in the 4th or the 4th lord if none are the key to the cure.

2. We look at these houses and lords and their connections to each other from the perspective of the Tripod of Life – Lagna, Sun and Moon. When any two are together or there are many grahas in a dushtana bhava then the chart tilts in that direction and emphasis should be placed on it.

3. Look at Maraka houses and lords: 2 & 7

4. The graha karakas which are very karmic for health to take special note of:

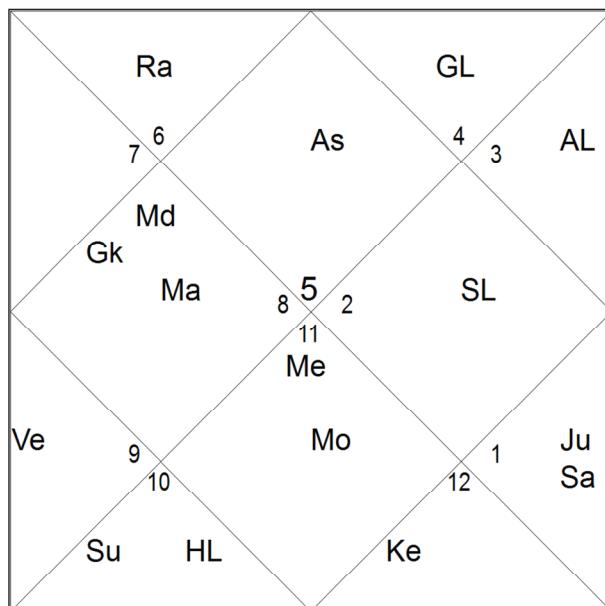
- Saturn is the karaka of longevity and suffering and the graha karaka of the 3 dushtana bhavas.
- Rahu is the karaka of desire.
- Jupiter: it is the Jivakaraka. When it is retrograde it will give a Rahu effect.

5. Rasi sandhi grahas can cause disease too. Check if a graha is in the 28th, 29th, 0, or 1st degree.

We will start by looking at 3 famous men who have had massive, multiple heart attacks all for different reasons. These 3 men have very strong associations with Simha rasi, the natural 5th sign ruling the stomach and the heart. Leo is the lagna, the Surya or Chandra lagna with the placement of several grahas in Leo.

Case 1 - Dick Cheney

Ke	Sa	Ju	SL	AL
Me	Mo			GL
HL	Su	Rasi Dick Cheney January 30, 1941 19:30:34 (6:00 west) 96 W 40, 40 N 48		As
Ve	Md	Gk		Ra
	Ma			



As: 9 Le 60 Su: 17 Cp 46- PiK

Me: 1 Aq 14- DK

Ra: 9 Vi 53- MK

Mo: 29 Aq 39- AK

Ve: 28 Sg 25- AmK

HL: 10 Cp 37

Ma: 24 Sc 44- BK

Sa: 15 Ar 17- PK

GL: 0 Cn 37

Dick Cheney was the secretary of Defense under President George H.W. Bush the elder and the vice president for 2 terms under George W. Bush the younger as well as a lifelong politician having served as a congressman and as both President Nixon and Ford's White House chief of staff.

Let us first see if Cheney has the karma to have a disease or health problem.

His chart exemplifies the first rule very well. A connection of Lagna Lord and/or 4th Lord with the 6, 8, or 12th houses in the Tripod.

From the Lagna

Dick Cheney is a Leo rising with the lagna lord Sun in the 6th and the 4th lord Ketu in the 8th. The 6th Lord, Saturn is giving 10th house aspect to this Sun that is already weak in his enemy sign in the 6th house – the place where the Sun is dead having set in the 7th. Saturn is the planet of longevity and ruler of the 6th house so this aspect of Saturn will keep Cheney alive to suffer longer the sins of his past karmas since 6th house rules shadripus. Rahu is piling on by aspecting as well. The karma is related to power and ego since it is the Sun in his enemy the Kali yuga rasi of Capricorn. The image in the media of Cheney is that of Darth Vader, the well-known Star Wars villain. Mars is in the 4th house of cure aspecting Mercury the 2nd lord of food making a proper exercise and diet the key to his healing.

From the Sun

Cheney has Surya lagna lord in the 4th with the 12th lord. The 4 house is the cure and grahas there will be key to his healing and recovery. Jupiter the 12th lord indicates rest, meditation and contemplation are helpful (12th is house of rest). The 8th lord in the Surya lagna is not good for health – it is the carrier of disease. Mars is again the 4th lord now aspecting Mercury as the 6th lord – reinforcing the need for disciplined diet to remedy his health problems.

From the Moon

From the Chandra lagna, the 6th lord Moon and the 8th lord Mercury are in the Lagna in Aquarius. Aquarius is called Hrdroga - any graha in Aquarius has the capacity to cause heart issues and/or lung infection due to its being the 7th – a maraka from Leo – the natural 5 rasi that rules the heart. The Chandra lagna lord Saturn is nica giving a 10th house aspect to the Sun – the karaka of health in the 12th house of this chart. Rahu is the other Chandra lagna lord in the 8th house creating dainya parivartana yoga between Rahu and Mercury – the lagna lord and 8th lord respectively. This is an inauspicious exchange – mingling the energies of the first house with the eighth.

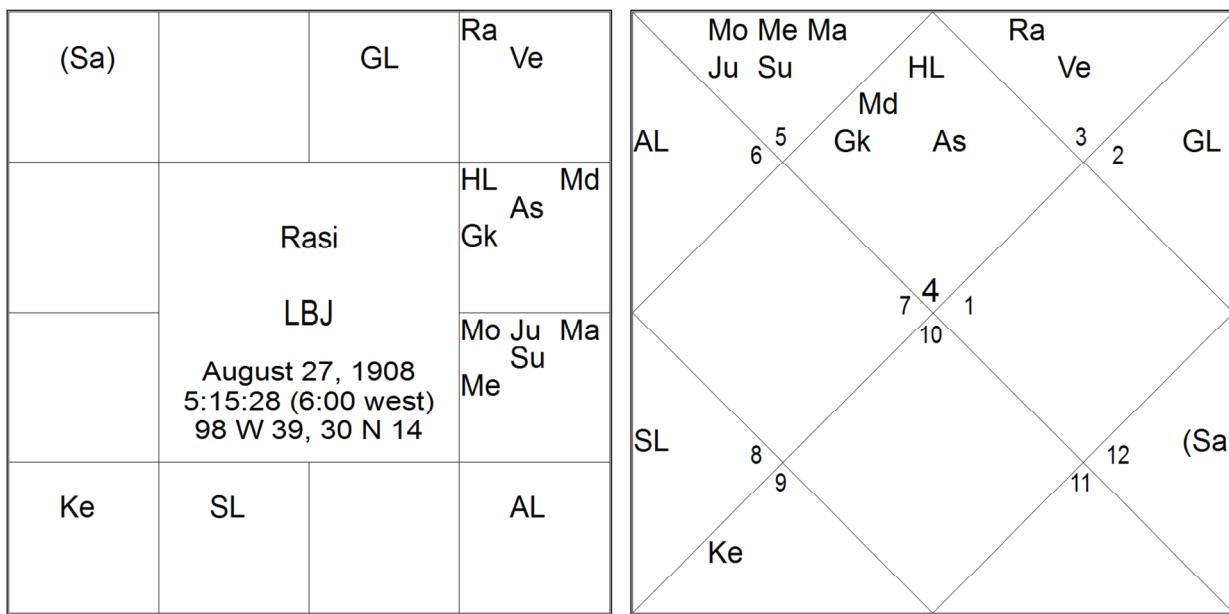
From the 3 lagnas Dick Cheney has multiple connections between his lagna lord and the houses of suffering. The 6th & 8th, indicate disease caused by wrong actions – 8th house is sins of the past life called nija dosa and the 6th house are the present life sins called shadripus or self-inflicted actions. (3 pack a day smoking habit).

Dick Cheney's 4th lords of cure, Mars and Ketu, are very well placed. This shows that he will recover, if he follows a disciplined routine (Mars) and he will get good doctors, (Ketu) and Ketu is moolatrikona in the Pisces, the house of rejuvenation. In March, 2012 Mr. Cheney had a heart transplant.

Here is a partial excerpt from Wikipedia of Cheney's health issue:

“Cheney's long histories of cardiovascular disease and periodic need for urgent health care raised questions of whether he was medically fit to serve in public office. Having smoked up to three or more packs of cigarettes for nearly 20 years, Cheney sustained the first of five heart attacks in 1978, at age 37. Subsequent attacks in 1984, 1988, 2000, and 2010 have resulted in moderate contractile dysfunction of his left ventricle. He underwent four-vessel coronary artery bypass grafting in 1988, coronary artery stenting in November 2000, urgent coronary balloon angioplasty in March 2001, and the implantation of an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator in June, 2001.”

Mr. Cheney is still alive and kicking at the ripe age of 71.

Case 2 - Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ)


As: 29 Cn 04 **Su:** 11 Le 11- PK
Me: 17 Le 47- BK **Ju:** 4 Le 00- DK
Ra: 10 Ge 45- AmK **Ke:** 10 Sg 45

Mo: 16 Le 45- MK **Ma:** 9 Le 28- GK
Ve: 26 Ge 46- AK **Sa (R):** 16 Pi 33- PiK
HL: 12 Cn 08 **GL:** 29 Ta 58

President Johnson died of a massive heart attack when he was 65 years old. The heart attack was due to blockage of his arteries. A possible contributing factor is high cholesterol due to heavy meat consumption (LBJ loved BBQ) a normal Texas diet of his era and heavy smoking.

A quote from his biography by Micheal Beschloss:

“Lady Bird knew that her husband's decompression from power would be painful. For the first time since his massive heart attack in 1955, LBJ resumed smoking, even though his doctors warned it would kill him. He scrapped his diet and gained 40 pounds.”

Also stress is a factor and it is well known that Johnson was a very energetic type A personality that tried to accomplish the Great Society, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Society, as well as carry on a very unpopular Vietnam War.

He thrived on popularity (Cancer rising) and began his presidency with high approval from the American people due to his progressive social policies. By the end of his first term he was loathed for escalating an unpopular war and lying about it. Instead of running for a second term he withdrew from the political scene. In Johnson's rasi chart 5 of his 9 planets are in Leo as well as the Sun and Moon which displaces the energy toward Leo making him a functional Leo. But taking a deeper look from the bhava chalit chakra 3 of those grahas shift into his lagna; the Sun, Mars and Jupiter. Since the lagna holds the Sun it is weightiest of the tripod.

From the Lagna

From the bhava chalit Chart LBJ is a Cancer rising with agni grahas Mars and Sun along with the 6th lord Jupiter is in the lagna, in the very hot and dry sign of Leo. In the rasi chart his combo is burning the Moon, the Lagna lord and karaka of health for Cancer rising.

The lagna lord Moon is within a degree of the 12th lord Mercury. His destiny is to experience loss of reputation and popularity. He was a driven type A person.

The 6th lord of shadripus, Jupiter is with those fiery grahas in the BC lagna and will make him overreach and be too expansive. Jupiter too is located close to the agni grahas in the same nakshatra Magha the throne. As a result of misusing the throne and misleading the electorate it contributed to his inner and outer downfall.

From the Sun

Same as above. The Sun is with Jupiter, the 6th lord of shadripus, is the second lord of speech with the 6th lord. Johnson is known to use vulgar and fiery speech causing self – inflicted wounds to himself and his relationships. It is a maraka lord in the lagna (killer)

From the Moon

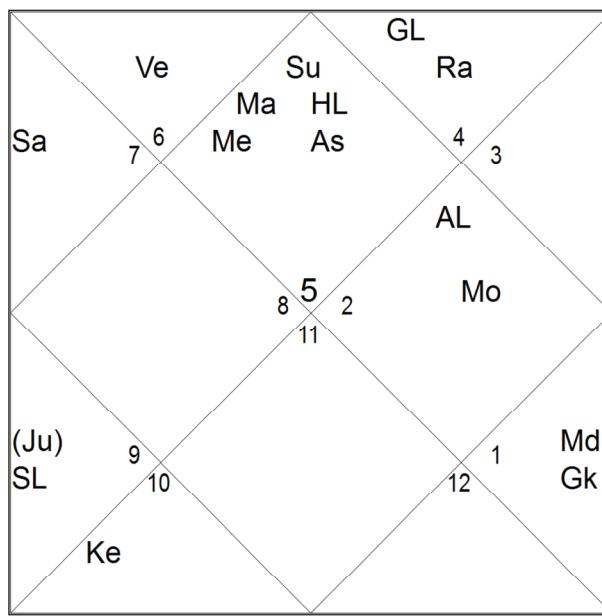
In the BC, 12th lord Moon is in the lagna and the lagna lord Sun is in the 12th – Marana Karaka Stana- a placement for a fall from power. Johnson wanted a second term but due to his unpopularity he resigned the nomination to run as the Democratic candidate. The ruler of the Chandra lagna, Sun, is with the 8th lord, Jupiter in the 12 house –indicating his illness and fall.

The 4th lord Ketu is in its own house in the fourth (in the BC) giving him, like Cheney good doctors and hospital care. But the other 4th lord Mars is nica in the 12th (too much fire = lack of peace of mind) from the moon with the MKS lagna lord Sun. As his wife says in the quote above, he gave up on his diet, started smoking and died of another massive heart attack 4 years after leaving office.

Case 3 - Peter Sellers

	Gk Md	AL Mo	
			GL Ra
		Rasi	
Ke	Peter Sellers September 8, 1925 6:00:46 (1:00 east) 1 W 4, 50 N 47	Su HL Ma As Me	

SL (Ju)		Sa	Ve
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As: 16 Le 30 Su: 22 Le 12- BK
 Me: 4 Le 45- GK Ju (R): 19 Sg 52- MK
 Ra: 11 Cn 02- PiK Ke: 11 Cp 02

Mo: 1 Ta 34- DK Ma: 23 Le 57- AmK
 Ve: 27 Vi 49- AK Sa: 17 Li 26- PK
 HL: 5 Le 54 GL: 12 Cn 52

My 3rd case not a politician but a well-known comedic actor.

From the Lagna and Surya Lagna

Let's begin with the Leo lagna which is very strong with 3 grahas. Sellers has a well-placed Sun in his lagna with Mars and Mercury. Like LBJ, he is a type A high achieving person winning many acting awards (Mercury makes great actors when it is strong; it is well placed – digbala and involved in several yogas for wealth and success).

In this chart we will pay special attention to the jivakaraka Jupiter because it is retrograde and the 8th lord in the 5th house; the 5th house corresponds to Leo ruling the heart and it is aspecting the lagna, lagna lord and 4th lord giving it a Rahu effect – high desire. Rahu itself is in the 12th house of bed pleasures and loss putting Sellers on the path of the ultimate orgasm. (The ultimate desire is the desire to go beyond all desire) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Sellers

Rahu is the co-lord of the 7th – the main kama house and house of spouse and he was engaged in sex with his wife while high on drugs when he had a series of 8 heart attacks at the age of 38. Saturn the other lord of the 7th along with Rahu, is the lord and karaka of the 6th house of self-inflicted wounds – it is located in the 3rd – another kama house giving karma dristi to Rahu in the 12th house of bed pleasures. 12th is also the house of hospitals where he ended up after his attempt at supreme ecstasy was aborted.

Mars is the 4th lord in the lagna in fiery Leo with the Sun so he will recover if he exercises and lives a more regular, Dharmic life.

On another note, Venus, the karaka for the sex act, is debilitated in the Vata rasi of Virgo in the Maraka 2nd house. It is 12th from its house – the 3rd house of copulation and 8th from the house it is the karaka for the 7th house adding to his heap of dridha or fixed karma.

From the Moon

Sellers has Venus as the lagna lord and the 6th lord. Procreative Venus is debilitated in the 5th from the Moon a house of mental creativity, morals and dharma as well as romance, recreation & entertainment. The 5th house corresponds to Leo ruling the heart so one could surmise that his chosen form of amusement lead to his heart problem which he suffers from to the end of his life.

Saturn is uccha in the 6th disposed by the nica Lagna lord. Since Saturn is very strong in Libra and vargottama and in the shadripu 6th house it will give him an addictive nature that he never recovers from.

Why does he not find a cure like the previous cases? He had good placements with the 4th lord of cure in the rasi and Surya lagna and 4th lord in the 4th house from the Moon. Sellers resisted seeing doctors and refused treatment. He was compulsive, very difficult to be in relationship and to work with and felt he did not have a “Self”.

When Kermit the Frog on the Muppet show advised him to just be himself Sellers said: “But that, you see, my dear Kermit, would be altogether impossible. I could never be myself ... You see, there is no me. I do not exist ... There used to be a me, but I had it surgically removed.”

His strong Sun in Leo lagna should have given him good health and a strong sense of self but it did not. It is beyond the scope of this article but should be mentioned that to understand the deeper dynamics of a person's karma we have to look at the varga charts particularly the navamsa. The Sun in the navamsa is nica. The powerful Leo Sun in the rasi gave the appearance of a very strong personality but truly he was weak, undisciplined and needed his acting roles to give him a sense of self.

He suffered from a weak heart the rest of his life and eventually died of heart failure at the not very old age of 54.

Saturn's column

Diagnosis of Diseases by Supriya

Jyotish, or Vedic Astrology, is described as the “eyes of the Vedas” by ancient scriptures. Ayurveda, the ancient system of medicine, considers Jyotish of indispensable importance in medical treatment, in fact, giving it first place followed by mantra and oushadham (medicine).

By means of a thorough study of astrology a precise diagnosis of the patient’s condition can be determined, objectively pinpointing the location and the subjective symptomology as experienced by the patient. Of upmost importance is the Ascendent or Lagna of the astrology chart, which is the zodiac sign on the eastern horizon at the moment of birth. It determines the physical appearance, vitality and health of the native. The lord of that sign, planets in that house, the Sun, Moon, and aspects from other planets are also taken into consideration. The constitution, strengths, weaknesses, resistance to disease, and the nature of disease to which the native may be subject in their lifetime can be derived from the Lagna. Benefic and malefic aspects of planets to this house, its lord and the Sun and Moon are also taken into account.

To illustrate, the following is a general survey of the first sign of the zodiac, Aries, or Mesha. Mesha consists of the first two Nakshatras, Ashwini and Bharani, and the first quarter of Krittika. It is a fiery, masculine, and movable sign, ruled by Mars. Mesha is the exaltation sign of the Sun, the mulatrikona sign of Mars, and the debilitation sign of Saturn. When Mesha is the Lagna at birth, the native will have great vitality and energy. It gives a medium stature and a commanding personality. Mesha rules the head, specifically the brain and the top of the head above the ears and forehead.

Sun in Mesha: The Sun is in its exaltation in Mesha. Being a fiery planet in a fiery sign owned by a fiery planet, Mars, the Sun in Mesha can cause disease and disturbances in the form of infections, brain disorders, high blood pressure, cerebro-spinal disorders, and physical injury to the head, stroke, fevers and accidents from fire.

Moon in Mesha: The Moon rules the time of gestation of the embryo, focusing planetary influences on the mind and body. Some of the diseases that this placement can cause are asthma, conjunctivitis, epilepsy, female complaints, kidney disorders, mental disorders, menstrual disorders, edema, rheumatism and respiratory diseases.

Mars in Mesha: When in a benefic position Mars in Mesha, its mulatrikona position, gives energy, heat and force to the body, and courage to the mind. Mars acts in a more acute and violent manner than other malefics. Saturn’s actions are slower and chronic. Mars creates inflammation and raises the temperature to burn up poisons in the system. When afflicted, Mars tends to cause accidents, abortion, brain fever, bruises, burns, contagious fevers, fractures, genito-urinary diseases, wounds, infections, skin eruptions, and diseases requiring surgery.

Mercury in Mesha: Mercury rules the nerves, the nervous system, the mind and reasoning. Being of a variable nature, Mercury takes on the qualities of the planets with which it is associated, whether benefic or malefic, friendly, inimical or neutral. When afflicted Mercury can cause nervous diseases, skin diseases, restlessness, overwork, insomnia, excitability, and mental disorders. Mercury rules the nerves in the parts of the body represented by the signs of his placement, ownership, exaltation, and aspects.

Jupiter in Mesha: Jupiter is the most benefic of the planets giving a benevolent influence unless configured with powerful malefics. Jupiter nourishes supports and conserves at the cellular level of the body and consequently possesses lifesaving power by the principle of preservation. Most of the diseases caused by Jupiter come from excesses of eating and drinking, leading to conditions such as adrenal disorders, cellular inflammation, diabetes, indigestion, jaundice and liver disease.

Venus in Mesha: Being a benefic the diseases originating from Venus are mostly from habitual indulgence and intemperance, affecting the generative organs, bladder and breasts. Venus in Mesha, a neutral, fiery sign can cause bladder infections, contagious diseases, glandular swellings, kidney diseases, menstrual disorders, skin eruptions, sterility, tuberculosis, and venereal disease.

Saturn in Mesha: Mesha is the sign of Saturn's debilitation. Here it causes chronic and enduring diseases, especially during the period it rules and during old age. Saturn weakens vitality in the body. When aspecting or conjoined the Moon, he aggravates diseases caused by the Moon. Saturn afflicts the body by disturbing the peripheral nerves, the connective tissues, and bones, and degeneration of tissues. In Mesha Saturn in particular causes arthritis, rheumatism, blood disorders, bone disease, carcinoma, tumors, fractures, malignant diseases, paralysis, prolonged and protracted disease, and wasting diseases.

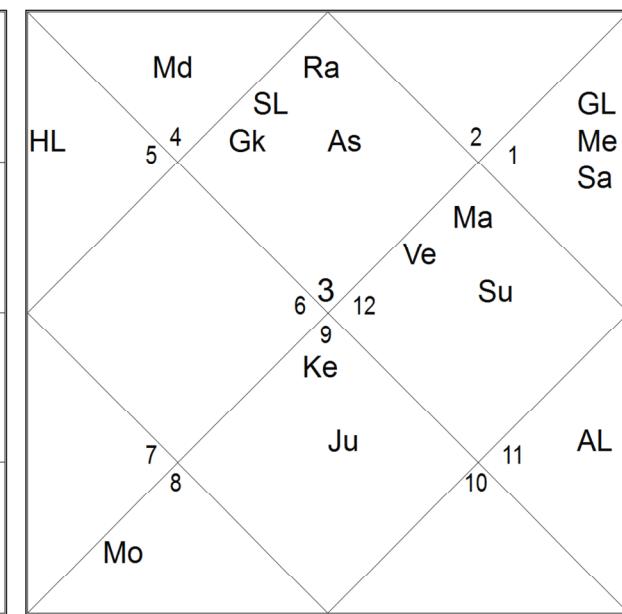
Rahu and Ketu in Mesha: Rahu and Ketu are shadowy planets and take on the characteristics of the sign they occupy.

What is important to note here is the fact that these karmic graha afflictions for Aries [Mesha] will fructify or materialize when Mesha will have to do with the empirical formula mentioned in this issue of the Times. In other words, Mesha should be instrumental in connecting the Trik Bhavas to the Tripod of Life.

Case – Vincent Van Gogh

Ma Su	Ve Me	Sa GL	GL	Ra Gk	As	SL
AL				Md		
Rasi				Md		
Van Gogh, Vincent				HL		
March 30, 1853 11:00:00 (0:18 east) 4 E 40, 51 N 28				HL		
Ke Ju	Mo					

As: 29 Ge 21 Su: 17 Pi 51- MK
 Me: 3 Ar 48- GK Ju: 2 Sg 28- DK
 Ra: 0 Ge 40- AK Ke: 0 Sg 40



Mo: 28 Sc 56- AmK Ma: 4 Pi 20- PK
 Ve: 6 Pi 16- PiK Sa: 24 Ar 10- BK
 HL: 24 Le 45 GL: 20 Ar 25

Lagna Lord and 4th Lord is connected with the 8th Lord Saturn in the 11th Rasi of Mesha. From the Surya Chakra, the 6th, 8th and 12th Lords are connected together in Meena in Surya Lagna. From the Chandra Chakra, Dispositor of Moon [Mars] is the 6th Lord and connected with the 12th Lord Venus. The 8th Lord is connected with the Debilitated 4th Lord in the 6th Rasi and the co-lord of the 4th rasi is in the 8th rasi as well.

Saturn is the 4th Lord from the Moon. The Moon is debilitated in the 6th rasi from Lagna. Mercury is the Lagna Lord and the 4th Lord and is with the 8th Lord Saturn in Aries. Thus, in this case, Mesha karma of Mercury and Saturn has the potential of manifesting.

According to Astrodata Bank – “On 10/14/1889, Vincent went quite mad to where he was considered dangerous. He was put in an asylum near Paris on 1/25/1890. His doctor encouraged him to keep painting, and flying into a creative frenzy, van Gogh completed 70 canvases in 70 days. Six months later, on July 27, while painting in a wheat field, he became suddenly, intolerably despondent and shot himself in the chest. He died two days later in Auvers-sur-Oise near Paris.”

The nerve related and cognitive issues of Mercury and Saturn in Aries manifested in case of Van Gogh.

Rahu's column

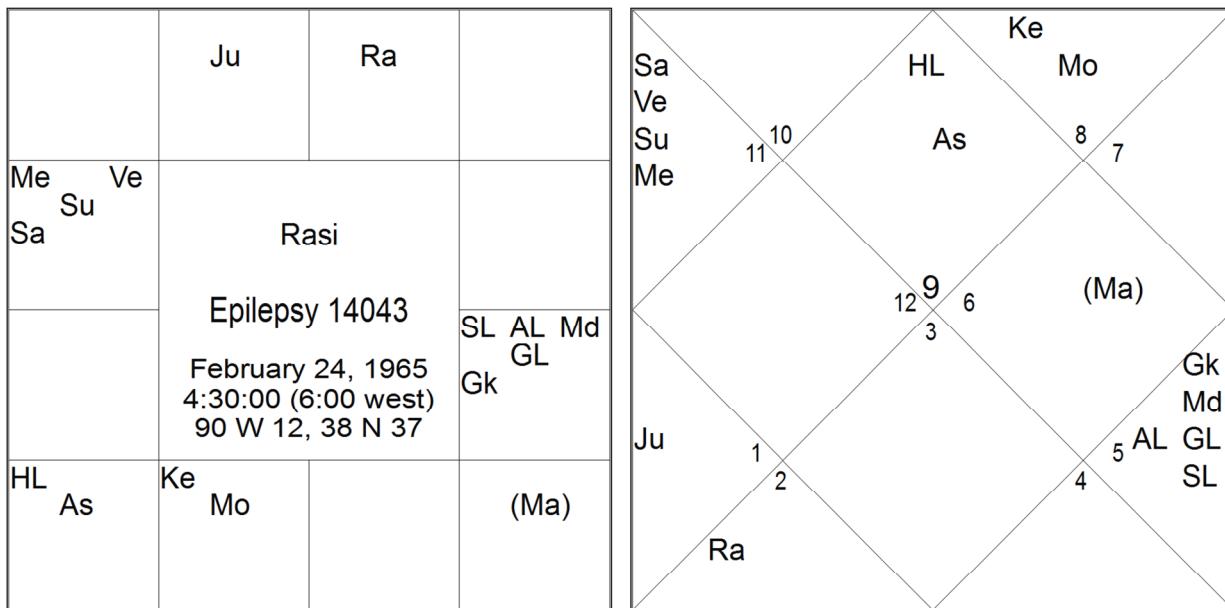
Diseases by Sowjanya Gajula

Every human being has karma to be fulfilled and will face suffering in life either by mind, body or some other dimensions of life. Planetary disposition and characteristics in a birth chart give clues to the probable occurrences of diseases. However, a few questions always trouble beginners in jyotish about checking if the person suffers diseases or not.

1. How to identify if there is a health issue in chart?
2. If so which houses are connected to health issues?
3. If body suffers is cure coming in?
4. Is there revival?
5. Is the suffering detrimental to death?
6. How long will be suffering and when will recovery come?

Tripods of life are Lagna, sun and moon. Trik houses are 6,8,12, which indicate the past karma, longevity, sleep. When the tripod of life along with 1st, 4th lord/ planets in the house/ dispositors is connected with trik houses there is a possibility of bodily suffering. Cure will come from 4th lord. When trik lords are not connected to 4th lord then revival of health is possible, if tripods of life are connected with trik house then it is detrimental. Let us see an example-

Case 1 – Epilepsy 14043



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 Me: 12 Aq 31- MK Ju: 25 Ar 60- AK
 Ra: 25 Ta 44- PK Ke: 25 Sc 44

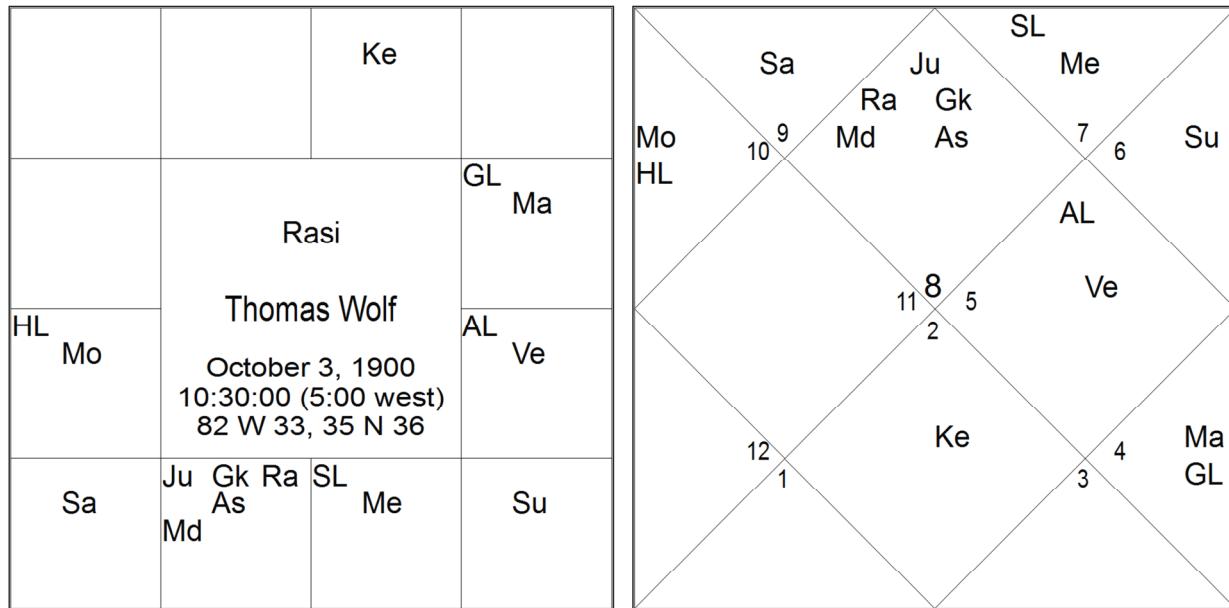
Mo: 25 Sc 25- AmK Ma (R): 0 Vi 12- DK
 Ve: 0 Aq 32- GK Sa: 13 Aq 60- BK
 HL: 3 Sg 20 GL: 21 Le 21

In the above case when we examine the Lagna. Lord of Sagittarius, Jupiter is in Aries. From Lagna 6th house has Rahu ruled by Venus, 8th house is cancer lord moon in 12th with Ketu and Ketu co lord of Scorpio. Checking out from the Surya chakra and Chandra chakra we can see the 4th house is Taurus and

Aquarius. Looking from Aquarius 4th lord Venus is with 8th lord mercury and 12th lord Saturn in mooltrikona. So this combination says that the native can have bodily suffering. To check if the disease can be cured or not check the 4th lord and its connections with the tripods and trik houses, Along with the Jupiter placement. In this chart Jupiter is not connected with Venus, moon, mercury and mars is retrograde showing there will be revival.

From Astrodata Bank, we know that – “American case of epilepsy from the age of six who is doing fine on medication.”

Case 2 - Wolfe Thomas



Lagna is Scorpio, with maraka Jupiter, and 4th lord. Lagna lord and 6th lord Mars is debilitated in cancer aspecting moon. 4th lord Saturn is in maraka house. 8th lord mercury in 12th house, and mercury's dispositor Venus is in Leo, which is in 12th from sun. From the surya chakra dispositor of sun is in 2nd, 4th house has 6l Saturn. From moon chakra 4th lord is debilitated in cancer aspecting moon, 6 lord mercury dispositor is in 8th house. 12th house has the dispositor of moon. In this case we can see tripod of life severely afflicted and interrelated along with 4th lord and Jupiter indicating there will be no revival and health issues will be detrimental. Checking the navamsa mars Lagna lord is in 12th, Venus in 6th Saturn and sun in the 8th house, with vargottama Jupiter and mercury.

According to Astrodata Bank – “In 1938 he suffered from pneumonia. This produced a recurrence of tuberculosis of the lungs, which led to fatal tuberculosis of the brain. He died after brain surgery on 9/15/1938, Baltimore, MD. at the John Hopkins Hospital.”

Ketu's column

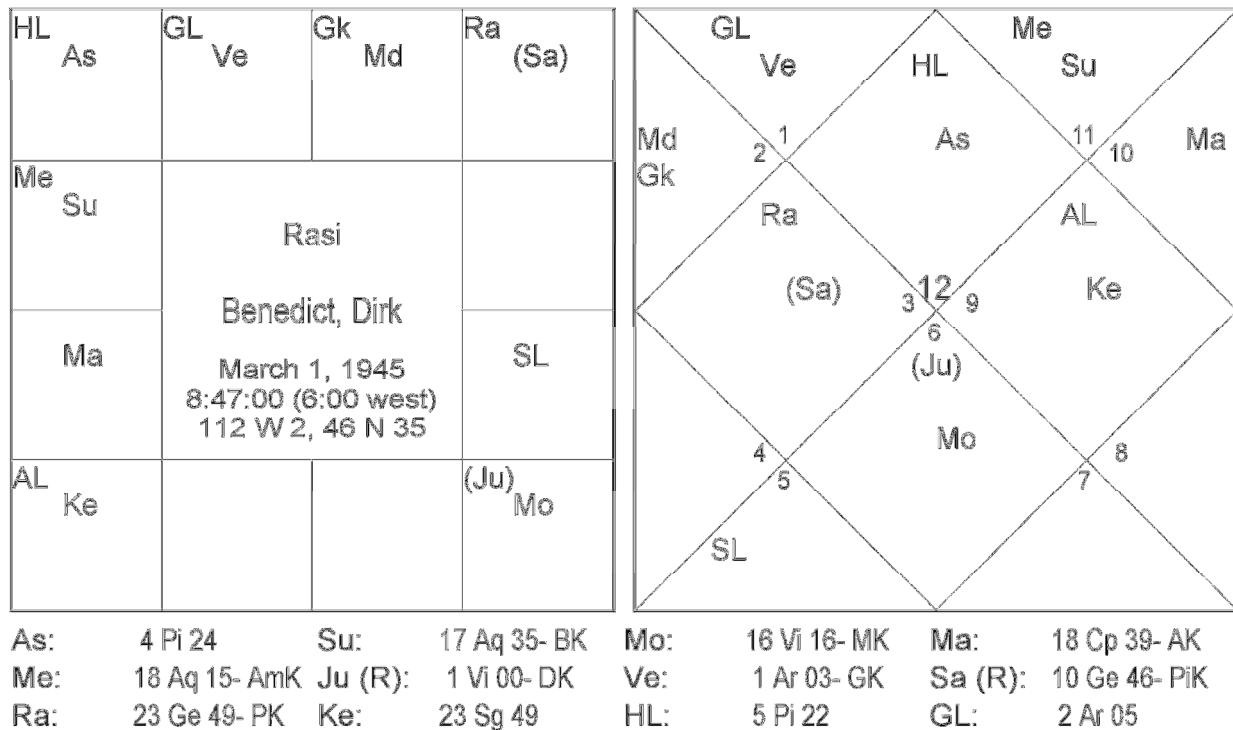
Cancer Study by Sowjanya Gajula

Cancer is a leading cause of death worldwide. Only 5–10% of all cancer cases can be attributed to genetic defects, whereas the remaining 90–95% has their roots in the environment and lifestyle. The lifestyle factors include cigarette smoking, diet (fried foods, red meat), alcohol, sun exposure, environmental pollutants, infections, stress, obesity, and physical inactivity.

One significant combination suggested in ancient works for vrana or mamsarbudaroaga is lord of the 6th being a malefic should occupy the Lagna, 8th or 10th. A malefic can become lord of the 6th only when birth happens to be in Leo, Virgo, Scorpio, Pisces and Gemini. Does the other Lagna people exempted? So this rule does not hold true completely. The presence of 6th lord in Lagna or associated with Lagna depletes the vitality of the horoscope and may cause diseases.

Let us see a few case studies -

Case 1 – Dirk Benedict

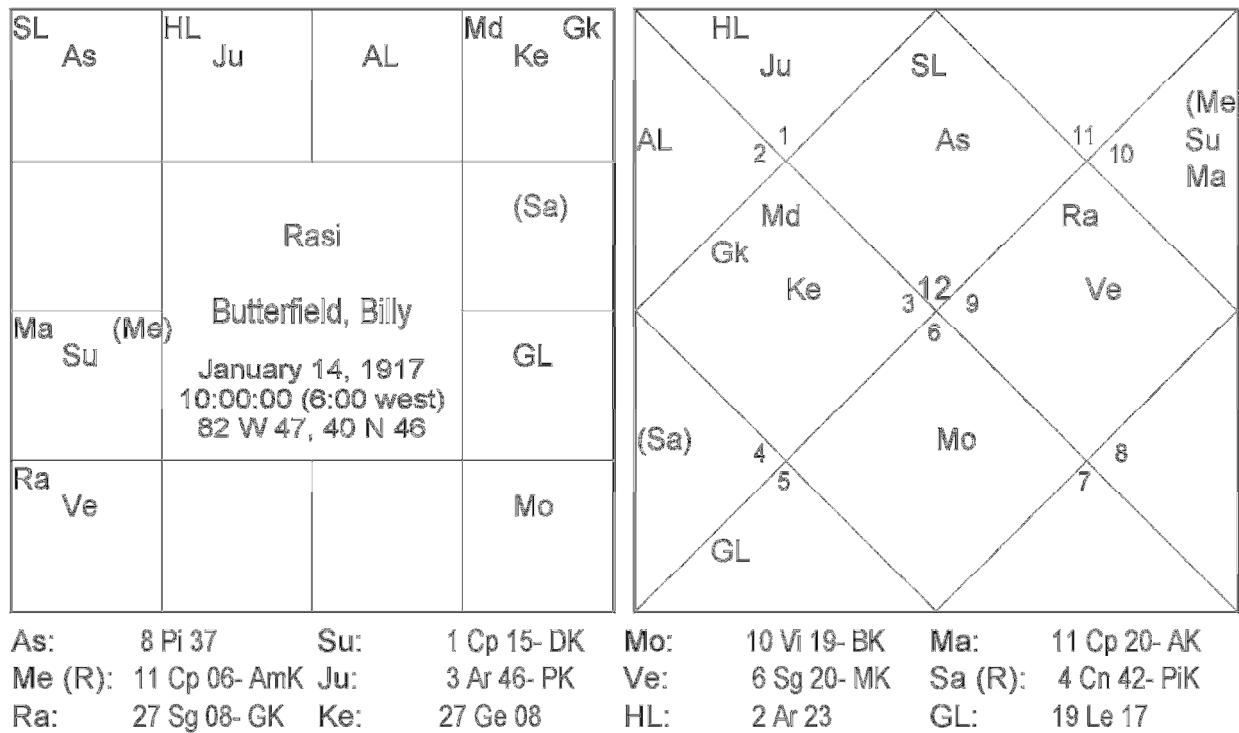


This is a very interesting case. Dirk Benedict was an American actor most noted for his role as "Starbuck" in "Battlestar Galactica," 1978 and in the TV series "The A-Team," along with guest shots in other TV series. While he was in Sweden in 1972, working on "Georgia, Georgia," he discovered the macrobiotic diet and changed his eating habits drastically. A few years later, when doctors diagnosed cancer of the prostate, he refused to accept the usual treatment and moved away to a secluded cottage where he managed his own cure, through diet.

Lagna Lord Jupiter being retrograde invites health issues. Jupiter is also 4L from Moon and healing will come from this Jupiter. The 6L Sun is a malefic, connected with the 4L from Lagna Mercury in the 12H. 12L Saturn and Rahu are in the 4H. There is an exchange of 12L and 4L in 12H and 4H. The disease can yield the remedy. 4H from Moon has Ketu, which is the most important graha for fasting or being extremely choosy about food.

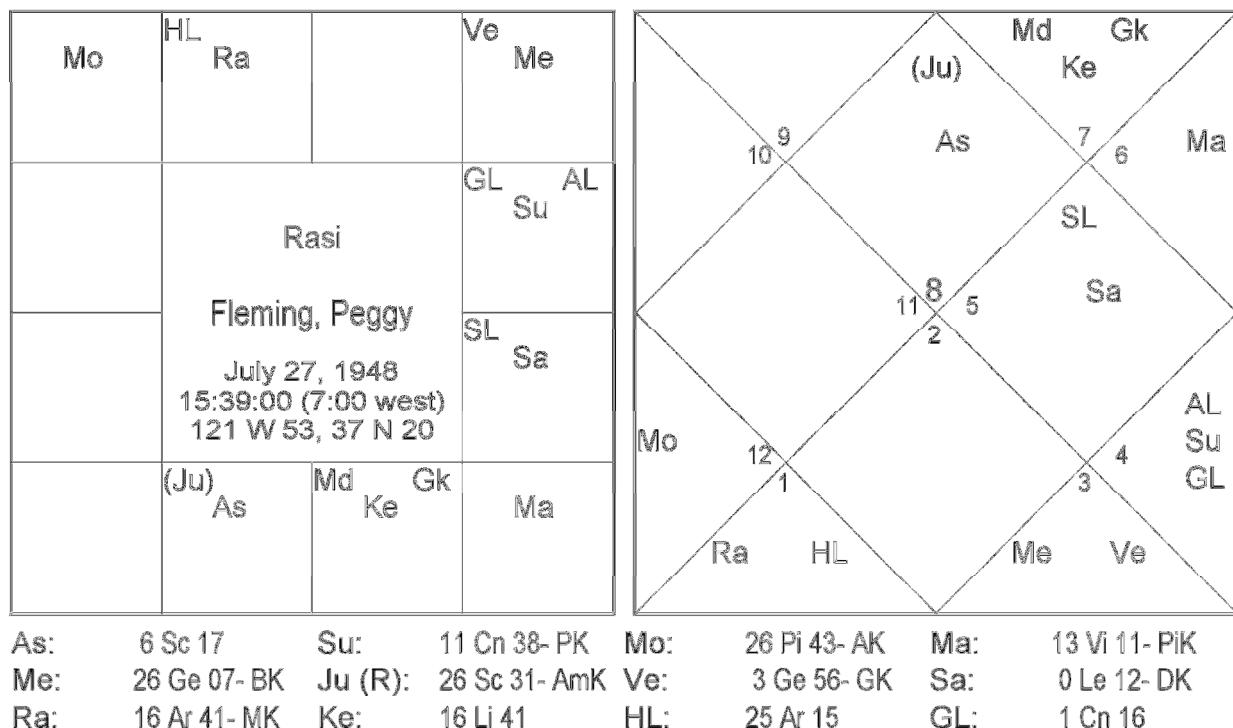
Cancer is uncontrolled growth. Jupiter is in the 7H and is retrograde. Jupiter's affliction has the potential of creating Cancer. He suffered from prostate cancer. Excess Kapha is reduced by Pittah and thus the solution stems from Ketu in Dhanu in the 4H from Moon. The key is to purify Jupiter and thus control of food is required. Ketu also shows seclusion and Dirk went to live like a hermit [Ketu] to counter his disease.

Case 2 – Billy Butterfield



Mercury, the 4L from Lagna and Jupiter the 4L from Moon are both afflicted by malefic grahas. Saturn, Mars aspects Jupiter and Mars and Sun [6L] afflicts Mercury. The 4H from Moon has Venus which shows revival but also has a debilitated Rahu which shows tremendous indulgence. The 4H from Lagna has a debilitated Ketu showing lack of order and mistakes committed in matters of health. Also interesting is to note that in the Bhava Chakra, Rahu and Ketu change Bhavas to move to the 5H-11H axis. Same was the case with Dirk [case 1]. Nodal affliction to the 5-11 Bhava shows tendency of improper lifestyle. Dirk could correct it since the quality of the nodes was exalted but for Billy the nodes were debilitated. Jupiter is in the 2H of face trines to an afflicted Venus [3L afflicted by Rahu]. Billy died out of throat Cancer.

Case 3 - Fleming, Peggy



We see some straight combinations of health issues with 4L [Rahu] in 6H, LL [Mars] in 8H, and LL [Ketu] in 12H. The combinations for cure are equally strong – 4L [Saturn] aspects the 4H, 4L from Moon is in its own house. In this case too, we have a retrograde Jupiter in Lagna rasi but in the 2H from Bhava Chakra.

This is chart of Peggy Fleming, an American professional skater. She won her first title at the age of 18 and by 2/10/1968 was an Olympic champion as winner of the only U.S. Gold Medal at Grenoble, France.

On 1/30/1998, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had been shown cancer-free with a mammogram five months earlier so was not too concerned when she first noticed a lump in her breast. However, she underwent surgery on 2/10/1998, 30 years to the date after winning her Olympic gold medal. On 2/12/1998, she was told that the operation had been a success. She turned her victory into vocal advocacy for breast cancer awareness.

Surgery is shown by Saturn. Rahu, the co-lord of 4H is in the 6H and Moon, although in Pisces, is in the same Bhava as Rahu. Jupiter, even though in Scorpio, is in the 2 Bhava and this Rahu afflicts Jupiter and Moon. Nodal affliction to Guru or Tripod of Life has been a common theme in cases of Cancer. Trinal position of nodes from Jupiter is a key pattern to look at in cases of Cancer and when such a combination connects with the Health Dictum [Trik House Lords and Tripod of Life], the disease can manifest.

The aspect of Saturn on the 4H brought about the cure/remedy to this case of breast cancer by surgery.

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