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|| Gururbrahmaa Gururvishnu Gururdevo Maheshvarah ||

|| GururSakshaat Parambrahma, Tasmai Shri Gurave Namah||

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Preface

One can only wash with love the feet of each writer, volunteer, the ones who do not allow their names to come out & even one's enemies who have obstructed the growth of Saptarishis Astrology. Each one is bowed down to in humbleness for their efforts, major or minor, in creating this unseen revolution, especially in Vedic Astrology which was not seen or heard of – and is now in 104 countries, a record in itself. We, here at Saptarishis Astrology, are grateful to each and every individual not via lip service but truly from our hearts. Some of you have given us strength when most needed and for those unspoken heroes, there exists a special love. It has been 2 years or rather 2.5 years (Feb 2008 launch) when this magazine was started & 365 days per year, we have been working to bring out hidden knowledge that has not been witnessed in the history of astrology. In some manner, we have been successful but yet, we grieve at the considerable amount of knowledge that still remains hidden and could have been brought out in these 2 odd years. On this 2nd Anniversary of Saptarishis Astrology, may we dedicate this issue to each writer and volunteer of this revolution who followed the leadership of the magazine – especially with no known names attached in the team? This has more significance since in a field like ours, egos rule the roost – and when genuine appreciation comes from stalwarts & legends it makes your day. Of all the appreciation received, this one must be mentioned as it comes from an individual whose forefathers created the first English astrological magazine in India somewhere around 1895. We received a call from the current Editor, Smt. Gayatri Devi Vasudev, '*SA, I have heard a lot about Saptarishis Astrology and its high quality content. Do not accept sub-standard articles and always maintain this quality...*' Coming from her who has been one of the most successful mundane astrology predictors in recent decades, some of which includes the US 9/11 attack – it truly shows her genuine concern for astrology even though we may be regarded as a competitor. But as much as this shows her humility, her love for astrology is also seen in those statements. We wish every astrologer was as humble as Gayatri Devi Vasudev. In this issue we have been able to unearth & translate the oldest astrology document called '*Lomash Samhita*' which for the first time gives a hint of the lineage of astrology. It would also be noticed therein that the 18 Sages themselves were tested with horoscopes of twins. Probably for the first time, one finds a clear mention of twin's horoscopes in any ancient Vedic manuscript available so far.

Thus it will only be befitting to dedicate that manuscript translation to a genuine world class predictor and most important humble astrologer, Gayatri Devi Vasudev, whose forefathers have freed astrology from the clutches of slavery that existed in the name of Tradition (Parampara) for thousands of years in India & presented it to the common man who could then start learning astrology without the need to be born in a family of astrologers.

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1.0 The Seven Arch Angels

This might sound repetitious to the early readers of the magazine, but mails received in last 2 years warrant repeating the meaning of Saptarishis Astrology: Sapta means Seven and Rishis means Sages; so in effect, Saptarishis means 7 Sages. In Christianity also there exists similar 7 Sages via the 7 Arch Angels with different names; same in Judaism with different names, same in Islam, and same in Zoroastrianism. For details on each religion, readers can access <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archangel>. These 7 Higher Authorities have been attributed to guarding or creating the *human* race and establishing the laws. Thus...

Astrology is nothing but the way of functioning of the mechanics of the Universe (God).

Astrology is a Science (Shastra) of Humans & not machines; when the non human side of professionalism (corporate greed & stone faced professionalism) spoils the pure blood of astrology, it no longer remains a Divine Science.

Hence, we here at Saptarishis Astrology, have maintained in the editorials and presentation a non-cold face or what one would call humane side which goes far beyond techniques. We do aim at presenting diverse views and warn against the dangers of following certain paths in astrology which, even if they proved non productive for centuries, have yet been blindly followed. This might hurt some and this might sound amateurish/non professional to some yet, one must always follow one's heart (dharma) rather than what is pleasing to society. The publishers of this magazine are not obsessed about receiving invitations for conferences in India or abroad, or awards, or Gurudom for name and fame. The only goal is to bring out hidden workable knowledge, to correct the energy centers (chakras) of today's astrologers – because to merely grasp this hidden knowledge as informations (reading articles) is useless unless one's chakras are cleared of ego and stubbornness, thus allowing one to learn something new more freely – and to work towards creating a breed of honest astrologers in India as it is most lacking in spite of so many Gurus who have come and gone.

1.1. The Number Seven In A Horoscope

Transgressing, let's see what is the significance of this number 7... Many have written about it but there is one use which has not been delved upon so far. Suppose you create a project and that project is signified by House X in the horoscope; the *result* of this project and its *governance & completion* are controlled by the 7th House from it. This has been missed; the *remedy* for achieving the results of the House X is there in the 7th House from it. Vedic Astrologers who are into remedial astrology via rituals have missed this point. This was revealed to our Mentor by a very old great astrologer & this was taught back to us. We have seen it working to the T.

We will concentrate on the words *result, governance, completion* and *remedy* now. One sees 2H for wealth & family then the 7th from it is the result which is the Inheritance that one gets. The governance of this wealth is the family and, if there are problems in the family, then one does not get the resultant Inheritance due to family members. One sees Efforts & Actions in 3H – for these to succeed, one needs the blessings of the Gods which is the 9H, i.e. 7th from the 3H and one needs luck which is again the 9H. Thus the result of the 3H is dependent on the 9H. The 4H is the love within one's soul and general education; when one has this as a sound basis, we will find that the resultant action in society (karma – 10H), one's career (10H) would be of high quality since one with true love in his heart can only perform good karma (10H) – thus the 10H becomes the result of the 4H. One sees affections, love relationship & children from the 5H; its resultant house is the 11H of gains, since achieving love in your life and having good children are the highest gains of one's life (11H). The 6H is the house of health, diseases, enemies and contains 'The Block Of Your Life' & also shows your Pending Task for which obstacles are created. The result of it will be the 7th from it which is the 12H of pleasures & hospitals; if you do not have health, you will not be able to enjoy the pleasures of life; if you do not have health, you would go to the hospital... The 12H is also the Exit of life, so if you have a lot of diseases or enemies, your exit from life will be early or, if not early, then painful.

We mentioned the 7th from any house is that house's remedy. Now take this 6H and you would see that the 12H of charity gives you good wishes of people and blessings and thus, it will reduce your diseases and open up the blocks of your life thereby giving you the opportunity to move to the next level in the evolution of your soul.

One sees the self in the 1H; this self gets completed in the 7H from it which is the house of relationship or spouse – that is the reason most religions insist on marriage since that is the source of creation and governance of this Universe. Man is 1H determining who he is & his abilities and he gets completed in the 7H when his abilities bring him in the public limelight of the 7H.

Everything that you start on a '*normal long term level*' will produce results after 7 years is the broad rule, one year per house/sign you must take to correlate the above to get the 7 years. Suppose you have a malefic in the 1H/7H, then some severe issue will come out in the 7th year of your marriage. There is no 99 % in what has been written. This 7 is the cycle of life and it is again sub-divided in many parts, one of which is the half of 7 or 3.5 years. So you must also observe from any project the 3.5 years and then the 7th year and see it in the cycles.

Speaking of marriage issues, one must digress from number seven to the universal 12 year cycle; during the 12th year of one's marriage, one normally faces huge problems in marriage if the 6H/6L is afflicted. Why this happens can be explained by taking the 7H of marriage as the Asc and rotating it for 1 year per house – thus one gets to the 6H of divorce and fights and courts in the 12th year. One can break it up further and say if the 7H or its lord is afflicted, then separation happens in the 1st year – this way, the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 8th and 12th years are, broadly speaking, very important and can easily be understood by taking the 7H as Asc and working it out yourselves.

2.0 Cancer & Adventures With Edgar Cayce Remedy

He is one of our finest western astrology writers for Saptarishis Astrology and a great man of few words. You just had to give him a topic and he would do research on many charts and come up with an article right on the date he said he would send it to you. The date would never shift and this is what is called Publisher's Darling. His articles received a lot of fan mail and you, as a sharp publisher, could make out it is coming from real fans – not the same author created fake fan mail (!) a practice rampant in astrological magazines since decades and now common on internet forums. When he said he no longer would write for us as he has developed cancer in multiple organs, our world fell apart. One, for the selfish reason of losing such a super fine researcher – and another for losing such a great human being with whom we had quietly become close even though he was rarely personal with us in his communications. He was detected with cancer on 14th Nov 2009 and given 6 months, he is still alive today. The writer is Ron Bippus from Canada who was introduced to us by Norah our team member. Ron is a famous horary (prashna) astrologer of the William Lily tradition and quite good at his work. Ron was not into the Hindu Yagyas and hence, we could not help him in

any other way... But the desire to help kept on eating us. How could one watch someone die without giving it your best shot?

He had tried Chinese remedies and he wrote

I have tried some Chinese herbal remedies, but unfortunately they had serious effects like extreme weight loss. I am content with my fate and aim to end my days with dignity. I have never believed in God or in miracles, and my plan is to quietly go with dignity.¹

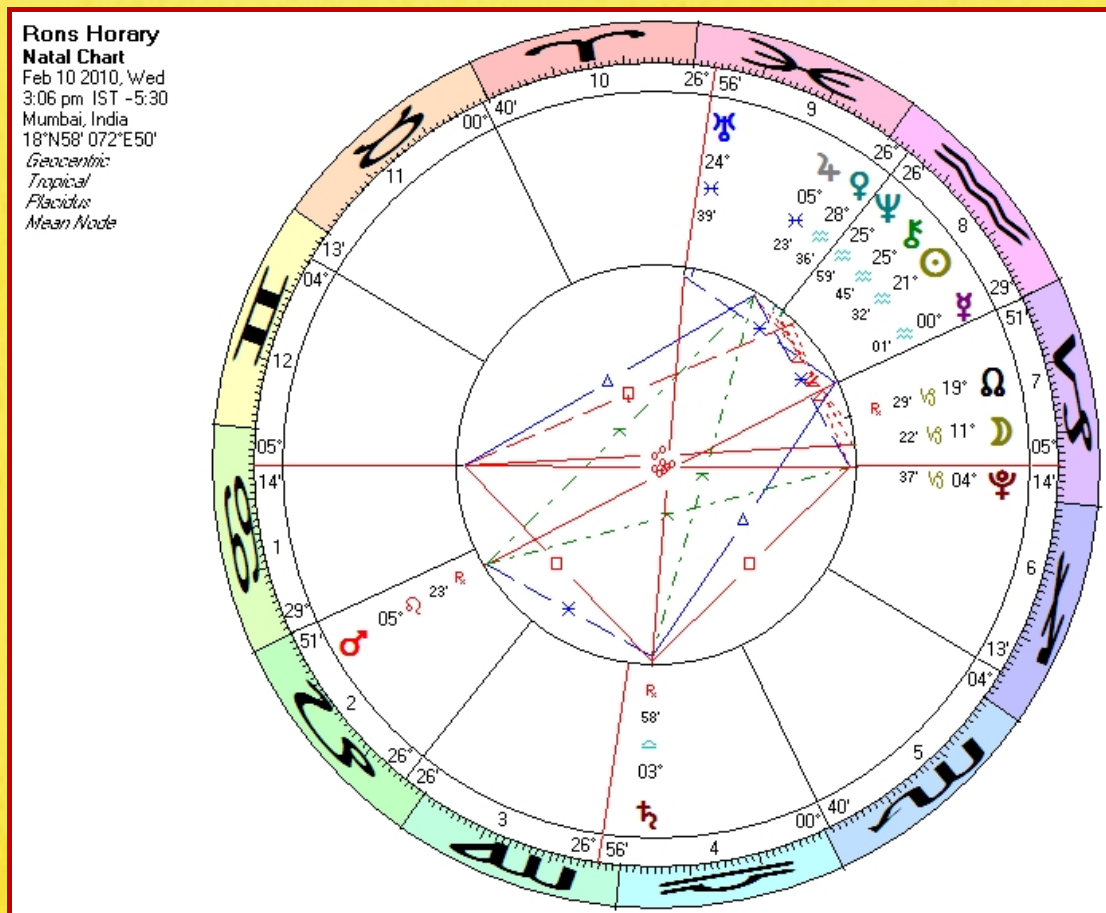
Knowing that he was not keen for herbal remedies or alternative treatment, we were scared to suggest anything and kept to ourselves but somehow, we passed on some excerpts from a book by Edgar Cayce on Remedies to Ron. He asked for the time we sent it via email, so we wrote back saying **Wednesday, February 10, 2010 15.06 pm, Mumbai.**

He wrote back:

The only reason I want to know the time and place is so that I can tell whether a course of treatment is good for me. I don't know beforehand either, I just let the universe tell me. I got so much well-meaning but bad medical advice that I needed a logical way to make a decision. Astrology does that for me.

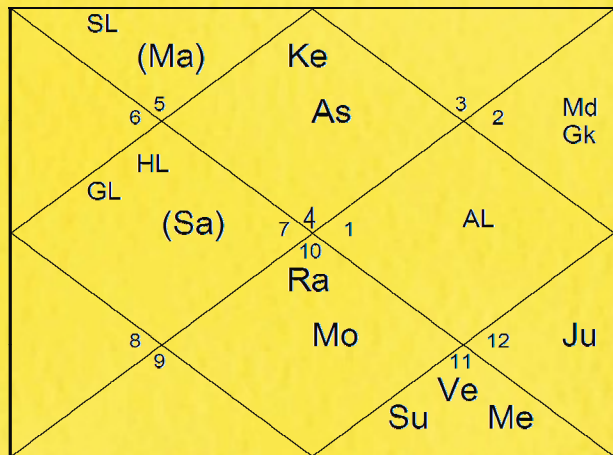
The chart for Feb 10 @ 15:06 Mumbai gives me 5 Cancer rising (Tropical Zodiac), Pisces on the 10th, Jupiter ruler 10th is in dignity in the 9th trine the ascendant. I read this as high wisdom coming from a very good source. Moon ruler 1st is in Cap in the 7th. I should listen to the doctor. Saturn ruler 7th is in the 4th trining Mercury in the 7th. I really should listen to this advice.

Alright then! I shall read the book if I can. My problem is the chemo brain with its negative effect on short term memory. I can manage about a page at a time before I lose track. I will attempt to extract the medical information and use it.



¹ Ron has kindly given permission to use any of his private emails/data which are reproduced below so that someone else can benefit out of it. Mark of a true human.

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After some days he wrote

I have purchased a bottle of castor oil and tried it with a heat pad. I will see in a month if it works or not. If I am still here at Christmas then I owe you thanks.

What was sent to Ron was a book on Castor Oil titled presumably ‘The Oil That Heals’ based on Edgar Cayce’s remedies and it seems Cayce had recommended Castor Oil Packs for many ailments. One can find a reference in that book on Page 13

One of the earliest readings in which castor oil packs were suggested by Cayce was for a woman who had applied for a reading because of a tumor of the upper bowel—diagnosed by x-ray as cancer, but stated in the reading to be an impaction. This reading was taken on August 17, 1927, and represented the beginning of a type of therapy which was continued throughout the life of this psychic individual, who, without a medical training or degree, found himself in the position of diagnosing illnesses and giving suggestions for therapy, without seeing the patient or often even knowing anything about the person, except the location of the individual.

Then on 11th April 2010 Ron wrote:

SA,

*I am in the middle of my second cycle of chemo, and things are going well beyond my wildest expectations. The trend of 50% reduction in tumour size established by the first cycle of treatment appears to be staying on track. I will be going for a CAT scan next week which I expect to confirm what I am feeling. **I have regained all my weight and am back at 200 lb, no anorexia this time around. At this rate the cancer will become a mere chronic health issue by the end of the year rather than being a constant deadly threat.***

*According to the **doctor** I am in the **top 10%** of people who respond like that, a **great rarity** but **not quite a miracle**. My **born again sisters** and cousins are crediting their prayers and the direct intervention of **Jesus!** If **they want to claim a divine miracle, this is as close as we get.** I have no problem with that, I love them and I know they love me. While the chemo is burning through my body killing the cancer it also makes Swiss cheese of mental functions, especially memory. The upside is the memories and mind return quickly within days of the chemo being purged from the body. Nothing in life is free, and considering my original diagnosis, I have pretty much accomplished the impossible.*

Cayce obviously got the information from one of his spirit guides. Considering that archeology documents that the use of castor oil was practiced in ancient Egypt, it would only seem fair to me to mention their role. To me the most likely scenario is some *ancient spirit guide from Egypt* telling him about the use of castor² oil.

The castor oil I don't think works as cancer cure. Where it really shines is in counteracting the nasty side effects of the chemo therapy treatment. Instead of feeling like an addict on a continuous drug binge where I can barely remember my name or what month this is, I have at least the morning free. All my computer and astrology work is done in the morning and my mind is usually clear until noon, when the night's rest just plain runs out. **I went one weekend without it and felt so depressed I just wanted to die.** So the castor oil very definitely works, and I am actually sitting at my computer now with an oil soaked cloth and heating pad on my chest. The chemo I take is in a pouch around my neck and pumped directly to my heart 24/7. The only way I can counteract that massive a drug effect is with anti-nausea drugs and the oil. **Out of all the thousands of outright toxic suggestions I was given, this one stands out as the only exception**

I am no longer a dead man walking but very much alive!!!

Ron

We were thrilled at this miracle that has happened in Ron's life via Edgar Cayce's Castor Oil treatment, but on 7th May 2010 came a mail from Ron, excerpts of it is below..

I am weak as a kitten, and now live on soups and other soft foods. The idea of the chemo is to drive the body as close to death as possible without actually killing me. This kills the maximum number of cancer cells, but also does terrible physical damage to the body. Cracked fingernails, skin and lost hair are only the beginning. I am slowly rebuilding my physical strength.

I still use the castor oil two or three times every day. This second time around the after-effects of the chemo are hanging in there much longer. It is cumulative effect, like radiation poisoning. I tried different combinations castor oil treatment, but the most effective one is a hand towel soaked in the oil, more oil brushed on the body, and then a heating pad over the whole thing. The heating pad is necessary to drive the oil through the skin. I tried the treatment at room temperature, but that works very poorly. In India with your hot temperatures, heat is no problem but in Canada, it is the very basis of successful treatment.

The chart for your original email regarding the castor oil is the closest I have ever come to getting a direct message from God.

Ron does issue a warning with his experience that castor oil works fine as long as it had the chemo drugs to work on, the two treatments neutralize each other and when chemo ends **you should not continue with the castor oil treatment otherwise Ricin³ poisoning can happen** as castor oil contains ricin which is a very toxic substance.

Broadly speaking, when Saturn (oil) is with Rahu (poisoning) or Gulika (poisoning - Gulika is a mathematical point used in Vedic Astrology) in the 5H of 'Excesses' or 6H of health, one must be careful of oils that one uses. Ron is still alive and a dear friend to whom we wish complete recovery. The reason such a long mail trail was produced here is for the following various reasons:

² Diana K. Rosenberg wrote upon reading the editorial 'I am a keen "devotee" of Edgar Cayce - in the 1960's when I had a severe nervous breakdown, I found that I could not read most books, they stressed my nerves too much, but reading about Cayce and excerpts from the readings was a very soothing, healing influence, so I began to gather every book I could about him. So I am very well versed in the Cayce material. And I and my daughter have had very good results with the castor oil packs. Cayce pointed out that the large leaves of the castor oil plant were called the "palma Christi" ("hands of Christ") because of the healing qualities of the plant.'

³ <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/ricin/facts.asp> Castor beans are processed throughout the world to make castor oil. Ricin is part of the waste "mash" produced when castor oil is made. Ricin has been used experimentally in medicine to kill cancer cells.

- a) Astrologers deal with death as an issue in the cases of clients or themselves, and they must be as brave as Ron to embrace disease in their own lives
- b) Remedial Astrology is a crucial part of astrology and West and East both must study Edgar Cayce, the most successful predictor and remedialist ever. He was guided by authorities far superior than any of us ever might encounter so why not take the clues he left for us.
- c) Indian Astrology, of late, has become too addicted to mantras for all their remedies without understanding the meaning of the word Karma. Herbs found both in East and West are wonderful tools for astrologers and one needs to dig deeper and find out remedies via herbs as was done in the ancient days in India. Herbs & certain foods balance that element in your chakra system which would be created by say a retro Saturn in the 8th or Rahu in the 6th – these herbs balance the bad planetary combinations in your chart. Learn it from an expert if *there are any* or experiment with it carefully. *Moon* is the ruler of herbs & it should not be afflicted badly for effective usage of *herbs*. It has been observed that side effects can *once in a while* happen for natives whose moon is afflicted, though for Moon & Jupiter related afflictions in horoscopes, herbs have been recommended in ancient texts.⁴ Readers may read the article on the herb Ashwagandha by Rushikesh Deshpande where we had recommended that herb; more miracles took place in the life of the native which have not been documented in that article as it was hurriedly written. Please note herbs only act if you have specific planetary combinations in your chart, classics give clues to it.
- d) Embracing Death is no doubt difficult but it becomes a great spiritual tool when known beforehand and, for this reason, we reveal a technique in this issue that has been hidden for a long time – on how to find out the cause of death. Vedic astrology has spent a lot of time in finding mathematical formulas in calculating the age when one will die but not on the cause of death. This new technique is published in the Vedic Astrology section under the title '*Thy Experiments Towards Truth – The Clue of Death*'.
- e) Herbs tradition has been there in the West & in the East; it's not just an Indian thing and readers can search on the net. Here is one ready reckoner from American scholar Dr. David Frawley which appeared in Vol 6 of Saptarishis Astrology. He writes ...

This is from my own private research. Of course some herbs may have a relationship with more than one planet in their effects.

Sun—Black pepper, cayenne pepper, ginger, cinnamon, cardamom, calamus root, sassafras, cloves, bay leaves, sage, thyme, juniper berries, eucalyptus, basil, bayberry, turmeric

Moon—Milk, comfrey root, slippery elm, marshmallow, wild mallow, licorice, solomon's seal, kelp, Irish moss, chickweed, sandalwood, oyster shell (sea shells), psyllium, flaxseed

Mars—Onions, garlic, mustard, coffee, alcohol, tobacco, asafoetida, horseradish, nutmeg, marijuana, jimson weed, poppy, nightshade, damiana

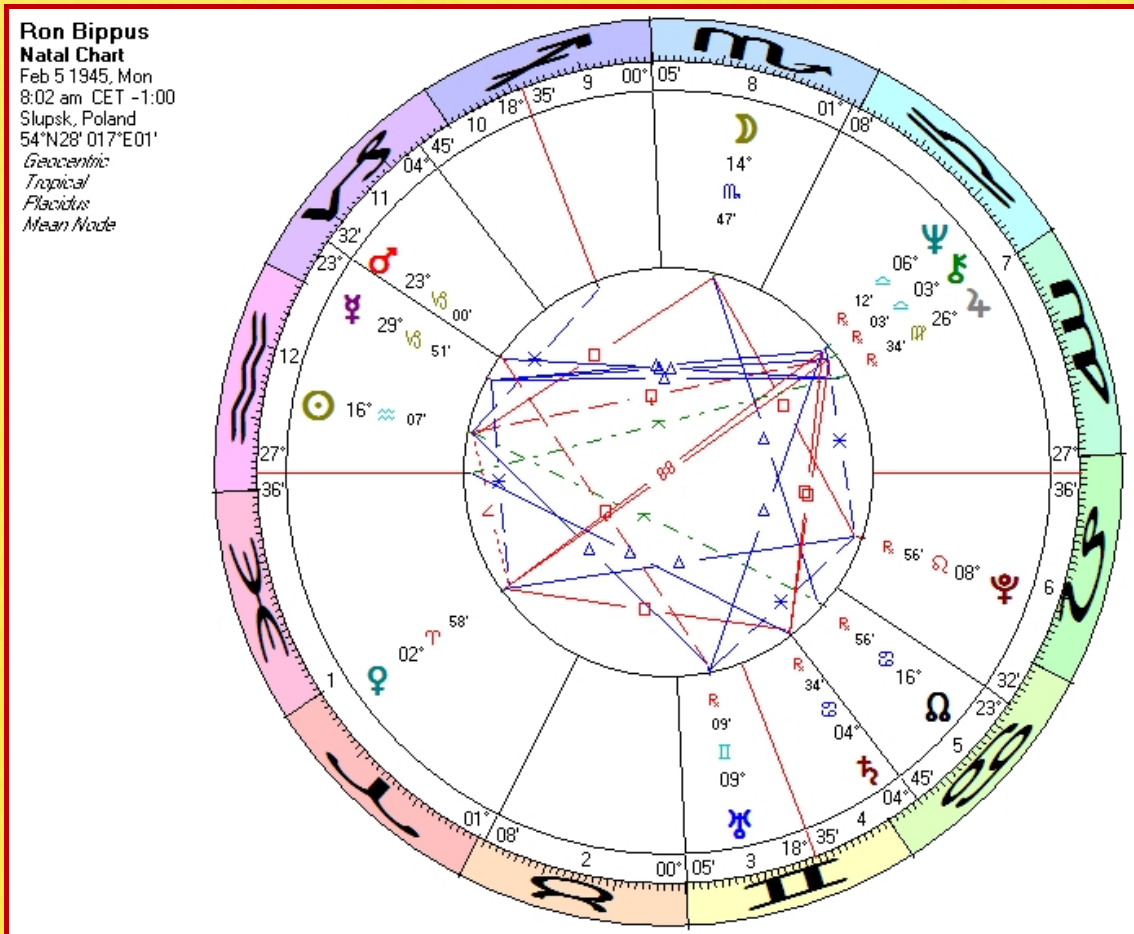
Mercury—Gotu kola, skullcap, basil, mint, camomile, valerian, wintergreen, betony, tea, alfalfa, lady's slipper, yarrow, coriander, plantain, nettles, self-heal, red root, hops, chia seeds, horehound, mullein, haritaki, castor oil

⁴ Those who are into Vedic astrology are recommended to read ancient classical texts in Vedic Astrology for herbs & must refer to Sushruth & Charak Samhita in Ayurveda.

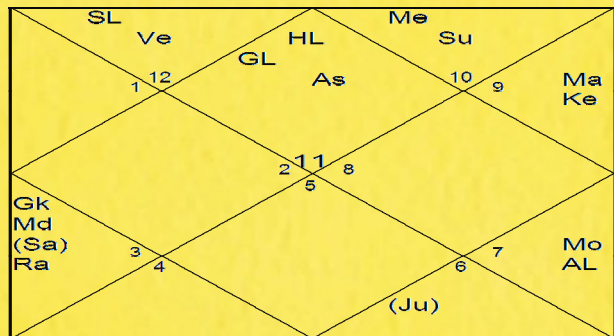
Jupiter—Clarified butter, almonds, walnuts, wheat, oats, barley, licorice, fennel, fenugreek, ginseng, siberian ginseng, astragalus, fo-ti, ashwagandha, wild yam, kudzu (pueraria), vidari, bala

Venus—Rose, aloe, myrrh, saffron, safflower, hibiscus, raspberry leaves, asparagus root, shatavari, amalaki, dang gui, rehmannia, sarsaparilla, jasmine, pennyroyal, false unicorn, parsley, wild carrot

Saturn—Gentian, golden seal, barberry, uva ursi, pau d'arco, white poplar, blue flag, chapparal, witch hazel, oak bark, cleavers, frankincense, rhubarb, senna, mandrake, cascara sagrada, echinacea, horsetail, katuka, neem, chiretta, phyllanthus



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Coming back quickly to Ron's natal chart, he has Aq rising in both tropical & sidereal zodiac with Asc Lord (body, health) being Saturn. The Asc lord denotes one's health and he is in the 5H of

upper stomach with Rahu in the Sidereal zodiac in Gemini while in tropical zodiac, the Asc lord Saturn in the 6H of lower stomach area with Rahu in the sign of Cancer. His cancer started in the stomach and grew from that area⁵. If you see the list above of Dr. Frawley, he attributes Castor oil to *Mercury* who rules Gemini and that is where Ron's Asc lord Saturn is placed in the sidereal zodiac; Mercury being the 8L of death is in the 12H of exit (placement of Mercury is the same in both zodiacs), *healing this Mercury via Castor Oil has probably delayed and remedied the situation.*

2.1 Did Cayce Come Near To The Secret Of Astrology

Earlier we had mentioned about Edgar Cayce, the American Psychic & Prophet and the finest predictor in the last 100 years who was a hardcore Christian but who, yet, spoke things which were contradictory to accepted norms. In this column, we would visit few points of interest so as to entice the modern day Indian astrologers and scholars to, once again, visit all of Edgar Cayce's material to understand more of astrology, especially some points which are of grave interest to understand the hidden secrets of astrology. Also, for those who want to understand planets beyond what is written in books, Edgar Cayce just can't be ignored. Here we draw huge references from Kirk Nelson's masterpiece book titled '*Edgar Cayce's Secrets Of Astrology*', ARE Press.

Ψ **Reincarnation** - Cayce had established in his writings that reincarnation is a fact, something which forms the basis of Vedic Astrology. This everyone knows and his readings are not being quoted here for lack of space.

Ψ **Which Zodiac** - Kirk Nelson writes & later quotes Cayce on Page 48

The Edgar Cayce's readings indicate, however, that the sidereal system (Indian) is the one astrologers should be using:

He quotes Cayce below....

For the Egyptian and the Persian⁶ records are quite varied. If the entity would study astrology, do not put the signs in the Egyptian Calendar but in the Persian, for the Persian interpretations are more proficient than the Egyptian. This is not belittling the efforts of the entity nor of the Egyptians in those periods, but the variations in time have been corrected by the Persians and not by the Egyptians. The Egyptian calculations are thirty degrees off. **2011-3**

For most astrologers are nearly thirty degrees off in their reckoning in the present. **3376-2**

Ψ **On The Planets** - Kirk Nelson writes on Page 51 that 'Edgar Cayce gave the following reading that identifies the influences of the individual planets.

He quotes Cayce below....

As in Mercury pertaining of Mind

In Mars of Madness

In Earth as of Flesh

⁵ On 12th Jan 2010 he wrote 'Right now, what is known for sure is that the tumour started in the stomach, basically filling it. It then broke through the wall of the stomach and infected the liver and pancreas. Any one of these tumors would be enough to kill me on its own. Having three major organs so affected means my natal chart is right on when it comes to life span.' On 6th July he wrote that 'The tumour broke through the wall of the stomach and infected the liver and the lymph nodes. The tumour is gone from the stomach, and the spot in the liver has shrunk by 90%. 18 lymph nodes were infected with cancer, now down to three.'

Only one zodiac is correct some say but, sometimes, rare masters use 12H as Asc to see the whole chart, to get clue of the most important aspect of life. Now if you see this chart in both tropical and sidereal zodiac, a clue on which zodiac to use will come to you '*movie starts in one and ends in another.*' - SA, Editor/Publisher

⁶ Diana K. Rosenberg says 'Although Cayce seemed to say that the sidereal system was the right one (his terminology was not quite clear, and he extolled the Persian system (?) - I don't know whether this has survived), but when the birth data of an individual was given and a reading to go with it, he seemed to be reading a tropical chart. I don't know why - perhaps his source was taking into consideration the fact that most of his readers at that time would have been using tropical.'

In Venus as Love

In Jupiter as Strength

In Saturn as the beginning of earthly woes, that to which all insufficient matter is cast for the beginning.

In that of Uranus as of the Psychic

In that of Neptune as of Mystic

In Septimus as of Consciousness

In Arcturus as of the developing. 900-10

Ψ **Understanding Planets⁷** – In Cayce’s readings, you find rare and interesting information on planets that you would not find in classics; if you miss reading his work, you would miss subtle yet most significant hints on the working of planets and thus your predictive capability will suffer. For e.g Cayce says:

The Moon indicates change 5746-1

In Venus we find love. Do not confuse affection with love. Do not confuse passion with love. Love is of God, it is creative, it is all giving. 3545-1

Kirk writes that Cayce’s view of Saturn differs slightly from traditional astrology. Cayce says that Saturn represents change:

We find in Saturn the changes, the experiences that have brought divisions, disturbances; breaking into the hopes, the aspirations, the desires. 2401-1

In his readings, Cayce described Saturn as “*that planet to whom all insufficient matter is cast from the earth plane.*” (5717-1)

The Uranian influence we find makes for a high occult or psychic force; or soul force, rather than the ordinary term of psychic. 938-1

Also in Uranus we find the abilities in directions pertaining to the study of astrological influences or associations, but especially as related to the analyzing of emotions. 1595-1

Cayce also gave warnings to people who had *sojourns* in Neptune to stay away from large bodies of water. Neptune is the ruler of the sea and liquids – people with bad Neptune aspects will be alcoholic or drug users – western astrologers see this in a second in a chart but modern Indian astrologers cannot do that so easily. One is reminded the chart of John F. Kennedy Jr. who, both in his Tropical and Sidereal Zodiac, has Neptune in the 3H of short travels & 3H of death. He flew over sea and he died in a plane crash in the sea. Cayce further says:

Neptune brings the greater spiritual life, greater desire for the spiritual emotions than the purely material. 1986-1

The greatest Indian Guru to visit the west was Paramhansa Yogananda having Neptune in the 10H of career and Karma. His whole life & karma was a spiritual experience only and not of material gains.

Ψ **Planetary Sojourns – Where You Are From**

This is the most important part of Edgar Cayce’s material on Astrology in understanding your chart. Where did you come from and what is the role, it gives broad hints to it.

Cayce says that the planet closest to the Ascendant or the Midheaven is the planet that has the greatest influence on the incoming soul.

Although the above statement looks like basic astrology, it nevertheless has far more deeper meaning into the individuals’ life mission. This writer, in his limited experience, has found it true.

⁷ These points might seem new to Indian astrologers but can be found in nadi literature (ancient literature of sages) too.

Say a native dies, then he goes to a planet to master some attributes of that planet – this is what Cayce called Planetary Sojourns. Then, when he reincarnates back to earth, he brings with him some lessons from those planets that he has mastered. E.g with Jupiter exalted or in own sign right on the Asc degree or MC degree, we would describe as powerful and giving good knowledge/wisdom to the native. Here the metaphysical meaning, as per Cayce, is the native has mastered these lessons and brings them here on earth to utilise that knowledge.

On Planets, Cayce had mentioned Arcturus and he says that once a soul has achieved perfection in the earth plane, it goes to the star of Arcturus and from there on to other systems. He says that Arcturus is the opposite of Saturn. Perfected souls go to Arcturus, while souls that need reforming go to Saturn.

The beauty of Edgar Cayce’s work is what is not found anywhere in the world. The journey of an individual soul has been detailed out and one truly gets somewhat detailed glimpse on how we, as souls, are moving around in various lifetimes. Edgar Cayce, in his previous lifetimes, had reached heights in spiritual development as Ra Ta, a spiritual leader in ancient Egypt around 10,500 B.C – to John Brainbridge, a gambling womanizing wanderer – to Edgar Cayce – and true to his teachings of Planetary Sojourns, his *Uranus* is found to the *exact degree* of his *Asc*, as he stated earlier about Uranus...

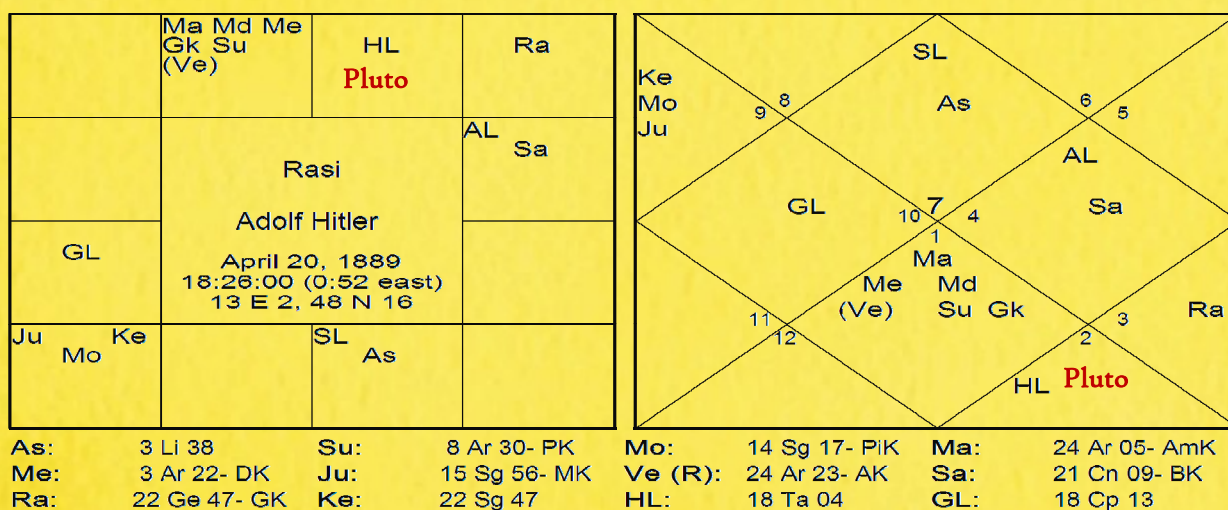
The Uranian influence we find makes for a high occult or psychic force; or soul force, rather than the ordinary term of psychic. 938-1

He surely was no ordinary psychic.

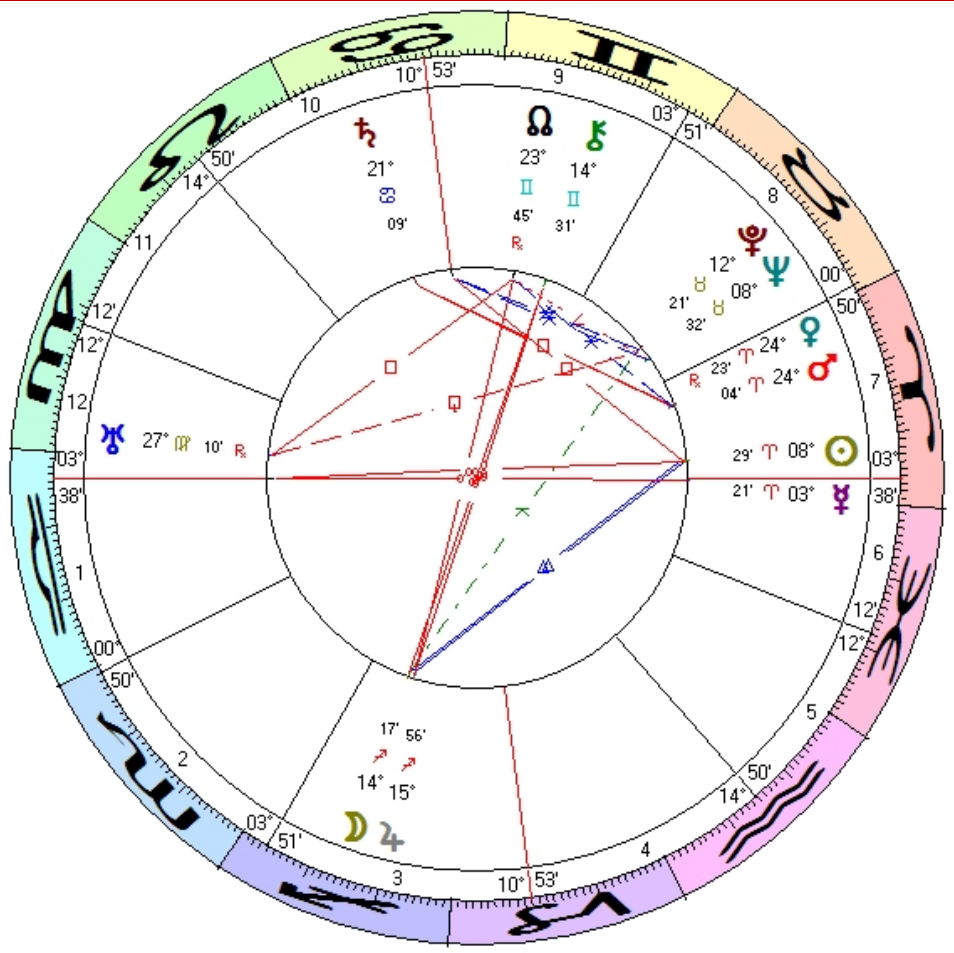
Ψ Outer Planets

Sometimes when we use Outer planets and the above statement on Asc degree of Cayce, we get to easy conclusions not found in traditional astrology. For this let’s use the chart of Hitler.

Asc is Libra, so Cayce’s statement cannot be verbatim applied – hence we see the Asc ruler which represents the Asc and it is Venus which shows love (or the lack of it). Now Kirk Nelson’s book says Pluto shows *Mass Destiny* and *Dictatorship*; Pluto is sitting in the 8H of death & transformation. The Asc lord Venus dispoits the planet Pluto carrying with it the energy of death and transformation in the incoming soul if we understand Cayce well. Hitler brought in this life the true meaning of the word Dictator & death and came to the public platform as Venus is in the 7H of Public Platform. Edgar Cayce also says that Mars is firearms, gunpowder – note that this Venus is conjoined with Mars and Hitler used it to gain his dictatorship and become the King of the World (it is with Sun). Without using Pluto’s significations & Edgar Cayce’s statements, would it be easy to come to the conclusion of dictatorship so fast? Probably not.



Adolf Hitler
Natal Chart
 Apr 20 1889 NS, Sat
 6:26 pm LMT -0:52:08
 Braunau am Inn, Austria
 48°N16' 013"E02'
 Geocentric
 Lahiri
 Placidus
 Mean Node



Let's take a modern day dictator – in 2002, there were racism related riots in India. At that time, the media was against him for his dictatorial ways. Indians who know whom we are referring to would like to check his chart (not produced here) and would be surprised to see that he has Pluto in the 10H of karma/actions. Thus his ways were dictatorial as Pluto represents it.

Astrologers are of two kinds: the first wants to only predict via astrology and the second wants to 'Understand' astrology. Edgar Cayce's work is on the latter & higher side of astrology.

Those who have not tasted honey cannot comment on its sweetness.

There are more westerners who practice Yoga than Indians – that's a known fact, since the westerners use anything that works in practice. In the same way, many westerners who are now in Vedic Astrology use Outer Planets for stunning predictions that many Indian astrologers miss out on – this is our observation since decades; the loss is that of the Indian astrologer who has only his pride to defend... the pride which is created out of reading only 10-20 books of Sages and has not even bothered to find out what the Sages wrote in their other thousands of works that are gathering dust in libraries. Any Indian who wants to learn what the Sages said about Outer Planets should venture into finding out what the *Late Narendra Desai* found in ancient texts (Nadis) in southern India, and what the sages told him⁸. He was and still is regarded in America as the greatest astrologer to walk into the US soil from India.

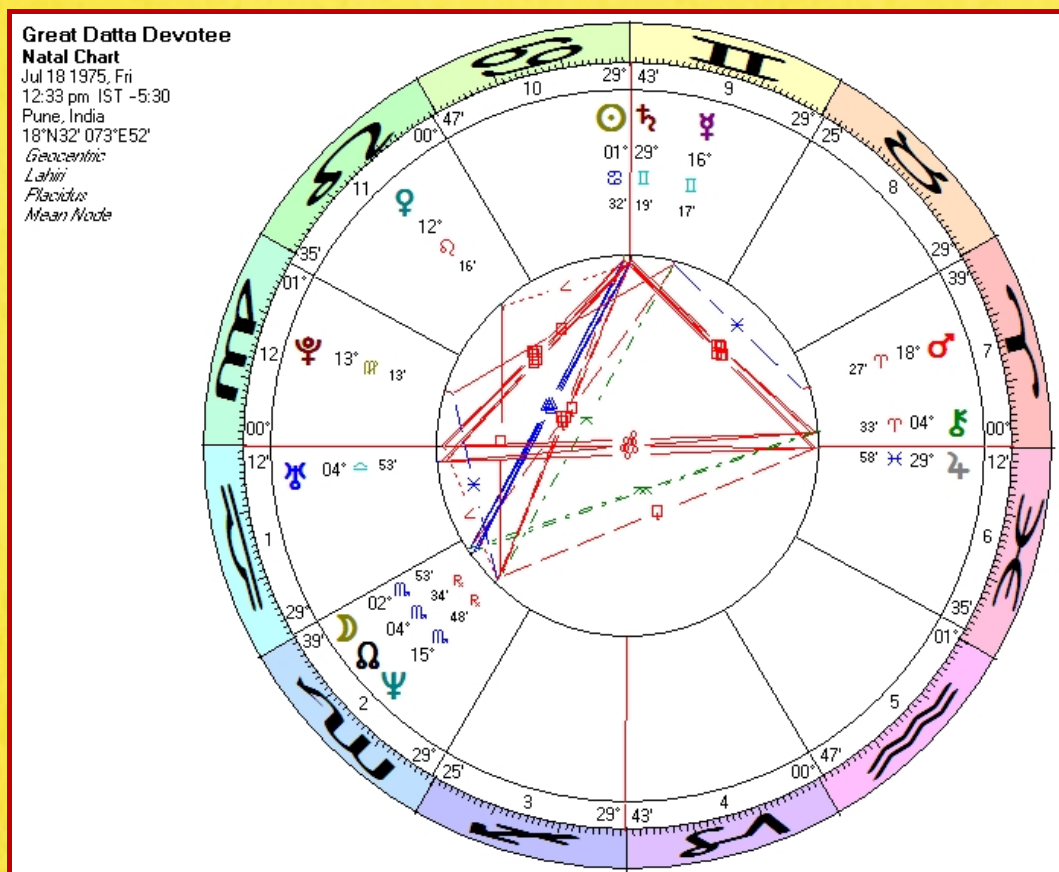
3.0 Fixed Stars & The Story Behind The Story that Indians Miss

⁸ He had reached a very high spiritual stage of life. His voice would change and he would speak ancient type of Sanskrit, it was said the sages would speak via him. Our debate with a famous Internet Traditional (Parampara) Jaimini Indian astrologer ended when we quoted the authority of Narendra Desai; after that, he never spoke against the Outer Planets in his forums.

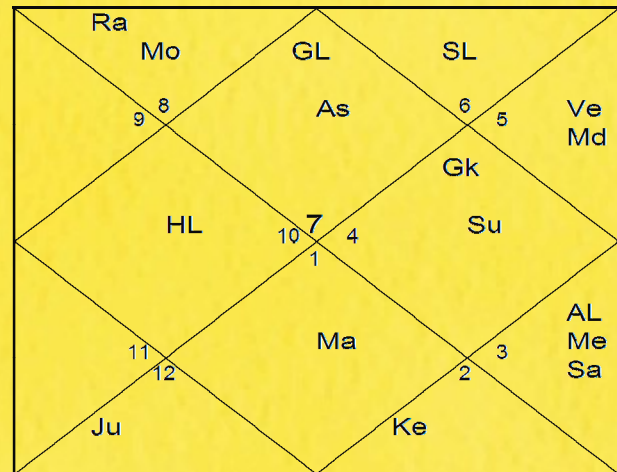
Some of you who are probably in their 70s or 80s will experience this – some will experience this feeling when you really try to understand astrology and start avoiding humans... and start to avoid reading their charts. Then, what will fascinate you is not predictions on a chart, but to know that ‘*One*’ event which transformed a native’s life or, ‘*The Hidden Story Of Life*’ in a chart – and if this can be predicted using the current knowledge of astrology.

We were told two things about this chart by his friend: that this Indian man was an obsessive womanizer and would only sleep with a woman once. When confronted by friends over his womanizing, he would say that makes him feel guilty and thus it makes him love his wife more. But this did not interest us – what was of interest was his downfall in life and then his comeback. Hollywood and humans both love comebacks they say. He was a millionaire who was reduced to rags and then again rose to be a millionaire to open two offices in the US with a fleet of 100 tankers. As we sat and saw his chart, the 9H was sprouting from the chart and we said to ourselves ‘It can’t be true’, since we were biased with what we had heard about his sexual extravaganzas.

The friend who was sitting along with us was his close friend and we finally blurted it out upon seeing his chart for 45 seconds ‘See whatever lifestyle you lead as of now – but eventually you have pending karma towards religion and spirituality and you would go into religious and spiritual ways’. He smiled and said you see you talked about religious ways ‘I have built two temples and in one of them donated 40,000 USD (Rs 20 lakhs) when I was in debt in business – even my wife and parents do not know of this including all my best friends’ he said with a glint of a newfound friend in us. Although our prediction had failed in timing this religious generosity event, yet a smile passed on our face as sitting before us was a man who has learnt about donation that most do not know of, and about which we had written about in the first editorial ‘*True Charity is done only when the donator does not even allow his shadow to know he has donated*’. Such men are the rarest of rare and we felt elevated sitting in his presence, wanted to physically bow to him but somehow felt if we are extra nice, he might think that we need funding from him for Saptarishis Astrology. The fact on this is that till date, we have avoided receiving any kind of major funding or donation to keep away from having to follow a donor’s agenda despite our best judgement.



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He was a true mix of what most men/women are: Good, Bad & Ugly... the only difference is that we do not accept it but he does. Finally some predictions happened and we said *how did you rise back in life? We said tell us the real event, the real story, the story behind the story for which we have waited for a year to meet you* and told him that we do not have the ability to predict that since astrology has not reached that level inspite of many doing or claiming to do researches in it.

He said with a glint in his eyes, *'My life turned around due to bet of a sandwich with a close friend'*. Shocked without looking at his chart we mentally saw his Lord of 2nd lord Mars is in the 7^H of business, 8th lord of sudden change in the 11^H of contacts & 4^L of best friend in the 9th house of Rise of Fortune in the natal chart.⁹ He said he was in debt in business – his relatives had cheated him, he had to sell his house and was living in a rented flat. Once, his very close friend came and said let's eat. He did not have money and, trying to create fun, he took him outside to a shop on the road which sells sandwiches, and said to him *'I will not pay for this sandwich and someone unknown will pay for it'*. At the sandwich stall, he had seen an old college senior with whom he had never interacted and vaguely felt that this man would be from his college. He went there and introduced him and acted very friendly accusing his senior of having forgotten him and, as a senior of his college (SIES, Mumbai) he is supposed to treat for sandwich. Senior said he does not remember him at all but does not mind paying for the sandwich even if he is trying to fake a friendship. Later Senior asked him what does he do and he proudly said 'I am in the transport business'. His senior said he is also into logistics and works for a big company. Said senior asked him how much does he charge for supplying a truck from Mumbai to Pune... our friend said Rs 2200 and, as the actual market rate was Rs 2000 he was scared that he over quoted. Senior said 'You do not know the business son, every day I, as the senior executive of my company, am in charge of hiring 50-60 trucks and they charge me Rs 3500 – if you charge us Rs 2800 per truck, per trip, I will give you all the business and our new projects too'.

Within a year, the native repaid all his debts and had made a profit of Rs 3.4 crores (a bit less than a million USD) and today, he has opened 2 offices in the US. Fortune changed when 3 elements combined – best friend, sandwich and a senior contact. He wanted to hear this story from us we felt. This is the real story of his life which we, astrologers, cannot predict with our current level of knowledge – and this is what the client needs to hear when he is down to the last penny in life *'A dark looking best friend (Saturn) will come and ask you for a sandwich (Mars) and you would meet a senior contact*

⁹ Modern Indians do not use the 60th division of a chart since they are always suspicious that the time of birth is wrong and, at the same time, the new breed uses the 60th divisional chart thinking that it is to be used to determine who one was in the past life. As per old astrologers, this is all non productive wishful thinking of a bunch of new kids, as the verses of an ancient book which Vedic astrologers regard as the Bible of astrology has been ignored by these new entrants and their followers. For Vedic astrologers see his D-60 (60th divisional) chart, see the 7^H of Business has 4^L of best friend, 2nd lord of business & 10^L of career Moon (Moon means motion, he is in the logistics business).

(Sun) – do not refuse your friend that sandwich even if you do not have a penny in your pocket, your life will change’.

The real story behind one’s life is the crux of astrology – it shows the theme of one’s life and this is possible only via a symbolism driven approach of ancient astrology of the stars. The stars or asterisms are more minute than the current level of knowledge of stars (nakshatras in Vedic) of Indian Astrology. If one reads the history of astrology of various cultures like Arabic, English and Chinese astrology, they are going into the exact position of a star to the degree rather than the broad span of 13.20 degree (nakshatra) that is used now in India; and incidentally, our knowledge of these stars (nakshatras) is far less than what was known to our very ancients. This study that has developed in the west to a phenomenal level is now called as Fixed Stars Astrology. The predictive capability of it is mind blowing and, more than the predictive part, what is of importance to the real astrologer is ‘Fixed Stars’ as a tool can be astoundingly accurate in giving direct clues to the hidden theme of life.

For example, can our current level of knowledge look at the Asc degree and say that you and your brothers are the immortal twins of the zodiac and one of the major reasons he is born is to support your work, to give immortality to your work, for you to become the most famous painter ever and be known by the name of *Van Gogh* as your Ascendant degree is right near the star Pollux which is at 23 Cancer (tropical)?

Scheat is a Fixed star – 29 Pisces (Tropical) & 5 Pisces approx (Sidereal) & this star is one of the most notorious stars in the heavens, reputed to cause "extreme misfortune, murder, *suicide* and drowning". *Vincent Van Gogh* had his Mars, who is 6L (sidereal zodiac) of accidents, right on the Fixed star *Scheat* conjunct with Sun 3L of hands/actions – and he committed *suicide* by shooting (with Mars, bullet) by his own hands. For an excellent article on fixed stars and Vincent Van Gogh, kindly read Andrew McDonald’s lucid article on him in this issue.

There are many ways to use Fixed stars. Let’s take *Scheat* & take a concept called Progression which has been ignored in the East. *Percy Bysshe Shelley* was a British writer known as one of the greatest lyric poets of the English Romantic age, a writer of delicate beauty¹⁰. Shelley died during his Saturn return whilst progressed Venus drew to an opposition of the *North Node / Scheat conjunction*. *Canopus* at 14Cn58 (Tropical), denoting *significant events at sea*, is appropriately placed on Shelley’s 4th house of 'grave' as per noted U.K astrologer Deborah Houlding¹¹. On 08 July 1822, he and a friend, Edward Williams, were out boating when a sudden squall came up. They were run down by a larger vessel which overturned their yacht during the *violent storm* and Shelley died at c. 1:00 PM, Viareggio, Italy.

Let us take a more dramatic case of an Indian and see the star *Sirius*, which we encountered recently, as it explained the mystery of a horoscope that has not been solved by many top astrologers of India. *Sirius* is known as *Alpha Canis Majoris*, or the Dog Star (14:05 Cancer – tropical; 20:14 Gemini sidereal Lahiri). In *China*, it was regarded as the *Jackal* or Wolf Star, associated with *thievery* and *looting*. The native’s Asc is 13 Cn (tropical) and 19 Ge (sidereal) having the planet Dragon’s Tail near it. Dragon’s Tail signifies detachment and also Seven Sages – the native is a volunteer of the Saptarishis (7 Sages) Astrology magazine who, throughout life, spent his time in learning astrology secretly like a thief as his family would not allow him to learn; see Sirius star attributes. He would read the books at the terrace, at the park, in restaurants covering the front of the book so that others do not know he is reading astrology and at home too he would keep it under covers. His library grew and he would hide many of his books in his car, in his office displaying the attribute of the Jackal. He removed hidden manuscripts from astrologers in India by begging, paying money that he took on loan and then gave it to Saptarishis Astrology magazine so that they could donate it. The worst is, even if he paid money to an individual for the manuscripts, he would see to it that on the website of Saptarishis Astrology, the

¹⁰ Shelley, Percy Bysshe Date: 04 Aug 1792 Time: 22:00 LMT (+0:01) City: Horsham, England.

¹¹ We recommend Deborah’s super fine site for western astrology and free books <http://www.skyscript.co.uk/shelley.html>

name of that individual (whom he paid) is shown as donator. For a long time, his horoscope was a mystery via techniques of Indian Astrology until we read about the star Sirius.

Another astrologer we know has Saturn, the 8L of occult & mystic, in the star Rigel (16Ge50 Tropical) which somewhere we read means bringing knowledge to others: he is involved in bringing out very old manuscripts. Saturn signifies 'old' – his special affinity has been with elderly people which are signified by Saturn.

A very important point that cannot be ignored is mentioned by Saptarishis Astrology's writer Andrew McDonald 'It is worth noting that Progressions of major points onto fixed stars, however nasty the fixed star, will not show death on their own – there always has to be major supporting planetary testimonies – both in the Progressions and the Solar and Lunar Returns and, of course, in the Nativity itself. Though fixed stars can be spectacularly descriptive, there is a great danger in reading them in isolation. Any fixed star must be read in context with everything else in the nativity.'

3.1 Assassination & Our Adventures in Fixed Stars

Take the chart of **Abraham Lincoln** and *Diana K. Rosenberg's* report. Not knowing much about Fixed Stars, we just spotted these two statements from her fixed star report – what follows below is a correspondence with her.

22nd July 2010

Hi Diana

In your report of Fixed Stars on Lincoln, on page 28, I get

Starset SATABISHAJ - 8°Pi21' to 12°Pi21'

Mercury is aligned with starset Satabishaj

Then on Page 29 at the bottom of Satabishaj (I think it is for Satabishaj only) I find

war or peace, i.e. whether to fight or submit, to actively make war or actively work for peace. Here the blessed waters streaming from Aquarius' Um cleanse and forgive all hurts and failings. Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: *blindness, eye and hearing problems, lung ailments, birth anomalies, paralysis, pedophilia, mental instability, addiction, suicide; possible danger from storms, floods, fog, air crashes, explosions, unusually powerful earthquakes and eruptions, war and battles, stalking, murder, assassination, animal attacks, acts of brutal intolerance (but liberations and great discoveries also occur under these stars); meteorite falls*

In the above, in the 2nd last line, what caught our eye were **murder** and **assassination**, **wars** and **battles**.

Query:

1. Does Satabishaj mean assassination and murder, the words in italics is your research? (if so can I quote it) or an accepted definition of Fixed Stars.
2. Is this star Satabishaj called by some other name in Western Astrology since over here Satabisha is around 13.20 degrees whereas in the Lincoln report it showed a span of 4 degrees.

Diana: The sidereal span of nakshatra Satabishaj is 6Aqur40 to 20Aqur00; the fixed star Satabishajwas, in 2000, Lahiri sidereal 17 Aquarius 44 (within that nakshatra span). Tropically. it was 11 Pisces 35.

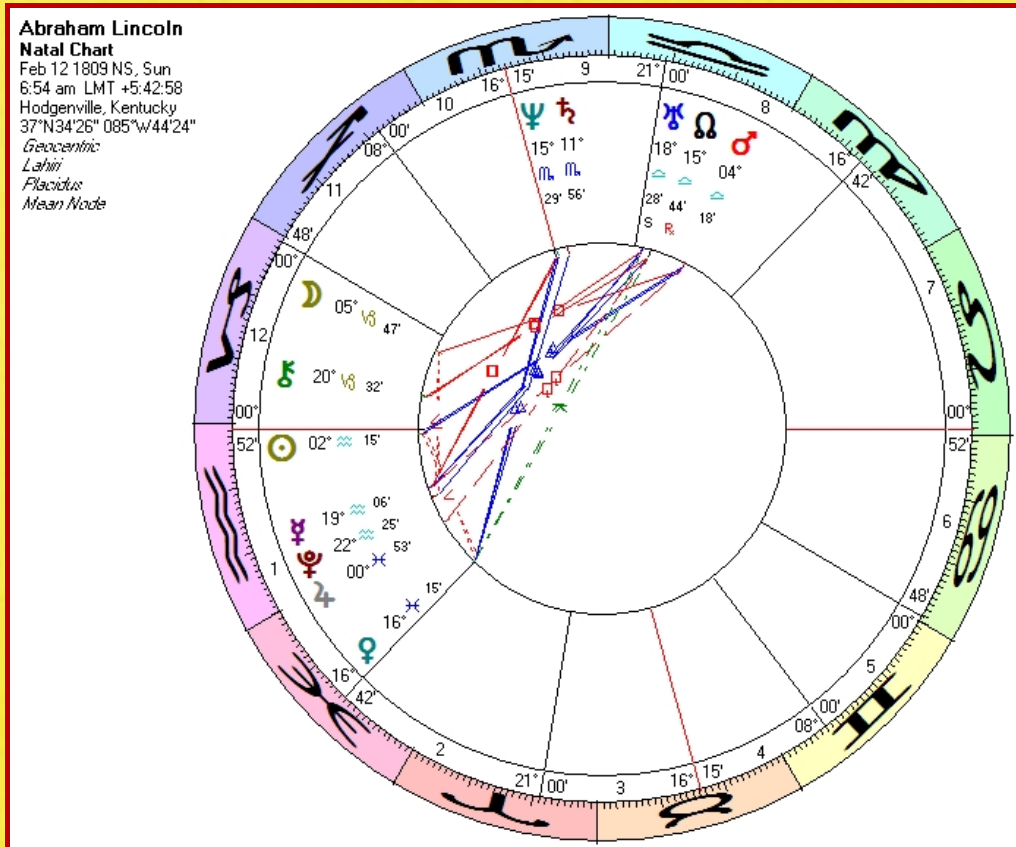
In the Fixed Star Report Writer, each starset was given the name of the most prominent star in that set of degrees - in this case, it was Lambda Aquarii, which has been called Satabishaj (after the nakshatra, I suppose), as well as Çatabishaj (same name, different spelling), Hydor, or Ekchusis



It is confusing, I know!!

You mention the span of 4 degrees - that is the full span of the stars that I grouped together in that starset. Each star would have a span of only one degree (called a "moiety") on either side of its exact position.

Saptarishis Astrology: *It immediately caught our eye to check out his chart (though Rodden gives a B rating) and what was being thought of turned out to be true: his Mer is the 8L of death (sidereal zodiac) sitting in the 1H of body - this Mer is in the sign of Aq (Saturn ruled) its co-lord Rahu is with Mars (bullet) and he died of bullet if one remembers well and this, in the period of Saturn Main period and Mer sub period (this is too much of a coincidence) from a Vedic point of view - it is amazing that the periods (dasas) are matching so easily.*



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| Ve Ju | Ke | AL |
| Su As Me | Rasi Lincoln, Abraham February 12, 1809 6:54:00 (5:43 west) 85 W 44, 37 N 34 | |
| HL GL Mo | | |
| | Sa | Ra Gk SL Md Ma |

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|----|------|------|-----|----------------|
| Ve | Ju | Su | HL | GL |
| Ke | 1 12 | Me | As | 10 9 |
| | | 2 11 | 8 | Sa |
| AL | 3 4 | 5 | | |
| | | | 6 7 | Md SL Ma Ra |

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|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------|
| As: | 0 Aq 54 | Su: | 2 Aq 16- GK | Mo: | 5 Cp 48- PiK | Ma: | 4 Li 18- PK |
| Me: | 19 Aq 07- AK | Ju: | 0 Pi 54- DK | Ve: | 16 Pi 16- AmK | Sa: | 11 Sc 57- MK |
| Ra: | 14 Li 58- BK | Ke: | 14 Ar 58 | HL: | 28 Cp 47 | GL: | 25 Cp 04 |



Diana: *That so interesting - though I don't understand all of it.*

*See what I wrote about his birth time in the attached file. Tropically Venus rules his 8th house of death: he was born with Venus aligned with **Mu Cephei**, "The Garnet Star" - a red star in the head of Cepheus the King! This is what I have from that starset in my book:*

*Jupiter was here in 1429 when **France's Dauphin was crowned Charles VII by Joan of Arc** (Mu Cephei is in the Crown of Cepheus) - but the Crown does not protect its wearers: this was **Abraham Lincoln's Venus and Czar Alexander II's MC**; Lincoln freed the slaves, Alexander freed the serfs (Andromeda, the Chained Woman !); both were assassinated for their pains. This was the Moon of assassinated Czar Nicholas II, Moon and SNode of assassinated Israeli PM **Yitzak Rabin**, Pluto of assassinated US Pres **James Garfield**, Saturn of murdered revolutionary **Leon Trotsky** (axed in the head), SNode of singer-songwriter **John Lennon** (murdered-shot in the head) and Press Sec'y **James Brady**, shot in the head in the **Reagan assassination attempt** with a Sun-Mars conj here; Neptune at **Lincoln's assassination** (Venus had been here at his Solar Return 2 months earlier, where it ruled the 1st and 8th houses), Jupiter at the **assassination of John F Kennedy**; the MC when **Yitzak Rabin was killed** at a peace rally (most of these were shot in the head: Mu Cephei is a red star in the King's head!). Venus was here at the **Aries Ingress of 1914, 2 months before the Sarajevo assassination of Austria's Archduke Ferdinand**, the event that triggered WWI.*

Isn't that all amazing???

Love, Diana

3.2 Saptarishis Astrology Life Time Achievement Award To A Western Astrologer

It was a December evening, cold breeze was flowing and almost romantic... Instead of watching a good movie, suddenly one name popped in our head. The repetition of the name became such a bother that we knew we had to contact this lady whom we just did not know and who went by the name of Diana K. Rosenberg.

Some months back, we had read somewhere that she was dying of Cancer but each astrologer has to go one day; but now this name became of vital importance and we instantly wrote to our writer friend Robert Gover, an expert stock market astrologer in the U.S, and asked him if he knew Diana Rosenberg's phone number. He said he did not know her number and, within few minutes, we found out her number from another source, checked it was 9 am in New York and called her. She was sleeping and her response was please call me after few hours. We were not to call her back that day. Then the same evening at 11.30 pm in Mumbai, as we were driving home, again the name kept popping in our mind and it would not stop - *it was like she has something that others don't have, her work must come out*. Then we parked on the side and called her and had a great chat for 40 minutes. It changed a lot in us - this is when we found that a great astrologer is willing not to take any treatment of chemotherapy for her cancer so that no side effects would come in as she needs her mind to remain stable in order for her to finish publishing her research of 30 years. Wow what dedication, how many Indian Astrologers could let go of their lives and not save it from the jaws of death so that their secrets be properly published in time... Indian Astrologers, on the contrary, spend their lifetimes trying to hide secrets and their researches but will always broadcast that they have done the maximum researches. We knew in Diana we had found '*One who knew the meaning of Energy*'. She agreed to do an interview with us and promised that it would be a lengthy interview revealing many of her secrets. But what was the greatest thing about her was the tone and pitch of her voice - she was a child telling us she wants to reveal so many secrets and we remembered what the old master had told us '*Only The Kid Wins*'.

Going back in Time, in the very 1st editorial, it was mentioned that the true names of those who are involved in the magazine will not be revealed in the credits' column since Saptarishis Astrology would be construed as a Charity Work by readers - considering that those who are into real charity do not even think it is charity, they '*Just Do It*', their shadows also do not come to know what they have donated. --- **I**

In 2009, we had released a book called 'Saptarishis Astrology: The Predictive Series' a collection of some of the best articles of previous issues, in which all the authors had relinquished the copyright of their articles so that Saptarishis Astrology makes the profit. The publisher was Sagar Publications, New Delhi, who said to us in the 1st week of March that from Nov 2009 to March 31st 2010, the total sales were around 353 copies of the book and royalty was around Rs 15,000 (\$ 313). It was written in the Preface that the first years' earnings would be donated to old and economically not well off astrologers and readers were asked in to send mails if they found one. ---- 2

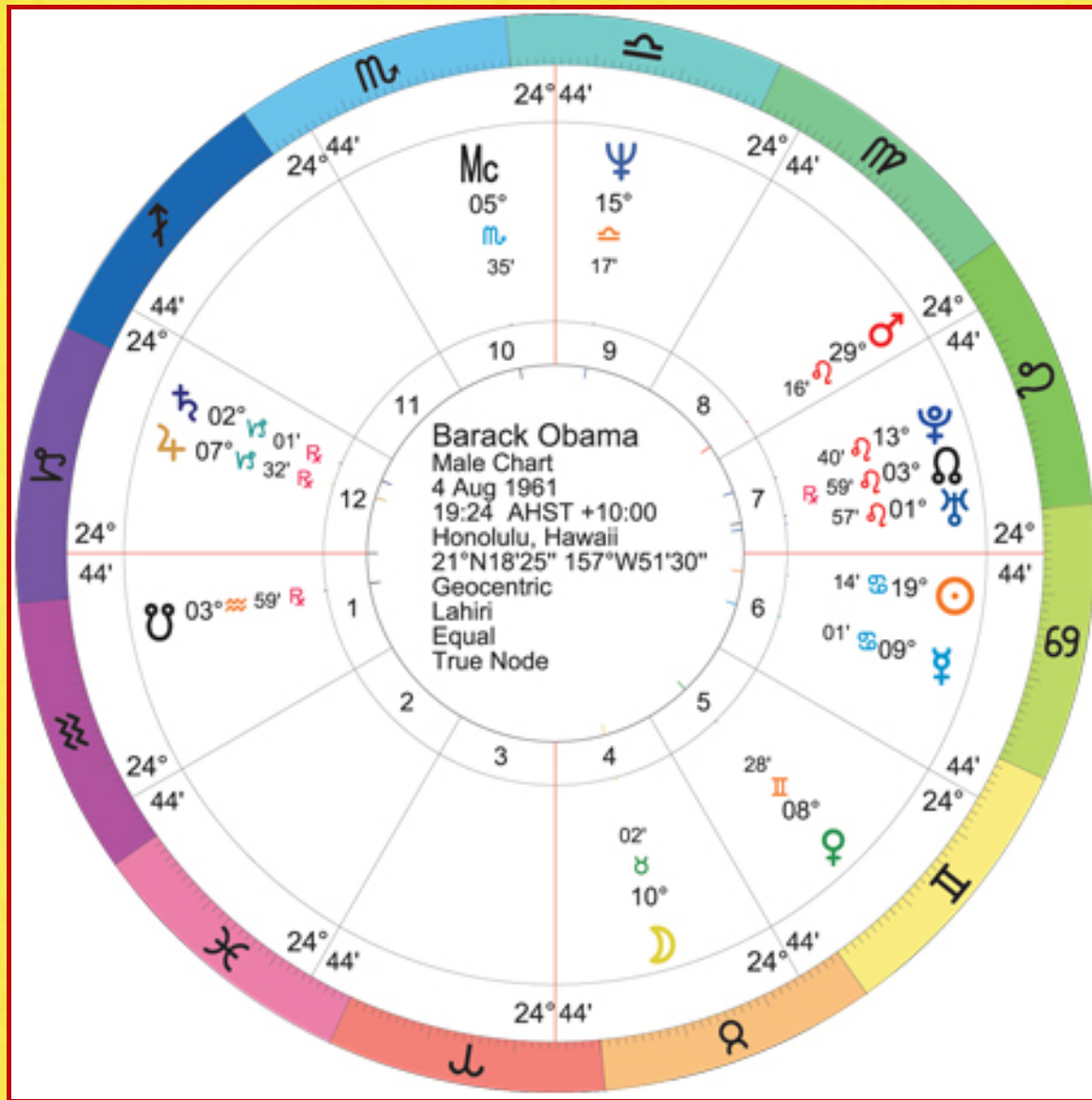
Due to the above points 1 & 2, we must state what we mention now since it was put in writing in the preface and also, since we are accountable to both the authors and readers. Although the thought of donating these earnings was to be done to an Indian, God decided otherwise and we have donated this money to Diana K. Rosenberg for her printing expenses. It is a very small sum but our writers who contributed articles would agree with us. Many sleepless nights have gone in rethinking if we should mention this donation or not – since mentioning would break our own rule of “the shadow not even coming to know of one’s donation” – yet, as per our own policy, we are accountable to the authors and the community at large so the deed was mentioned. Those of you who have spare money and every astrologer cum astrology publisher or anyone who does business with astrology¹² are requested to donate to Diana K. Rosenberg for the \$ 10,000 that she requires for printing her monumental research. We would especially request the students of some Gurus, who have amassed millions of dollars selling talismans, to request their Gurus to donate money to Diana or, at least, to the real cause of bringing knowledge out. If you can't write to your Guru regarding this, then it's better to leave the astrology of the Sages and never call Astrology a Divine Science (*Western readers may note that the reason behind this statement is that Indians have an obsessive fascination of constantly and fanatically calling Astrology a Divine Science even though they and their Gurus may indulge in the biggest 'subtle' frauds one can imagine.*) Readers may note that Diana K. Rosenberg has not requested for this donation and she might even refuse it but, nonetheless send it – and May Lord Saturn bless you if you donate but after doing so, don't talk about it or expect your name to come in print – if you can do that, then only donate. Her Paypal account is her email id only fixed.stars@verizon.net. If you can't donate, no problem – send her loving energy, write a mail to her from your heart, be kind and sensitive and don't rake up the death issue. Imagine if you are an astrologer and if you are on the biggest quest to get your book published as your last duty on earth and you receive the love from 100 countries... would you not love it!

Diana has given the major part of her life to astrology and researched the most ancient part of astrology which is still an enigma after thousands of years of study. Her work speaks volumes if one has the patience to study and understand it. Diana K. Rosenberg has been awarded the **2nd Life Time Achievement Award of Saptarishis Astrology** for her accomplishments in the most ancient form of astrology, which is the real astrology of the stars since it deals with the stars 'Directly' and their predictive cum *understanding the human soul's purpose* can be more fulfilling than the Vedic System of Nakshatras (asterisms) – still too little about nakshatras (asterisms) is known to the modern Indian astrologers inspite of so many works coming out in the name of nakshatras from India.

One cannot but thank *Edith Hathaway* (USA) for her outstanding work and support in the whole project & also *Shastry* (India), *Souvik Dutta* (USA), *Pam Rosevear* (USA) & *Claudia Bader* (USA) for the grand help in organizing this event in New York City where Diana K. Rosenberg would be awarded the “**Saptarishis Astrology's Life Time Achievement Award**” in 'Ancient Astrology' held in New York City. Diana has been presented the award by the Head of Uranian Society & Executive Secretary of NCGR, *Liane Thomas-Wade*, on the 25th of July 2010, in the company of esteemed stalwart astrologers of New York City.

4.0 Ancient Astrologer Bhrihu & Obama

¹² Ideally, anyone who earns anything out of astrology will be in a more profitable position in life if he donates 10 % of his earnings from astrology back to the astrological community.



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| | GL | Md Mo | Gk | Ve |
| Ke | Rasi | | | Me Su |
| (Ju) SL | Obama | | | Ra Ma |
| As | August 4, 1961 19:24:00 (10:00 west) 157 W 51, 21 N 18 | | | HL |
| | | AL | SP | |

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|----------------|----|--------------------|----|----------------|
| | Ke | (Ju) (Sa) SL | As | |
| | 12 | 11 | 9 | 8 |
| | | GL | 10 | 7 |
| | | | 4 | |
| Gk Mo Md | 2 | | Su | 6 |
| | 3 | | | 5 |
| Ve | | | | HL Ma Ra |

As: 24 Cp 44 Su: 19 Cn 14- BK
 Me: 9 Cn 02- PIK Ju (R): 7 Cp 32- GK
 Ra: 4 Le 34- AmK Ke: 4 Aq 34
 Mo: 10 Ta 02- MK Ma: 29 Le 16- AK
 Ve: 8 Ge 29- PK Sa (R): 2 Cp 01- DK
 HL: 27 Le 40 GL: 26 Ar 08

U.S. House approves sweeping healthcare overhaul¹³

Mon, Mar 22, 09:40 AM

The U.S. House of Representatives gave final approval to a **sweeping healthcare** overhaul on Sunday, **expanding insurance** coverage to **nearly all Americans** and handing **President Barack Obama** a **landmark victory**.

It extends health coverage to **32 million uninsured**, covering **95 percent** of all **Americans**, gives subsidies to help lower-income workers pay for coverage and creates state-based exchanges where the uninsured can compare and shop for plans.

In order to understand the landmark event of 21st March 2010 in the life of Obama, three of our previous articles on Sage Bhrighu's Easy Methodology should be revisited. Excerpts from it are:-

Bhrighu's Easy Methodology (BEM) - 15

Venus says 'The house where I am given shelter or the lord I conjoin with or the lord of the house I represent will show where I can, I repeat I can contribute to the...

- a) Medical expenses or Diseases
- b) Dramatic Troubles

Bhrighu's Easy Methodology (BEM) - 2

'Wherever Jupiter sits he creates Ups & Down in the 6th from it, in minimum of any one significations of that house'

- ❖ This becomes his Karmic House called as 'Jupiter's Previous Lives' House'
- ❖ He will first create Up & Down in the significations of the house which means fluctuations.
- ❖ He will destroy at least one thing of that house.

Bhrighu's Easy Methodology (BEM) - 3 & 4

BSP 3: Wherever Saturn sits, he becomes Judge Dredd or Emperor (Shahenshah) and he shouts 'I Am The Law'.

It is that house where

- a) Karma is **unfinished & you 'Need' to finish it.**
- b) You will or can make mistakes concerning significations of that house
- c) You will be Judged for your mistakes – there is no 99% in this.

1. Now observe Venus in Obama's Chart is sitting in the 6H of health and diseases. The BEM rule 15 (for Indians it is called BSP) for Venus, who is sitting in the 6H of diseases and health, is clearly working via Obama's chart: where Venus sits, he makes you spend on diseases. The landmark is as in the event of March 21st 2010 where US Govt approves an unprecedented spending for health (6H where Venus is placed) – Obama spent on diseases as per the promise of the Venus BEM rule. There will be, no doubt, some opposition due to Obama's chart and it will take some years to come into real effect.

¹³ http://in.news.yahoo.com/137/20100322/756/twl-u-s-house-approves-sweeping-healthca_1.html

2. Also use BEM-2 which says that Jupiter will implement itself in the 6th from it & destroy at least one signification of the 6th from where he is placed and it becomes his 'Previous Life's House' – this needs to be symbolically interpreted as pending work (karma) as 6H shows pending Karma. Obama's Jupiter is placed in the 1H and 6th from it is the house of disease and health. So his Jupiter has destroyed the disease that was afflicting the American Health Care System and promises to bring good health to Americans 'if the nation allows it' (so to speak).
3. In the Global Chart, Saturn is transiting Virgo which is the natural 6H of health and diseases. Now use the BEM-3 & 4 which says that Karma is unfinished and one Needs to complete it there – this is what Obama is trying to do. Same happened in India where the All India Medical Associations passed a landmark order stating that no gifts (indirect bribes) were to be accepted by Doctors from Pharmaceutical Companies. 6H also represents accidents & diseases and you will notice that some new diseases came in (pending karma) and few major earthquakes happened (pending karma). Astrologers will say that every time Saturn was in Virgo the same results did not happen. Obviously, it will not and that is the reason the great astrologers would always observe 'What Kind of Karma is happening during One Cycle of Saturn's journey through the zodiac'. They would observe this and then predict, observe the Quantum & Quality of results. Astrology is an interactive science and not fixed – the planets deliver as per the Karma created by people and this Karma will change the day to day occurrences of people in each cycle & not as per fixed results of Saturn in Virgo in each cycle.

5.0 Predicting Year of Event Instantly – Universal Astrology

Planets & Their Implementation Age in Various Houses

This piece is being written so that we do not ignore the teachings of our ancients. Western astrologers who use the Tropical Zodiac can also successfully implement it in charts where the Asc is not being changed if you switch to Sidereal Zodiac (Indian). You can also quickly change the settings to Sidereal Zodiac and Lahiri, use this technique, note the results on a piece of paper and come back to your own zodiac to double check with transits and progressions.

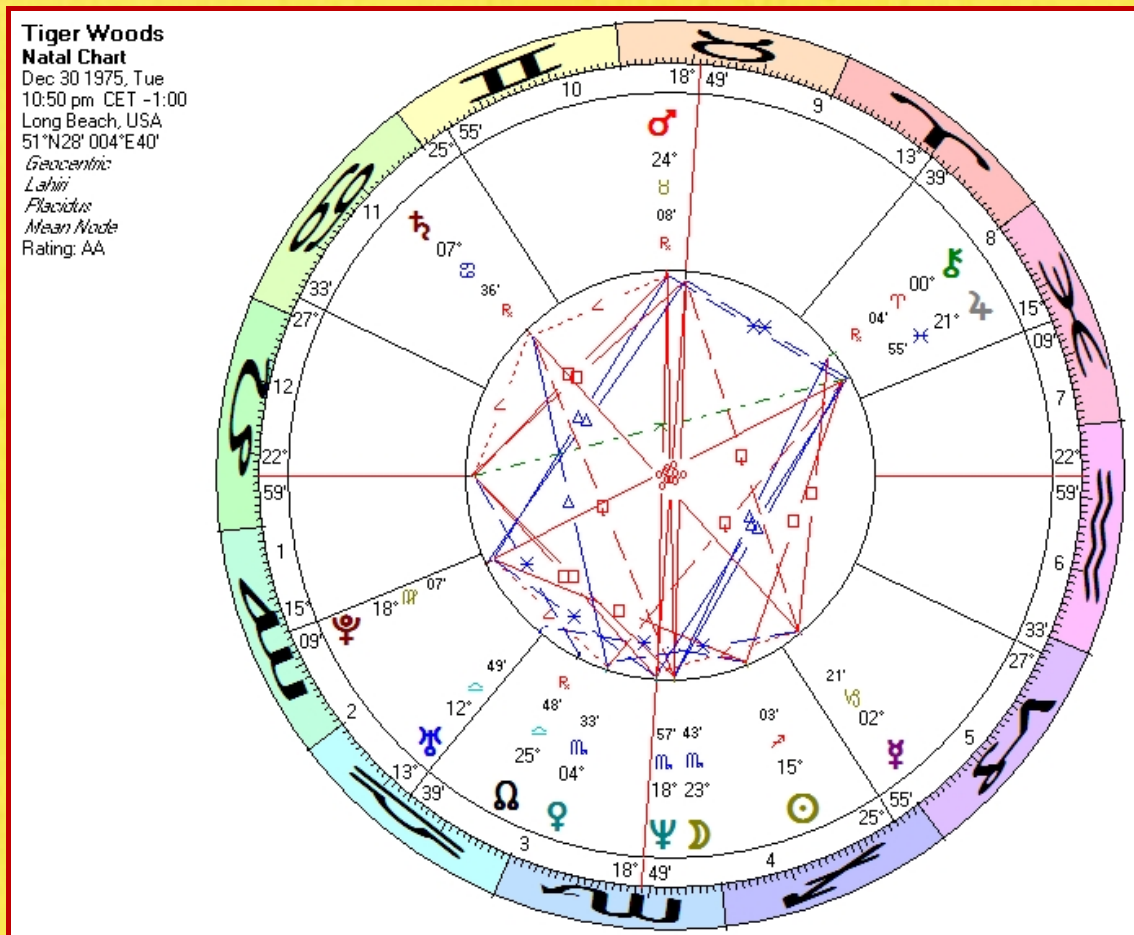
Below is a method of the Legend of Legends, Late Shri C. G. Rajan, who had the highest amount of manuscripts. What is presented below does not work 100 % in real practice and hence, it has been rejected by many astrologers who were jealous of C. G. Rajan¹⁴. Still, the way to use this method which points to the nearby age when the planet will give result is to take that 'Clue' of the result obtained and further use other methods like transit etc. Please refer to the 'basic' table below. For example, if you want to see the age when Mars will give result in the 12th house, then go to the table and the number you would see is 25 which means the 25th year (active year/ not completed year). But would this Mars act only in the 25th year? No, it will give results every time a 12 year cycle is rotated; thus Mars in the 12H will give results in the 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73rd years. At the end of this piece a full detailed table would be allotted. If Sun is in the 11H, which years it would give result is not mentioned in this table of Late C. G. Rajan, but our study shows 22nd year or 25th year if we remember well. It needs to be further tested. Next, one should remember the readings given by Sages and village astrologers of India – they have a style in which they predict the year of the event. They would say for e.g. 'Your marriage will happen around 27/28th year of your life'. They say it like 27 or 28; 90 % of the times you would find this style of predictions and we often wonder why they are not being very accurate to the exact year. Natal Planets need to be activated via transits, eclipses and other systems and only then they give their results, finding out this activation is not so easy hence, for some years in tables like these, planets give results and some years they don't.

¹⁴ Late C G Rajan wrote a book which is out of print now, titled 'Dogmas of Nadi Astrology' which has been the most sought after book, if someone has it kindly write to us we will remain indebted.

| | 1H | 2H | 3H | 4H | 5H | 6H | 7H | 8H | 9H | 10H | 11H | 12H |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun | 15 | 7 | 20 | 14 | 9 | 23 | 34 | 27 | 10 | 19 | | 38 |
| Moon | 27 | 27 | 5 | 22 | 6 | 57 | 15 | 6 | 20 | 43 | 20 | 3 |
| Mars | 5 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 14 | 27 | 45 | 25 |
| Mercury | 10 | 26 | 12 | 22 | 26 | 21 | 17 | 14 | 19 | 19 | 45 | 45 |
| Jupiter | 5 | 39 | 27 | 20 | 12 | 7 | 40 | 27 | 31 | 15 | 15 | 25 |
| Venus | 17 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 41 | 14 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 5 |
| Saturn | 5 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 14 | 27 | 45 | 25 |
| Rahu (Dragon's Head) | 5 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 14 | 27 | 45 | 25 |
| Ketu (Dragon's Tail) | 5 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 14 | 27 | 45 | 25 |

Let us take some examples to see if we get atleast near around results.

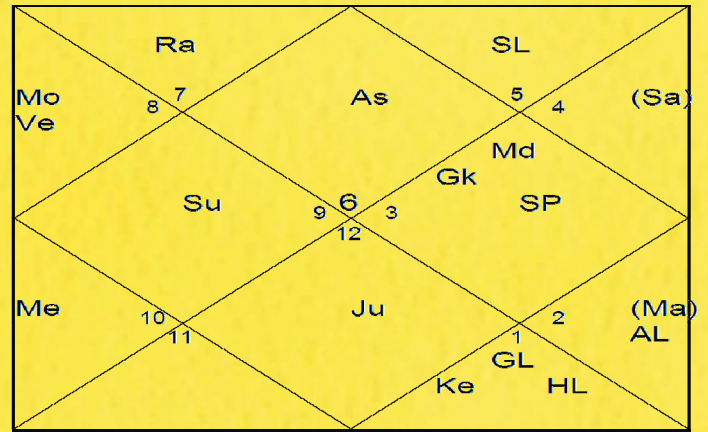
Tiger Woods



Jupiter is in the 7H of relationships and marriage and, as per the above table, Jupiter should implement itself in the 40th year in the 7H. Now take multiples of 12 and you get ages 4, 16, 28, 40, 52, 64 and in these years, Jupiter in the 7H will implement itself.

In November 2003, Woods became engaged to Elin Nordegren, a Swedish former model and daughter of former minister of migration Barbro Holmberg and radio journalist Thomas Nordegren. From Dec 2002 to Dec 2003 he would be in his 28th year and, as per the above system, you can see that 28th year is activated by the presence of Jupiter in the 7H.

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|----|--|------|----------|
| Ju | HL Ke GL AL | (Ma) | Md SP Gk |
| | Rasi | | (Sa) |
| Me | Tiger Woods(JG) December 30, 1975 22:50:49 (8:00 west) 118 W 11, 33 N 46 | | SL |
| Su | Ve Mo | Ra | As |



As: 1 Vi 04 Su: 15 Sg 27- MK Mo: 28 Sc 52- AK Ma (R): 24 Ta 02- AmK
 Me: 2 Cp 55- GK Ju: 21 Pi 58- BK Ve: 5 Sc 01- PK Sa (R): 7 Cn 35- PiK
 Ra: 27 Li 24- DK Ke: 27 Ar 24 HL: 11 Ar 33 GL: 6 Ar 44

6H shows one's mistresses – its co-lord is Dragon's Head (Rahu) sitting in the 2H of family and one's name. Dragon's Head, by its very nature, denotes cheating and scandals. So Rahu in the 2nd house, in its respective years, can once implement itself and show a sex scandal (Dragon's Head aspects the 8H of sex). Last year, Tiger Woods was in his 35th year from Dec 2009 to Dec 2010. In fact, just 1 month¹⁵ before his 35th year started, the news of his affairs broke out. Dragon's Head in the 2H will implement itself in the 36th year whereas Tiger Woods was in his 35th year when this happened, this is to show that the table cannot be taken verbatim and it only shows a pointer towards the nearby year.

Detailed Table

| | 1H | 2H | 3H | 4H | 5H | 6H | 7H | 8H | 9H | 10H | 11H | 12H |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun | 03 | 07 | 08 | 02 | 09 | 11 | 10 | 03 | 10, | 7, | | 02 |
| | 15 | 19 | 20 | 14 | 21 | 23 | 22 | 15 | 22, | 19, | | 14, |
| | 27 | 31 | 32 | 26 | 33 | 35 | 34 | 27 | 34, | 31, | | 26 |
| | 39 | 43 | 44 | 38 | 45 | 47 | 46 | 39 | 46 | 43, | | 38, |
| | 51 | 55 | 56 | 50 | 57 | 59 | 58, | 51 | 58, | 55, | | 50, |
| | 63 | 67 | 68 | 62 | 69 | 71 | 70 | 63 | 70 | 67 | | 62 |

¹⁵ On November 25, 2009, supermarket tabloid The National Enquirer published a story claiming that Woods had an extramarital affair with nightclub manager Rachel Uchitel, a claim she denied.

| | 1H | 2H | 3H | 4H | 5H | 6H | 7H | 8H | 9H | 10H | 11H | 12H |
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| Moon | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 10, 22, 34, 46, 58, 70 | 6, 18, 30, 42, 54, 66 | 9, 21, 33, 45, 57, 69 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 6, 18, 30, 42, 54, 66 | 8, 20, 32, 44, 56, 68 | 7, 19, 31, 43, 55, 67 | 8, 20, 32, 44, 56, 68 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 |
| Mars | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 | 8, 20, 32, 44, 56, 68 | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 4, 16, 28, 40, 52, 64 | 2, 14, 26, 38, 50, 62 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 9, 21, 33, 45, 57, 69 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 |
| Mercury | 10, 22, 34, 46, 58, 70 | 2, 14, 26, 38, 50, 62 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 10, 22, 34, 46, 58, 70 | 2, 14, 26, 38, 50, 62 | 9, 21, 33, 45, 57, 69 | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 2, 14, 26, 38, 50, 62 | 7, 19, 31, 43, 55, 67 | 7, 19, 31, 43, 55, 67 | 9, 21, 33, 45, 57, 69 | 9, 21, 33, 45, 57, 69 |
| Jupiter | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 8, 20, 32, 44, 56, 68 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 7, 19, 31, 43, 55, 67 | 4, 16, 28, 40, 52, 64 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 7, 19, 31, 43, 55, 67 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 |
| Venus | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 6, 18, 30, 42, 54, 66 | 6, 18, 30, 42, 54, 66 | 6, 18, 30, 42, 54, 66 | 4, 16, 28, 40, 52, 64 | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 2, 14, 26, 38, 50, 62 | 10, 22, 34, 46, 58, 70 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 |
| Saturn | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 | 8, 20, 32, 44, 56, 68 | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 4, 16, 28, 40, 52, 64 | 2, 14, 26, 48, 60, 72 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 9, 21, 33, 45, 57, 69 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 |
| Rahu (Dragon's Head) | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 | 8, 20, 32, 44, 56, 68 | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 4, 16, 28, 40, 52, 64 | 2, 14, 26, 48, 60, 72 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 9, 21, 33, 45, 57, 69 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 |

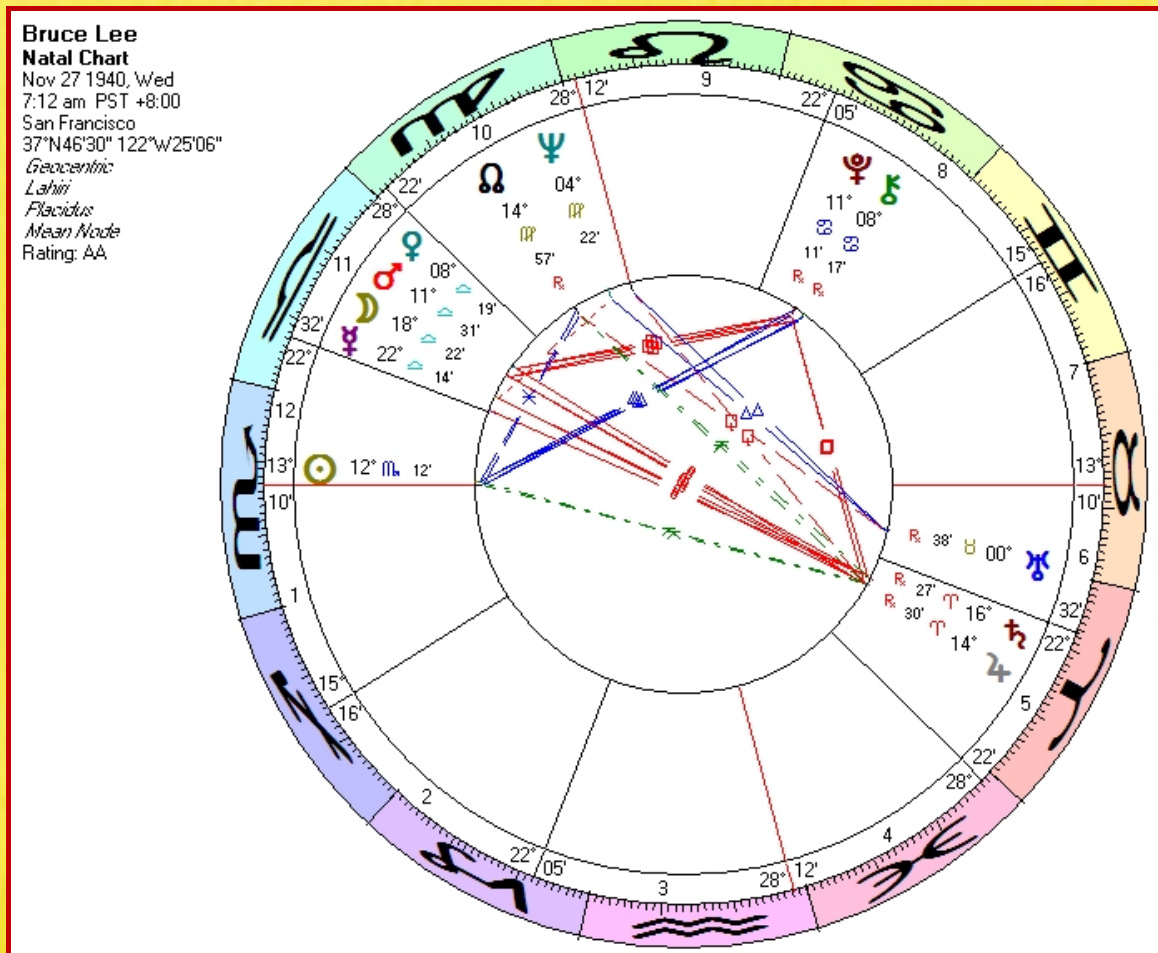
| | 1H | 2H | 3H | 4H | 5H | 6H | 7H | 8H | 9H | 10H | 11H | 12H |
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| Ketu (Dragon's Tail) | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 | 8, 20, 32, 44, 56, 68 | 5, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65 | 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 4, 16, 28, 40, 52, 64 | 2, 14, 26, 48, 60, 72 | 3, 15, 27, 39, 51, 63 | 9, 21, 33, 45, 57, 69 | 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 |

Bruce Lee

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| Ke | (Sa) (Ju) | | |
| Rasi | | SP | |
| Bruce Lee - ADB | | | |
| November 27, 1940 7:12:00 (8:00 west) 122 W 25, 37 N 46 | | | |
| Gk Md | Su As | HL Ma Mo | Me SL Ra AL |

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| Md Gk | 10 9 | HL GL | Su As | Ma Ve Me Mo | 7 6 | AL Ra SL |
| | | | 11 8 2 | 5 | | |
| Ke | 12 1 | | (Ju) | (Sa) | 3 4 | SP |

As: 13 Sc 10 Su: 12 Sc 13- PK Mo: 18 Li 22- AmK Ma: 11 Li 32- GK
 Me: 22 Li 15- AK Ju (R): 14 Ar 30- MK Ve: 8 Li 20- DK Sa (R): 16 Ar 27- BK
 Ra: 16 Vi 37- PIK Ke: 16 Pi 37 HL: 16 Sc 52 GL: 23 Sc 50

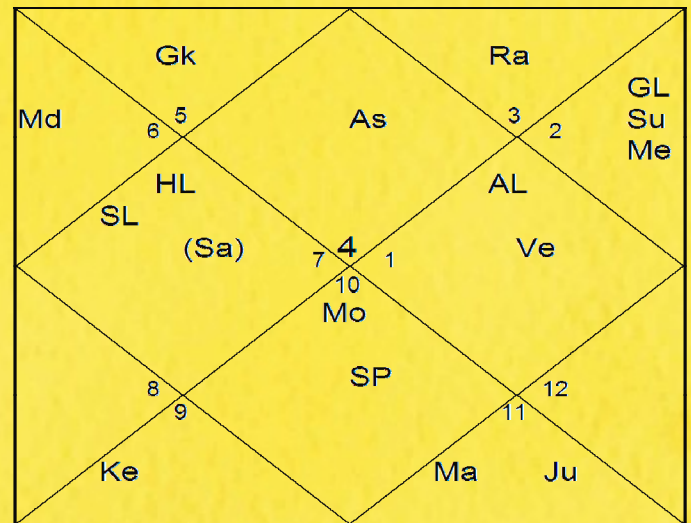


Mercury can be a hardcore malefic for Scorpio Asc by virtue of being the 8th lord of chronic problems and death – and is here in the 12H of exit. As per the given table, Mer implements itself in the

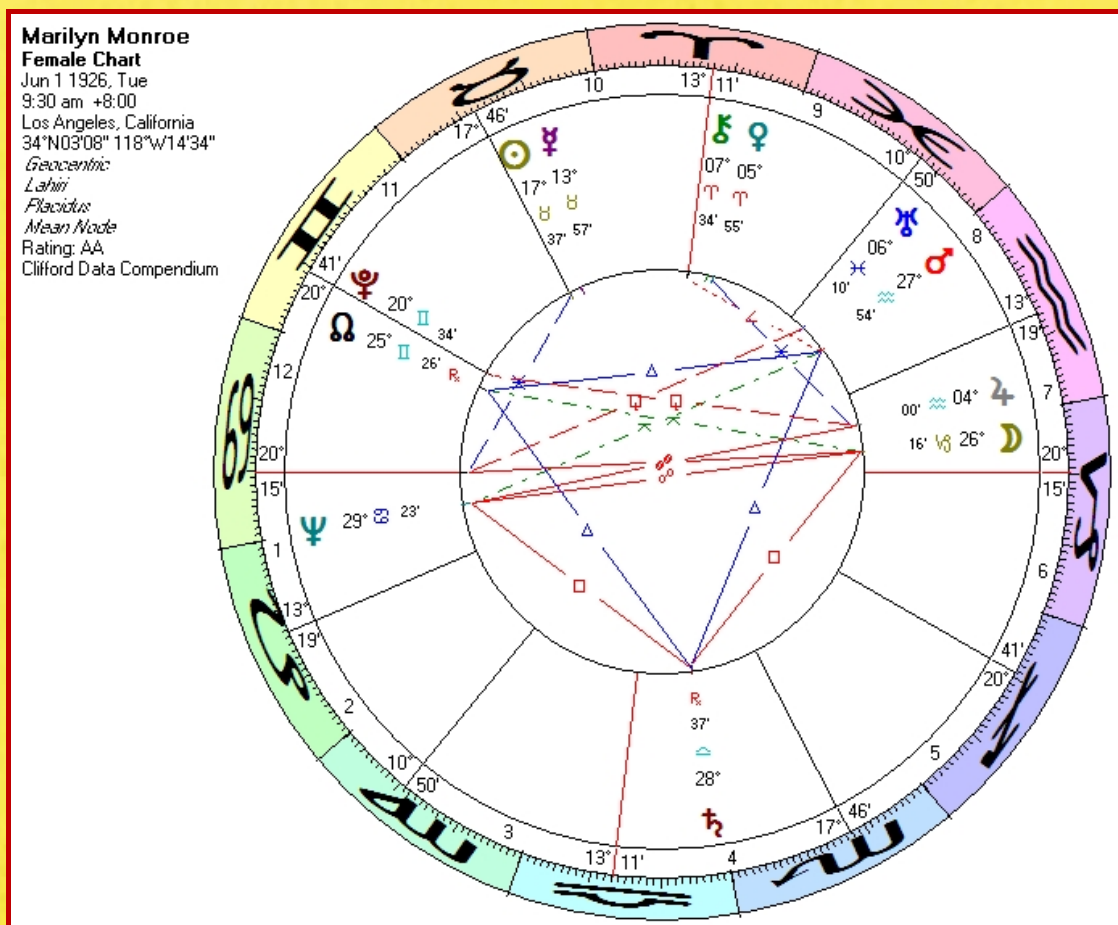
12H in the 33rd year. During his 33rd year which was from Nov 1972 to Nov 1973, on 20th July 73, he passed away exactly matching with the implementation age of Mer in the 12H.

Marilyn Monroe

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| | AL Ve | Me Su | GL | Ra |
| Ju Ma | Rasi | | | As |
| Mo SP | Marilyn Monroe (ADB) June 1, 1926 9:30:00 (8:00 west) 118 W 14, 34 N 3 | | | Gk |
| Ke | | HL (Sa) | SL | Md |



As: 20 Cn 15 Su: 17 Ta 38- MK Mo: 26 Cp 16- BK Ma: 27 Aq 55- AmK
 Me: 13 Ta 58- PIK Ju: 4 Aq 00- DK Ve: 5 Ar 56- PK Sa (R): 28 Li 37- AK
 Ra: 24 Ge 04- GK Ke: 24 Sg 04 HL: 11 Li 02 GL: 16 Ta 27

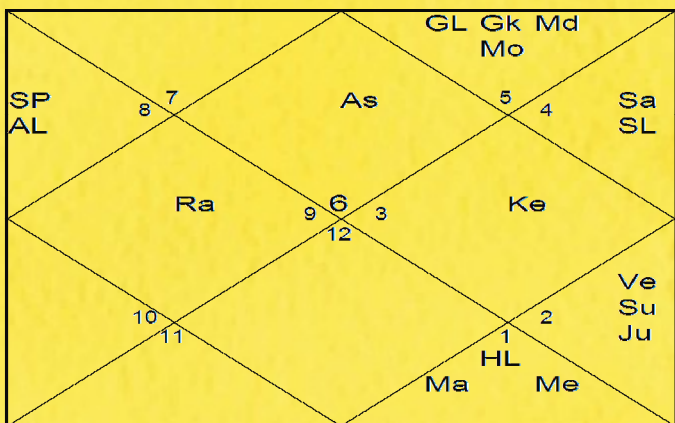


Dragon's Head (Rahu) sits in the 12H of Exit of Life and 12H of bedroom. Astrologers know that the nature of Rahu is scandal, mysterious and not to be found – till date, the reason for her death is not found satisfactory. But why is this 12H of Dragon's head so important? Readers of Saptarishis Astrology will remember one of the earlier editorials/publitorials where the 'Super Effect House' of each house has

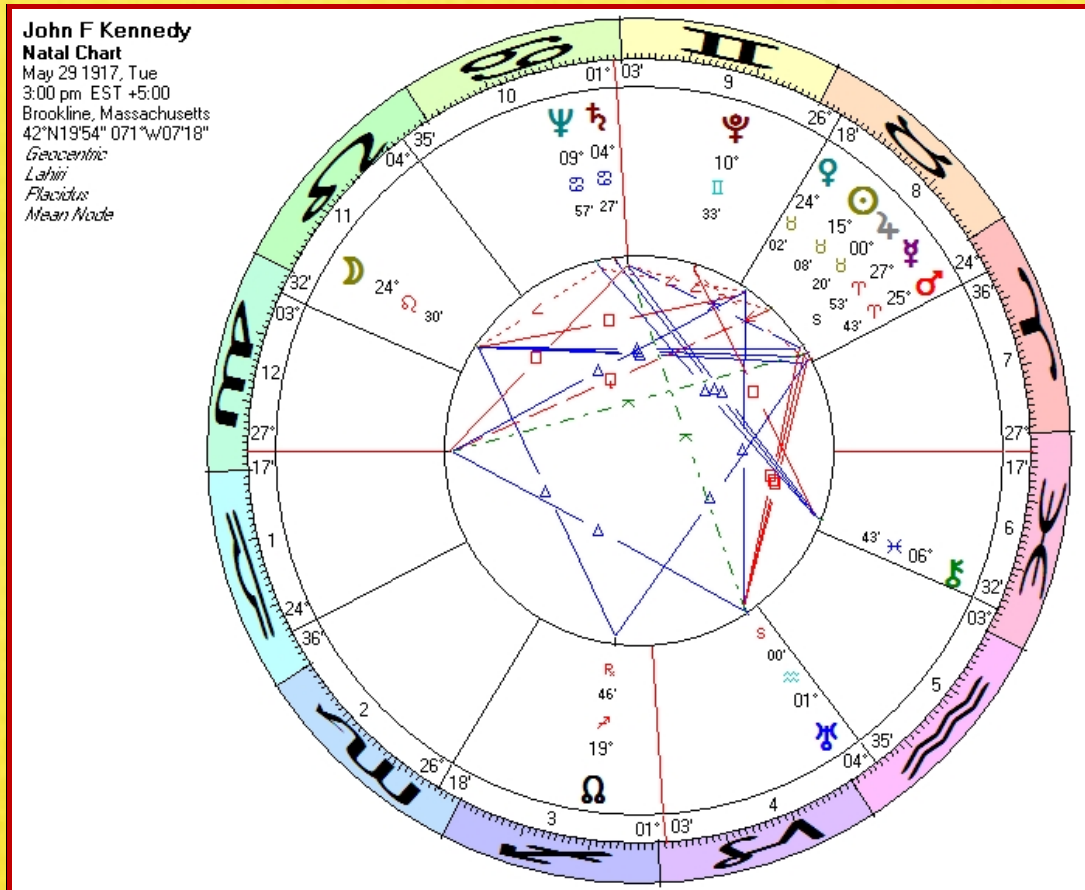
been shown; taking this chart, the 8L of death, Saturn, is sitting in the 4H of ones own home; as it is 9 places from its own house (8H), we count 9 houses from this Saturn and this brings us to the 12H making the 12H become the Super Effect House of the 8H of death and longevity. Thus Rahu sitting here in the 12H becomes more potent and doubly important. Now let us see Mr. Rajan's table: he gives 13, 25, 37, 49, 61, 73 years for this Dragon's Head in the 12H. On 5th Aug 1962, the day she died, she was in her 37th year, the year given by the Table. Her death was in her own house (Saturn in 4H) in her bedroom (Rahu in 12H), with some drugs or overdose of sleeping pills (Rahu again) and, till date, the mystery surrounding her death has not been solved.

John F. Kennedy

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| | Me Ma | HL | Ju Su | Ve | Ke |
| | Rasi | | | | SL Sa |
| | Kennedy, John F | | | | GL Mo |
| | May 29, 1917 | | | | Md |
| | 15:00:00 (5:00 west) | | | | Gk |
| | 71 W 7, 42 N 20 | | | | |
| Ra | AL | SP | | | As |



As: 27 Vi 18 Su: 15 Ta 08- PIK Mo: 24 Le 30- BK Ma: 25 Ar 44- AmK
 Me: 27 Ar 53- AK Ju: 0 Ta 21- DK Ve: 24 Ta 03- MK Sa: 4 Cn 28- GK
 Ra: 19 Sg 47- PK Ke: 19 Ge 47 HL: 8 Ar 37 GL: 14 Le 29

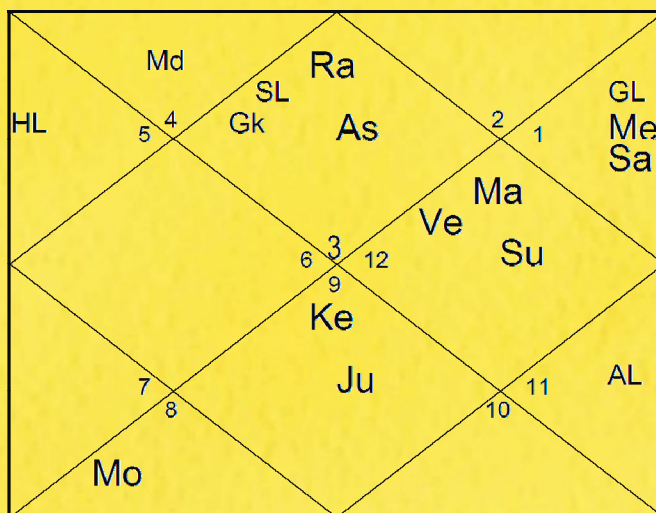


When you speak of Marilyn, you got to speak of JFK. His Sun is the 12th lord of Exit sitting with 2 planets i.e. Venus and Jupiter who, for Virgo Asc, is capable of giving death. Let us see the Sun's age

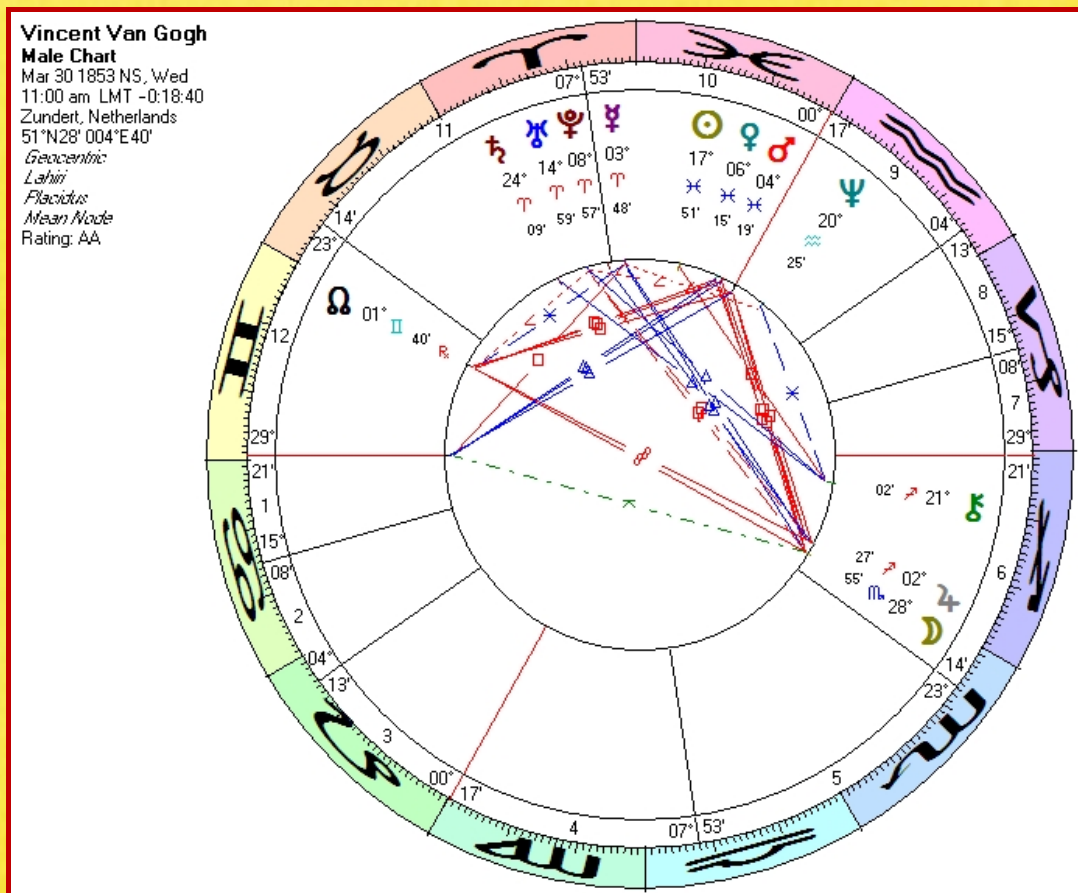
of implementation in the 9H, it is 46th year. 6 months after his 46th year, he was shot death – note 4L of assassination Jupiter is sitting with this Sun. The technique no doubt is off by 6 months but it is one of the very first techniques which gives us the age when each planet will implement in each house in a snap shot.

Vincent Van Gogh

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



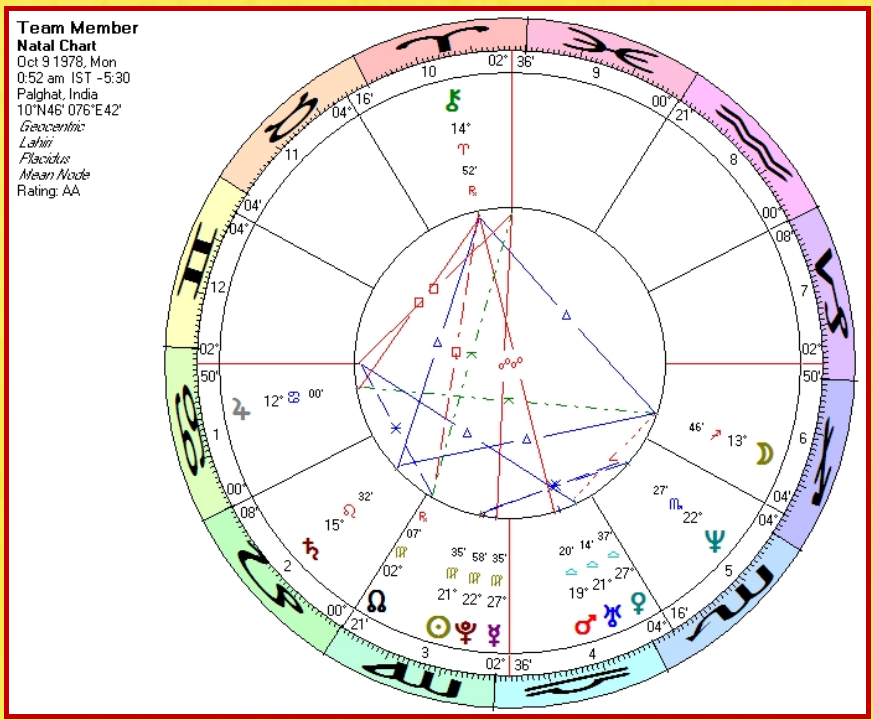
As: 29 Ge 21 Su: 17 Pi 51- MK Mo: 28 Sc 56- AK Ma: 4 Pi 20- PK
 Me: 3 Ar 48- GK Ju: 2 Sg 28- DK Ve: 6 Pi 16- PIK Sa: 24 Ar 10- BK
 Ra: 1 Ge 40- AmK Ke: 1 Sg 40 HL: 24 Le 45 GL: 20 Ar 25



His life has everything that a film maker would want: his poverty was most touching though today his paintings sell for millions. Let us repeat here: to truly understand his Karma and the role his brother played in his Karma, Indian Astrologers would have to read a fantastic piece on him by Andrew

MacDonald in this very issue titled *Starry, Starry Night* – especially the last part where Andrew uses Fixed stars and shows what Indian astrologers will always fail to see if they do not use Fixed stars astrology. He died on the 29th July 1890, in his 38th year, which would be from Mar 1890 to Mar 1891. If you see the table 39th year is activated by Mars in the 10th house. Mars for a Gemini Asc is the most malefic being the 6th lord of accidents and diseases and 11th lord of super effect of 6H. He shot himself in the chest in his 38th year which is one year before the 39th year, when Mars is supposed to implement. This shows that one surely gets the nearby year with this method. Planets always conjoin together to give results. Venus is his 12th lord of exit from the world and 5L of mentality: he was suffering from mental problems and was just discharged from a mental asylum. Venus is placed in the 10H and is giving the age of 39 (again) from the table you may observe. Dragon’s Tail (Ketu) which is placed in the 7H has been given the age 39 Ketu – shows Liberation (moksha) – guess that is what he achieved as he was not happy in this life as per his own statements. Thus 3 planets were showing grave problems at the age of 39 whereas he expired at the age of 38 which is still near; this technique is bringing you near the age giving result.

ore Team Member of Saptarishis Astrology



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| Ke | HL | Gk | Md | AL |
| Rasi | | | | Ju |
| Team Member | | | | As |
| October 9, 1978 | | | | SL |
| 0:52:00 (5:30 east) | | | | GL |
| 76 E 42, 10 N 46 | | | | Sa |
| Mo | | Ve | Ma | Me |
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| GL | Sa | Ju | AL |
| Ra | SL | As | Md |
| Su | Ve | Ma | Gk |
| Me | Ma | HL | |
| | Mo | | Ke |

As: 2 Cn 51 Su: 21 Vi 36- BK Mo: 13 Sg 47- GK Ma: 19 Li 21- MK
 Me: 27 Vi 37- AmK Ju: 12 Cn 01- DK Ve: 27 Li 38- AK Sa: 15 Le 33- PK
 Ra: 3 Vi 04 Ke: 3 Pi 04 HL: 9 Ar 11 GL: 6 Le 41

After a new technique is written, we always send it to some of the team members for their reaction. The above chart is one of the team members – this native’s father was a great astrologer from south of India. This same chart is discussed in the Prediction by Degrees technique in this volume. Anyways, we saw the chart in the new light of this technique starting from the age of Jupiter, moving to the 2H, 3H and then 4H – then it struck us that Venus is in the 4H and the age given as per the table is 18th year. Now see the significance of Venus – though it is in his own house, from the 9H of father, Venus is the 8th lord of death & 3L of death. One fine day, his father did his evening prayers and then came to the living room and said good bye to his children and wife who felt strange: why was he saying good bye? He recited a hymn for liberation (moksha) and died. These kinds of deaths are possible only to the greatest of astrologers who come to know beforehand the exact day of their death¹⁶.

Astrologers are requested to test this further and not take it at face value as the examples above, though selected with care so that they do not match to the T with the Table, could yet induce astro students to become easily and hastily impressed. Young entrants will always think non productively when, per example, they would see a Sc Asc chart and Mer placed in the 12H and the native lived beyond 33 years – they could say the chart’s owner did not die at the age of 33 – that’s when one is not taught astrology at the feet of a Guru but in forums or conferences or books. One who learns it at the feet of the ‘True & Unbiased’ Guru or one who learns keeping his heart chakra open uses techniques such as that of C. G. Rajan’s and takes it to his advantage to come nearer a year, will then use other techniques before he shoots his predictions.

6.0 The Dilemma of Energy & Astrology

Horoscope is nothing but a capsule containing the energy of one’s life exhibited by the planets in their grand coding. Our job as astrologers is to decode this and find out how the energies are playing out in one’s life. This coding is not as simple as 2 + 2 as, at a later stage, it goes beyond mathematics and statistics. One can test astrological techniques on 500 charts yet, that technique will fail on the 501th chart. The client whose chart will be the 501th will only curse us for wrong guidance – hence an experienced astrologer knows when he is reading a chart, it is his intuition or some divine voice which guides us not to predict with a technique which we have successfully tested on 500 charts. This difference, only *a real professional astrologer* knows very well who eats his bread earned out of astrology and not a theoretician or free practitioner. All of us are in the business of interpretation of these techniques (energy) as to ‘*what will happen if today I do an action, when and how will be its result*’. Some of us use horary astrology to determine this along with some traditional natal chart methods. How is energy transformed from one house to another? Let us see below.

6.1 Abuse Of Energy & Its Karma – Pirated Books/Softwares & Forums

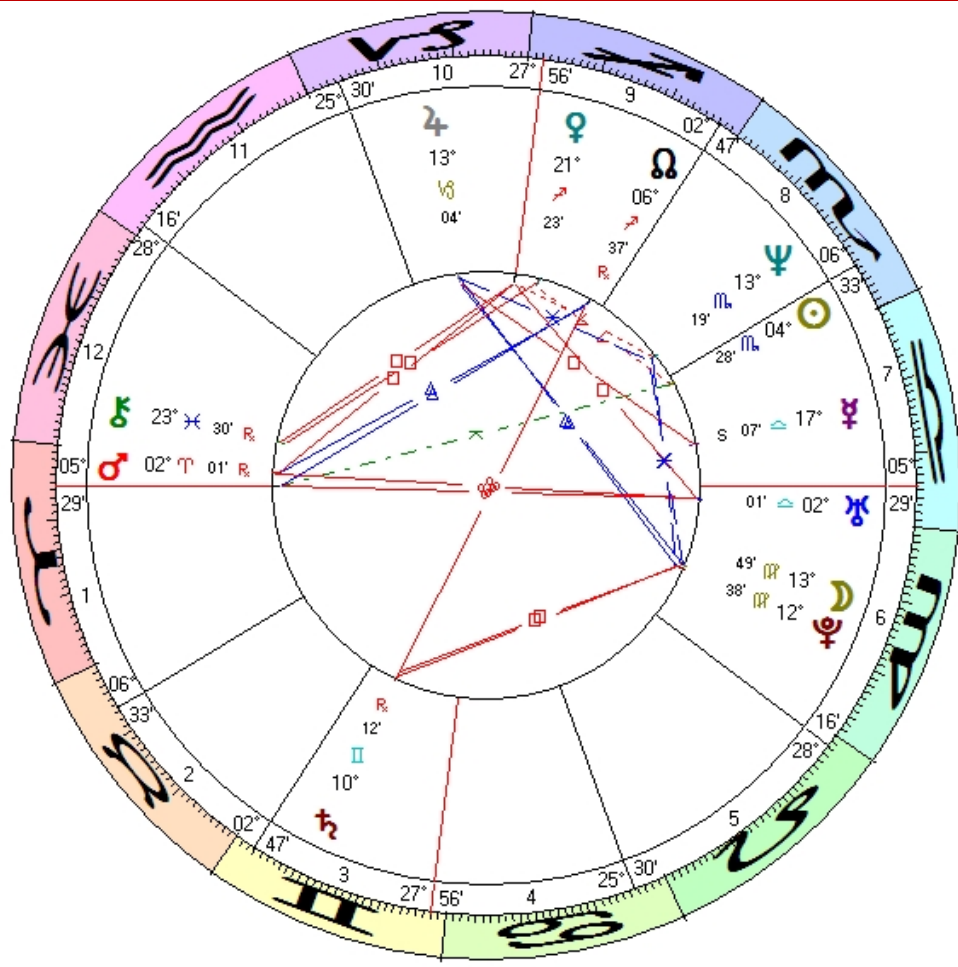
For long this question remained unanswered as to what happens to those who...

- a) Download movies/books/music/astrology software via pirated means
- b) Who fight a lot on internet forums

The answer finally came that the karma of the above bad actions is to be seen via the position and dispositor of *Dragon’s Tail (Ketu)*. Let us see this chart & few others in a brief manner.

¹⁶ Recent history speaks of the Late M. S. Sitaramiah from Delhi who predicted 2 days before his death that he would not come back from his visit to the hospital and, in spite of his operation being a success, died unknowingly and doctors were amazed. In the chart discussed above death happened on a Friday, July 19, 1996, the time was almost near to 9.10 pm, here everything was Venus, it was a Friday, the hour was of Venus (hora) and the periods was also of Venus. Vedic astrologers can check something more in periods (dasa) in his chart on the time of his death.

A.A
Male Chart
 Nov 20 1973, Tue
 4:10 pm IST -5:30
 Pune, India
 18°N32' 073°E52'
Geocentric:
Lahiri
Flacidus
Mean Node
 Rating: AA



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| | (Ma) As | | Ke (Sa) |
| Md | Rasi | | SL |
| Gk Ju AL | A.A | | HL |
| November 20, 1973 16:10:00 (5:30 east) 73 E 52, 18 N 32 | | | |
| Ra Ve | Su | GL Me | Mo |

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| | (Ma) As | | 12 11 Md |
| (Sa) Ke | 3 2 | | Gk Ju |
| | SL | 4 1 7 10 GL | |
| HL | 5 6 | Me | 9 8 Ve Ra |
| | Mo | | Su |

As: 5 Ar 30 Su: 4 Sc 29- GK Mo: 13 Vi 49- MK Ma (R): 2 Ar 01- DK
 Me: 17 Li 07- BK Ju: 13 Cp 05- PIK Ve: 21 Sg 24- AmK Sa (R): 10 Ge 12- PK
 Ra: 5 Sg 30- AK Ke: 5 Ge 30 HL: 15 Le 19 GL: 17 Li 10

You name the management book and he had it downloaded in soft copy format that he openly distributed to his friends and was thus described as the **Piracy King**. He would print it out free of charge quietly from his office printer (note nothing is free in life & for paper abuse see Earthy signs getting destroyed). He had been warned by an astrologer not to do this but he would continue doing it for many years. An astute astrologer would observe his life for few years and would wait for two things to happen a) 3H to be activated b) Saturn to be activated; it is only when these two will be activated that the promise of Dragon's Tail will be fulfilled. Now see the story: this Indian went for a 3 month project to the U.K to work for a famous financial services company. 3 months would be a short trip which is seen from the 3H, thus 3H was activated. An old American astrologer (Saturn) travelled with his wife (Venus) to the U.K to be in an astrological conference where this native would help him with computer

(Dragon's Tail - Ketu) related PowerPoint presentation. Thus, Saturn and Ketu were activated. During these 5 days, the native was also downloading something on the net in his office in that UK based Finance Company. He was caught, an inquiry committee was put in place and he was deported back to India with disgrace (result would be 7th from it - Dragon's Head - Rahu - scandal). Thus you can see all the circumstances present in the horoscope had to be satisfied, short travel (3H), old man (Saturn) with his wife (Venus), both travelled to UK (3H) and bang on (!) the promised event materialized with Transit Saturn in Virgo aspecting via the 10th aspect to his 3H of hands.

Dragon's Tail (Ketu) has been described in Vedic Mythology as the thief who got caught

♃ was given punishment by the Gods.

The result of a planet like Dragon's Tail (Ketu) has to be seen in many ways - few can be enumerated here: a) Where he is placed b) his 3 aspects which would be 5th, 7th and 9th from where he is placed & c) where the dispositor of Ketu is placed. In the above chart, the dispositor is Mercury who is placed in the 7H of Limelight (Disgrace here) in career being 10th from 10th and a secondary house for career.

This way of seeing Karma results of stealing something related to knowledge, piracy products, pirated softwares etc. has been observed in many charts. Dragon's Tail is the significator of math, computers and I.T and you can see it is in the 7H of Limelight which is where India has shined so far in recent decades. Dragon's Tail is also the significator of fights and when one fights a lot on internet forums, then one becomes like Ketu: a headless creature with only a tail - that is the reason one often finds that the fights in forums are just so out of the mind (without using one's head). In one chart where Sun Ketu in the 3H has its dispositor, Venus, in the 8H of darkness and Venus is the 10th lord of career, we observed that this native with Sun Ketu in the 3H would fight a lot on forums and after 7 years, his career came to a standstill for 4 years inspite of being in top positions in the corporate world. In another chart where Dragon's Tail is in the 7H, the native spent a lot of time arguing and insulting people in astrological forums - his Ketu's dispositor occupies the 10H of career - in spite of very high degrees, his career has not taken off at all since 5 years. Another native with Dragon's Tail in the 10H spent years downloading movies in torrent, made his friends do this and gathered pirated books: his career is at a standstill since 4 years and, in spite of doing all the remedial measures of Indian astrology - including sitting daily for 3 hours chanting mantra, he has not been able to get a job. Another native with Dragons Tail & Venus in the 11H did not get a job for 2.5 years, he was asked if he downloads movies, he said yes, he was asked to stop it and within few months he got job in a newspaper daily.

Bottom line, over a period of 6 years we have observed the atrocities committed in the name of astrology in Indian Forums and the charts and lives of :-

- a) *Those addicted to forums.*
- b) *Those who fight in forums in the name of knowledge whereas not even 2-3 % of astrological knowledge is known to Indian astrologers as that knowledge have never come out¹⁷.*
- c) *Those who use fake email ids¹⁸ to display their predictive abilities by posing quizzes and then replying to them via their original ids.*

¹⁷ One of our writers from America described Indian Internet Forums as the 'Blind leading the Blind'.

¹⁸ Many moderators & prominent writers in forums have confessed -privately- to using fake email ids... and some of them who are very close to Shri K.N. Rao have been publicly caught in recent times, in forums, without thinking that their teacher's name would get spoiled - such is the lust for daily 15 minutes of fame in astrology. Alas, the '**Last Book Of Astrology**' is crystal clear that '*Only the Astrologer who has lost interest in lust driven emotion of creating name for himself in astrology can truly understand what the planets are doing in a chart. When you become a recluse (8H) you get into that darkness (8H is the house of darkness) of the cave of astrology that each Sage passed through, then one day the result (10th from it is always the result) will be the real light (Sun as it is the 5H of natural zodiac & 10th from 8H) of this science ♃ the cause of creation (5H - Sun is the cause of creation as per ancient text BPHS). That hard work (6th house is the hard work) will result in Supreme Astrological Knowledge and elevation of Soul to understanding God's creation (6th from 8H will be the 1H of Aries where Sun gets exalted; Sun is also the significator of the Soul. Also, the 1H of self would be the 5H of creation from 9H of Gods - we*

Our observation was in these charts where Dragon's Tail (Ketu) is sitting – that house and the 5, 7, 9 houses it aspects or the house of Ketu's dispositor – either of these is spoilt and destroyed. Most writers on Indian forums are a result of the Bollywood syndrome of wanting gossip or spice (massala) in their lives or name & fame or to gather *naïve* clients, without realizing that after 2-3 years in astrology, every student realizes that anyone who is posting **so much** in forums belongs to the breed of '*Time Pass Hobbyists Posing as Professionals*' who have the following points in common:-

- a) *The astrologer does not have any clients as he is having enough time to post in forums*
- b) *Discussing the same topic endlessly or engaging in 'you scratch my back I scratch yours' are done by only those astrologers who are not interested in studying real astrology or immersing themselves in classics or contributing something significant to astrology – but more interested in being seen as alive or lustful or perverted about fame.*
- c) *Most Indian forums are by moderators who are not spreading astrology but spreading their names or wanting to occupy position of seats (moderators are under illusions and create illusions of power around them).*

One must understand energy with the help of foreigners to whom every minute is utilized in making life productive. Out of the 10,000 westerners who are in Vedic astrology, only 30 of them can be regularly found in Vedic astrology Indian forums – the rest do not waste time in forums but take classes and dig deeper into books, they are more responsible towards their clients *unless they are students*.

6.2 Old Vs New Energy

This deserves a lot of space to be explained but let's touch it briefly. Planets which determine our nature, fate and the events of our life are as detailed '*as details can be*' and they also give us some free will to play around *which is seen in the natal chart itself*. The biggest challenge faced by today's students is to read ancient texts, note down the combinations given by sages or ancient masters and then feel despondent that the combinations given are not working. Some of us like *double dichotomy* a lot and we are often found to say in different breaths 'ohh what the sages/ancient masters have said do not go wrong' and in another breath that same astrologer will say 'ohh even the formulas, combinations given by sages do not work in real practice'. A student who grows up hearing this first feels frustrated by this double dichotomous statement but, as he has not found the answer to this, by the time he has become old, he himself repeats this strangely. Thus, generations after generations make use of these thoughts and pass them on. What must be understood clearly is how to see the Energy of the Planets: these planets are NOT STATIONARY.

Imagine if you are doing an exercise to increase the biceps of your arms... After 10,000 years of moving your arms (rotation or revolution), you would '*Change*' eventually. Thus if a planet is giving you a simple vehicle in 500 A.D, it would give a more detailed vehicle now as it has had movement for the past several hundred years. Take it this way: Planets also get bored hence, they must keep on creating something new '*Within their abilities & Parameters*'. The Energy shift can be understood in a more direct manner: Sun is the King of the Planetary Cabinet and was, in olden days, referred to as signifier for the '*Actual King*' of a Kingdom. But now, in the 1900s, the Energies have had a major *major change* and *Acceleration* – it is no longer Sun which makes you the King but the planet Saturn which governs the masses (votes) & makes you the King. Another way to understand energy is since the time humans have lived on earth, the King was rarely questioned but now, in the New Energy, such Kings are questioned and toppled. It is difficult to understand the rules of our ancient texts if one is not in '*Tune With The Planets*'. As one gets tuned, one may not have heard or read about the 11:11 spiritual event or the Harmonic Convergence (Aug 1987) that deals with the shifting of the energies and preparing the earth for the new energy – work which would be completed by 2012 in the first step and

humans are the creation of God). Here the word recluse needs to be interpreted in the context of avoiding too much communication which becomes addictive and that's the reason the Yogi has said (quoted in previous writings) that '*to really learn astrology: avoid astrologers*'. Some have tested this statement and tasted some phenomenal success much more than some of the famous names of the past.

next in 2025. Reading about such metaphysical topics or new age spirituality is not necessary to modern astrologers; what is important however is to be in tune with the Energies. What is important to understand is that for centuries, this knowledge was strictly limited to only one sect in India while now it is available to everyone thanks to one man who led a revolution in 1936. How could the Gods allow this to happen and, more importantly, to continue? Has the energy not shifted now, when this was just not possible for the last 3-5000 years in India? Today the internet is the biggest answer to anyone who thought energy (knowledge) could be hidden. The internet brought in the era where there was an explosion of energy and melting of the barriers of energy exchange.

6.3 Harsh Reality Of Energy & The Parable by the Nameless Master

What follows below is a parable, one of many to come, by the Nameless Master whom we have found to be the finest of humans – who has the spirit of Astrology rightly ingrained in him. Here goes his parable:

Once upon a time not so long ago, there was a brilliant astrologer who taught this science to a student named X. It so happens that X's teacher did not easily share secrets and, most of the times, played the game of the tradition '*serve me more like a slave and I will share more*'. X went on to become very frustrated as a student although he was a very noble soul and often wept in his car that his intentions were noble so, why would his teacher act like this and never give the '*master key*' of a topic? X was taught that topic but not the '*master key*' which would be taught to foreigners instantly (!) Being of a simple mind, X could not grasp this and would remain hurt. Later on, X became a very competent doctor and a surgeon and, just as fate would have it, the teacher's son went on to do a medical college education. Once in a while, X would lecture on his specialty pertaining to the intricacies of heart surgery in the college where the teacher's son would study. After 18 years, X was called in for a special case of emergency at 2 a.m by the Home Minister's secretary, case that he had to operate on as this case was dear to the home minister. X had by now become a prominent figure internationally on his research in medicines related to his specialization apart from being a reputed surgeon, and had the luxury to refuse any case since at any moment in time, he always had 3-4 hospitals abroad wanting him to join them. He refused as it was an odd hour and his mother was sick; but when the secretary mentioned the name of the patient, he agreed instantly much to the astonishment of the secretary. The operation went on well & after a few days, he heard once while passing by the hospital room someone saying '*the surgeon was very arrogant and refused flatly to operate upon but due to the Home Minister's pressure, the chief surgeon operated and that too free of cost – this is the power and greatness of my astrology knowledge*'. X entered the room where the patient was sitting who happened to be none other than his old astrology teacher. He asked everyone to vacate the room and told his teacher: I am your old student to whom you refused to teach the real knowledge – but you should note that I did not refuse to operate upon you due to my arrogance, but since it was very late and my mother was sick. Even when the pressure from the Home Minister came, I refused and only agreed to do so since your name was mentioned. I bow to you but you mentioned the power of your knowledge compelled me to do the operation, which is wrong. You all, in the astrological community, always feel as if your knowledge is the most superior and the most divine knowledge and sharing of it can lead to some great misuse. You all can't even change your luck or the destiny of your children. Unfortunately, it is one blind man leading the others for the last few centuries. It is the knowledge of medicine which has saved your life and not of your astrology. It has happened since someone, somewhere, decided to share their knowledge of medicine and medical equipments which lead to your life being saved – note the word sharing. Yes, this sharing comes at a price but is nobler than the sharing of knowledge that you all do. Can you imagine if someone who shared this medical knowledge decided to share only 80% what would happen to you and millions of others on the operating table? Yet most of the great ones among you claim privately after writing a book/article that you kept the master key to yourself. That is to only soothe your ego whereas ego never finds an iota of space with God's love, only forgiveness and unconditional love. Today the biggest abuse of energy has happened because of you all in spite of you all reciting mantras daily for hours you all have not understood God's new energy release. If your mantras were truly effective then every astrologer would become a servant of society (God). The maximum corruption happens when half baked hidden energy is with someone. Energy is thus created which blocks the real energy to come out. Thus millions of you all in the last few centuries have created this negative energy which blocks the pure love of God to come out in the open. Fighting this energy is tough for even the noble of astrologers and they succumb to the negative side of the dark energy created by you all since centuries. Yes I do agree that the knowledge of mantras should not be revealed to everyone yet I find that the most corrupt of you all have the highest knowledge of mantras attained through

pleasing someone. In our profession, you might find crooks but the numbers of noble ones are 10,000 times more than the numbers of noble souls in astrology and yes, there are bad elements as is the case in any profession. But then, we who save lives are never in any illusion that we are Gods unlike astrologers, our egos are far lesser than you astrologers. I could save your life since I decided to share my own fundamental research in bi-pass surgery on you and thus saved your life – whereas all your life, you were more concerned how not to share your knowledge under the name of tradition and quoting verses of sages of how not to share the knowledge. How do we know that the verses of the sages were not altered by humans like you in the past? The sage of yesteryears would never teach astrology to even 1 % of today's astrologers whose ego is greater than even the Gods. When a medicine or a surgical procedure is patented by only one person/company, the world suffers as it is at the risk of abuse; but when it is shared worldwide and openly, then someone, somewhere, can be benefited without the creator of that technique/medicine being credited. We here, in the medical fraternity, know this and some of us do not even remember who created the medicine to eradicate Polio but it has helped millions whereas your techniques have not helped even 1 % of the population. It is for these reasons that God has made allopathy that I practice more widespread than any other ancient system of healing – since he probably got tired with the egos/superiority complex of the ancients of any ancient system of healing. My knowledge has no distinction, Sir, I treat all castes and people from different economic backgrounds the same way. Whereas your eyes used to glint when politicians and rich people would consult you, my knife moves in the same manner whosoever is on the table? Yes, you would ask me, I do charge money for my services but so do you – but your fees change when you see a rich client whereas my fees is the same whether it is a rich or a poor man. It seems I have understood energy and its use or abuse much more than you have in spite of your spending years on it in the footsteps of your own family lineage that has spent thousands of years on it. Please go back to your house in good health, knowing that I do not have any resentment towards you. What you did not teach, I learnt it on my own without any malice towards you; but you, astrologers of India, must know that you all think you could change the fortunes of your clients, saving their lives by your advice or remedies but I do that every 3 hours. You are trying to decode God's plan in a horoscope but your egos only show that you all are farthest from God – may this be remembered.

When intricate knowledge is made open to public then not just one, but many, have access to it and the originator of that technique can no longer hold others to ransom. Knowledge is abused by the greedy minded personality knowing that only he has that knowledge and thus, he can take advantage of it. But when that formula is known to many, very few will be able to take advantage as everyone has that knowledge and this is a Universal Formula – this was not present in olden days of limited communication but now the Energy has changed since an article (technique) created in a small village of India can reach all over the globe via the internet, the new energy platform of God. Vedic astrologers who focus so much on hiding techniques can notice that an ancient text which is their Bible of Astrology today, by the name of BPHS was not easily available before 100 years, today its easily available so has not the energy changed?

6.4 Abuse Of Energy & Accusation towards Saptarishis Astrology Magazine

More so in the last 100 years of common man astrologers, two distinct astrologers groups were created: a) who charge money for their consultation and b) who do not charge money. As this science was controlled by only one sect of people, within themselves they did not want someone to learn of their secrets as it would deprive them of their superiority and money. When Saptarishis Astrology was launched, it was launched as a astro business venture. Unfortunately, that part has failed to start even though the first editorial mentioned it as a free magazine. Energy is never appreciated when it comes free hence, the master who gave Reiki Healing in its modern form to the world insisted, after he learnt the lesson, that energy exchange must happen. This has not happened with Saptarishis Astrology and many have given us advice out of good heart, and some out of jealousy, to stop the magazine as a free edition so that popularity is decreased. Some have said it out of compassion and made us understand the intricate nature of energy and that giving out rare never before seen content without energy exchange from the community is amounting to abuse of energy and increasing the thankless attitude of the reader who belongs to what is generally termed for astrologers in this continent as a '**Bunch of Thankless People**'. Incidentally, the energy exchange is present by 0.1 % of the astrological fraternity coming forward to engage as editors, volunteers and translators for the magazine. We were also taught via mail of some readers that when one has a skill, he can decide to give

it out free as he is not spending any money – example given was that if one is a computer programmer, he can decide to give 10 % of his time every month to creating a free astrological software which is an extremely noble act but still does not require him to spend some precious money out of his pocket for astrology's growth even though he is earning in dollars, this the Indigo Children will ask in the future, make no mistake of it. But a magazine requires huge amounts of funds for administrative works, for buying and removing out manuscripts, for travelling to remote places to seek out hidden masters, making national-international calls, etc. Let's take an example: in order to travel to meet one master by the name of Madura Krishnamurthy Sastry in South India (Andhra Pradesh), one had to shell out roughly \$ 850 (Rs 40,000) – to get masters out from Banaras, some \$1270 (Rs 60,000) as travelling expenses & yet no results. Thus knowledge is not removed out and austerity drive on flight tickets expenses.

Some readers in the past have taken these contacts of ours and spoilt relations with them – as a result of this, masters do not write articles for the magazine and the loss is to the astrological community only since we here at Saptarishis Astrology are not interested in practising astrology privately or professionally. Hence, we request you not to ask us for phone numbers or addresses of authors as we just do not have the time to reply to each request on a daily basis even though we may have done so in the past. Removing their knowledge for the world is more important than one individual who goes and meets a master for his own personal benefit and not for the astrological communities benefit. Most authors are available on the net; you can do a Google search for their ids. Westerners must understand that Laws are reversed in India as compared to the west – anyone who is a good astrologer is known 'openly' in the west whereas in India, the real good astrologers do not advertise or write books or attend conferences – hence finding them is a process that takes years as they try their level best to hide in their own reclusive state of life. After years of hard work and energy spent, if young kids come and display bad manners to them, they get upset; the loss to the astrological world is irreparable as these masters will never come out. Energy exchange can probably be implemented this way: for anyone who wants contacts with some master, he or she should first bring out 3 masters from his city or village – only when that is done can he/she get the contacts of other masters through us.

Some of the senior most astrologers have accused Saptarishis Astrology of few things:

- a) Sharing rare and unknown secrets of astrology (*Indians do not like to share knowledge whereas westerns love to share it – at a price though – but still sharing happens at least by westerners which helps the common man at large*)
- b) The magazine length is too huge
- c) Some “I, Me, Myself” minds have accused few articles of being less researched

This can be answered in one way. Saturn, the planet of patience is an attribute every professional astrologer loves since Saturn teaches us the patience in working hard over a horoscope, digging deep into ancient literature (Saturn loves old things); plus, a non afflicted Saturn is not greedy though he ask for energy exchange in a pure sense. When you create a huge volume of magazine which is not a magazine but a movement, then you ensure that the ones who do not have patience in life, who can only see themselves in the mirror and not others, who only think they have done research in astrology and who do not have the patience to listen to other's views will never get past the few pages of the magazine – thus rare knowledge which is not in their fate will not reach them. Thus knowledge to the greedy and selfish will never reach them as they do not have the patience to go through the huge volume. When we started the 1st issue of the magazine with 96 pages we felt in control but we asked the Universe to take control of the magazine and the result was nearly 1000 pages, guess the Universe has its own way of dealing with energy being used by the right hands. Yet the words of some seniors on controlling the length of the magazine must be taken into account, one can only digest the food what one can and not digest 10 times of one's capacity. Hence we would seriously consider shortening the length of the magazine and also do some deep thinking on energy exchange, the issue of which remains unresolved for centuries in India and no fixed authority to guide us.

I, Me, Myself astrologers must first test the words of the sages or ancients and see how many of these techniques given by the sages are working 100 %. As it does not work 100 % ever do they dare

abuse the sages? Then, they must question as to how many fully researched articles they themselves have produced... They remain unaware that any technique can be proven wrong on exception charts since they are living in their own world, surrounded by those who worship them for some position in their organization. Indigo Children of the future will challenge us openly to take 5 names of the topmost astrologers of the past and to instantly remember their 5 famous techniques which are 100 % fool proof. At that time, all of us will not be able to answer these superior beings of Indigo Children. This publisher has tried this exercise on many astrologers of India and asked them to rattle the top 5 names of past astrologers and then asked them to quote 5 of their famous techniques which have been true contributions to astrology – unfortunately, not a single one has been able to name even 2 of the techniques of the past astrologers... Such is the thankless community who is poorly read and has the poorest of memories to even contribute garlands of praise to our ancients & elders.

Astrology is a science that benefits the common man and it is to be learnt not for oneself but to help the common man. If this is understood, then you become a surgeon with a scientific mind who will not enter the operation theatre unless he has read and practiced his science, as much as possible, knowing that he can never operate upon himself. If journals in the past have created a story telling book or a coffee table book out of the science of astrology, it is their mission and we do not have comments on it. Our own mission is not to create a coffee table book of 50-100 pages since this journal is for the serious reader who is 'Hungry' for knowledge, who is ready to let go of eating food for the sake of knowledge, who is ready to burn the midnight oil since he has an important goal in mind and the only goal: to help the common man. If his goal is to create money, get to important positions in astrological organizations to create fame for oneself, to create throne for oneself and, please, do not bother to read Saptarishis Astrology or comment upon it, asking for reduction of size. Recently, one of the oldest manuscripts written by a Sage containing 60,000 verses was unearthed. In a discussion where it was brought about, someone complained 'ohhh my! who is going to read such a huge work!' The other old man in the room asked that boy to commit suicide and not touch astrology in any life time. True Indians worship this science since centuries and regard it as holy as holy can be. The organisations in India & abroad have failed in one respect: after you get the certificate of passing their courses, they consider you can now practice the science professionally. These courses are of 6 months to 5 years. The worst part is that every member sitting in the top position of that organization knows that 25-30 years of reading and experience is required before one ventures into professional consultation services – yet all of these organisations have failed in even preaching this aspect, let alone enforcing it. Organisations of Vedic Astrology must ensure that blind chart readings on at least 20,000 horoscopes & compulsory reading cum tests on minimum 100 classics should be made mandatory before they give certificate of completion of studies – this was the original schooling in our ancient days, how have the organisations not realised this truth.

Another important point in the length of the magazine issue is, no one is putting a gun on any readers head and asking him to read it in one go. Some even say to slow down due to health reasons. Sometimes the energy is in the hands of the makers and sometimes it is not – even if the magazine closes down due to weakening finances, it does not matter since what has been created is a creation of love & most important, that of un-withholding energy that Indian astrologers fail to understand. What we have has been given out without conditional love. It is not important to survive in the publishing industry for 20 or 60 years... It is significant to note that filmmakers understand creation more than us in the astrological fraternity. Let's take an example that even common man understands and assume you are a film maker growing up. You are taught from day one & understand that you have to create only 'One' *Casablanca* or just One *Bridges of Madison County* or just One *A World Without Thieves* or just One *3 Idiots* or One *Lage Raho Munnabhai* (principles based on Gandhiji) or write that One *Harry Porter* or maybe your final destination is that Italian film *Life Is Beautiful* that changes human emotions forever.

Energy in Astrology is controlled largely by the planet Dragons Head (Rahu), a point often missed by astrologers, especially the Energy of Research and Stunning Predictions. Our topic is this research and the illusion created by Dragons Head (Rahu) for those who are into research astrology. A magazine is known for its researches and its rare content. It is fashionable to say that 'I have done the

maximum researches' or 'our school or magazine has brought out the maximum researches'. This illusion is created by Rahu who gives the illusion of sitting on the Throne of Astrology. Lets visit probably the oldest city in the world which is Banaras, where astrology is far superior and hidden and in olden days anyone who had to learn astrology had to learn it from Banaras, here the astrologers know that their knowledge in astrology is far beyond and they say '*Research is only done when you do not know astrology; the ones who know astrology never bother to do research*'. Such is their blatant dislike for the outside world; at the same time true honest scientific thinking is needed is what they say. They say that no dictum of astrology can ever work on 100 % of the charts ever; in the cities some say every major dictum works on 60% of the charts – that would comprise, say a lot of 200 charts – which means the dictum is working on 120 charts properly. Now, if you take only or only have in hand the lot of the working 120 charts, then if you test your own dictum on all of them, you would feel as if the dictum is working on 100 % of the charts. If you take the remaining 80 charts where the dictum did not work and test the principle again you find that the dictum is failing 100 %. This is the illusion and double dichotomy of Research in Astrology. In astrology statistical parameters more often than not have been found to be grossly misleading, this any sincere, scientific and level headed astrologer will tell you. But generations of modern astrologers in India have got lost to this illusion, often the most brilliant of minds. The principles of astrology or medicine have to be true for 'all' humans and there can be no 99% in any technique if one looks at the science honestly & with purity. Example if acid is poured on your body, it will burn your body; it will burn 100% of the times it is poured and on all humans, no 60 or 70 % of the times, this is True & Honest Observation (Research). Thus no technique can be working in 60-70 % of horoscopes and passed off as research. If it is passed off as research then one is only fooling oneself apart from fooling (cheating) others. Take any article (even written by us) or book you would find 25 to 200 case studies, now take that same technique and see if it is working on 200 charts you might get that it is working on 70% of the charts or say 100 % of the charts but take that same technique and predict on 200 charts and you would fail in 70-90 % of the charts. This reality is the harshest truth and remains an illusion due to the nature of one's mind. Hence a wise old man has said few things on modern attitude:-

- 1) Statistical Astrology has done the biggest & crudest rape of astrology in last 100 years
- 2) Scientific minds in the last 100 years have been truly unscientific and created the biggest mess in astrology instead of bringing true scientific attitude in the subject.
- 3) Modern minds have failed to minutely read the available works of the sages where the sages or higher authorities themselves contradict the works of previous sages, without mocking the other authorities an attribute not found in the modern teachers of today.

On an ending note for this 2nd Anniversary, readers are requested to dig deeper into the most unfortunate star called Algol or Medusa's Head, understand how its negative destructive energy can be converted into positive in our charts, and then think of what the most holy book of India, the Gita, teaches in return. Someone very senior in astrology and a spiritual being told us '*To understand Astrology & Gita, Algol's deeper understanding is a must which Indian astrologers have missed*'... Our next few months would be spent trying to understand how the astrologer's words contain truth and if some bigger truth is hidden in those statements.



Saptarishis Astrology's 2nd Annual Free Yagya

ॐ नमः परदेवतायै :

आपदि किं करणीयं ? स्मरणीयं चरणयुगळमम्बायाः ॥

तत्स्मरणं किं कुरुते ? ब्रह्मादीनपि किंकरी कुरुते ॥

Saptarishis Astrology's Yagya: For those who are suffering from job loss or are in dire financial circumstances.

Cost: Will be done free for everyone irrespective of caste, creed & nationality in Kerala, India by SA Team Member, Mr Shastry.

Period: On 28th of August, 2010 it is proposed to conduct a **Sri Chakra Navavarana Pooja** with **Mahaganapathy Pooja** and with **Chathuraavarthi tharpana**.

Benefits: All round spiritual and material benefits are accrued through this pooja but this pooja is a great tool in realizing the self. Even though issues regarding Job/career and financial struggles **are the problems many persons face now**, you may send your problem whatever it may be.

Sri Chakra: The Sri Chakra or Shri Yantra is a yantra formed by nine interlocking triangles that surround and radiate out from the bindu point, the junction point between the physical universe and its unmanifest source. It represents Sri Lakshmi, the goddess of abundance on all levels, in abstract geometric form. It also represents Tripura Sundari, "the beauty of the three worlds." Four of the triangles points upwards, representing Shiva or the Masculine. Five of these triangles point downwards, representing Shakti or the Feminine. Thus the Sri Yantra also represents the union of Masculine and Feminine Divine. Because it is composed of nine triangles, it is known as the Navayoni Chakra. Devi Durga is considered as one of the deities present in Sri Chakra.



During the pooja days, those who are initiated can meditate on Goddess using moola mantra and those who are non-initiated can meditate on Goddess or can recite Lalita Sahasranama and various stotras available on the net.

Mahaganapathi ChathurAvarthi tharpana is a ritual of offering of oblations to the yantra/sona badra sila (a stone worshipped as ganapathy like salagrama as Vishnu) while reciting each letters in Ganapathi's moola mantra. This ritual will be preceded by Mahaganapathy homa in the morning of 28th August, 2010. The statement "There is nothing which cannot be accrued by Chathuravarthi tarpana" is enough to understand the powers of this mantra, the main stress is on spiritual benefits.

In the mahasankalpa for the Srichakra pooja/Chaturavarthi tharpana, each and all persons' names and purpose of pooja will be recited and it is earnestly wished that the problems be melted away with the grace of the Goddess.

After these poojas, it is also proposed to start a **108- times Devi Mahatmya parayana** throughout the month of Simha and in such a way, to get the conclusion of puja coinciding with the Durga parameswari pooja during the Navaratri of Kanya masa.

During the parayana days, those who are initiated into Chandi Saptasati can recite it. Those, who are interested, can recite Durga Saptashloki which is equally beneficial. Also, Apadonmoola Sree Durga Stotra, a condensed form of Durga Saptasati, is beneficial. All these stotras will soon be uploaded on our website.

Those who wish to be included in sankalpa may send the details as follows to pooja@saptarishisastrology.com :-

1. Full Name:
2. Nakshatra / Birth star:
3. Purpose :
4. Gothra:
5. Name of father and mother (optional)
6. Complete Birth Details: (if possible, send JHD file or Parashara's Light or Kala)

Remuneration: It is free for everyone but if one wishes, then on the days of the pooja he/she should help someone with his heart and try to remove that person's suffering in whatever extent possible without expecting that, due to this act of kindness, God will help you.

Kind Request

Last year some mails were received which exhibited a '**thankless attitude towards humans and Mother**' and lack of manners, such mails will be only replied to as rejected. One cannot accept the sin of a thankless devotee of humanity.

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Fixed Stars

Interview with Diana K. Rosenberg

By
Edith Hathaway, USA

Rob Hand calls **Diana K. Rosenberg** “the leading authority on Fixed Stars.” She has spent the past 30 years researching the subject of Fixed Stars. Her primary interest has always been research and teaching, rather than the consulting side of astrology. Her preferred astrological techniques outside of the realm of Fixed Stars include Uranian Astrology (90 Degree Dial, Planetary Pictures, etc.), Derived Houses, Planetary Nodes, and Solstice Points.



Diana has been a resident of New York City her entire life, while my residence in NYC spanned only 7 years, and I moved westwards in the USA in Feb. 1983. Our paths first crossed in 1982 when I was a student in Diana’s Uranian Astrology classes in Manhattan, NY. From 1988 to the early 1990s I made a gradual shift from Uranian (tropical) to Vedic (sidereal) astrology, a subject Diana always intended to study, but Fixed Stars came to take up all of her time. She has always been fascinated with very ancient things, and the study of antiquity.

A different portion of this interview, mainly on Fixed Stars, is being published simultaneously by **ISAR Journal** (Journal

of the International Society for Astrological Research), both print and On-line versions. See <http://www.isarastrology.com>. This larger interview at *Saptarishis* covers only a few pages of the same material, but also much more from Diana on stars. It segues at times into a dialogue between us about Fixed stars, mundane astrology, the Vedic *nakshatras*, and the two zodiacs – tropical and sidereal (items #12 through 14), also about her life and birth chart, including my commentary on her Vedic chart, at her request (item #16). We have been in touch over the years, mainly at national and international astrology conferences. One full Saturn cycle later, after being her student in NYC, I am very honored to interview Diana here on Fixed Stars and on her upcoming book: ***Secrets of the Ancient Skies: Fixed Stars and Constellations in Natal and Mundane Astrology***. Her website: <http://ye-stars.com>.

Phone conversations and e-mail exchanges for this interview took place January through June 2010, with much of the content delivered by late Feb. 2010. During this time, Diana was and is gravely ill with pancreatic cancer. Still very spirited and alert mentally, she chose to avoid more radical treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation because they would have weakened her further, making it more difficult for her to finish work on her book. I know the astrological community shares my gratitude for the innate intelligence, diligence and exuberance Diana has for the subject she loves so much, and for her dedication in sharing her knowledge and insights with all of us.

EH: Interview questions for Diana K. Rosenberg:

P. 4 1) EH: How did you get started in astrology? Or what made you decide to study it more seriously?

P. 4 2) EH: How did you get from there to your deep study of the Fixed Stars?

EH: Your book on Fixed Stars has been long awaited – even by you!! As you were researching and writing, did your point of view change about the use of stars in astrology?

P. 8 3) EH: What are Fixed Stars and how are they different from planets? Are Fixed Stars really fixed? (The ancients distinguished between these two, the planets being the “wandering stars.”)

EH: Let’s include here a quick review of the naming of the stars.

P. 8 4) EH: There is a general lack of knowledge about what Fixed Stars are and how they work. Sometimes they get a reputation for being mostly very difficult, or malevolent. Is this justified?

EH: How can we determine if a Fixed star will give results in terms of all that has been attributed to a given star?

EH: Are some stars more important than others due to their magnitude? Or actual size?

EH: On a technical level, what is the orb of influence you use with the Fixed Stars?

P. 10 5) EH: What is your process or your research method in working with the stars?

P. 12 6) EH: Let’s look at some of the other books on Fixed Stars and get your view on them. You used to have a list of recommended books on the subject at your website. At the top of your list was **Reinhold Ebertin and Georg Hoffman’s *Fixed Stars & Their Interpretation*** (1971), followed by **Vivian Robson’s *The Fixed Stars and Constellations in Astrology*** (1923). You even provided reprints of these before they became available on the web.

EH: So this goaded you into doing your life’s work! Was it the paucity of material on the Fixed Stars? I personally am not familiar with all the material available on

this subject.

P. 13 7) EH: I see you decided to start your Fixed Star research in 1980 with **Algol**. Tell us what you found about Algol.

P. 16 8) EH: Are there other stars for which you have a special affinity - ones that you find remarkable and worthy of special attention?

P. 19 9) EH: **William Lilly** established around 50 Fixed Stars in his horary work, and I know some have tallied as many as 290 of them. How many Fixed Stars are there?

P. 19 10) EH: Let's discuss Fixed Stars in natal astrology and in mundane astrology. You have researched **Dwight D. Eisenhower** at some length, and also some mundane events such as the Union Carbide disaster in Bhopal, India Dec. 3, 1984.

EH: Eisenhower is such a great historical example, but I have avoided using him due to his DD (Dirty Data). What convinced you to go ahead and use 3:40 AM? Or is exact birth data less important in the use of Fixed Stars?

P. 20 11) EH: Are there some other historical figures whose charts clearly show the workings of some of the important Fixed Stars?

#12 through 14: The Zodiac Dialogues: Fixed Stars, Mundane Astrology & The Two Zodiacs.

P. 22 12) EH: Let's discuss how Fixed Stars work in a national chart. I know you especially like the chart of the **Republic of India**. Let's give that data: Jan. 26, 1950, 10:15 AM, Delhi, India. Tropical Ascendant is 4:49 Aries. Sidereal Ascendant is 11:39 Pisces.

P. 26 13) EH: Let's introduce some of the issues that come up around your use of the two zodiacs, and how you view Vedic *nakshatras*. We can continue with the India Republic chart.

P. 32 14) EH: The Fixed Stars by their very nature bring up the zodiac issue. Let's go into this a little more. We can call it The Zodiac Dialogues!

P. 37 15) EH: After researching and writing on this subject for over 30 years, what do you think is your contribution to what is already known on this subject? And what for you is the highlight of your book?

P. 38 16) **Diana K. Rosenberg**: biography & commentary on her Vedic chart by **Edith Hathaway**.

P. 57 **Addenda**: Five items (1) Novas & Royalty; 2) Diana's Astrological Education & Certification, 3) Diana's Formal Education; 4) Diana's Work & Career; 5) Diana's Marriage, Family, and Relationships

1) **EH:** How did you get started in astrology? Or what made you decide to study it more seriously?

DKR: Astrology saved my son's life! That convinced me to study it seriously. I was "trying out" astrology in New York City with **Betty Lundsted**. Betty taught the basics, and her friend **Pat Morimando**, upstairs in the same building, taught chart construction. This was back in 1975, before everyone had computers. Pat was teaching me the calculations using my son's birth data, and towards the end of the session she looked a little more at his chart and asked about his health. I said he had mononucleosis, and was struggling to finish his senior year of high school. I left feeling nervous and uncertain, and decided to knock on Betty's door on the way downstairs, because I was worried about my son. Betty quickly looked at his chart. He has Leo Rising, and Sun in Aquarius in the 6th house with Capricorn on the (tropical) 6th cusp. She did think some danger was approaching, and told me to watch him closely. I asked what I should look for and she said: "Leo: Heart, spine, upper back. Capricorn: Bones, teeth, skin." I walked away with those six items etched in my brain.

Because mononucleosis tends to weaken the immune system, Peter had been checked by a doctor every week. He went alone, and he told me that each time he would strip to the waist and the doctor would check his heart and lungs. I was constantly thinking of the list of six items Betty had given me, and one afternoon I noticed Peter rubbing a large birthmark mole on his upper back – the kind that doctors tell you to have removed because sometimes they turn cancerous. I remembered Betty Lundsted: "Heart, spine, upper back – Bones, teeth, skin." I thought: "Upper back, skin!" And I insisted that he have it removed immediately! I gave him money for a taxi, called a dermatologist, who was also a family friend, and urged him to examine Pete that same day. At first the doctor said he'd have to make an appointment, but I kept insisting, not saying why. The dermatologist sent him straight to a surgeon, after he saw the mole should be removed immediately. Pete returned home with a wound three inches long, and 8 or 9 stitches. A few days later, my husband and I got an ominous call from the surgeon's office. They had done the biopsy and wanted us in his office immediately. It was a melanoma, a very fast-growing, extremely deadly form of cancer. They rushed him into the hospital and operated right away – a major surgery. Pete was in the hospital two weeks, and the surgery saved his life. (Later the surgeon told me it was caught in the nick of time. The melanoma was probably about to metastasize).

After the crisis was over, I realized that the doctor who had been examining him every week had not noticed the melanoma, and that astrologers who had never even met him were the ones who saved his life! Right then and there I decided to study astrology seriously. I am from a family of doctors: my stepfather, uncle, grandfather, and maternal great-grandfather were all physicians. My uncle, a prominent surgeon, had been very critical of me for studying astrology, but that event silenced him. I told him and everyone else that without astrology, my son would not have lived beyond 18. My uncle remained skeptical about astrology, but the facts were irrefutable.

2) **EH:** That's a compelling beginning. How did you get from there to your deep study of the Fixed Stars? (Our readers should be reminded that you have spent the past 30 years researching this subject, and that your primary interest has always been research and teaching, rather than the consulting side of astrology.)

DKR: I continued to study with Betty Lundsted, then went on to **Joanna Shannon, Julian Armistead** and, for Uranian and the 90 Degree Dial, **Charles Emerson**. I had only wanted to know the basics of Uranian but it turned out to be such a useful system that I got into it more deeply and became a Uranian astrologer! But through all of this, I noticed that every time a Fixed Star was mentioned, it seemed to “hit the mark” – especially Algol.¹ So I had begun to read the two or three books available on Fixed Stars, but they weren’t very satisfying. For instance, with all the stars in the sky, Ebertin listed only 73, and Robson 110. What about all the others? I kept asking: “Does anyone know where I can find a teacher of Fixed Stars?”

In the meantime, I made up a workbook for myself that listed all the stars in Robson and Ebertin, with room for observations and comments. Then I found that people were coming to me as if I were an expert, and wanted copies of my workbook. After about the 7th or 8th time I photocopied it for someone, I suddenly realized that I could put it in a simple binder and sell it! Then one day at a seminar for advanced and professional astrologers given by **Gary Christen**, a leading Uranian, he put up a standard “12 pieces of pie” chart of an event and, to start, asked us to see if we could discover anything about the event. I saw some familiar star placements, but I thought I had to stick with Uranian aspects; so I said nothing, and no one spoke up. Gary was about to switch to the 90 Degree Dial to demonstrate its usefulness when Julian Armistead said: “Mercury is in the 8th at Algol. Algol sometimes indicates suffocation.” When Gary nodded, I said: “Oh, are we allowed to use Fixed Stars?” He said, “Of course!” So I said, “Well, Saturn is in the 10th at the Beehive Cluster (That’s M44 in the Crab), and that often turns up at fires, and one might suffocate in a fire!” Gary nodded again. Well, to make a long story short, Julian and I were the only ones in the room who discovered the theme of the chart, and we did it by using Fixed Stars. “That’s it,” I thought. “I may have found my specialty!”

But there was a very big problem: How could I get the positions of more stars? The lack of star lists was the reason no further research had been done. Astronomers use right ascension and declination, which are based on the celestial equator, whereas astrologers use celestial longitude and latitude, based on the ecliptic. To convert from the first to the second of these requires some elaborate math, and this was before home computers. Then fate came through for me in the person of **Michael Munkasey**, an astrologer, engineer and mathematician. At a conference he handed me two large boxes of star lists that he had input from the **Yale Bright Star Catalogue** and converted to ecliptic coordinates. He said, “Diana, I have so many projects that I’ll never get around to the stars. So I want you to have these!” Of course, I was delighted, and tremendously grateful. I put them into a huge red notebook, with room between each for notes. That was the beginning of my research, around 1980. I lugged that heavy notebook to every conference and kept adding to it every chance I got. I began to see patterns, and went looking for more.

EH: Your book on Fixed Stars has been long awaited – even by you!! As you were researching and writing, did your point of view change about the use of stars in astrology?

¹ See the article on my website on Algol, called “Medusa’s Head.” (DKR)

DKR: When I began my research, I thought I'd write a normal-sized book. (Okay, maybe a fat book!) It would simply have more stars than the other books out there, with more up-to-date research and new interpretations based on my research. I presumed that what the other books said was probably true, but I was also sure that I could add to their interpretations, and I wanted to check everything out for myself). I was also terribly frustrated by the small number of degrees covered by the stars they used. Tropical Aries, for instance, had only four degrees covered in **Reinhold Ebertin**, and six in **Vivan Robson**.² What about all the rest of the sign? I have a stellium in tropical Aries, and none of the stars mentioned linked to my placements! But once I had Mike Munkasey's list of stars, I discovered that the major links to my tropical Aries degrees were stars of the figure of Andromeda, the Chained Woman. And there I sat, trapped in a dismal marriage – and with not enough education to earn my own living. Chained indeed! That was one of the early indications I had that the constellations themselves deserved more scrutiny. I also wanted to use more mundane material. That's a particular interest of mine, in addition to what I call "Body Parts."

Body Parts: I collected data on people who were blind or had severe eye problems, because some ancient texts mentioned certain stars in connection with blindness. But I did not want to take anything for granted. I wanted to do all my own research. I have about 100 blindness charts now, but when I had collected about 70 of them, I corrected each one for precession (for the then-current 1980 fiducial point), and then entered them in the big red book. For the most part, the ancients were correct, and I found a few additional places that produced a high number of eye problems. Looking at my new Blindness list, I suddenly realized that the afflicted people had planets at the eye of the Bull, the eye of the Crow, the eyes of the Crab, the eye of the Dragon, the eye of the Archer, and so forth. That was a huge breakthrough for me! It was my first realization that the constellations were not just random connected dots, but were placed the way they were for very specific reasons.

At a conference on ancient astrology in Princeton, NJ I gave a lecture on Fixed Stars and mentioned the idea that constellation figures may have been placed deliberately to pinpoint specific parts of the body. Soon after my talk, a New Jersey astrologer came up to me and asked me to check her chart, as her right arm had recently been amputated at the shoulder due to a cancerous growth in the armpit. She wanted to see if there were any constellation positions that would link to that. We sat in a quiet corner with my big red notebook, and went from position to position on her chart, starting at her Ascendant, which was 32 *Virginis*, a star in the Virgin's **right arm**. Then came Jupiter in the 1st house aligned with *Sigma Bootis*, in the **right arm** of the Herdsman; the Moon (in the 2nd house), was *Gamma Herculis*, in the **right arm** of Hercules. Asteroid Juno in the 3rd house was aligned with *Cheleb, Beta Ophiuchi* in the **right shoulder** of the Serpent-Bearer. (By this time, both of us were gasping.) Then in the 5th house, after Venus and the Sun (no hits) came a Mercury-Mars conjunction at *Sadalmelik, Alpha Aquarii*, the **right shoulder** of Aquarius. In the 7th house her Uranus was aligned with 7 *Cephei*, the **right shoulder** of Cepheus, and 22 *Andromedae*, the **right hand** of the Chained Woman. In the 8th house, Chiron aligned with *Gamma Persei*, the **right armpit** of Perseus; the Midheaven was *Beta Columbae*, the Dove's **right wing**; and Pluto in the 10th house was 82 *Geminorum*, Pollux's **right shoulder**. Both of us were speechless.

² Diana is referring to Reinhold Ebertin and Georg Hoffman's *Fixed Stars & Their Interpretation* (1971), and Vivian Robson's *The Fixed Stars and Constellations in Astrology* (1923). (EH)

This was another tremendous breakthrough, and one of the major discoveries I made in researching the stars; the vital importance of the constellations in detail, and not only the ones on the ecliptic (i.e. the zodiac) but those of the *Sphaera Barbarica* – the figures above and below the ecliptic – even those very far from it, near the poles.

Another remarkable example is that of the actress **Natasha Richardson**, who died tragically of a head injury after she fell while skiing.³ Her tropical Ascendant is Libra, with natal Sun and Mercury in the 8th house in Taurus at Gyrus and 32 *Persei*, which are in Medusa's **head**. Her Midheaven is at *Theta Canis Majoris* in the Greater Dog's **head**. Her North Node is in the 10th house at Pollux, *Beta Geminorum* in the **head** of the "Immortal Twin," and Muscida, *Omicron Ursae Majoris* in the Greater Bear's **head**. (About Pollux, the ancient Liber Hermetis says: "Many will be harmed in the **head**.") Her Mars was Algenubi, *Epsilon Leonis* in the Lion's **head**; her Pluto was aligned with Black Hole M106 in the Hunting Dog's **head**; her Neptune was at a set of colliding galaxies called Arp 220 in the **head** of Serpens, the Serpent. Her Moon was Rasalhague, *Alpha Ophiuchi* in the Serpent-Tamer's **head**. Her Saturn, in the 5th house of vacations, was at Kitalpha, *Alpha Equulei* in the Colt's **head**, and Chiron, also in the 5th house, was aligned with Ankaa, *Alpha Phoenicis* in the **head** of the Phoenix.⁴ Jupiter in the 6th house was aligned with accident-prone 13 *Cephei*, in the **crown** of Cepheus, the King. Venus, ruler of her Ascendant and 8th house, was in the 7th house at 18 *Cephei* in the King's **face**.⁵

DKR: Later I discovered that Belgrade astrologer **Alexander Imsiragic** made the same discovery about anatomy and the constellations. We compared notes at the last UAC (United Astrology Conference), May 2008 in Denver, Colorado. He calls it "anatomy" and I call it "body parts."

EH: So you have a whole section in your book on Body Parts?

DKR: No, that's the sad thing. I have not had time to write that. I will have to put it in an Appendix, or mention it in the Introduction.

³ **Natasha Richardson** was born May 11, 1963, 17:00 BST, London, UK. She suffered a blow to the head during a skiing accident near Montreal, Canada on March 16, 2009. Refusing treatment, she succumbed to headaches an hour later and an epidural hematoma (bleeding under the skull, which could have been treated if caught immediately). The situation quickly worsened. She was hospitalized seven hours after the accident, and flown from a Canadian hospital to Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, where she died on March 18, 2009. (EH)

⁴ I have also found that Chiron often pinpoints an area of weakness or health problems on the chart. (DKR)

⁵ Known for her acting talent and her beauty, Natasha Richardson had planetary placements in the King's crown and King's face. She belonged to a prominent and famous family of British actors, the Redgraves: her mother – **Vanessa Redgrave**, her father – director **Tony Richardson**, and her husband – actor **Liam Neeson**. (EH)

3) **EH:** What are Fixed Stars and how are they different from planets? Are Fixed Stars really fixed? (The ancients distinguished between these two, the planets being the “wandering stars.”)

DKR: Fixed Stars are just regular stars. They were called “fixed” because they seemed to stay in the same relative positions over the centuries, while planets (and comets, meteors, etc) moved. In some cultures – China, for instance – the star figures were considered flawless, while the planets were the “troublemakers” who came through and upset things – rather like a motorcycle gang riding through town! Other cultures thought of the planets as messengers and interpreters. By traveling through, or stopping at a constellation, they were sending a message in code to earthlings. Stars do have their own movement, each one different. It’s called “proper motion” – but it is so infinitesimally slow that it takes hundreds of years in most cases to be noticeable, and is usually ignored by astrologers.

EH: Let’s quickly review the naming of the stars.

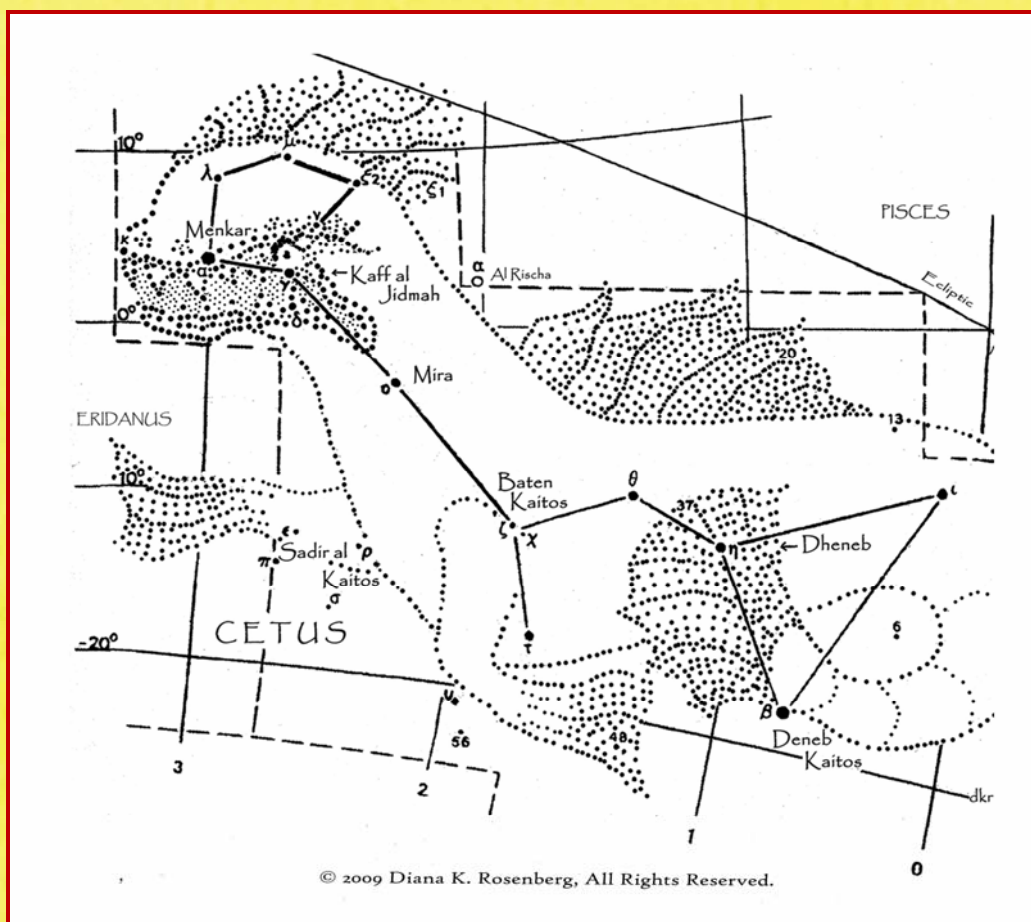
DKR: Most of the names of the Fixed Stars come from the Arabs, and have an additional Greek letter/Latin constellation name designation. The roots of constellations are said to come from the Euphrates Valley (Babylon), which is present-day Iraq. With the star’s name, you will find the Greek letters *Alpha*, *Beta*, *Gamma*, *Delta*, *Epsilon*, *Zeta*, etc combined with the Latin form of the constellation’s name. That tells you what constellation it’s in. (For instance, *Ceti* is the genitive or possessive case for *Cetus*). *Zeta* is the 6th letter of the Greek alphabet, so *Zeta Ceti* means the 6th star of *Cetus*. When it is *Alpha* (the first letter of the Greek alphabet), it is sometimes at the beginning of the constellation, but usually it’s the brightest star. But sometimes they go in the order of progression of the stars, rather than which is brightest. That happens with the Big Dipper and the 7 Sages. In the Big Dipper, the Alpha star is *Dubhe*, from the Arabian *al-dubb*, “the Bear” – which also happens to be the brightest star.

4) **EH:** There is a general lack of knowledge about what Fixed Stars are and how they work. They sometimes get a reputation for being mostly very difficult, or malevolent. Is this justified?

DKR: Stars are intense foci of energies that both test an individual and enlighten him. (Sorry about the “him” – the English language does not supply a neutral noun for both sexes, so assume when I say “him” I mean “him or her.”) What you get with the stars are not good/bad, right/wrong, benevolent/malevolent, but issues. For instance, there might be an issue of tolerance versus intolerance, or addiction versus abstinence, arrogance versus humility, greed versus generosity, aggression versus working for peaceful solutions, and so forth. The chart will be set up so that the individual will constantly have these issues come up in his life, and he will have to decide how he wants to deal with them. Very often both ends of these polarities will manifest in one lifetime, pulling and pushing the individual to make choices over and over again. A typical scenario might be that one is born into wealth and comfort, then loses everything and goes through a period of poverty, then works his way back to wealth and might have to decide whether to “play it safe” and stash his money in fear of another “crash,” or to take the lessons of poverty to heart and use his money to help others who are in need.

EH: How can we determine if a Fixed Star will give results in terms of all that has been attributed to a given star?

DKR: The short answer is, you can't! There are too many variables (the rest of the chart, for instance), and how a person lives his life, and what choices he is making. I think a good example here is former **Senator and Vice President Albert Gore**. (Mar 31, 1948, 12:53 PM EST, Washington, DC). His Midheaven (tropical 21:52 Aries) is aligned with a famous shipwreck star, **Baten Kaitos**, Zeta Ceti in Cetus, the Sea-Monster or Whale, (tropical 22 Aries, sidereal 28 Pisces). Baten Kaitos is a stormy star, known for shipwrecks, possibly with rescue, and drowning. (Right opposite it is another shipwreck star, Foramen, *Eta Carinae*.) Baten Kaitos was at the North lunar node at the Titanic disaster, and shows up in many shipwreck charts.



At the peak of his career, when Al Gore ran for U.S. President in 2000, even though he won the popular vote by more than half a million, he lost the election on technicalities and so was “shipwrecked” – left high and dry without even a job or any kind of public position. This is an example of how this star might work in an individual’s chart. With Baten Kaitos, there will be at least one instance in the life where the person will have to deal with a shocking, staggering displacement and have to somehow find a way to restart his or her life. Gore, of course, has become a spokesman for the international environmental movement, and even received a Nobel Prize for his efforts. Here is a quote from my book:

“**Baten Kaitos** is one of the most frequently found stars involved in shipwrecks, and these people may at some time find themselves left ‘high and dry,’ broken on the rocks of life; yet this is an area of great breakthroughs and transformations and after they pull through, they

have much to offer from the depths of their experiences, often ending up with a strong sense of personal destiny.... Baten Kaitos is approaching a World Axis aspect of 22.5° to 0° Aries: the world's oceans are rising, 'drowning' shorelines."

EH: Are some stars more important than others due to their magnitude? Or actual size?

DKR: Among the most interesting and unexpected things I found was that size, magnitude (i.e. brightness), and nearness to the ecliptic had apparently no connection with a star's importance. Some very dim stars, far from the ecliptic, pack quite a wallop! A good example is 4th- to 5th magnitude Al Kurah, Xi Cephei (also called Kurdah) in the chest of Cepheus, the King (24 Aries tropical, 0 Aries sidereal Lahiri), which is 66 degrees North of the ecliptic (the Pole being 90 degrees North). This little, dim, exiled star turns up on the charts of an extraordinary number of great artists, poets, playwrights, composers, actors and dancers!

EH: On a technical level, what is the orb of influence you use with the Fixed Stars?

DKR: Generally I use one degree on either side, called a "moiety." There are a few exceptions: If the star is on the ecliptic, is a 1st magnitude star, and also contacts the Sun, Moon, the angles, or the Moon's node, then there is a wider orb of influence – a two to three degree orb. (Only **Spica** and **Regulus** are 1st magnitude stars that are right on the ecliptic.) I look at both the True node and Mean node. I find there is a kind of a halo effect around the nodes, allowing a slightly wider orb. The Lunar nodes can be very malefic if they link up with the angles of the chart in mundane astrology.⁶

5) **EH:** What is your process or your research method in working with the stars?

DKR: First, using an astronomy catalogue of stars, each one I want to use is converted from right ascension and declination to celestial longitude and latitude (using a module in the CCRS Horoscope Program that does this conversion) and projected perpendicularly onto the ecliptic, in degrees measured from 0 Aries, the Vernal Equinox point. For each chart, I calculate the number of years between the birth or event and January 1, 2000 (the current fiducial point), then I multiply that number by 50.23" (the rate of precession per solar year) and add the resulting degrees-and-minutes to each chart's planets and angles. Next I enter the new positions, each in its appropriate star set. Over the years, as I worked and more stars and DSOs (Deep Space Objects) were added, my original span of 2 degrees per star set necessarily increased to an average of 3 degrees. And there were places where the dividing breaks between sets were difficult to decide upon. A few of them are awkward, necessitated by my reluctance to allow any set to span more than an absolute maximum of 4 or 5 degrees.

⁶ In Vedic astrology, for a full malefic effect we would also include the other Vedic classical malefic planets (Sun, Mars, and Saturn) together with the lunar nodes (Rahu or Ketu) at the angles. For instance, Mars was closely contacting Ketu at 8 degrees Sagittarius at the time the first plane hit the World Trade Center Tower in Manhattan, NY on Sept. 11, 2001. Mercury in Virgo was exactly rising, with Moon, Jupiter and Rahu in Gemini (all sidereal positions). Mars-Jupiter can bring the religious zealot influence, especially in opposition, and even more so on the Sagittarius-Gemini axis. Jupiter is regarded as a "temporal malefic" for Virgo Ascendant. (EH)

The center of the Cancer Crab, for instance (now tropical Leo) runs from about 6° to 13° Leo. It includes Open Cluster M44 (Praesepe, "the Beehive"), North and South Asellus, and, sharing the same longitudes, stars of Puppis (the Stern of *Argo Navis*), early stars of Hydra's head and elements of Draco, the Dragon. This intense area of seething energies, anchored by Praesepe and the Aselli, could very well have spanned a full 7°. I split it at about 10° of Leo in order to keep it manageable, but the split could just as well have been placed earlier or later. Because I wanted to check out all stars, not just the most famous, or brightest, or those nearest the ecliptic, I began with a long list and frequently added to it as I worked, ending up with nearly 2,000 stars and DSOs. The stars in my book were culled from this Master list. Each degree of the zodiac contains not only stars of the zodiacal constellation, but also stars of constellations above and below the ecliptic, which add their energies to each degree and sign of the zodiac.

Precession corrections, especially for ancient charts, may appear to cause a chart's position(s) to change signs. **Michelangelo**, for instance, was born with the Sun at 24:01 Pisces (March 6, 1475). But because of precession, the stars aligned with his natal Sun, then in tropical Pisces, are now at the beginning of tropical Aries. The closest is 26 *Piscium* in the tail of the West Fish, which in 2000 was at 1:43 Aries. His Sun, precession-corrected to 2000, is 1:20 Aries. Thus, because of precession, a person born under one tropical sign might now appear to be placed in another. Even for some born in the 20th century with a planet in a late degree, precession correction may take the planet into the next sign. The important thing to remember in this regard is that for tropicalists – the original tropical signs and rulerships hold sway on each chart.⁷ Precession corrections simply serve to indicate with which stars the original placements were aligned. For charts I wanted to include that had no birth time, I used noon, and left out the Moon and angles.

Precession calculations are easy if you have a hand calculator that has a degree-minute-second option. They are usually called "scientific calculators" and are quite inexpensive. The button often says "deg" or looks like this: ° 9 99. Take the difference between the year of birth and 2000, then multiply that by 0 degrees, 0 minutes, 50.23 seconds; the result comes up in decimal form, and the calculator has a conversion button to turn it into degrees-minutes-seconds. It is important to remember to use the full 0 degrees, 0 minutes first before the 50.23 seconds. If you just feed in the seconds, it won't come out right. Then you add the result to each element of the chart. (Precession increases the planet's longitude as time progresses.) Then when you have corrected each chart position, you can check them against the stars' 2000 positions in my book. I list star positions for both the tropical and the sidereal zodiac.

⁷ Vedic or Western sidereal astrologers would disagree with Diana on this point, though she acknowledges that "sign rulerships in the tropical and sidereal zodiacs are often in direct conflict. For instance, if Venus is in tropical Libra, she is in sidereal Virgo: the 1st is a dignity, the 2nd is a detriment!" Diana intended to do research on tropical vs. sidereal sign rulerships herself, and calls it "a huge area for deep research" and one she is "happy to bequeath to any siderealists or tropicalists willing to take it on!" For myself, I have had consistent results doing client relocation work and Astrocartography, confirming a reference point of sign rulers in the sidereal zodiac - using the Vedic sidereal birth chart as base line. Example: A client might be advised to go live on his or her Venus rising line. But if Venus is rising in sidereal Pisces, even if exalted, and that person has a Pisces Ascendant in their Vedic birth chart, Venus is a planetary enemy of the chart and its Ascendant lord, Jupiter. Venus also rules the 8th house in that case, and should not be emphasized through angularity. (EH, also quoting DKR)

When I do research, I take a chart of a person or an event and precess-correct it. Then I put the corrected positions around the chart; and next I go to the star sets, and put the placements of each person or each event in where they belong. (I decided to be inclusive, which was a very good decision, as it turned out. That's how I made discoveries with unexpected things.) I keep feeding in people and events that fit that category, and feed in the data of their charts in order to confirm a pattern. Sometimes I fail to find a pattern, so I go both ways to try to find what patterns I can, and see if they relate to energies in a given area. It's my Data Monster!

I may think: "Oh, I have several serial killers here," or "I have several apparitions of the Virgin Mary." So I put all the major positions out to Pluto on the chart, and I include the Lunar Nodes. Occasionally I'll mention an asteroid, but generally I stick with the major planets and the angles of the chart. The Moon and the angles have to be omitted if no birth time is available. That's why I tell the reader that if something doesn't quite fit, try the adjacent star sets. All this is in the Introduction to my book.

6) **EH:** Let's look at some of the other books on Fixed Stars and get your view on them. You used to have a list of recommended books on the subject at your website. At the top of your list was Reinhold Ebertin and Georg Hoffman's *Fixed Stars & Their Interpretation* (1971), followed by Vivian Robson's *The Fixed Stars and Constellations in Astrology* (1923). You even provided reprints of these before they became available on the web.


DKR: They are better than nothing, but are very limited, both in interpretations and number of stars offered. And the star positions are very outdated. Robson was using epoch 1920, so the positions are off by 1°07' (if you are using 2000 as a fiducial point, the current standard), or 1°15' for 2010 (precession added as time progresses). Ebertin's positions are for 1950: for 2000, add 0°42'; for 2010, add 0°50' to each position given.

As to number of stars, Robson listed only 110 stars and Ebertin only 73. But look at the sky! There are so many more than that! And Robson covers only 5 to 6 degrees of Aries. I felt personally very miffed. Where are my stars?!

EH: So this goaded you into doing your life's work! Was it the paucity of material on the Fixed Stars? I personally am not familiar with all the material available on this subject.

DKR: It was the limitations of the material. When I began my research in 1980, Vivian Robson's book was considered the best book on the subject. In his book and others, the examples were often too general, and applied to everyone, or nearly everyone – such as: "This person will recover quickly from adversity." Well, you either recover quickly, or you don't. It's not too helpful.

Bernadette Brady's work on Fixed Stars came later. *Brady's Book of Fixed Stars* was published in 1998. Bernadette Brady works with parans: everything to her is visibility. She turns the chart to where a planet is angular and looks to see if a Fixed Star is angular simultaneously. To me, this seems like an awkward way of working. And she only deals with stars that could be visible at the time of birth. I disagree with that, and I say so in the Introduction to my book. This is what I wrote:



“It has become apparent to me that the universe is imprinted upon and within us; I strongly take issue with the idea that if a star cannot rise (and therefore will never be visible) at a particular location or birthplace it should not be used in the birth chart. The great 1st-magnitude star Canopus, *Alpha Argo Navis* (53 South Declination) for instance, is never seen from Shelter Island, New York (latitude 41N00), yet *its degree of celestial longitude* exactly culminates, with the Sun, on a client's chart who was born there; her parents went to great trouble to arrange for her to be born on their boat, and traveling on water has been a major part of her life. Another client, born Jewish in Chicago (41N52) has Venus and Neptune (the latter co-ruler of his 9th house of religion) *aligned in celestial longitude* with stars of the Southern Cross (56 to 64.5 south declination, 0 - 13.5 Scorpio) in the far southern skies, and although Crux is never visible above 34° north geographic latitude, and thus not visible in the place of his birth, *he became a convert to Christianity*. After years of research, it has become apparent to me that all of the sky belongs to all of humanity, without strictures or curtailments relating to birth latitudes, longitudes or visual passages. The universe is not ‘out there’ - it is within and a part of all of us, our co-creation with God; each of us resides at the focal center of our personal universe, and the entire cosmos is both within and without each of us. Every member of the human race, whatever his or her latitude of birth, is heir to, and part of, the entirety of the cosmos.”

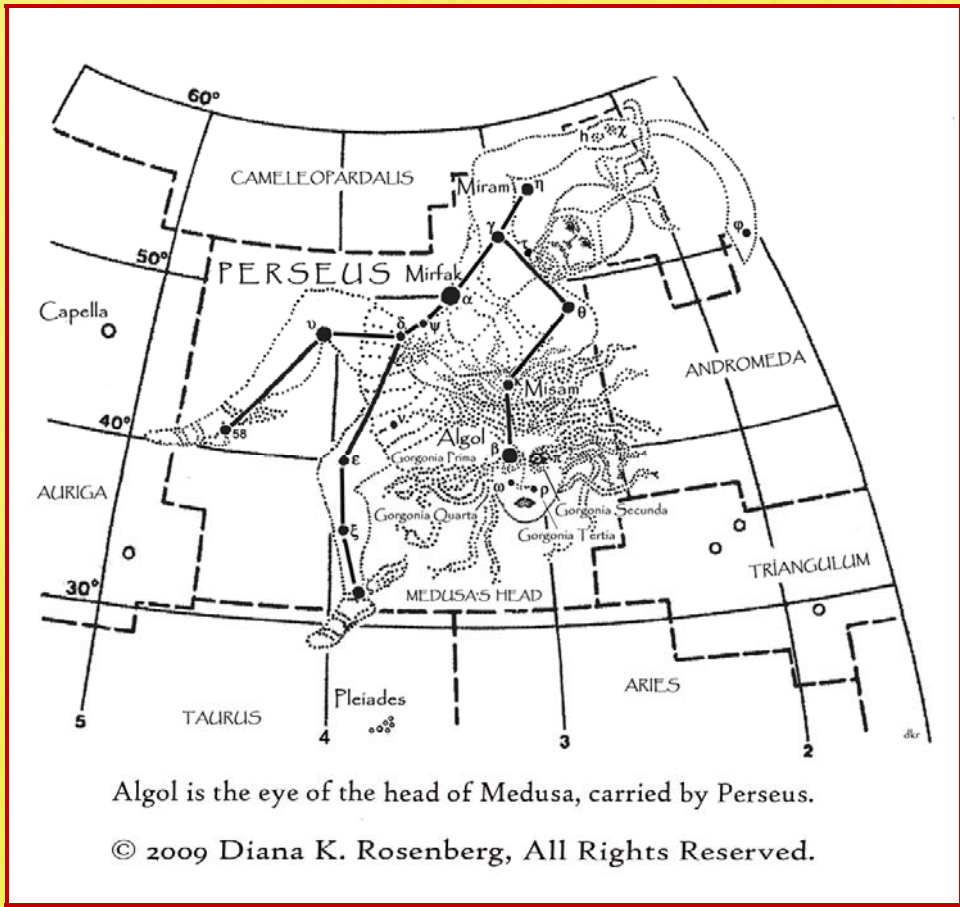
As you can see, I really don't agree with that idea that if the star is not visible at the place of birth it doesn't count. Brady also switches things around. She gets a planet on an angle and then says: Okay, what star was rising when Saturn anti-culminated? Or that star was setting when such and such was happening. And it's not that it's not valid. It just seems a stretch to me to do what she's doing exclusively, but she insists that her way is the only proper way. I'd rather be more direct. I use the planets according to their ecliptic degree, and that works best for me. Brady claims that her method is the only method the ancients used, but I really do question that as well.

There are also historical matters on which I disagree with Brady. She has a section in her book on **Abraham Lincoln**. She says: “Abraham Lincoln was born the day Sirius culminated as his Venus set. Although the Venus content is not clear, Lincoln is a typical Sirius figure...” I disagree. Sirius is known, for instance, for a tendency to have a fierce temper and uncontrolled rage! She also wrote, on Lincoln: “He strove to achieve the dream of the freedom of all people.” Actually, his dream was to keep the Union together. He was reluctant at first to free the slaves, because that would threaten the Union.

I'm just not comfortable with the idea of working only with parans. However, I want to add that Bernadette Brady has made an enormous contribution to the field of Fixed Stars, and her Starlight program is absolutely first-rate. I recommend it very highly.

7) **EH:** I see you decided to start your Fixed Star research in 1980 with **Algol**. Tell us what you found about Algol.

DKR: Okay. **Algol** – the famous monster that has frightened so many Fixed Star beginners! Since there is a long, detailed article on my website (www.ye-stars.com), I'll just touch on a few important points. I chose Algol first because **Manley Palmer Hall's *Astrological Keywords*** said (and this is an exact quote), that it was "The most evil, violent, and dangerous star in the heavens." Among its effects were said to be "violence, beheading, hanging, choking, asphyxiation, electrocution, murder, mob violence." And just in case you missed the message, Algol is further described as "unfortunate." No kidding! To the point, the horror did prove out, and I have dozens of examples in the website article. But there is more to this star than that; for instance, it has a strong artistic side as well.



People often ask me how to handle it – especially if it is on their own chart or a client's chart. What I have found is that having Algol represented on a chart does not necessarily mean that you will inflict, or be the victim of, horror and mayhem, but that you will be aware of the depths of suffering that can occur, whether through human depravity or acts of God. You will not be able to ignore suffering and horror, or brush it aside. Your life path will require that you come to terms with that level of experience. A soldier might go through horrible experiences in war. For example, PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – is common under Algol. A journalist might be assigned to cover tragedies; a clergyman might be called upon to comfort the victims and their families. A black child might hear of the horrors of slavery; and a Jewish child might grow up with the awareness that his grandparents perished in the Holocaust. A police officer might assist victims of a disaster, or a medical student be assigned to work in a trauma center. The Algol placement insists upon a confrontation and assimilation of these harsh aspects of human experience in this lifetime. The polarities of

bigotry or tolerance, violence or kindness, cruelty or compassion, war or peace are issues that are unavoidable and must be dealt with under Medusa's head. (A good example is a young couple that asked for an electional time for their wedding and was not fazed when I told them they had chosen a day with a Sun-Hades conjunction on Algol. When I described the star's reputation, they told me it fit very well: They were devoting all their spare time to the Nuclear Freeze movement!)

Astronomer **Carl Sagan**, another Nuclear Freeze activist, had Algol rising. Poet **Maraquita Platov** (Mercury at Algol) was so moved during her childhood by the horrors of World War I that virtually all her poems were devoted to anti-war themes. What these people did was to act positively against violence and horror, and by thus manifesting the energy in a positive way, diverted its dangers from themselves. (By the way, I have Chiron at Algol, and besides writing about it, I've donated to charities that alleviate suffering, both of humans and animals). And I want to mention that since I wrote the article about it 18 years ago, I discovered that Algol is also a fire star. In a study I did of Fixed Stars and fires, it turned up with a rather high score. Algol was also an element leading up to 9/11. At the Full Moon preceding the attack (Sep 2, 2001, 9:44 PM GMT, New York City), Algol was at the 4th house cusp. The 4th house of a chart describes the final outcome of the matter, and/or the grave or final resting place. In ancient China, Algol was Ta-Ling, the Great Trench, which was a trench full of dismembered corpses. The people lost in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers were never found; their bodies had not only been dismembered, they were pulverized. Another Algol manifestation from that event was that the people who worked devotedly for months to clear the site are now suffering from respiratory problems because of the dust they inhaled, some having died from this, affirming the Algol connection to asphyxiation.

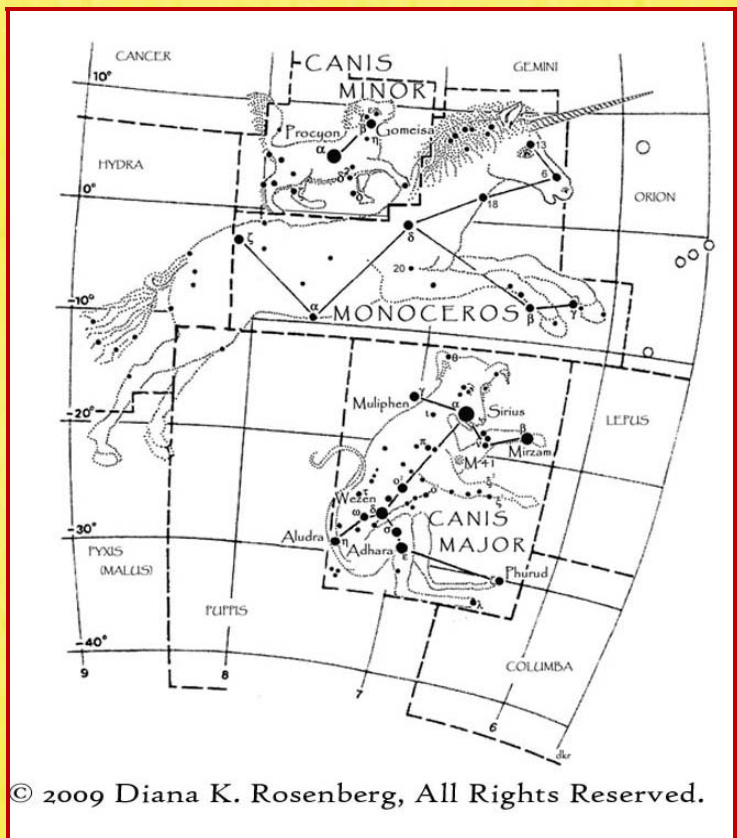
Also, that **Full Moon Sept. 2, 2001** at 10:29 tropical Pisces (16:38 sidereal Aquarius), was in the Chinese Lunar mansion called "Danger: Rooftop" – a very direct message. In the Vedic mansions the Full Moon was at 16:25 Aquarius, in *Shatabisha nakshatra*, the 100 physicians. (One ancient authority has "possessing or requiring 100 physicians.") Transiting Mars (27:07 tropical Sagittarius, 3:15 sidereal Sagittarius) and South Node (Ketu) (4:06 tropical Capricorn, 10:15 sidereal Sagittarius) were both in *Mula nakshatra*, ruled by Nritti, the Goddess of Destruction.⁸ The Ascendant was the ancient Orphic and Platonic Gate of Return of Souls to the Cosmos; and Neptune, rising, was at the Arabic mansion *Sa'd Al Dhabih*, the Lucky Assassin. Venus, setting, was at China's mansion *Kuei*, the Ghosts (spirits leaving their bodies), while Saturn was aligned with the stars of Perseus, the Hero or Rescuer. About 400 rescuers, 343 of them firemen, lost their lives on 9-11. I have given all these details to show how all these ancient traditions have wonderful information to offer. When you put them all together, they are an amazing treasure trove of information! This is why I have them all in my book. This is wonderful, previously lost knowledge that needs to be rediscovered and used. Each culture provides a valuable piece of the "Great Puzzle."



⁸ Diana uses True Lunar Node above, while Edith uses Mean Lunar node. With Mean Lunar Node, Full Moon chart (Sept. 2, 2001) for NYC has Full Moon at sidereal 16:35 Aquarius. Ascendant is 9:50 Capricorn. Ketu is within one degree of the exact 12th house cusp and within 5 1/2 degrees to 4th house ruler Mars. The 4th lord in the 12th house can bring losses to real estate, explosive losses with Mars-Ketu, and/or violent foreign or social misfit elements plotting secretly (12th house) to destroy the house. (EH)

Some of the Fixed Stars are harsh, yes – but to a purpose. Each defines an area that will be tapped for good or ill. Its tests are intense and unavoidable. Algol, like the other stars, confers tasks upon us which, if comprehended and accepted, offer great rewards of power and creativity. The more we understand and use these stellar changes in a positive manner, the less they are to be feared.

8) **EH:** Are there other stars for which you have a special affinity - ones that you find remarkable and worthy of special attention?

DKR: Yes, **Antares** and **Sirius**. I have written about both of them extensively in my book. **Antares** is known as *Alpha Scorpii* (9:46 Sagittarius – tropical; 15:55 Scorpio – sidereal Lahiri). It's the Scorpion's heart. Chinese astrologers considered this asterism the symbol of the Son of Heaven, because man was the heart of heaven and earth; therefore the Son of Heaven was Master of Man. In China Antares was the heart of the Great Celestial Dragon. At the Winter Solstice of 2006, as Mars and Jupiter came together with Antares between them, an ambitious London project was set in motion. By June 1 2007 a Full Moon joined Vesta at Antares as workers set up "The Heart," an exhibition planned as a diverse collection of heart-centric science, art and thought, exploring the "extraordinary medical, spiritual and cultural significance of the heart." They brought together exhibits of all ages and cultures, including the *Egyptian Book of the Dead* showing a heart being weighed against the feather of truth, Aztec sacrificial knives, Christian sacred heart imagery, a telecast of heart valve surgery, a heart-lung perfusion machine, anatomical drawings by da Vinci, etc. The exhibit opened June 21, 2007, the day of the Summer Solstice. On the Solstice chart set for London, Jupiter rose with Antares, the Scorpion's Heart. Antares is prominent in individuals and events marking the great issues of humankind, especially intolerance, racism and human rights.

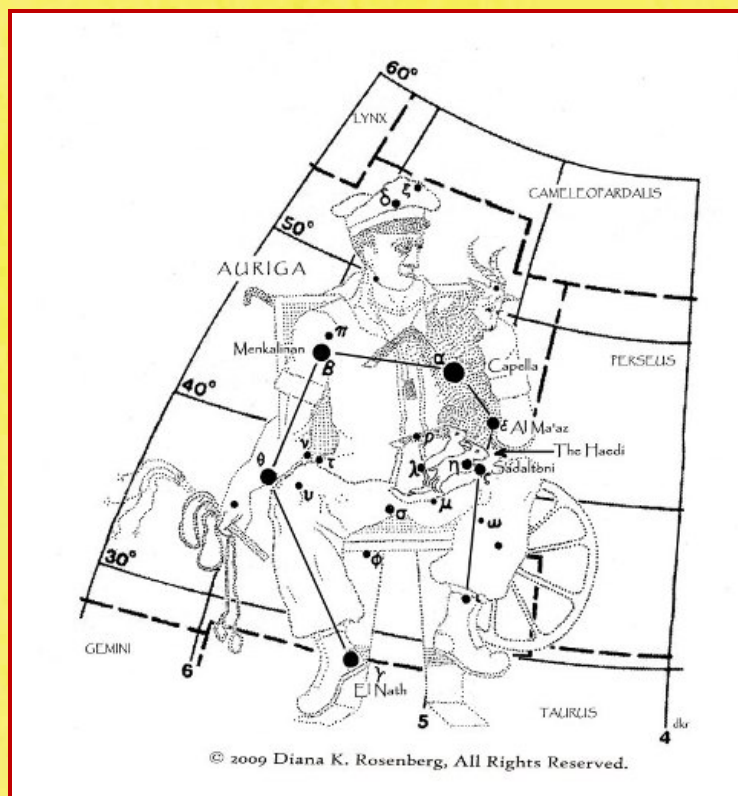




Sirius is known as *Alpha Canis Majoris*, or the Dog Star (14:05 Cancer – tropical; 20:14 Gemini sidereal Lahiri). In apparent magnitude, Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, one of the closest stars to Earth, and has a white dwarf companion star. It is visible from virtually every portion of the globe. In China, it was regarded as the Jackal or Wolf Star, associated with thievery and looting. This correlated with at least two Indian tribes of North America (the Pawnee and Osage tribes) that called Sirius “Wolf Star” or “Coyote Star.”

Sirius is the calendar star! All major calendar changes throughout history have been tied to the Dog Star: The current *Kali Yuga* of the *Hindu Calendar* is said to have begun with the death of Krishna, on Feb 18, 3102 BCE OS at 0 hour. If so, at that exact moment Sirius was setting on the western horizon. The *Sothic Calendar* of ancient Egypt, ca 2773 BCE, was based on the annual heliacal rising of Sirius, which marked the annual flooding of the Nile. In 46 BCE, the year the *Julian Calendar* was established in Rome, a Solar Eclipse aligned with Sirius. Because the Julian Calendar had slipped severely from its original seasonal markers, Pope Gregory XIII sponsored a calendar correction. In 1582 CE, as the *Gregorian Calendar* was adopted by Catholic nations, a Solar Eclipse aligned with Sirius, with the Sun eclipsed as it was rising at Rome. In 1917, Russia, Turkey, Bulgaria and the Balkans also changed to the Gregorian Calendar, with the Sun of a Lunar Eclipse at Sirius.

I also like the constellation of **Auriga, the Charioteer** (span: 13:00 Gemini to 19:30 Cancer tropical, 19:00 Taurus to 24:30 Gemini sidereal Lahiri). And I couldn't figure it out. What was I going to find? Bus drivers? Cab drivers? And for a long time I couldn't see a pattern. Then I read the Greek myth about Auriga (also called Erichthonius) that said he invented the chariot because he could not walk. Suddenly a possible pattern occurred to me, and I thought: “I've got to test this.” Sure enough, those stars turned up on charts of people confined to wheelchairs! The charioteer's chariot is a wheelchair. Isn't that something? And the illustration I made is of a war veteran in a wheelchair. I came to this partly through studying the Chinese, who saw the same pattern of stars of Auriga – a pentagon – as Five War Chariots. And each star had its own job. One administered the Oath of Allegiance; another one took care of the horses, and so on. The Chinese are wonderfully detailed about these things. In ancient China, the stars of Auriga represented a military encampment. Even the author of the book I was using (an astronomer) said: “I wonder if there is any connection to the Pentagon in all this.” So I had a look at the day the cornerstone for the Pentagon was laid. Jupiter was exactly aligned with one of the brightest stars of Auriga! And I put wheelchairs and warfare together and thought of wounded veterans!



EH: Did you work with charts of veterans?

DKR: Well, it's very hard to get charts of veterans in wheelchairs. In fact, another astrologer was looking for them for another reason, and mentioned how hard they were to find. But I did get the birth date of **Ron Kovic**, who was the veteran that was featured in the movie *Born on the Fourth of July*. I didn't get a time for him, but he had two or three things aligned with Auriga. And I did get the son of a famous General called Chesty Puller. His son, **Lewis Burwell Puller, Jr.** was terribly wounded in the Viet Nam war, and was in a wheelchair. He was on heavy drugs for pain, and finally in the end he committed suicide. I tried so hard to get his birth data and almost gave up until I found a website devoted to him, with a photo of his gravestone with a birth date on it! ⁹ He too had several things aligned with Auriga. Wheelchair-bound President Franklin D Roosevelt had his MC aligned with the head of the Bull, and under it Orion, and a whole row of brilliant constellations there. When you project stars on to the ecliptic, you get three or four major constellations. His Midheaven was in that area, and one of the constellations was Auriga, the Charioteer.

Other people who were in wheelchairs because of being wounded were **Larry Flynt** and Alabama **Governor George Wallace**. Larry Flynt was the pornography publisher who was shot. He had Auriga rising. Gov. Wallace was shot in an assassination attempt in May 1972,

⁹ **Lewis Burwell Puller, Jr.** was son of the most decorated Marine in the history of the U.S. Marine Corps, **General Chesty Puller**. He was born Aug. 18, 1945, and died May 11, 1994. Birthplace may have been Hampton, VA. Lewis Puller, Jr. became an attorney and a Pulitzer prize-winning author, after he was wounded as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. (EH)

while he was campaigning as U.S. presidential candidate, and he was confined to a wheelchair. He had Pluto aligned with Auriga.

9) **EH:** William Lilly established around 50 Fixed Stars in his horary work, and I know some have tallied as many as 290 of them. How many Fixed Stars are there?

DKR: A gazillion! Look at the sky! As I was researching (for 30 years!) I came to realize that constellations were of primary importance, and that everything in the sky, not only stars, was meaningful. So I kept adding stars and DSOs (Deep Space Objects, i.e. black holes, neutron stars, galaxies etc) and kept a Master list of all of the ones for which I had calculated positions. The stars and DSOs in my book are culled from this Master list of more than 2,000. My book has more than 750 stars detailed, and another 1,168 with just zodiacal longitude and its place in a constellation. (For comparison, Robson has 110, Ebertin-Hoffmann 73. Brady lists 176 but only has interpretations for 64.) I designed my book to be a tool for astrologers, so that they could use it for their own research, and take the information into new directions, if they wished.

EH: So William Lilly was not that critical to your work?

DKR: No, he wasn't. And he was probably using Ptolemy, and expanding on it a bit. Lilly's work was useful for me, but not that pivotal.

10) **EH:** Let's discuss Fixed Stars in natal astrology and in mundane astrology. You have researched Dwight D. Eisenhower at some length, and also some mundane events such as the Union Carbide disaster in Bhopal, India Dec. 3, 1984.

DKR: The Bhopal disaster still haunts me. The article I wrote on it was recently honored as one of the best articles ever written for an *NCGR Journal*. It is now on my website, under the title "The Mills of God" so I'm going to suggest that readers check it out there. I became interested in Eisenhower after reading his biography.¹⁰ His parents were River Brethren, a pacifist sect that preached that military conflict was a great evil. Yet he loved books about war, so it is likely that at a very early age he knew that he had been born on the anniversary of one of the great turning points of history: the Battle of Hastings (Oct. 14, 1066 OS, 50N55, 0E29, 9:30 AM LMT): **William of Normandy's** invasion and conquest of England. But Ike's birth was not only the anniversary of Hastings; his Saturn-Ascendant conjunction was the Saturn of Hastings. (That is, his birth coincided with the 28th Saturn return of the Battle of Hastings and squared Mars in the battle chart.) His Moon-Uranus conjunction was the Sun of Hastings. The Battle of Hastings was an invasion of England from Normandy, and Eisenhower would lead an invasion of Normandy from England. It seems to me that he was born to this task. His boyhood hero was Abraham Lincoln, and like Lincoln, he was born in poverty and rose to become President of the United States. And like Lincoln, he had a royal star culminating at his birth!

¹⁰ **Dwight D. Eisenhower** was born Oct. 14, 1890, Denison, TX. Birth time is questionable (Rodden rating DD).

One of the things that set him apart from other leaders was his early upbringing that revered peace. He had the Sun, Moon and Uranus in the constellation of the Virgin, who was known in the Greek myths for her longing for – and devotion to – peace. One of the reasons Eisenhower was given the position of Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces was that he was known as a peacemaker, and there were potentially serious conflicts among the allied generals. Hitler was convinced that those conflicts would break apart the alliance. Only Ike had the diplomatic skills that could hold it together. He also kept the U.S. out of hot wars during his presidency, 1953-1961. (The Korean War Armistice was signed July 27, 1953.)

EH: Eisenhower is such a great historical example, but I have avoided using him due to his DD (Dirty Data). What convinced you to go ahead and use 3:40 AM? Or is exact birth data less important in the use of Fixed Stars?

DKR: Astrodatbank has several possible birth times given for Eisenhower: 3 AM, 3:40 AM; 5 AM; 5:11 PM, 5:19 PM 5:54 PM, 6 PM and just “night.” Since the “night” came from a roomer in their house who ran for a doctor, it seemed to me that we could eliminate the 5:11 to 6 PM times, as these would be closer to late afternoon; also if his mother remembered “about 3 AM” that would seem to be closer to the likely time. I think I chose the 3:40 AM time (actually now I think 3:30 AM might be a bit better) because it put Orion at the MC and in ancient China Orion was a great military figure called “The Supreme Commander.” Ike became “Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces.” He had Pluto at Aldebaran, a royal-and-war-star, and 3:30 AM puts Pluto conjunct the MC. Ike’s life epitomizes the classic royal star pattern of poverty-to-prominence. This is an example of using stars in rectification, but of course I have no way of knowing whether I am right about the time. I want to repeat that I now think 3:30 AM is the better time. The precession correction on that chart, from 1890 to 2000, is +1 deg 31 minutes.

II) Are there some other historical figures whose charts clearly show the workings of some of the important Fixed Stars?

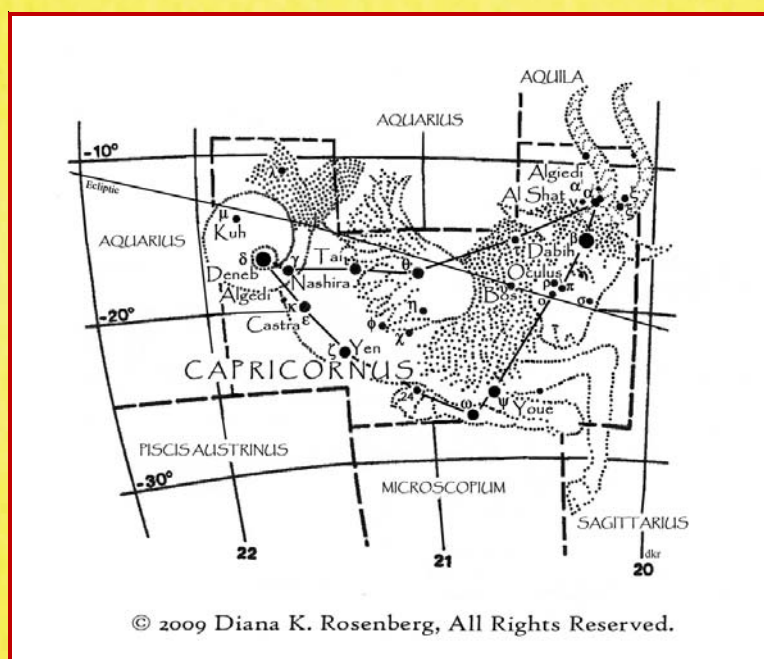
DKR: People often ask me about the four “royal stars:” 1) **Aldebaran**, *Alpha Tauri*, the 1st-magnitude eye of the Bull, it's 9:47 tropical Gemini, 15:56 sidereal Taurus 2) **Regulus**, *Alpha Leonis*, 29:50 tropical Leo, 5:59 sidereal Leo; 3) **Antares**, *Alpha Scorpii* (opposite Aldebaran), 9:46 tropical Sagittarius, 15:55 sidereal Scorpio; and 4) **Fomalhaut**, *Alpha Piscis Australis*, 3:52 tropical Pisces, 10:01 sidereal Aquarius. (All positions are for 2000, Lahiri sidereal used.) Royal stars do not necessarily indicate those who are high born or prominent, although this may be so. Rather they seem to offer a greater-than-average ambition and opportunities to rise high in the world and to associate with those at the top of their field in any profession. For instance, an office-worker might suddenly be given an administrative post, a student be given an opportunity to work with a famous professor, or a new, inexperienced actor be chosen for a major leading role. Even in a small, obscure community, an “ordinary” person with a royal star placement might become influential or associate with those who are. The danger, of course, is that one may rise too high too fast, lack experience or misuse influence, and suffer a harsh come-down as a result. Or there may also be another kind of “royal connection” in their lives.

For instance, biographers might choose royal figures as subjects, actors might play royal parts, etc. **Lord Louis Mountbatten**, last Viceroy of India, great-grandson of **Queen Victoria**, had a Mars-Moon-South Node cluster surrounding Aldebaran, opposite a Jupiter-Uranus-North Node conjunction centered at Antares. Immensely proud of his genealogy, his favorite pastime was musing over a chart of his royal forebears. Unfortunately, he also came to illustrate one of the darker sides of the royal stars: the possibility of assassination.

Because 2009 was the 200th anniversary of the births of **Abraham Lincoln** and **Charles Darwin**, both born Feb. 12, 1809, many people are now aware that these two remarkable souls incarnated on the same day! The Sun on the day of their birth was at the star Kuh, Mu Capricorni, in the tail of *Capricornus*, the Sea-Goat, and Globular Cluster M2 in the head of Aquarius, the Water-Pourer. (These two constellations overlap). For a long time, as I was researching the stars, this area puzzled me. What was I to make of a goat with a fish's tail? And why did early texts call *Capricornus* – one of the most ancient of the zodiac figures – “Father of Light”? In the Chaldeo-Babylonian celestial hierarchy, one of three gods who reigned supreme was Ea, “Lord of the Deep,” preeminently wise and beneficent, enlightener and lawgiver, archetype of Divine Intelligence. The stars of *Capricornus* belonged to Ea.

One of the most ancient of all the zodiac figures, *Capricornus*, the sea-faring goat with a fish's tail also represents the divine Man-Fish. Author **Rupert Gleadow** describes Ea:

“Ea is the only one of the Sumerian and Babylonian gods who was never angry, and always ready to help both gods and men out of difficulties. He is often represented as a man walking in a great fish-shaped cloak, the fish's head over his head and pointing upwards like a mitre, the tail at his heels, and the forward leg showing his human form. He is said to have emerged four times at long intervals from the ocean to teach civilization to men, and during each of these periods would retire into the water at night. Capricorn, his symbolic creature, symbolizes this dual life, and has as yet no association with the planet Saturn, which has never been reputed to help people out of scrapes.”



The teachings of Ea-Oannes, epitomized by *Capricornus*, make his stars an area of emergence and enlightenment, where laws are established, maintained and renewed; where challenges, struggles and experimentation bring about new systems of social contracts and new legal pathways for the just implementation of power.

Aquarians seek unity. Abraham Lincoln dedicated his presidency to saving the Union, while Charles Darwin sought a unified theory that would explain the mysteries of the natural world. His book *On the Origin of Species*, published Nov. 24, 1859, caused intense controversy, unabated to this day. The North Node was then in sidereal Capricorn/tropical Aquarius. In January 1863 Lincoln's *Emancipation Proclamation* freeing the slaves took effect. The New Moon that month was in Capricorn in both zodiacs. Lincoln liberated the slaves, while Darwin liberated the minds of millions who had rejected natural laws that did not conform to carrying on the teachings of Ea-Oannes. Now we can understand why ancient texts called *Capricornus* "Father of Light"!

12) **EH:** Let's discuss how Fixed Stars work in a national chart. I know you especially like the chart of the Republic of India. Let's give that data: Jan. 26, 1950, 10:15 AM, Delhi, India. Tropical Ascendant is 4:49 Aries. Sidereal Ascendant is 11:39 Pisces.

DKR: The original **India Independence** chart still works powerfully, but I also like looking at the **Republic of India** chart, for two reasons: First, it was more purely Indian, as the date wasn't imposed on them by the British; secondly, it was the same day they outlawed the caste system that designated some people as Untouchables. They did this under pressure from **Mahatma Gandhi** and **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**, who was born an Untouchable, also known as *Dalit* or *Mleccha*. (Dr. Ambedkar was born April 14, 1891, Mhow, India, and I used 12 noon, since the time is unknown.) In both zodiacs his natal Sun is exalted in Aries. His North node-Pluto conjunction is on Aldebaran. And typical of the Royal stars, they lift you up. (You just have to behave yourself, or you get crashed down again!) In his case, he is much admired. Somehow he managed to get an education, and went abroad for his advanced degrees.¹¹ His chart looks better to me in the tropical zodiac, as the Venus becomes exalted in Pisces and Jupiter in dignity in Pisces, though Sun is exalted in both zodiacs. His natal Mars is with Algol, and Neptune-North Node-Pluto in Gemini, with North Node-Pluto conjunct Aldebaran, though Neptune is a bit early for Aldebaran. Noon Moon is in tropical Cancer. I was intrigued to get the birth date of an Untouchable.

The **Independence of India** chart (August 15, 1947, 0 hr, Delhi) is certainly a primary chart for the nation, and it does work event-wise. When India's astrologers objected strongly to the date, Viceroy Lord Louis Mountbatten wrote in his diary: "The astrologers are being rather tiresome." But this was not a date chosen by any native Indian(s) or Indian astrologers.¹²

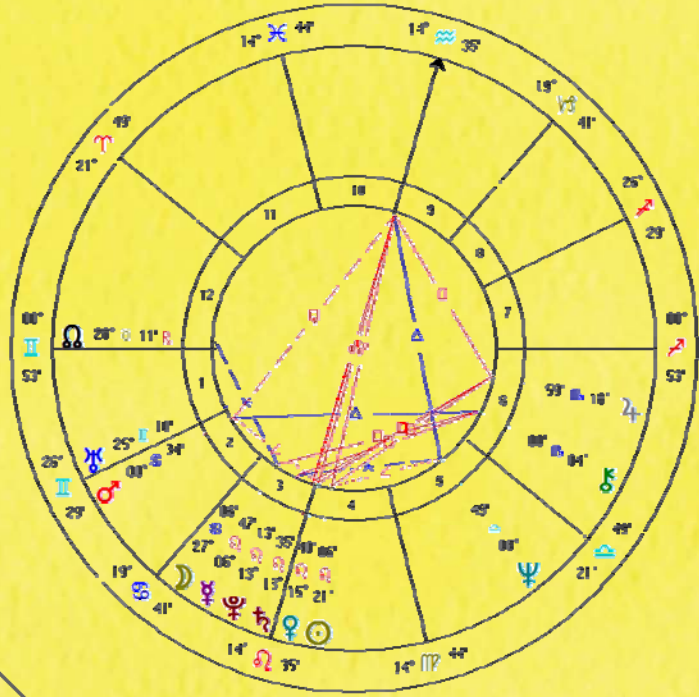
¹¹ Dr. Ambedkar attended the London School of Economics and Columbia University, earning several doctorates for his study and research in law, economics and political science. Returning home as a famous scholar, he practiced law for several years before publishing journals advocating political rights and social freedom for India's Untouchables. (EH)

¹² The date of Aug. 14 was chosen by the British, but the Indian astrologers, having reported that this was not the most favorable date, tried to find a better time, and under pressure – they chose midnight on Aug. 14/15, 1947. Although **Mohammad Ali Jinnah** (leader of the All-India Muslim League and founder



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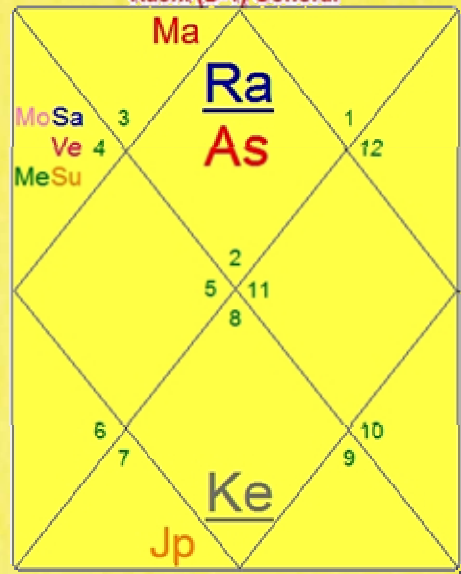
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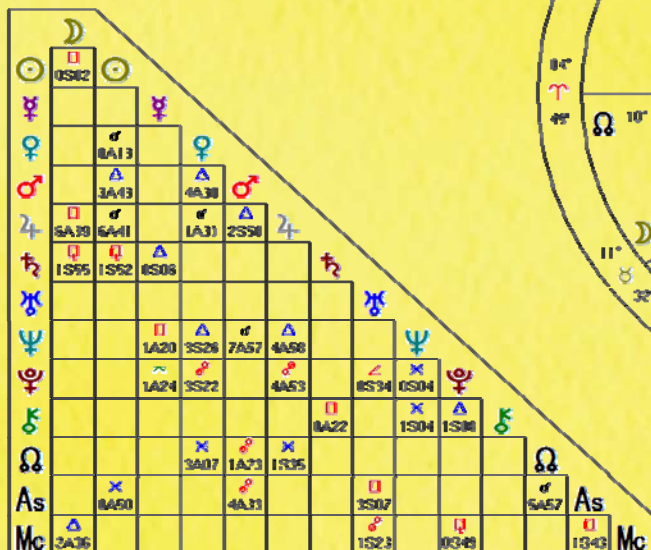
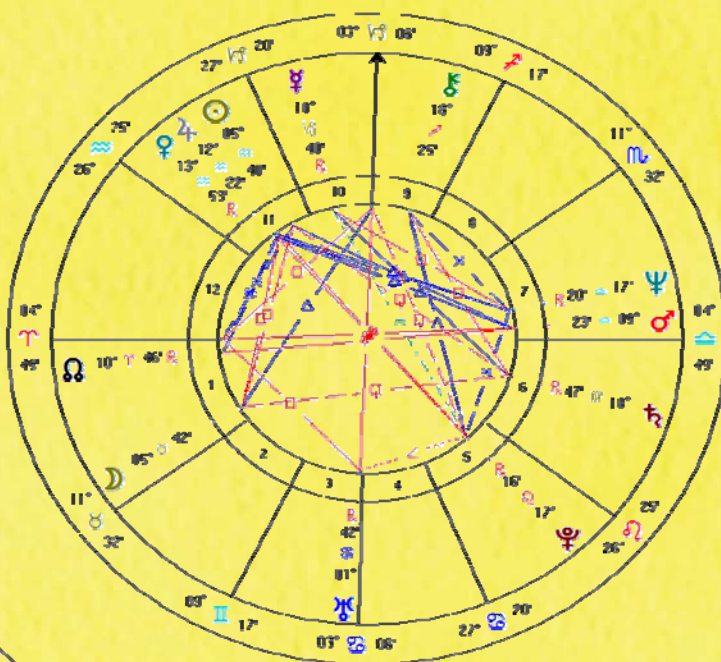
of Pakistan) was unconcerned about the astrology, Hindu leaders were more concerned. Because of this difference in their charts, India's history is regarded as having been more successful than that of Pakistan, whose chart is Aug. 14, 9:30 AM, Karachi. The **Pakistan Independence** chart has 5:46 Virgo Ascendant, with planetary enemy Mars dominant at the 10th house cusp in Gemini, Moon at 24:53 Gemini, and four planets in the royal sign of Cancer (all sidereal Lahiri positions). India's Independence chart has 7:43 Taurus Ascendant, with five planets in Cancer: Moon, Mercury, Saturn, Venus, and Sun. With emphasis in the 3rd house of communications, and Venus *dasa* Sept. 1989 through Sept. 2009, followed by 15 years of *dasas* of 3rd house planets, we could predict ongoing success for India's vibrant Information Technology sector. I favor this Independence chart. (EH).



After reading about how Dr B. R. Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi successfully pressed the Constituent Assembly to outlaw the caste system, and that the Constitution came into force at the same time as the Republic of India was announced, I decided that the 1950 chart was worthy of consideration as a true chart of the nation, to be studied alongside the Independence chart. A full reading of these charts is not possible here, but there are some very notable elements in relation to Fixed Stars, constellations and lunar mansions. For instance, the great ancient astronomer/astrologer/mathematician/ geographer **Claudius Ptolemy** (ca. 85-165 AD) assigned India to *Capricornus*, the Sea-Goat, a figure now completely overlaid with tropical Aquarius. The Independence chart has *Capricornus* Culminating, and the Republic chart has the Sun, Jupiter and Venus in the Sea-Goat, and the Republic's Venus was transiting the Midheaven of the Independence chart.

Republic Of India

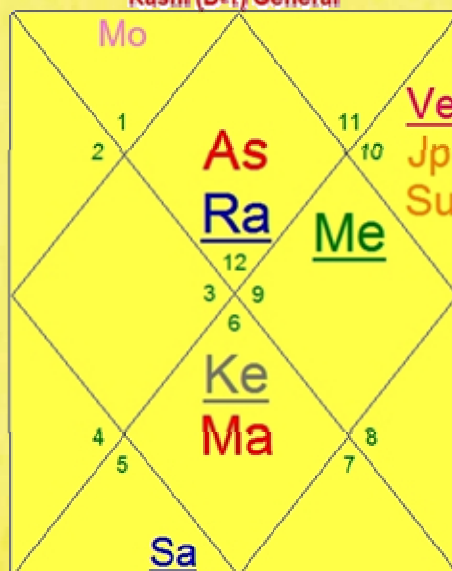
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Rashi (D-1) General



The **India Republic** chart has sidereal Pisces Rising. Roman astrologer **Manilius**, writing about 10 AD, assigned India (“Asiatic Ethiopia”) to the Fishes. That the Republic’s Sun, Jupiter and Venus were in tropical Aquarius in the 11th house would be considered mostly beneficent to Western tropicalists. They occupy *Shravana nakshatra*, one of four “*Mleccha*” mansions, associated with outcasts.

EH: That would contrast with the Vedic view that Venus and Jupiter are not planetary friends, and their close contact in the same sign would generally be regarded as excessive. And while it’s true that *nakshatras* are classified in numerous ways, including by caste system, we are still waiting for Sanskrit translations of many of the ancient texts on Vedic astrology. From what is available so far, it appears that the four elements are not mentioned, while the four castes (people from classical Hindu society) supplant the elements. But as the symbolism in the Vedic culture is always far broader than it first appears, I would be wary of extracting information like this. It could so easily create distortions in interpretations.

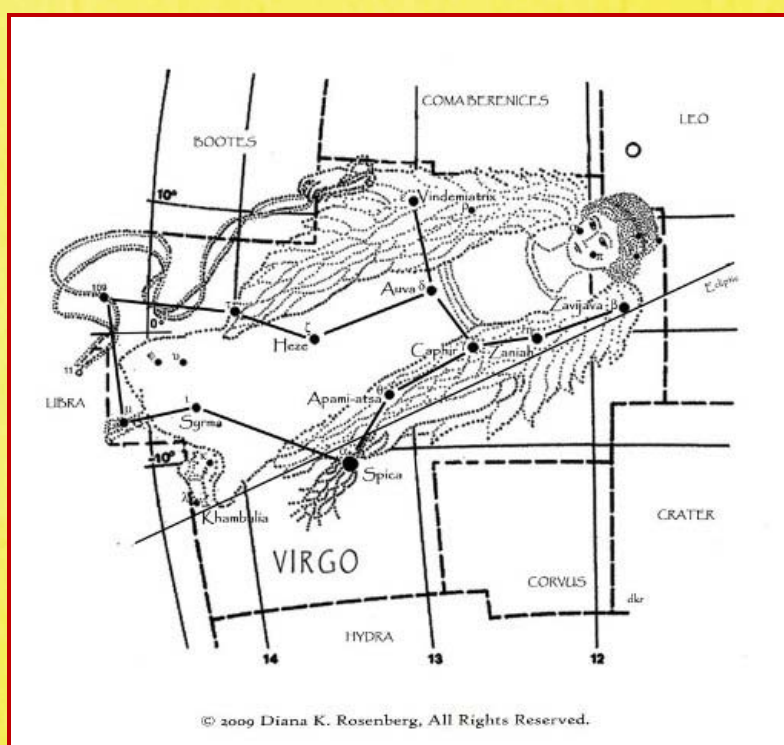
DKR: Well, at the risk of doing so, I still think this illustrates the very issues roiling the new republic. Early Western tropicalists named the 11th house as the “joy” of Jupiter, and here the three planets in air tropically, overlaying earth sidereally, illustrate how the ancient *Shudra*, or Servant castes (sidereal earth signs), have now emerged into the tropical air element – *Vaishya* (Mercantile caste), with opportunities to become educated and join the bourgeoisie. I have been insisting for several years now that both zodiacs (tropical and sidereal) work, and that they are combining, enhancing, illuminating, and giving depth to their counterparts. Both Capricorn and Aquarius are Saturn-ruled signs, so the stern Lord of Karma is still enthroned here. But changes have been wrought in this incredibly ancient and vivid culture that will invigorate and carry it forward. ¹³

Fixed star **Vindemiatrix**, Epsilon Virginis, is known as the **Star of Widowhood**, and plays a major role in the various charts of India. She is also known as the fruit-gatherer, and she is in the north wing of the Virgin. (In 1950 Vindemiatrix was at 9:10 Libra, and in 1980 at 9:40 Libra – tropical zodiac.) Why it should be connected to widowhood, I don’t know, but it works consistently. ¹⁴ It is remarkable that all three charts of India in **Nick Campion’s Book**

¹³ India Republic chart’s Venus and Jupiter are in sidereal Capricorn, where Jupiter is debilitated. Both planets are combust the Sun. Sign lord Saturn is not in good placement in Leo, and exchanges signs with its enemy the Sun in Capricorn: struggles with establishing leadership and authority. Classic Vedic astrology delineates planets, signs, *nakshatras*, etc. according to the sidereal zodiac, though *ayanamshas* may vary slightly. Also, according to classic Vedic rules, it would not be recommended to switch or superimpose zodiacs in Vedic chart analysis. (EH)

¹⁴ DKR, cont’d: This includes astrologer **Maria Simms**, who was married to **Neil Michelsen**, and became a widow when he died of cancer very early in their married life. She knew something about Fixed Stars, and she came up to me and said: “Did you know that we were married on a day when the Sun was at Vindemiatrix? We were crazy that day, running around getting various papers for the company, and talking to lawyers. And one of the things we had to do that day before jumping on a plane was to go get married!” They were so busy they didn’t even look at the planets! Sadly, Michelsen was diagnosed with cancer not too long after that. She volunteered the information, and said she would let me use it. I think **Elizabeth Taylor** married **Mike Todd** when Jupiter was at Vindemiatrix, and he was killed in a plane crash early in their marriage. There are so many examples of the connection to the loss of the partner. (DKR)

of World Horoscopes have Vindemiatrix prominent: It was rising on Jan 1, 1877, 0 AM LMT, Delhi when **Queen Victoria** – known as the “Widow of Windsor” – became Empress of India; Neptune was at Vindemiatrix at the Independence chart of 1947. (Neptune had come to the Ascendant of the Empire chart, dissolving it.) And on the Republic’s chart there is a conjunction of Mars, Uranian planet Poseidon (enlightenment), and the karmic South Node. Widowhood has been an issue in India since ancient times. For centuries the tradition of *Sati* expected or forced widows to throw themselves on their husbands’ funeral pyres. The Constitution outlawed the ancient caste system, including the Untouchables, but equivocated on many feminist issues. For instance, the treatment of wives is still a concern in India. Despite government efforts, some are murdered so that their husbands, being widowers, might re-marry to gain a new dowry.

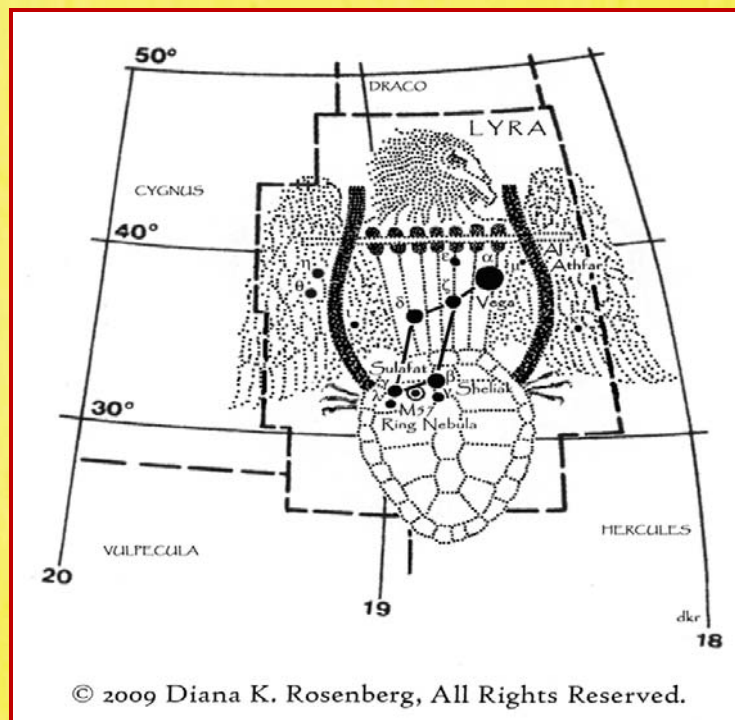


There is a consistent connection between India and Vindemiatrix – also occasionally called Almuredin. Nor does a star have just one meaning. In addition to being the Star of Widowhood, she is also known as the Grape-gatherer, or the Vintager, or the Herald of the vintage. I was able to get the data of a man who started his own winery in California. I don’t know if he is a widower, but in his chart Vindemiatrix is in the Ascendant – confirming another aspect of Vindemiatrix: the cultivator of grapes. She is also called Protrygeter – “the fruit-plucking herald.” When she is rising, she heralds the time of the vintage when the grapes are gathered.

13) EH: Let’s introduce some of the issues that come up around your use of the two zodiacs, and how you view Vedic *nakshatras*. We can continue with the **India Republic** chart.

DKR: In the **India Republic** chart Mercury in the 10th house (18:40 tropical Capricorn, 25:31 Sagittarius – Lahiri sidereal), is aligned with the star *Epsilon Lyrae* in the constellation of

Lyra, the Lyre. ¹⁵ This is one of the stars of the mysterious (and almost never used) *Abhijit nakshatra*. All that is known of this Lunar mansion is that it was said to be of the *Vaisya* caste, to be ruled by Brahma, and that it was under the influence of this mansion that the Gods vanquished the demon Asuras. This remarkable area of the sky is pure celestial fire! Situated here are the natal Suns of physicists **Sir Isaac Newton** and **Stephen Hawking** (born 299 years apart, both of them Lucasian Professors of Mathematics at Cambridge), the Midheaven of physicist-inventor **Nicola Tesla**, called “master of lightning,” who invented radio, Venus of legendary 10th-century Persian scholar-astronomer **Al Sufi**, publisher of *Kitab al-Kawatib al-Thabit al-Musawwar* (“Book of Fixed Stars”), the Moon of astrologers **Lilly**, **Ebertin**, and **Ficino**, to name but a few. In any case, *Abhijit's* constellation of Lyra is way above the ecliptic, far north of the other *nakshatras*, so that's another part of the mystery.



EH: I would add here that *Abhijit nakshatra* has a range from 6:40 to 10:53 sidereal Capricorn.¹⁶ You are correct that *Abhijit nakshatra* is almost never used. It disappeared from the literature after ca. 0 A.D., though it was an inherent part of the system before then, and inserted between *Uttara Ashada* and *Shravana nakshatras*. But it is not used now at all in Vedic chart analysis. *Abhijit nakshatra* should also not be confused with *Abhijit muhurtha*, which is one *Ghati* (24 minutes) on either side of local noon time. It is an auspicious 48-minute time period near mid-day each day, and is considered when an appropriate *Muhurtha* is not available. Only *Abhijit muhurtha* is of any significance to modern Vedic astrologers.

¹⁵ Stars of Lyra were, in ancient India, a vulture or an eagle; in Phoenicia and Greece they represented a tortoise-shell that Hermes used to create a lyre. For centuries celestial cartographers have solved the problem of these different symbols – eagle/vulture and lyre – by depicting a raptor (bird of prey) carrying a harp in its claws. (DKR)

¹⁶ See **K.T. Shubhakaran**, *Nakshatra: Constellation Based Predictions with Remedial Measures*, 1991, p. 285. See also **Dr. K.S. Charak**, *Elements of Vedic Astrology*, 1995, Vol. 1, p. 22. (EH)

DKR: I know *Abhijit nakshatra* is not normally used in Vedic chart analysis, but I am not doing Vedic chart analysis! Since I have been granted the gift of its original determinants, I wanted to experiment with it. (My natal Sun is conjunct Uranus.) Besides, it is so mysterious and intriguing!

EH: Okay, but I wanted to clarify this point, as I think it is potentially very confusing for practitioners of Vedic astrology – or other forms of astrology, for that matter. I understand you want to encourage research and experimentation, and that includes experimenting with superimposing zodiacs and lunar mansions from various different systems. My concern is that regardless of there being no Vedic chart analysis involved, the meaning of the Vedic lunar mansion will be there, no matter what.¹⁷ The Sanskrit word **Abhijit**, for instance, means “complete victory.” In the Vedic Puranic myths, Shiva pulls *Abhijit nakshatra* from the heavens, as it was abused when in the wrong hands. “Complete victory” is perhaps beyond human comprehension, and belongs only to the great spiritual masters. In the *Bhagavad Gita*, Krishna says: “Of the constellations, I am *Abhijit*.”

My concern is that you are applying a now discarded *nakshatra* segment to a degree area that does not coincide with what most Vedic astrologers understand to be *Abhijit nakshatra*.¹⁸ You say Mercury of the Republic of India chart (18:40 tropical Capricorn, 25:31 sidereal Sagittarius), is in *Abhijit nakshatra*. But Vedic astrologers place it between 5 and 11 degrees sidereal Capricorn at the maximum extent.

DKR: But I do not use the “fixed” spans, but rather the original determinant stars (from **Valerie Roebuck’s Circle of Stars**), plus a small allowance at either end. *Abhijit’s* determinants are *Alpha (Vega), Zeta and Epsilon Lyrae*, tropical 15:19 Capricorn, 18:07 Capricorn, 18:38 Capricorn, respectively, and in sidereal Lahiri (2000) are 21:28 Sagittarius, 24:16 Sagittarius, and 24:47 Sagittarius. This brings up an important point that we should discuss. Constellations have been given fixed, regular boundaries of 30° lengths, when of course their actual lengths vary wildly. (Virgo, the Virgin, for instance, is 54° long.) And in Vedic astrology the same fate has befallen *nakshatras*. Since my focus is on stars and the sources of ancient knowledge, I have gone to the trouble of finding the original determinants of each mansion. The degrees you give for *Abhijit*, 6:40 to 10:53 sidereal Capricorn, would, on my list, totally encroach on *Shravana’s* determinants, stars *Gamma, Alpha, Beta Aquilae*, 7:06, 7:56 & 8:35 sidereal Capricorn (0:57, 1:47 and 2:26 tropical Aquarius).

Vedic astrologer K.T. Shubhakaran (see previous footnote) specifically relates *Abhijit nakshatra* to three stars, the brightest of which is Vega, *Alpha Lyrae*. The degrees he gives do

¹⁷ This point becomes clearer later on when we discuss Diana’s Vedic birth chart (Section #16). She considers the Vedic chart incorrectly shows her to be financially wealthy, with Sun as 2nd house ruler of financial wealth, in *Revati nakshatra*, meaning “wealthy.” However, using Vedic whole sign houses, Sun rules the 3rd house – not the 2nd, while Venus (also in *Revati*) rules Houses 5 and 12. Comparatively, financial wealth & nourishment have come through learning & children. *Revati* is also about nourishment, and sign and *nakshatra* rulerships must be applied. (EH)

¹⁸ As the North Pole star some 15,000 years ago, Vega seems related to *Abhijit’s* spiritual significance in Vedic terms. Contrast this with some modern Western attributes to Vega, such as luck in politics, fleeting fame, wealth, and pretentiousness. (EH)

not match the Lyra stars. This is a very good example of how difficult it has been for astrologers working in both zodiacs to deal with the stars. Shubhakaran talks about Vega and the other two stars, but he doesn't know where they are in terms of degrees. He can only name them as the stars traditionally connected to *Abhijit nakshatra*. In her book *Circle of Stars* (pp. 100, 109), Sanskrit scholar Valerie J Roebuck gives the same three determinant stars.

EH: It is good you can clarify these points, as although it is still potentially confusing – at least we can hone in on why it is so confusing!

DKR: I am using determinant stars even if there is a conflict with the standard Vedic spans, and I consider this part of my learning process and “mission,” as it were. And I am doing this not only with *nakshatras*, but constellations as well. I hope that astrologers will try out and test these differences – standardized spans versus spans based on the ancient, original determinant stars – to see which they find more pertinent, useful, insightful and enlightening.

When I look at a natal chart or a national chart, I see overlays of both zodiacs. With the chart of the **Republic of India**, strengthening the remarkable Mercury is a trine from Saturn in the 6th house, tropically in the earth element where he is comfortable, but sidereally in Leo, where he is in exile (detriment), a graphic illustration of the variances and conflicts inherent in the differences between the two zodiacs, and at the same time, of the deep conflicts within India itself. The star here is 93 *Leonis* in the upper curve of the Lion's tail, a determinant of *Uttaraphalguni*, “The Latter Reddish One” or “Back of the Culprit” ruled by Aryaman, the Aditya of hospitality, connected with favor, kindness, and fruition. On Aryaman I have written:

“The desire to interpret and explain one culture to another makes this an area of translators and diplomats, concerned with forging and maintaining links between disparate races, nationalities, and faiths, stressing elements we have in common, rather than differences that divide us. Idealistic, utopian, perceptive, looking for ways to set the world right, they are concerned with the question of how to live a spiritual, meaningful life.”

Although stars of the Virgin “officially” start with the next degree, her distinct influence begins here, where the wild beast (Leo) is first brought under conscious control, a triumph of intelligence over brutality. The 6th house is the 10th of the 9th, i.e. religious status, and Saturn here describes the conflicts between religions and the constant struggle of each for supremacy. As for the sidereal-tropical combination, Leo's fire makes this a mansion of the *Kshatriya* caste of rulers and warriors, but now it is overlaid with the modifying tropical influence of *Shudra*'s earth element. No longer can hereditary rulers dominate the servant classes; now they must curry their favor to get elected!

EH: This does challenge key concepts in classic Vedic astrology, where certain qualities of royalty are strongly associated with the three fire signs, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius – the *Kshatriyas* being a royal caste. This especially applies to Leo, ruled by the Sun. (The only two royal planets are the Sun and Moon, so this would also apply to Moon-ruled Cancer.) When you change the element from fire to earth – it does not make sense on several levels in the

Vedic scheme of things. Fire is associated both with royalty, and with military and political leaders, the *Kshatriyas*. Earth is associated with the *Shudras*, or servant class, those who do the real material work in the world. In the classic Vedic sense, the one cannot replace or even duplicate the other.

DKR: But Edith, consider – during the past century, all over the world, royalty has virtually disappeared, or completely lost its real power! And I am not changing the elements. I am saying that they are now combining.

EH: Of course, now we have an overlap of almost one sign and one element to discuss. In several hundred more years, the overlap will be two signs away!

DKR: I calculate it as another 430 years to go in the current overlap: 2,580 years - 2,150 + the 6 degrees.

EH: Okay – somewhere close to that! But I do agree that when the slower moving outer planets (especially Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) enter each tropical sign, one can observe changes in that arena of life. Then later, when that planet enters the same sign sidereally, there are even more profound or radical stages of development in that area of life. With Pluto in sidereal Sagittarius, for example, the issue of widespread corruption within the Roman Catholic Church has finally reached the Pope himself, making him more vulnerable.

DKR: An interesting observation!

EH: Thank you. And what you say about royalty disappearing is true, in terms of the actual power of royal families per se. Even so, I think what we see now is the real essence of royalty in terms of the king being the victor (or not) in battle. The Vedic royal caste is the *kshatriya* – the military and political leaders, a group that has only become more dominant in our world. The allocation of resources for military purposes dominates all others, and the military industry probably drives this whole process to extremes. That point is made very clear on the Gemini-Sagittarius axis, where the last of the three fire signs, Sagittarius, is opposite Gemini – considered a mercantile sign (the air element). The power of the presidency in most nations, but especially the USA, is dependent on its loyalty and cooperation with the aims of the military and the wealthiest economic sectors, another key to modern royalty.¹⁹ This stratosphere of power is well defined in Vedic terms as to what constitutes “royal status.”²⁰ In fact, military might is so linked with economic might in our

¹⁹ The **USA** chart is one of the best examples of this. I use an 8:59 Sagittarius Ascendant for the USA chart (the Kelleher chart: July 4, 1776, 6:30 PM LMT, Philadelphia, PA), with four planets in sidereal Gemini, out of nine classical planets, including Rahu and Ketu. (Though I do not use Uranus, Neptune or Pluto in Vedic natal or mundane astrology, I do note their planetary placements by sign, or by degree if they are at a power point in a chart, especially Pluto in recent years at the Galactic Center.) (EH)

²⁰ “The king is the root of the subject tree. Efforts should be made to enhance the king’s welfare, since progress and decay of the people are entirely dependent upon the nourishing and injuring respectively of that king-root.” [...Here the Subject tree stands for the entire *state* and consists of seven parts viz. the king, ministers, allies, treasury, territory, fortifications, and army.] from **Varahamihira** (505 A.D.),

era, that in some countries even Drug lords have a higher status among the common people than the legitimate king or rulers, especially if they are perceived as doing more for the good of the people. A battle for “royal” legitimacy is being waged in several countries now – Mexico, Jamaica, Afghanistan – among others. Drug lords, often called “drug kingpins,” are the “renegade royalty,” consistent with Pluto in sidereal Sagittarius.

DKR: In any case, what I have been trying to do is to search out, discover, experiment and perhaps revive the ancient patterns. I’d like astrologers to try both possibilities and decide for themselves.

EH: Okay. But for Vedic astrologers who are classically trained, it is very difficult to see how the tropical zodiac can work with the Fixed Stars, especially the Vedic nakshatras – as their tropical position is changing over time, a degree every 72 years or so.

DKR: Of course tropical positions work with the stars, because whether you label a degree “tropical” or “sidereal” you are still talking about one specific spot in the sky, whatever its “degree label”! And each star can be given its proper “degree label” according to the zodiac you have chosen to work in. For instance, I have the Sun at 19 tropical Aries, 26 sidereal Pisces (Lahiri), which puts it right at the star *Revati*, *Zeta Piscium*. Whichever zodiac you use, my Sun is at *Revati*! Because the Vernal Equinox gradually recedes against the background of the stars, making the distance between it (0° Aries) and the star longer, *Revati*’s tropical degree designation has increased (moved forward) 1 deg 04 min since I was born, and so has my (precession-corrected) Sun. *Revati* is still in the same place it always was, in the cord of the West Fish of Pisces. That does not change. But the “degree label” that a tropicalist gives it advances gradually, and that is why tropicalists must use precession corrections when working with the stars. This is so important and also difficult for people to understand.

And why did so many ancient astrologers, including **Ptolemy**, switch to the tropical zodiac? Because under the old sidereal paradigm, the calendar and the seasons were getting completely out of whack! It is the tropical points (0° of the cardinal signs) that determine when Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter occur, and those points are the ones that gradually precess against the background of the sky. Since all human timekeeping is based on the sky, the switch had to be made, or all the sacred points of the year would fall at the wrong time. If the calendars had not been corrected for precession, we would have the first day of Summer in August, and Christmas in February! Ancient calendar-keepers could simply decree that adjustments had to be made, but it was not that easy for astrologers, who have been dealing with this ever-widening split (between the seasons and the sky-figures) ever since.

EH: But in Ptolemy’s time the zodiacs were nearly in synch, so it was convenient for him to ignore precession in astrology. Here is Nick Campion on the subject:

“It no doubt seemed a simple matter to Ptolemy to rationalize the situation by defining 0 degrees Aries as the vernal point rather than as the beginning of the constellation of Aries,

Brihat Samhita, Part I, Ch. XLVIII – Royal Ablution, Verse I, translated & with notes by M. Ramakrishna Bhat, 1981. (EH)

but the legacy he bequeathed to his successors has not been an easy one. With the shift of the constellations in relation to the tropical Ptolemaic zodiac in the following centuries, they gradually became redundant, while the zodiac itself eventually ceased to have any connection to the awesome symbolism of the fixed stars.” (from his *Astrology, History and Apocalypse*, 2000, pp. 139-140.)

DKR: I disagree with Nick on this. It definitely did not seem “a simple matter to Ptolemy.” He finally declared himself a tropicalist, but since the precession correction of his time was still small, he was still able to use what Nick calls “the awesome symbolism” fully in his work. His *Tetrabiblos* is full of star and constellation references and delineations, and I’ve used them extensively in my book. I had a discussion with **Rob Hand** about Ptolemy’s attributions of certain geographical areas to certain signs. Rob said that since Ptolemy had declared himself a tropicalist, the signs he was using geographically would have to be considered tropical. But I researched the *Tetrabiblos* text, and became convinced that whatever Ptolemy was saying about the signs, he was nonetheless using them sidereally.

In any case, for me this question has been resolved by using precession-correction. But I initially chose the tropical zodiac for my primary research because back in 1980 – when I began this project – that was the zodiac most used by astrologers, at least in the West.

EH: Since that time, of course, has come the rise of Vedic, or Indian astrology in the West and worldwide. And in your Fixed Star book, you list all stars in both tropical and sidereal zodiacs, the latter using Lahiri *ayanamsha*. You ended up using both zodiacs. Yes? Though you lean towards the tropical.

DKR: Yes, I ended up using both zodiacs, as the more I worked with Fixed Stars, the more I didn’t want to be limited by one zodiac. But I want to say, and emphasize very strongly, that I prefer the tropical zodiac. As the lens I have been looking through far longer, I find it closer to the essential message of each chart, just as I know you feel the same using the lens of the sidereal zodiac. And whatever my preference, I always say the sky doesn’t belong to anyone, or any one zodiac! I am more interested in what the sky figures are telling us.

14) **EH:** The Fixed Stars by their very nature bring up the zodiac issue. Let’s go into this a little more. We can call it **THE ZODIAC DIALOGUES!**

DKR: Great! You know, astronomers say, “Why should we bother to look at astrology? You can’t even agree on a zodiac!” Siderealists make the point that tropicalists are constantly changing and adapting their viewpoint because the equinoxes and solstices precess in relation to the stars, making the tropical zodiac movable, and thus, they believe, changeable and unreliable. But tropicalists who see the annual cardinal pillars of the seasons as the steadfast (and sacred) points, could just as well point out that the sidereal constellations are constantly creeping away from their ancient tropical (Sun/Earth) anchors! The sidereal zodiac is profoundly linked to the sky-figures, while the tropical zodiac is profoundly linked to the Earth/Sun’s four-pillared seasons. Both are eternal. Both are sacred.

The *nakshatras* stand alone just as the constellations do. Indeed, they are part of constellations, and the planet that is moving through them, as well as the degree span of the

nakshatra, has been given one degree-label by the tropicalists and another degree-label by the siderealists. But that planet and that *nakshatra* ARE IN THE SAME PLACE IN THE SKY for both zodiacs! Sidereal can't "own" lunar mansions – they belong to everyone!

EH: They do belong to everyone. I would add that each Fixed Star's individual movement (called "proper motion") is so minute that the heavens appear to us much as they did thousands of years ago.²¹ Antares, for instance, would take 170,000 years to move just one degree, as seen from earth, 90, 000 years for Aldebaran. And you are right that the Vedics don't own the *nakshatras*, but they have developed them in a very specific and sophisticated way that is uniquely Vedic, including the deities, the qualities, and the many mythologies surrounding each *nakshatra*. An alternate orientation should not be superimposed on them, and I don't think you mean that. But for instance, when anyone goes into a Hindu temple in India, the only thing the priest wants to know about you before blessing you is where your "birth star" is. This means the *nakshatra* where your birth Moon is situated in the sidereal zodiac. This tells him the most important thing he needs to know about you – how your mind works. It is a key factor to understanding the mind and personality of an individual. If a Western tropical astrologer wants to use the Vedic *nakshatras* in the tropical zodiac, then I would suggest the correct use would be very general in terms of the themes of the *nakshatra* and its ruling deity.

There are great many details about these *nakshatras* which simply do not translate into the tropical zodiac, which is going to keep shifting the zodiacal position of these *nakshatras*. Vedic astrology regards the importance of both sign lords and *nakshatra* lords, and then specific lords and sub-lords of each *pada* (quarter). Much about each and every *nakshatra* derives its significance for all Vedic astrologers due to its specific zodiacal degrees in the sidereal zodiac.

DKR: I realize that to a Vedic expert like yourself, each *nakshatra* has a myriad of meanings, connotations and rules that reveal wonderful and useful information. Even if a tropicalist is ignorant of these, he/she can still distill meaning from the mansion if they know the stars that comprise it. This, I believe, can serve as a bridge between the two factions of our beleaguered trade. We should build on this. Perhaps this conflict between the two zodiacs, so damaging to the reputation of astrology among scientists, can eventually be reconciled by the study and use of the real sky!

I think the debate we are having with *nakshatras* is that you (and I presume other Vedic astrologers) are thinking of them in terms of their degree-spans and boundaries, while I, coming from the deep past stuff when the star-groups were primary, am thinking of them in

²¹ Though the sidereal zodiac is not linked to the seasons (India has six seasons), Vedic astrology does emphasize the northern path of the Sun (the path of the Gods, *Uttarayana*), and the southern path of the Sun (the path of the Ancestors, *Dakshinayana*). *Uttarayana* starts from Winter solstice in the Northern hemisphere (approx. Dec. 21) and ends at the Summer solstice in the Northern hemisphere (approx. June 21), based on the Sun entering tropical Capricorn and Cancer, respectively. The Full Moon calendar is important, but is not in total synch with the solar calendar. Lunar months are named by the *nakshatra* where the Full Moon occurs. The Spring equinox is important as a measure for *ayanamsha*. (Lahiri *ayanamsha* increases by 83 minutes or 1.4 degrees every 100 years.) The Vedic New Year is the New Moon prior to Sun entering sidereal Aries. (EH)

terms of the clusters of stars they inhabit. Don't worry here about determinants. Let's just say that the determinants are telling us, in general, where the *nakshatras* originally resided. And those original determinant stars have very distinct energies, which I believe gave each *nakshatra* its identity!

EH: I strongly disagree! And if you had studied Vedic astrology, I think you might see it differently. The *nakshatras* do not derive their basic identities from the Fixed Stars, just because they are the "determinant stars." The ancient Vedic culture was a lunar culture, the entire philosophy of their tradition involving worship based on the Moon's *nakshatra* position, not its zodiacal sign. The "sky gazers" in this case were the *Rishis*, or Sages, who were Enlightened beings. In their state of Super consciousness, they were able to see the past, present and future.²² Observing the Moon's daily passage, the average speed of the Moon coincides with the exact length of the *nakshatra*: 13 degrees 20 minutes. The Moon's sidereal motion is also 27.3 days, another reason why there are 27 *nakshatras* and not 28, as in the Chinese and Arabic lunar mansions. The Moon's motion is hugely important, but we cannot absolutely confirm whether the seers were more concerned with *nakshatras* as equal segments, or as clusters of stars.

DKR: I don't think it would have been possible for them to measure exact spans when people looked at the sky, even if those distinct star groups (usually of prominent stars) would have given them at least an idea of where a *nakshatra* began or ended. But because "an idea" would not have been good enough for chart analysis, the precise spans, keeping pace with the movement of the Moon, came into use to keep things orderly.

A *nakshatra*, to me, coming from the point of view of those antique sky-gazers, is a great deal more than a set of degrees! If you are going to say that it is the exact degree span that is primary, then you are doing with the *nakshatras* what tropicalists (and, yes, siderealists too), have come to do with signs. That is, no matter what is going on in the sky visually, the exact 30 degree measurements from 0 Aries, from whatever sidereal fiducial point is chosen, are now considered what is important.

That you and other Vedic astrologers use the exact degree spans is fine with me – I just want everyone – siderealists and tropicalists alike, to know what is going on in the sky in that degree span, or any degree span!

The stars and constellations are the ground we all stand on, whatever zodiac we espouse (which is simply a matter of choosing different starting points and labeling planetary positions accordingly). In that example of the pre-9/11 lunation – a siderealist looking at the sky and a tropicalist looking at the sky are going to see Mars in the same place! To me, the *nakshatra* (or *manzil*, or *hsiu*) that it is passing through has a message, and I can't accept that *nakshatras* are solely for the use of the Vedic tradition – as long as one is careful to transpose the degrees correctly, I believe it is quite proper for a tropicalist to say that a planet is in such-and-such *nakshatra*, because a *nakshatra* is not, essentially, just a span of degrees; it is

²² In the Dec. 2000 issue of *Discovery magazine*, a British scientist explains a mathematical formula for being able to see the past, present and future in the present moment, also possible in a Black Hole, and achieved by the ancient Vedic seers, whose cognition of the universe precedes modern Science. (EH)

also a place in the sky. The Vedic tradition, so detailed and complete in so many ways, has, for the most part, lost its heavenly foundation. That's why I keep insisting, to both siderealists and tropicalists, that they become aware of the stars.

EH: The *nakshatra* has never lost its heavenly foundation, though I will agree that most Vedic astrologers today are not much focused on the Fixed Stars and their positions.²³ Even so, Vedic astrology has always been based on the observable, or constellational zodiac, which is much more based on the Fixed Stars than is the tropical zodiac – which is seasonally oriented. The meaning of the signs breaks down totally in the Southern hemisphere, while in Vedic (sidereal) astrology the sign of Aries is not necessarily tied to the spring season but is tied to the idea of qualities. And as the first sign, it is the sign of beginnings and initiations.

In the Vedic literature on *nakshatras*, the Fixed Stars are mentioned on a regular basis. Classic Vedic texts like *Surya Siddhanta* mention their locations. The *nakshatras* form constellations of Fixed Stars and certain Fixed Stars mark their prime and junction stars (*yogataras*). The *Vedanga Jyotish* (ca. 1500 B.C.) confirms that ancient Vedic seers gave planetary and even ascendant longitudinal placements only in terms of *nakshatras*. Sage **Parashara** refers to comets as seen in various *nakshatras*.

Ancient Vedic literature has always referred to *nakshatra* placements at the time of the spring equinox, or summer solstice. In the *Vedanga Jyotish*, the summer solstice ca. 1500 B.C. was in *Aslesha nakshatra* (16:40 to 30:00 sidereal Cancer). In 2500 B.C. the spring equinox was in *Krittika nakshatra* (26:40 Aries to 10:00 Taurus – sidereal). In 3100 B.C. the spring equinox was in *Rohini nakshatra* (10:00 to 23:20 sidereal Taurus). The Harappan seal shows *Krittika*, and the mature period of the Harappan culture of northwestern India is considered to have spanned the period from 2800 to 1800 B.C.²⁴ The *nakshatras* did not move into new degree areas. Those remained the same. What changed was that the equinoxes and solstices were observed to have changed THEIR starting points to coincide with these particular *nakshatras*, always measured in the sidereal zodiac.²⁵

Vedic scholar **David Frawley** recently told me this:

“Vedic astrology has its own special method of polar longitude for determining stellar positions. It connects the stars with a line from the pole position. This changes the determination zodiacal placement of the Fixed Star, especially for stars located some distance north or south of the zodiac, sometimes by several degrees. There is as yet no modern astronomical program set up to calculate this.”

²³ **Ken Johnson** is an exception. In his book *Mansions of the Moon: the Lost Zodiac of the Goddess* (2002), he often refers to the Fixed Stars. For instance, he talks about how Arcturus adds to the meaning of *Swati*, by being the star furthest from the ecliptic. He describes *Swati* Moon people as "Arcturus Moon people" and "Arcturus folk." Thus Arcturus is the main star of *Swati*, but while the *nakshatras* are not identical with their junction or primary stars, there is considerable connection between the two. (EH)

²⁴ Source: *In Search of the Cradle of Civilization: New Light on Ancient India*, by **George Feuerstein**, **Subhash Chak**, and **David Frawley**, 1995, p. 63. (EH)

²⁵ As of April 1, 2010, the spring equinox occurs at 6:00 Pisces (Lahiri *ayanamsha* at 23:59.7) (EH)

This would apparently mean that by doing a polar longitude calculation, a junction star such as Antares is still in *Jyestha nakshatra* and easily within the boundary between the *nakshatras*. Frawley has also said: "It could be argued that the signs arose from the *Nakshatras*." ²⁶

DKR: No, I don't agree. The *nakshatras* are indeed very ancient, but they are also quite different from the signs. The Greek myths are very much connected to the sky figures, and I have long suspected that many of their myths derived from the figures – or at least the energies from each particular part of the sky – not the figures from the myths. But there's no way of truly knowing that.

EH: The Vedic *nakshatras* apparently precede any use of zodiac signs in that system, at least. The ancient Vedic texts are purely *nakshatras*. Greek and Egyptian myths also mirror the Vedic *nakshatras*. In fact, Ken Johnson says: "The Greek interpretations of the important Fixed Stars are exactly the same as the *nakshatras*, almost word for word... The West slowly lost this tradition during the Middle Ages. India never did." David Frawley discusses the Harappan seal found in India, and dated to around 2400 BCE, showing symbols clearly identifying *Mrigashirsha nakshatra* (late Taurus/early Gemini), or Orion, and also Scorpio, marking the other end of the zodiac. Frawley notes: "There is much commonality between the constellations, the signs, and the *Nakshatras* that is worthy of exploration." (*Ibid.*)

On the zodiac issue, another Vedic colleague **Andrew Foss** told me this recently: "The Fixed Stars are where they are, as are the planets at any moment in time. The signs and *nakshatras* are also fixed. The only thing that changes in the tropical zodiac is the distance from the Vernal Equinox point. Stars don't change constellations because one uses the tropical zodiac unless you make the *nakshatras* mobile, which is completely contrary to their fundamental definition which is as fixed as the stars and is with reference to certain Fixed Stars within them (*yogataras*).

Don't let anyone else's confusion confuse you. We must keep a grip on the fundamental astronomy. The stars, planets and star groups (*rashis* and *nakshatras*) are as we see them in the sky. How we measure their location is simply a matter of choice. We can measure starting from the equinox or some fixed point, or whatever we like. That does not change or move anything. It is just like time zones. Once they used to measure from Ujjain, and later they chose Greenwich. London or Boston did not move anywhere or change countries because of this."

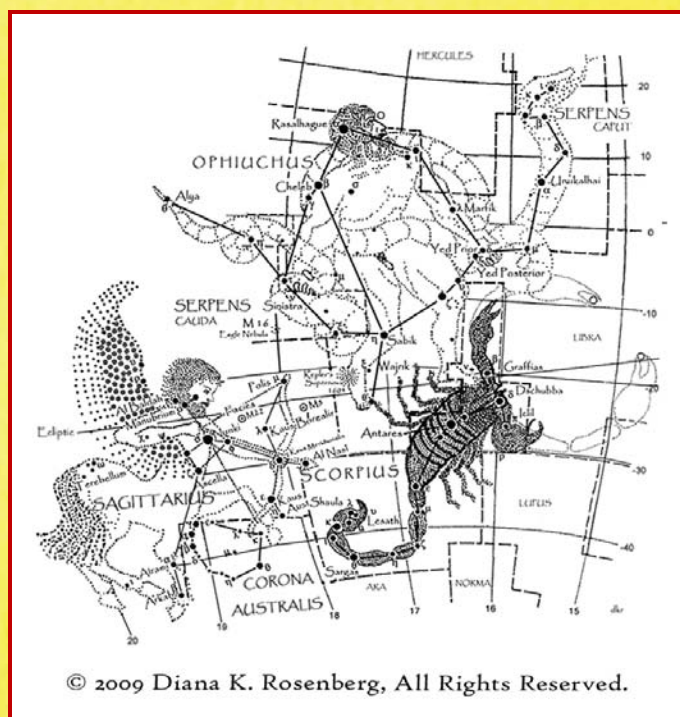
Andrew makes many good points. And in the end, I think it is about choosing the lens you want to look through. What is your starting point? From there, what are you looking at? And can that be superimposed on to a system that was not intended to be observed from that lens? Beyond the transcendent symbols, each system has its underlying inherent symbolism, and we cannot make cultural assumptions. Chinese astrology and culture, for instance, is very secretive and assigns planetary attributes that differ from most other systems. In the past, I have made many valid astrological observations using the tropical zodiac. Then I changed my lens to the sidereal/Vedic. As we know, it is not the same as sidereal/Western – without the Vedic orientation. That is why I say tropical/ Vedic is really stretching it, unless you are being very

²⁶ Quoted in Dennis Harness's *The Nakshatras: The Lunar Mansions of Vedic Astrology*, 1999, p. xvii. (EH)

general, though apparently there is at least one Vedic astrologer (Ernst Wilhelm) using the tropical zodiac for natal analysis, sidereal for dasa analysis. But that is extremely rare.

In any case, it will be very interesting to see how research on all this unfolds, with your concept of original determinant stars versus standardized *nakshatra* spans. Your dual sign natal orientation is uniquely equipped to put yourself in multiple lenses at the same time. You do that brilliantly! The less adaptable and mentally adept astrologer will be more challenged in maneuvering through the many layers and lenses you do with such enthusiasm!

15) **EH:** After researching and writing on this subject for over 30 years what do you think is your contribution to what is already known on this subject? And what for you is the highlight of your book?



DKR: I have written the book that I wish I could have had when I was first studying astrology. I've tried to dig up the most ancient sources available, from every culture. Lunar mansions (Hindu, Chinese and Arabic) are extremely ancient, so I have included them and named their determinant stars. I kept inputting people and events to see if patterns emerged, then I wrote up interpretations based upon what I found. In most cases, the quotations that lead off each section are from people who have placements there. I did the illustrations myself because I wanted to show them against the background grid of right ascension and declination, with the names of the surrounding figures included to show where each one is in relation to the others. I also included the major stars and DSOs. Some of my figures are untraditional, but based on what I discovered – Auriga the Charioteer, for instance, is shown as a war veteran in a wheelchair, because in the myth he was a person who invented the chariot because he could not walk. What I found at those stars confirmed the myth, and China had a military encampment at the same stars. Corona Borealis, usually shown as a spiky metal crown, I have as a wedding wreath, because that's what it is in the myth. Ophiuchus is shown struggling with Serpens, instead of just holding him. There I used Kepler's Ophiuchus as a model. The Scales of Libra are shown with ghostly Scorpion's claws

behind them, because that's what they were, earlier. Sagittarius has a wing in the place of the usual flowing cloak, because the earliest depictions of him are winged. Aquarius was described as a naked youth, so that's what I made him. And so forth.

16) Diana K. Rosenberg: biography & commentary on her Vedic chart (by Edith Hathaway)

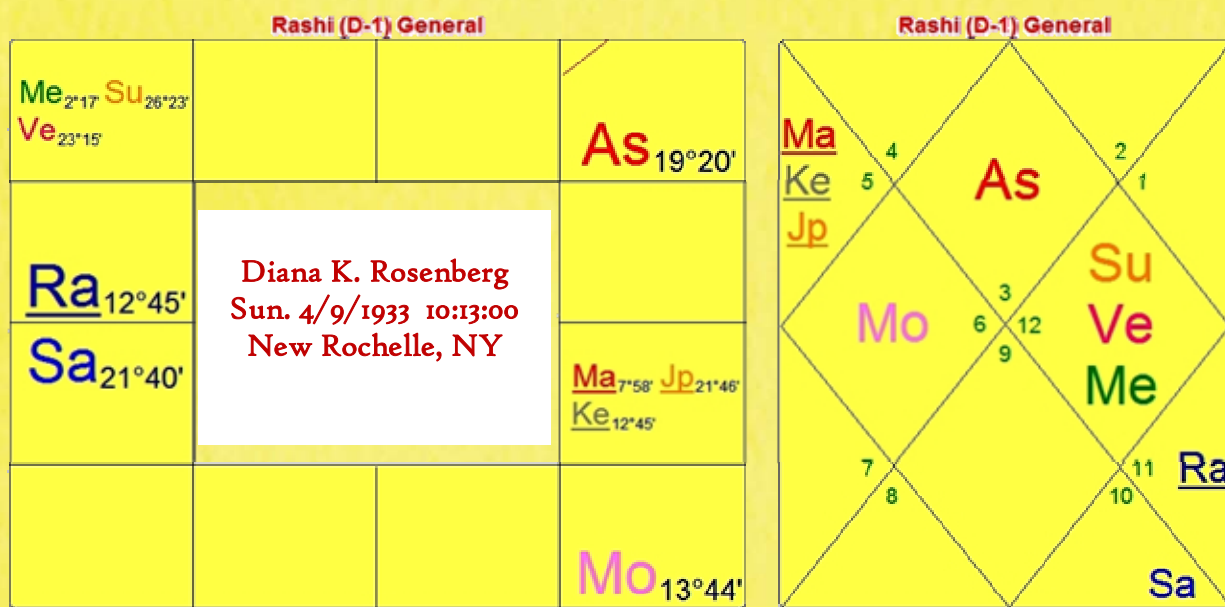
EH: What would you like people to know about you?

DKR: I'd like them to know my data and my current situation. Usually I tend to be pretty free about details of my life. It's a little awkward for me analyzing me, but I don't mind if you do it. And I am very interested in what the Vedic chart says, because I always intended to study Vedic astrology.

EH: If you'd like a Vedic snapshot of your chart, I can do that, but only if you want.

DKR: I'd love it. Please go ahead.

EH: Okay, let's give your chart details, and put it in the Vedic framework. Your birth data is: April 9, 1933, 10:13 AM EST, New Rochelle, NY. Using the sidereal zodiac (Lahiri *ayanamsha*), your birth Ascendant is 19:20 Gemini with Sun, Venus, and Mercury in Pisces in the 10th house, and Mars, Ketu, and Jupiter in Leo in the 3rd house. (Ketu is the South lunar node; Rahu is North lunar node.) Rahu is situated in Aquarius in the 9th house.) Moon is in Virgo in the 4th house. Saturn is in Capricorn in the 8th house, good for longevity – so has protected you for some time.



You have Gemini Ascendant with Pisces planets in both tropical and sidereal zodiacs. I see that very much in working with you – how your Ascendant lord Mercury in a water sign is very linked up with Jupiter. It's in Jupiter's sign and in Jupiter's *nakshatra*. Mercury with Jupiter, probably in most systems – has a lot to say, and doesn't want to put limits on the parameters. In any case, Gemini Ascendant gives a natural mental curiosity and versatility, with diverse interests in life that are desire-driven. Gemini can be obsessed with making

knowledge accessible, the cultural level depending on various factors, including the condition of the classic benefic planets Venus and Jupiter. In your case both of them are very involved with Mercury, including exalted Venus, which adds refinement. You have made your study and your book on Fixed Stars in a very broad spectrum. You are dissatisfied with parameters that seem artificially reduced, and **Mercury-Jupiter** defines this broad spectrum you have.

At the same time, **Mercury-Jupiter** also creates the most difficulties for your physical health, as described by Vedic astrology. For instance, you have had allergy problems with pollen. This is a watery situation related to lungs and breathing. Aside from Mercury in a water sign, this is because Mercury and Jupiter are not planetary friends, and Jupiter can cause problems for the Mercury-ruled Ascendant person. I will footnote the Vedic myth about Jupiter and Tara, as that is helpful in understanding Mercury's tension with both Jupiter and the Moon.²⁷

This is further emphasized because you are in Mercury *dasa* (cycle) in the Vedic system, and Jupiter is so linked with Mercury in your chart, and they are in 6-8 house relationship. That is, Mercury is in the 8th house from Jupiter in Leo, and Jupiter is in the 6th house from Mercury in Pisces. (When two planets are in 6th and 8th positions from each other, it is called *Shastashataka* – pronounced shas-TASH-ta-ka.) You are dealing with problems with the pancreas (pancreatic cancer), and Jupiter is connected with sugar, which is what the pancreas regulates.

DKR: Yes, and Jupiter can be careless, and too much of a good thing. And I ate too much!

EH: Well, and the fact that Jupiter is lord of both the sign and the *nakshatra* where Ascendant lord Mercury resides, that is further emphasizing the Mercury-Jupiter connection. We call the planet which is *nakshatra* lord *Jiva*, or the life force. So Jupiter is providing so much that describes you! The same way you look at research is the way you regard food. It would not be so if Mercury were not also your Ascendant lord, describing your physical body. Who is to say where the boundaries are for that? And then we combine the fact that you move into Mercury *dasa*, and your Ascendant lord Mercury comes into Center stage for this time period. For you, this is from June 2000 for 17 years.

²⁷ “In the Puranic myth, Mercury is born to Jupiter’s wife Tara, but is not his own child – though he is later forced to accept him as his own. Mercury comes from the union of Tara and Soma – the Moon in an incarnation as a man in this story. Mercury is finally accepted by Jupiter in large part to quell dissent among the gods, and also because the child Mercury is so witty and clever; thus, the association of Mercury with youthfulness, mischief, and sexual desire, sometimes bringing messy relations due to the inability to settle for one choice and the unease with an abundance of confusing choices. Another understanding from this teaching myth is Mercury’s relationship with both Jupiter and the Moon (Soma). Though Mercury is heavily dependent on Jupiter for higher knowledge, and Jupiter’s aspect to Mercury is considered the blessing of a guru, even so there is an uneasy relationship between them. The same is true to some extent between Mercury and Moon, in spite of Moon’s acceptance of everyone. (The Moon has no planetary enemies, whereas for Mercury – Moon is its enemy. Soma is the interloper in the myth.)...Moon accepts Mercury as his true child, but to Jupiter he is a surrogate child.” (EH, quoted from my upcoming book on Vedic astrology)

DKR: May I comment on that? You said that I didn't want any limits, any boundaries. It was more that I didn't want to take for granted what the other books said, even though with *Algol*, right away I saw that most of it was true. But I wanted to see for myself.

EH: Right! And Jupiter is the planet of knowledge, after all.

DKR: Yes, and you can always tell them that my earliest two-word sentence – you know, when babies first start connecting words – was: “BY SELF.” As in, I want to do it by myself! My mother told me that. I wanted to cross the street without holding her hand. And many things like that. With research, I wanted to see for myself: How do these stars work – other than the famous ones? How many of them do work? I wasn't into the constellations at all at first. That was one of the things that evolved. But it wasn't just not wanting boundaries. I wanted to see what I could see. And I threw all this data in to see what emerged, whether it was a lot of fires, volcanoes, tsunamis, whatever. In terms of people, it could be a lot of Low lifes, or Empire builders.

EH: Was your pioneering spirit enticed by the fact that there wasn't very much about it out there?

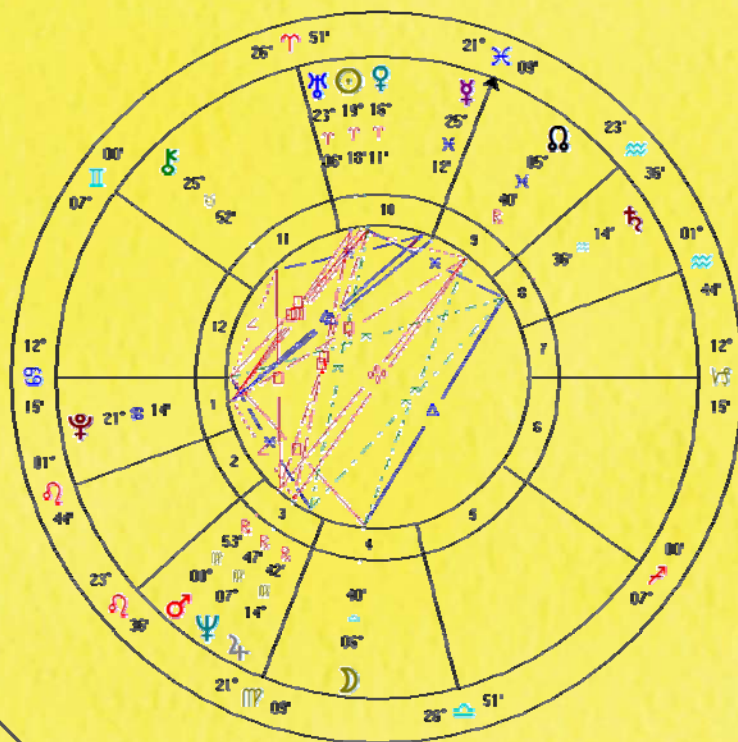
DKR: Yes, yes. For instance, very early on, I realized I could sell my little work book on Fixed Stars – which I created simply for myself to work in and study. And people kept asking me for xeroxes of it. All it had was what was in Robson and Ebertin. But nonetheless, it was all put in one place, and with up-to-date positions. And that was valuable to people. But I kept asking: Can anyone direct me to a teacher of Fixed Stars? And finally someone said to me: “Diana, you're the teacher. You know more than anyone else.” And I realized that by that time it was true.

EH: That's wonderful! Now to recap: From your Gemini Ascendant, your natal Sun, Venus and Mercury are all in Pisces in the 10th house. Your Mars, Ketu, and Jupiter are all in Leo in the 3rd house from the Ascendant. But those planets are all in the 6th house from the Pisces planets, while the Pisces planets are in the 8th house from all the Leo planets. The fact that the Leo planets are all in the 3rd house from the Ascendant – this is the 8th house from the 8th, which is a kind of setup for obstacles and setbacks. And of course, 8th house is also research. You did all this research, but it wasn't easy. It took you much longer than expected doing the research, and getting the material to publication. The lord of 9th house of publishing is in the 8th house of loss and setbacks. So we know it wouldn't be easy for you to go about it.

DKR: Well, on the other hand, I enjoyed it SO MUCH! And now I want to say something before I forget. For some reason the 8th house has something to do with the universe, the sky, etc. Maybe that's why when Uranus came along, some people decided it was exalted in Scorpio. And I find that a lot of times when I'm looking for something connected to the sky, I'll find it in Scorpio, or the 8th house. And I don't know what the connection is, but there it is.

Diana K Rosenberg

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EH: Well, in the Vedic chart Saturn in its own sign in the 8th house is good for longevity. So that Saturn in your 8th house has protected you for a long time, especially during its 19-year *dasa*, from June 19, 1981 through June 19, 2000.

DKR: Yes, and it's in its own sign tropically too, because it's in Aquarius. The 8th house is also a house of financial wealth, and actually financial wealth doesn't interest me at all. I don't even research it very much, though interestingly, I did find that the strongest sign for wealth tropically was Aries. And would you believe it? My Sun is exactly in *Revati nakshatra*? This is supposed to be a *nakshatra* of wealth, and I can make a strong point about this: I am not, nor have I ever been – wealthy.

But my father's father was very wealthy. He was a self-made man, a cigar manufacturer. And he did leave some money for my sister and me, which was immediately gobbled up by his greedy relatives. My mother was at a grave disadvantage. She divorced my father when I was about four years old, in an era when divorce was still rare and a real stigma. She didn't have enough money to pay a good lawyer, and decided she was so fed up with that family anyway – she didn't want to have anything more to do with them. That's Saturn in the 8th, you know. During my childhood, money was a big issue in the family when I was growing up, with arguments and fights about it swirling over my head. It affected me very much and it made me move away from wanting to have anything to do with money.

I didn't want to consider money any more than I had to. Maybe that was why I have never had much money or interest in making any, and it drove my husband crazy, because it put a burden on him! So with wealth, I have Saturn in the 8th, and was denied the inheritance. But the Sun, ruler of my 2nd house – is 19 degrees Aries tropically. It's at the star *Revati*, which is at the ecliptic.

EH: True. Your Sun at 19 Aries is the tropical equivalent of 26:23 Pisces sidereally, so in *Revati nakshatra*, whose span is 16:40 to 30:00 Pisces in the sidereal zodiac. But in your Vedic chart, Leo is the 3rd house, using whole sign houses. So in Vedic terms, your Sun rules the 3rd house, not the 2nd house.

DKR: Both the star and the Lunar mansion of *Revati* are supposed to be wealthy.

EH: Yes, the Sanskrit word *Revati* means “wealthy.” But this is where I think that freely interchanging the tropical and sidereal zodiacs may be interesting for research, but in practical chart analysis it breeds confusion. We have to go to a deeper level of the Vedic chart, and consider that just because your Venus and Sun are both in Pisces in *Revati nakshatra* – that does not guarantee financial wealth, even with Venus near its maximum exaltation in Pisces.

We have to consider what houses these planets rule – the ones occupying *Revati*. And that differs from the Western tropical chart to the Vedic sidereal chart. (The Vedic orientation is generally whole sign houses, no matter what degree is on the Ascendant. And though we have other ways of assessing houses, this is the primary one.) Also, the house and the planets have to be well aspected, and the lords of the sign and the *nakshatra* should be unafflicted for best results. Since Mercury, as *Revati nakshatra* lord, is debilitated, though *Neecha Banga* (i.e. corrected over time through Venus), this is one factor changing the results for wealth, and has implications for physical health as well. Due to its exaltation, Venus helps to “correct” and elevate this Mercury, and benefits your life both through your zest for knowledge and through your children. These are both associated with the Venus-ruled 5th house. In the Navamsa chart, the 5th house lord (Moon) is also exalted, doubling the impact.

The deity Pushan, the nurturer, rules over *Revati*, so this *nakshatra* also gives a very nourishing quality to the person, which you have. Further, Pushan is a finder of lost things and lost animals. This may apply to your research of the Fixed Stars! Its symbol is the drum, which being an instrument for keeping time, relates to the whole sense of time and rhythm, musical or otherwise. Your love for dance is shown here. Your research has also shown more wealthy people in tropical Aries. Not only would those have been likely to coincide with the 13 degree 20 minute span of *Revati nakshatra*, but the planetary positions would have to be unafflicted and related to wealth in the Vedic sidereal chart. ²⁸

²⁸ A stunning example of this is the chart of American financier **J. Pierpont Morgan**, founder of J.P. Morgan & Co., born April 17, 1837, 3:00 AM, Hartford, CT. His Vedic chart has Aquarius Ascendant, with Venus exalted to the maximum degree, at 27:15 Pisces in the 2nd house of income. The 2nd house lord Jupiter is also exalted in Cancer in the 6th house. This brought huge wealth and huge conflicts (Jupiter in the 6th house), with Morgan twice rescuing the U.S. govt. from bankruptcy. His Sun and Saturn are also exalted. (EH)

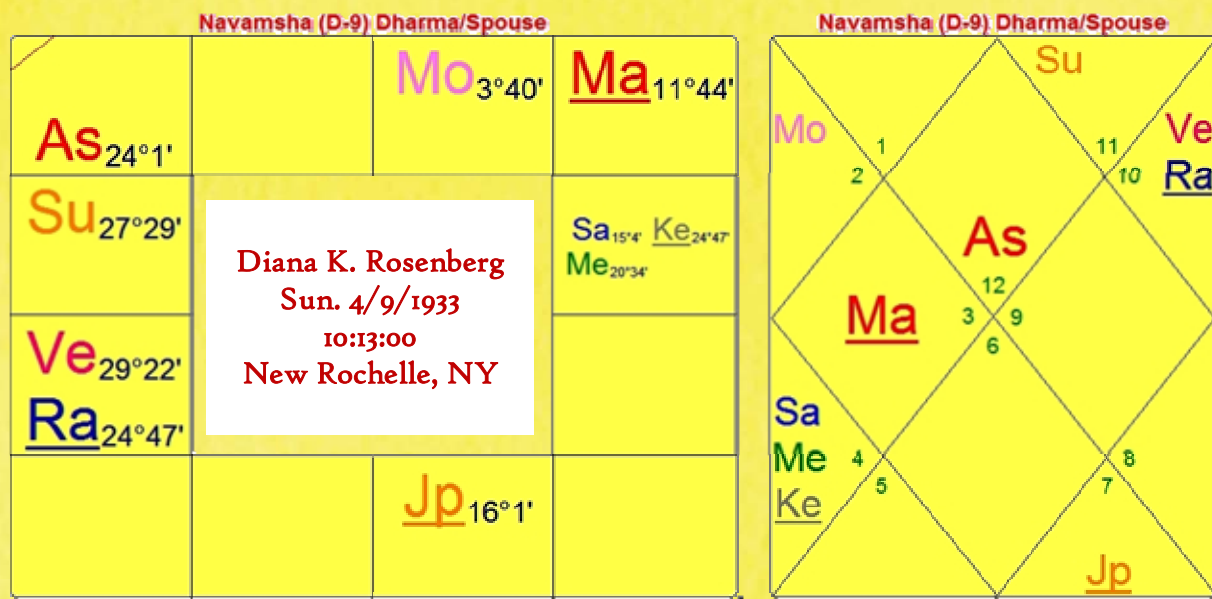
Mercury's sign lord here is Jupiter, which is six houses away – bringing conflict in these matters. Mercury is at 2:17 Pisces, and debilitated in this sign, whose lord is not a planetary friend to Mercury, and – as noted earlier – there is a 6-8 house relationship between Mercury and Jupiter: not at all easy on many levels. Mercury could have been raised up by Jupiter, but was not. The translation is that there was financial wealth in the family, but it was mostly destroyed before it could be passed on to you. Even so, you were protected to some degree by your husband (also Jupiter in a Gemini Ascendant chart, as ruler of Sagittarius, the 7th house), and by your ability to learn and educate yourself (Jupiter, as significator of knowledge). Jupiter in the 12th house from your Moon shows charitable giving, and despite relative lack of financial wealth, you have given to charities to alleviate suffering by people or animals.

You have said your husband was “kindly, but extremely tight-fisted with money.” This is described astrologically by Saturn in the 8th house (2nd house from the 7th house of partner). But it helps that Saturn is in its own sign. Some degree of financial protection also comes from your two children (Venus as 5th lord), who are both successful.

Fortunately, Venus is the best planet for Gemini Ascendant, so it is serving you well in the birth chart, and brings much closeness to your children and good fortune to them. Venus exalted in an angle of your chart is a great blessing for you, especially as your best planet. It is called a *Mahapurusha* (MAH-ha pu-RUH-sha) yoga, in this case a *Malavya* (mah LAV-ya) yoga, specific to Venus.²⁹ This yoga brings beauty, learning, and sensual pleasures, but in the 10th house it is especially associated with learning you can share with the public. Venus in Pisces brings a devotional aspect to it. You give everything to it, as if on an altar.

However, another major factor for the Vedic astrologer is analyzing each planet in the *Navamsa* (9th harmonic) chart. Venus is more fraught in the *Navamsa* chart, where it is in the 11th house in Capricorn closely contacting Rahu, opposite Saturn-Mercury-Ketu in Cancer, and aspected by Mars. *Navamsa* Venus receives aspects from three classical malefic planets, capable of separating you from whatever that planet offers. Vedicly, this shows there could be money problems or sacrifices incurred in the family during your first major or minor Venus *dasa*. From birth to age 7, you were in Moon *dasa* and in **Moon-Venus *dasa*** (i.e. Venus sub-cycle) from April 19, 1938 to Dec. 19, 1939. This coincided exactly with the time when your parents split up and your mother was disinherited from any wealth from her former father-in-law, since she initiated the separation and divorce. (For your own children, it shows more exotic choices of career and life paths, with *Navamsa* Venus near Rahu-Ketu. Your daughter is an actress and your son is in media technology, both relatively “exotic” professions – even if media technology seems central to our modern life.)

²⁹ Only five planets can have this status: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. They must be in their own sign or exalted, and in an angle from the Ascendant. They must also possess inherent strength. (EH)



DKR: I love it when you do the Vedic analysis of the chart.

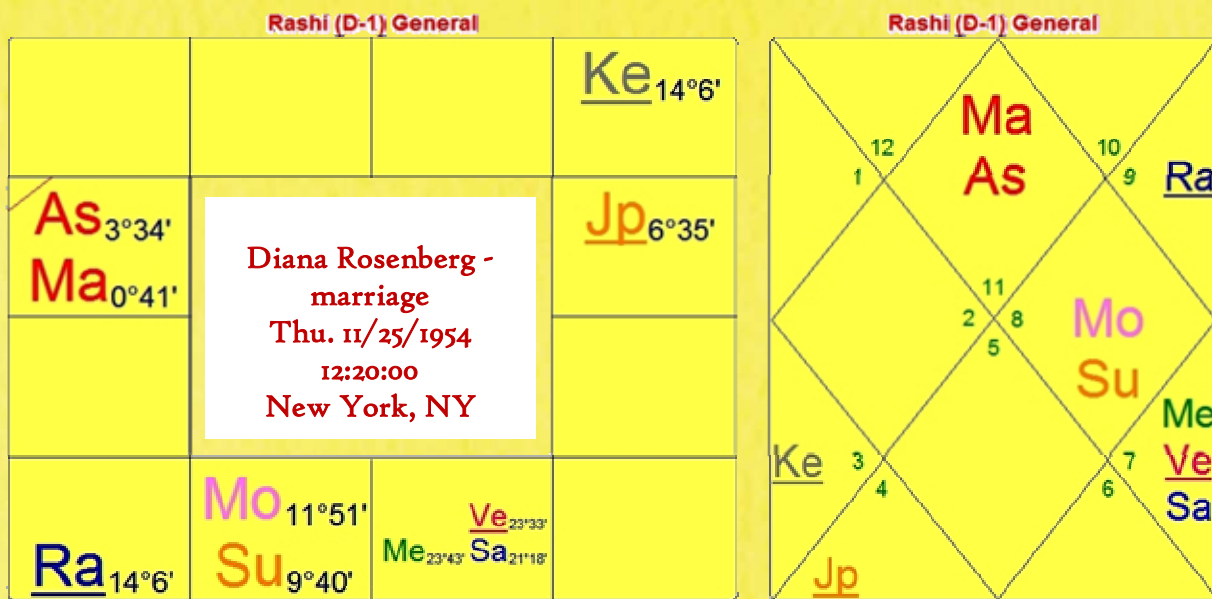
EH: Thanks. We can go a bit further then. But first, I wanted to bring in how this whole configuration also fits in with your discovery about your husband, many years after you married. A long time after you started studying astrology in the 1970s, you looked back at your marriage chart, and you thought those planetary patterns were more appropriate for a business contract. When you put all the factors together (astrological and otherwise), you then suspected your husband may have married you for the money he assumed you would inherit. When you confronted him about it, he admitted how “ashamed” he was of doing that. So there was another whole theme of conflict around money that you were unaware of until the astrology revealed it to you many years later.

DKR: Yes, my husband was good at hiding things, but when I told him that I thought he had married me for money, he turned instantly as white as a sheet, so I knew it was true. We were together a long time – just over 35 years from when we married. We lived together from Nov. 1954 until summer 1976, about 22 years. Then we remained friends, but lived apart. Even so, we shared many social occasions with our children. We never divorced up until his death in Jan. 1990.

EH: Let’s give that **marriage date and time:** Nov 25, 1954, 12:20 PM EST (time approx.), New York, N.Y. Yes, I see what you mean. The Vedic chart has a New Moon in Scorpio in the 10th house of career, and in your own 6th house. (The exact New Moon at 9:28 Scorpio was at 7:30 AM EST that day, just five hours earlier.) Venus is retrograde, not good for marriage. It is in Libra tightly contacting Mercury and Saturn, also in Libra. This Mercury loses the planetary war (*Graha Yuddha*) with Venus, and so loses power dramatically. You said there were major communication issues in your marriage, and that he refused to talk when it came



to discussing problems between you. This would create a lot of tension for a Gemini Ascendant person, whose symbol Vedicly is the intertwined couple. (It seems Gemini is much more associated with sexual desire in the Vedic system than in the Western system.)



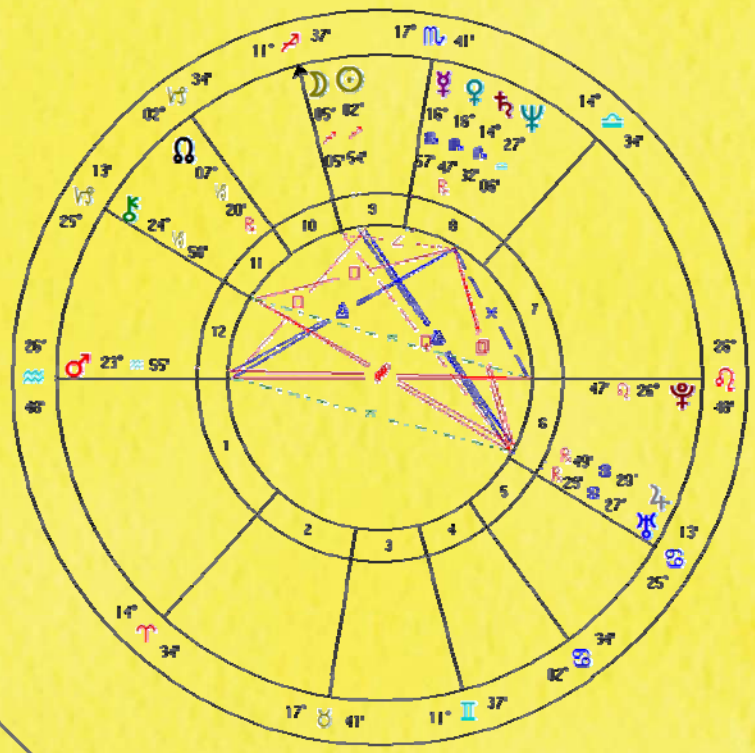
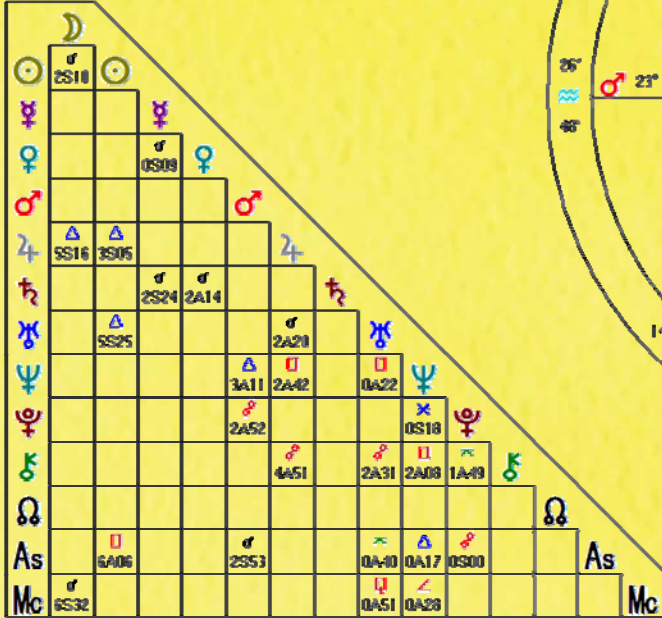
The **marriage chart** has an Aquarius Ascendant (sidereal zodiac) between 12:11 and 1:23 PM EST. Mars is in the Ascendant aspecting the 7th house. So I would agree with you that the planetary signatures here are more about work than marriage. But with Sun and Moon in the fixed sign of Scorpio, aspected by Jupiter – at least it did endure. And you remained friends for 14 years after the 22 years you lived together and raised your children. The sidereal fixed signs were angular, and Sun and Moon were both in *Anuradha nakshatra*, ruled by Mitra, the deity of friendship, human solidarity, and respect for laws and treaties. The Libra planets are in a good house, the 9th house. You were married on a Thursday, Jupiter’s day, with retrograde Jupiter exalted in Cancer in the 6th house. Its close aspect to the Sun and Moon in Scorpio was crucial for the longevity of the marriage – though as you say, coming from the 6th house and aspecting the 10th house speaks more of a business contract than marriage, especially with Mars on the Ascendant. This is just looking at the marriage chart, and not at either of your birth charts. The Moon is newly waxing, thus invisible from the earth. The bride was also perhaps not really seen by the groom, or in the context of the marriage. You have described yourself as being “chained” in this marriage, and you related this to having your tropical Aries planets aligned with the figure of Andromeda, the Chained Woman. Sidereally, those planets would be in Pisces.

In your Vedic birth chart, you have a **Full Moon chart** across the Virgo-Pisces axis: Sun in Pisces, Moon in Virgo. You have four planets in dual signs, along with the dual sign Ascendant. The dual (or mutable) signs give the most versatile person.



Diana's Marriage

Nov 25 1954, Thu
12:20 pm EST +5:00
New York, New York
40°14'42"51" N 074°00'23"
Geocentric
Tropical
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Mean Merid



DKR: Well, I do feel I'm very Piscean. It's very hard for me to tell, because in the tropical I have Mercury-North Node and Midheaven in Pisces, and my Sun is in Aries. It's very difficult for me to tell how much of it is sidereal (Sun, Venus and Mercury in Pisces), and how much of it is that I have three things there tropically.

EH: Do you get insights in your dreams? Flashes of intuition at random moments?

DKR: No, first of all I almost never remember my dreams. I get insights while I'm working, and I get some of my best ideas when I'm in the bathtub! (Must be my Neptune conjunct Jupiter!)

EH: I'd lay it on your three planets in Pisces: Sun, Mercury and Venus in the 10th house. Two of those planets relate to the physical body: the Sun and Ascendant lord Mercury. **Albert Einstein** also has Sun, Mercury, and Venus in Pisces, with Gemini Ascendant, same as yours, his at 19:28 Gemini, very close to yours at 19:20 Gemini, giving you both the Pisces Navamsa Ascendant, emphasizing the Pisces qualities.

DKR: (Laughing) Oh, well go ahead and compare!

EH: Einstein also has Saturn in Pisces, very close to Mercury. So in his case he was not talking until he was eight or nine years old.

DKR: That wasn't true of me. I was jabbering away from an early age.



EH: We can compare your early *Dasas* in the *Vimshottari* system. For Einstein, he was born in Mercury *dasa*, and entered Ketu *dasa* at age nine, just after completing 20 months of Mercury-Saturn *dasa*. His natal Mercury in Pisces was within two degrees of his natal Saturn, and in the end gave him extraordinary focus and intellectual abilities, but caused delays in his ability to speak in coherent sentences. This was obviously not due to lack of intelligence, but to his own innate eccentricities. Your earliest childhood period was Moon *dasa* – from birth, and you have a Full Moon in Virgo in *Hasta nakshatra*, symbolizing the hand. You wanted “hands-on” experience from an early age, and not to have your hand held when crossing the street! You are good with your hands, and have enjoyed doing handicrafts, especially embroidery and mosaics. You also learned crochet, knitting and stained glass work, and have done the original illustrations for your book on Fixed stars. When Moon is in the 4th house, as yours is, it is considered *Dig Bala*, or best possible angular house position. Your Full Moon also gave you plenty of verve and early speech, as Moon is the lord of your 2nd house of speech. For that matter, Sun is *Dig Bala* in the 10th house, so that too is a boon.

DKR: Of course Moon is also mother. My mother was quite bitter that she was stuck with the whole responsibility of raising my sister and me. She worked (very hard) to support us. My sister was jealous of me but had to look after me while Mom worked. And I did have a lot of difficulties with my mother. She was a very controlling person. I think she may have been Sagittarius in both zodiacs. Anyway, I was not an easy child to raise, I’ll say that for her. But I had a lot of conflicts with her, and I also did a very Piscean thing, which was to try to disappear myself. Part of that is Pluto rising square my tropical Aries Sun.

EH: So what would you do? How did you hide?

DKR: It’s not that. I disliked myself, because I was constantly criticized. And I daydreamed a lot. The huge money arguments in the family just made life at home more wretched. I was fine when I was alone. I read a lot and daydreamed and built my own inner world. But it wasn’t too many years ago now that I realized my daydreams never contained Diana. Usually when people daydream, they daydream themselves in a love relationship, or a heroic deed, or something like that. Diana did not exist in the daydreams. I deleted Diana. I did not like Diana. And at one point in my life I had a very severe nervous breakdown.

EH: Yes, you mentioned that. You said it was around 1966-67. And the fact that you had just entered **Jupiter *dasa*** is extremely important. (That was June 19, 1965 – for 16 years.) Jupiter’s rulership over Mercury extends the whole theme of sacrifice that is described by Pisces. This is emphasized even more so with Venus in Pisces, exalted there to the maximum degree, and yours is approaching that, within a few degrees. There is often a major sacrifice in life, often through love matters. And look at how you sacrificed a lot to stay in that marriage, and to stay close to your children.

DKR: That was instinctive. I didn’t say: “Oh, I am going to sacrifice myself for my children.”

EH: No, but your children are involved with Venus, being the 5th house lord.

DKR: It was a natural thing for me to say: “I’m not going to leave the marriage.” First of all he might have gotten custody. I just followed my instincts. And also, my maternal grandmother was an influence. She was a Catholic, from a Cuban family. She had a lot to do with my upbringing, because my mother had to work.

My grandmother had Venus in Cancer on the Midheaven tropically. She was Catholic, Spanish-speaking, traditional, an archetypal matriarch, loving and warm. She also had the Leo pride. She had four children, ten grandchildren, and loved children. She had a chance to go to college (unusual at that time), but turned it down to have the traditional motherhood role. She was a role model for me, and she was the most nurturing member of the family. She married a German-Jewish medical student – Irving D. Steinhardt. Her name was Clara Aurora Luis, and she was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. of aristocratic Cuban parents. She was patrician, and very regal. Her father was a close friend of José Martí, who was like Cuba’s Abraham Lincoln. He was a medical clinician and a gun-runner for Cuba in the Spanish American War, when Cuba was trying to achieve independence from Spain. My grandmother Clara was torn between pride and embarrassment of her father, who was jailed as a gun-runner for Cuba. She married a German/Jewish medical student, as I said. He developed a medical practice in New York City as a pediatric orthopedist. He was also very active in the Boy Scouts, and ran a troop. He died in the 1940s. These grandparents born in the 1870s and 1880s were an important early influence for me. They probably contributed to my streak of conservatism culturally, though I am a liberal politically.

My paternal grandfather was a Hungarian Jew. He left Hungary and came to the U.S., settling first in the Midwest (Ohio, I think), then later came to New York. He built up a cigar manufacturing company, and became very wealthy. He was the source of the family wealth. But “family wealth” was certainly not part of my experience. Saturn in the 8th house cut me off from that. He blamed my mother for the divorce, which in those days was a great disgrace, and cut her off totally. He barely had anything to do with me and my sister.

EH: Back to Mercury and its connection to speech and language ability. Were you good at languages? You must have had other languages spoken all around you.

DKR: I can mimic an accent, but I’m not good at languages and not good at memorization. My family didn’t want me to learn Spanish. Clara, my Cuban grandmother had five sisters who were always gossiping together in Spanish, and they didn’t want me to be able to understand what they were saying! One of the most repeated stories in the family was this one: After her marriage to Irving Steinhardt, Clara was at the butcher shop asking for a specific cut of meat. She overheard the staff saying in Spanish to give her some old piece from the back room. Since Steinhardt is certainly not a Spanish-sounding name, they obviously had no idea she understood until she let out a stream of invectives in Spanish that sent them running for their best possible cut! They never messed with her again.

EH: What a great story! And one way of looking at **Mercury in Pisces** is as language or expression that can be used either to hide something, or to choose to reveal it, especially something which has not been generally known – such as Fixed Stars.

A debilitated Mercury, or Mercury in a water sign can be very intuitive, as we know. But it is not ideal for memorization of language or of facts, which can leak out the memory door, so to speak, as if through a sieve. (This is my own analogy.) I should add that you're in famous company. In addition to Mercury in Pisces, Albert Einstein also had natal Moon debilitated in Scorpio in the 6th house. As his 2nd house lord of speech, this Moon added to his Mercury-Saturn problem, and gave him that initial disadvantage, to the point where his early teachers expected him to achieve very little in life. Furthermore, his Moon was in *Jyestha nakshatra* ruled in turn by debilitated Mercury. Sign lord Mars was in the 8th house – a difficult house, though in Capricorn, an exalted sign for Mars. After finishing Mercury-Saturn *dasa*, his language problem was resolved. That was at age nine. In your case, your natal Saturn is in Capricorn and so has a little more distance from Mercury, as it aspects the planet. It helps to focus the Mercury without stopping it. They are planetary friends, so Saturn can give some good structure and focus to Mercury, especially when one of them is ruler of the Ascendant, as is as your Mercury.

When we look at your 30-plus years of dedication to collecting data for study of the Fixed Stars, we can also point to this Mercury in Pisces aspected by Saturn in Capricorn.³⁰ You see the vastness of the Universe as symbolized by these billions and billions of Fixed Stars (very Piscean), and you want to gather them up and study as many of them as you can. You don't want to be limited in the scope of your study, but Saturn helps you to focus your attention on patterns revealed from your ever-increasing collection of birth data, what you call your "Data Monster."

You were saying that your mother worked after your parents split up.

DKR: Yes. My parents split when I was about three or four years old. You see that with the Sun directed to Uranus (in my Western tropical chart). And my father was severely manic-depressive. I loved him. He was my handsome daddy, and he indulged me. But what did I know? Years later I understood he was utterly dishonest in money dealings. That was part of the disease, I think. And my mother was certainly right to divorce him. My father was terribly unstable, and when he went into a manic phase he was impossible. He wouldn't sleep. He would talk non-stop, and drive everyone batty. He would borrow money and never return it. Later I found out he had never intended to return it. He was typical Pisces, probably sidereal Aquarius. And because he couldn't hold a job, he stayed home and read all day long. So he was extremely well read, knowledgeable, and encyclopedic. And I think that side of me comes from him.

Later in his life, people who knew him simply as a friend in a church group, or elsewhere, loved to go to museums with him, because he knew so much, and he was so entertaining as a raconteur. People said that at his funeral. And my kids adored him. They couldn't understand why I suddenly blew up at him one day. They didn't know and had never seen him in his worst phases.

³⁰ This is a classical Vedic aspect for Saturn, which aspects houses 1, 3, 7, and 10 from itself, always forward in the zodiac, in whole sign houses. (EH)

EH: In Vedic astrology, we look at the father as the Sun, but also as 9th house lord. (That is South Indian, which I use. North Indian prefers 10th house lord for father.) In your case, 9th lord Saturn is in the 8th house of loss. So there is the loss of the father in some way.

DKR: By the time I was six I knew how unstable he was. It put a lot of pressure on me, because he would announce to everybody: “Diana and I have a wonderful relationship. We adore each other!” And I’m sitting there, hearing this, and thinking “No.” But I couldn’t say so. The family was enraged with him, and I was the only one speaking to him. I couldn’t do that to him. The Piscean sympathy and compassion came in there, and I just could not say to him: “No, Dad. That’s not true.” And so I was caught in the middle.

EH: Oh my – very tough, especially for a young child.... Okay, let’s move on a bit and discuss another point in your Vedic chart. Have you heard of the term *maraka*? (pronounced MAH-ra-ka).

DKR: No, I don’t think so.

EH: *Maraka* is a Sanskrit word, and is something Western tropical astrologers don’t tend to like about Vedic astrology because it’s one of those more definitive associations – similar to the ones around many of the Fixed Stars. *Maraka* planets are considered “death-producing.” Length of life is not solely determined by *Maraka*, but it is a factor. There are different ones depending on the birth chart Ascendant. With a few exceptions, the 2nd and 7th house lords from the birth chart Ascendant are usually *Maraka* planets. Natal Moon is not assigned that role, and since that is 2nd house lord for Gemini Ascendant, only Jupiter, as 7th house lord, is *Maraka* for your Ascendant.

You like derived houses. Think of derived houses here. The reason it is 2nd and 7th house lords is that the 7th house is the 12th house (of loss) from the 8th house (of longevity). The 3rd house is also considered a house of longevity, being the 8th house from the 8th. Since the 2nd house is 12th house from the 3rd, it too becomes *Maraka*. Albert Einstein died eight months prior to the start of his 16-year Jupiter *dasa*, at age 76. He died in his Rahu-Mars *dasa*, these two planets being in the 8th house in his birth chart. But even with a better placement of Jupiter than yours (his was in Aquarius in the 9th house), that Jupiter would not favor longevity during its sub-*Dasa*, and especially its *Maha* (or major) *dasa*, being the *Maraka* planet for Gemini Ascendant.

There are two groups of planetary friends in Vedic astrology: Sun, Moon, Mars and Jupiter are in one group; Mercury, Venus, Saturn, and Rahu are in another group. Rahu is Saturn-like, so is often included with the 2nd group. Ascendant lord is always a friend, so Mercury’s friends are Venus, Saturn and Rahu. To recap, Jupiter is not a friend to Mercury, and they are in 6-8 house relationship to each other. From this combination, we know there is going to be some conflict for you in matters symbolized by each of these planets, individually, and in relation to each other.

Why could this cause problems to your health? Because it is related to your Ascendant lord Mercury. Mercury is not only in the sign of Pisces, owned by Jupiter, but in a *nakshatra* owned by Jupiter, *Uttara Bhadra Pada*. This spells major problems for Mercury in connection

with Jupiter, but it also describes some of the basic things about you, and these are assets as well, being mentally stimulated by so many things in the process of your research. You have mentioned the nervous breakdown you suffered soon after the start of your 16-year **Jupiter dasa** in June 1965: an overload of the nervous system.

You spoke of a tendency to eat too much, and too many sweets. Jupiter is associated with sweet tastes, and when there is an imbalance, there can be either a lack of sweets or a craving for sweets, as in your case. That is on the physical level, which has set up a disease centered in your pancreas, whose job it is to regulate the sugar (glucose) level in the body, and to produce insulin in just the right amounts to control the constant level of glucose in the body.

With your three planets in Pisces (Mercury, Venus, and Sun), and three planets in Leo (Mars, Ketu (or South lunar node), and Jupiter), when you are in a major period or sub-period of planets combining from these two houses, especially with Mercury, as Ascendant lord, you have the possibility of the **Mercury-Jupiter** problem coming up. For you, this could start sometime during the 17-year Mercury *dasa* (in the *Vimsottari Dasa* system). This began for you on June 19, 2000. The Ketu sub-period came earlier (Nov. 15, 2002 through Nov. 13, 2003), and could have brought some health issues. But even more demanding would be the unbroken sequence of Mars, Rahu and Jupiter sub-periods within the Mercury *dasa*. These occur as follows:

Mercury-Mars: Dec. 18, 2008 through Dec. 16, 2009

Mercury-Rahu: Dec. 16, 2009 through July 4, 2012

Mercury-Jupiter: July 4, 2012 through Oct. 10, 2014

Since Mercury and Mars are planetary enemies, the Mars sub-period was due to produce a greater than usual number of problems. Heightening the Mercury-Mars contact even further is the fact that natal Mercury and Mars are both very close to their Stationary Direct degrees. The *dasas* work regardless of transits, eclipses, or any other factors, although those too can be corroborating factors. You said your diagnosis of pancreatic cancer came in April 2009, and your surgery on May 21, 2009. All of this was within **Mercury-Mars *dasa***.³¹

During this period you also had some major difficulties which could be summarized as conflicts experienced in the process of trying to publish your book on Fixed Stars. There was even some litigation involved, which is not surprising, given that Mars is in the 6th house (of conflict) from *Dasa* lord Mercury. Of course, Mars does well in the 6th house. But this destiny comes into play during Mercury-Mars *dasa* in particular. Mars aspects Mercury, but not vice versa. (Vedic astrologers view the *Dasa* lord as an important Sub-Ascendant, and that applies during its *Maha Dasa* – or major period.)

³¹ I am focusing here on the **Vimshottari *dasas***, but Vedic astrology also considers the **Sade sati** a pivotal lifetime period. This is the (on average) 7 1/2 year period when Saturn transits houses 12, 1, and 2 from natal Moon. Diana's current *Sade Sati* began when Saturn entered sidereal Leo July 15, 2007. The second phase began when tr. Saturn entered Virgo from Sept. 9, 2009, coinciding with the Mercury-Mars *dasa*. (EH)

One's physical well-being comes into sharp focus during the *Dasa* of the Ascendant lord of the birth chart, as do the matters over which Mercury rules. This includes communications, writing, and publishing. The Mars aspect to Mercury galvanizes it and sharpens the intellect and the ability to speak concisely and even with wit – which you have, but also with the possibility of controversy, since Mars adds heat and gives courage to speak out when needed.

³² Mercury is also aspected by Saturn, giving it depth and seriousness, and the tendency to clarify and edit. Saturn's aspect to Mercury can also bring delays, as it has done in the publication of your book, which you had hoped to publish several years ago – not an uncommon experience for authors!

Jupiter's connections to Mercury here give difficulties, but also many assets – including the tendency to have much to say, and to speak or write voluminously. Since Mercury is debilitated in Pisces, one goes through periods in life of feeling “less than” and at times victimized. What lifts up this Mercury, and provides corrective action for it is its proximity to exalted Venus, within four degrees of its maximum exaltation. This creates what in Vedic astrology is called a *Neecha Banga Raja yoga*. The planet (in this case Mercury) starts from a place of disadvantage, and then gets elevated over time. You admired the knowledge your father had, and tried to emulate it. But in this case, the reason he was able to read so much and broaden his knowledge was because he couldn't hold a job. This provided some early conflict for you around knowledge itself: What is it good for?

Though Mercury is debilitated, Venus gives it some correction, but does not entirely remove the affliction. However, this yoga can elevate the person to a higher level of understanding and compassion. A higher status and level of achievement is implied. In your case, Diana, you have described in your life story how you were unable to get a higher education, but also in many ways you were resistant to it, and refused to study what you were supposed to study. Your father's example taught you that knowledge could be problematic. Nor did you trust the Master's degree your mother had attained.

Since Mercury for Gemini Ascendant also rules the 4th house of education, home, and mother, we know these may be some problematic issues, especially with Mars *dasa* running from ages 7 to 14. Tell me about your education, all of it in New York City. Yes?

DKR: Yes, I went to Hunter College Elementary School, then Hunter High. (Latin was a required subject, and now I wish I had applied myself. I could have used that!) I hated school and was in full-scale rebellion. I refused to do homework, etc. My mother had gone to school there and taught there, and everyone remembered her and expected me to be like her. They were about to expel me, and then the High School of Performing Arts opened (the school featured in the movie *Fame*) and I auditioned for the Drama dept. and made it. I had to go back one year to get in, but I didn't care. I was so relieved to be out of Hunter! I was still not a good student, but it was much better for me than Hunter, and I managed to get a High school diploma. I then started at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, but it was the spring semester and I suffered horribly from spring allergies. (Pollen allergies have always been a major health problem.) Antihistamines were very new and undeveloped then, so it

³² As with Saturn, which has its own special aspects, Mars aspects houses 1, 4, 7, and 8 from itself, forward in the sidereal zodiac. (EH)