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# *Decoding Bhavarth Ratnakar — 1*

(Exposition of Selected Sutras from Bhavarth Ratnakar)

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## 1. Introduction

**M**any of the dictums given in Bhavarth Ratnakar are not fully explained in available translations because of which they are discarded by both professional astrologers and amateur astrologers. Those who know the deeper meaning of these dictums don't disclose it to others and those who are learning astrology do not understand them due to lack of understanding/knowledge. Purpose of this article is to bring out the deeper meaning of these dictums in light of views of other Rishis and with real life examples. In future articles in this series, I will be sharing my point of view on other Shlokas / dictums from this wonderful book.

## Chapter 1

Chapter 1 of Bhavarth Ratnakar of Shri Ramanujacharya

### Stanza 1

मेषलग्ने तु जातस्य राजयोगोऽपि लभ्यते ।  
चतुर्थपञ्चमाधीश सम्बन्धेन न संशयः ॥१॥

*For a person born in Mesha Lagna, Rajyoga will form by the combination of the Sun and the Moon.*

### Points To Ponder

Below are the few points which would help to understand this dictum:

1. As per the principle mentioned in other classics, any combination of lords of trine (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> house) and squares (4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> house) forms *Rajyoga*.
2. Sun is the Lord of fifth house and Moon is the Lord of fourth house for Aries ascendant. Combination of them forms a *Rajyoga*.

Let us understand where this dictum will work

1. Sun & Moon conjoint in any Trine or Square houses
2. Sun & Moon in Aries
3. Dispositor of Sun & Moon occupy friendly, own sign or exaltation sign
4. Sun & Moon in aspect of Jupiter

Where this dictum will not work

1. Sun or Moon in debilitation or in house of an enemy aspected by malefics
2. Dispositor of Sun and Moon in debilitation
3. Mars is in trik houses or debilitation. Strength of Lagna lord is always needed for Rajyoga to give any positive result



## Examples

### Example 1: Salman Rushdie

	Ma As	Gk AL	Ra Ve	Md	Mo	Me Su	
HL	Rasi					Sa	
SL	Salman Rushdie June 19, 1947 2:30:00 (5:30 east) 72 E 49, 18 N 58						
	Ke		(Ju)			GL	

  

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

  

As:	7 Ar 04	Su:	3 Ge 39- DK	Mo:	3 Ge 23	Ma:	28 Ar 05- AmK
Me:	28 Ge 16- AK/Gk	Ju (R):	25 Li 39- BK	Ve:	12 Ta 56- PK	Sa:	13 Cn 29- PiK
Ra:	9 Ta 20- MK	Ke:	9 Sc 20	HL:	16 Aq 01	GL:	4 Vi 33

**S**un & Moon are conjunct in Gemini sign. Note, this is a very close conjunction both planets are within a few minutes away from each other. Such a combination occurs on the day of Amavasya.

### Stanza 3

मोषलग्ने तु जातस्य भाग्यान्त्यस्थाननायकः ।  
देवेन्द्र पूज्यो राज्यस्थ सभवेन्मारकः स्मृतः ॥३॥

*For a Mesha lagna person, Jupiter, lord of the 9th and 12th, becomes a **maraka** if he occupies the 10th house.*

This is a translation of Stanza 3 of Chapter 1 given by BV Raman in his book "Bhavartha Ratnakara".

In other words, Jupiter in Capricorn for Aries ascendant = **Maraka**

## Points To Ponder

**B**elow are the few points which would help to understand this dictum:

1. Some important significations of Jupiter as per Uttara Kalamitra – sons, grandsons, brahmanas, one's own teachers, religious, social and other duties, elder brother, honor from King etc.
2. Some important significations of 9th house as per Bhrigu Sutra - Faith, wisdom and divine worship; fortune or luck (bhagya), philosophy, religious and philosophical beliefs, meditation, intuition and forethought, places of worship, sacrifices and charity, father, preceptor (Guru), teaching, Dhanna, grandchildren, dreams and visions, knees; communication with spirits, long journeys, voyage, air travel, higher education, foreign travel;
3. If 9th lord suffers with debilitation it will give bad results related to all or some of the significations mentioned above effects like - misfortune, blessing of God taken away, enmity with father or guru, trouble with government etc.
4. 9th House is the most powerful trine, if its lord suffers, growth of native is obstructed
5. Some important significations of 10th house as per Bhrigu Sutra - highs, honor, dignity, public esteem, name and fame, power prestige, credit (for good work and conduct), success and status, rank and renown, respect and reputation, ambition and authority, worldly activities, responsibilities, permanency (in service), promotion, advancement, appointment, profession, last rites to one's parents, religious functions. Government, high position such as President, Prime Minister or Minister, pilgrimage to holy places, honour from Government.
6. Debilitated planet in the 10th house would mean some or all of these significations mentioned above would suffer.
7. Also, we know that the 10th house is the most powerful Kendra.

So overall if we see, both the most powerful Kendra and Trine (Kona) houses are suffering. This combination will cause much humiliation, public scorn, disrespect to native from his own Guru, God, father, government of the day, king, due to bad (unholy - 9th house) karma (10th house).

Remember *Maraka* gives death, as per Indian philosophy there are 8 types death, they are:

1. Vyatha (agony/distress/suffering)
2. Dukha (pain/sorrow)
3. Bhaya (fear/anxiety)
4. Lajja (shame)
5. Roga-vyadhi (illness)
6. Bhandhan (confining/fastening/bondage)
7. Apamaan (insult)
8. Mrityu (death)

Hence Jupiter will provide any one or combination of above results as per this dictum.

#### Let us understand where this dictum will work

1. Jupiter in Capricorn around 5 degrees (deep debilitation)
2. Weak Lagna lord - Mars
3. Weak Sun or Saturn

#### Where this dictum will not work

1. Jupiter getting *Neech bhanga*
  - a. Saturn in Libra
  - b. Saturn in Aquarius
  - c. Strong Mars aspecting Jupiter
  - d. Saturn in other Kendra houses
  - e. Jupiter in Cancer navamsha (Aries 10'00-13'20)
  - f. Other combinations for *Neech bhanga*
2. Strong Lagna lord - Mars
3. Strong Sun and/or Moon

### **Views From Other Classics**

Jatak Parijat/Adhyaya 6/ Shloka 35:

*"If the malefic planets be in their depression signs at a person's birth, he will do sinful acts; if the benefic planets occupy their depression signs, he will keep his sins concealed; if Jupiter*



*being depressed occupies the 10<sup>th</sup> bhava or Mars be in the 5<sup>th</sup> bhava depressed in position, the effect will be the same."*

Notes: Here *Rishi Vaidyanath* mentions Jupiter in depression in 10<sup>th</sup> house will indicate *concealed sinful acts* by native.

Chamatkar Chintamani of Bhatt Narayana/S.S. Sareen/Chapter 5/Jupiter in Tenth house:

*"This Jupiter of Taurus, Virgo, Libra, **Capricorn** or Aquarius indicates at 16 or 24 loss of father, dispute, unfortunate partnership between them, debt, imprisonment, hard-ship etc."*

**Source Unknown:**

R Shantanam in his notes on Saravali mentions effects of debilitated Jupiter for Aries ascendant (page 389) "...so to say with the fall of Jupiter alone, the Aries radix loses all its charm and the life becomes worthless."

Kalyan Verma in Saravali does not mention the effect of debilitated Jupiter for Aries ascendant but R Santhanam has added these notes from other classics.

**Examples**

Gk	Ma AL	As Md		Ke Sa	
Mo	Rasi				
(Ju)	Example			GL Su	
Ra		HL Ve	SL	Me	
September 10, 1973 20:30:00 (5:30 east) 74 E 37, 26 N 26					

  

As: 2 Ar 36	Su: 24 Le 16- AK	Mo: 0 Aq 22- DK	Ma: 15 Ar 09- AmK
Me: 1 Vi 10- GK	Ju (R): 9 Cp 19- MK/PK	Ve: 3 Li 17- PiK	Sa: 10 Ge 04- BK
Ra: 11 Sg 30	Ke: 11 Ge 30	HL: 29 Li 58	GL: 8 Le 30

Vimshotari Dasha of Jupiter dasha started for this person in December 1994. In 1995, native returned to India from Dubai after 2 years of stay due to insistence from his father (10H) to

attend his sister's marriage (9H). He could not finish the term of his contract at Dubai. After coming to India, he remained jobless for 3 years. Later the native opened a shop of imported items (12H) in 1998, during Jupiter MD & Saturn AD, which he had to close after 5 years. He had seen a lot of ups and downs in terms of career/work/business/karma in life. Even after having so many planets in own house, his life is nothing but mediocre. This native's relationship with his father has always been on rocks. Note Jupiter is retrograde, which caused him to return to his homeland. Sister's marriage is seen from the 9th house which is Sagittarius sign owned by Jupiter. Father can be seen by 10th house (per some) where Jupiter is placed. Natural karaka of Father is the Sun which is in 5th house. 5H is 8th from 10th house of career hence father's role can be seen more than one way.

"Excitement has vanished for quiet (long time back) in life .... trying my best..." words of native. Here we can see Jupiter giving maraka effect and giving Vyatha (agony/distress/suffering) to native.

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