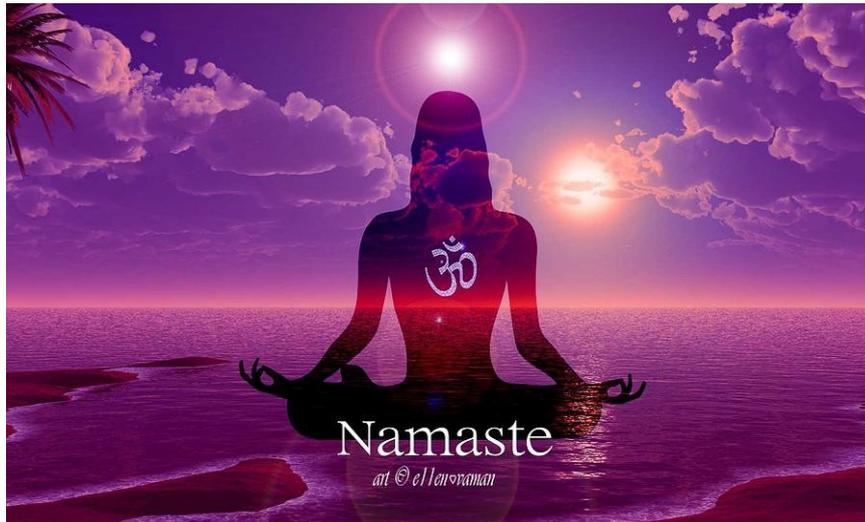
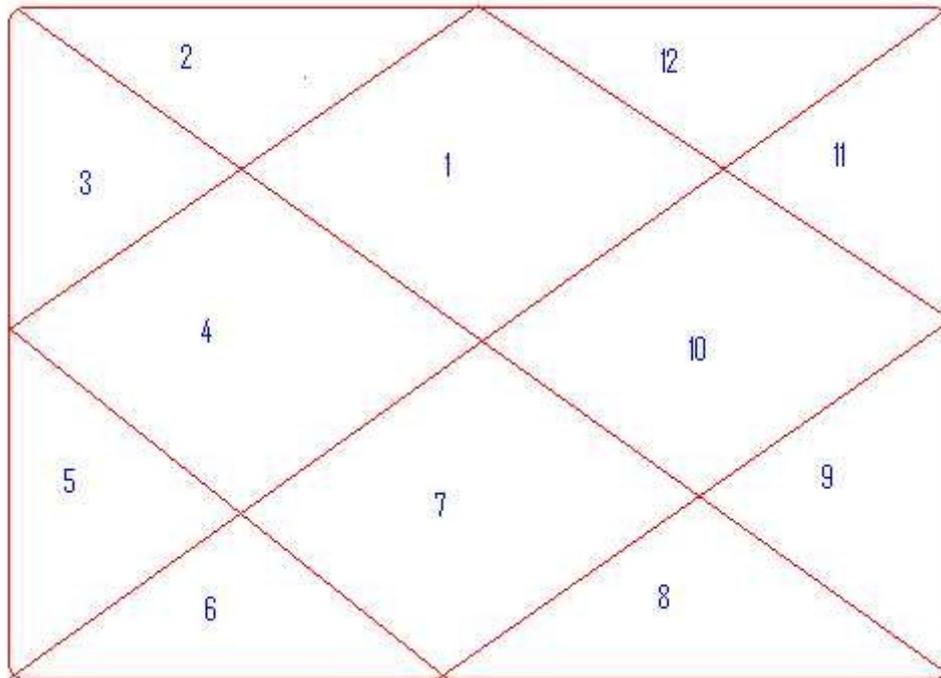


**Basic Astrology 101 to understand
the terminologies in the following articles**



The most important utility of Vedic astrology is to forewarn a person to enable that person to forearm him/herself to face forthcoming troubles and calamities and to take steps in accordance with remedial principles of astrology to overcome or at least minimise the evil/malefic effects expected. To illustrate this point we use an analogy, If rain is inevitable and we cannot escape from it or avert it, either we don't go out or take steps to avoid getting wet by the use of a rain-coat or an umbrella.

The problems one has to face are clearly outlined in the form of one's kundali (birth-chart), and to mitigate and nullify the consequences of malefic afflictions our most learned and far-sighted Rishi's gave birth to the concept of Upais (Remedial Measures). It is through the science of astrology that the planetary malevolence is diagnosed and adequately gauged and efficacious proven & time tested remedies like observing of a saltless fast for on a day that a particular planet is affecting one, disciplines like chanting a specific amount of mantras for a particular planet, performance of charities (Danas) pertaining to what a particular planet owns (for example, for the Sun – donations of Wheat, Sugar, Red cloth, are made. Of course there are many other types of remedial measures, like wearing a gem stone, exercises like Surya Namaskar, and medicines like Sun charged water, BUT I am a simple person who prefers very simple and cost-effective remedies as the ones that generally seek my help and advice are truly struggling financially. The suffering of an individual or a country as a whole are due to planetary afflictions and the Remedial measures alleviate or mitigate the suffering in varying degrees. When a Yajna (Havan) is performed the sacrificial oblations and the sound waves produced by the rhythmic chanting of Vedic mantras have a beneficial effect on the psycho-physical environment. Recitations of mantras prescribed for each planet in the proper manner and observing the correct rituals act as very effective protection from the evil effects of any planetary affliction. When we recite the mantra of a particular planet who is giving us malefic effects, we are actually praying to that particular Deity to bestow his mercy upon us and save us from his malefic rays.



In Vedic Astrology there are 12 houses (bhavas) and identified above 1-12 and are read in an anti clockwise direction. Each of the twelve houses of the horoscope is considered to be the same as one of the twelve signs. In other words, one sign per one house. That is the Vedic system. The following table below shows the ruling planet of each sign:

(House 1)	Sign:- Aries	Ruling Planet - Mars
(House 2)	Sign:- Taurus	Ruling Planet - Venus
(House 3)	Sign:- Gemini	Ruling Planet - Mercury
(House 4)	Sign:- Cancer	Ruling Planet - Moon
(House 5)	Sign:- Leo	Ruling Planet - Sun
(House 6)	Sign:- Virgo	Ruling Planet - Mercury
(House 7)	Sign:- Libra	Ruling Planet - Venus
(House 8)	Sign:- Scorpio	Ruling Planet - Mars
(House 9)	Sign:- Sagittarius	Ruling Planet - Jupiter
(House 10)	Sign:- Capricorn	Ruling Planet - Saturn
(House 11)	Sign:- Aquarius	Ruling Planet - Saturn
(House 12)	Sign:- Pisces	Ruling Planet – Jupiter

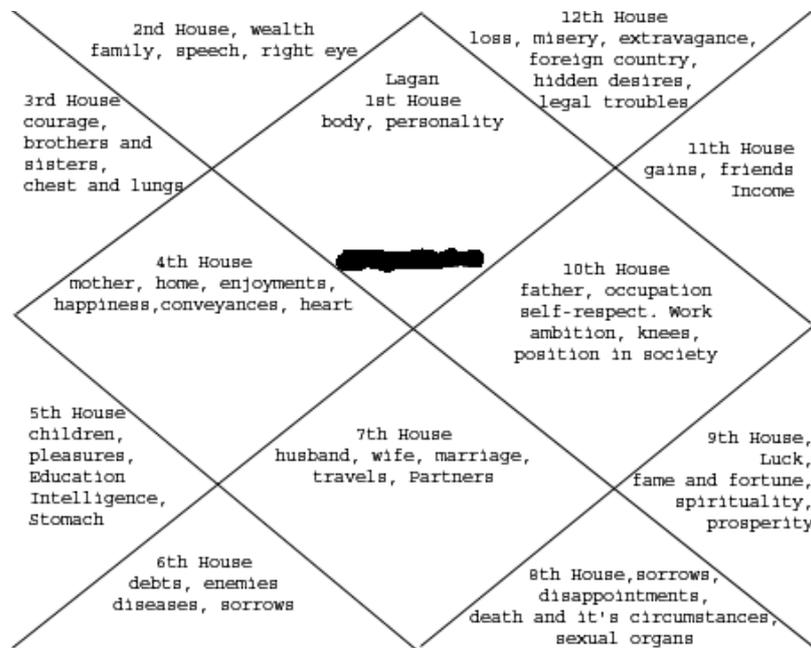


DO NOTE:- the Sanskrit terms for the above is given below... Rashi means Sign.

Sign:- Aries (Sanskrit – Mesha)	Planet – Mars (Sanskrit – Mangal, Kuja, Angaraka, Bhauma)
Sign:- Taurus (Sanskrit – Vrishaba)	Planet – Venus (Sanskrit – Shukra)
Sign:- Gemini (Sanskrit – Mithuna)	Planet – Mercury (Sanskrit – Budha)
Sign:- Cancer (Sanskrit – Karka)	Planet - Moon (Sanskrit – Chandra, Soma)
Sign:- Leo (Sanskrit – Simha)	Planet - Sun (Sanskrit – Surya, Ravi)
Sign:- Virgo (Sanskrit – Kanya)	Planet - Mercury (Sanskrit – Budha)
Sign:- Libra (Sanskrit – Tula)	Planet - Venus (Sanskrit – Shukra)
Sign:- Scorpio (Sanskrit – Vrischika)	Planet– Mars (Sanskrit – Mangal, Kuja, Angaraka, Bhauma)
Sign:- Sagittarius (Sanskrit – Dhanus)	Planet - Jupiter (Sanskrit – Brihaspati, Guru)
Sign:- Capricorn (Sanskrit – Makara)	Planet - Saturn (Sanskrit – Shani)
Sign:- Aquarius (Sanskrit – Kumbha)	Planet - Saturn (Sanskrit – Shani)
Sign:- Pisces (Sanskrit – Meena)	Planet - Jupiter (Sanskrit – Brihaspati, Guru)

From the above you can view that the Sun and Moon each lord(rule) over one sign only, viz. Leo and Cancer, whereas the other planets each have two signs for which they are the lord of and will always be the case. Thus the signs never have different lords. In a horoscope, as mentioned, one sign is considered the rising sign (the sign in house number 1- Lagna) and the other signs follow in their nature order and take control over the other eleven houses of the horoscope. Whatever planet lords over each of the signs becomes the lord of the house that, that sign controls.

For example, if Taurus is the rising sign, then Venus is the lord of the first house since Venus is the lord of Taurus. The second house would then be Gemini and therefore Mercury would then be called "The Lord of the Second." Then Cancer would be in third house and therefore the Moon would be called "The Lord of the Third."



Going House to House:- Just as the 12 houses rule different parts of life, for example, the 2nd house is wealth, the 3rd house is younger brothers and sisters, the 4th house is mother and real estate and so on, similarly, these same houses from each house, rule these same things for the house in question. For example, the 4th house is real estate and, therefore, the 4th house from any house (counting in an anticlockwise direction) is the real estate of that house. The 9th house is religion and also the spiritual master or priest or guru,

therefore, the 12th house which is 4th from the 9th, rules the real estate of the spiritual master or guru.

Nakshatras (Sanskrit meaning Asterisms/star, lunar mansion). A nakshatra is one of 27 sectors along the ecliptic. Their names are related to the most prominent asterisms in the respective sectors. There are 12 Rashis each comprising 30 degrees. So 12 Rashis forms the circle of 360 degrees. There is 27 Nakshatras in this 360 degree circle. So each Nakshatra spans about 13.3333 degrees. A Nakshatra is further divided into Pada/quarters. So there is 4 padas for each Nakshatra (given below). Nakshatras have their lords. In Vedic astrology, from the Nakshatra the child is born in, the initials of the new born child is worked from, thus it is very essential to consult an astrologer or a priest who knows astrology to check if the child was born in an auspicious time and to choose a suitable name for the child. If a child is born in an “inauspicious” time it can cause the death of the child and can even wipe out an entire family. By inauspicious time I mean when a child is born in an evil nakshatra (star), for example if a child is born in the 1st pada (quarter) of Ashwini, the child may not survive, or if the child is born in the 4th pada of Ashlesha the lives of the parents may be danger and so forth. Not only “evil” stars are noted but “evil” yogas, Amavasya birth, Krishna Chaturdasi, unusual delivery and so forth. From experience I know many people cast aside astrology and say it's not necessary and it's just nonsense. But when something happens to them or their family then they want to blame God, when certain events could have been avoided. Please understand these are not mere rituals rather they are very essential for the (person's/) child's benefit. For more information on this topic plz click on this URL (http://dipika.org.za/?page_id=297) to view those articles on DIPIKA.

Here is the table for Rashis and their Nakshatras and Lordship

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SIGN (RASHI) – STAR (NAKSHATRA) – PLANET (GRAHA-LORD)

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(Aries) - Ashwini 1,2,3,4 quarters, Bharani 1,2,3,4 quarters, Krittika 1st quarter - (Mars)
(Taurus) - Krittika 2,3,4 quarters, Rohini 1,2,3,4, Mrigashira 1,2 - (Venus)
(Gemini) - Mrigashira 3,4, Ardra 1,2,3,4, Punarvasu 1,2,3 - (Mercury)
(Cancer) - Punarvasu 4, Pushya 1,2,3,4, Ashlesha 1,2,3,4 - (Moon)
(Leo) - Magha 1,2,3,4, Purva Phalguni 1,2,3,4, Uttara Phalguni 1 - (Sun)
(Virgo) - Uttara Phalguni 2,3,4, Hasta 1,2,3,4, Chitta 1,2 - (Mercury)
(Libra) - Chitta 3,4, Swathi 1,2,3,4 Vishakha 1,2,3 - (Venus)
(Scorpio) - Vishakha 4, Anuradha 1,2,3,4 Jyeshtha 1,2,3,4 - (Mars)
(Sagittarius) - Mula 1,2,3,4 Purva Ashadha 1,2,3,4 Uttara Ashadha - (Jupiter)
(Capricorn) - Uttara Ashadha 2,3,4 Shrivana 1,2,3,4 Dhanistha 1,2 - (Saturn)
(Aquarius) - Dhanistha 3,4 Shatabhisha 1,2,3,4 Purva Bhadrpada 1,2,3 - (Saturn)
(Pisces) - Purva Bhadrpada 4 Uttara Bhadrpada 1,2,3,4 Revati 1,2,3,4 - (Jupiter)

Information for Planetary Upaya (Remedial Measures)

Planet:- SUN

Weekday:- Sunday

People:- Males, Father, Powerful people, Kings and Rulers, Physicians, Government officials

Birds:- Goose

Creatures:- Tiger, Lion, Deer

Foods:- Wheat

Plants:- Huge strong trees, Red flowers.

Colours:- Deep dark red.

Cloth:- Coarse or Thick

Metals:- Copper

Gem:- Ruby

Planet:- MOON

Weekday:- Monday

People:- Females, Mother, Agriculturalists, Horticulturists, Care Givers (Nurses, Hoteliers, Food providers)

Birds:- Partridge, Crane

Creatures:- Antelope, Hare, Water Creatures.

Foods:- White Rice

Plants:- Oily or Sappy Trees, White Flowers.

Colours:- Milky White

Cloth:- New

Metals:- Bronze

Gem:- White Pearl

Planet:- MARS

Weekday:- Tuesday

People:- Armed people (Police, Army, Security Companies), People who cut (Surgeons, Butchers), People who work with heat and metals (Engineers, Metallurgists), Foundry Workers, Welders.

Birds:- Rooster, Vulture, Birds of Prey.

Creatures:- Monkey, Jackal, Ram.

Foods:- Red Lentils

Plants:- Thorny Trees, Red flowers.

Colours:- Bright Red

Cloth:- Variegated

Metals:- Copper

Gem:- Red Coral

Planet:- MERCURY

Weekday:- Wednesday

People:- Educated people, Students, Accountants, Astrologers, Artisans.

Birds:- Parrot

Creatures:- Cat

Foods:- Moong Dhal, Green Lentils

Plants:- Fruitless Trees, Green Leaves and Flowers

Colours:- Green

Cloth:- Immaculate and Clean

Metals:- Brass

Gem:- Green Emerald

Planet:- JUPITER

Weekday:- Thursday

People:- Wise and Learned people, Counsellors and Advisor's, Clergy, Judges and Children.

Birds:- Swan, Pigeon.

Creatures:- Horse, Elephant

Foods:- Chickpeas

Plants:- Fruit Bearing Trees, Yellow Flowers.

Colours:- Yellow

Cloth:- Average and Ordinary

Metals:- Gold

Gem:- Yellow Sapphire

Planet:- VENUS

Weekday:- Friday

People:- Performers (Artists, Actors, Musicians), Persons dealing in Beauty, Culture and Pleasure (Fashion Designers, Decorators, Restaurateurs.)

Birds:- Peacock, Parrot

Creatures:- Cow, Buffalo

Foods:- Beans

Plants:- Blossoming Trees, White and very fragrant flowers.

Colours:- Radiant White

Cloth:- Strong, Durable, Decorated.

Metals:- Silver

Gem:- Diamond

Planet:- SATURN

Weekday:- Saturday

People:- Old people, people who deal in old things and dead things, (Historians, Morticians, Leather-Workers) people who deal with products from the earth (Miners, Drillers), Labourers, Renunciates, Monks, Isolated and 'odd' people (Vagrants, the Homeless, Hermits)

Birds:- Crow, Vulture, Cuckoo.

Creatures:- Elephant

Foods:- Sesame Seeds, Black (Urad) Gram

Plants:- Useless or Ugly Trees, Violets.

Colours:- Black, Dark Blue

Cloth:- Old, Ragged, Torn

Metals:- Iron

Gem:- Blue Sapphire

Planet:- RAHU

Weekday:- Saturday

People:- Old people, people who deal in old things and dead things, (Historians, Morticians, Leather-Workers) people who deal with products from the earth (Miners, Drillers), Labourers, Renunciates, Monks, Isolated and 'odd' people (Vagrants, the Homeless)

Birds:- Gull

Creatures:- Snake, Camel, Ass, Wolf, Rodents, Mosquitoes, Scorpions, and other poisonous or annoying insects.

Foods:- Sesame seeds, Black (Urad) Gram

Plants:- Useless or ugly trees, Violets.

Colours:- Black, Dark Blue

Cloth:- Old, Ragged, Torn

Metals:- Lead

Gem:- Hessonite

Planet:- KETU

Weekday:- Saturday

People:- Old people, people who deal in old things and dead things, (Historians, Morticians, Leather-Workers) people who deal with products from the earth (Miners, Drillers),

Labourers, Renunciates, Monks, Isolated and 'odd' people (Vagrants, the Homeless)

Birds:- Owl.

Creatures:- Snake, Camel, Ass, Wolf, Rodents, Mosquitoes, Scorpions, and other poisonous or annoying insects.

Foods:- Red Lentils.

Plants:- Thorny Trees, Red flowers.

Colours:- Black, Dark Blue

Cloth:- Variegated

Metals:- Lead, Earth.

Gem:- Cat's Eye.

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