



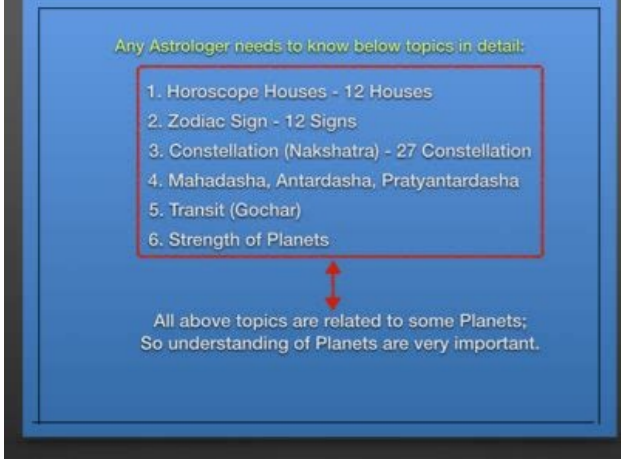
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Page 1 Looking Back: An Update In the last ten years since writing this book, my astrology studies and research continued and my knowledge has been considerably refined. I have refined several calculations and concepts shared in this book, based on my studies, insights and experimentation. I may try to edit this book or write a new book in future, reflecting the refinements in knowledge. However, I think that the book may still be useful for clarifying some basic concepts and preparing the ground for advanced studies. So I am sharing this book freely with all. Some of my researches are shared as free articles on My writings on Jyotish are archived in the yahoo group: P.V.R. Narasimha Rao March 18, 2010 Vedic Astrology: An Integrated Approach © P.V.R. Narasimha Rao First Published in 2000 Lord of the Universe, destroyer of demon Madhu, beacon of Yahu community, preceptor of Gita, giver of Knowledge, cowherd, one who is prayed by Shiva – the destroyer of Love God, beloved of Gopis, one who is filled with tempting charm, Krishna, born in Vrishni lineage, the Final Preceptor with nothing beyond or after, a complete Incarnation, Vishnu, Govinda, leader of Gods – may He always bless me, Narasimha (Rao), who is bowed before Him. Dedication This book is humbly dedicated to the lotus feet of three great men from whom I learnt Jyotish: 1. Sri P. Venkata Subrahmanyachalapati Rao (my father and my first guru), 2. Dr. B. V. Raman (immortal author who rendered great yeoman's service to Jyotish), and, 3. Pt. Sanjay Rath (author, my guru and founder of "Sri Jagannath Vedic Centre"). My only qualification for writing this book, apart from great enthusiasm to share my little knowledge with others, is the little knowledge I gained from the above three gurus. Whatever flows from my pen (or rather computer keyboard) is due to the knowledge and blessings I received from Mahavishnu and the above three great men. This book really belongs to them and not to me. I But any mistakes in this book are mine. About the author P.V.R. Narasimha Rao is an engineer by profession. He did his B.Tech in Electrical & Electronics Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (1987-1991). He did his masters at Rice University, Houston, US (1991-1993). He works as a software engineer near Boston, USA. He is seriously interested in Jyotish and Sanskrit literature. His academic record includes two diplomas equivalent to Bachelor's degree in Sanskrit at a young age: "Sanskrita Bhaashaa Kovida" diploma from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at an age of 10 and "Sanskrita Bhaashaa Visaarada" diploma, with distinction, from a board in Baroda at an age of 11. He is an ardent student of Jyotish and a designated Jyotish Guru at "Sri Jagannath Vedic Centre".



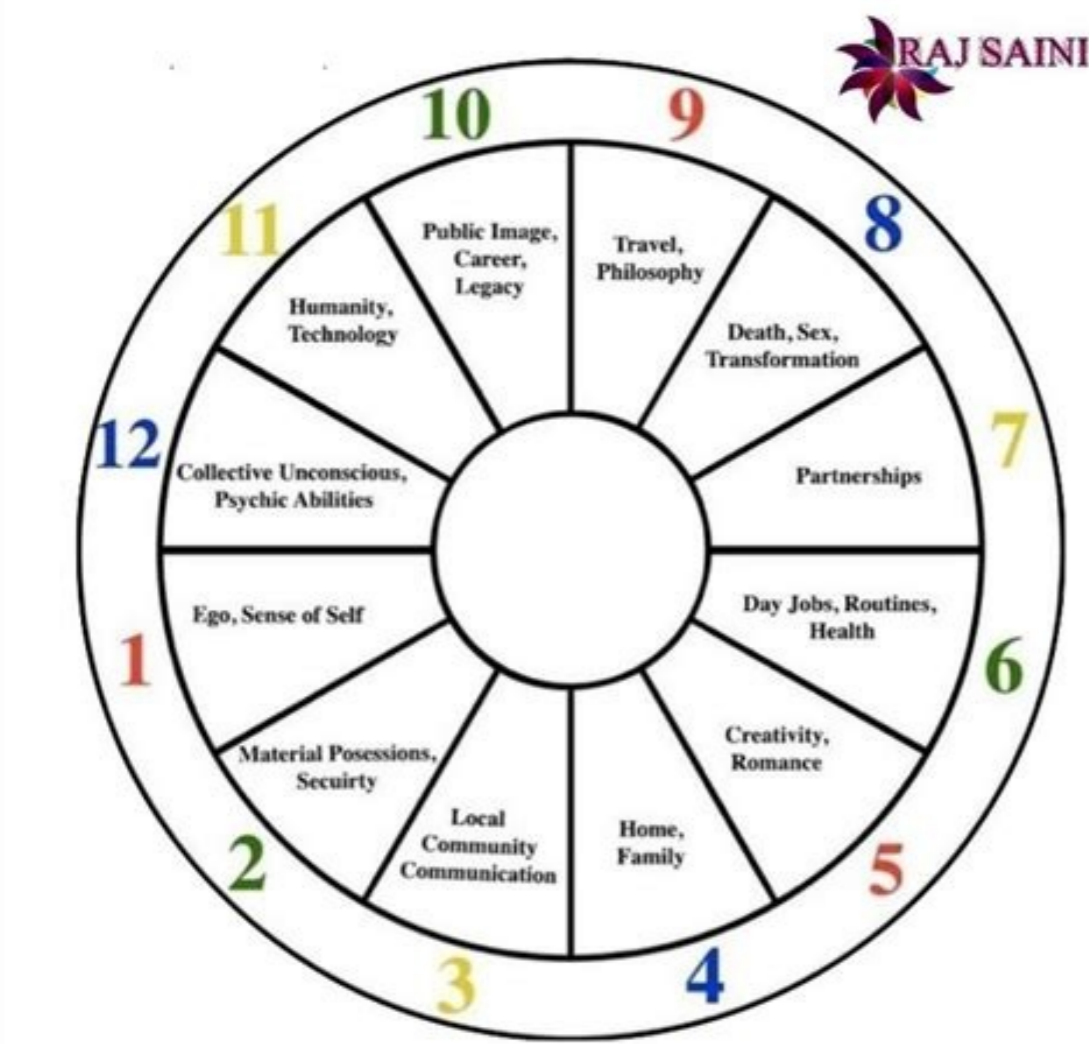
Preface With the Creator said to be one of its eighteen great preceptors, Jyotish or Vedic astrology is thought to be as old as this creation is. There are many excellent books on Jyotish written in Sanskrit language by great Maharshis and brilliant scholars. Thanks to the yeoman service rendered by Dr. B.V. Raman and the efforts of other Indian astrologers to follow him, today we have a fair amount of Jyotish literature in English language too. Considering the wealth of Vedic astrology literature in Sanskrit and English, another book may not really be needed. Even if another book is needed, there are many erudite scholars who are better equipped than me to write. Nevertheless, I wanted, like a parrot that enthusiastically repeats the few words learnt by it, to share with fellow students the little knowledge I received from classics and from my gurus. In this book, I covered divisional charts, special ascendants, arudhas, argalas, yogas, ashtakavarga, avasthas, a few nakshatra dasas, a few rasi dasas, several techniques of transit analysis, Tajaka analysis and a few miscellaneous topics. I tried to give prominence to special ascendants, divisional charts and arudhas, because contemporary literature doesn't seem to give them the kind of importance that Sage Parasara gave. Understanding the primacy Parasara gave to all these concepts is a must for a renaissance in Vedic astrology. Unfortunately, some people think today that Parasara and Jaimini taught two totally different approaches to astrology. When we talk about arudha padas, argalas, chara karakas, chara dasa and other rasi dasas, people think of them as "Jaimini astrology". People even use terms like "Jaimini karakas" and "Jaimini dasas". However, all these concepts were covered by Parasara also (please read "Brihat Parasara Hora Sastram"). The "Parasari vs Jaimini" distinction is based on unfortunate misconceptions that we can do away with. In this book, I have de-emphasized these wrong distinctions and emphasized an integrated approach - a holistic approach - that looks at Vedic astrology as a whole. I really think that this is the right approach. In the part on dasas, I covered Vimsottari dasa and Ashtottari dasa, as they are the most commonly used nakshatra dasas. Kalachakra dasa was termed the "most respectable dasa" by Parasara and a discussion on dasas cannot be complete without it. In the galaxy of dasas, rasi dasas taught by Parasara and Jaimini have their own place and I covered two rasi dasas used for timing material success - Lagna Kendradi Rasi dasa and Sudasa. I also covered Narayana dasa, which is the most versatile rasi dasa taught by maharshis. For the spiritually inclined, I included Drigdasa, which can help us in timing events in one's spiritual evolution. Because of the importance of the topic of longevity, I covered two ayur dasas - Shoola dasa and Niryaana Shoola Dasa. In the part on transits, I covered the interpretation of transits based on the natal positions of planets in rasi chart and divisional charts. I covered some techniques based on ashtakavarga and sodhya pindas. I also covered several techniques related to transits in nakshatras. In the part on Tajaka, I covered the casting of Tajaka annual, monthly and sixty-hour charts, their interpretation, Tajaka yogas and three dasas used for timing events in Tajaka charts. Some scholars may validly question why Tajaka system is being covered in a book on Vedic astrology. There are no references to it in the works of Parasara, Jaimini and other maharshis. The oldest reference to these techniques to be found in the works of a respected authority on Vedic astrology is in "Tajaka Neelakanthi", a work by Neelakantha who also wrote a celebrated commentary on "Jaimini Sutras". His coverage of Tajaka system lends some authenticity to the system. One can only speculate whether Parasara talked about this system in parts that are possibly missing today. I simply followed the precedent set by illustrious scholars of Vedic astrology, like Neelakantha and Dr. B.V. Raman. When we rely on finer techniques of Vedic astrology - such as divisional charts and special lagnas - for finer predictions, it is crucial to have an accurate birthtime. The chapter "Impact of Birthtime Error" shows how to cope with birthtime inaccuracies. While I am upset with the dismissal of astrology by some critics as a 'superstition', I am equally, if not more, upset with the irrational and unscientific attitude of some astrologers. In an effort to promote rational thinking in the astrological community, I included a chapter on "Rational Thinking". A very brief introduction to some special topics such as remedial measures, mundane astrology and muhurtas is provided in this book and it is hoped that interested readers will pursue these topics further by referring to other textbooks. Vedic astrology is considered a sacred subject and Maharshi Parasara warned us against sharing this knowledge with unworthy people. Ancient Sages laid down some rules for the ethical behavior of a Vedic astrologer. I earnestly hope that all the readers of this book will appreciate those rules. To that end, I added a chapter on "Ethical Behavior of a Jyotishi". While no particular topic has been covered in great depth, most key fundamentals are covered in this book. Most fundamental concepts and computations are clearly defined with examples and their uses are briefly outlined. But I do not want to bill this as a comprehensive introduction for beginners. There are parts of this book that can be followed even by beginners, but an average beginner may find it overwhelming in many places. For most part, this book is for intermediate level students who already have a good background, but are in need of integrating and consolidating their knowledge. However, there are some points in some places that can be appreciated only by advanced scholars. So I will not make any claims on who will find this book useful. Rather than targeting readership with a specific level of knowledge, I tried to write a more or less self-sufficient book that covers a wide spectrum of topics. Beginners should read this book very carefully, and more than once, to completely understand various concepts. Though I have tried to maintain some level of clarity, I squeezed in a lot of material and beginners should patiently read, re-read and practice. Due to my background in engineering, I tried to adopt a style somewhat similar to the one used in mathematics and physics textbooks. I tried to be concise and always to the point. I gave plenty of examples and even some exercises.



I hope that students will read the material and examples carefully and attempt the exercises sincerely. I hope that the astrological community will accept this new style of astrology teaching. In this book, I did not try to steer clear of the controversies plaguing Vedic astrology. As my purpose in writing this book is to chronicle my broad understanding of Jyotish in a clear and concise fashion and to give clear guidance to fellow students, I stated my views clearly except in issues in which I do not have a firm opinion. This book probably contains some fine knowledge, due to the blessings I received from my gurus, and some wrong knowledge as well, due to the limitations of my intelligence. Giving fine knowledge to unworthy students and feeding wrong knowledge to worthy students are both mistakes and I am aware that I may be committing both. I beg for the forgiveness of my gurus, maharshis and gods. A free computer software program written by me called "Jagannatha Hora" is available for a free download on my website ( ). It can compute the positions of all planets, upagrahas, lagna, special lagnas, arudha padas and ashtakavarga for twenty divisional charts. It supports several popular ayanamsas. It gives Shadbalas, Vimsottari, Ashtottari and Kalachakra dasas and also gives Tajaka annual charts, Patyayini dasa, Mudda dasa, Panchavargeya Bala and Sahams. Those who have a computer with a Microsoft operating system (Windows 95 or later) can download and use this software. As I dedicated most of my free time in the last few years to astrology reading, research and writing, my wife Padmaja, my daughter Sriharini and my son Sriharish made a personal sacrifice and co-operated with my astrological activities. I am thankful to them for their co-operation. I cannot possibly finish this preface without expressing my deep gratitude for my guru Pt. Sanjay Rath, who has been a constant source of enlightenment, encouragement and inspiration. I am eternally grateful to him. I express my gratitude to all the elders and well-wishers whose blessings gave me the energy to finish this book. I hope that I will be forgiven for any mistakes and that I will continue to receive their kind blessings. May Jupiter's light shine on us, P.V.R. Narasimha Rao 3 Baron Park Lane #13 Burlington, MA 01803 (USA) e-mail: [email protected] July 15, 2000 (Guru Pournima) Contents Part 1: Chart Analysis



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Always remember, that planets like Jupiter, Saturn, Rahu, and Ketu, these change after a long time. So generally these planets become the reason for pain. So open your birth chart, and place all the transit planets, considering the present position. For this, you can take the help of astrology software. For instance, if you are Aries Lagna, place all the planets like this. ... Here we see the current position of all planets along with the natal chart planetary position. So let's follow a query related to the job. Whenever a query is related to the job, then we have to focus on the 2nd house, 6th house, and 10th house mainly. Now focus on the current position of planets. Always start with Saturn, as this stays in one sign for 2.5 years, and since it is the karaka of delay, disappointment, and disease. Predict the Event in the above chart, we see Saturn posited in the 10th house, along with Retrograde Mercury, which is the 3rd and 6th lord, and 5th lord Sun. Then see the position of Rahu in the 2nd house, on the natal Saturn. And Jupiter is in the 11th house on the natal Mercury and Venus.

Now through these planetary positions only, we can answer a query related to the job. Here the query was related to the strain at the workplace. So the stress is always built by Rahu and Saturn, the natural malefic planets. And their position on Artha bhava states that a lot of responsibilities at the workplace have caused anxiety issues. Note the change of Transit Planets Therefore till these planets change their position, the person will not be able to come off the work pressure. But as mercury will come to a direct position, things will be eased. And Saturn's position will change on 29th April 2022, and Rahu's position will change on 12th April 2022. To get information on the transit position I would recommend to check this website Here, first, learn about planets and houses that cause a disturbance. So always follow the query and select a group of planets and houses, this is combinations. You should have complete knowledge of favourable and unfavourable combinations.

Then only you will be able to predict any event and guide your dear one. Conclusion According to Hindu teachings, the only purpose of life is spiritual development. This evolution is, in part, boosted by karma, the concept that we get fruits of the deeds, performed in this life. In my view it is best if one takes Astrology for higher goals, to get a better understanding of the position of planets. The position of planets is due to our own past life Karmas. So definitely due to pending karmas, we get such planetary alignment. So don't try to change destiny, in fact, understand the hidden message, and live life as per the planet's position. This is Freevill. Try to understand the significance of each planet, house, sign, and then the nakshatras. Because the horoscope gives results in totality. I would suggest my readers concentrate on higher goals, and then analyze horoscopes each step by step. Read one lesson every day and then practice in at least 5 birth charts. And too much information, only stored and not utilized, eventually increases Tamas Guna. Therefore my goal in sharing this information, which includes my research, and experience is that readers should get complete knowledge in minimum time. And then invest more time in utilizing the learned formulas.