Placement of Sun in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart. But where?

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Abstract
Sage Valmiki in Ramayana mentioned that, Lord Rama was born in the month of Chaitra, and on the ninth day of that Chaitra month. In this article, we have analysed Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana Bala Kanda slokas, last 10 years of historical data of Chaitra month for calculating angular durations of Tithi’s between start of Padyami till end of Asthami to precisely find Sun’s position with respect to Moon. After detailed calculations based on Tithi, Sage Valmiki’s slokas, and motion of Moon, we concluded that the position of Sun must be within 7.3° of Aries.

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Introduction
Lord Sri Rama’s birth and planetary positions at the time of birth were mentioned in Sri Ramayana by Sage Valmiki. But many in the past have explored the possibilities of the positions of these planets in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama in different ways. One of these methods is described by Mr. Jaganadha [1] ascerns that Lord Sri Rama will be born again in July 19, 7875 in which we find that Sun is placed in Aries at 15° 19 minutes 43 seconds and Moon in Cancer at 8° 57 minutes 13 seconds. In another research work, it was found that Lord Sri Rama was born on 10 January 5114 BC [2, 3, 4] in Ayodhya. According to TheAstrological eMagazine [5], Lord Rama’s birth chart has Sun in 10° of Aries, Moon in 3° of Taurus, Jupiter at 5° of Cancer. According to VedicAstrologer.org [6], page-21, Figure-1, indicates Sun is placed in Aries. According to Mr. Pushkar Bhatnagar of the Indian Revenue Service [7], Rama was born on January 10th 5114 BC without giving the reference to the planetary positions. According to Pradeep Singh [8], Lord Sri Rama left Ayodhya when he was 25 years old (5114 BC - 5089 BC) for 14 years of exile without giving the birth planetary positions. According to the authors of this article [9], they conclude that Sun in Lord Rama’s birth chart must be in Aries and not Pisces.

It becomes very important to justify Sage Valmiki Ramayana’s description about the planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama because of his lordship. In this paper, we would like to position the planets Sun and Moon in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama with the following.

a. Sage Valmiki’s description in Ramayana’s Bala Kanda, 18th sarga slokas 8 and 9.

b. Statistical data for last 10 years between 2014-2023 for the month of Chaitra between start of Padyami Tithi and end of Asthami Tithi durations.

c. The position of Sun placed in Aries and not in Pisces.

Method and Materials
With reference to Vālmiki Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda, 18th Sloka, 8, 9), clearly denotes the planetary positions of Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart.
As per this sloka, Lord Rama was born on 9th Tithi of Chaitra month, in Karkata lagna, where Moon was in its own house (Cancer) along with Jupiter and the nakshatra’s lord is Adithi. Since the lord for Punarvasu is Adithi, we conclude that Moon is placed in the 4th pada of Punarvasu within 3.3° of Cancer. Moving forward, let us examine the 1st line of second sloka in Fig-1.

‘स्वोच्छांसेश्यं पंचशूक’ (excerpt from Fig-1) र्ख-उच्च-संसेश्यं।
र्ख = Own, self, individual, उच्च = exalted or highest, संसेश्यं = contained in their positions, पंचशूक = collection of five, refers to 5 planets are in their own exaltation positions.

Since Jupiter is also along with Moon, it is already exalted position. The remaining 5 planets are: Mercury, Saturn, Mars, Venus and Sun. As Lord Rama’s birth happened to be in Chaitra Month [April-May], the Sun should be in either Pisces or Aries. Mercury is always close to Sun within +/- 28°, so Mercury being in its own exalted house Virgo is ruled out. The remaining 4 planets for consideration are Saturn, Mars, Venus and Sun. For Saturn, Libra is the exalted position, for Mars, Capricorn is the exalted position, for Venus Pisces is the exalted position and for Sun, Aries is the exalted position. Since the Moon is located within 3° of Cancer sign, the question arises what should be the position of Sun in Aries? Many astrologers argue that, the angle between Sun and Moon is 96° at the end of Asthami Tithi. In such a case, going back by 96° from the Moon, the Sun’s position falls in Pisces and not in Aries. Then how do we validate Sage Valmiki’s sloka in Fig-1?

This is where our research stands to resolve the ambiguity of Sun’s position with respect to Moon in Cancer sign and Punarvasu nakshatra. In general, Moon takes about 29.5 days to completes one cycle of 360° around the Earth. On this basis, Moon separates from Sun by about 12° in every 24 hours. But Tithi time duration is not necessarily 24 hours, as wrongly interpreted by many astrologers.

Further, Chaitra Month’s 8 Tithis (from Padyami start to Asthami end) is then multiplied by this 12° which results in 96°. By this calculation, with Jupiter and Moon in Karkata lagna where both are on Punarvasu 4th Pada which means they are within first 3.3° of karkata lagna. So the Sun should be 96° (96° - 3.3°) behind Cancer sign. This indicates Sun should be positioned in Pisces. But, according to Sage Valmiki’s sloka Fig-1, we have shown that Sun must be in Aries. How is this possible based on the above calculations?

Mode of Tithi’s calculation on the above basis is incorrect, as 12° is based on 24 hours and not on Tithi. Now, we will show that a Tithi need not necessarily be 12°, but could be more or less. To prove that fixed duration for a Tithi is always 12° is wrong, statistical data for last 10 years between 2014-2023 for Chaitra month has been taken into account and Tithi’s angular durations have been calculated between the Padyami start and Asthami end as these two Tithi’s are important for Lord Rama’s birth chart.
Fig 6: Varanasi, India - 2018 - Chaitra Month

Fig 7: Varanasi, India - 2019 - Chaitra Month

Fig 8: Varanasi, India - 2020 - Chaitra Month

Fig 9: Varanasi, India - 2021 - Chaitra Month

Fig 10: Varanasi, India - 2022 - Chaitra Month

Fig 11: Varanasi, India - 2023 - Chaitra Month

Fig 12: Varanasi, India - 2014-2023 - Chaitra Month - comparing Tithis angular durations
If Sun has to be in Aries, then the angle between Sun and Moon must be less than 93° if we have to corroborate with Sage Valmiki’s sloka Fig-1. From the above statistical data from last 10 years (2014-2023), for 8 Tithi’s to pass in Chaitra month, the angular difference between Sun and Moon could be anywhere between 86° (Fig-5) and 104° (Fig-9). Since 93° falls within this range, we can safely place Sun in the Aries sign.

If Sun is in exalted position in Aries sign within 10°, and considering minimum angle of 86° between Sun and Moon, we can say that Sun is placed below 7.3° (90° [Aries + Taurus + Gemini] – 86° [angle between Sun and Moon] + 3.3° [Moon in Cancer]).

**Conclusion**

Based on above given Method and Materials, Calculations and Analysis, we can safely conclude the position of Sun must be in Aries and within 7.3° of that sign and is in exaltation which perfectly corroborates with Sage Valmiki’s Sloka Fig-1.

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