Precise exaltation position of planet Jupiter (Guru) in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart

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Abstract
Sage Valmiki in Ramayana did not mention the precise exaltation position of Jupiter (Guru), even though it was stated that five planets were in exaltation in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart. We have analysed ‘Hamsa (Hansa) Yoga’ mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra, Sage Valmiki’s description of position of planets in Lord Rama’s birth chart, and compared it with Lord Rama’s characteristics mentioned in Ramayana to conclude precise exaltation position of planet Jupiter (Guru) in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart.

Keywords: Astrology, Rama, Jupiter, Hamsa (Hansa) Yoga, Panchamahapurushas

Introduction
Sage Valmiki in his Sri Ramayana explained planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama. Many in the past have explored the possibilities of the position of planet Jupiter in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama in different ways. Sureshwara [1] reported that, Jupiter was exalted in Cancer at 5° but was not backed up by any calculations and also mentioned that Jupiter was in conjunction with Moon and further, ill-effects of Jupiter weren’t discussed. Another astrologer [2] had discussed that Jupiter and Moon were in ascendant in Cancer but didn’t explain the precise position at which Jupiter was exalted. Kshitij Sharma [3] had placed Jupiter and Moon in Cancer with no further explanation. An article [4] mentioned that, Jupiter, Moon, Saturn, Mars and Venus were exalted in the quadrants and trines of Lord Rama’s birth chart and no further details on Jupiter’s precise position was mentioned. Also the author did not mention how Moon in Lord Rama’s birth chart was exalted? Ramana Rao [5], mentioned that Jupiter is exalted in birth-lagna (Kendra and kona) but didn’t give any further details on precise position at which Jupiter was exalted. Karkidakom (Cancer), but didn’t give any further details on precise position of Jupiter. Prof. Desikam [6] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan’s Ramayana and thinks Jupiter and Moon in Karkidakom (Cancer), but didn’t give any further details on precise position of Jupiter. AstroIsha [7] reported that Lord Rama had kind Jupiter and caring Moon in first house but didn’t provide further details on precise position at which Jupiter was exalted in first house. Padmuni Tamirisa [8] reported that Moon and Jupiter are in the lagna (Moon is in its own house and Jupiter is exalted), but didn’t explain the precise position at which Jupiter was placed in lagna. Stephen Knapp [9] also refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar’s book Dating the Era of Lord Rama and thinks lagna was Cancer and Jupiter & Moon were shining together, where no further details found about Jupiter’s precise position in Cancer. Raghavendra Sai Akkinapragada et al [10] reported Sun’s precise position in Lord Rama’s birth chart based on tithi and angle between Sun and Moon in Chaitra month (from Padyami tithi start to Asthami tithi end) and further mentioned position of Jupiter in Cancer based on Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana. Sanjaya [11] also reported that Jupiter and...
Moon are in the ascendant but couldn’t find any conclusive evidence based on which Jupiter’s precise position in Cancer. Mesheeka Das [15] reported that at the time of Lord Rama’s birth, the Jupiter and the Moon were in lagna, Rahu in the 3rd house, Saturn in the fourth house, and Mars in the seventh house, Ketu with the true zodiac motion, Venus is in the 9th house and tried to compare Lord Rama’s birth chart with Ravana’s, it is not clear about the authenticity of Ravana’s birth chart and also there was no specific mention of precise position of Jupiter. Renay Oshop [19], who is an astrologer herself, tried to compare Sita’s horoscope with Lord Rama’s but it was not clear about the source of Sita’s horoscope. Sadrish [17] has mentioned that planet Jupiter, was in conjunction with the Moon in lagna but didn’t give precise position of Jupiter. Raghavendra et al [15] gave a detailed explanation about Mercury’s absence in Lord Rama’s birth chart which further enhances the mysteries surrounding Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart.

Based on above references and their conclusions, below questions were drawn
1. What could be the precise position of planet Jupiter in Cancer of Lord Rama’s birth chart?

As per this sloka, Lord Rama was born on 9th tithi of Chaitra month, in Karkata (Cancer) lagna, where Moon was in its own house along with Jupiter and the nakshatra’s lord being 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.

"स्योचसंस्थेयं पंचस्यं (excerpt from Fig-1) स्योच-उचसंस्थेयं, स्य = Own, self, individual, उच्च = exalted or highest, संस्थेयं = contained in their positions, पंचस्यं = collection of five, refers to 5 planets are in their own exaltation positions.

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2. Are there any ill-aspects of other planets on Jupiter that could help positioning Jupiter?

In this research paper, we will explore various aspects to find an answer to the above questions.

Method and Materials
Now the question is, what Sage Valmiki mentioned about the placement of Jupiter (Guru) in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart? We find that, in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama, Jupiter (Guru) was meant to be in exaltation as per Ramayana’s Bala Kanda but exact degrees at which Jupiter (Guru) was placed was not clear.

With reference to Vālmiki Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Sloka 8, 9) [19], five planets were in exaltation in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart. Raghavendra et al [15] ruled out the existence of planet Mercury (Budha) in Lord Rama’s birth chart. This research considers planet Jupiter (Guru) to be in Cancer as per above discussion and proceeds further to ascertain the precise location of the planet Jupiter (Guru) in Cancer in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart.

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Table 1: Parasara Hora Sastra Hamsa Yoga compared to Valmiki’s description of Sri Rama

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<td>Sharp intelligence</td>
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<td>Sturdy cheeks</td>
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<td>Ayodhyā is located between Ganga and Yamuna rivers</td>
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<td>Dies after attaining the age of 100 years</td>
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Results and Discussions

1. Hamsa Yoga is formed because of exalted Jupiter [20]. Also, as Jupiter is in lagna (Cancer), it represents the personality of the person.

2. With reference to table-1, Lord Sri Rama has 9 out of 16 qualities described by Sage Parasara’s Hora Sastra’s Hamsa Yoga[20], (one of Panchamahapurusha Yoga) when compared with Valmiki Rāmāyana. Hamsa yoga is only applicable for persons having Jupiter (Guru) exalted in their birth chart.

3. It is a widely known factor that Jupiter is deeply exalted in Cancer[23] at 5° (see Fig-3).

Exaltation

Each planet is held to be exalted when it is in a particular sign. The power to do good when in exaltation is greater than when in its own sign. The Sun, the Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu are said to be in deep exaltation in Aries 10°, Taurus 3°, Capricorn 28°, Virgo 15°, Cancer 5°, Pisces 27°, Libra 20°, Taurus 20° and Scorpio 20° respectively. Throughout the sign ascribed, the planet is exalted but in a particular degree its exaltation is at the maximum level.

Based on above 3 points, we can determine the exact degrees at which Jupiter should have been present in Cancer of Lord Rama’s birth chart. It is evident that, from table-1, 9 out of 16 points in Hamsa Yoga of Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra[20] are an exact match with Lord Sri Rama’s characteristics as described by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana[19][22]. Therefore, the probability of Jupiter being present at 5° in Cancer is only about 56.25% (9/16). Hence the degrees at which Jupiter (Guru) is present in Cancer of Lord Rama’s birth chart must be around 2.8125° based on the calculation as given:

Precise Position of Jupiter = 5° * (9 points / 16 points) = 2.8125°. (Equation-1)

4. Are there any ill-aspects of other planets on Jupiter that could help positioning Jupiter? As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [24], chapter 34, “Yoga Karakas”, slokas 27-28, mentions “for Cancer ascendant: Venus and Mercury are malefics, Mars, Jupiter and the Moon are auspicious. Mars is capable of conferring a full-fledged yoga and giving auspicious effects. Saturn and the Sun are killers and give effects according to association”.

As Lord Sri Rama is Cancer ascendant, Mars, Jupiter and Moon are auspicious according to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra[24]. Mars is capable of conferring a full-fledged yoga and gives auspicious effects. As Jupiter (Guru) is exalted in Cancer and has 10th aspect on Pisces and Pisces being Jupiter (Guru)’s own house, it doesn’t negatively affect it but in turn enhances it in a positive manner, Saturn even though exalted has less effect on Jupiter as it is not in direct aspect with Jupiter. Even though, Saturn and Sun are killers for Cancer ascendant, as Mars is in exaltation and as Sun has occupied Aries (Mars’s own house) and as Mars is conferring full-fledged yoga, the negative effects of Saturn and Sun are nullified due to Mars’s full-fledged yoga.

Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [24], chapter 34, Slokas 27-28

Conclusion

Based on above given methods and materials, results and discussions:

1. Jupiter, Moon and Mars are auspicious for Cancer ascendants, and no other planets ill-effects can be seen according to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra[24] for Cancer ascendants. Hence, in Lord Rama’s birth chart, we see that, Jupiter is exalted and the precise position is based only on ‘Hamsa (Hansa) Yoga’ as no other malefic effects can be counted.
2. We can safely conclude that planet Jupiter (Guru) was exalted in Cancer of Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart at around 2.8125° (see Equation-1, Fig-5).

![Fig 5: South Indian chart type](image)

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