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## Precise position of planet Moon (Chandra) in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart

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### Abstract

Even though it was stated that five planets were in exaltation in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart by Sage Valmiki in his epic Ramayana, he did not mention the precise position of Moon (Chandra). We have analysed various benefits given by Moon being present in Cancer along with Jupiter as explained in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra and Sage Valmiki's description of Lord Rama's birth chart, then compared it with Lord Rama's characteristics mentioned in Ramayana to conclude precise position of planet Moon (Chandra) in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart.

**Keywords:** Astrology, Rama, moon, Ayodhya, valmiki, hora shastra

### 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<sup>[1]</sup> reported that, Moon is in 3<sup>0</sup> of Taurus, but did not mention the methodology employed to determine this. Another astrologer<sup>[2]</sup> had discussed that Moon could be at 3.20<sup>0</sup> with the intent of positioning Sun either in Pisces or Aries, but did not share any specifics on arriving Moon to be at 3.20<sup>0</sup> in Cancer. Kshitij Sharma<sup>[3]</sup> had placed Jupiter and Moon in Cancer with no further explanation. An article<sup>[4]</sup> mentioned that, the first house of this horoscope of Lord Sri Rama has the conjunction of Jupiter with Moon, but no specific details about Moon's precise degrees were mentioned. Ramana Rao<sup>[5]</sup>, mentioned that Moon was in Cancer but no further details on precise degrees on Moon were mentioned. Ponmari Subramanian<sup>[6]</sup>, has discussed Lord Sri Rama's birth chart but hasn't outlined further details on precise position at which Moon was placed in 1<sup>st</sup> house. Akkinapragada *et al.*<sup>[7]</sup> 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. Jwala Narasimha Rao<sup>[8]</sup>, has referred to Pushkar Bhatnagar's works on Lord Rama and opines that Jupiter and the moon were in Cancer, yet again no analysis was made on precise position at which Moon was placed in Cancer. Prof. Desikam<sup>[9]</sup> 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 Moon. AstroIsha<sup>[10]</sup> reported that Lord Rama had kind Jupiter and caring Moon in first house but didn't provide further details on precise position at which Moon in the first house. Padmini Tamirisa<sup>[11]</sup> 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 Moon was placed in lagna. Stephen Knapp<sup>[12]</sup> 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 Moon's precise position in Cancer were given. Akkinapragada *et al.*<sup>[13]</sup> reported Venus's precise position in Pisces of Lord Sri Rama's birth chart by comparing Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra's 'Malavya Yoga' (applicable when Venus is exalted in Pisces) with Sage Valmiki's Ramayana, where Lord Sri Rama's characteristics were mentioned. Nandita Pandey<sup>[14]</sup> reported, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Sun, Venus, Rahu and Ketu all in their exalted state along with Mercury. But Mercury if present can neither in exalted state nor in its own sign. Also the author reported that, Jupiter, Moon are placed in ascendant but Moon's precise position in Cancer wasn't mentioned.

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Akkinapragada *et al.* [15] reported Jupiter's precise position in lagna of Lord Sri Rama's birth chart by comparing Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra's 'Hansa (Hansa) Yoga' (applicable when Jupiter is exalted in Cancer) with Sage Valmiki's Ramayana, where Lord Sri Rama's characteristics were mentioned. Sanjay [16] also reported that Jupiter and Moon are in the ascendant but couldn't find any conclusive evidence based on which Moon's precise position in Cancer. Mesheeka Das [17] 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 Moon in lagna. Akkinapragada *et al.* [18] reported Saturn's precise position in Libra of Lord Sri Rama's birth chart by comparing Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra's 'Sasa Yoga' (applicable when Saturn is exalted in Libra) with Sage Valmiki's Ramayana, where Lord Sri Rama's characteristics were mentioned. 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 [20] has mentioned that planet Jupiter, was in conjunction with the Moon in lagna but didn't give precise position of Moon. Akkinapragada *et al.* [21] 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 Moon in Cancer of Lord Rama's birth chart?
2. Are there any aspects of other planets on Moon that could help positioning Moon?

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 Moon (Chandra) in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart? We find that, in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama, Moon was placed in Karkata lagna (Cancer) as per Ramayana's [22] Bala Kanda but exact precise position at which Moon was placed was not clear.

With reference to Vālmiki Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Slokas 8, 9) [22], five planets were in exaltation in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.* [7, 13, 15, 18, 28] reported Sun's, Venus's, Jupiter's, Saturn's and Mars's precise positions in their exalted states. Akkinapragada *et al.* [21] ruled out the existence of planet Mercury (Budha) in Lord Rama's birth chart. This research considers planet Moon to be in Karkata lagna (Cancer) as per above discussion and proceeds further to ascertain the precise location of the planet Moon in Cancer in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart.

ततो यज्ञे समाप्ते तु ऋतूनां षट् समत्ययुः ।  
ततश्च द्वादशे मासे चैत्रे नावमिके तिथौ ॥ १-१८-८  
नक्षत्रेऽदितिदैवत्ये स्वोच्चसंस्थेषु पंचसु ।  
ग्रहेषु कर्कटे लग्ने वाक्पताविंदुना सह ॥ १-१८-९

Fig 1: Excerpts from Ramayana, written by Sage Valmiki - Bala Kanda [22]

As per sloka in Fig-1, Lord Rama was born on 9<sup>th</sup> tithi of Chaitra month, in Karkata (Cancer) lagna, where Moon was in its own house (Karkata) 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 4<sup>th</sup> pada of Punarvasu within 3.3<sup>0</sup> of Cancer. Moving forward, let us examine the 1<sup>st</sup> line of second sloka in Fig-1. "स्वोच्चसंस्थेषु पंचसु" (excerpt from Fig-1) स्व+उच्च+संस्थेषु, स्व = Own, self, individual, उच्च = exalted or highest, संस्थेषु = contained in their positions, पंचसु = collection of five, refers to 5 planets are in their own exaltation positions.

As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [23], chapter 12, Page 125, "Effects of First house", slokas 1-2, mentions (Fig-2):

सपापो देहपोऽष्टरिव्ययो देहसौख्यहत् ।  
केन्द्रेकोणे स्थितोऽङ्गेशः सदा देहसुखं दिशेत् ॥१॥  
लग्नपोऽस्तङ्गतो नीचे शत्रुभे रोगकृद् भवेत् ।  
शुभाः केन्द्रत्रिकोणस्था सर्वरोगहराः स्मृताः ॥२॥

Fig 2: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [23], chapter 12, Page 125, slokas 1-2

The meaning of slokas in Fig-2 are as follows: "Physical Comforts: Should the ascendant lord be conjunct a malefic or be in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, physical felicity will diminish. If he (ascendant lord - in Lord Rama's birth chart, it is Moon) is at an angle/trine there will be at all times comforts of the body. If the ascendant lord is in debilitation, combustion or enemy's sign".

As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [23], chapter 12, Page 126, "Effects of First house", sloka 4 mentions (Fig-3):

लग्ने सौम्ये सुरूपः स्यात् क्रूरे रूपविर्जितः ।  
सौम्यस्वदंष्टर्युते दृष्टे लग्ने देहसुखान्वितः ॥४॥

Fig 3: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [23], chapter 12, Page 126, sloka 4

The meaning of the sloka in Fig-3 is: "Bodily Beauty: A benefic in the ascendant will give a pleasing appearance, while a malefic will make one bereft of good appearance, Felicity of the body will be enjoyed if the ascendant is aspected by or conjunct a benefic."

As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [23], chapter 12, Page 126, "Effects of First house", slokas 5-7 mentions (Fig-4):

लग्नेशो ज्ञो गुरुर्वाऽपि शुक्रो वा केन्द्रकोणगः ।  
दीर्घायुर्धनवान् जातो बुद्धिमान् राजवल्लभः ॥५॥  
लग्नेशे चरराशस्थे शुभग्रहनिरीक्षिते ।  
कीर्तिश्रीमान् महाभोगी देहसौख्यसमन्वितः ॥६॥  
बुधो जीवोऽथवा शुक्रो लग्ने चन्द्रसमन्वितः ।  
लग्नात् केन्द्रगती वाऽपि राजलक्षणसंयुतः ॥७॥

Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [23], chapter 12, Page 126, slokas 5-7

The meaning of the sloka in Fig-4 is: "Other benefits: If the ascendant lord, Mercury, Jupiter, or Venus be in an angle or in trine, the native will be long lived, wealthy, intelligent, and liked by the King. Fame, wealth, abundant pleasures and comforts of the body will be acquired if the ascendant lord is

in a moveable sign and be aspected by a benefic planet. One will be endowed with royal marks (of fortune) if Mercury, Jupiter or Venus be in the ascendant along with Moon, or be

in angle from the ascendant.”

As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra <sup>[23]</sup>, chapter 4, Page 50, “Zodiacal Signs Described”, slokas 10-11 mentions (Fig-5):

**पाटलो वनचारी च शाह्यणो निशि वीर्यवान् ॥१०॥  
बहुपादचरः स्थौल्यतनुः स्रग्धगुणी जली ।  
पृष्ठोवयी कर्कराशिर्मुर्गाकाऽधिपतिः स्मृतः ॥११॥**

**Fig 5:** Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra <sup>[23]</sup>, chapter 4, Page 47, slokas 10-11

The meaning of the sloka in Fig-5 is: “It mentions that, Cancer sign is a watery sign, which is a moveable sign.”

All slokas mentioned above from Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra <sup>[23]</sup> are compared with Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana to find

out how closely the bodily comforts, bodily beauty, other benefits match with Lord Sri Rama’s planetary positions and their results.

**Table 1:** Comparing Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra <sup>[23]</sup> with Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana <sup>[25, 26, 27]</sup>

Index	Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra <sup>[23]</sup>	Evidences from Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana
1	Chapter 12, Page 125, slokas 1-2 (ref Fig-2) Physical Comforts: “If the ascendant lord (in Lord Rama’s birth chart it is Moon) is at an angle/trine there will be at all times comforts of the body”.	Moon in the ascendant in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart (Fig-1).
2	Chapter 12, Page 126, sloka 4 (ref Fig-3) Bodily Beauty: “A benefic in the ascendant will give a pleasing appearance, Felicity of the body will be enjoyed if the ascendant is aspected by or conjunct a benefic”.	Jupiter in the Cancer ascendant is a benefic in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart. Ascendant lord (Moon) is in conjunction with Jupiter
3	Chapter 12, Page 126, sloka 5 (ref Fig-4) Other benefits: “If the ascendant lord, Mercury, Jupiter, or Venus be in an angle or in trine, the native will be long lived, wealthy, intelligent, and liked by the King.	Ascendant lord (Moon), Jupiter is in an angle or in trine, Venus which is in 9 <sup>th</sup> house, is in a trine. (Fig-1).
4	Chapter 12, Page 126, sloka 6 (ref Fig-4) Fame, wealth, abundant pleasures and comforts of the body will be acquired if the ascendant lord is in a moveable sign and be aspected by a benefic planet.	Ascendant sign (Cancer) is a movable sign (Fig-5) and is aspected by Mars which is a benefic for Cancer.
5	Chapter 12, Page 126, slokas 7 (ref Fig-4) One will be endowed with royal marks (of fortune) if Mercury, Jupiter or Venus be in the ascendant along with Moon, or be in angle from the ascendant.”	Jupiter and Moon (ascendant lord) are in conjunction in the ascendant. (Fig-1)

## Results and Discussions

1. According to Sage Valmiki’s Bala Kanda <sup>[25]</sup>, sarga 22, slokas 11b, 12a, 14b, 15, 16, 17, where it was explained that, Sage Vishwamitra’s has taught ‘Bala’ and ‘AtiBala’ hymns to Lord Sri Rama and his brother Lakshama which helped them to overcome thirst and hunger which in turn helped them enjoy the bodily comforts at all times. Therefore, Table-1 and Index-1 are justified.
2. This is also supported by, Sage Valmiki’s, Bala Kanda <sup>[26]</sup> sarga 18, sloka 10, 11 and Sundara Kanda <sup>[27]</sup> sarga 35, sloka 15, which has mentioned about honey like tawny coloured eyes of Lord Sri Rama. This is also supported by, Sage Valmiki Ramayana’s Sundara Kanda <sup>[27]</sup> sarga 35, slokas: 17, 18, 19, 20 which described Lord Sri Rama having: red coloured nails, sturdy cheeks and a face with 96 anguls in height, round forehead and beautiful feet and handsome appearance and well developed nose respectively. Therefore, Table-1 and Index-2 are justified.
3. Lord Sri Rama has long lived, was wealthy, intelligent and was most loved by his father King. Lord Sri Rama was also blessed with fame, wealth, abundant pleasures and comforts of the body as ascendant lord Moon was in

Cancer and was aspected by benefic planets like Jupiter and Mars. Therefore, Table-1 and Index-3 are justified.

4. Since ascendant in Lord Sri Rama’s chart is Cancer, which is a moveable sign, He should have Fame, wealth, abundant pleasures and comforts of the body. But we all know that, Lord Sri Rama went to forest for 14 years so he must have faced lots of hardships and bodily discomforts. Then how do we justify that he had bodily comforts? As we know from Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana - Bala Kanda <sup>[25]</sup>, sarga 22, slokas 11b, 12a, 14b, 15, 16, 17, where it was explained that, Sage Vishwamitra has taught ‘Bala’ and ‘AtiBala’ hymns to Lord Sri Rama and his brother Lakshama which helped them to overcome thirst and hunger and bodily discomforts which in turn helped them enjoy the bodily comforts at all times. Therefore, Table-1 and Index-4 are justified.
5. Lord Sri Rama was also endowed with royal marks (of fortune) as Jupiter was in conjunction with Moon. Sage Valmiki Ramayana’s Sundara Kanda <sup>[27]</sup> sarga 35, sloka 9 which has mentioned about Lord Sri Rama’s sharp intelligence and fame. Therefore, Table-1 and Index-5 are justified.

<b>PISCES</b> <b>VENUS</b> (around 17.3°)	<b>ARIES</b> <b>SUN</b> (around 7.3°)		
	Lord Sri Rama's birth chart's planetary positions as per Sage Valmiki's Bala Kanda (Sarga 18, slokas 8,9)		<b>ASC, CANCER</b> <b>JUPITER</b> (around 2.8125°) <b>MOON</b> (around 2.8125°)
<b>CAPRICORN</b> <b>MARS</b> (13.33° ± 2°)			
		<b>LIBRA</b> <b>SATURN</b> (around 10°)	

Fig 6: South Indian chart type [7, 13, 15, 18, 28]

### Conclusion

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

- We conclude that, Lord Sri Rama's birth chart has all the benefits from the Moon (Table-1), along with the conjunction of the Jupiter.
- Since, there is no discrepancy of benefits from Moon (Table-1), the conjunction with Jupiter must be at 100%.
- Therefore, as Jupiter <sup>[15]</sup> is at 2.8125°, even the Moon must be at the same precise angle.

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