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Did Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram live till the end of Treta Yuga?

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Abstract

Sage Valmiki in his epic Ramayana had given the statuses of various planetary positions, lagna and birth star of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram, but he did not mention his life span. We used 'Gopuramsa' and 'Paravatamsa' of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram based on Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra and concluded that he had a full life and lived till end of the Treta Yuga.

Keywords: Astrology, Shri Ram, longevity, Treta Yuga, full life

Introduction

Sage Valmiki in his Shri Ramayana explained planetary positions in the birth chart of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram. Many in the past have explored the possibilities of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's longevity in different ways. Anik Charan ^[1] had mentioned that Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram was born 9114 years ago, but did not provide any methodology based on which this was determined. Stephen Knapp ^[2] refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar's book dating the Era of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram and thinks that 10th January 5114 BCE was Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth date and 12:30pm could be his birth time without any further explanation. An article ^[3] mentioned that, based on a planetarium software and from other theory of Pushkar Bhatnagar, Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth date and time could have been 10th January 5114 BC and at 12:30 pm without any explanation on how the birth time was calculated. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[4] reported Sun's precise position in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart based on tithi and angle between Sun and Moon in Chaitra month (from Padyami tithi start to Asthami tithi end). Prof. Desikam ^[5] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan's Ramayana and mentioned various planetary placements. Sureshwara ^[6] reported that, few planets were in exaltation in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[7] reported precise position of Venus by comparing Malavya yoga features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Renay Oshop ^[8], who is an astrologer herself, tried to compare Sita's horoscope with Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's but it was not clear about the source of Sita's horoscope. Another astrologer ^[9] had discussed about various planetary positions in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth. Gaurav Dave ^[10] has discussed about various planets and their placements in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[11] reported precise position of Jupiter by comparing Hamsa (Hansa) yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. An article ^[12] mentioned that Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram was born on 10 January 5115 BC at 12:14:31. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[13] reported precise position of Saturn by comparing Sasa yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Author of an article ^[14] tried to explain various aspects of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart. Arjan Dhanak ^[15] has mentioned that Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram was born at 12.30 p.m. on 10th January 5114 BC, which also refers to the works of Pushkar Bhatnagar. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[16] gave a detailed explanation about Mercury's absence in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart which further enhances the mysteries surrounding

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Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart. Jwala Narasimha Rao ^[17], also referred to Pushkar Bhatnagar's works on Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram and opines that Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram was born on the noon of January 10, 5114 BC (7123 years back) with no details on methodology. Akash ^[18] mentioned that Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram was born on 10 January 5114 BCE (about 7129 years ago). Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[19] reported precise position of Mars by comparing Ruchaka yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Nandita Pandey ^[20] reported, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Sun, Venus, Rahu and Ketu all in their exalted state along with Mercury in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart. Kshitij Sharma ^[21] had mentioned about possible planetary positions in the birth chart of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[22] reported precise position of Moon in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart, by comparing Effects of first house from Brihat Samhita Hora Sastra slokas with Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. Jaganadha Rama Sastry^[23] reported that Vedveer Arya's works and other planetary software data were analysed and opines that, Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram was born on 10th January 5114 BC. An article^[24] refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar's book Dating the Era of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram and thinks that 10th January 5114 BCE was Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth date and 12:30pm. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[25]

reported precise birth time of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram based on Prakasavastha mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

Based on above references and their conclusions, we could not find longevity of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram. So, based on above introduction, below questions were drawn: Did Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram had a full life and how long did he live?

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

Method and Materials

Now the question is, what Sage Valmiki mentioned about Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth date and living till end of yuga? With reference to Vālmiki Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Slokas 8, 9) ^[26], five planets were in exaltation in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22] reported Sun's, Venus's, Jupiter's, Saturn's, Mars's and Moon's precise positions in their exalted states. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[16] ruled out the existence of planet Mercury (Budha) in Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[25] determined precise birth time of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram. This research considers these planetary positions (Fig-1) and characteristics of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana and proceeds further to ascertain the birth date and longevity of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram.

PISCES VENUS ^[7] (around 17.3 ⁰)	ARIES SUN ^[4] (around 7.3 ⁰)		
	Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's birth chart		ASC, CANCER JUPITER ^[11] (around 2.8125 ⁰) MOON ^[22] (around 2.8125 ⁰)
CAPRICORN MARS ^[19] (13.33 ⁰ ± 2 ⁰)			
		LIBRA SATURN ^[13] (around 10 ⁰)	

Fig 1: Based on Akkinapragada *et al.* ^[4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25]

Sage Valmiki's Ramayana ^[26], Sarga 18, details about "Bala Kanda", slokas 8 and 9 are as shown in Fig-2:

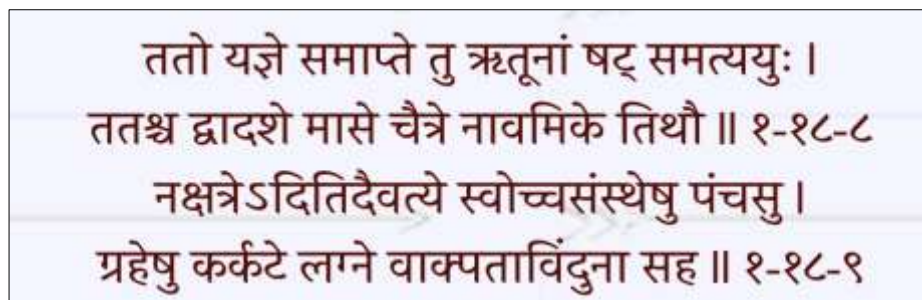


Fig 2: Excerpts from Ramayana, written by Sage Valmiki - Bala Kanda ^[26]

As per sloka in Fig-2, Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram was born on 9th 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 4th pada of Punarvasu within 3.3⁰ of Cancer. Moving forward, let us examine the 1st 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 [27], Chapter 43 details about “Longevity” in Page 428, and slokas 24-29 as shown in Fig-3:

अथायुः परमं वक्ष्ये नानाजातिसमुद्भवम् । अनन्तसंख्यं देवानामुषीणां च द्विजोत्तमम् ॥२४॥ गृध्रोलूक-शुकृवांस-सर्पाणां च सहस्रकम् । श्येन-वानर-मल्लूक-मण्डूकानां शतत्रयम् ॥२५॥ पंचाशदुत्तरशतं राक्षसानां प्रकीर्तितम् । नगणां कुञ्जराणां च विशोत्तरशतं तथा ॥२६॥ द्वात्रिंशद् घोटकानाञ्च पंचविंशत् खरोष्ट्रयोः । वृषाणां महिषाणां च चतुर्विंशतिवत्सरम् ॥२७॥ विंशत्यायुर्मयूराणां द्यागादीनां च षोडश । हंसानां पंचनव च पिकानां द्वादशान्वकाः ॥२८॥ शुनां पारावतानां च, कुक्कुटानां समाष्टकम् । बुध्बुद्धाद्यष्टजानां च परायुः सप्तवत्सराः ॥२९॥

Fig 3: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 43, Page 428, slokas 24-29

The meanings of slokas in Fig-3 are as follows: “Full life span of various living beings: Devathas and sages enjoy endless life span (i.e., in astronomical proportions as against ordinary mortals). The full life span of eagles owls, parrots, crows and snakes is one thousand years. Falcon, monkey, bear and frog - the full life span of life in these cases is 300 years. Demon’s life span in full is 150 years while it is 120 years for human beings. 32 years for horses, 25 years for donkeys and camels, 24 years for oxen and buffaloes, 20 years for peacocks, 16 years for goats and rams. 14 years for swans, 12 years for cuckoo, dog and dove, 8 years for hens etc., and 7 years for birds etc., - these are full life spans for various living beings”. As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 43 details about “Longevity” in Page 436, and sloka 57 as shown in Fig-4:

गोपुरासो गुरौ केन्द्रे शुभ्रे पारावतासके ।
त्रिकोणे कर्कटे लग्ने युगान्तायुस्तथा द्विज ॥५७॥

Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 43, Page 436, sloka 57

The meaning of sloka in Fig-4 is as follows: “Living till the end of yuga: One born in Cancer ascendant will live till end of the yuga if Jupiter is in an angle and be in Gopuramsa, while Venus is in a trine and be in Paravatamsa.”

As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 6 details about “The Sixteen Divisions of a Sign” in Page 87, and sloka 46 as shown in Fig-5:

चतुर्भिर्गोपुराख्यं स्याच्छरः सिंहासनं तथा ।
पारावतं भवेत् षड्भिर्देवलोकं च सप्तभिः ॥४६॥

Fig 5: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 6, Page 87, Sloka 46

The meaning of sloka in Fig-5 is as follows: “In the Dasa Varga scheme, native is designated to have ‘Gopuramsa’ if there are at least 4 good Vargas, and further designated to have ‘Paravatamsa’ if there are at least 6 good Vargas.”

As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 43 details about “Longevity” in Page 437, and sloka 61 as shown in Fig-6:

केन्द्रस्थिते विलग्नशे गुरुशुक्रसमन्विते ।
ताभ्यां निरीक्षिते वाऽपि पूर्णमायुर्विनिर्दिशेत् ॥६१॥

Fig 6: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 43, Page 437, sloka 61

The meaning of sloka in Fig-6 is as follows: “Should the ascendant lord be in an angle in conjunction with or in aspect to Jupiter and Venus, full life span will result.”

Results and Discussions

With reference to Fig-4 and Fig-5, below calculations find dignity to planet Venus (Fig-1):

Table 1: Planet Venus’s dignity in Divisional (Varga) Charts

Varga	Divisor	Venus Degrees in Birth Chart Divided	Actual Degrees	Venus in Divisor Chart	Dignity
Rasi	D-1	17.3 ⁰	17.30 ⁰	Pisces	Good
Chaturthamsa	D-4	17.3 ⁰ (within 15 ⁰ -22.5 ⁰)	3 rd Chaturthamsa	Virgo	Good
Sapthamamsa	D-7	17.3 ⁰ = 17 ⁰ 20' (within 17 ⁰ 14' - 21 ⁰ 33')	5 th Saptamsa	Capricorn	Good
Navamsa	D-9	17.3 ⁰ /3.33 ⁰	6 th Navamsa	Sagittarius	Good
Dasamamsa	D-10	17.3 ⁰ /3 ⁰ (starting from Scorpio, it is 6 th Dasamsa)	6 th Dasamsa	Aries	Good
Dvadasamsa	D-12	17.3 ⁰ /2.30 ⁰ = 6.93 (7 th house from itself)	7 th Dvadasamsa	Virgo	Good

With reference to Fig-4 and Fig-5, below calculations find dignity of planet Jupiter (Fig-1):

Table 2: Planet Jupiter’s dignity in Divisional (Varga) Charts

Varga	Divisor	Jupiter in Divisor Chart	Dignity
Rasi	D-1	Jupiter is in Cancer	Good
Decanate	D-3	Jupiter is in Cancer	Good
Chaturthamsa	D-4	Jupiter is in Cancer	Good
Navamsa	D-9	Jupiter is in Cancer	Good

Conclusion

1. With reference to Fig-1, Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram’s birth chart’s ascendant is Cancer, and planet Jupiter is in an angle, and planet Venus is in a trine.
2. From Table-1 it is evident that, planet Venus is in good dignity in at least 6 divisional (varga) charts and from Table-2 it is evident that, planet Jupiter is in good dignity in at least 4 divisional (varga) charts.
3. Details confirmed in points (1) and (2) satisfy the requirements of ‘Gopuramsa’ of planet Jupiter and

'Paravatamsa' of planet Venus mentioned in Fig-4 and Fig-5 respectively for a native to live till end of yuga.

4. Based on Fig-1, Fig-2, Fig-3 and Fig-6, ascendant lord (planet Moon) is in conjunction with planet Jupiter in Cancer, which result in a full life span (120 years and above) for Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram.
5. So, based on points (3) and (4) which satisfy the conditions for a native to live till end of yuga and with full life span.
6. Based on all the above points (1) to (5), we can safely conclude that, Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram had lived a full life and lived till end of yuga.

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