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Review of Mars's precise position in Lord Sri Ram's birth chart based on Dasa Vargas

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Abstract

Sage Valmiki in his epic Ramayana had mentioned various planetary positions, lagna and birth star but did not mention precise position of each planet in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram. Based on our previous research work [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25, 61, 62], we found out planet Mars's dasa varga positions and compared the results with Lord Shri Ram's life as described in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. The results for Dasa 'Vargas classifications' and 'Descriptions' matched with Lord Shri Ram's life as mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.

Keywords: Astrology, Shri Ram, Dasa Vargas, Amsa, Mars

Introduction

Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana explained planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram but not the precise positions of those planets. Many in the past have explored the possibilities of Lord Shri Ram's life based on the Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. Jaganadha Rama Sastry [1] reported that Vedveer Arya's works and other planetary software data were analysed and opines that, Lord Shri Ram was born on 10th January 5114 BC. Anik Charan [2] had mentioned that Lord Shri Ram was born 9114 years ago, but did not provide any methodology based on which this was determined. Arjan Dhanak [3] has mentioned that Lord 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, [4] reported Sun's precise position in Lord 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). Sureshwara [5] reported that, few planets were in exaltation in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Nandita Pandey [6] reported, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Sun, Venus, Rahu and Ketu all in their exalted state along with Mercury in Lord 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 Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Another astrologer [8] had discussed about various planetary positions in Lord Shri Ram's birth. Stephen Knapp [9] refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar's book dating the Era of Lord Shri Ram and thinks that 10th January 5114 BCE was Lord Shri Ram's birth date and 12:30pm could be his birth time without any further explanation. Gaurav Dave [10] has discussed about various planets and their placements in Lord Shri Ram's birth

Akkinapragada *et al*, [11] reported precise position of Jupiter by comparing Hamsa (Hansa) yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Kshitij Sharma [12] had mentioned about possible planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram. Akkinapragada *et al*, [13] reported precise position of Saturn by comparing Sasa yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. Jwala Narasimha Rao [14], also referred to Pushkar Bhatnagar's works on Lord Shri Ram and opines that Lord Shri Ram was born on the noon of January 10, 5114 BC (7123 years back) with no details on methodology. Author of an article [15] tried to explain various aspects of Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada *et al*, [16] gave a detailed explanation about Mercury's absence in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart which further enhances the mysteries surrounding Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Akash [17] mentioned that Lord Shri Ram was born on 10 January 5114 BCE (about 7129 years ago).

Corresponding Author: Raghavendra Sai Akkinapragada University of Applied Vedic Sciences, United Kingdom An article [18] mentioned that, based on a planetarium software and from other theory of Pushkar Bhatnagar, Lord 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*, ^[19] reported precise position of Mars by comparing Ruchaka yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana. An article ^[20] mentioned that Lord Shri Ram was born on 10 January 5115 BC at 12:14:31.

Prof. Desikam ^[21] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan's Ramayana and mentioned various planetary placements. Akkinapragada *et al*, ^[22] reported precise position of Moon in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart, by comparing Effects of first house from Brihat Samhita Hora Sastra slokas with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. An article ^[23] refers to Pushkar Bhatnagar's book Dating the Era of Lord Shri Ram and thinks that 10th January 5114 BCE was Lord Shri Ram's birth date and 12:30pm. Renay Oshop ^[24], who is an astrologer herself, tried to compare Sita's horoscope with Lord Shri Ram's but it was not clear about the source of Sita's horoscope. Akkinapragada *et al*, ^[25] reported precise birth time of Lord Shri Ram based on Prakasavastha mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

Based on above references and their conclusions, we cannot corroborate Lord Shri Ram's life as described in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana until the Dasa Varga's of each planet are found and validated. In order to do that, we require the precise position of each planet in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Fortunately, Akkinapragada *et al*, [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25]'s research work presents precise positions of all planets in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram. Furthermore, Akkinapragada *et al*, [61, 62] reviewed Moon's and Saturn's precise positions in Lord Sri Ram's birth chart based on Dasa Vargas. Taking these research works into consideration, in this research paper, we proceed to calculate planet Mars's dignity in Dasa Vargas as described in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra and corroborate it with Lord Shri Ram's life events and characteristics as described in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.

Method and Materials

With reference to Vālmiki Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Slokas 8, 9) [26], five planets were in exaltation in Lord 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 Lord Shri Ram's birth chart. Akkinapragada et al, [25] determined precise birth time of Lord Shri Ram. Akkinapragada et al, [54] confirmed that Lord Shri Ram has lived till end of Treta Yuga. Akkinapragada et al, [61, 62] also reviewed Moon's and Saturn's precise position in Lord Sri Ram's birth chart based on Dasa Vargas. This research considers these planetary positions (Fig-1) and characteristics of Lord Shri Ram mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana and proceeds further to review and confirm the Mars's position with the help of Dasa Vargas according to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

PISCES VENUS ^[7] (around 17.3 ⁰)	ARIES SUN ^[4] (around 7.3 ⁰)		
CAPRICORN MARS ^[19] (13.330 ± 20)	_	ord 's birth chart	ASC, CANCER JUPITER ^[14] (around 2.8125°) MOON ^[22] (around 2.8125°)
		LIBRA	
		SATURN ^[13] (around 10 ⁰)	

Fig 1: Based on Akkinapragada et al, [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25, 61, 62]

In Sage Valmiki's Ramayana [26], Sarga 18 ("Bala Kanda"), the following slokas 8-9 are given (see Fig-2):

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

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

As per sloka in Fig-2, Lord Shri Ram was born on 9^{th} 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^{th} pada of Punarvasu within 3.3^0 of Cancer. Moving forward, let us examine the 1^{st} line of second sloka in Fig-2. "स्वोच्चसंस्थेषु पंचसु" (excerpt from Fig-2) 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.

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 6 ("The Sixteen Divisions of a Sign") on Page 88, the following slokas 42-47 are given (see Fig-3):

वर्गभेदानहं वक्ष्ये मैत्रेय ! विधारय। षडवर्गाः सप्तवर्गाश्च दिग्वर्गा नुपवर्गकाः ॥४२॥ किशकादयः। वर्गसंयोगे षडवर्गे द्वास्यां किशुकनामा च त्रिभिव्यंञ्जनमुख्यते ॥४३॥ पञ्चिभरेव च। चर्ताभश्चामराख्यं च छत्रं षड्भिः कुण्डलयोगः स्यान्युकुटास्यं च सप्तभिः ॥४४॥ पारिजातादिसंज्ञकाः। सप्तवर्गेऽथ दिग्वर्गे त्रिभिरुच्यते ॥४५॥ भवेदद्वाभ्यामूत्तमं पारिजातं चत्रिभगेषुराख्यं स्याच्छरैः सिहासनं तथा। पारावतं भवेत् षड्भिर्देवलोकं च सप्तभिः॥४६॥ वस्भिन्नहालोकास्यं शक्रवाहनम्। षोडशवर्गके ॥४७॥ दिग्भिः श्रीधामयोगः स्यादथ

The meaning of slokas in Fig-3 are as follows: "Varga Classification: In the Dasa Varga scheme, the designations commence from Parijata. According to the scheme, 2 good vargas is Parijata, 3 good vargas is Uttama, 4 good vargas is Gopura, 5 good vargas is Simhasana, 6 good vargas is Paravata, 7 good vargas is Devaloka, 8 good vargas is Brahmaloka, 9 good vargas is Sakravahana, and 10 good vargas is Sridhama."

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[27], Chapter 36 ("Many Other Yogas") on Page 383, the following slokas 38-39 are given (see Fig-4)

लग्नपे पारिजातस्ये सुखो, वर्गोत्तमे ह्यरुक्। गोपुरे धनधान्याढघा, भूपः सिहासने स्थिते॥३८॥ विद्वान् पारावते श्रीमान् देवलोके स-वाहनः। ऐरावतस्थिते जातो विख्यातो भूपवन्दितः॥३९॥

Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[27], Chapter 36, Page 383, slokas 38-39

The meaning of slokas in Fig-4 are as follows: "Effects of Ascendant Lord's Divisional Dignities: The ascendant lord in Parijathamsa will make the native happy, in Vargottama immune to diseases, in Gopuramsa rich with wealth and grains, in Simhasanamsa a king, in Paravatamsa a scholar, in

Devalokamsa opulent and endowed with conveyances, and in Iravatamsa famous and honoured by kings."

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 3 ("Planetary Characteristics and Description") on Page 40, the following sloka 55 is given (see Fig-5):

त्रिकोणात् स्वात्-सुख-स्वाऽन्त्यधीधर्मायुःस्वतुङ्गयाः। सुहृदो रिपवश्वान्ये समाश्चोभयलक्षणाः ॥५५॥

Fig 5: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 3, Page 40, sloka 55

The meaning of sloka in Fig-5 is as follows: "Natural Relationships: The signs which are the 4th, 2nd, 12th, 5th, 9th, and the 8th from the Moolatrikona planet. The planets ruling such signs are its friends, apart from the lord of its exaltation sign. Lords other than these are its enemies. If a planet becomes its friend as well as its enemy (on account of the said two computations) then it is neutral or equal."

Based on description given in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[27], Chapter 3, Page 40, sloka 55 (Fig-5), we calculated the planet Mars's dignity in Dasa Vargas of Lord Shri Ram birth chart as shown in below Table-1.

Finding planet Mars's standing in Dasa Vargas (by considering Mars's precise position in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart which is at $13.33^0 \pm 2^0$ [from Fig-1])

Table 1: Finding Lord Shri Rama's Mars's dignity in Dasa Varga	ıs
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Varga	Divisor	Mars's Position	Mars in Divisor Chart	Dignity
Rasi	D-1	Within 0 ⁰ -15 ⁰ , same sign Capricorn	Mars in Capricorn	Beneficial
Chaturthamsa	D-4	Within 7 ^o 30'-15 ^o , 4 th sign from Capricorn	Mars in Aries	Beneficial
Dasamsa	D-10	Within 12^0 - 15^0 , the 5^{th} part falls in 10^{th} house from Capricorn being an even sign.	Mars in Capricorn	Beneficial
Shodasamsa	D-16	Within 13 ⁰ 17'30"-15 ⁰ 10'00", the 8 th part falls in 10 th house from Capricorn.	Mars in Scorpio	Beneficial
Vimsamsa	D-20	Within 13.30 ⁰ -15 ⁰ , the 10 th part falls in 10 th house from Aries.	Mars in Capricorn	Beneficial
SaptaVimsamsa	D-27	Within 13.20 ⁰ -14 ⁰ 26'40", the 13 th part falls in 13 th house from Cancer as Capricorn is an Earth sign.	Mars in Cancer	Beneficial
Trimsamsa	D-30	Within 10 ⁰ -18 ⁰ , which happens to be 3 rd part and Capricorn is an even sign.	Mars in Pisces	Beneficial
Shastiamsa	D-60	Mars is at around 13.33° in Capricorn. 13.33° * 2 = 26.66°. Reminder of (26/12) = 2 (ignore minutes). Adding 1 to remainder 2 gives 3. Mars falls in 3 rd house from Capricorn.	Mars in Pisces	Beneficial

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[27], Chapter 41 ("**Combinations of Wealth**") on Page 406, the following slokas 18-19 are given (see Fig-6):

केन्द्रेशः पारिजातस्थस्तदा दाता भवेन्नरः। उत्तमे ह्युत्तमो दाता गोपुरे पुरुषत्त्रयुक् ॥१८॥ सिहासने भवेन्मान्यः शूरः पारावतांशके। सभाष्यक्षो देवलोके ब्रह्मलोके मुनिमंत॥ ऐरावतांशके तुष्टो दिग्योगो नैव जायते॥१६॥

Fig 6: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[27], Chapter 41, Page 406, slokas 18-19

Based on description given in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra ^[27], Chapter 41 ("Combinations of Wealth") on Page 406, the slokas 18-19 (Fig-6), we present the planet Mars's dignity in Dasa Vargas and its benefits for the native in below Table-2.

Table 2: Effects of Angular Lords Divisional Dignities (Fig-6)

The meaning of Slokas in Fig-6 - Effects of Angular Lords Divisional Dignities				
Number of Vargas that give Good Dignity to the Planet	Classification	Description		
2	Parijatha	Liberal		
3	Uttama (Vargottama)	Highly Liberal		
4	Gopura	Endowed with Prowess and Manliness		
5	Simhasana	Honourable (Prominent etc.)		
6	Paravartha	Valorous		
7	Devaloka	Head of men, leadership, high position etc.		
8	Brahmaloka	Sagely (spiritual achievement etc.)		

Results and Discussions

Table 3: Comparing Dasa 'Varga classifications' and 'Descriptions' (refer to Fig-6) with Lord Shri Ram's life events and characteristics as mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana

Varga Classification	Description	References from Sage Valmiki's Ramayana	
Parijatha	Liberal	Ayodhya Kanda [44], Sarga 28, Slokas 1-26,	
		Ayodhya Kanda [45], Sarga 31, Slokas 7-11,	
		Ayodhya Kanda [29], Sarga 32, Sloka 28	
	Highly Liberal	Yuddha Kanda [46], Sarga 24, Slokas 22-23,	
Littama (Vargottama)		Yuddha Kanda ^[47] , Sarga 41, Sloka 82,	
Uttama (Vargottama)		Kishkindha Kanda [30], Sarga 26, Slokas 8b-13	
		Yuddha Kanda [48], Sarga 112, Slokas 17-18	
		Aranya Kanda [39], Sarga 25, Slokas 29-42,	
Gopura	Endowed with Prowess and Manliness	Bala Kanda [35], Sarga 26, Slokas 17, 23b-26a	
		Kishkindha Kanda [36], Sarga 12, Slokas 3-5,	
		Kishkindha Kanda [37], Sarga 16, Slokas 35-36	
Simhasana	Honourable (Prominent etc.)	Yuddha Kanda [33], Sarga 128, Slokas 72-78	
Paravartha	Valorous	Aranya Kanda [38], Sarga 20, Slokas 16-22,	
	v aiolous	Yuddha Kanda [40], Sarga 108, Slokas 18-21	
Devaloka	Head of men, leadership, high position etc.	Yuddha Kanda [33], Sarga 128, Slokas 72-78	
Brahmaloka		Aranya Kanda [49], Sarga 15, Slokas 21-23,	
	Sagely (spiritual achievement etc.)	Ayodhya Kanda [41], Sarga 54, Slokas 9-20,	
		Aranya Kanda [42], Sarga 5, Slokas 26,	
		Aranya Kanda [43], Sarga 12, Slokas 16b-17a.	
Sakravahana	Delighted, ever happy etc., and be celebrated personally from all view points	Bala Kanda ^[26] , Sarga 18, Slokas 24b-29,	
		Kishkindha Kanda [52], Sarga 11, Slokas 82-85,	
		Bala Kanda ^[53] , Sarga 49, Slokas 12-19,	
		Yuddha Kanda [33], Sarga 128, Slokas 72-78	

Conclusion

- 1. It is evident from Table-1 that, planet Mars's dignity in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart has 8 vargas in 'Beneficial / Good' standing.
- It is evident from Table-2 that, all Varga's 'Area of Influence' are matching with Shri Ram's life events and characteristics mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.
- It is evident from Table-3 that, all 'Varga classifications' and 'Descriptions' are matching with Lord Shri Ram's life events and characteristics as mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.
- Therefore, we can conclude that, all the results for Dasa 'Varga classifications' and 'Descriptions' and 'Area of Influence' matched with Shri Ram's life events and characteristics as mentioned in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana.
- Hence from all (1-3) the above, we conclude that, the review of precise position of Mars $(13.33^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ})$ in Capricorn of Lord Shri Rama's birth chart) as mentioned in Akkinapragada et al, [19] is agreeable.

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