Review of Sun’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], we found out Sun’s position at 7.3° in Aries in Lord Rama’s birth chart. In this paper, we reviewed Sun’s position with the help of Dasa ‘Vargas classifications’ and ‘Descriptions’ and matched with Lord Shri Ram’s life as mentioned in Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana. This analysis and review confirms Sun’s position at 7.3° in Aries in Lord Rama’s birth chart.

Keywords: Astrology, Shri Ram, Dasa Vargas, Sun, Aries

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. Prof. Desikam [1] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan’s Ramayana and mentioned various planetary placements. An article [2] 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 12:30 pm. An article [3] 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. [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). Sureshwarra [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 12:30 pm 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 chart. 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. 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).
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, 16] ruled out the existence of planet Mercury (Budha) in Lord Shri Ram’s birth chart. Akkinapragada et al., [16] confirmed that Lord Shri Ram has lived till end of Treta Yuga. Akkinapragada et al., [61-64] also reviewed Moon’s, Saturn’s, Mars’s and Venus’s precise positions in Lord Sri Ram’s birth chart.}

As per sloka in Fig-2, Lord 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 3.3° of Cancer. Moving forward, let us examine the 1st line of second sloka in Fig-2. “स्वच्छसंस्थेषु पंचसु” (excerpt from Fig-2) 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):
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 (Fig-4):

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 Devalokamsa an 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):

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 Sun’s dignity in Dasa Vargas of Lord Shri Ram birth chart as shown in below Table-1.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Varga</th>
<th>Divisor</th>
<th>Sun’s Position</th>
<th>Sun in Divisor Chart</th>
<th>Dignity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Rasi</td>
<td>D-1</td>
<td>Within 0-15°</td>
<td>Sun in Aries</td>
<td>Beneficial</td>
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<td>Decanate</td>
<td>D-3</td>
<td>Within 0-10°, falls into 1st Decanate</td>
<td>Sun in Aries</td>
<td>Beneficial</td>
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<td>Chaturthamsa</td>
<td>D-4</td>
<td>Within 0-7.5°, falls into 1st part</td>
<td>Sun in Aries</td>
<td>Beneficial</td>
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<td>Shodasamsa</td>
<td>D-16</td>
<td>Falls into 4th division</td>
<td>Sun in Cancer</td>
<td>Beneficial</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vimsamsa</td>
<td>D-20</td>
<td>Falls into 5th division</td>
<td>Sun in Leo</td>
<td>Beneficial</td>
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<td>AkshaVedamsa</td>
<td>D-45</td>
<td>12th house</td>
<td>Sun in Pisces</td>
<td>Beneficial</td>
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In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 41 (“Combinations of Wealth”) on Page 406, the following slokas 18-19 are given (see Fig-6):

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 Sun’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)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of Vargas that give Good Dignity to the Planet</th>
<th>Classification</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Parijatha</td>
<td>Liberal</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Uttama (Vargottama)</td>
<td>Highly Liberal</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Gopura</td>
<td>Endowed with Prowess and Manliness</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Simhasana</td>
<td>Honourable (Prominent etc.)</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Paravartha</td>
<td>Valorous</td>
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Results and Discussions

Table 3: Comparing Dasa ‘Varga classifications’ and ‘Descriptions’ (refer to Fig-6 as detailed in Table-2) with Lord Shri Ram’s life events and characteristics as mentioned in Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana

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<th>Varga Classification</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>References from Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana</th>
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<tr>
<td>Parijatha</td>
<td>Liberal</td>
<td>Ayodhya Kanda [44], Sarga 28, Slokas 1-26, Ayodhya Kanda [45], Sarga 31, Slokas 7-11, Ayodhya Kanda [29], Sarga 32, Sloka 28</td>
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<tr>
<td>Uttama (Vargottama)</td>
<td>Highly Liberal</td>
<td>Yuddha Kanda [46], Sarga 24, Slokas 22-23, Yuddha Kanda [47], Sarga 41, Sloka 82, Kishkindha Kanda [30], Sarga 26, Slokas 8b-13a, Yuddha Kanda [48], Sarga 112, Slokas 17-18</td>
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<td>Gopura</td>
<td>Endowed with Prowess and Manliness</td>
<td>Aranya Kanda [39], Sarga 25, Slokas 29-42, Bala Kanda [39], Sarga 26, Slokas 17, 23b-26a, Kishkindha Kanda [30], Sarga 12, Slokas 3-5, Kishkindha Kanda [37], Sarga 16, Slokas 35-36</td>
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<td>Paravartha</td>
<td>Valorous</td>
<td>Aranya Kanda [30], Sarga 20, Slokas 16-22, Yuddha Kanda [34], Sarga 108, Slokas 18-21</td>
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Conclusion

1. It is evident from Table-1 that, planet Sun’s domicile in Lord Shri Ram’s birth chart has 6 vargas in ‘Beneficial / Good’ standing.
2. 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.
3. Since the Dasa ‘Varga classifications’ are calculated based on Sun’s position at 7.3° in Aries of Lord Rama’s birth chart and ‘Descriptions’ & ‘Area of Influence’ matched with Lord Sri Rama’s life events as mentioned in Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana, we can conclude that the review of precise position of Sun as mentioned in Akkinapragada et al. [4] is agreeable.

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