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Which among Moon and Cancer sign were dominant in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart?

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Abstract

Based on our previous research works [22, 55], we found out Moon's position at 2.8125⁰ in Cancer in Lord Rama's birth chart. In this paper, we examined Lord Sri Rama's life events specific to planet Moon in Cancer. This analysis and review confirms that planet Moon and sign Cancer both bestowed best results and at times planet Moon dominated over Cancer sign as it owns this sign and is also present in it in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart.

Keywords: Astrology, Shri Ram, moon, cancer

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. Sureshwara [1] reported that, few planets were in exaltation in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. Arjan Dhanak [2] 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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). Jaganadha Rama Sastry [5] 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. Gaurav Dave [10] has discussed about various planets and their placements in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer.

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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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 and also didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer.

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Author of an article [15] tried to explain various aspects of Lord Shri Ram's birth chart but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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) but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. An article [18] 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. Prof. Desikam [21] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan's Ramayana and mentioned various planetary placements but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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. Anik Charan [23] had mentioned that Lord Shri Ram was born 9114 years ago, but did not provide any methodology based on which this was determined but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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 but didn't referred to effects of Moon in Cancer. 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, it is insufficient to corroborate Lord Shri Rama's nature, personality and life events as described in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. In order to do that, we require to know the characteristics and the effects of each planet and their residing rasi. Akkinapragada *et al*, [61] has explored Lord Sri Rama's birth chart for the Sun and Aries sign's effects and detailed their effects on his life events. In this research paper, we would like to explore the Moon and sign Cancer's effects on Lord Sri Rama's nature, personality and life events 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*, [55-60] also reviewed Moon's, Saturn's, Mars's Venus's, Sun's and Jupiter's 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 effects and results of Moon in Cancer sign according to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

PISCES	ARIES		
VENUS (around 17.3 ^o)	SUN (around 7.3 ^o)		
	Lord Shri Ram's birth chart	ASC, CANCER	
		JUPITER (around 2.8125 ^o)	
CAPRICORN		MOON (around 2.8125 ^o)	
MARS (13.33 ^o ± 2 ^o)			
		LIBRA	
		SATURN (around 10 ^o)	

Fig-1: Based on Akkinapragada *et al*, [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25, 55-61]

As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 3 ("Planetary Characters and Description"), Chapter 4 ("Zodiacal Signs Described"), we conclude the following Table-1 depicting various attributes of planet Sun and Aries sign as Lord Sri Rama had Moon in Cancer in his birth chart.

Table 1: Summary of all slokas from Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapters 3 and 4

Index	Planet's Attributes	Planet Moon	Sign Attributes	Cancer
1	Benefic or Malefic	Increasing Moon is benefic	Ruler	Moon
2	Governance	Mind	Classification	Moveable
3	Planetary Cabinet	Royal	Relates To	Forests
4	Planetary Complexions	Tawny	Colour	Pale Red
5	Planetary Deities	Water	Sex	Female
6	Sex of Planets	Female	Denotes	Brahmins
7	Planetary Castes	Vysya	Guna	Sattvic
8	Description	Very windy, phlegmatic, auspicious looks, sweet speech, fickle minded, very lustful.	Nature	Watery
9	Nature of Planets	Satwik	Strength At	Night
10	Sapta Dhatus in the Body	Blood	Kalapurusha Limb (for Cancer ascendant)	Head
11	Planetary Adobes	Watery Place		
12	Planetary - Directions	North		
13	Planetary Strengths - Time	Night		
14	Related to Trees	Milky / Rubber		
15	Colours	White Silken		
16	Dhatu (Metals), Moola (roots, veggies), Jeeva (living beings) Divisions	Moola		

Results and Discussions**Table 2:** With reference to Table-1, Lord Sri Rama's life events are ascertained from Sage Valmiki's Ramayana

Moon and Cancer Natures (Table-1)	Bestowed Characteristics (Table-1)	How is this ascertained from Lord Rama's Life events? With reference to Sage Valmiki's Ramayana
From index 1 of Moon and Indexes 1 and 9 of Cancer sign	Moon is a benefic for the native if born in shukla paksha (increasing moon). Since Moon is the lord of Cancer sign, and as moon is present in the cancer, we consider cancer sign as benefic for the native.	Lord Sri Rama was born on shukla paksha Navami tithi during which he had an increasing Moon. Refer to: Bala Kanda ^[28] Sarga 18, Slokas 8 and 9.
From index 2 of Moon and Index 2 of Cancer sign	Mind is sharp, Body is agile, decision in split second.	In that war, shooting now with hundreds, and now with thousands of such arrows, Rama shredded those many bows, pinnacles of war-flags, armours and the like. And even shred are the heads of demons, along with their ornamented arms and thighs similar to the trunks of elephants. With the arrows flung from the bow-bowstring-nimbus of Rama, he indeed shredded and scraped the horses hitched with golden harnesses, and the chariots to which they are yoked, and even their charioteers. Likewise, he even ripped off the elephants along with their riders, and the horses along with their cavaliers. And on eliminating infantrymen in that war Rama led them to the abode of Yama, the Time-god. Thousands of demons are noticeable hither and yon, killed, fallen and enfeebled, and slashed, gashed and ripped. Refer to: Aranya Kanda ^[29] Sarga 25, Slokas 21b, 22, 23, 24 and 42
From index 3 of Moon and Index 3 of Cancer sign	Spent 14 years in forest and eliminated the evils for establishing dharma as a member of royal family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lord Rama killed demon Tataka ▪ Lord Rama killed demons Maricha & Subhahu ▪ Lord Rama killed Khara & Duushana's armies ▪ Lord Rama killed King Vali ▪ Lord Rama killed Kumbakarna ▪ Lord Rama killed Ravana and his army Refer to: Bala Kanda ^[30] , Sarga 26, Slokas: 25b, 26a. Aranya Kanda ^[31] , Sarga 25, Slokas: 1 - 47. Aranya Kanda ^[32] , Sarga 26, Slokas: 20b, 21, 22, 23a. Yuddha Kanda ^[33] , Sarga 108, Slokas: 19 and 20.
From index 4 of Moon and Index 4 of Cancer sign	Eyes colour and body colour	Hanuma explains to Sita about Lord Sri Rama and mentions he is endowed with a dark-brown complexion. Sage Valmiki in Bala Kanda explains that Lord Sri Rama's eyes were like lotus-red eyes. Refer to: Sundara Kanda ^[34] , Sarga 35, Sloka: 16. Bala Kanda ^[28] Sarga 18, Slokas 8 and 9.
From index 5 of Moon and Index 8 of Cancer sign	How water helped Rama	Water bodies / rivers have greatly brought prosperity and blessings to Lord Sri Rama. At the very beginning of his journey into exile, he crossed rivers Sarayu, Vedasruti, Gomati and Syandika. Then with the help of Guha he crossed river Ganga. On the advice of Kabandha he reaches Pampa lake. Lord Rama and Lakshmana searches for Sita on the banks of river Godavari. Hanuma jumps ocean to find out Sita in Lanka. Lord Sri Rama is able to reach Lanka by building bridge over the ocean. At no instance he has faced obstacles because of water bodies even though having a prolonged exile period in forests. Refer to: Ayodhya Kanda ^[35] Sarga 49. Ayodhya Kanda ^[36] Sarga 52. Aranya Kanda ^[37] Sarga 75. Sundara Kanda ^[38] Sarga 1. Yuddha Kanda ^[39] Sarga 22. Aranya Kanda ^[50] Sarga 64.
From index 6 of Moon and Index 5 of Cancer sign	Kind and soft natured in the mind of the native	Rama is soft natured; has stable mind, always an auspicious man, and has no envy. He speaks truthful and loving words to all living beings. He worships aged Brahmans endued with the knowledge of various sciences. Hanuman explains Lord Sri Rama was fully endowed with kindness. Lord Sri Rama excuses king Sugriva for delaying in assembling the armies. Rama sends Angada to Ravana, to expostulate him and to bring him back to reason. Refer to: Ayodhya Kanda ^[44] Sarga 2, Slokas 32, 33. Sundara Kanda ^[40] Sarga 35, Sloka 31. Kishkindha Kanda ^[41] Sarga 35. Yuddha Kanda ^[42] Sarga 41.
From index 7, 8, 9 of Moon and Index 6, 7 of Cancer sign	Making win-win fruitful pacts with partners for establishing Dharma. Changing decisions in the favour of establishing law and order and tranquillity in the wider society and to establish Dharma. Vedic scholar, highly knowledgeable and sattvic in nature.	Lord Sri Rama on the order of his father king Dasaratha and agrees to become king and starts preparations and decides to leave to forest as per his step mother Kaikai's wish to keep his father's promise given to her and thus protects dharma. Rama warns Sita and Lakshmana about difficulties they would face if they join him in the exile but later agrees for them to come along. Lord Sri Rama initially hesitates to kill Tataka citing the reason that he can't attack and kill females. But on Sage Vishwamitra's orders, he eliminates Tataka. Hanuma takes Lord Sri Rama and Lakshmana to Sugreeva on Mt. Malaya. King Sugreeva said, he is honoured that Lord Rama wishes to make

		<p>friendship with him. King Sugreeva enters into a pact of friendship on Mt. Malaya and all vanaras, the army of King Sugriva expressed their loyalty to Lord Sri Rama.</p> <p>King Sugriva tells Lord Sri Rama that, his inmost spirit also feels Vibhishana to be a genuine person, he being well examined from all angles, by act of inference and by his appearance. Hence, let the highly wise Vibhishana be equal among us soon together. Let him get our friendship too. Hearing those words of Sugreeva, Rama the king of men, as acknowledged by Sugreeva, held meeting with Vibhishana and pacts friendship.</p> <p>Refer to: Ayodhya Kanda ^[44] Sarga 2. Ayodhya Kanda ^[45] Sarga 19. Bala Kanda ^[43] Sarga 26. Ayodhya Kanda ^[46] Sarga 27. Ayodhya Kanda ^[47] Sarga 31. Kishkindha Kanda ^[51], Sarga 2, Sloka 7. Kishkindha Kanda ^[52], Sarga 4, Sloka 35. Kishkindha Kanda ^[53], Sarga 5, Sloka 1, 10, 13b, 14, 15a, 15b and 16a. Yuddha Kanda ^[54] Sarga 18 Slokas 37, 38 and 39.</p>
From index 10 of Moon	Blood is pure - no hunger, no thirst and no diseases.	<p>Sage Vishwamitra imparts a secret knowledge to the young princes Rama and Lakshmana, called bala-atibala- vidya-s, by practicing which nothing can wither their vigour and vitality. Sage Vishwamitra further explains to Lord Sri Rama that by reciting bala and atibala hymns, there will be no hunger or thirst to him.</p> <p>Refer to: Bala Kanda ^[48] Sarga 22.</p>
From index 12, 13, 16 of Moon and Index 9 of Cancer sign	Native benefitting from north direction at night and from herbs (moola)	<p>After having been struck by Brahma's missile released by Indrajit, Rama and Lakshmana became unconscious. Sixty-seven crores of monkeys fainted. Hanuma and Vibhishana, however in consciousness, roared about in the battle-front with torches in their hands, making a search of Jambavan. They find Jambavan. Jambavan requests Hanuma to proceed to Himalayas, by crossing over the ocean and to bring four important herbs, viz. Mrita Sanjivani, Vishalya karani, Suvarna karani and Sandhani; so as to bring succour to the fainted army of monkeys. Hanuma begins his journey to Himalayas and reaches Mount Rishabha, where the wonderful herbs exist. Hanuma searches for the four wonderful herbs. But the herbs appear invisible for him. Hanuma uproots the mountain clothed with the four celestial herbs and carries it along with him. Inhaling the odour of those herbs, Rama, Lakshmana and all the monkeys regain their normal health.</p> <p>Refer to: Yuddha Kanda ^[49] Sarga 74.</p>

Conclusion

- With reference to Table-2, it appears that planet Moon and Cancer sign both had greater positive impact on Lord Sri Rama.
- With reference to Table-2, it is also evident that, planet Moon is dominant over Cancer sign as Cancer is owned by Moon and placed in its own sign in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart.
- We have explored Lord Sri Rama's birth chart for the Moon and Cancer sign's effects on Lord Sri Rama's nature, personality and life events as described in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana. We found that those effects to be aligned with Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra's ^[27], Chapter 3's & Chapter 4's commentary.

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