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Did Venus in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart confer him a beautiful wife like Sachi Devi?

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Abstract

Based on our previous research works ^[7, 31], we found out Venus's position at around 17.3⁰ in Pisces in Lord Rama's birth chart. In this paper, we examined Lord Sri Rama's life events specific to planet Venus in Pisces. This analysis and review confirms that planet Venus and sign Pisces both conferred best results and at times planet Venus dominated over Pisces sign in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart. Our analysis also confirms that Venus in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart had conferred him a beautiful wife like Sachi Devi as Venus is dominant and exalted in Pisces.

Keywords: Astrology, Shri Ram, Venus, Pisces

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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces.

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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. Author of an article [15] tried to explain various aspects of Lord Shri Ram's birth chart but didn't referred to effects of Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. Prof. Desikam^[21] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan's Ramayana and mentioned various planetary placements but didn't referred to effects of Venus in Pisces. 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 Ramavana. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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 Venus in Pisces. 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*, ^[34-38] has explored Lord Sri Rama's birth chart for the Sun in Aries sign's effects, Moon in Cancer sign's effects, Mars in Capricorn effects, Jupiter in Cancer effects, Saturn in Libra effects and detailed their effects on his life events. In this research paper, we would like to explore planet Venus's and sign Pisces'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*, ^[28-33] also reviewed Moon's, Saturn's, Mars's Venus's, Sun's and Jupiter's precise positions 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 Venus in Pisces sign according to Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

PISCES	ARIES		
VENUS (around 17.3 ⁰)	SUN (around 7.3 ⁰)		
/	· · · · · ·	L	ASC, CANCER
			JUPITER (around 2.8125 ⁰)
CAPRICORN	Lord Shri Ram's birth chart		MOON (around 2.8125 ⁰)
$\frac{MARS}{(13.33^{0} \pm 2^{0})}$			
(10:00 ± 2)		LIBRA	
		SATURN (around 10 ⁰)	

Fig 1: Based on Akkinapragada et al, [4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25, 28-38]

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.

Index	Planet's Attributes	Planet Venus	Sign Attributes	Pisces Sign
1	Benefic or Malefic	Benefic	Ruler	Jupiter
2	Governance	Semen (Potency)	Classification	Dual
3	Planetary Adobes	Bed Room	Description	Footless, Medium build
4	Planetary - Directions	North	Direction	Rules north
5	Planetary Deities	Sachi Devi	Strength At	Night strong
6	Sex of Planets	Female	Sex	Female
7	Planetary Castes	Brahmin	Denotes	Brahmin
8	Description	Charming, has a splendorous physique, is excellent or great in disposition, has charming eyes, is a poet, is phlegmatic and windy and has curly hair	Nature	Watery
9	Nature of Planets	Rajasik	Guna	Satwik
10	Sapta Dhatus in the Body	Semen	Kalapurusha Limb (for Cancer ascendant)	Thighs

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

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11	Planetary Cabinet	Minister
12	Planetary Complexions	Variegated
13	Planetary Strengths - Time	Only in Day
14	Planetary Tastes	Acidulous
15	Related to Trees	Floral
16	Colours	Silken
	Dhatu (Metals), Moola (roots,	
17	veggies), Jeeva (living beings)	Moola (roots, veggies)
	Divisions	

Results and Discussions

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

Venus and Pisces Natures (Table-1)	Bestowed Characteristics (Table-1)	How is this ascertained from Lord Rama's Life events? With reference to Sage Valmiki's Ramayana
Index 1, 2, 7, 10, 11 of Venus and	In general, Venus is a malefic for Cancer ascendant. Here, the native being Lord Sri Rama, in his birth chart, Venus is placed in Pisces and is exalted (hence turns benefic). Due to which the malefic nature of Venus for Cancer ascendant in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart is minimised to a greater extent. Further, as Lord Sri Rama has immense support from Jupiter, he was blessed by various sages with very deadly and power astra-shastras to counter and defeat evils. Native shall be highly powerful and muscular (semen/potency) and also possesses (brahma-gyan/ brahmin). Native is also highly respectable for his immense knowledge and advises to others on various matters.	 Rama is skilled in Dhandrveda, the science of archery, other Vedas and the six limbs of Vedangas. Lord Rama flicked that withered body of demon buffalo Dundhubi with his big toe which threw the body to a ten yojana distance. Rama to imbue confidence in Sugreeva hurtles his arrow that penetrates seven sala trees and also the subterranean planes of earth and returns into his quiver. Sugreeva obliging the prowess of Rama submits himself to Rama.
Index 3, 9, 14, 17 of Venus and Index 3, 8, 9 of Pisces	Native was either benefited or afflicted of bedroom comforts. Native loses stand in his mother land (becomes footless) and loses muscle due to deprivation of food and water (turns weaker, shrinks to medium build [watery] and experiences acidulous foods [sour or sharp in taste]), and is dual natured (Rajasik, Satwik).	 Lord Sri Rama indeed distressed and afflicted with grief, with lustre faded from his face, offered his salutation to Kaikeyi and spoke these words "why my father, who was always affectionate to me, has become displeased?". Queen Kaikeyi said, "Oh, Rama! According to the boons, I asked the king for coronation of Bharata and for your going to Dandaka forest today itself". Lord Sri Rama on hearing the harsh and cruel words of Kaikeyi remains unruffled and immediately decides to leave for forest after duly saluting the king and Kaikeyi. Lord Sri Rama consumed raw vegetables and roots while in exile. He had the same food that Sages had when he visited the hermitages of Sage Bharadwaja, Sage Sharabhanga, Sage Suteekshna, Sage Agastya. Hanuman upon Sita's request to describe the characteristics.

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		 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 golder harnesses, and the chariots to which they are yoked, and ever 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. 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. Refer to: Ayodhya Kanda ^[58] Sarga 18. Sundara Kanda ^[59] Sarga 35. Aranya Kanda ^[60] Sarga 25, Slokas 21b-24 and 42
Index 4 of Venus and Index 4 of Pisces	Native is either benefitted or incurs losses from north direction.	 Ayodhya Kanda^[61] Sarga 2, Slokas 32, 33. Lord Sri Rama had to travel towards South in search of Sita and faced innumerable obstacles and lots of pain and grief.
Index 5, 6, 8 of Venus and index 6 of Pisces	Native is kind and soft natured. Native is imparted with 'fortunes, beauty, power, strength, action and speech' or deprived of these (Sachi Devi - the wife of Indra represents these characteristics). Native is also charming, has a splendorous physique, is excellent or great in disposition (nature), has charming eyes, is a poet, is phlegmatic and windy and has curly hair.	 Monkey chiefs go round the earth at the behest of Sugreeva. Monkey chiefs go round the earth at the behest of Sugreeva. to fetch all the monkey champions on earth to the presence of Sugreeva. They all go to different mountain, rivers, oceans.

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	 Hanuma, the destroyer of foes, desired to travel in the sky where celestials like chaaranas tread, to search for Seetha, who was taken away by Ravana. That Nala, the strong and illustrious son of Visvakarma and an excellent monkey built the bridge across the sea as truly as his father would have built it. That beautiful and lovely bridge constructed by Nala across the ocean the abode of alligators, shone brightly like a milky way of stars in the sky. Sage Vishwamitra satisfied with the behaviour of Rama in obliging the orders of elders and performing the act that is assigned to him, gives many weapons to Rama, called shastra, astra-s. The weaponry is categorised mainly into two types. One is shastra - a projectile missile invoked by reciting hymns. Other missiles that are given to Rama are an account of some counter-attack missiles, called upasamhaaraastra-s which can be used to nullify the enemy's missiles. Hanuma explains to Sita that Lord Sri Rama is equal to the sun in splendour, earth in endurance, Brihaspati in intelligence, Indra in fame, has four lines at the root of his thumb (denoting his proficiency in the four Vedas), and he got trained in Yajurveda, the sacrificial Veda. Lord Sri Rama is highly honoured by those well-versed in Vedas. Lord Sri Rama is skilled in Dhanurveda, the science of archery, other Vedas and the six limbs of Vedangas. 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. These all refer to Lord Sri Rama's soft nature (tolerant, phlegmatic), has splendorus physique, great in disposition (nature), has charming eyes. Also denotes Lord Sri Rama 's eyes were like lotus-red eyes. These all refer to Lord Sri Rama's soft nature (tolerant, phlegmatic), has splendorus physique, great in disposition (nature), has charming eyes. Also denotes Lord Sri Rama
Index 12, 13, 15, 16 of Venus and index 5 of Pisces for native?	 ^[55] Sarga 35 Sloka 9. Sundara Kanda ^[75], Sarga 35, Sloka: 16. Bala Kanda ^[26] Sarga 18, Slokas 8 and 9. Then came the glorious and excellent chariot of Indra, having variegated body decked in gold, which was fitted with hundreds of tiny bells, with its pole of cat's eye gems shone like the morning sun, yoked to excellent green horses, having golden chaplets on their heads, having white whisks, covered with nets of gold, shining like the sun and bearing a flag-staff raised on a golden bamboo (Saffron silk colour). Ascending the chariot, as enjoined by Indra and descending from paradise, Matali approached Rama. Then Matali, the charioteer of Indra, along with a whip in his hand, stayed in the chariot itself and joining his palms in salutation, spoke the following words to Rama. "Indra has sent this chariot to you for your victory, O the mighty and the glorious Rama, the destroyer of adversaries!". "Here is the great bow belonging to Indra, an armour shining as fire (Saffron colour), some arrows as bright as sun (Saffron colour) and a stainless auspicious spear". This chariot and the charioteer both helped Lord Sri Rama to win over evils. Lord Sri Rama and Lakshmana while safeguarding the ritual of Sage Vishvamitra for six days and nights, on the last night demons named Maareecha and Subaahu come to hinder the ritual. Rama acts deftly and hits out Maareecha to a long distance, but kills the other, namely Subaahu. Rama thus makes the ritual of sage Vishvamitra a success. Refer to: Yuddha Kanda ^[76] Sarga 102 Slokas 10-13. Bala Kanda ^[77] Sarga 30.

Conclusion

- We have explored Lord Sri Rama's birth chart for the Venus and Pisces 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.
- This analysis and review confirms that Venus in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart had conferred him a beautiful wife like Sachi devi as Venus is dominant and exalted in Pisces.

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