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SWOT analysis of Lord Sri Rama based on planets and their residing signs in his birth chart

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Abstract

Based on our previous research works [28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33], we have analysed effects and results of planets and signs (in which the planets resided) in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart. In this paper, we have done SWOT analysis to assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats conferred by each planet and their residing signs in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama.

Keywords: Astrology, Shri Ram, SWOT, Rama, Planets

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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs.

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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs.

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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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. Prof. Desikam^[21] referred to Thunchath Ezhuthachan's Ramayana and mentioned various planetary placements but didn't referred to effects of planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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 planets and signs. 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.*^[28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33] 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, Venus in Pisces and detailed their effects on his life events. In this

research paper, we would like to summarize effects and results of all planets and their residing signs in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart to detail his nature, personality and life events.

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.*^[22, 13, 19, 7, 4, 11] 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 do SWOT analysis to assesses strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats conferred by each planet and their residing signs in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama.

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

Fig 1: Based on Akkinapragada *et al.*^[4, 7, 11, 13, 19, 22, 16, 25, 28-33]

Table 1: Summary of all planetary attributes in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart from our previous research works^[28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33]

Planetary Attributes	Sun	Moon	Mars	Jupiter	Venus	Saturn
Benefic or Malefic	Malefic	Benefic	Benefic	Benefic	Benefic	Malefic
Governance	Soul of all	Mind	One's strength	Knowledge	Potency	Grief
Planetary Cabinet	Royal	Royal	Army Chief	Minister	Minister	Servant
Planetary Complexions	Blood Red	Tawny	Not very tall, blood red	Tawny	Variegated	Dark
Planetary Deities	Fire	Water	Subramanya	Indra	Sachi Devi	Brahma
Sex of Planets	Male	Female	Male	Male	Female	Neutral
Planetary Castes	Royal	Vysya	Kshatriya	Brahmin	Brahmin	Sudras (masses)
Nature of Planets	Satwik	Satwik	Tamasik	Rajasik	Rajasik	Tamasik
Sapta Dhatus in the Body	Bones	Blood	Bone marrow	Fat	Semen (Potency)	Muscles
Planetary Adobes	Temple	Watery Place	Place of Fire	Treasure House	Bed Room	Filthy Ground
Planetary Strengths - Directions	South	North	South	East	North	West
Planetary Strengths - Time	Only in Day	Night	Night	Only in Day	Only in Day	Night
Planetary Tastes	Pungent	Saline (salty)	Bitter	Sweet	Acidulous	Astringent

Related to Trees	Strong Trees	Milky	Bitter	Fruitful	Floral	Useless (weeds)
Colours	Red Silken	White Silken	Red Silken	Saffron Silk	Silken	Multi Coloured Silk
Dhatu (Metals), Moola (roots, veggies), Jeeva (living beings) Divisions	Moola (roots, veggies)	Moola (roots, veggies)	Dhatu (metals)	Jeeva (living beings)	Moola (roots, veggies)	Dhatu (Metals)
Description	Honey coloured, clean habits, intelligent, limited hair.	Very windy, phlegmatic, auspicious looks, sweet speech, fickle minded, very lustful.	Blood red eyes, fickle minded, liberal, bilious, given to anger, thin waist, thin physique	Big body, tawny hair, tawny eyes, phlegmatic, intelligent and learned in all sastras	Charming, has a splendid physique, is excellent or great in disposition, has charming eyes, is a poet, is phlegmatic and windy and has curly hair	Emaciated and long physique, has tawny eyes, is windy in temperament, has big teeth, is indolent and lame and has coarse hair

Table 2: Summary of all sign's attributes where planets Sun, Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn were placed in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart from our previous research works [28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33]

Sign Attributes	Aries	Cancer (asc)	Libra	Capricorn	Pisces
Ruler	Mars	Moon	Venus	Saturn (masses)	Jupiter
Signs Classification	Moveable	Moveable	Moveable	Moveable	Dual
Relates To	Kings	Forests	Lands	Forests and lands	--
Colour / Complexion	Blood Red	Pale Red	Black	Variegated	--
Sex	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female
Denotes	Courage	Knowledge	Masses	--	Resoluteness
Guna	Rajoguna	Satwaguna	Rajoguna	Tamoguna	Satwaguna
Nature of Sign	Bilious	Watery	Phlegmatic	Windy	Watery
Wanders In	Hills	--	Lands	Forests, Lands	--
Direction	East	--	West	South	Rules north
Strength At	Night strong	Night strong	Day strong	Night strong	Night strong
Appearance	Big physique	Bulky body	Medium build	Large body	Footless and Medium build
Kalapurusha Limb (for Cancer ascendant)	Knees	Head	Heart	Below navel	Thighs

Results

Table 3: Combined results of Table-1 and Table-2 showing planets and signs characteristics adjacent to each other to do SWOT analysis for assessing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats conferred by each planet and their residing signs in the birth chart of Lord Sri Rama

	Sun in Aries		Moon in Cancer		Jupiter in Cancer		Saturn in Libra		Mars in Capricorn		Venus in Pisces	
Planet in Sign	Sun	Aries	Moon	Cancer	Jupiter	Cancer	Saturn	Libra	Mars	Capricorn	Venus	Pisces
Ruler	--	Mars	--	Moon	--	Moon	--	Venus	--	Saturn	--	Jupiter
Benefic or Malefic	Malefic	--	Increasing Moon is benefic	--	Benefic	--	Malefic	--	Benefic for Cancer ascendant	--	Benefic	--
Governance	Soul of all	--	Mind	--	Knowledge	--	Grief / Sorrow	--	One's strength	--	Semen (Potency)	--
Planetary Cabinet / Relates To	Royal	Kings	Royal	Forests	Minister	Forests	Servant	Lands	Army Chief	Forests and lands	Minister	--
Denotes	--	Courage	--	Knowledge	--	Knowledge	--	Masses	--	--	--	Resoluteness
Planetary Colour/Complexions	Blood Red	Blood Red	Tawny	Pale Red	Tawny	Pale Red	Dark	Black	Not very tall, blood red	Variegated	Variegated	--
Planetary Deities	Fire		Water	--	Indra	--	Brahma		Subramanya		Sachi Devi	--
Sex of Planets	Male	Male	Female	Female	Male	Female	Neutral	Male	Male	Female	Female	Female
Planetary Castes	Royal		Vysya		Brahmin		Sudras (masses)		Kshatriya		Brahmin	
Nature of Planets	Satwik	Rajasik	Satwik	Satwik	Rajasik	Satwik	Tamasik	Rajasik	Tamasik	Tamasik	Rajasik	Satwik
Sapta Dhatus in the Body / Appearance	Bones	Big physique	Blood	Bulky body	Fat	Bulky body	Muscles	Medium build	Bone marrow	Large body	Semen (Potency)	Footless and Medium build
Planetary Adobes / Nature of	Temple	Bilious	Watery Place	Watery	Treasure House	Watery	Filthy Ground	Phlegmatic	Place of Fire	Windy	Bed Room	Watery

Sign												
Planetary Strengths - Directions	South	East	North	--	East	--	West	West	South	South	North	North
Planetary Strengths - Time	Only in Day	Night strong	Night	Night strong	Only in Day	Night strong	Night	Day strong	Night	Night strong	Only in Day	Night strong
Planetary Tastes	Pungent	--	Saline	--	Sweet	--	Astringent	--	Bitter	--	Acidulous	--
Related to Trees	Strong Trees	--	Milky	--	Fruitful	--	Useless (weeds)	--	Bitter	--	Floral	--
Colours	Red Silken	--	White Silken	--	Saffron Silk	--	Multi Coloured Silk	--	Red Silken	--	Silken	--
Dhatu, Moola, Jeeva Divisions	Moola	--	Moola	---	Jeeva	---	Dhatu	--	Dhatu	--	Moola	--
Signs Classification	--	Moveable		Moveable	--	Moveable	--	Moveable	--	Moveable	--	Dual
Wanders In	--	Hills	--	--	--	--	--	Lands	--	Forests	--	--
Kalapurusha Limb (for Cancer ascendant)	--	Knees	--	Head	--	Head	--	Heart	--	Below navel	--	Thighs
Planetary Description	Honey coloured, clean habits, intelligent, limited hair.	--	Very windy, phlegmatic, auspicious looks, sweet speech, fickle minded, very lustful.	--	Big body, tawny hair, tawny eyes, phlegmatic, intelligent and learned in all sastras	--	Emaciated and long physique, has tawny eyes, is windy in temperament, has big teeth, is indolent and lame and has coarse hair	--	Blood red eyes, fickle minded, liberal, bilious, given to anger, thin waist, thin physique	--	Charming, has a splendid physique, is excellent or great in disposition, has charming eyes, is a poet, is phlegmatic and windy and has curly hair	--

Conclusion

SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. SWOT analysis is a technique for strategically assessing these four aspects of a person. To assess various aspects conferred by planets and their residing signs on Lord Sri Rama in his birth chart, we relied upon SWOT analysis. Below is the SWOT analysis on Lord Sri Rama based on Table-3.

Strengths of Lord Sri Rama

- Valorous
- Highly knowledgeable in Vedas (Brahma-Gyan)
- Blessed with various war skills from Guru's and Sages
- Leader of masses
- Highly determined (resolute)
- Phlegmatic (स्थितप्रज्ञा)
- Benevolent and protector of dharma (धर्म)
- Big Physique, stronger bones, aseptic (pure blood), muscular and manly
- Strong in both day and night times
- Satwik and Rajasik natures helped maintain composure
- Planets which conferred exceptional strength are: Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Venus
- Planets which bestowed mixed results are: Sun and Saturn
- Signs which presented favourable results are: Aries, Cancer, Capricorn, Pisces

- Sign which did not confer better results: Libra

Weaknesses of Lord Sri Rama

- Bonding with wife Sita resulted in Tamasik nature (मोह माया), where he believed whatever he is seeing and feeling is Sita
- Bonding with brother Lakshama resulted in Tamasik nature (मोह माया), where he believed that his brother was dead during fight with Indrajit and prepared to give up his own life
- Even though valuable time was lost in initiating search for Sita by Sugriva, Lord Sri Rama remained benevolent
- Phlegmatic (स्थितप्रज्ञा) nature resulted in accepting Kaikai's conditions for giving up the kingdom and to go into exile for 14 years
- Planet which conferred weakness is: Saturn
- Sign which conferred weakness is: Libra

Opportunities

- Lord Sri Rama uplifted dharma by abiding to his father's orders, uplifting dharma (धर्म)
- Lord Sri Rama gained valuable knowledge from various Guru's and got Sage's blessings
- Lord Sri Rama acquire deep knowledge in super natural missiles and their annulment
- Lord Sri Rama has learnt secret knowledge of bala and atibala vidyas triumphing thirst and hunger, awarding

inestimable renown and ascetically nurtured in yielding various results

- Lord Sri Rama met various noble people in his period of exile, thus got opportunities to discuss about various Vedic topics
- Lord Sri Rama became leader of masses
- Lord Sri Rama took the opportunity to prove his mettle by winning the challenges put forward by Sugriva to strike down seven Sala trees with an arrow and also to lift & kick Dundubhi's skeleton (mountainous buffalo demon) to enter into a pact of friendship
- Lord Sri Rama fulfilled his royal duties by eliminating innumerable demons and safeguarded rituals for sages and general public
- Planets which empowered him are: Sun, Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn
- Signs which helped him are: Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn, Pisces

Threats

- Lord Sri Rama faced his first threat from demons like Tataka, Subahu and Mareecha
- Lord Sri Rama was challenged by Parashu Rama
- Lord Sri Rama was asked to go into exile for 14 years and
- Lord Sri Rama immediately obliging for exile period lost his royal status and comforts
- Lord Sri Rama roamed in impenetrable dangerous jungles and deprived for food & water
- Lost his wife and came under the influence of Tamasik nature (मोह माया)
- Surpanaka offers her wifehood to Lord Sri Rama
- Lord Sri Rama was severely challenged by Khara and Duushana's enormous armies
- Lord Sri Rama got lured by demon Mareecha in the disguise of golden deer
- Lord Sri Rama was captured by Kabandha
- Lord Sri Rama could have got killed by powerful Vali, failing to kill him for Sugriva
- To build a bridge on enormous ocean to reach Lanka with millions of vanaras
- Lord Sri Rama was hit by serpentine arrows and also by Brahma's missile of Indrajit
- Lord Sri Rama got severely injured, lost consciousness fighting demons
- Lord Sri Rama felt heartbroken seeing illusory live image of dead Sita
- Kumbakarna & Ravana were even greater threats to Lord Sri Rama than all other demons
- Lord Rama had to return to Ayodhya before exile period expiry to save Bharatha
- Planets which conferred threats: Saturn
- Signs which conferred grief are: Libra

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