Placement of Rahu and Ketu in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart

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Abstract
Based on our previous research works [1-12], we found out precise planetary positions and their degrees in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart and these planetary positions and their degrees were corroborated with the help of Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions. Lord Sri Rama’s precise birth time has been determined through our research work [13]. Our further research works [14, 15] confirmed that planet Mercury (Budha) was ‘not in existence’ during Lord Sri Rama’s time period. In this analysis, various situations were taken into consideration as explained by Sage Vālmiki in his epic Rāmāyana: (1) Lord Sri Rama’s coronation muhurat chosen by King Dasaratha, (2) fearful & inauspicious events envisioned by King Dasaratha, (3) Sita explains age of Lord Sri Rama to Ravana at the start of their exile period, (4) Lord Sri Rama tells Sugreeva (at his coronation time after killing Vali) that four months rainy season has commenced and current month is Shravana, (5) deadline set by King Sugreeva to vanaras to find Sita, (6) Angada explains about entering of Spring season before finding Sita, (7) war muhurat set by Lord Sri Rama to mobilize vanaras towards Lanka, (8) Lakshmana explains about constellations and planetary positions during the march towards Lanka, and (9) Hanuma’s message to Guha about Lord Sri Rama’s arrival on Panchami tithi at hermitage of Sage Bharadwaja. From all the above events and situations, we deduced placements of Rahu and Ketu in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart.

Keywords: Astrology, Rama, Rahu, Ketu, Dasaratha, Ayodhya, Hanuman, Lakshmana

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. Akkinapragada et al [1, 2] 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 Ashthami tithi end) and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions. Akkinapragada et al [3, 4] 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 and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions. Akkinapragada et al [5, 6] 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 in Sage Valmiki’s Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions. Akkinapragada et al [7, 8] 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 and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions. Akkinapragada et al [9, 10] 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 and further corroborated it with Dasa ‘Varga Classifications’ and Descriptions.
Akkinapragada et al [11, 12] 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 and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada et al [13] reported precise birth time of Lord Shri Ram based on Prakasavastha mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

Akkinapragada et al [14, 15] gave a detailed explanation about Mercury's absence in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart.

In this research paper, we would like to find out placements of Rahu and Ketu in Lord Shri Rama's birth chart.

**Methods and Materials**

This research considers planetary positions as detailed in Sage Vālmiki's Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Slokas 8, 9) [16] where it was mentioned that five planets were in exaltation at the start date of Lord Shri Ram's exile. Since we know it was mentioned that five planets were in exaltation at the time of Lord Shri Ram's birth but there was no mention of Rahu and Ketu. This research also relies upon previous research work done by Akkinapragada et al [11-15] where each planet's precise degrees were calculated based on Yogas and further corroborated with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and their Descriptions (Fig-1).

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Fig 1: Based on Akkinapragada et al. [11-15] and Sage Vālmiki’s Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda, Sarga 18, Slokas 8, 9) [16]

If we can find the end date of the war, then we can ascertain the start date of Lord Shri Ram’s exile. Since we know it was during star Pushya at which the muhurta for coronation of Lord Sri Rama has been decided by king Dasharatha, with these two instances, we can know the month in which coronation of Lord Sri Rama was planned by King Dasaratha. King Dasaratha who was efficient in taking decisions pertaining to place and time of ceremonies, again conferred with the ministers and decided on the coronation muhurat for Lord Sri Rama. (Fig-2)

As per slokas in Fig-2, “After the citizens left, Dasaratha who was efficient in taking decisions pertaining to place and time of ceremonies, again conferred with the ministers and decided thus: [Tomorrow will be a day when the constellation of Pushya would be in the ascendant. My son Rama, who has eyes like red lotus, can be crowned as a prince tomorrow]”.

King Dasaratha tells to Lord Sri Rama that he was informed by astrologers that fearful planets are encroaching his birth star. (Fig-3)

As per slokas in Fig-3, “Oh, Rama! Astrologers are informing me that fearful planets like Sun, Mars and Rahu are encroaching my birth star.”

This had indeed come true as King Dasaratha died after five days of exile of Lord Sri Rama. Sita reveals to Ravana the age of Lord Sri Rama as 25 years when he agreed to go into exile. (Fig-4)

As per slokas in Fig-4, “mahaatejaa mama bhartaa = great resplendent my, husband; yayasa panca vishmakaH = by age, five, twenty - twenty-five years; mama jannami = my, from birth; aSTaa dasha varSaNi li = eight, ten - eighteen, years; only; gaNyate = reckoned up”.

Lord Sri Rama tells to King Sugreeva that, four month rainy season has commenced and this current month (at the time of coronation of King Sugreeva) is Shravana. (Fig-5)

As per slokas in Fig-5, “The four month period specified for rainy season has commenced, oh gentle Sugreeva, and this is shravaNa, the first month of rainy season that brings many showers”.

King Sugreeva gives one month time to all troops dispatched to each direction and promises to accord luxuries if they are successful in finding Sita. (Fig-6)

As per slokas in Fig-6, “He who returns before a month and informs that 'Seetha is seen,' he enjoys a comfortable living on a par with me in high-living and luxuries”.

Angada proposes fast unto death as this troop of monkeys failed to find Seetha, and the timeframe fixed by Sugreeva has also lapsed. (Fig-7)
As per slokas in Fig-7, “Then on seeing the treetops of spring season, weighty with flowers and enshrouded with hundreds of vines, they became incredulous with the fright of failing Sugreeva’s timeframe”. Spring time arrives and Angada’s team which travelled to South direction along with Hanuman, Jambavantha and several other troops fail to find Sita. (Fig-8).

As per slokas in Fig-8, “On discussing among themselves they found that spring season has arrived (this indicates end of Magha month and start of Phalgunu month), and they also found the purpose of timely messaging about Seetha to Sugreeva as lost, thus they plumped down onto the surface of earth”. Lord Sri Rama fixes an auspicious hour for the departure of his forces to Lanka. (Fig-9)

As per slokas in Fig-9, “This northern planet of Phalgunu will be in conjunction with the Hasta constellation, and says he can see Lord Sri Rama today itself. (Fig-10)

As per slokas in Fig-10, “The planet of Venus with its bright light, born from the sage Bhrigu (a mind-born son of Brahma the creator) is hanging behind you. Dhruva, the very bright pole-star (which is recognized by the contiguity of the stars presided over by the seven Brahmana sages) is becoming clear. All the pure great sages having bright light are shining around Dhruva star”.

As per slokas in Fig-11, “Visakha stars are shining clearly without any evil influence. This supreme constellation is of our Ikshvakus, the high-souled.”

As per slokas in Fig-12, “You can see Rama here itself today, when he has been duly permitted by Bharadwaja the sage, after spending, at the instance of the sage, for a night of the fifth lunar day”.

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• Rama spends his second night of exile on the banks of river Ganga.  
• Rama spends his third night in the hermitage of sage Bharadwaja.  
• Rama spends his fourth night near the bank of river Yamuna. |
| Fig-2                         | King Dasharatha talks to Lord Sri Rama the night before coronation     | Tomorrow will be a day when the constellation of Pushya would be in the ascendant. |
| Fig-3                         | King Dasharatha talks to Lord Sri Rama the night before coronation     | Astrologers are informing me that fearful planets like Sun, Mars and Rahu are encroaching my birth star. |
| Fig-4                         | Sita reveals Lord Sri Rama’s age at the beginning of exile period      | Lord Sri Rama’s age at the beginning to 14 years of exile period was 25 years. |
| Fig-5                         | Lord Sri Rama talks to King Sugreeva at the time of his coronation (after killing Vali) | The four month period specified for rainy season has commenced, oh gentle Sugreeva, and this is shravana, the first month of rainy season that brings many showers. |
| Fig-6                         | King Sugreeva assembles all Vanaras                                   | King Sugreeva gives one month time to all Vanara troops dispatched to each direction. |
| Fig-7                         | Angada talks to his troops failing to find Sita                       | They are seeing the treetops of spring season, weighty with |
Results and Discussions
With reference to Table 1
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- On Rama’s fifth day into exile, King Dasaratha dies (which happens to be Vaisakha Shukla paksha Ekadashi [bright nights] - according to our scientific inference).
- From Table-1, Fig-9, we conclude that Rama’s march towards Lanka took place in spring/summer of Chaitra month (Vasanta).
- From Table-1, Fig-9, Rama fought the war during the Krishna paksha of Chaitra month.
- From Table-1, Fig-12, we can conclude that Lord Sri Rama along with Sita and Lakshmana spent their last night of exile in the hermitage of Sage Bharadwaja.
- From all the above, we conclude that Lord Sri Rama reached Ayodhya from exile on Vaisakha Shukla Paksha Shashti (6th day of bright nights of Vaisakha month).
- This indicates that Lord Sri Rama went into exile on Vaisakha Shukla Paksha Shashti.
- We can draw conclusion that this day was supposed to be his coronation day after his 25th year of birth (refer to Table-1, Fig-2).
- From all the above, we further ascertain that, on Ekadashi of Vaisakha month, after 25th year of Lord Sri Rama’s birth, 'Mars, Sun and Rahu' were present in one in the rasi's. (Table-1, Fig-2, Fig-3).
- In Vaisakha month, Sun enters into Taurus sign. Therefore, Rahu and Mars are supposed to be in the same sign as per King Dasaratha’s Astrologer’s calculation.
- If we calculate the position of Rahu from Taurus to 25 years backwards (Lord Sri Rama’s age from birth), we find that Rahu must had been Virgo.
- As Rahu is present in Virgo at the time of Lord Sri Rama’s birth, Ketu is supposed to be present in Pisces.

Conclusion
Based on results and discussions, Rahu and Ketu must have occupied in Virgo and Pisces respectively in Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart.

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Fig 13: Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart with Rahu and Ketu

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