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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) Hanauma'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 Asthami 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.

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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 Sri 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 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* ^[1-15] where each planet's precise degrees were calculated based on Yogas and further corroborated with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and their Descriptions (Fig-1).

Pisces	Aries	Taurus	Gemini
Venus ~17.3 ⁰	Sun ~7.3 ⁰		
Aquarius	Lord Shri Ram's birth chart ^[1-15]		Cancer
Capricorn			Asc ~2.8125 ⁰ Jupiter ~2.8125 ⁰ Moon ~2.8125 ⁰
Mars 13.33 ⁰ ± 2 ⁰			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra	Virgo
		Saturn ~10 ⁰	

Fig 1: Based on Akkinapragada *et al* ^[1-15] 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 Sri Rama'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 muhurta for Lord Sri Rama. (Fig-2)

गतेष्वथ नृपो भूयः पौरैषु सह मन्त्रिभिः ।
मन्त्रयुत्वा ततश्चक्रे निश्चयज्ञः स निश्चयम् ॥ २-४-१
श्च एव पुष्यो भविता श्वोऽभिषेच्यस्तु मे सुतः ।
रामो राजीवताम्राक्षो यौवराज्य इति प्रभुः ॥ २-४-२

Fig 2: Ayodhya Kanda ^[17], Sarga 4, Slokas 1, 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)

अवष्टब्धं च मे राम नक्षत्रं दारुणैर्ग्रहैः ।
आवेदयन्ति दैवज्ञावः सूर्याङ्गारकराहुभिः ॥ २-४-१८

Fig 3: Ayodhya Kanda ^[17], Sarga 4, Sloka 18

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)

मम भर्ता महातेजा वयसा पंच विंशकः ॥ ३-४७-१०
अष्टा दश हि वर्षाणि मम जन्मनि गण्यते ।

Fig 4: Aranya Kanda ^[18], Sarga 47, Slokas 10b, 11

As per sloka in Fig-4, "mahaatejaa mama bhartaa = great resplendent my, husband; vayasaa panca vimshakaH = by age, five, twenty - twenty-five years; mama janmani = my, from birth; aSTaa dasha varSaaNi hi = 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)

पूर्वो अयम् वार्षिको मासः श्रावणः सलिल आगमः ।
प्रवृत्ताः सौम्य चत्वारो मासा वार्षिक संज्ञिताः ॥ ४-२६-१४

Fig 5: Kishkindha Kanda ^[19], Sarga 26, Sloka 14

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)

यः च मासान् निवृत्तो अग्रे दृष्टा सीत इति वक्ष्यति ।
मत् तुल्य विभवो भोगैः सुखम् स विहरिष्यति ॥ ४-४१-४७

Fig 6: Kishkindha Kanda ^[20], Sarga 41, Sloka 47

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).

ते वसंतम् अनुप्राप्तम् प्रतिवेद्य परस्परम् ।
नष्ट संदेश काल अर्था निपेतुर् धरणी तले ॥ ४-५३-५

Fig 7: Kishkindha Kanda ^[21], Sarga 53, Sloka 4

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).

ते वसंतम् अनुप्राप्तम् प्रतिवेद्य परस्परम् ।
नष्ट संदेश काल अर्था निपेतुर् धरणी तले ॥ ४-५३-५

Fig 8: Kishkindha Kanda ^[21], Sarga 53, Sloka 5

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 Phalguna month), and they also found the purpose of timely messaging about Seetha to Sugreeva is 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)

उत्तरा फल्गुनी हि अद्य श्वस् तु हस्तेन योक्ष्यते ॥ ६-४-५
अभिप्रयाम सुग्रीव सर्व अनीक समावृताः ।

Fig 9: Yuddha Kanda ^[22], Sarga 4, Sloka 5

As per slokas in Fig-9, “This northern planet of Phalguni will be in conjunction with the Hasta star tomorrow. Hence, let us depart today itself with all the troops accompanying us, Oh, Sugreeva!”

Lakshmana sitting on Angada, says the following auspicious words to Lord Sri Rama that planet Venus is seen behind him and Dhruva the bright pole is becoming clear. (Fig-10)

उशना च प्रसन्न अर्चिर् अनु त्वाम् भार्गवो गतः ॥ ६-४-४८
ब्रह्म राशिर् विशुद्धः च शुद्धाः च परम ऋषयः ।
अर्चिष्मन्तः प्रकाशन्ते ध्रुवम् सर्वे प्रदक्षिणम् ॥ ६-४-४९

Fig 10: Yuddha Kanda ^[22], Sarga 4, Slokas 48, 49

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”.

Lakshmana further explains to Lord Sri Rama that Visakha stars are seen clearly. (Fig-11).

विमले च प्रकाशते विशाखे निरुपद्रवे ॥ ६-४-५१
नक्षत्रम् परम् अस्माकम् इक्ष्वाकूणाम् महात्मनाम् ।

Fig 11: Yuddha Kanda ^[22], Sarga 4, Slokas 51

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.”

Lord Sri Rama asks Hanuma to proceed to Shringaverapura and communicate to Guha about his welfare and also to know the appropriate path to Ayodhya. Hanuman approaches Guha and says he can see Lord Sri Rama today itself. (Fig-12)

पञ्चमीमद्य रजनीमुषित्वा वचनान्मुनेः ।
भरद्वाजाभ्यनुज्ञातं द्रक्ष्यस्यद्यैव राघवम् ॥ ६-१२५-२४

Fig 12: Yuddha Kanda ^[23], Sarga 125, Sloka 24

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”.

Table 1: Summarises Sage Vālmiki's explanation about Stars, Planets, Constellations and events

Reference	Context	Stars, Planets and Constellations explanation
Ayodhya Kanda ^[24] Sargas 41 to 64	King Dasaratha dies on 9 th night from Lord Sri Rama exile day.	These sargas unfolds various events until King Dasaratha's death.
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 of exile was 24 years completed (25 th year running).
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 flowers and enshrouded with hundreds of vines, they became incredulous with the fright of failing Sugreeva's timeframe
Fig-8	Angada discusses with his Vanara Team	On discussing among themselves they found that spring season has arrived (this indicates end of Magha month and start of Phalguna month)

Fig-9	Lord Sri Rama fixes an auspicious hour for the departure of his forces to Lanka	This northern planet of Phalguni will be in conjunction with the Hasta star tomorrow. Hence, let us depart today itself with all the troops accompanying us.
Fig-10	Lakshmana sitting on Angada explains to Lord Sri Rama	The planet of Venus is hanging behind you and 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.
Fig-11	Lakshmana sitting on Angada further explains to Lord Sri Rama	Visakha stars are shining clearly without any evil influence.
Fig-15	Lord Sri Rama asks Hanuma to proceed to Shringaverapura and communicate to Guha about his welfare and arrival time	Hanuma tells to Guha that, he 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.

Results and Discussions

With reference to Table 1

- Minister Sumantra drives back to Ayodhya on the 8th day of Rama's exile and informs King Dasaratha that Rama has left Chitrakuta.
- On Rama's 9th 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-13, we conclude that Rama's march towards Lanka took place in spring/summer of Chaitra month (Vasanta).
- From Table-1, Fig-14, Rama fought the way during the Krishana paksha of Chaitra month.
- From Table-1, Fig-15, 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 Panchami / 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 / Dwadashi of Vaisakha month, after completion of 24 years of Lord Sri Rama's birth (running 25th year), 'Mars, Sun and Rahu' were encroaching King Dasaratha's birth Star. (Table-1, Fig-3, Fig-4, Fig-5)
- Based on all the above and also based on best placements for Rahu and Ketu in a given astro chart, we are making an assumption that Rahu and Ketu must have been in Virgo and Pisces respectively in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart. These positions for these two planets shall be further discussed and confirmed in our next research papers.

Conclusion

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

Pisces	Aries	Taurus	Gemini
Venus ~17.3° Ketu	Sun ~7.3°		
Aquarius	Lord Shri Ram's birth chart ^[1-15]		Cancer
Capricorn			Asc ~2.8125° Jupiter ~2.8125° Moon ~2.8125°
Mars 13.33° ± 2°			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra	Virgo
		Saturn ~10°	Rahu

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

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