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Planetary combinations that led to King Dasaratha's death based on Lord Sri Rama's astro transit chart

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Abstract

In this research paper, we have precisely calculated planetary positions in transit for Lord Sri Rama's astrogical chart for the events (1) meeting with Sage Bharadwaja (2) King Dasaratha's birth star (3) Death of King Dasaratha. Taking several pointers from Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra and Sage Valmiki's Ramayana, we have compared Lord Sri Rama's life events and respective planetary transit results and found them to be in parallel.

Keywords: Sri Rama, Ayodhya, Sade Sati, Exile, Maraka Planets, Dasaratha, Astrology

Introduction

Sage Valmiki in his epic Ramayana explained planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram but precise positions of those planets were not given.

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.

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.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[16] gave a detailed explanation about placement of Rahu and Ketu in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart.

Akkinapragada *et al* ^[17] has discussed about effects of Jupiter mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama.

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Akkinapragada *et al* [18] has discussed about effects of Saturn, Ketu, Venus antardasas in Saturn mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama and also explored unknown facts of Lord Sri Rama's childhood.

Akkinapragada *et al* [19] has discussed about effects of Sun's antardasa in Saturn mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama and also explored various facts of Lord Sri Rama's childhood.

Akkinapragada *et al* [20] has discussed about effects of Moon's pratyantardasa in Moon's antardasa in Saturn mahadasa of Lord Sri Rama and also explored planetary combinations that have led to Lord Sri Rama breaking the bow and his wedding with Sita Devi.

Akkinapragada *et al* [21] has discussed the deadly planetary combination which led to Lord Sri Rama's encounter with Bhaargava Rama.

Akkinapragada *et al* [22] has discussed whether exalted Mars and Jupiter in Lord Sri Rama's planetary transit influenced King Dasaratha to coronate him as prince of Ayodhya.

Akkinapragada *et al* [23] has discussed about dreadful planetary placements paired with Sade Sati which forced Lord Sri Rama to go into exile.

In this research paper, we have explored the possible planetary positions in Lord Sri Rama's astrological chart (1) for meeting Sage Bharadwaja and also (2) for the demise of King Dasaratha.

Method and Materials

This research considers planetary positions at the time of Lord Sri Rama's birth as detailed in Sage Vālmiki's Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Slokas 8, 9) [24]. This research also relies upon previous research work done by Akkinapragada *et al* [1-16] 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° Ketu	Sun ~7.3°		
Aquarius	Planetary positions ^[1-16, 21] at the Lord Sri Rama's birth		Cancer Asc ~2.8125° Jupiter ~2.8125° Moon ~2.8125°
Capricorn Mars 13.33° ± 2°			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra Saturn ~10°	Virgo Rahu

Fig 1: Based on Akkinapragada *et al* [1-16] and Sage Vālmiki's Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda, Sarga 18, Slokas 8, 9) [24]

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [25], Chapter 44 "Maraka (Killer) Planets" on Page 440, the following sloka 2 is given (see Fig-2):

तृतीयमष्टमस्थानमायुःस्थानं द्वयं द्विज ! ।
मारकं तद्व्ययस्थानं द्वितीयं सप्तमं तथा ॥२॥

Fig 2: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [25], Chapter 44, Page 440, Sloka 2

The meaning of sloka in Fig-2 are as follows: "The 3rd and 8th are the two houses of longevity. The houses related to death are the 12th from each of these, i.e. the 2nd and 7th are Maraka houses".

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [25], Chapter 44 "Maraka (Killer) Planets" on Page 440, the following slokas 3-5 are given (see Fig-3):

तत्रापि सप्तमस्थानाद् द्वितीयं बलवन्तरम् ।
तयोरीशो तत्र गताः पापिनस्तेन संयुताः ॥३॥
ये खेटाः पापिनस्ते च सर्वे मारकसंज्ञकाः ।
तेषां दशाभिपाकेषु सम्भवे निघनं नृणाम् ॥४॥
अल्प-मध्यम-पूर्णायुः प्रमाणमिह योगजम् ।
विज्ञाय प्रथमं पुंसां मारकं परिचिन्तयेत् ॥५॥

Fig 3: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [25], Chapter 44, Page 440, Slokas 3-5.

The meaning of slokas in Fig-3 are as follows: "Out of the two (i.e. 2nd and 7th) the 2nd is a powerful Maraka house (as against the 7th) The lords of the 2nd and the 7th, malefics in the 2nd and the 7th and malefics accompanying the 2nd and the 7th lords are all known as Marakas. The major and sub periods of these planets will bring death on the native depending on whether he has a long life, medium life or short life".

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [25], Chapter 44 "Maraka (Killer) Planets" on Page 441, the following slokas 6-7 are given (see Fig-4):

अलाभे पुनरेतेषां सम्बन्धेन व्ययोशतुः ।
क्वचिच्छुभानां च दशास्वष्टमेशदशासु च ॥६॥
केवलानां च पापानां दशासु निघनं क्वचित् ।
कल्पनीयं बुधैर्नृणां मारकाणामदर्शने ॥७॥

Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [25], Chapter 44, Page 441, Slokas 6-7

The meaning of slokas in Fig-4 are as follows: "The Dasa of a benefic planet related to the 12th lord may also inflict death. End may descend on the native in the 8th lord's Dasa. The Dasa of a planet which is an exclusive malefic (i.e. first-rate malefic) may also cause death".

At the time of Lord Sri Rama's birth, Moon [3, 4] is in the Cancer at 2.8125° (Fig-1) along with Jupiter and ascendant. According to below sloka 16 in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [23], Chapter 46 ("Dasas [Periods] of Planets") on page 508 (see Fig-5), Lord Sri Rama's Vimsottari dasa at the time of birth had 9 months and 18 days of Jupiter mahadasa remaining and thereafter Saturn mahadasa should start.

दशामानं मथातघ्नं भोगेन हृतं फलम् ।
दशाया भुक्तवर्षाद्य भोग्यं मानाद् विशोधितम् ॥१६॥

Fig 5: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [27], Chapter 46, Sloka 16

As per sloka in Fig-5, "To find out the remainder of the Dasa operating at the time of birth, first find out the expired portion of the Dasa of the concerned planet. This is done as follows: Multiply the Dasa period of the planet concerned by the period of stay of the Moon in the janma nakshatra that has expired and divide it by the total period of the stay of the Moon in that nakshatra. The figure in years, months etc, so arrived at will be the expired period of the Dasa. If this figure

is deducted from the total period of the Dasa, we will get the balance of Dasa at the time of birth”.

With reference to Fig-5, Lord Sri Rama was born towards the very end of Jupiter (Guru) mahadasa. As per Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [23], Chapter 46 (“Dasas [Periods] of Planets”) on page 507, slokas 12-14, average age of a human being is considered as 120 years and as per sloka 15, total tenure of Saturn’s mahadasa is 19 years (other planet’s mahadasas were also mentioned there).

Our previous research works [14, 15], discussed that planet Mercury was ‘not in existence’ during Ramayana Period. This means, we need to takeaway 17 years of Mercury period from 120 years, and proportionately scale up and distribute other planets mahadasa tenures (as Mercury was non-existent and it’s 17 years tenure cannot be considered for Lord Sri Rama). Based on this, Saturn’s mahadasa [18] tenure instead of 19 years now becomes 22.14 years for Lord Sri Rama (likewise, remaining planets mahadasa tenures are also calculated, see Table-1).

Table 1: With reference to Fig-1 and Fig-5, planets mahadasa tenures were proportionately scaled (due to Mercury’s [14, 15] absence during Ramayana period)

Planets	Dasha period of planets with Mercury	Dasha period of planets without Mercury [14, 15]
Sun	6 years	7 years
Moon	10 years	11.65 years
Mars	7 years	8.15 years
Mercury	17 years	--
Jupiter	16 years	18.64 years
Venus	20 years	23.30 years
Saturn	19 years	22.14 years
Rahu	18 years	20.97 years
Ketu	7 years	8.15 years

Table 2: Time period of each antardasa based on Ketu’s mahadasa which is ‘8.15 years’ for Lord Sri Rama as derived from Table-1

Planetary antardasa sequence in Ketu mahadasa	Antardasa periods calculation during Ketu mahadasa (KT = 8.15 years)	Planetary antardasas tenures in Ketu mahadasa (in days)	Planetary antardasas tenures in Ketu mahadasa (in years)
Ketu in Ketu	$(KT * 8.15) / 120$	199.2675	0.5535208333333333
Venus in Ketu	$(KT * 23.30) / 120$	569.685	1.5824583333333333

Table 3: First 8.5 days’ timeline of Lord Sri Rama’s travel from his day of exile. Lord Sri Rama began his exile on Vaisakha Shukla paksha Panchami [23]

Index	Ayodhya Kanda [26]	Brief description	Number of days mentioned?
1	Sarga 41	The grief	1 st day into exile
2	Sarga 42	Dasaratha feels dejected	Still the 1 st day into exile
3	Sarga 43	Lamentation of Kausalya	Still the 1 st day into exile
4	Sarga 44	Sumitra assuages Kausalya's grief	Still the 1 st day into exile
5	Sarga 45	Rama requests the citizens to return to Ayodhya	1 st day evening time
6	Sarga 46	Rama passes the night on the banks of Tamasa river	1 st day night time Completion of 1 st day and start of 2 nd day morning time (sloka 18) 2 nd day morning - crosses Tamasa river
7	Sarga 47	The people of Ayodhya begin to rebuke themselves	2 nd day morning (sloka 1)
8	Sarga 48	Rama's departure for the forest	2 nd day night (sloka 33)
9	Sarga 49	Rama crossed three rivers (Vedasruti, Gomati and Syandika)	Completion of 2 nd day and 3 rd day morning (sloka 2) Rama crosses the boundaries of Kosala state (sloka 9)
10	Sarga 50	Rama bids farewell to his birth-place, meets Guha	3 rd day evening (sloka 48) Rama meets Guha (king of Nishadas)
11	Sarga 51	Guha requests Lakshmana to take rest	3 rd day night (sloka 3, 26)
12	Sarga 52	Guha gets a boat ready	4 th day morning (sloka 1, 2) Rama crosses Ganga river 4 th day evening (sloka 102)
13	Sarga 53	Rama tries to send Lakshmana back to Ayodhya	4 th day night (sloka 2)
15	Sarga 54	The hermitage of Bharadwaja	5 th day morning (sloka 1) Rama reaches Sage Bharadwaja’s hermitage (sloka 11, 12) 5 th night at Sage’s Bharadwaja’s hermitage (sloka 35) 6 th morning (sloka 36), 6 th night (sloka 38)
16	Sarga 55	Sage Bharadwaja informs the route of Chitrakuta	7 th morning (sloka 1) 7 th night (sloka 34)
17	Sarga 56	The Chitrakuta Mountain	8 th morning (sloka 1)
18	Sarga 57	Sumantra drives back to Ayodhya	8 th morning itself
19	Sarga 58	Sumantra delivers the messages of Rama	8 th day continued
20	Sarga 59	Dasaratha falls unconscious	8 th day continued
21	Sarga 60	Sumantra was unable to console Kausalya	8 th day continued
22	Sarga 61	Kausalya rebukes Dasaratha for his evil act	8 th day continued
23	Sarga 62	King Dasaratha loses consciousness	8 th night (sloka 20)
24	Sarga 63	Dasaratha continued to narrate to Kausalya	Completion of 8 th day and start of 9 th morning (sloka 1)
25	Sarga 64	Dasaratha passes away	9 th morning (sloka 1) 9 th mid-night – Dasaratha dies (sloka 79)

Pisces	Aries	Taurus Sun 5.194 ⁰	Gemini
Aquarius Mars 0.936 ⁰ Venus 8.7764 ⁰	Planetary positions on the coronation day of Lord Sri Rama as planned by King Dasaratha, which happens to be *Vaisakha Shukla paksha Panchami*		Cancer Rahu Moon 3.337 ⁰ Jupiter 5.138 ⁰ Saturn 28.9277 ⁰
Capricorn Ketu			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra	Virgo

Fig 6: Planetary positions for Lord Sri Rama’s coronation day (ref: Akkinapragada *et al* ^[23])

Lord Sri Rama began his exile on the Vaisakha Shukla paksha Panchami day (assuming somewhere in the late afternoon/mid-day as per events detailed in Table-3), we should consider a 24 hrs period for calculation (from mid-day

to mid-day) instead of from morning to night. With reference to Table-3 (Index 15), Lord Sri Rama met Sage Bharadwaja on a late afternoon / evening time after 4.1 days into exile and respective planetary positions are detailed in below Table-4.

Table 4: Planetary positions when Lord Sri Rama met Sage Bharadwaja in his exile

Planets	Lord Sri Rama met Sage Bharadwaja on a late afternoon / evening time after 4.1 days into exile (taking reference from Fig-5, from planned coronation day, below planetary positions were calculated)
Sun	Sun moves 1 ⁰ in a day. So in 4.1 days, Sun moves 4.1 ⁰ + 5.194 ⁰ and remains in Taurus at 9.294 ⁰ .
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14 ⁰ in a day. So in 4.1 days, Moon moves 57.4 ⁰ + 3.337 ⁰ from Gemini and is placed in Virgo at 0.737 ⁰ .
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5’ per day. So in 4.1 days, Mars moves 2.5625 ⁰ + 0.936 ⁰ remains in Aquarius at 3.4985 ⁰ .
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 4.1 days, Rahu moves by 0.205 ⁰ . This means, Rahu remains in Cancer.
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30 ⁰ in 360 days. In 4.1 days, Jupiter moves 0.341 ⁰ + 5.138 ⁰ and remains in Cancer at 5.514 ⁰ .
Saturn	Saturn moves 2’ (minutes) each day. In 4.1 days, Saturn moves 0.14 ⁰ + 28.9277 ⁰ and remains in Cancer at 29.07 ⁰ .
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 4.1 days, Ketu moves by 0.205 ⁰ . This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn.
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72’ in a day. In 4.1 days, Venus moves 4.92 ⁰ + 8.7764 ⁰ (Fig-5) and remains in Aquarius at 13.6964 ⁰ .

Pisces	Aries	Taurus Sun 9.294 ⁰	Gemini
Aquarius Mars 3.4985 ⁰ Venus 13.6964 ⁰	Lord Sri Rama travels 4.1 days into exile to meet Sage Bharadwaja at his hermitage on Vaisakha Shukla Paksha Saptami / Asthami (Uttara Phalguni star)		Cancer Rahu Jupiter 5.48 ⁰ Saturn 29.07 ⁰
Capricorn Ketu			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra	Virgo Moon 0.737 ⁰

Fig 7: Planetary positions when Lord Sri Rama met Sage Bharadwaja (ref Table-4)

With reference to Table-3 (Index 25), as per the timeline, Dasaratha died on 9th day or after completion of 8 days and running 9th day into Lord Rama’s exile. So, calculating this way, King Dasaratha had died around 8.54 days after Lord Sri

Rama went into exile. Since, Lord Sri Rama met Sage Bharadwaja after 4.1 days into exile, King Dasaratha died 4.45 (= 8.54 days – 4.1 days) after Lord Sri Rama met Sage Bharadwaja.

Table 5: Planetary positions in Lord Sri Rama’s astro transit chart when King Dasaratha died

Planets	King Dasaratha died after 8.54 days into Lord Sri Rama’s exile (or 4.45 days after Lord Sri Rama met Sage Bharadwaja)
Sun	Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 4.45 days, Sun moves 4.45° + 9.294° and remains in Taurus at 13.744°.
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 4.45 days, Moon moves 70° + 0.737° from Virgo and is placed in Scorpio at 3.037°. (peak debilitation)
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5’ per day. So in 4.45 days, Mars moves 2.78125° + 3.4985° remains in Aquarius at 6.28°.
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 4.45 days, Rahu moves by 0.2225°. This means, Rahu remains in Cancer.
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 4.45 days, Jupiter moves 0.371° + 5.48° and remains in Cancer at 5.6°.
Saturn	Saturn moves 2’ (minutes) each day. In 4.45 days, Saturn moves 0.15° + 29.07° and remains in Cancer at 29.22°.
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 4.45 days, Ketu moves by 0.2225°. This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn.
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72’ in a day. In 4.45 days, Venus moves 5.34° + 13.6964° (Fig-5) and remains in Aquarius at 19.04°.

Pisces	Aries	Taurus Sun 13.744°	Gemini
Aquarius Mars 6.28° Venus 19.04°	Planetary positions in Lord Sri Rama’s astro chart when King Dasaratha died		Cancer Rahu Jupiter 5.6° Saturn 29.22°
Capricorn Ketu			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio Moon 3.037°	Libra	Virgo

Fig 8: Planetary positions of Lord Sri Rama when King Dasaratha died (ref Table-5)

Pisces – 1st house	Aries – 2nd house	Taurus – 3rd house Moon (Kruthika)	Gemini
Aquarius	Possible Dasaratha’s birth chart based on Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart (Fig-1)		Cancer
Capricorn			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra	Virgo – 7th house

Fig 9: Possible Dasaratha’s birth chart based on Lord Sri Rama’s Birth chart (Fig-1)

The maraka houses are: 2nd (Aries), and 7th (Virgo). Maraka planets are: Mars and Sun.

So, from Fig-8, we find that Mars is travelling clockwise towards Kruthika star in Taurus and Rahu is moving anticlockwise towards Kruthika star in Taurus, while Sun being already present in Kruthika star in Taurus as of 9th day of Vaisakha Shukla Paksha. As mentioned by King Dasaratha (Ayodhya Kanda ^[26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18) that, Sun, Mars and

Rahu are encroaching his birth star, which is calculated to be Kruthika star, we find that during Lord Sri Rama’s age of 25th year (running), his chart indicates the positions of planets as in Fig-8. From both references and calculations, we can safely conclude that, King Dasaratha’s death might have occurred on the Lord Sri Rama’s 9th day into exile (8.54 days to be precise).

Results and Discussions

Table 6: Effects of Maraka planets from Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra compared with Lord Sri Rama's life events as detailed by Sage Valimiki's Ramayana

Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra	Sage Valimiki's Ramayana
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per Fig-2 – The 3rd and 8th are the two houses of longevity. The houses related to death are the 12th from each of these, i.e. the 2nd and 7th are Maraka houses. As per Fig-3 – Out of the two (i.e. 2nd and 7th) the 2nd is a powerful Maraka house (as against the 7th) the lords of the 2nd and the 7th, malefics in the 2nd and the 7th and malefics accompanying the 2nd and the 7th lords are all known as Marakas. The major and sub periods of these planets will bring death on the native depending on whether he has a long life, medium life or short life. As per Fig-4 – The Dasa of a benefic planet related to the 12th lord may also inflict death. End may descend on the native in the 8th lord's Dasa. The Dasa of a planet which is an exclusive malefic (i.e. first-rate malefic) may also cause death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Lord Sri Rama's birth chart (fig-1), 9th house is Pisces, which represents his father (Pitru-bhava). As we do not know King Dasaratha's astrology details, we can safely assume, Lord Sri Rama's 9th house as King Dasaratha's 1st house. So, considering Pisces in Lord Sri Rama's birth chart as King Dasaratha's 1st house, Lord of 2nd house is Mars (as Aries is 2nd house from Pisces), and Lord of 7th house is Sun (Virgo is 7th house from Pisces, since Mercury ^[14, 15] is not present during Ramayana time period, therefore Sun becomes lord of Virgo). Out the two makaraka planets Mars and Sun, Mars is a powerful maraka (Fig-3) as he is the 2nd lord of Aries from Pisces (which is assumed as 1st house for King Dasaratha as discussed above). King Dasaratha mentioned to Lord Sri Rama that, "Oh, Rama! Astrologers are informing me that fearful planets like Sun, Mars and Rahu are encroaching my birth star" – Ayodhya Kanda ^[26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18. As per above point and Fig-3, these three planets, Mars, Sun and Rahu are maraka planets for King Dasaratha. As per Fig-4, Saturn is the 12th house lord (from Pisces, which is the 1st house for King Dasaratha – as discussed above). As per Fig-2, and above discussion, for King Dasaratha, Venus is the lord of 3rd (Taurus) and lord of 8th house (Libra) from Pisces (King Dasaratha's 1st house). As per Fig-8, we can see that, planet Venus represent longevity of King Dasaratha is with a strong maraka planet Mars in Aquarius (12th house of King Dasaratha). This denotes that longevity got effected because of this combination. Apart from Venus being with Mars in Aquarius, Sun in Taurus on Kruthika star (which is assumed to be King Dasaratha's birth star – see Fig-9) and Mars with its powerful aspect on in Taurus and Rahu being present with Saturn (12th house lord of King Dasaratha) in Cancer, are responsible for encroaching the birth star of King Dasaratha (as mentioned in Ayodhya Kanda ^[26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18).

Conclusion

- Lord Sri Rama met Sage Bharadwaja on the auspicious day of Vaisakha Shukla Paksha Saptami/Ashtami when Uttara Phalguni star is present (ref Fig-7).
- Below are all the situations which can lead to King Dasaratha's death, and these are based on possible King Dasaratha's birth chart (Fig-9), Lord Sri Rama's transit chart (Fig-8) and Valmiki's Ramayana reference.
- As per Fig-9 and Table-6, King Dasaratha's birth star is Kruthika.
- As per Fig-2 and Fig-9, the 3rd and 8th house lord Venus (for Dasaratha, this is the planet for longevity).
- King Dasaratha's longevity planet Venus is strongly combined with Mars (the strong maraka planet) in Lord Sri Rama's transit chart (Fig-8), this situation can lead to King Dasaratha's death.
- As per Fig-9, 3rd house is Taurus in Dasaratha's astro chart (this 3rd house represents Longevity – as per Fig-2) – is occupied by another maraka planet Sun (in Lord Sri Rama's transit chart Fig-8).
- In Lord Sri Rama's transit chart (Fig-8), Sun is in Taurus on its birth star (the house which represents longevity for King Dasaratha – Fig-9), this situation can lead to King Dasaratha's death.
- In Lord Sri Rama's transit chart (Fig-8), Sun is in Taurus which is aspected by strong maraka planet Mars (Taurus is the house of longevity for King Dasaratha – Fig-9), and this situation can lead to King Dasaratha's death.

- Moon (which is present on King Dasaratha's birth star, Kruthika – Fig-9) is debilitated and aspected by malefic and maraka planet Sun in Lord Sri Rama's transit chart (Fig-8), because Sun is 7th house lord for Dasaratha – see Fig-9 (Sun is lord of Virgo as Mercury ^[14, 15] is not present during Ramayana period).
- Malefic Rahu and Saturn (12th house lord for Dasaratha - see Fig-9) are together in Cancer in Lord Sri Rama's transit chart (see Fig-8), which is the house of Moon that is debilitated, that can lead to death of Lord Dasaratha.
- As predicted by King Dasaratha's astrologers (Ayodhya Kanda ^[26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18), the planet Mars, Sun and Rahu are encroaching his birth star Kruthika that could lead to his death (See Fig-8 – Lord Sri Rama's astro transit chart for planetary positions at King Dasaratha's death).
- Planetary combinations expected by King Dasaratha for his death (Ayodhya Kanda ^[26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18) were found to be true in this research paper based on planetary positions calculated in Lord Sri Rama's transit chart (ref Fig-8).

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