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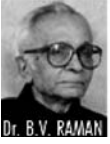
Avoid Ego

Sri Adi Shankaracharya has emphasized that one has to keep one's ego – or Ahankara – in check. It is said that:

प्रातर्य एव जगतीतलचक्रवर्ती सायं स एव विपिने जटिलस्तपस्वी - He who was the emperor of the land, only in the morning, becomes an ascetic in the forest by evening.

This is used to illustrate that one who has great power and wealth can become a mendicant in no time. We too have seen with our own eyes many wealthy and haughty people becoming ordinary citizens. Such is the temporal nature of possessions and power. One must never let ego run amok in the mind. Similarly, scholarship does not entitle one to special benefits if you commit a mistake. That is why everyone must remember what the great Acharya said – हरति निमेषात् कालः सर्वम् – that all these can be snatched away in an instant by time. At another place, Sri Shankaracharya says – कामं क्रोधं लोभं मोहं त्यक्त्वा आत्मानं भावय कोऽहम् – Give up lust, anger, greed, delusion and strive to know the Self.

Thus the Acharya did not stop with penning His Bhashyas on the abstruse aspects of Vedanta. He provided a number of instructions in His other works that are applicable to all of mankind. Indeed, this is why He is revered as a Jagadguru – one who has shown the path of welfare to the entire world. If anyone turns his back on these instructions, it is their choice. Who can stop one who digs a pit and plots his own downfall? Hence it is left to each one of us to grasp the teachings of the Jagadguru and better our lives. May each one strive along this direction and attain Shreyas.



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फलानि ग्रहचारेण सूचयन्ति मनीषिणः ।
को वक्ता तारतम्यस्य तमेकं वेधसं विना ॥

Those who know Astrology can only indicate
in a way what will take place in future.
Who else, except the Creator Brahma,
can say with certainty what will definitely happen ?

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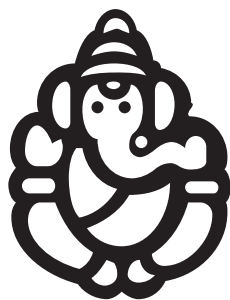
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A Brief Introduction to Spiritual or Esoteric Astrology

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Albert Einstein tells us, “If you can go into the essence of anything, you will eventually come to the deepest truth.”

Ibn Arabi wrote in *Bezels of Wisdom (Fusus al-Hikam)*, “Man (microcosmos) is a miniature of the macrocosmos. Even though human existence is smaller than the world, man holds within him all the truths of the macrocosmos. This is why sages call the world the Greater (Cosmic) Man (*Insani Kebir*).”

Meher Baba stressed the importance of astrology with these words, “A child is born at the day and time when celestial rays are mathematically synchronized with his personal karma. The horoscope is unchanging. It is a readable portrait of his past and probable future. But the natal chart can only be read with accuracy by those with intuitive wisdom.”

Astrology is Persecuted by Conservative Science

Even though astrology is accepted throughout the world as a science, its opponents go to great lengths to systematically attack this ancient knowledge. It is no coincidence that such founders of modern astronomy as Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Kepler, Galileo, and Newton, as well the renowned astronomers and mathematicians of eastern culture such as Ibn Arabi, Jamshid al-Kashi, Qadi Zada al_Rumi, Taqi al-Din were also astrologers. These masters were responsible for many discoveries and developments in astronomy and astrology. They based their work on careful scientific observation, experimentation and precise results. Lack of evidence was never mentioned. It’s only crime appears to be that it is an ancient science and is not compatible with the “current accepted materialistic philosophy, and institutionalized conservative scientific ideology.”

Our world is constantly bombarded with many rays and energies from space. We have no exact knowledge on what effect large celestial bodies in our solar system have on the world and on human beings. Some claim that it is not really a matter of influence but of synchronicity. It can be observed that the results of such influences coordinate with the movement of celestial bodies. These have been argued for hundreds of years, statistics and experiments were conducted. Certain positive results have been obtained. Some have claimed that conclusive evidence was established. The spectrum of light that we perceive coming from celestial bodies make up a very small segment of the wavelengths that come to us from space. There are many wavelengths that we cannot pick up with our sensory organs. We know that planets emit radio waves, as well as electromagnetic waves and the effects of gravity. Astrological aspects, which are angles between planets, correspond to the activities of waves. It is also possible that astrology effects depend on unknown phenomena. For this reason it is best that we leave such speculations aside and go directly into the topic.

The most significant aspect of ancient sciences is that they are systems that work and give positive results. Each of them has a rationale behind it. For those who benefit from them whether or not they fit into the norms of modern academia is inconsequential. The first academy was established by Plato, predominated by idealist philosophy. According to idealist philosophy ideas are principle realities (archetypes) behind all things. So that



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everything, the universe, cosmos, world, living beings are all products of thoughts. There is planning and meaning, spirit and mind behind everything. In the 20th century, it has come to be fashionable to reject idealistic philosophy. However, in the new millennium a new understanding is emerging and a new human prototype along with it. While this new type of people has an existentialist sense of freedom and awareness, they have an intuitive understanding of the holistic nature of things. Astrology is esoteric. Esoterism can be described as a deeper assessment of the sacred. Real astrology is very much involved with other esoteric sciences. They come from the same source. A true astrologer must not try to forcefully compromise astrology to mediocre ideas and ideologies to gain respectability through conformity. There are so many things in the universe that surpass our understanding. That the sun, moon and planets within our solar system have effects on human life to be denied by science is inconceivable. The whole question is to what degree and in what manner these effects are. Off course the ideology of positive science does not accept the view of classical astrology that the solar system and the fixed stars beyond are closely linked with our personality, and psychological make-up. But in an earlier age the view that everything in the universe is linked and part of a whole was the accepted view of science. However,

despite all from time to time some modern scientists have accepted astrological data.

For thousands of years astrology has been developed through observation and experimentation and verified to be accepted as a working system by millions of people. It is an important indicator of the interaction between the universe (macrocosmos) and man (microcosmos). It is a guide. A true astrologer is a person who has incorporated the working principles of astrology into life through years of experience. If the astrologer's consultations have a positive effect on others and they benefit from it, then he is entitled to his fair wage just as everyone else who labors. Even the renowned psychologist Jung used to draw up a customer's birth chart before consulting his patients.

Correspondence of the Planets to the Cosmic Planes

There are seven cosmic planes:

- 1) Cosmic, 2) Celestial, 3) Spiritual, 4) Causal, 5) Mental, 6) Astral and 7) Physical.

These seven planes are divided into two groups of which the first group of three planes is abstract, and the next group of four is concrete. Each plane further divides into a higher and lower level.

Correspondence of the Sun, Moon and Planets with the Cosmic Plans

Planet	Plane	Microcosmic Correspondence	Attribute	Color
Pluto	Cosmic Plane		Divine Power	
Neptune	Celestial Plane	Monad	Divine Love	White
Uranus	Spiritual Pane	Atman	Divine Wisdom	Grey

Veil between the Higher Planes and the Lower Planes

Sun + Saturn -	Higher Causal Plane Lower Casual Plane	Higher Causal Body Lower Causal Body	Higher Self Personality	Yellow Indigo
Jupiter + Merc. -	Higher Mental Plane Lower Mental Plane	Higher Mental Body Lower Mental Body	Abstract Thought Knowledge	Blue Orange
Venus + Mars -	Higher Astral Plane Lower Astral Plane	Higher Astral Beden Lower Astral Body	Higher Feelings, Art Passion	Green Red
Moon + Earth -	Etheric Plane Physical Plane	Etheric Body Physical Body	Imagination Senses Physical Activity	Violet Black

Correspondence of the Signs of the Zodiac with the Cosmic Plans

Sign	Plane	Element of the Sign	Planet of the Sign	Function
Leo + Aquarius -	Higher Cosmic Plane Lower Cosmic Plane	Fire Air	Sun Saturn	Divine Power
Libra+ Aries-	Higher Celestial Plane Lower Celestial Plane	Air Fire	Venus Mars	Divine Love
Sagittarius+ Gemini -	Higher Spiritual Plane Lower Spiritual Plane	Fire Air	Jupiter Mercury	Divine Wisdom

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Pisces + Virgo -	Higher Mental Plane Lower Mental Plane	Water Earth	Jupiter Mercury	Thought
Taurus+ Scorpio -	Higher Astral Plane Lower Astral Plane	Earth Water	Venus Mars	Feeling
Cancer + Capricorn -	Etheric Plane Physical Plane	Water Earth	Moon Saturn	Senses Physical Activity

Seven Year Planetary Cycles

An interesting topic of speculation in esoteric astrology is concerned with cycles of seven years in human life. It is known that Uranus completes its orbit around the sun in 84 years. This means that it resides in each sign of the zodiac for seven years. This is because $84 = 12 \times 7$. Uranus is the planet of change and transformation. Therefore important changes would be expected to occur at the end of each seven year period.

Of course Uranus was discovered in relatively recent times in 1781. However the idea that human life is subject to cycles of seven years is much older.

Since very ancient times planets have been aligned to celestial spheres according to the speed with which they have been observed to move, so that the slowest planets are farther off. This is how they line up:

- 1) Moon, 2) Mercury, 3) Venus, 4) Sun
- 5) Mars 6) Jupiter and 7) Saturn

In esoteric astrology the seven year cycles begin at birth and each new cycle is governed by a particular planet in the above order. These cycles are cycles of maturity in man. The first of these cycles begins at birth and continues until the age of 7. It is governed by the Moon. The moon represents reflection. In the lunar period of life, the child learns by imitation. In addition the Moon is the planet of femaleness and motherhood. The mother rules the child during this period. Even though the umbilical cord is cut attachment continues. The child sees through the eyes of and under the protection of the mother.

The second cycle begins at the age of 7 and ends at the age of 14. Mercury rules communication and learning. In the Mercury cycle the child gains a lot of information. The child is curious about everything and learns quickly. Developing communication skills, self-expression are of great importance to him and he develops himself in these areas.

Esoteric (Spiritual) Astrology

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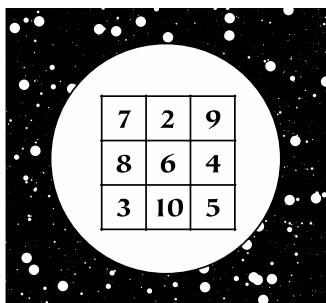
The third cycle begins at the age of 14 and continues until 21. It is governed by Venus. Venus provides puberty and sexual maturity. Sexual qualities develop at this age. Children start to become men and women. They begin to care for their appearance and show interest to the opposite sex. They show interest in fine arts, aesthetic values and ideals.

The fourth cycle starts at the age of 21 and ends at the age of 28. It is governed by the Sun. The Sun rules the ego and socializing. The Ego begins to develop during this period. The person develops a social life and develops one's personality. One tries to make a career for oneself and set up one's life.

The fifth cycle begins at the age of 28 and ends at the age of 35. It is governed by Mars which gives strength and the capacity to struggle. In this phase of life the person struggles to establish a position in life. He/She tries to apply whatever is learnt previously. It can be said that it is generally the most active period of one's life.

The sixth cycle begins at the age of 35 and continues up to the age of 42. It is ruled by Jupiter which gives wealth, leisure and philosophy. At this age the person begins to reap the rewards of his/her previous endeavors. He/she begins to relax and enjoy. On the other hand, he/she will begin to contemplate the meaning of life and philosophize.

The seventh cycle starts at the age of 42 and ends at the age of 49. It is ruled by Saturn which is the planet of discipline and maturity. Here the individual faces the process of aging, and tries to make good use of his time. He begins to realize that he should be more disciplined to maintain his health.



When this set of cycles is completed, a new set of cycles begins in the same order, so that the moon governs the period between age 49 to 56, etc.

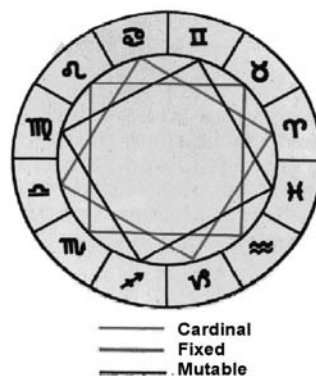
ATTRIBUTES OF THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

Sign	Planet	Qualities	Element	Dates
Aries	Mars	Cardinal	Fire	March 21 April 20
Taurus	Venus	Fixed	Earth	April 21 May 20
Gemini	Mercury	Mutable	Air	May 21 June 21
Cancer	Moon	Cardinal	Water	June 22 July 22
Leo	Sun	Fixed	Fire	July 23 August 23
Virgo	Mercury	Mutable	Earth	August 24 September 22
Libra	Venus	Cardinal	Air	September 23 October 23
Scorpio	Mars, Pluto	Fixed	Water	October 24 November 22
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Mutable	Fire	November 23 December 21
Capricorn	Saturn	Cardinal	Earth	December 22 January 19
Aquarius	Saturn, Uranus	Fixed	Air	January 20 February 18
Pisces	Jupiter, Neptune	Mutable	Water	February 19 March 20

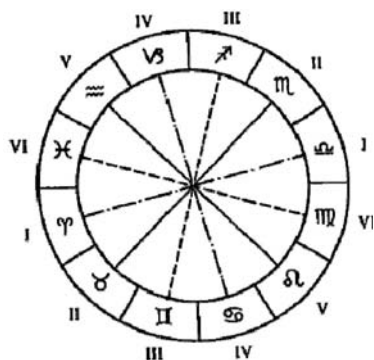
Elements and Qualities of the Signs of the Zodiac

The astrological qualities are three in number: cardinal, fixed and mutable. Each quality holds a group of four signs, each of which corresponds to one of the elements.

Cardinal signs are Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. Fixed signs are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius. Mutable signs are Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces. They are dominated by Mercury and Jupiter.



The below diagram shows opposite positions of the signs on the zodiac. Groups of opposites are marked with the Latin numerals I,II,III,IV,V and VI. Every sign of the zodiac has an opposing sign with which it makes an angle of 180°. These are opposite signs. Their corresponding colors are also opposite. For instance the opposite of the color yellow is violet. The opposite of red is green. The opposite of blue is orange. Secondary colors also have their opposites. For instance the color that corresponds to Taurus is yellow-orange. The sign opposite to Taurus is Scorpio and its color is blue green or turquoise.



Aries is opposite Libra on the Zodiac. Both are cardinal signs. The color that corresponds to Aries is red, and the color that corresponds to Libra is green. Both signs govern the feelings. The planet of Aries, Mars governs passion, whereas the planet of Libra, Venus rules the finer emotions, such as love, sense of beauty and artistic appreciation. In addition the symbol of Mars is also the symbol of the male and the symbol of Venus is the symbol of the female. In the same way the planets of the fixed opposite signs Taurus and Scorpio is also Venus and Mars.

In addition Gemini and Sagittarius are opposite signs. The corresponding color of Gemini is orange and the color of Sagittarius is blue. These are opposite colors. Gemini is ruled by Mercury and Sagittarius is Jupiter. In an esoteric sense, Mercury and Jupiter form a pair. Mercury rules concrete thoughts and Jupiter rules abstract thoughts. Mercury rules knowledge and Jupiter rules wisdom. In the same way Virgo and Pisces are opposite. The planet that rules Virgo is Mercury and the planet that rules Pisces is Jupiter.

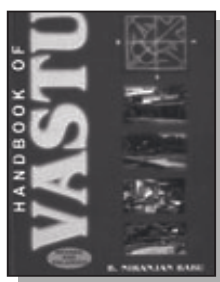
The last pair of opposites is interesting, on one side we have Saturn and on the opposite side of one pair we have the Sun and on the other the Moon. The ruler of Aquarius, Saturn is opposite the Sun of Leo, and the ruler of Capricorn, Saturn is opposite the Moon of Cancer.

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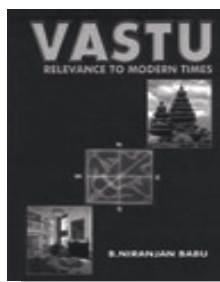
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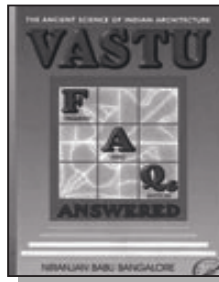
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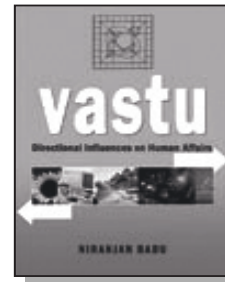
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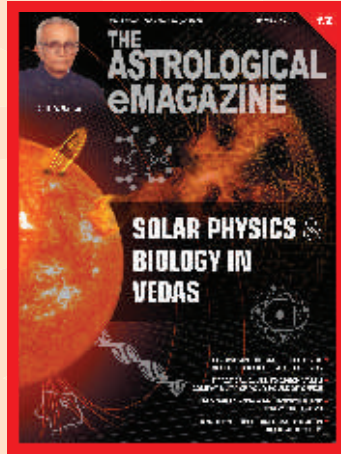
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