

Horā Lagna

*“The Word does not command us to renounce
property but to manage property without
inordinate affection”*

*Saint Clement of Alexandria
Eclogae Propheticae.*

Etymology & meaning

HORĀ

The word horā is derived from *aho-rātra* by removing the first (*a*) and last (*tra*) syllables. The word *aho* means day and *rātra* means night thereby referring to the division of the day into the two parts of day and night. The day is lorded by the Sun and the night is lorded by the Moon, being the most brilliant luminaries in the sky at these times. Consider the seven planets having physical bodies (i.e. from the Sun to Saturn) that lord over the weekdays. If the luminaries (Sun & Moon) are represented by the word horā in *aho-rātra*, then what is left of the word (i.e. *atra*) shall be represented by the remaining five planets from Mars to Saturn. The word *atra* means food and the five planets from Mars to Saturn represent the pañca tattva that the body is made up of and the food that the body needs to sustain itself. In fact the akṣara ‘a’ is also called the Brahma akṣara that is the beginning as well as the source of all physical creation. There are three important meanings of the word horā.

- ❖ First is horoscope or horoscopy itself which is based on the time divisions derived from *aho-rātra*.
- ❖ Second meaning is a half of the zodiac representing the two āyana (called Uttara āyana and dakṣiṇa āyana). These are the half year periods between the solstices.
- ❖ Third meaning is the half of a zodiacal sign or a span of 15°. This is an hour which is derived from the two fold division of a sign. A sign represents about two hours of time and the horā being a half of this represents an hour of time.

LAGNA

The word lagna refers to the ascendant in a chart and has various meanings. Some technical meanings as used in astrology have been ignored as they are obvious.

1. It means adhering or clinging to or fixed on and refers to that which is unchangeable during the life time of a being. It defines the dharma and everything about the being.
2. It refers to that which is following on a person's heels as in ~ *mārga*, i.e. following the road (of rebirth)
3. ~ *hr̥daya* meaning one who has entered the heart or one who has entered on a course of action and refers to the set of actions that are set out for experience in a life time
4. One who has begun or the starting or beginning of anything like the beginning of a new life in this planet or the beginning of a project or enterprise or a new married life; any kind of a beginning. It defines the moment for which an astrological chart can be drawn.
5. Immediately ensuing or that which causes the breath, life or existence to follow as well as the various actions, events and experiences that must follow.
6. Passed or the degrees in a sign (as in ~ *sphuṭa*) that have elapsed to mark the beginning moment.
7. Auspicious and praise worthy as representing the creator Prajāpati or Savitur (*prasava karaṇa devatā* – the cause of creation).
8. A bard or minstrel (who awakes the king in the morning) and refers to the gāyatri (mantra) which is sung in the morning by the pious to as the day dawns i.e. praising the lord of all creation – Savitur.
9. The point where the horizon intersects the ecliptic called the rising point or the ascendant as the sign at this point appears to rise. This is the division of the equator which rises in succession with each sign in an oblique sphere.
10. The entire sign for the time being at the eastern horizon i.e. the whole of the first astrological house.
11. An auspicious moment or time fixed upon as lucky for beginning to perform anything.

Calculation

BHĀVA LAGNA

Although the lagna moves in an elliptical path causing some signs to rise faster than others, the human mind thinks in terms of cycles of time and spatial divisions. To accommodate this method of working of the mind the ancient seers devised the concept of a spherical path for the ascendant and called it Bhāva lagna. The Bhāva lagna is based on the average time taken for the lagna to traverse the zodiac which is 24 hours.

Illustration: Determine the bhāva lagna at 9:00' am GMT at London on 1 Feb 2004. Sunrise: 7:43:55 am; Sunset: 4:47:30 pm;

Bhāva Lagna Calculation

Birth time	= 09:00:00	am
Time of Sunrise	= 07:43:55	am
Time passed since sunrise	= 09:00:00 - 07:43:55	
	= 01:16:05	hrs
	= 1.268056	hrs.....[A]
Speed of Bhāva lagna	= 360° per day	
	= 15° per hour.....[B]	
Angle traversed by Bhāva lagna	= A X B	
	= 19.020833	deg
	= 19°:01':15"	
Position of the Sun at sunrise	= <u>17°:52':32"</u>	Cp (+)
Therefore, Bhāva Lagna at 9 am	= 36°:53':47"	Cp
	= 6°:53':47"	Aq

HORĀ LAGNA

Thus the Horā lagna is a mathematical point that moves at twice (horā) the speed of the bhāva lagna. Since this is based on the bhāva lagna, in a similar manner it is an impression of the mind (more precisely intellect) on matters related to the second house just as the bhāva lagna is the impression of the mind/intellect on matters related to the first house. Calculation of Horā lagna is very similar to the bhāva lagna.

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	= 1.268056	hrs[A]
Speed of Horā lagna	= 720° per day	
	= 30° per hour.....[B]	
Angle traversed by Horā lagna	= A X B	
	= 38.041667	deg
	= 38°:02':30"	
Position of the Sun at sunrise	= <u>17°:52':32"</u>	Cp (+)
Therefore, Horā Lagna at 9 am	= 55°:55':02"	Cp
	= 25°:55':02"	Aq

Sunrise

The position of the Horā lagna will vary based on the definition used for the sunrise. Technically there are three possibilities –

1. First light i.e. the first visibility of the upper disc of the sun. This has been used by the ancient seers for various reasons and is also recommended by Varāhamihira. We shall be using this for the calculation of sunrise time. Birds are ruled by the sun and are the most sensitive to sunlight. This is the moment when the dead of the silence of the night is broken by their chirping.
2. Center of solar disc i.e. the true centre of the sun's disc which is also the method used to determine the longitude of the sun and other planets. While this is used to determine the longitude of the sun and other planets vis-à-vis the center of the earth, this cannot be the criteria for determining the direct influence of sunlight on life on earth. By this time the birds have long flown out of the nest.
3. Tip of the upper disc of the sun is truly on the eastern horizon. This has not been accepted by either of the two schools and is an attempt to compromise on the two systems listed above.

Horā lagna in houses

WEALTH

Encyclopedia Britannica defines wealth as –

“Wealth is an accumulated store of possessions and financial claims. It may be given a monetary value if prices can be determined for each of the possessions; this process can be difficult when the possessions are such that they are not likely to be offered for sale”.

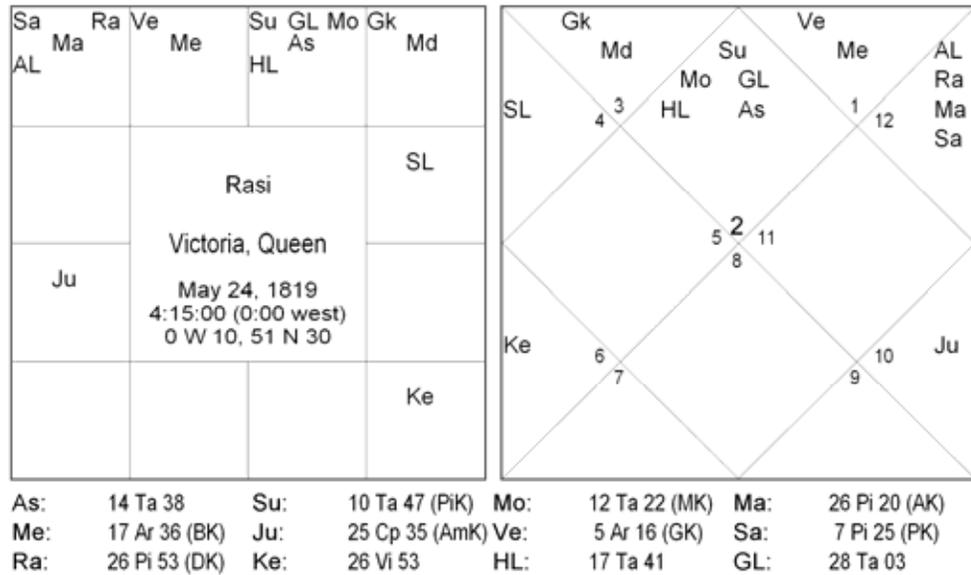
Artha is the Sanskrit word for wealth or property. This is one of the four āyana (goals of life) where the pursuit of wealth or material advantage has social sanction as material well-being is a basic necessity of man as a householder, during the second stage of life. The four stages are defined by the first four houses (and their trines) as dharma, artha, kāma and mokṣa. This is said to lead to mokṣa provided that the wealth is used for such activities that cause spiritual merit or *punya*. Artha is intricately linked to statecraft as indicated by the work artha śāstra of Kautilya and aims to maintain social order, peace and prevent anarchy. Such a perfect practitioner is called a rājaṛṣi or kingly seer as he is fixed on the spiritual path and dharma and is not deluded by the māyā of the wealth that he possesses.

Rath rule#HL.01: Since the horā lagna is an impression of the mind and intellect on matters of the second house, it represents the 'concept of wealth' for the individual. The house and sign occupied by the horā lagna shows the concept of wealth that motivates the mind.

FIRST/SEVENTH HOUSE

When the horā lagna is in the first house the native is fortunate and is well known for his wealth. The ascendant indicates fame and some issues related to wealth can also make him famous. Such people believe that all the resources of the world are for them to command and they would like to play a vital role in its control and distribution. The extent of equitable distribution and their definition of the same will vary based on the sign of the lagna. This is dhana yoga in itself.

Chart 1: H.H. Queen Victoria



H.H. Alexandrina Victoria was the queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (1837–1901) and empress of India (1876–1901). We don't need to prove that she was wealthy. Perhaps the most significant gain in wealth (and fame) was the addition 'empress of India' to her title in the year 1876 with the advent of the sudaśā of Taurus. Taurus is the lagna with the horā lagna in it.

Sudaśā (phalita daśā showing Lakshmi's blessings):

Ar: 1819-05-24 (4:15:01 am) - 1823-09-08 (3:04:21 am)

Cp: 1823-09-08 (3:04:21 am) - 1833-09-07 (4:41:37 pm)

Li: 1833-09-07 (4:41:37 pm) - 1839-09-08 (5:34:26 am)

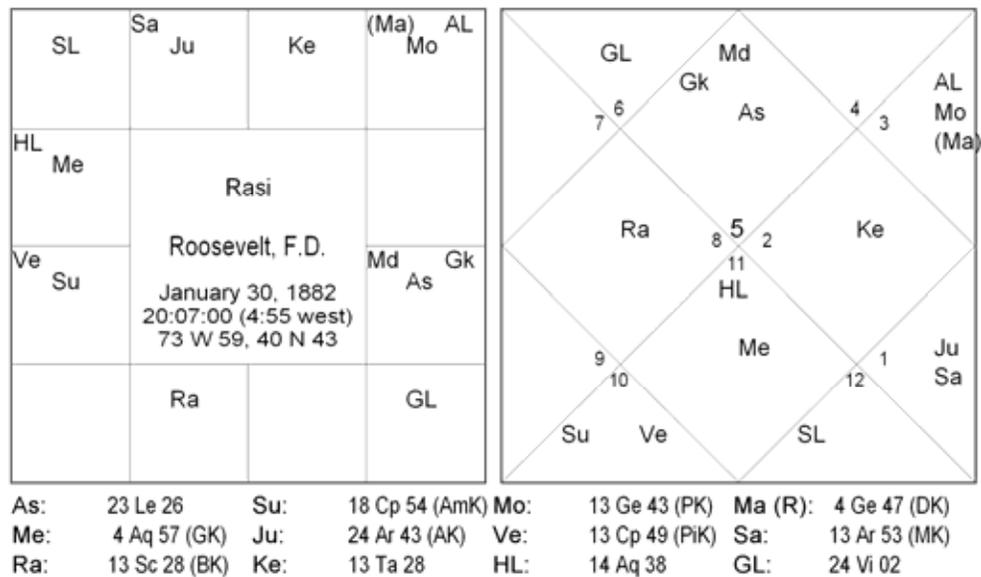
Cn: 1839-09-08 (5:34:26 am) - 1842-09-08 (12:03:29 am)

Pi: 1842-09-08 (12:03:29 am) - 1843-09-08 (6:09:23 am)

Sg: 1843-09-08 (6:09:23 am) - 1843-09-08 (6:09:23 am)
 Vi: 1843-09-08 (6:09:23 am) - 1848-09-07 (12:51:37 pm)
 Ge: 1848-09-07 (12:51:37 pm) - 1858-09-08 (2:26:40 am)
 Aq: 1858-09-08 (2:26:40 am) - 1869-09-07 (10:07:38 pm)
 Sc: 1869-09-07 (10:07:38 pm) - 1873-09-07 (10:42:32 pm)
 Le: 1873-09-07 (10:42:32 pm) - 1876-09-07 (5:14:60 pm)
Ta: 1876-09-07 (5:14:60 pm) - 1887-09-08 (12:51:00 pm)
 Ar: 1887-09-08 (12:51:00 pm) - 1895-05-24 (3:53:59 pm)
 Cp: 1895-05-24 (3:53:59 pm) - 1897-05-24 (4:16:28 am)
 Li: 1897-05-24 (4:16:28 am) - 1903-05-25 (5:00:39 pm)

Both people with HL in first house or HL in seventh house are obsessive about their spouse or relationship (7th house). However, the main difference between the first and seventh house is that the seventh house gets a higher weightage than the first house i.e. spouse before self when HL is in 7th house. If such people are ever disloyal or unfaithful, then they are punished most severely by the significations of the lord of HL. We find this in the chart of President F.D.Roosevelt where the HL in the 7th house gave him a very dutiful and caring spouse. He is famous not only for his courage during the World War II but also for having admitted honestly about the extra-marital relationship. He suffered from polio shortly after this incident. Not a strange coincidence for those who understand Jyotiṣa.

Chart 2: F.D.Roosevelt

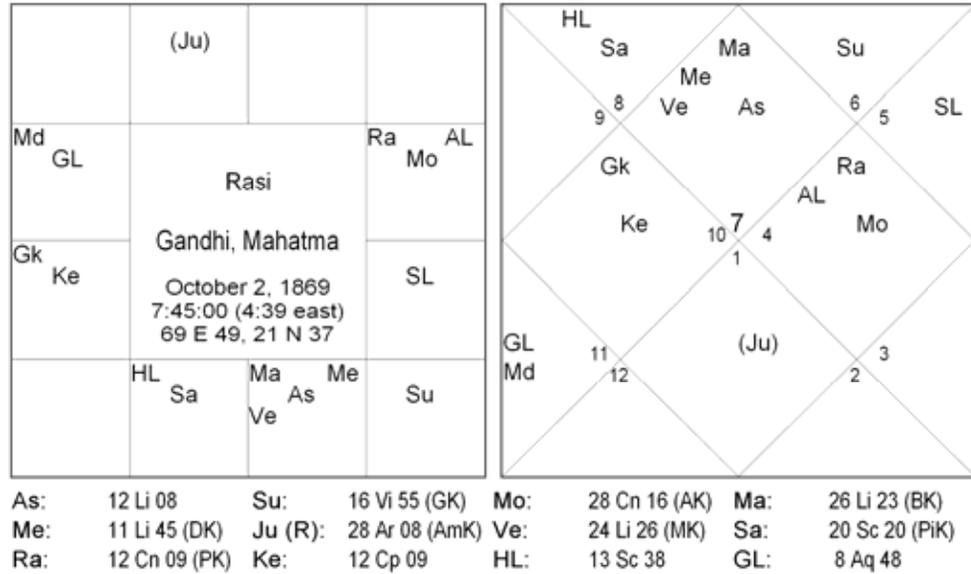


SECOND/EIGHTH HOUSE

Horā lagna in the second house indicates a person who considers family, community or people he identifies with as his real wealth. Such people

are a real gift to the community they belong to or associate with. Planets in the second house can considerably alter the picture and definition of family or group. They work in groups and are dedicated to the same. Wealth can be accumulated or renounced altogether as for them their association and social concerns are far greater than wealth itself.

Chart 3: Mahatma Gandhi



With the horā lagna in the second house with yogakāraka Saturn in it, Gandhi was a boon to any community or group as he would be keenly interested in its growth. Be it South Africa or India, his was the voice of the poor and oppressed, the voice of democracy. It is interesting to note that Gandhi found this path after he openly admitted to a lie and cheating he had done and promised never to deviate from the path of truth. This is called ‘Satya Nārāyaṇa vrata’ and such a native is always victorious. The form of Śrī Satya Nārāyaṇa is described as *sādhu rūpi bhagavāna* i.e. God in the dress of a sādhu or monk and this form was taken by the blessed lord Rāma during the 14 year exile during Saturn mūla daśā.

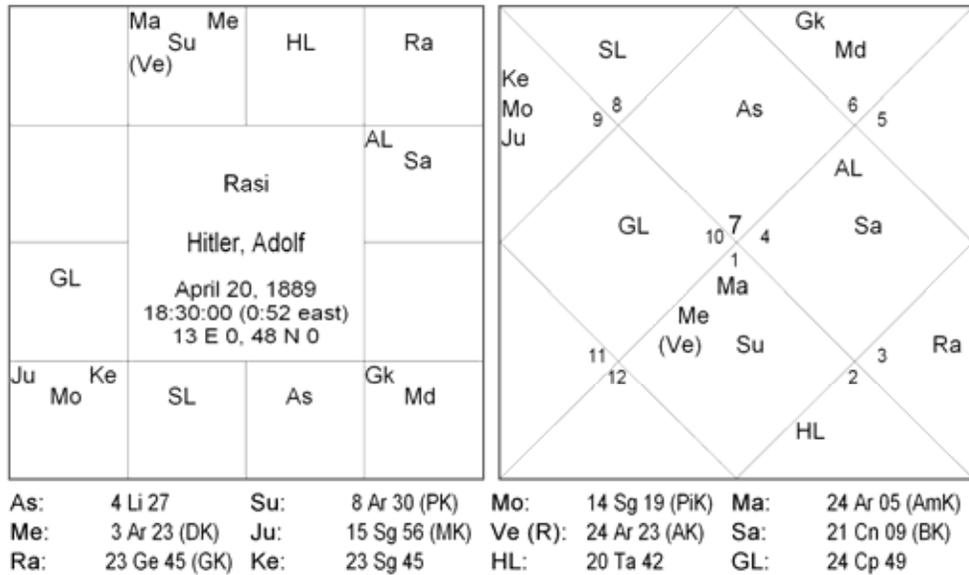
Gandhi enjoyed the wealth associated with the Horā lagna during the sudaśā of the fixed signs from birth till 1894. Thereafter personal wealth lost its meaning for him as Saturn is in the second house with HL.

In 1894, with the advent of Sagittarius sudaśā, he founded the Natal Indian Congress of which he himself became the secretary. He exposed to the view of the outside world the skeleton in the imperial cupboard, the discrimination practiced against the Indian subjects of Queen Victoria in one of her own colonies in Africa. Gandhi’s championship of the oppressed was remarkable. Even his antagonists grudgingly admired

him. General Jan Christian Smuts wrote on Gandhi's departure from South Africa for India, in July 1914, "The saint has left our shores, I hope for ever."

The primary difference between the horā lagna in the 2nd and 8th house is that the latter consider that they have to redeem a debt or are messengers of destiny, both good and bad. Adolf Hitler had the Horā Lagna in the 8th house and was equally concerned about 'fellow Germans' and 'Aryan people'. However his sense of destiny was much stronger than that of Gandhi.

Chart 4: Adolf Hitler

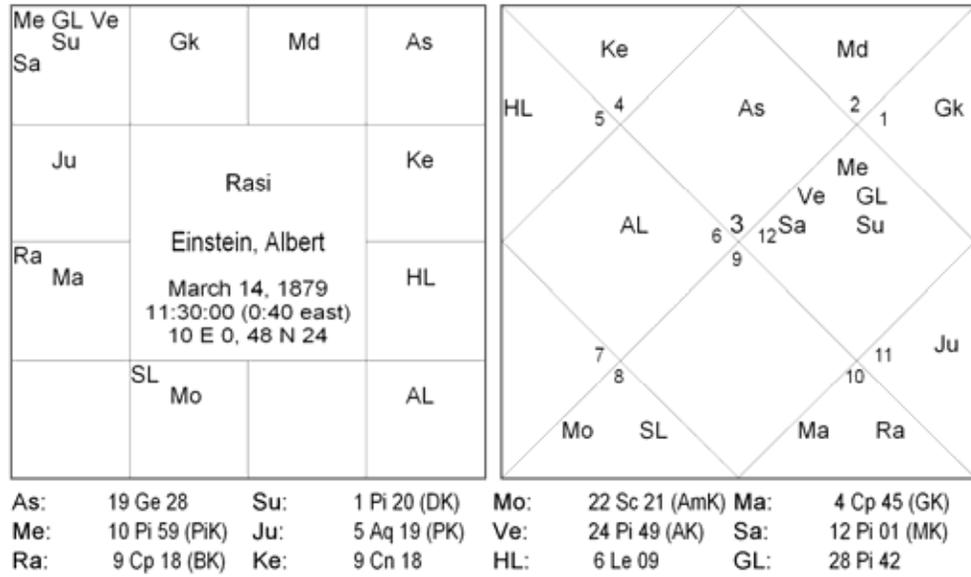


THIRD/NINTH HOUSE

Horā lagna in the third house produces brilliance if its lord associates with the Sun, Jupiter and lagna. It can also produce the most debauched people if the association is with dire malefic planets. In the positive knowledge and higher learning become the wealth of the native while in the negative all sorts of criminals, frauds, fake spiritualists etc.

Since Mars and Jupiter are the significators of these houses, these people can have addictions like smoking etc (Mars) or can be very dutiful to the words of their gurus (Jupiter). They invariably turn out to be very good śisya if Jupiter is strong.

Chart 5: Albert Einstein



The Horā lagna is in the third house in Leo and its lord is in the 10th house with digbala (directional strength) and aspects the lagna as well. Einstein was among the most intelligent people of his time and his genius caused a sea change in the thinking of Physicists.

Sudaśā played a crucial part in his life. Generally the daśā is divided into three phases as it proceeds in quadrants and covers the four signs of a similar nature. In this chart, the lagna lord (self) is debilitated. Of greater consequence is the debility of the 4th lord Mercury as well as the Moon which is the karaka of the 4th house. This shows an unstable home or residence and instability in nationality or citizenship which is associated with the 4th house.

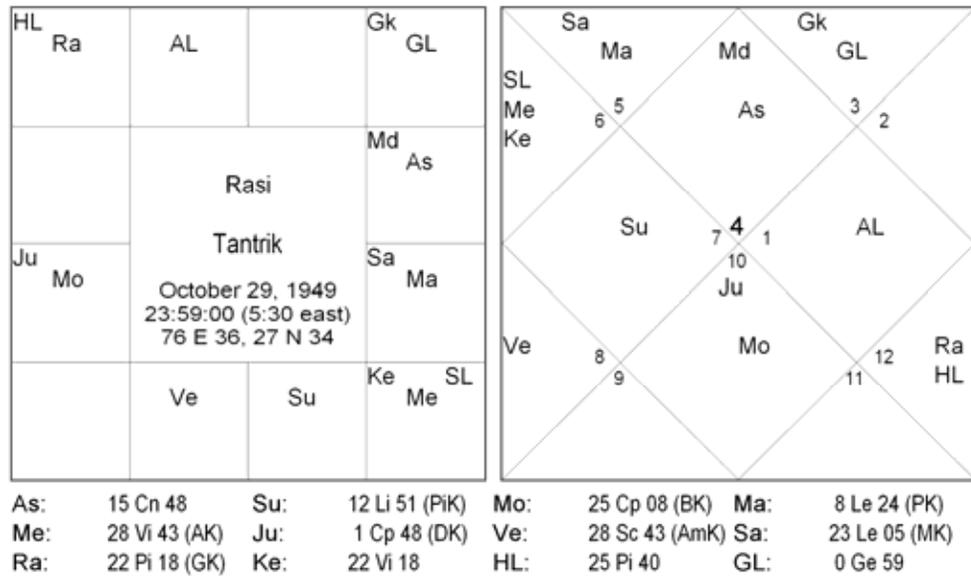
In his chart, his childhood was as a German citizen (born on March 14, 1879 at Ulm, Württemberg, Germany). His childhood including school ‘dropping out’ was during the sudaśā of the fixed signs Aquarius to Taurus from birth till 1900.

Thereafter with the advent of the daśā of the four movable signs (Capricorn – Aries), exactly in 1900 after his graduation, he became a Swiss citizen. Later he became a German citizen again after he moved to Berlin in April 1914 during Libra daśā.

With the advent of the sudaśā of the dual signs (Sagittarius – Pisces) in 1933 Adolf Hitler became the chancellor of Germany. Einstein renounced his German citizenship and left the country in the same year. Later he became an American citizen.

As regards Horā Lagna in the 3rd house, the notable fact is that the influence of Jupiter was stronger on the ascendant than that of Mars (Jupiter aspects lagna, Mars does not do so) and Einstein spent his life championing the cause of pacifism. Sigmund Freud noted that war was biologically sound because of the love-hate instincts of man and that pacifism was an idiosyncrasy directly related to Einstein's high degree of cultural development. However, by position Mars is exalted and is much stronger than Jupiter. It is an irony of fate that his most famous postulation of an energy-mass equation ($E=MC^2$) had its spectacular proof in the creation of the atomic and hydrogen bombs, the most destructive weapons ever known. Mars proved to be stronger than Jupiter in position and his teachings were used for purposes most unacceptable by him.

Chart 6: Tāntrika/ black magician



In this chart, the horā lagna is in the 9th house and its lord Jupiter aspects lagna and associates with the lagna lord. The native is intelligent and very learned in mantra śāstra and various forms of tantra (including black magic). The knowledge of black magic and tantra can come only if malefic planets associate with the Horā lagna and also with the trines to the kārakāmśa. In this chart Rāhu is in the horā lagna and is also in Capricorn navāmśa in trines to the kārakāmśa Virgo. The planets aspected by Rāhu can indicate the type of tantra he will specialise in and in this case Rāhu aspects Venus indicating that he is adept at Kamakṣya sādhanā or the Goddess of love and desire (Venus).

The position of Saturn and Mars in the second house make him a liar and a thief and unlike Gandhi he has not taken any Satya Nārāyaṇa vrata and

has, instead defrauded people by promising them all kinds of political benefits in exchange for a suitable bribe. In fact even in the chart of Adolf Hitler you will find Saturn aspecting the second house and HL through rāśi dṛṣṭi and he was known for his 'great white lies' especially during the initial Nazi expansion.

In fact the 'golden period' of his life was during the sudaśā of Aquarius (1991-97) when the native had the topmost politicians at his beck and call and amassed a huge fortune. Rāhu the lord of Aquarius is placed in Horā lagna as Saturn the other lord is placed in the 2nd house of wealth. His fortunes dipped in Taurus daśā as neither the daśā sign nor its lord has anything to do with Horā lagna. Instead, Venus in Scorpio can be very malefic and will work as bādhaka (obstruction). The bandana yoga (bondage) gets activated and he went to jail for a few years during this daśā.

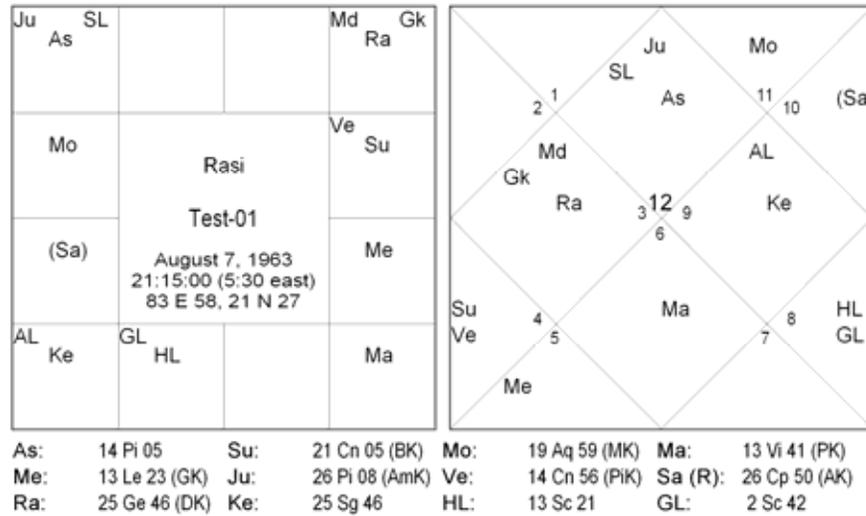
Conference agenda

The following can also be discussed during the conference based on time available -

1. Results of horā lagna in other houses namely
 - ❖ fourth/tenth house,
 - ❖ fifth/eleventh house and
 - ❖ sixth and twelfth house
2. Horā lagna in divisional charts –
 - ❖ Navāmsā & Drekkāṇa
 - ❖ Other divisional charts
3. Yoga involving Horā lagna
 - ❖ Dhana (wealth) yoga: Horā lagna & Lagna in Rāśi, Navāmsā & drekkāṇa charts
 - ❖ Rājayoga involving HL, GL and lagna in Rāśi, Navāmsā & drekkāṇa charts
 - ❖ Horā lagna, Ātmakāraka and Amātyakāraka
4. Horā Lagna and longevity
 - ❖ Vital role of horā lagna
 - ❖ Method of three pairs

Test yourself

Chart 7: Test - 01



Sudaśā (phalita daśā showing Lakshmi's blessings):

Sg: 1963-08-07 (9:15:00 pm) - 1965-03-23 (1:31:07 pm)

Vi: 1965-03-23 (1:31:07 pm) - 1966-03-23 (7:38:17 pm)

Ge: 1966-03-23 (7:38:17 pm) - 1968-03-23 (7:52:28 am)

Pi: 1968-03-23 (7:52:28 am) - 1980-03-23 (9:41:04 am)

Sc: 1980-03-23 (9:41:04 am) - 1982-03-23 (10:04:24 pm)

Le: 1982-03-23 (10:04:24 pm) - 1983-03-24 (4:08:25 am)

Ta: 1983-03-24 (4:08:25 am) - 1985-03-23 (4:24:08 pm)

Aq: 1985-03-23 (4:24:08 pm) - 1986-03-23 (10:37:14 pm)

Li: 1986-03-23 (10:37:14 pm) - 1995-03-24 (5:58:30 am)

Cn: 1995-03-24 (5:58:30 am) - 2000-03-23 (12:51:29 pm)

Ar: 2000-03-23 (12:51:29 pm) - 2005-03-23 (7:33:41 pm)

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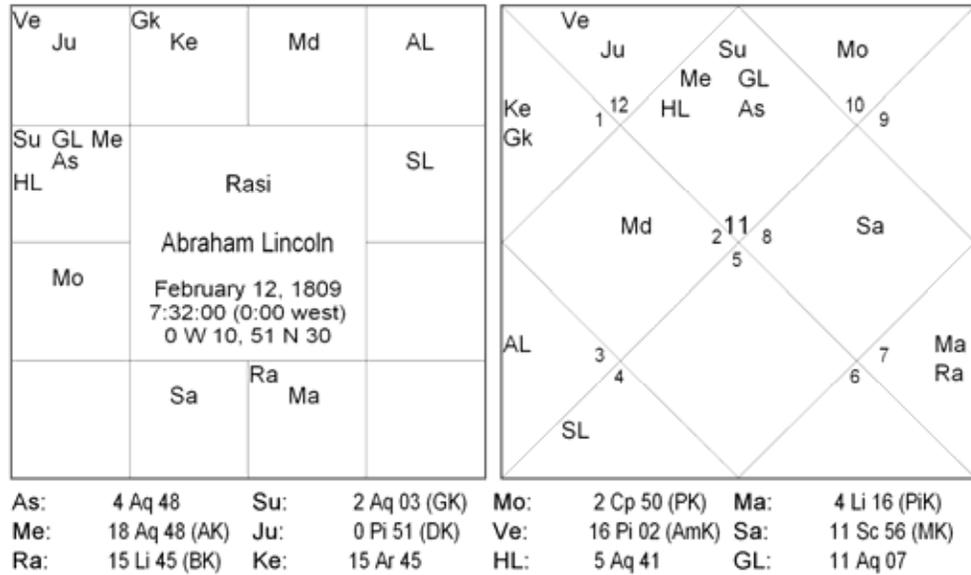
Q1: What is the implication of having the horā lagna in the 9th house? Is the native intelligent and if so how does he use it?

Q2: Is Jupiter stronger or is Mars stronger? Examine both (a) influence on the lagna and (b) their positions. Will a strong Jupiter make him materially poor since Mars is lord of the HL?

Q3: Discuss major changes in the residence of the native till 2004.

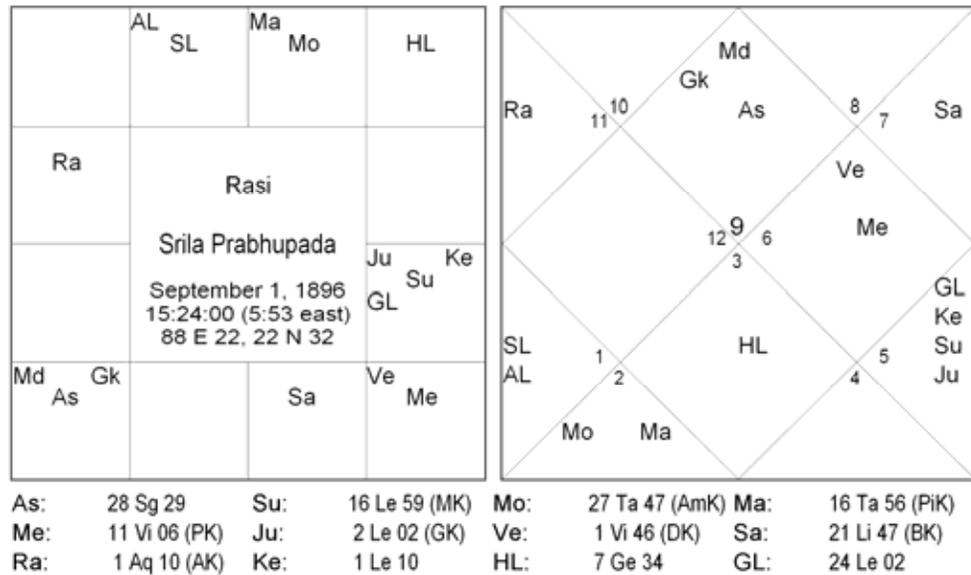
Q4: Just as Gandhi had to worship Satya Nārāyaṇa Śrī Rāma, which deity should the native worship to ensure that the māyā of horā lagna does not delude him?

Chart 8: Abraham Lincoln



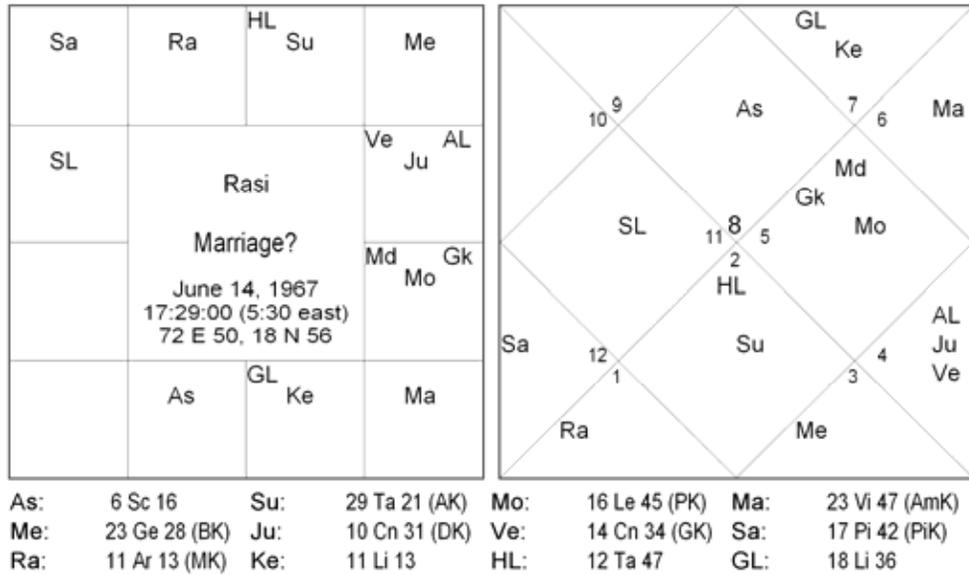
- Q1: What are the implications of the horā lagna in the ascendant with the Sun and Mercury? Is there a rājayoga?
- Q2: The HL has two lords – Saturn and Rāhu. Examine the role of each of the lords in shaping his political career.
- Q3. Identify the planets that gave him the names – (1) Honest Abe, (2) the Rail-Splitter, and (3) the Great Emancipator.
- Q4. What is the importance of Mary Todd in his life? Compare this with the role of Prince Albert in the life of Queen Victoria.

Chart 9: Śrī Prabhūpāda



- Q1. 'Horā Lagna is the bondage of māyā' – Sanjay Rath, 2004. Examine the validity of this statement in the chart of Śrī Prabhūpāda.

Chart 10: Marriage question



Q1: What are the implications of having the horā lagna in the seventh house with the ātmakāraka Sun? Is this a blessing or a curse related to relationships and marriage?

Q2: If we ignore the nodes there is graha mālikā yoga from the 7th to the 11th house. Would you consider this beneficial given the fact that it initiates from the HL?

Q3: What remedy would you suggest for the native given the fact that the planet involved in the HL is also the ātmakāraka Sun and is afflicted by two malefic planets? The sun rules pratipada and navamī tithi.

Participants are welcome to bring their charts for the conference as well as their attempted answers so that they can verify their accuracy when we take up these test yourself questions.