

Hello !

My name is Das Goravani. I own *Goravani Astrological Services* and wrote the computer program we use to calculate and print these charts, *Goravani Jyotish*. I want to speak to you for a few minutes about Vedic Astrology, these charts in general, and how to get the most out of both. **If you carefully read this introduction, and the instructions contained herein, you'll be able to get more out of the enclosed materials.**

First off, let's cover some roots. Vedic Astrology is called "Jyotish", (ja-yo-teesh), which is a Sanskrit dual word. Sanskrit is the most ancient language on Earth, divine in origin, and the root of most of the languages of modern India such as Hindi and Bengali. "Jyoti" means "light" and "Ish" is short for "Ishwar", which means "God". So "Jyoti-Ishwar" or, the "Light of God" is said as "Jyotish".

So, using "Jyotish", or Vedic Astrology, means to recognize that God does His and Her work of controlling the upbringing of all the children of the Universe through a complex interactive system of energy rays, or "light". The focal points of this energy is the balls we know as planets, which the Vedic Books of Knowledge teach us are actually personal "Demi-Gods", and it is through these focal points, in their ever-swirling dance around our solar system, that we can read the unfoldment of the plan of God for us all, a small part of which is planned for us as individuals and is frozen in and readable from our birth charts, which are simply maps of the heavenly bodies at the moment of our birth in relation to our place of birth. Simply Wonderful!

First of all, let me guarantee you that Jyotish works! But, it is after all, the science of reading the control system of nature. Imagine for a moment exactly how complex and interactive that must be. It is very complex indeed. The task of reading the complexities of the interactions of natural forces is a very tall order. The astrologer must study real charts for years, and build up a wealth of knowledge, then on top of that base of realized knowledge must also apply a large helping of spiritually broad intuition. The Vedic astrologer must indeed be like a conduit of reception and speaking on behalf of the natural forces of nature read through the planetary chart.

The saintly sages of ancient India received this science from God, and passed it down through the generations of their disciples. Eventually, starting around 5,000 years ago, it began to put into the written form and has been recorded and passed on that way ever since then. Now, in modern times, we have the advantage of the accuracy of modern astronomy and computers, but the reading of the chart remains something that is limited to the openness and spiritual receptivity of the astrologer, the "chart reader". We've made the science of calculation very perfect, but nothing in science can help us with our appreciation and reading of, the chart. That part remains something that must be developed in the individual astrologer.

And here we are in the present. I, like a few others, have written a very astronomically precise chart calculating software program. Into that program I and my assistants have entered many readings from classic and modern astrologer authors for the “meanings of” or “the readings of” the planetary positions in the chart. Later in this booklet you will see “your readings”. You have to right now grasp the fact that these readings are for each of the specific placements of the planets in your chart, but they are somewhat “unblended”, in that they are each for a specific placement *by itself*. Now, a human astrologer, with the above mentioned ability to *really see and read the chart as a whole* will be able to give interpretations for the chart which are *blended* from all the placements. A computer program, such as the one I’ve written which produced this printout for your chart, *cannot* do the kind of intuitive blending a good human astrologer should be capable of.

However, there is another, different kind of value inherent in the type of printout you now have in your hands. Namely, that it blindly and selflessly gives the interpretations for the planetary positions present in your chart as they are spelled out in the classic Jyotish books. This has value because from these *fundamental readings* the more complex blended readings *take form*. You *make a blend* from *raw ingredients- **these are the raw ingredients of your karma***. The blending of these is your real, actual life.

Therefore, as you read the readings given for your chart herein, remember that they are *unblended*, and therefore will cancel each other to some degree, and otherwise balance each other out. For example, in one reading it might say that you have a strong negative quality, but in another reading it may assuredly say that you have the strong opposite positive quality. Which is right? The truth lay in the middle of the two- and also that at some points you will be one way, and at other times you will be the other way. This is where the human astrologer, hopefully bringing a vast base of experience in judgment, can sort it out to the real truth. But, knowing the pullings, or baseline effects, of your various planetary placements is important if you want to really enter into your chart, your life plan, more deeply. In other words, to really understand yourself through astrology, you need the information contained herein.

Here’s another reason why this chart you hold can be very helpful: In Vedic Astrology, one of the most important facets of the science is what we call the *dashas*. The dasha is essentially a dateline of *when the planets will give their effects in your life*. It is primarily using the dashas’ planetary rulership periods that the Vedic Astrologer is able to predict *when* things are going to happen. The chart shows *all* the things contained in the life span, but the dashas show us *when* each thing is going to happen. Using the dashas, the Vedic Astrologer can predict when life events such as marriage, children, changes in career, ups and downs in wealth, and much more, will take place.

Your dasha-planetary dateline is contained in this printout. Now, the way you can make best use of it is by knowing, once again, the *raw* effects your planets create. Then, using that information, you can best understand what the planets will *try to do* during their periods as spelled out in the dasha dateline. If you did not have information such as the readings contained herein, you would not be able to make your own decisions about the

coming effects of the planets in their coming periods. In other words, this printout gives you the tools to begin to enter *deeply* into your *own chart*, and start learning how to read your planets effects in the past and coming planetary periods.

Let's take an example: In my chart I have Jupiter in the 9th house in Sagittarius. This placement is said to bring a strong connection with religion, and priests or gurus. I also have Saturn there too. This placement bodes ill effects for my father, and Saturn rules base jobs and hard work. Now, the dashas say that I was under the *period* of both Jupiter and Saturn when I was around 10 years old. That means that my dashas say that when I'm around ten years old, both Jupiter and Saturn will be active. Not Venus, not Mercury- not the other planets. I was in the *dasha period* of Jupiter-Saturn.

So what happened then you're probably asking, right? Well, when I was around ten, my father became seriously mentally ill, and my mother sought help from the Church leaders in our area, being a staunch Catholic. One day, my siblings and I were brought to the Church, where the Priest explained our father's condition to us, and our father was sent away to a hospital shortly thereafter. He was, at the time, doing a nighttime second job as the janitor of the Church in our parish. I then took that job over after my father's departure. So here I was, having lost my father, working for the head priest, as the janitor of the Church. In other words I experienced quite classically what exactly the planets in my chart spelled out- contact with religion and priests, loss of father, and a base job with hard work. This is exactly how predicting is done with Vedic Astrology. You see what effects the planets are supposed to give according to the classic works on planetary effects, whose readings are contained herein, then you look to the dasha periods to determine when the effects will take place in the life.

So in this printout you have some pretty potent tools for putting together some of your own understanding of what and when things will happen in your life. Unfortunately, it's not easy, because after all, again, we are talking here about *reading* the immensely large and wonderful piloting system divinity has built this universe upon! So, take it easy, and don't be in a hurry or easily turned off. It takes some time to get the hang of it.

Now, if you weren't looking for work when you ordered this chart, and just wanted some instant gratification in terms of finding out *what stuff you got coming*, then don't worry, I think you'll get at least some of what you're looking for. Usually we are looking for reassurance from our chart of something that we *hope* is really going to be a part of our life. Often what we want *is coming* and the chart will probably mention it.

However, in our lives there is much coming that we *don't want*. I have had numerous clients and acquaintances who have received gifts from Divinity into their lives which were or are *unwanted* things such as horrible diseases. It is a fact of life that the negative side is there. All of us have to face the gradual decay inherent in old age, disease and death, and some of the readings are going to mention these kinds of things. Some of us are going to face these challenges earlier than others, and some of us are not going to have our dreams fulfilled. So, don't fall prey to the folly of expecting your Vedic Horoscope to cater to only your dreams.

On the other hand, the beauty of knowing that Divinity *has a plan for us* is indeed a source of bliss in itself. We can, after surrendering to this fact, go through our life, with all its ups and downs, in a happy state due to detachment. What happens, in the end, is not up to us, and is beyond our control. We are players in an already written play, and we generally don't know the script, but there is one, and it comes from a purely benevolent divinity. Our dreams, hopes and wishes are generally self centered and based on a vision of ourselves as these bodies we temporarily inhabit. But that is not the vision of Divinity, who sees us instead as gradually evolving souls learning lessons in each life, which are retained, though the possessions and material attainments of each life are not. The aim of life is the emotional lessons we learn, and those, the Vedas say, are carried forward to our next destinations. Our dreams, hopes and wishes however are usually focused in the material realm of our current life.

Therefore, it is important when approaching Vedic astrology, to understand that it is not our servant, but rather, we are its servants. It is a small reading of Divinities plan for our spiritual evolution in this life. It is not so concerned with whether our illusory understanding of our lives shall be catered to and fulfilled. Rather, a plan of lessons is already in place, and the chart reveals the unfoldment of that lesson plan.

Well, enough of that for now. I don't want to wear out my welcome here! Let me go on to give you a little more detail about how to read a few of the pages contained herein.

Your dasha sheet is laid out in this way: The major periods are long- and they are represented down the left side of the sheet. A large planet symbol is shown in each section with the planet's name written there as well. These are the *major periods*. During these long periods, the planet whose name and symbol is shown in large on the left side of the sheet is the *master controller* of that period of time.

Each such *major period* is then broken down into nine *sub periods*, known in Sanskrit as "bhuktis", but that name is not so important. We can just call them *sub-periods*. These are the column just to the right of the large symbols whose start dates appear in a bolder print. So, these bold dates next to the nine symbols within each major period are the *sub period start dates*. On these dates, the sub period of the planet begins whose symbol is to the left of the date. For example, if the large symbol is K and the small symbol next to a start date is L, then we say *on that date* the sub period of Saturn (L) begins within the major period of Jupiter (K). Put another way, we say that during the period from that date to the next date below it you will *be in Jupiter-Saturn*. This is how you read and refer to the periods you go through. You just say- *I'm in Jupiter-Saturn*, or *I'm going through Mercury-Venus*. Then we look to your chart to see what effects might be happening at that time based on the placements of those planets in the chart.

Now, that's enough to begin with, but just to be complete let me tell you what all those symbols and dates going over the right stand for. As I said, the first column next to the large *major period* planet is the *sub period planets and start dates*. Well, the planet symbols and dates next to each on a specific row are the *sub-sub-periods* lords and start

dates. In other words, the dasha printout we've given you here *shows three levels* of detail. We give you the major, sub, and sub-sub periods and their start dates.

Each Sub Period (that's the column on the left next to each major period symbol) starts *with itself* as the sub-sub period lord. The next sub-sub period is the next planet and date to the right, and the next one after that is the *next one* to the right, and so on. If you study it carefully, you'll notice the following principles:

1. The periods always go in the following order:
Sun-Moon-Mars-Rahu-Jupiter-Saturn-Mercury-Ketu-Venus
2. Each period begins with itself as the sub and sub-sub lord as well.
For example, Venus Major actually begins as Venus-Venus-Venus (3 levels)

The period you start life in is determined in a way which is too technical to cover here, but there is an exact science to it.

The Dasha system is incredible and amazing. It's basically a fixed pattern of lengths of planetary influences, going in a set pattern, but everybody starts life in a slightly different part of the entire 120 year cycle (that's how long it takes to run the whole cycle for all the planets). Then again, everybody's planets are in at least slightly different arrangements in their charts, thus what the planets give in their periods is different for everybody.

Did you ever think about this: Your chart is based on your birth moment at your birth place. If another child was born at the same moment as you, but just 10 miles away, their ascendant angle would be slightly different, and so they would have a different chart. Similarly, if they were born just the right amount of time after or before you so that they would have the same ascendant angle, well, the Moon, the other highly important sensitive point in the chart, would be at then a slightly different place in it's 27 day cycle around the zodiac. So, the bottom line is this: It is physically impossible for two people to have the exact same chart because no two babies can be born at the exact same place at the exact same time. Even twins are born moments apart from each other, giving them slightly different ascendant and Moon positions. But just see the facts- they have similar charts, and indeed, they grow up in the same house, often look the same, act the same, marry similar people, and so on. It is well documented that often they suffer similar diseases at roughly the same time, even though having moved apart from each other.

The next thing I want to tell you about in your printout is the *karakas* listing we've provided. This refers to the section herein labeled "*What the Houses, Signs and Planets Rule*". *Karaka* means *significator* or *stands for* or *rules over*. So, we have herein provided you with lists of *some of* the main things each of the houses, signs and planets rule over. Astrological charts are built primarily with these three building blocks: Twelve Houses, Twelve Signs, and Nine Planetary bodies. The combinations of these are what your basic chart is made of.

When you speak of a planetary placement in a chart, you have to mention three things- the house, the sign and the planet. So, we might say, “*In my chart I have Jupiter in Sagittarius in the Ninth House*”. See? I mentioned all three things. Another example from my own chart would be Venus in the First, in Aries. Again, I mention all three.

Now the nice thing about having these lists is that *you can combine these ruled-over items to come up with your own predictions of planetary effects*. For example, remember that I said I have Jupiter in the Ninth in Sagittarius? That’s true- in my chart I have that placement. OK, so let’s look at these lists and see what is listed under these three things: Jupiter, Sagittarius, and Ninth House.

Well, under **Jupiter**, two things that I see are: *astrology* and *belief in God*
And two from **Sagittarius** would be: *barracks* and *high ideals*
And two from the **Ninth House** would be: *attainments* and *benedictions*

Now, what we do here is combine these things. I have Jupiter in Sagittarius in the Ninth. So, the combined influences of these three are what my Jupiter planet promises. Now, I went through Jupiter Major from when I was about 10 years old to 26 years of age, and now, at 36, I’m in Saturn major, which is with Jupiter, so also under it’s influence and that of the Ninth house and Sagittarius.

I first met up with Vedic Astrology when I was 21, in the religious barracks of an orthodox Hindu Ashram, which was a quite a “religiously militant” place, let me assure you. So the “belief in God”, the “barracks”, and the “astrology” were all present in my Jupiter Major period. But now, during Saturn Major, right now, I am sitting in a room which is *the barracks* of a major mission to bring Vedic *Astrology* to prominence in the West, and it’s based on very *high ideals*, believe me. I have *high ideals* about *astrology*, and I live in what are like *barracks* dedicated to astrology, and it is also strongly based on my *belief in God*, and there has already been great *attainment* in the field, and many *benedictions*. So, if someone were to simply yet intelligently piece together the words in these lists of *karakas (significators)* they could come up with rather meaningful and correct judgments of their own or anybody’s chart!

But then there is the negative side of everybody’s chart too! Again from my chart lets examine my Rahu in the 5th, in Leo.

Here’s a few words for each from the enclosed lists:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Words</u> |
|-----------------------|---|
| Rahu | accidents, afflictions, hard times, immense pain |
| 5 th House | children, especially the first |
| Leo | suddenness, fierceness, fiery |

In Jupiter-Rahu period when I was 25 years old, my *first child* was *suddenly badly burned* and that *accident* has stayed with her and me as an *affliction* in our lives since then. She experienced *immense pain* then and since then sometimes as well. She lives with large scars, now and forever because of this *sudden, fierce, fiery, accident*, which

took place logically during a *Rahu in Leo in the 5th* Sub Period in my dashas. Don't worry, she's OK now.

Would I have ever believed an astrologer if they told me that my first child would be nearly burned to death when she was only one years old? Would I have wanted to know that in advance? Probably not. Seeing the future brings a lot of responsibility, detachment, and acceptance of God's divine will. Lord Caitanya of India called such things the "rough embrace" of God. Are we ready to understand God's divine will, including his rough embrace, through the revealed science of "God's Light", or "Jyotish"? With humility and detachment we can be.

So, we've given you a page right before the *karakas* sheet, which lists for you what signs and houses your planets are in. Using this lists, and the *karakas* lists that follow it, you can easily do what I've demonstrated above.

So, in closing, I want to once again point out that the readings contained herein for your chart are *unblended*. Yet, they are excellent for entering into a deeper study of your chart than most readings you would get from an astrologer. Also, using them in conjunction with your dashas is an ideal way for you to seek out what might happen in the coming periods. To train yourself, go over past periods, thinking about the major events of your life that took place in each period, and read the readings for each planet, and see if you can find how the events match the descriptions of the planets involved at the time via your dashas.

By the way, to the right of each reading in the 20 or so pages of readings included herein, you will see a description of the planet or planets, and sometimes signs and houses, which caused the reading. This is how you can best see which planets, signs and houses caused each reading.

Now, if a reading mentions the *lord of a house*, it's referring to the planet which *owns or lords* the sign that is in the respective house. We have given you a list of the *lords* of your houses herein. You can refer to it, and eventually *memorize* the planets that rule your twelve houses.

For example, if a reading says it is caused by *the lord of the 10th* then you can

1. look to the list we've provided herein, see *which planet* rules your tenth house,
2. then look to the dashas for the periods and sub periods of that planet
3. in order to get an idea *when to expect* those kinds of results

So, good luck with your exploring. I hope I've been clear enough herein for you to better understand how to explore your chart. It's my personal goal to spread these basic principles to as many people as possible because I truly believe that the end result will be an expansion of the overall enlightened state of our society. The more we all believe that the benevolent hand of Divinity is guiding us in our lives, the more we will be surrendered

to Divinity, which leads to higher states of Grace and Perfection in us as individuals. We are then better association for each other, and we all go upwards together.

Peace and Love,

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