

## Sample Astrological Sidereal Reading

# Horoscope of Søren Van Dyke

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## NATAL CHART POSITIONS

Ascendant:	Scorpio 25-57
Sun:	Gemini 27-07
Moon:	Cancer in Pushya nakshatra, fourth pada 14-29
Mars:	Gemini (partially combust) 16-37
Mercury:	Gemini (combust) 29-37
Jupiter:	Scorpio (retrograde) 9-48
Venus:	Leo 9-17
Saturn:	Libra (exalted) 6-05
Rahu:	Sagittarius 1-58
Ketu:	Gemini 1-58

## OVERVIEW

There is no yoga-karaka for a Scorpio lagna. This chart is meant for philosophical and spiritual life, for a life dedicated to renunciation. The inherent dichotomy or intrinsic binary present in it is readily noticeable, and that is what is going on in the eighth house in juxtaposition to everything else. The chart finds one planet exalted but two combust, including the lord of the ascendant, Mars, who is situated in the eighth.

There are no debilitated planets in this horoscope, and one planet is in his own sign. Although the exalted planet (when there is one) is generally the first to be considered, such is not the case here. There is no question that benefic Jupiter in the ascendant (retrograde) is the predominant planet; indeed, this placement alone can be enough to carry the chart's weaknesses and inherent dangers (from Mars in particular). The great benefic (Jupiter) and the second-greatest benefic (Venus) are both situated in quadrants, making them the most influential.

There is the statement from the late B. V. Raman that benefic Jupiter in the ascendant can mitigate all evils in a chart, and this would especially be true if Venus is in a quadrant (the tenth, the second-most important kendra) and is also benefic. As lord of the seventh, Venus is a benefic for a Scorpio ascendant, provided he is neither debilitated or combust.

Next, we consider exalted Saturn in the twelfth, the house of renunciation. Obviously, he is in the sign of Venus, who is located in the tenth, the house of occupation. The twelfth, like all the other houses, represents many things in its portfolio; mostly they are negative. However, an exalted planet there

will not trigger those negative elements, but, instead, will maximize the (few) positive traits represented by the twelfth. These would be charity, renunciation, occult wisdom (secondary to the eighth), and liberation; the liberation in any mundane horoscope would be impersonal, of course. Still, facility to attain that level of mukti can be very conducive to attaining to the higher levels, as long as sayujya-mukti is properly understood to always be completely subordinate to liberation in personal form.

Saturn in Libra in the twelfth indicates that these good developments should come quite naturally to you; although there may need to be some endeavor for liberation, it will not be as much as it otherwise would be for the vast majority of humanity. Your life is indicated to always center upon austerities, penances, and renunciation. This will be discussed further, with more specific application, subsequently in the reading.

Then we come to the Moon, who happens to tenant the best nakshatra, or lunar constellation, of the zodiac: Pushya. Pride of place is always given to Pushya, with Shravana its close runner-up. Since Pushya is located in the sidereal sign of Cancer, and since the Moon owns that sign, we therefore immediately realize that he is very well-situated here. Just as importantly, this very good Moon is also located in the ninth house of the chart, the house of piety, guru (genuine initiation), philosophy, and luck. All of these should may be actuated to advantage. This conjunction of Moon in his own sign in the ninth, as a benefic (waxing Moon as lord of a trine) dovetails nicely to renunciation and the philosophical pursuit of understanding the transcendental science of the Absolute.

We find three major planets in the eighth. This generally would automatically indicate problems, and indeed it does. However, there is a silver lining to be found, but the problems and dangers created by this triple conjunction of Sun, Mars, and Venus should not be minimized. It is very problematic. Why? Mostly because two of those planets are combust. Mercury is completely combust, and that is a bad indicator for the intelligence—and negative for the eighth as well (since Mercury is in his own sign here). Mars has significantly more distance from the Sun, so his combustion is partial.

Nevertheless, Mars is the lord of the ascendant (Scorpio), and you never want the lord of lagna combust. Over and above this consideration, you never want Mars in the eighth, with the only possible exception being for a Gemini ascendant (and even that has a negative implication by house lordship). You are not a Gemini lagna. Mars in the eighth indicates sudden, violent death—and this dreadful karma is usually not conducive to

development of spiritual life, which is the pulse underlying this particular chart. There is a potential mitigator, however.

Finally, the nodes (Rahu and Ketu), the upgrahas, must be considered. They are both malefics in the signs in which they tenant. One is in the second, the house of money, afflicting that house. This further solidifies the established tendencies toward a life of renunciation. The other one, Rahu, is located with the Sun-Mercury-Mars cluster in the eighth, and that is not at all good. Rahu in the eighth only gets a good reading for either a Gemini or a Cancer lagna; you are a Scorpio lagna.

We shall discuss all of these planets and signs as we move further along in the astrological analysis of this intriguing horoscope. The sixth, eighth, and twelfth are the duhsthanas (bad houses) in sidereal astrology; we find four of the seven major planets in these houses, along with Rahu, as well. As such, of the nine sidereal planets, over half of them are located in duhsthanas.

However, let us not exaggerate this: Saturn is exalted in the twelfth, so its location there cannot be bad. Quite the contrary, this chart has an excellent twelfth house. The problems (with the exception of Ketu in the second) all stem from that load of planets (four) in the eighth.

There are three raja-yogas in this chart, but only one of them should be taken seriously; the other two have deficiencies that make them more or less entirely irrelevant. This will be discussed in the section entitled Raja Yogas later in the treatise. You are also a budding occultist, and much of your religious or philosophical interest will be tied to the esoteric.

There are no planets in earth signs in this chart, and that indicates that you are not well-grounded. This will be discussed in the Conclusion. However, since Mars does figure into this, you must be very careful (and guided well) in order to make esoteric studies come to fruition. This astrological analysis may prove helpful in that connection.

The ayanamsha for this birth was 21 degrees, 44 minutes of sidereal arc.

The Guru Samvatsara, the 17th in the cycle (known as Subhanu), indicates that the Jupiterian year of your birth favored the Sun.

### **FAVORABLE DATES, NUMBERS, AND COLORS**

Your best numbers and dates are two, five, six, and seven; the number one is mixed (and a bit risky). The favorable numbers and dates would include all multiple numbers that can be finally reduced to these abovementioned singular numbers when added together (to create a sum) and then divided until reaching a single digit. Your favorable colors are white, pink, yellow, gold, indigo, silver, mixed patterns, grey, and black. Both light and dark shades are good for all of these colors.

## **BENEFICS AND MALEFICS**

Most of your planets are benefics. Obviously, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, and the Moon are benefics; Saturn is a benefic, because an exalted planet is always considered so. In the eighth, the Sun, as lord of the tenth, is benefic. The two combust planets (Mars and Mercury) are malefics, although Mars, being the lord of the ascendant, is not ultra-malefic (his malefic status is entirely due to his partial combustion and not at all related to his house lordship). Mercury being a malefic there is not very harmful; he is so close to the Sun that he has little power to do anything. The nodes, Rahu and Ketu, are both malefic, as aforementioned.

## **KALA-JATAKA**

The Yoga is Vajra. Some consider this to be a bad yoga, but I do not consider it negative. I consider Vajra Yoga to be, at worst, a neutral yoga. This yoga sometimes creates awkward situations in connection to material life, but it can also lead to higher realization and renunciation, in due course of time. Your tithi or lunar phase is the second tithi of the waxing Moon; that is a bit weak, but, nevertheless, is auspicious. The day was also ruled by the Moon as well as was the hour of birth.

The karana was known as Baalava, which is similarly ruled by the Moon. Somewhat surprisingly, this auspicious karana is also quite assertive—and sometimes even aggressive. The muhurtha, or astrological moment, was called Ahirbudhnya; known also as Serpent of the Deep, it is linked to His Lordship Shiva. The Sun was in his southern course, which is almost always unfavorable; nonetheless, he is of average strength in the horoscope. The Kala-jataka is more favorable than unfavorable, and there is a rare preponderance of lunar energy seen throughout it.

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE HOUSES**

**Note:** Equal house division is sidereal; the sign corresponds exactly with the house. Take, in this example, your Scorpio ascendant: The sign of Scorpio, despite the location of the point of the ascendant (which is 25-57), becomes non-different from the first house, the sign of Sagittarius non-different from the second, etc. Mars has a special fourth and eighth house full aspect, and Jupiter has a special fifth and ninth house full aspect. Saturn has a special third and tenth full house aspect. Over and above this, if the aspect of any planet is on his own sign (house)—even if the planet is a malefic—that aspect to its own sign strengthens the house. Only the most important categories in the portfolios of the twelve houses are considered.

We do not consider the aspects of Rahu and Ketu, as these can be quite easily overcome. In your chart, the major planets (which are malefic) are either completely combust or partially combust. As such, negative influences from the aspects of malefics are practically nil here. The only house where they may be significant to some limited extent would be the second. Obviously, they do affect the eighth, the house where they are tenanted in their combusted status.

**FIRST HOUSE:** The first house is one of extremes: Your first house lord is combust (partially combust) in the eighth. That is highly negative, weakening the first house. Yet, in lagna we find benefic Jupiter. Since he is retrograde, both his strength and his beneficence are increased (just the opposite is the case when malefics are retrograde).

The lord of lagna does not aspect it. Even if he did, that would not mean much, due to his combustion. The first is a reptilian sign, and these are strong at twilight; this birth was a day birth. As such, the first does not pick up any extra power due its time of the birth day. The Moon, also a benefic, throws a helpful one-half aspect onto the first. And strength is what it needs, due to that combustion of its lord, Mars.

The first and the sixth both have the same lord, and, since the sixth has no benefic in it (and only limited help by aspect), lagna is more powerful than the sixth in this chart. That is wanted, and it should indicate general good health throughout life. However, you will never have a strong and vigorous body, but such is not required for a renunciate. You pay attention to detail when it comes to how people apprehend you, as first house affairs are a priority for you. Such will almost always be the case when a major planet tenants any given house in a individual's horoscope.

Jupiter is in the twelfth from his own sign (of the second), Sagittarius. Having Jupiter in Scorpio in lagna is a sign that your life will be governed by a general demeanor of renunciation. Your first impressions tend to be positive, but they are also idiosyncratic; people cannot figure out where you are actually at internally. If people who contact you are pious, they pick up Jupiter; if they are impious, they pick up Mars (Scorpio). With pious people, you make powerful impressions: You come across as an individual with positive ideas. You carry a message in your likeability, and they know that you want to do good for others.

Scorpio lagnas, however, always have a vindictive side to them. Despite being ruled by Mars, it is a feminine, water sign. You have a secretive nature, and this dovetails into your interest in occult studies. Jupiter certainly helps you secure this knowledge, and he can also facilitate you being eventually able to genuinely teach it.

You are both opinionated and self-reliant. You can be generous, but you are sometimes fickle when it comes to demonstrating this. Being dignified in all dealings is important to you. Due to this, you must in particular be careful about turning allies into enemies. Scorpio ascendants generally have a desire to teach, and this is certainly augmented by Jupiter's presence in the sign. You are more than capable of secretive and mysterious ways, but you must not let them degrade into illicit activity.

**SECOND HOUSE:** There are no major planets in it, but it is still strengthened due to the power and prominence of its lord in the ascendant, Jupiter. It receives a favorable aspect from Venus (one-half aspect) and the Sun gives it a full and benefic aspect from the eighth. The malefics in the eighth impact negatively on it to some degree. Saturn also gives it a benefic aspect from the twelfth, and that is a full aspect. So, the aspects are mostly positive on the house. However, we find malefic Ketu tenanted this sign and house, and that is not at all helpful.

You sometimes eat exotic, bitter foods, and your dietary habits are often irregular. Your right eye is weak, and your speech (although this does not affect your power of communication) can be choppy or stammering. You earn money in unusual ways; this can be dovetailed into occult methods in due course, under proper tutelage. When Ketu is a malefic in the second, it generally indicates dependency upon others for significant periods of your life. It also indicates that, besides your good self, there has also been some notable occultist somewhere in your family lineage.

Once you become more aware of how Ketu works, then you can extract the small silver lining that this upagraha carries (in Sagittarius in the second). That will take time, but the lord of this house is certainly inclined to help in this connection. All mundane things are also under the influence of occult principles and laws; money is no exception.

**THIRD HOUSE:** There are no planets found there. The lord is exalted in the twelfth. It is probable that you have a sibling or siblings (the sign of Capricorn is feminine), but, although these people are significant personalities in their own right, you are quite detached in connection to them. You also only have a passing interest in their affairs and their relationship(s) with you. Saturn throws a three-fourths aspect on his own house here, so the sign and house are strong. The Moon throws a full benefic aspect. In other words, you have good power of communication; you are not at all lacking courage when it is required. Practical skills are something that you can develop quite easily, although your current lack of grounding is not helpful in this connection.

As noted previously, Scorpio ascendants are secretive people. The apparent binary is resolved in that your power to communicate and to teach will be fully on display only when you find a deserving person or audience. Otherwise, you are detached in communicating what you know to others; indeed, you never go out of your way to reveal anything to someone unless you are convinced that they are worthy--and you benefit by doing so. Successful journeys are definitely indicated (more about this when we discuss the ninth, subsequently). You are energetic and can be competitive as well, although your humanitarian tendencies tend to tamp down propensities for competition. You like to make short journeys.

**FOURTH HOUSE:** The lord of Aquarius is also exalted Saturn, and, once again, like the third, we find no planets in this house. However, this is a human sign during a day birth, so it is strengthened. The aspect on the fourth from its good lord, Saturn, is only one-half, and the Moon does not aspect this sign. However, Venus gives his full benefic aspect to the fourth from the tenth in opposition.

Despite these aspects, you have only minimal interest in the portfolio of the fourth. It is safe to say you had a good relationship with your mother (since the lord of the fourth is in the twelfth, the house of loss, you might have lost her early in life). The fourth is a tertiary occult house. As will be discussed, you have a great deal of activity in the eighth, the chief occult house. You have an exalted planet in the twelfth, the secondary occult house. Here the lord (of the fourth) is that very planet in the twelfth. Combined with the fact that you are a Scorpio ascendant with benefic Jupiter there, it is an easy prediction that you can become an occultist.

Vehicles, houses, property and various related amenities should all come to you when you need them; your interest in these things is minimal, however. Also, your mother was a bit aloof from you (and you from her, as well). Higher education in terms of scholarships and degrees, although attainable, are not at all your priority; knowledge and realization are. Your heart is easily detached in most given circumstances.

**FIFTH HOUSE:** There are no planets in the fifth. At the same time, the lord of the fifth--powerful and benefic Jupiter--gives a full fifth-house aspect from lagna to his sign here. The fifth house is certainly strengthened by this, and Venus gives a three-quarters benefic aspect from the tenth. Venus is also the lord of the seventh, the house of marriage. Even though there are indications in your chart that you may be childless—and even though there is a strong possibility that you are inclined to be so—the prediction must still be that you will have at least one offspring.

Mercury is completely combust in this chart, and we judge intelligence by looking at (combining the influences and powers of) Mercury and the fifth house; sometimes they are related, but, in your case, they have no relationship at all. The fifth is very strong, despite being unoccupied. As such, intelligence is not defunct, but, at times, it will seem so—to both yourself and others—that you have a dull and weak intelligence. That would be due to Mercury’s combustion in the eighth.

You are a pious individual (also confirmed by the Moon in deva-gana), and you secure entertainment as you please. You can make good investments and counsel others nicely, but you are not strongly inclined to do either of these unless the situation demands it. Jupiter’s aspect on his own sign here means that you can be quite charming, at least occasionally.

**SIXTH HOUSE:** This is a weak house. If you even have an uncle, he will not be integral to your life. You do not have much of a service attitude, although it can still be cultivated from two other energy sources (Moon and Saturn). As aforementioned, the sixth—the house of illness, injury, and disease—is weaker than the first, the house of general health. Nevertheless, you are no stranger to intestinal complaints.

The sixth being weak is not a bad thing from the astrological perspective; it can be negative, however, in relation to bhakti-yoga; this best of all yoga systems strongly depends upon service attitude in order to attain an integrated metaphysical realization culminating in atma-mukti. There are no planets in the sixth, and this bhava does not interest you much. Yet, there is one significant aspect on the sign of Aries here: Saturn’s. He is in the twelfth, the house of austerities and penances, and he gives a full benefic aspect to the sixth in opposition. Your path for the development of service attitude is penance and austerity, combined with your all your natural (mental) inclinations from that Moon in the ninth.

**SEVENTH HOUSE:** The two most important categories within the portfolio of the seventh are marital partner and business partner, or business partnerships. We shall concentrate on these only. There are no planets in the sign, but the lord of the house, Venus, is both dignified and powerful in the tenth, the house of avocation. Venus sends a minor but positive aspect to the seventh; benefic and even more powerful Jupiter casts his highly beneficent glance fully on this house.

At least one of your core yogas indicate happy marital life (Gauri Yoga), so that is certainly possible. The navamsha chart has its problems, however. First of all, Mars is in the ascendant there. You never want Mars in the ascendant of navamsha, as that conjunction indicates conflict and arguments with the spouse (or business partner). Still, Sun is vargottama in the fifth in

navamsha. Once again we see indications that marriage is very possible (if not probable) due to the very probable birth of a high-quality offspring. The seventh is a quadrant, so it automatically receives bala.

In other words, although the seventh house—and its categories—are not all that important to your life (especially since renunciation is so strongly indicated in the natal chart), you probably will have a liaison that produces a child of notable character. You could also do well with a business partner, as long as you can tolerate inevitable disagreements. You may have a hard time doing so, however, because Moon is debilitated (in navamsha) in the tenth there, i.e., your mind will be agitated when these conflicts surface, either in marriage or in a business partnership or in both.

As aforementioned, my software programs place your navamsha lagna as Aquarius. The Sun is in Gemini in navamsha (which means that he is vargottama, as he is also in this sign in the natal), but the Moon is debilitated in Scorpio. Mars is in the navamsha lagna of Aquarius. Mercury is vargottama in Gemini, but this means nothing, as his complete combustion in natal makes him practically a non-entity, as far as serious interpretation is concerned. Jupiter is in Virgo in the eighth. Venus is in Gemini, and Saturn is in Scorpio in the tenth of the navamsha chart.

**EIGHTH HOUSE:** The eighth is the house of death, weak point, the occult, other people's money, and inheritance. However, I shall only focus upon the esoteric in this analysis. You are loaded here. This house corresponds to the sign of Gemini, a human sign. Since yours was a day birth, the bhava automatically receives extra power due to its human status. We find the lord of the house here in his own sign. Generally, this would be an outstanding conjunction, but, in your case, it is not. That is, of course, due to Mercury being completely combust. He is grievously weakened by his close proximity to that powerful Sun; as such, the house is also weak due to the weak lord, despite his tenanting it.

The other planet weakened (by partial combustion) is the lord of the ascendant, Mars, as aforementioned. Mars in the eighth is an extremely ominous placement to be sure, but there could be a silver lining, as hinted previously. Wherever the lord of the ascendant is stationed, he will automatically generate interest in the portfolio of that house. You are profoundly interested in the esoteric—there can be no doubt that hidden topics of knowledge intrigue you to your very core—and the reading here is not disastrous, despite the two combustions and the presence of malefic Rahu along with the three major planets.

Why is that so? It is because the Sun is the lord of the tenth house in this horoscope; that makes him highly benefic. He steals power from the planets

he combusts as well, i.e., he is both benefic and powerful. The Sun is karaka for all attempts at self-realization, especially in terms of developing one's real personality, i.e., progressive actuation of the sva-bhava. With Jupiter in the ascendant (despite the fact that he does not aspect the eighth whatsoever), the Sun here increases the likelihood that you can successfully integrate the occult into your self-realization path, culminating in liberation (due mostly to exalted Saturn in the twelfth).

Now, the Sun is also karaka for authority. In this case, since he is both powerful and a benefic, you will be inclined to accept genuine authority in the disciplines that you pursue. Rahu will, on occasion, impede you in this connection, and he will be very bothersome when he does so. In particular, you must avoid rascal and criminal elements like the plague, because they can only bring you material enjoyment and self-deception.

The Sun is the great enemy of Rahu. The Sun does not combust him here—Rahu has enough distance in sidereal arc—but he (the Sun) does present to you the positive alternative to overcome the negative influences of Rahu, at least to a significant extent. Light is required, and the Sun brings that in the form of knowledge, realization, and authority.

Authority means occult and/or spiritual teachings that are authorized. You should best be inclined to accept the formula, because any kind of deviant mental speculation—and mental speculation is, by definition, either directly deviant or inclined to be victimized by deviation—will provoke the disastrous elements in the eight. These mostly are coming from Mars and Rahu. Mars in particular is frightful, although you would not want him to be fully combust (and he isn't). If he was as combust as Mercury, your physical body would be a basket case. You experience some of that, no doubt, but Mars is only partially combust here. In order to ward off the malefic influences from this planet (he is converted from a benefic lord of lagna to a malefic due to combustion), you should accept the Sun.

The Sun causes the combustions, but he also provides a way forward, the silver lining. You are not a man who should emphasize intellectual details in trying to assimilate occult teachings; that would be Mercury's domain. Simply accept genuine authority and let the realizations come to you via prajna or higher intelligence. You should be able to do this, although occasionally it will seem to be an uphill struggle. How could it be otherwise? You are deeply interested in esoteric topics, but the lord of the house most representing the occult is completely burned up by the Sun! You simply have to admit this and deal with it.

You have a supplementary way to do so: Saturn can be indirectly helpful, as he throws a positive one-half aspect from the twelfth. Saturn is the planetary

representative of His Lordship Shiva, who is in charge of Time in this world. Astrology is the science of time and timing. As such, you can please the Supreme Personality of Servitor Godhead not by becoming a Shaivite, but, instead, by recognizing Shiva for who this great lord actually is:

***Vaishnavanam yatha Sambhuh***: The greatest Vaishnava.

Another way of saying this is that the potential of the eighth—a potential that you are deeply interested in unlocking—can be assimilated via penances, austerities, and charity to the right person or persons, i.e., to genuine authority. There is really no other way as far as this chart is concerned. That path may also serve to ultimately protect you from a violent death (otherwise indicated by Mars). How so? Because the Sun partially combusts Mars, taking away a good deal of his influence and otherwise scheduled karmic reactions. If you are working under authority, then the Sun, karaka for authority, may act as the planetary conduit who guides you at the moment of most vulnerability.

The heroic nature otherwise indicated by Mars cannot help you, due to his combustion and unfavorable sign placement. Jupiter in lagna empowers you with a good deal of stoicism in connection to all the negatives associated with the eighth. He also gives you both ability in, and appreciation of, any genuine teaching. He gives you a kind of endurance.

**NINTH HOUSE:** This may not be the best ninth house I have ever analyzed, but it is right up there! Indeed, it may be the best one. We find deva-gana Moon in the superior nakshatra (lunar constellation)--in his own sign here in the ninth. Once more, powerful and benefic Jupiter throws his full ninth house aspect from lagna onto both the Moon and the bhava. Over and above that, Saturn throws his full tenth house aspect—and, since he is exalted, that aspect is benefic—on the ninth, as well. These two aspects combine to produce your one raja-yoga that is completely free from affliction. It is powerful and will be described subsequently in our section entitled Core Yogas.

You are a very lucky man, and you are interested in exploiting that luck; there is nothing at all wrong in doing so. You are a pious individual, and your natural inclination is toward knowledge and good behavior. Your father is a high quality individual. Your strong interest in philosophy gravitates toward that which is real and conducive to self-realization and genuine religion. Except for the Moon's debilitation in navamsha, there are no negative influences on this sign (house).

Due to all of that planetary action in the eighth, your philosophical outlook will lean esoteric. Integrating philosophy into your life in an effective manner should be the goal, one that you can very easily attain. Study for its

own sake is not what this chart is about, otherwise Mercury would be stronger. You can combine the interpretation of the ninth with what has been presented in terms of the discussion of the Moon.

In your chart, the ninth is basically all Moon, and the Moon is also predominant in the Kala Jataka as well. This is one of the best lunar orbs I have ever analyzed, rivaled only by the predominance of the Moon in the genuine sidereal chart of George Harrison (his chart is that of a Libra ascendant, not Virgo). Of course, your Moon is debilitated in navamsha, and that is a bit problematic. As such, the planet is not without blemish, but all the other influences more or less completely overcome that defect. Your mind shines forth brightly, just as the Moon, despite the craters and pock marks on it, shines during its waxing phase.

**TENTH HOUSE:** There is something very good here: Benefic and powerful Venus in the tenth is an excellent indicator, and the lord of the tenth, the Sun, is benefic and powerful. He casts a minor but benefic glance on the house. The effect is that all the good things that Venus can bring to your fame and avocation take root.

Nevertheless, due to the aforementioned influence of Ketu in the second, you will experience periods where you are either dependent upon others or even overly dependent. Simply tolerate that and work your way out of it. Jupiter is the most important planet in your chart, and this will be discussed in the Conclusion. An expanded delineation of the tenth need not be made now, as we have covered other details in the subsequent section called Occupation, which can be consulted to advantage.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE:** Virgo is the sign of the eleventh, and Mercury is the lord of that sign. The eleventh house is very weak. There are no planets in it, and its lord is completely combust in the eighth. The house receives a small benefic aspect from the Moon, but neither Saturn nor Jupiter nor Venus helps it whatsoever. It is a human sign, so there is some strength gained due to that. On the whole, however, there is no need to spend much time delineating its effects. Those effects are not important to you, and there are not many of them. Casual friendships are rather insignificant in your life, as you are more interested in having close friends (which is a fourth house portfolio). You do not relish social get-togethers. You are uncomfortable amongst strangers. Gains do not come easily of their own accord; you have to make effort to secure what you get.

**TWELFTH HOUSE:** It is the house of expenditure, loss, hospitalization, insanity, and hidden enemies. It is also the house of liberation (atma-mukti). You have an exalted planet here: Saturn. The lord of the house is strong and well-positioned in the tenth. The twelfth is the secondary occult house,

along with the eighth (the primary). And we find Saturn there, which generally would indicate a negative reading—but not when he is exalted. Saturn here makes you dislike being controlled by others and, where situations indicate that, you procrastinate—usually to advantage. He indicates that you rise to the top, slowly but surely. As the planet of clarity as a benefic, he allows you to grasp the intentions of others, and, as a result, you often demand that they get straight to the point. He gives you a stoic attitude, at least on occasions when that is required.

This is ultimately a placement indicating perfect renunciation. Due to the half-aspect of benefic Moon on it, you should not have to endure hospitalization, but, even if you do, you will experience a quick recovery. Should you travel to foreign lands, you will not only enjoy the visit, but you will also gain substantial realization; this is especially augmented by that great Moon in Cancer in the ninth.

Long journeys to places of sacred pilgrimage are determined by combining the effects of the ninth and twelfth houses. You have both of these bhavas very strong in your sidereal chart. There is no doubt that, if you haven't done so already, you will eventually travel to India. You will not go there for any mundane purposes but to instead take advantage of holy men and authorities in occult and spiritual science. You will take advantage of the places of pilgrimage as well during this journey. India may indeed be where you decide to live out the duration of your life.

At the end, it is highly likely that you will live in a remote, hidden, and unusual location, but you will not be at all disturbed by this—indeed, you will immediately adjust to it and enjoy the situation. Saturn, a big benefic in the twelfth (exalted), is a good harbinger and conducive for liberation—but hopefully you not settle for only sayujya-mukti.

## **NAKSHATRA AND SIGN OF THE MOON**

The Moon is in the fourth pada of the constellation Pushya.

**MOON IN PUSHYA:** Nature: Light. Gana: Godly. This constellation is the best one of the twenty-seven. He is peaceful, has control over sense gratification, is handsome, learned in the scriptures, observes religious rituals with diligence, likes ceremonies, and can become wealthy (if other indications favor this). Pushya is translated as either the brilliant or the beautiful. It confers the ability to arrange things well in beautiful patterns. It also indicates a person who dresses nicely.

**MOON in the fourth pada:** Hard-hearted and quarrelsome.

**MOON IN CANCER:** Good; own sign. Influenced strongly by opposite sex, dedicated to friends and loyal to them, astrologically inclined, usually

possesses a house, many noticeable ups and downs in life, moved by sweet words, likes gardening and the environment.

**MOON in the Ninth:** Fortune and prosperity.

## LUNAR NAKSHATRA CYCLE

The Moon moves through a constellation generally once in a day. That time-period varies; usually he moves through a nakshatra in a bit less than a day, although there are some rare exceptions to this. As such, any kind of analysis today of your current lunar transits is of fleeting value. What is more valuable is to give you the astrological information as to what to expect during these fast-changing transits. You can take advantage of this by consulting a hard copy ephemeris, deducting ayanamsha. Or you can more easily take advantage of this astrological knowledge by consulting a sidereal software program daily or in advance.

Your Moon in the constellation of ***Pushya***. Like all of the individual nakshatras, this one has a relationship to two others in the cycle of twenty-seven constellations. The janma-nakshatra is considered a first stage nakshatra (in the first paryaya). There are nine stages here (3 X 9 = 27). Each stage represents certain karmas or tendencies.

Just as importantly, there are three paryayas. The first nine constellations form the first paryaya (in your case, beginning with Pushya). The next nine form the second paryaya, and the final nine form the third paryaya. These paryayas indicate the intensity of the constellational transit.

The first paryaya is most intense, i.e., when it is good, it will be strong and very good, but when it is dangerous, it will be very much so. The second paryaya will moderate those intensities, and the third paryaya will act as if the tendencies or karmas are dream-like. However, this should not be misinterpreted to mean that I recommend any auspicious or important activity be commenced during a danger nakshatra in the third paryaya. The nakshatras that are in the first paryaya are ***italicized and made bold***, below. The ones following those are second paryaya constellations, and the final ones listed are third paryaya.

**Pushya**, Anuradha, Uttarabhadrapada: ***ill health or weak body***

**Ashlesha**, Jyestha, Revati: ***good food, pleasures, and income***

**Magha**, Mula, Ashvini: ***losses and useless dealings***

**Purva-phalguni**, Purvashadha, Bharani: ***gain and good fruits from plans***

**Uttara-phalguni**, Uttarashadha, Krittika: ***obstacles and delays***

**Hasta**, Shrivana, Rohini: ***realized ambitions and success***

**Chitra**, Dhanistha, Mrigashira: ***dangers and accidents***

**Svati**, Shatabhish, Ardra: *good results, improvement*  
**Vishakha**, Purvabhadrapada, Punarvasu: *very favorable outcomes*

## **PLANETS IN SIGNS AND HOUSES**

I simply present the reading from the astrological texts. Coming to a final conclusion requires a judicial blend of all influences of the chart, in terms of their inherent strengths, conjunctions, lordships, and yogas. In other words, there is no need to get hung up on bad readings from just one, two, or three planets in inauspicious signs or houses.

**SUN IN GEMINI:** Good. Learned in many subjects, such as literature and poetry. Conducive for wealth.

**SUN IN THE EIGHTH:** Defective eyes; unfavorable for progeny.

**MARS IN GEMINI: (partially combust):** Mixed. He will be a progressive individual and will do good for others. He will be clever in singing and understands how music works. He will be fearless and aggressive. He will secure his money. He will be intolerant and will not make friends easily. He can become a miser.

**MARS IN THE EIGHTH:** Indicative of possible violent death.

**MERCURY IN GEMINI (combust):** The interpretation is barely even relevant due to the complete combustion of Mercury.

**MERCURY IN THE EIGHTH:** Generally conducive to fame and good qualities except when debilitated, *combust*, or conjunct a malefic.

**JUPITER IN SCORPIO (retrograde):** Good. He commands with authority and obtains wealth in an idiosyncratic manner. He may secure a good wife. He is generous and serves his fellow man. He is forgiving, dignified, and endowed with fine qualities. This is Jupiter in the twelfth from his own sign, so it greatly favors a renounced attitude.

**JUPITER IN THE FIRST:** A person becomes very learned.

**VENUS IN LEO:** Mixed. He will make his way in life via liaisons with women, eventually marrying and glorifying his wife. Limited progeny.

**VENUS IN THE TENTH:** Great wealth becomes possible.

**SATURN IN LIBRA:** Good; sign of exaltation. He will be honored and will be the chief of any assembly he joins. He can become very wealthy, but Saturn's position in the twelfth is not conducive to such an interpretation. As far as the house readings for Saturn (son of the Sun) are concerned, except for in the ascendant, they are the same as those readings for the Sun in all of his houses placements.

**SATURN IN THE TWELFTH:** Generally, this position degrades and ruins a man, but such will not be the case if Saturn is either exalted or yogakaraka.

**RAHU AND KETU:** In the Brihaj-jataka, Varahamihira, the great Vedic astrological teacher and writer of lore, does not give much emphasis at all to Rahu and Ketu. These are upagrahas (subsidiary planets), and, as such, their effects can be overcome more easily than the scheduled karmas and tendencies of the major planets.

Rahu is not good in Gemini—and this negative reading especially is accentuated when Rahu is in the eighth--and Ketu in the second in Sagittarius is also not good. These, respectively, hurt the chances for accumulating money (especially through wages) and inheriting a significant amount of wealth, particularly.

### **PROMINENT MODE OF NATURE**

There are a number of ways to determine character, but I have come to the astro-conclusion that the best way is via Chandra lagna, i.e., putting the sign of the Moon in the ascendant. Then we look to the fourth house, which would indicate the core of the heart. That would be the point of conditioning in terms of the astral body. We find that Libra is thus the sign of the fourth house lord, and Venus, that sign's lord, is in the second, an indication of wealth. We find a planet in the fourth in Chandra lagna, and that would be Saturn. An exalted planet is always indicative of *the mode of goodness or sattva-guna*, unless combusted by the Sun.

### **KEY PLANET**

Your key planet is Jupiter, and this will be discussed in the Conclusion.

### **CORE YOGAS**

Only the most important and influential yogas will be delineated. As aforementioned, you technically have three raja-yogas: Mars and Sun in the eighth form one of these, and the other one is formed by Mars' full aspect on the second, along with Saturn's full third-house aspect on the second from the twelfth. Both of these raja-yogas are weak, because Mars is partially combust. However, there is one raja-yoga that is very strong formed by Jupiter and Saturn. Saturn also has a full tenth-house aspect, and Jupiter has a full ninth-house aspect. These two planets (Saturn as lord of a quadrant; Jupiter as lord of a trine) both fully aspect the ninth, i.e., your raja-yoga is connected directly to the ninth, and indirectly to the first and the twelfth.

This is an excellent raja-yoga, described below.

**Raja Yoga (indirect by aspect):** *Saturn as lord of a quadrant and Jupiter as lord of a trine (the ascendant) both fully aspecting the ninth.* This one augurs many excellent indications, as the ninth house is (generically) the

best house in sidereal astrology. It means that you are a very lucky man, and you are automatically attracted to solid philosophical studies. You are especially attracted to them when they emphasize personality combined with renunciation. Your father is a very good man. If you decide to search out a guru, the chances of your finding, recognizing, and accepting a genuine guru are high. You project a deserved confidence in your demeanor, and people immediately pick this up from you upon contact. You are a religious man, and this attitude, augmented by your lunar placement, is integrated deeply into your very being.

**Kahala Yoga: *The fourth lord, Saturn, is in an angle from the lord of the ninth, Moon, but the lord of lagna is not strong.*** Beautiful, energetic, learned, and adventurous. As per this yoga, you can be very charming, dovetailing well with your powerful raja-yoga, centered on the ninth. You enjoy the best of everything. You will have high moral training, be energetic, and adventurous. However, due to the combustion of Mars, this good yoga only influences your life as if it is a dream.

**Gauri Yoga: *Moon in his own sign in a trine fully aspected by Jupiter.*** This is a rare, excellent yoga. You will make contact with, and take fully advantage of, a very aristocratic and powerful person. You come from an illustrious family. The success you achieve in your life will be praised by people who have themselves sterling character.

**Shubha Yoga: *Benefic Jupiter in the Ascendant.*** You will be elegant, charming, handsome, amiable, worthy, and virtuous.

**Amala Yoga: *Benefic Venus alone in the tenth from lagna.*** You will attain lasting fame in this life. You will enjoy abundant pleasures, but inclined to share what you enjoy; you will be a very charitable man. You will be fortunate, liberal, and gentle. Your family loves you. You want to help others, as long as such a person you help is deserving. You will be prudent, pious, and virtuous.

**Budha-Aditya Yoga: *Sun conjunct Mercury.*** Due to Mercury's complete combustion, this yoga is inoperative for all practical purposes.

**Durudhara Yoga: *Major planets in both the twelfth and second from the Moon.*** Freedom is important to you, and you both attain and enjoy it. Your good behavior will be conducive to attainment of wealth. You will take pleasures in your possessions. Nature will be favorable to you, and you will enjoy what is offered to you by nature and your own nature. You will be liberal, virtuous, and wise. You will be charitable and will have servants in your life. However, something will take place in relation to your family which will bring you to grief.

**Sama Yoga: *Moon in the second from the Sun.*** This yoga produces middling knowledge, intelligence, wealth, and skill.

**Paasha Yoga: *Your major planets are situated in five signs.*** You will be eager to acquire money, and you will receive marks on your body.

## **OCCUPATION**

The occupation in life is determined by the planet in the tenth from either lagna or Moon in the natal chart. There are no planets in the tenth from the Moon, but Venus, the lord of the twelfth and seventh, is a benefic situated in tenth from lagna. As such, your occupation is determined by Venus. If Venus is the planet in the tenth, a person earns through occupations connected to acting, music, singing, queens, sales, jewelry, silver, entertainment, as well as horses. Anything that attracts, or anything that is charismatic, is also under the portfolio of Venus.

## **CONCLUSION**

Real life means spiritual progression; the best progress culminates in vimukti or complete liberation of the siddha-deha in the association of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The sidereal chart does not go that far and cannot predict that. However, it can show whether or not there is potential to dovetail it—the chart and the sva-bhava—in transcendental life, for the purpose of becoming fully enlightened.

You have a chart which can be highly dovetailed in this way, and that is what is going to be emphasized here. Your prarabhda-karma is mostly good, and your sva-bhava—although ruled by a generic malefic in the form of Saturn (who is transformed into a benefic due to exaltation)—is primarily in the mode of goodness--in terms of the mahat-tattva's influence on your conditioning. Although Saturn is certainly one of your most important planets, pride of place in this category must certainly go to that great benefic, Jupiter retrograde in lagna.

Your good planets are Jupiter, along with the Moon, Venus, Saturn, and the Sun; the other planets give you, more or less, trouble only. Jupiter, however, is the best one. He fully aspects that wonderful Moon, making him better. He provides a partial aspect to Venus, improving him in his quadrant (these are your two planets in kendras). He is involved with Saturn in your sole raja-yoga of import. He is there in the ascendant, the most important bhava in any chart, giving it the extra strength and beneficence that it requires, particularly since its lord is partially combust.

You need to study the traits of all your important and good planets, but in particular you should best become deeply acquainted with Jupiter. He does

act within you in an idiosyncratic way, as these planets have all stamped their astral influences at the moment of your first breath.

You are meant for becoming a genuine guru, probably as a sannyasi.

However, before attaining that—if you attain to it—you first need to become a genuine disciple. This interpretation is augmented by the eighth house, which contains problems. The solution is also provided there, viz., through the benefic agency of the Sun. That Sun means that you need to accept authority in order to actuate all the potential stored up in Jupiter, situated in dig-bala in the ascendant. He will be the key in attaining to your topmost desire, which may not even be conscious at this time.

Saturn will supplement that, not only through his raja-yoga (in combination with Jupiter and playing out in the ninth, the house of religion), but also in his power to incline you to a life of austerity, penance, charity, and renunciation. That renunciation can become most exalted, and, if you reach its pinnacle, then Jupiter will be actuated.

Your mind plays a very important role in all of this. Your thinking, feeling, willing, desiring, and decision faculties are all inextricably linked to the Moon in his own sign. Mind is the center of all yoga processes, and I am hoping that you will seriously consider the path of bhakti-yoga as your yoga of choice. It is the topmost yoga, and your chart will function best by plugging itself fully into this raja-vidya.

Before you can make any advancement in any of these disciplines, however, you need to become grounded. The best way to do so is to associate with a learned person who has many of his major planets in earth signs. Learning from him and picking up his vibration will eventually become contagious, in the good sense. Then you will be grounded for progress.

Gemstones can be worn either to make weak planets stronger and less malefic, or to make strong, benefic planets even better. In your case, should you employ gemstone therapy, it would be the latter.

The yogas in your horoscope are generally favorable, and Chandra lagna produces a chart that, in some ways, is more powerful than that of the natal, especially in terms of the sva-bhava consideration and the lord of lagna being in his own sign in that ascendant.

Gemstone therapy can be employed to either strengthen benefics or accentuate some good quality connected to a malefic (in terms of sign placement); at least, that's how I use it. However, I am apprehensive to prescribe gemstone therapy for Saturn (and have not done so thus far in any charts that I have analyzed), as the blue sapphire has to be perfect; otherwise, results are too risky and unpredictable. In relation to most charts I analyze, many of them have no possibility for gemstone therapy; some

have only a limited chance. In your case, however, I see some possibilities for wearing entirely different stones in different settings and on different fingers. However, please note that I have no pecuniary interest in this. It would be up to you to do the research, secure the stones, etc.

Feel free to contact me with one set of follow-up questions, in order to ascertain further understanding and/or astrological hints and options.

Hoping that this meets you in good health and cheerful mood, I remain . . .

Yours faithfully,

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