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TIMING OF MARRIAGE – A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

Marriage marks the occasion when two soul mates undertake to sail married life's torrents together. It is a moment of commitment, hope and happiness. Life is the most important gift that parents give to their children and then choosing a perfect life partner for them is second. Therefore even today marriage remains a very sacred and important institution of society and most parents who seek guidance of astrologers focus on marriage of their children and exact timing of event of marriage. Hence, timing of marriage is the most important one as far as the parents and the children. Let us discuss the same in brief.

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INTRODUCTION

The subject of Astrology is in existence for the past many centuries. There are indications of its existence during the period of 4000 B.C. The importance of the study of Astrology cannot be over emphasized. Even ancient Greeks and Egyptians were well versed in the Science of Astrology. In India, Astrology is considered to be a part of VEDAS. It is identified with eye of Veda. The fact that a Science like this has been in existence for such a long time proves its efficacy and important. Marriage in olden days was considered to be a sacred institution in Society. It is said that marriages are made in Heaven and we only conduct them. The life of a person was basically divided into 4 stages.

They are:

Brahmacharyam

Grahasramam

Vaanaprastham

Sanyasin

Of all these stages Grahasramam was considered to be superior than any other. Even Rishi Munies have become such Sanyasin only after being in Grahasrama.

A man or a woman will be a fulfilled person only after his/her marriage. Male and female are the two facets of living beings and there is no meaning for one without the other. When only these two facets of life are united a man or a woman will fulfill his/her duty of birth.

The institution of marriage was considered superior not only for gratification of senses but also for continuing the clan. It is said that a man after death will go to swargha only if he begets a son who can perform obsequies after his death.

There were 8 types of marriages in olden days:

Daiva

In this form of marriage the girl's father would give away his daughter in marriage as 'Dhaanam' to the priest who performs the 'Yagna'.

Brahma

This entails that the bride's father respectfully invites an eligible groom along with his family members to his house and would have his daughter's marriage solemnized according to religious ceremonies. He would perform what is referred to as 'Kanya Dhaanam' of his daughter.

Arsha

This form of marriage is generally prevalent in remote and isolated hilly areas and involves girl's father accepting a few cows from the groom who wants to marry his daughter.

Prajapatya

According to this type of marriage, the bride is given away to the groom along with her father's blessings with the sole purpose of living together in order to produce children and bring them up and thus get rid of the debt of Prajapati Lord Brahma.

Asur

Marrying a girl after paying off some money to the parents and relatives of the girl and also offering jeweler and fineries to the girl herself is called 'Asur' marriage.

Gandharva

Coming together of a boy and girl due to mutual attraction and marrying each other without giving any consideration to religious ceremonies is called 'Gandharva' marriage.

Rakshas

Marrying a girl after abducting her against her wishes and the wishes of her parents is Rakshas Vivah. There is absolutely no feeling of love and attraction in this form of marriage.

Paischach

In this form of marriage, which is regarded as the worst form, an innocent girl who is sleeping, unconscious, drugged or unable to protect herself is lured, kidnapped and forced into marriage after being molested or raped.

Of the 8 types of marriages, Brahma and Gandharva are in vogue even today. In the former, the parents arrange the marriage and all religious rituals and ceremonies are followed. The latter is popularly known as 'Love' Marriage, court or civil marriage and performed in the presence of a Magistrate where the consent of the respective parents is not necessarily required.

Whatever the type of marriage we will all agree that marriage was, is and will always be considered a major event in an individual's life.

Timing of marriage can be divided into 3 categories – (1) Appropriate age, (2) Late Marriage and (3) No marriage.

What is appropriate age for boys and girls depends upon the Kala Desa Varthamana. In olden days the girls and boys were used to be married on attaining 8 years for girls and 12 years for boys. However, this practice has been changed and now according to Law the boy's age is fixed as 21 years and above and the girl's age is 18 and above.

Now-a-days due to the improvement in educational facilities for girls and as most of the educated girls are working equal to the boys the marriage of the

girls are normally considered by the parents only after 21-22 years. Due to the changing social circumstances it is not uncommon these days girls getting married in the age of 25 onwards. However even now some of the boys and girls remain unmarried throughout their life. Can we find out from the Horoscopes of boys and girls whether they are entitled for,

Marriage at the appropriate age (21 and above for boys and girls).

Late marriage (Beyond 30 years for males and 27 years for girls).

Unmarried status throughout their life.

DIVORCE or separation either by death or by law can be seen through their horoscopes. Our ancients had identified various combinations for such status among people.

DEVELOPMENT

Rules governing late marriage, divorce or separation and unmarried status

The following are some of the rules which denote for Delay in marriage/Divorce or Separation/Unmarried status.

Late marriages (one or more reasons)

Retrograde Planets in the 7th House or aspecting the 7th or Venus is retrograde.

Venus afflicted by malefic planets.

2nd Lord in Dursthana especially in the 12th and be retrograde.

In the case of females Raghu in 7th/9th from Ascendant.

Kuja Dosha is a delaying factor.

Afflictions of 7th Lord.

9th Lord (Bhagyathipathi) in 6, 8, 12.

Marriage related houses viz., 2, 4, 7, 8, 12 are seriously afflicted.

Most essential condition for marriage at the appropriate age is that 7th Lord and Venus in the case of males and Mars in the case of females are not in any way afflicted and they have aspect of benefics.

There is no aspect of Guru to 7th house, 7th Lord or Venus in the case of males and Mars in the case of females.

The 7th House or 7th Lord should get afflicted by the Nodes Raghu-Kethu.

Punarbu yoga

Whenever there is a connection between Saturn and Moon it forms into a Yoga called "PUNARBU YOGA" which is a very strong Yoga causing delay in marriage and or separates from marriage bond.

Unmarried

If any one of the planets - Sun, Moon or Venus is having connection with Saturn.

Moon and Saturn forming PUNARBHU YOGA.

The strength of the Yoga depends upon the individual strength of planets participating in forming the Yoga.

If Venus is placed at a distance of 43 Deg. or more from the Sun.

If the Lords of Lagna, 7th and Venus happen to be in barren signs like Gemini, Leo, Virgo or Sagitarus.

Lords of the houses of 7th, and 12th are heavily afflicted by Saturn/Raghu Kethu.

Divorce/separation

There are planets which are responsible for separative influences. Sun, Saturn, Raghu, Kethu and 12th Lord and lords of signs occupied by these planets also exert separative influence.

If any two or more of the above planets influence 4th house and its Lord (4th denotes permanent residence) such a native will be separated from his permanent home i.e. he will leave his home or country of birth.

If they influence 7th House and its Lord one gets separated from his wife or husband as the case may be.

Similarly if they influence the 10th house and its lord and Sun one has to be separated from ruling powers viz., resigning from service, change in profession, etc.

Jupiter in 7th, even if he is the Lord of 7th he causes great disappointment and undue delay in marriage.

If Venus is posited in Sun, Kethu, Rahu, stars and even Mercury stars it creates very bad marital harmony.

If 7th Lord goes to 12th to 7th and at the same time suffering from separative planets and also if 7th lord joins with 6th lord there will be separation.

6th House Lord being malefic and has connection with 7th lord legal separation is indicated.

When the 7th House, 7th Lord and significator for marriage (Venus for males and Mars for females) are all afflicted by separative influence, separation is indicated.

If there is connection between the Houses/Lords of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Houses or Lords separation by Death or Divorce is definite.

It has been indicated that the following planets are called as SEPARATIVE PLANETS as far as marriage is concerned.

SUN, SATURN, RAHU, KETHU. The presence of Sun especially indicates in 7th in a horoscope is a damn proof that separation either by divorce or death is certain.

Parameters - Timing of marriage

After checking the promise of Marriage in a horoscope the appropriate dasa, i.e., the Dasa which can give the marriage must be arrived at. It is always advisable to check atleast two Dasas simultaneously to reduce margin of errors if not eliminate them. In our parameters we have considered Vimsothari dasa. The former happens to be Nakshathra based and thus making it a comprehensive approach.

Let us discuss the Parameters:

Group A: Dasa based

Parameter 1 (P1)

Connection to Vimsothari Maha Dasa (MD), Antardasa Lords (LD) with Lagna or 7th House or Lagna Lord (LL) or 7th Lord of D1/D9 or planets associated with them. According to this parameter the MD and AD lords ought to have Position, Aspect, Conjunction (PAC) connection with Lagna, Lagna Lord (LL), 7th House (7H), 7th Lord (7L) or the planets associated with them in Rasi (D1) and Navamsa (D9) Chart.

In addition to the above Navamsa (D9) must always be checked.

GROUP B: Transit based

Parameter 2 (P2)

Jupiter's aspects in transit on Vivaha Saham. 'Vivaha Saham' (VS) is a sensitive point in the horoscope and is arrived at by adding the longitudes

of Lagna Lord and 7th Lord. The Rasi thus arrived then becomes the 'Vivaha Saham Rasi'.

Parameter 3 (P3)

Double Transit: The Saturn and Jupiter activating Lagna, 7th House, Lagna Lord, 7th Lord or Vivaha Saham. Here we refer to activation of these houses/lords through PAC by the Karmadhipathi and Dharmadhipathi of Kala Purusha i.e. Saturn and Jupiter.

Parameter 4 (P4)

In this parameter we are referring to Lagna Lord and the 7th Lord of native making a connection in transit just before marriage.

Parameter 5 (P5)

Jupiter activating natal Venus/Mars: According to this parameter transiting Jupiter activates natal Venus in male charts and natal Mars in female chart just before the marriage.

Parameter 6 (P6)

Sun and/or most planets around Lagna or 7th House. Almost all Societies during marriage ceremony mantras are chanted and prayers are read in order to invoke the Supreme being and make him witness to this solemn ceremony and to seek His blessings. This is the reason that Sun and most planets transit around Lagna or the 7th House on the day of marriage.

Parameter 7 (P7)

Lagna Lord transiting in/near 7th House or 7th Lord transiting in/near Lagna just before marriage.

Parameter 8 (P8)

Chatursheeti Sama Dasa

This is applicable to all those Charts in which 10th Lord is placed in 10th house. Thus marriage takes place in the dasa of planets connection with: 4th house/4th Lord and 7th House/7th Lord in the Birth Chart (D-1).

Lagna/Lagna Lord, 7th Lord house/7th Lord, 5th House/5th Lord, 11th House/11th Lord in Navamsa Chart (D-9).

If we examine the event of marriage in all the cases listed above, the role of planets associated with 4th house/4th Lord or 7th House/7th Lord in birth chart has been found to be dominating in solemnization of marriage.

Similarly the planets connected with 1-7 and 5-11 axis of Navamsa Chart have played an important role in solemnization of marriage.

Shasti Hayani Dasa

This conditional Dasa is applicable to horoscopes having Sun in Lagna irrespective of the Sign Rising and is applicable to one chart out of 12 and thus needs serious attention. In this case 2nd and 10th house of Divisional Chart generated the event of marriage in their Dasa.

Let us analysis the charts.

Case study No.1

P1 - Maha Dasa Lord (MDL) Mars is asepting 7th House and Antar Dasa Lord Saturn is aspecting Lagna Lord of D1 and Venus as Venus is being 7th Lord of D1 and in 7th House in D9.

P2 - Jupiter is not aspecting Vivaha Saham.

P3 - Saturn is aspecting 7th House and Jupiter is with 7th Lord Venus.

P4 - Lagna Lord Mars and 7th Lord connection had already taken place in Scorpio.

P5 - Jupiter while transiting through Scorpio has influenced Venus.

P6 - Most of the Planets are close to Lagna.

P7 - Venus was in Scorpio some time ago.

Case study No.2

P1 - Maha Dasa Lord (MDL) Raghu is in mutual aspect with 7th Lord Saturn in D9. Antar Dasa Lord Sun is posited with 7th Lord Jupiter in D1. Sun is the Lagna Lord of D9. Venus besides being a significtor for marriage, is conjunct with 7th Lord Jupiter in D1. Venus is posited in 7th of D9. The parameter is fulfilled.

Case study No.1

			Mars Mer.		Kethu	Jup. Satun.		
	Male 16.7.1981 Chennai 15.15 Hrs. Rasi		Sun. Raghu Venus		Venus	D9		
Kethu								L
Moon	L		Jup. Saturn		Mer.	Mars	Moon	Raghu

Dasa on 23.11.2008: Mar/Sat/Ven.

Lagna Lord Mars. 65 Deg. 10 Min. + 7th Lord Venus. 140 Deg. 37 Min. = 205.47. Hence Vivaha Saham: Libra.

P2 - Jupiter is transiting in Sagittarius – the sign which Vivaha Saham falls, thus leading to the satisfaction of this parameter.

P3- Saturn is transiting in Leo from where it is in mutual aspect with natal Lagna Lord. Mercury. Jupiter was transiting in Scorpio till 21st November and from there it was aspecting the 7th House. Hence, the Parameter is met with.

P4 - On 16th August Lagna Lord Mercury was transiting in Cancer where it received the 9th aspect of 7th Lord Jupiter transiting in Scorpio. Thus the parameter met.

P5 - Jupiter transiting in Sagittarius does not get connected to natal Venus and Venus is retrograde and is posited in Capricorn. The parameter is not met with.

P6 - 4 out of 9 planets are transiting in/around Lagna and 7th House, leading to a reasonable satisfaction of the parameter.

P7 - Neither Lagna Lord Mercury is transiting in 7th House nor 7th Lord Jupiter is transiting in Lagna, leaving this parameter unfulfilled.

Case study No.3

He got married in Chatursheeti Sama Dasa of Jupiter/Venus/Mercury. Jupiter is also aspecting the 7th House from Moon and Venus. In Navamsa Chart Jupiter is aspecting Lagna and Lagna Lord. Saturn, Jupiter is also associated with Venus in Taurus (5th House). Venus is karaka for marriage.

In Navamsa Chart Venus is aspected by the Lagna Lord Saturn. Venus is placed in the fifth house (own house).

Dasa Lord Venus and Jupiter are placed with 11th Mars in the 5th House are aspecting the 11th house in Navamsa chart.

Date of Marriage: 23.11.2008

Transit on 23.11.2008

	23.11.2008		Kethu
Raghu			Saturn
Ven. Jup.	L Mer. Sun Mars.		

Case study No.2

	Mars	Moon	Kethu Saturn		Moon		Raghu	Sun
Mer.	Male 1.2.1974 Madurai 22.48 Hrs. Rasi				Ven.(R)	D9		
Ven.(R) Sun Jup								L
Raghu			L		Jup.	Sun	Mar.	Jup.

Dasa on 23.11.2007: Raghu/Sun/Venus.

Vivaha Saham: Sagitarius

Date of Marriage: 24.11.2007

Transit on 24.11.2007

		Moon	Mer (R)
	23.11.2008		Kethu
Raghu			Saturn
Ven. Jup.	L Mer. Sun Mars.		

Case study No.3

(Conditional Dasa – Chatursheeti Sama Dasa)

		Raghu			Sun		Jup. Mars Venus	Raghu
	Sanjay Gandhi 14.12.1946 Madurai 9.27 AM Delhi Rasi		Sat.(R)			D9		Moon
L				Moon				L
Mars	Mer. Kethu Sun	Jup. Venus			Kethu	Sat.(R)		Mer.

Date of Marriage: 29.9.1974

Transit on 29.9.1974

		Kethu	Sat.
Jup. Moon	29.9.1974		
L			
	Raghu	Mer.	Ven. Sun Mars

CONCLUSION

We can easily ascertain the Timing of Marriage of male/female's horoscope from the above Parameters. It is not necessary that all the above points are to be covered for fixing the marriage. Two or three Parameters will do. It is to be noted that the horoscope should not indicate any Dosha for marriage. If Dosha found in the horoscope it should be removed by simple and reliable remedial measures and then we can reveal the Timing of Marriage.

Therefore the duty of the Astrologers is to ensure that based upon his horoscope whatever individual he is required to get as his spouse, he should help the public suitably in this regard and offer suitable advice.

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