

## Fourth (Sukha) Bhāva

The fourth bhāva is known by many names. It is called Sukha (happiness), Veshma (house), Mātru (mother), Pātāla (the netherworld as around Midnight Sun is posited in that bhāva), Bandhu (relatives), Hibuka, and the Chaturtha (fourth) bhāva. It is considered to be the bhāva for vehicles and hidden treasures. Fourth bhāva is called Vidyā bhāva and thus indicative of education. It indicates the landed property of the Jātaka. This 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva is also the apex of the Moksha (emancipation) trikona (trine) consisting of the 4<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> bhāvas. In the body parts of Kālpurusha it rules the chest and by implication lungs as well the heart.

Now, applying the Bhāvāt Bhāvam principle to the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva, we can understand that being 3<sup>rd</sup> from the 2<sup>nd</sup> bhāva it will indicate the valour of the family of the Jātaka, being 2<sup>nd</sup> bhāva from the 3<sup>rd</sup> it can indicate the wealth of the brother (younger) and being 12<sup>th</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva can also indicate the expenditure, sleep etc. of the Jātaka's progeny. The 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva is placed in 11<sup>th</sup> from the 6<sup>th</sup> and thus can indicate the wealth of relatives, in general, and maternal relatives in particular. It is also the 10<sup>th</sup> bhāva from the 7<sup>th</sup> bhāva and therefore can indicate the karma/work of the spouse as well as father-in-law while being the 9<sup>th</sup> bhāva from the 8<sup>th</sup> it indicates the fate of the ancestral property, 8<sup>th</sup> being the bhāva of legacy. The 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva is placed in 8<sup>th</sup> house from the 9<sup>th</sup> bhāva and can be considered the bhāva of life/death for his father, and being 7<sup>th</sup> from the 10<sup>th</sup> the travels undertaken in Jātaka's course of work as also the mother-in-law. The 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva is 6<sup>th</sup> from the 11<sup>th</sup> bhāva and hence indicator of disease of the elder brother whereas being the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva from 12<sup>th</sup> bhāva it represents the acquired knowledge or higher learning of maternal grandfather or intuitive dreams.

Readers, having diligently read the article on 2<sup>nd</sup> bhāva, might be puzzled as to why both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva are called the Vidyā bhāva? They could be even more puzzled if they learn that some authorities also consider the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva as the bhāva of education. However they need not be confused, if they try to understand what is common between the various matters indicated by the fourth bhāva. We can easily see that the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva is indicative of all the matter that gives the Jātaka a feeling of safety. Thus this bhāva, in the matter of education, is related to the minimum level of education that the Jātaka perceives to be good enough for him to be recognized as being educated, by the society at large and thus enables him to earn his livelihood. This level of education will obviously go on changing according to the times and country in which the Jātaka lives. Therefore an astrologer has to apply his logic to understand what could be the level of education indicated by the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva for a Jātaka. In the current time, in India, the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva would be indicated by College level graduation while in the western world it could be indicated by High school level graduation. However in times to come it might become indicative of higher levels of education, per requirement of the countries concerned and the times under review. This again is why some learned astrologers call Vidyā (education) related to the 2<sup>nd</sup> bhāva as the Maukhik (verbal) Vidyā, and the Vidyā related to the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva as the Likhita (written) Vidyā.

Applying basic principles of astrology, we can understand that when the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva is subject to harm on account of presence or aspect of malefics (excluding Saturn whose presence does not harm but aspect does) there would be some problem in the indications of the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva and benefic influence on it shall indicate growth or happiness from those very indications. However one must be careful while applying these principles in matter of education. If the education is in the area ruled by those malefics, the person might not do badly at graduation level or if the person is involved in activities related to such malefic there may not be any problem at graduation level. An example would be Mars. Here we can see that if the person is

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pursuing medical or engineering education and/or is a sportsperson of fairly good caliber, he/she may not have any problem at graduation level.

If the fourth lord goes to the 12<sup>th</sup> bhāva there is a possibility of the person not being satisfied at his place of birth and being able to do well abroad. The 4<sup>th</sup> lord in the 5<sup>th</sup> can indicate higher studies in the same stream as that at the graduation level and Ketu in the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva can indicate someone who either changes course at graduation level, gives up education at graduation level, or is good at taxation viz. study to become a Chartered Accountant or C.F.A. etcetera.

It is interesting to note that Moon occupying the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva, many a times leads to his/her own mother interfering in his/her life leading to marital strife or general unhappiness, though the Jātaka might be very attached to his/her mother. The type of house that one might own, and the vehicle one will be attracted to, can also be analyzed from the planetary influence on the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva. A proper analysis of the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva can also help us guide the Jātaka about the reasons for his unhappiness and how to overcome it, to some extent, by modifying his/her own behaviour. We should also understand that, though not specifically mentioned in the classics, 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva is also the bhāva indicating the motherland of the Jātaka and his/her happiness or otherwise in own motherland.

Again in these days of health issues, analysis of the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva can help the astrologer to analyze about the possibility of the Jātaka suffering from lung infections, breast cancer, heart problems etc. by analyzing simultaneously the relevant planets and strength of the Lagna and Lagna lord. As has been our practice, so far, we shall come to the end of this article by looking at what the learned Vaidyanātha, author of Jātaka Pārijāta, opines about the matter indicated by the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva:

वदन्ति विद्याजननीसुखानि सुगन्धगोबन्धुमनोगुणानि।

महीपयानक्षितिमन्दिराणि चतुर्थभावप्रभवानि तज्ज्ञाः ॥ १२।५९॥

vadanti vidyājanānīsukhāni sugandhagobandhumanogūṇāni |  
mahīpayānakṣitimandirāṇi caturthabhāvaprabhāvāni tazjñāḥ ||12|59||

Meaning: The experts say that, the fourth bhāva indicates (or influences) the education, mother, happiness, perfumes (pleasant smells), cow, mind or psyche, kingdom, vehicles, land and houses/temples.