

Guru (Jupiter)

Guru means the large one. It also means one who removes the darkness of ignorance through the light of pure knowledge, meaning spiritual teacher. In Vedic astrology this is also the name given to the largest amongst 5 grahas, Mangal, Budha, Guru, Shukra and Shani. Let there be any confusion remember that Surya and Chandra, though grahas, are treated separately and Rahu and Ketu are treated as shadow planets or Chāya grahas.

In Hindu mythology, Guru is said to be the spiritual teacher of the Devas (Gods) and he is said to be worshipped by the Devas as well. That is why one of his names is also Devārchita, meaning one who is worshipped by Devas. He is the one that the Devas approached whenever they were in trouble for his advice about what should be done for their protection. Yet we know, as we have seen in the story of birth of Budha in the last article, that Chandra seduced his wife Tara and Guru could not save her. These stories tell us why while Guru's aspects are described as "like drops of heavenly nectar" and said to protect the bhāva aspected by him, he can not protect the bhāva occupied and is said to cause some problem in the bhāva he occupies. Let us try to understand some of his attributes before we find out more about Guru, the graha and the way it manifests in our standard charts that we have been focusing on in all of our articles on grahas.

Rasis owned by Guru	Dhanu (Sagittarius) and Meena (Pisces)
Exaltation Rasi	Karka (Cancer)
Debilitation Rasi	Makara (Capricorn)
Deep Exaltation (Parmocchāmsha)	5° in Karka
Deep debilitation (Paramaneechāmsha)	5° of Makara
Mooltrikona Rasi	5° to 10° of Dhanu Rāshi, rest of Dhanu being treated as his own Rāshi.
Season	Hemanta Ritu (22 October to 22 December)
Taste	Sweet
Metal	Gold
Colour	Yellow. His body colour is very fair, described as well heated gold
Time frame	He rules over a period of one lunar month
Rising	Dual that is by both head and hindquarters
Resides in	Kosha (treasury)
Gem	Pushkarāg also called Pukhrāj (yellow sapphire)
Clothes	Yellow clothes. Some authorities opine that he wears new clothes
Direction	Ishānya (North-East)
Nature	Shubha (Benefic).
Shape	Brihatgātra (Large bodied or one with large limbs)
Animal that he resembles	Two legged animals, that is human beings
Organ in Body	Fat
Dig bala (Directional strength)	Lagna bhava (East)
Humour	Kapha (The humour of cough/cold)
Hair	Some what curly and brownish (called Pingal in Sanskrit language)
Eyes	Brownish (called Pingal in Sanskrit language), looks

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Caste	Brahmin (Priest class)
Height	Medium.
Age	30 years of age. But some opine he is more than 42 years of age.
Element	Aakash (Space)
Deity	Indra (some say Shiva)
Satellite of Guru	YamakanTaka (यमकंटक), sometimes also called YamaghaMTaka (यमघंटक)
Kālabala	Strong, in day and some say he is strong in evening
Cheshtā bala	He is strong in UttarāyaNa (Capricorn to Cancer)
Vakra bala	Guru gets strength when retrograde
Naisargika bala	Last but third in strength, being stronger than Budha.
Trees and its parts	Fruit-bearing trees
Names of Guru	He is known as Guru, Bhrihaspati, Vacaspati, Jyau, Angiras, Jeeva, Devejya, Devaguru, Mantri, Suraguru, and by many other names
Diseases	Diseases related to glandular enlargement or malfunction, fat, diabetes, diseases connected with unusual growth like carcinoma etc. Diseases or problems due to curse of Gods, Brahmins and Guru (preceptor).

Astronomically, Guru is what is called an outer planet, that is, his orbit is above that of Mangal (who is also called an outer graha as his orbit is also above earth) and earth. Like Mangal, Guru too has two more aspects besides the 7th bhāva aspect that all grahas possess. Guru aspects the 5th and 9th bhāva, in addition to the 7th bhāva that all grahas aspect. Most of the astrologers believe that both the aspect and presence of Guru is good for the bhavas aspected and occupied, by him. In my opinion that is not the case. There are two reasons for this opinion of mine. The first is that a bhāva is said to have been strengthened on account of aspect of Guru, but nothing is said about his presence in a bhāva. The second reason is that “Tatvapradeepajāta” says:

जीवः स्वस्थानहन्ता वदति मुनिवरा दृष्टिरस्य प्रशस्ता ।

jīvaḥ svasthānahantā vadati munivarā dṛṣṭirasya praśastā ।

सौरि स्वस्थानपालः परमभयकरि दृष्टिरस्य प्रनष्टा ॥

sauri svasthānapālaḥ paramabhayakari dṛṣṭirasya pranaṣṭā ॥

Guru kills (harms) the house occupied by him and his aspect is very good, whereas, Shani protects the house occupied by him where as his aspect is frightening and harmful, so say the Sages.

Another text says:

केन्द्रात्परकरो जीवः केन्द्रत्परतरः शनिः ।

kendrātparakaro jīvaḥ kendratparatarah śaniḥ ।

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स्थानहानिकरो जीवः स्थानवृद्धिकर शनि ॥

sthānahānikaro jīvaḥ sthānavṛddhikara śani ॥ “

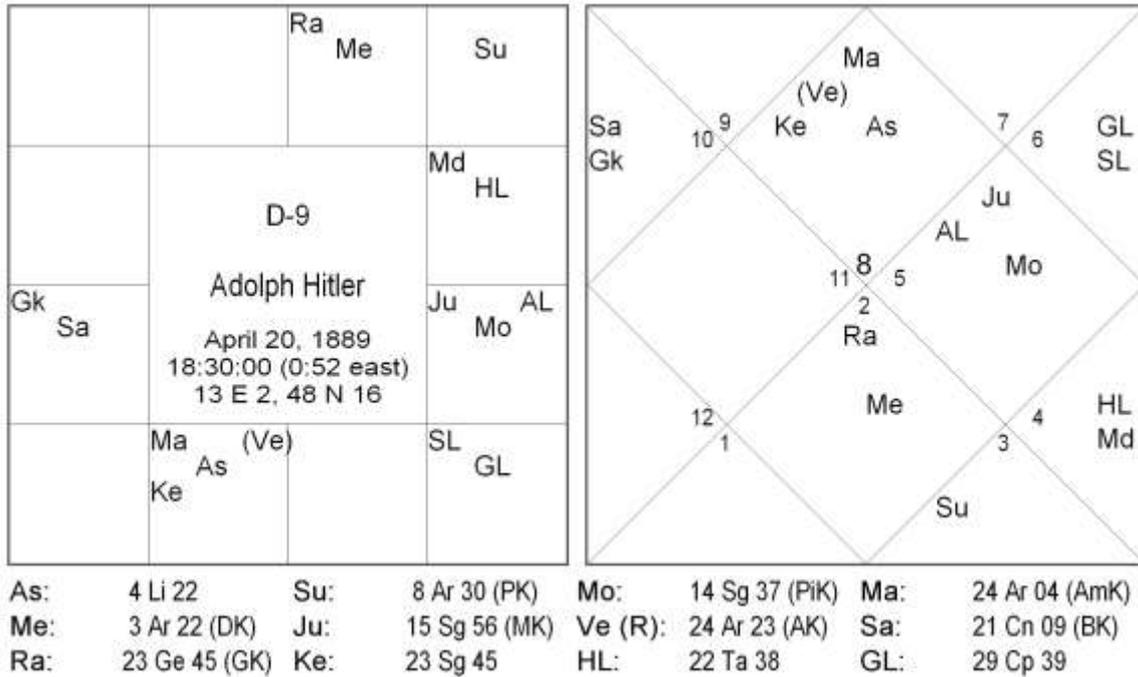
When Guru or Shani occupy a bhava other than Kendra bhāva, Guru harms that bhava and Shani increases the indications of the bhava occupied.

I tend to agree with this view in light of my own experience and on account of the logic behind the saying. Let us now understand other attributes of Guru before we try to see his results in our three standard charts.

Guru is the adviser (some call him minister) in the planetary cabinet. Guru is kāraka or indicator of multiple things in a chart. It is kāraka for 2nd bhāva, the 5th bhāva, the 10th bhāva and the 11th bhāva. He is also known to be kāraka for wealth, house, son (also daughter), Guru (preceptor or teacher) and treasury or Banks. Guru is also treated as pati-kāraka for women (kāraka for husband). Guru is said to be incapable of giving results in 5th bhāva. We should not take this literally. What is meant is that due to its nature of harming the bhāva occupied and since he is also kāraka for progeny, the stronger that he is the less progeny he is likely to grant a jātaka. It is said that Guru occupying 5th bhāva falling in Dhanu rāshi indicates obtaining progeny with difficulty, if he occupies Meena rāshi in 5th bhāva he indicates less number of progeny and if he occupies 5th bhāva falling in Karka (Cancer) rāshi he denies progeny. Here one must assess the strength of Guru and know that the stronger that Guru happens to be, the greater shall be harm to the progeny. It is also well to remember that all grahas lose their strength in the rāshi of Sun, who is the king in planetary cabinet, as all the courtiers lose strength in court of a king. It is necessary to understand the fine distinction between Budha and Guru. While Budha represent ease of comprehension and intelligence, Guru represents knowledge. In matter of speech also while Budha represents art of repartee, Guru represents speech that imparts knowledge. The distinction may be fine but it is very relevant in analyzing the effects of the two grahas.

Having understood Guru, we shall now try to analyze the three charts that we have been consistently analyzing so far, to understand how Guru manifests in a chart. We begin with Arnold Schwarzenegger's chart.

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In Adolph Hitler's chart we find the Guru occupies the 3rd bhāva in own rāshi but is conjunct Ketu and Chandra, so losing much of his strength. We observe in rāshi chart that both Guru and his rāshi are afflicted by Ketu due to occupation and conjunction thus weakening Guru to a great degree. The reason for this is that the nodes take away the strength of the graha conjunct and also the graha who owns the rāshi that they occupy. In Navamsha, Guru is in a kendra getting Sthānbala (strength due to placement) and is conjunct Chandra, so some strength is still there but being in rāshi of Surya he again loses strength.

We know that Guru is karaka for progeny and it is well known that Hitler did not have any progeny. Guru is also the preceptor and upholder of dharma yet as he is so weak his aspect on the 9th did not help and Hitler sent literally millions to their death due to a distorted perception of dharma. We also know that though Guru aspects the 7th bhāva and should have given a strong marital bond to Hitler, it being weak did not allow that bond to last more than a few hours as he and his spouse committed suicide within a few hours of getting married. Guru also aspects the 11th bhāva for Hitler and indicates his getting wealth but being afflicted he accumulated wealth by extremely unsavoury means.

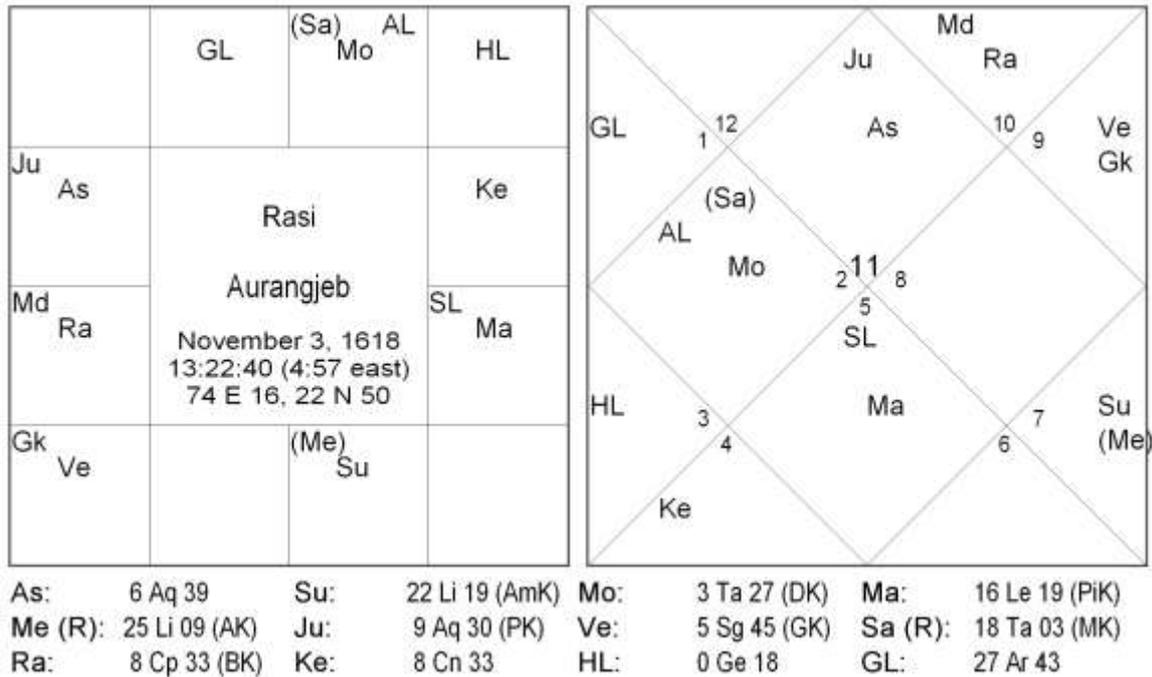
In Hitler's chart Guru owns and occupies the 3rd bhāva that is called parākrama (valour) or sahaja (siblings) bhāva. Though he was fourth of the children born to his parents, all three of his brothers perished. The 3rd bhāva also holds Ketu, a cruel planet, who has afflicted both Guru and Chandra there. Thus even though he is said to have fought valiantly in the 1st World War he never got promoted and then in his final moments of challenge he showed remarkable lack of courage when making his last stand and preferred suicide to facing his enemies valiantly. Thus even a weak Guru did harm the bhāva occupied by him. We also saw that while Arnold uses his wealth generously, granted by Guru aspecting his 11th bhāva, in Hitler's chart though Guru's also aspects the 11th bhava giving wealth, he did not use his wealth for helping the society at large, due to a severely afflicted Guru and the wealth itself was acquired through unfair means.

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Guru also being lord of the 6th bhāva which is called the roga (disease) bhāva its affliction by a node did give Hitler disease that was not known to public at large as nodes generally tend to hide that which is indicated by a graha or a bhāva occupied by them. The records suggest that he has variously been said to have suffered from irritable bowel syndrome, skin lesions, irregular heartbeat, Parkinson's disease, syphilis, and a strongly suggested addiction to methamphetamine, but evidence is sparse. However, he was given to fits of rage is well known. This could have been on account of some type of tumor or glandular dysfunction that is ruled by Guru. Having looked at how Guru acted in Adolph Hitler's chart, let us now look at the last of the standard charts that we have been looking at for effects of grahas in a chart, in Emperor Aurangzeb's chart.

Aurangjeb - Mughal Emperor

We can, perhaps, learn more about how a karaka can play out his role when it is strong but afflicted as in Adolph Hitler's chart and when he is endowed with full strength as in Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb's chart, which is given below.



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Md Ra	Su	Ve (Me)	SL (Sa)				
Mo	D-9 Aurangzeb		AL				
November 3, 1618 13:22:40 (4:57 east) 74 E 16, 22 N 50			Ma				
GL Ju	As	HL	Gk Ke				
As: 6 Aq 39	Su: 22 Li 19 (AmK)	Mo: 3 Ta 27 (DK)	Ma: 16 Le 19 (PiK)	Me (R): 25 Li 09 (AK)	Ju: 9 Aq 30 (PK)	Ve: 5 Sg 45 (GK)	Sa (R): 18 Ta 03 (MK)
Ra: 8 Cp 33 (BK)	Ke: 8 Cn 33	HL: 0 Ge 18	GL: 27 Ar 43				

In Aurangzeb's chart we find Guru occupying the lagna in Kumbha (Aquarius) rāshi owned by Saturn, while in Navamsha it occupies the 2nd bhāva in own rāshi, Dhanu (Sagittarius). Thus though in rāshi chart he is in rāshi of enemy he gets directional strength and is fairly strong. However we find that in rāshi chart its rāshi Dhanu is occupied by Gulika (who is called son of Shani and is connected with slow poisoning) while in Navamsha chart his other rāshi that is Meena is occupied by Rahu causing affliction to Guru. So this is somewhat a mixed bag of influence on Guru.

Guru being in strength gave him many sons and daughters (10 of them). Guru occupying the lagna did make him take wrong decisions under the impression that he is upholding dharma as Guru tends to harm the indications of bhāva occupied. He imposed a tax called Jiziya tax that had to be paid by all non-muslim subjects of his in 1679, under the impression that he is doing his duties unto his religion. He used to write Koran by his own hands as his way of following his dharma. He gets the classical Unmād yoga (yoga that can make one loose his mind or give fits of anger) in his chart where Guru occupies the lagna and Mangal in the 7th in mutual aspects. The yoga is further made malefic as Shani also aspects Guru occupying the lagna in Aurangzeb's chart. This led to his actions of promoting forcible conversions of Hindus and destruction of their temples under the garb of following his religion. He also tortured Sikhs and also one of the sects of Muslims under the mistaken understanding of what constitutes his dharma.

He is said to have left behind a crumbling empire, a corrupt and inefficient administration, a demoralized army, a discredited government facing public bankruptcy and alienated subjects. Guru the dhanakaraka (karaka for wealth) did grant him wealth initially but with Gulika the slow poisoner in the 11th bhāva, in Dhanu Rāshi owned by Guru, he managed to fritter away the advantage once the dashā of Guru was over (by 1672) and was said to be fairly miserable in his last days. Thus he took decisions that were the cause of weakening the mighty Mughal Empire that he inherited and finally getting dissolved in reign of his son Bahādur Shāh Jafar. Guru in the lagna did grant him good health but again, he is said to have taken mercury or

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arsenic based medicines in search of eternal youth, that finally made him fall sick and lead to his death at the ripe age of 89.

Having seen Guru in its various shades in operation in our three standard charts and as we come to end of this article on Guru, let us chant his stotra and Gayatri as has been our practice.

देवानां च ऋषीनां च गुरुं काञ्चनसन्निभम् ।

बुद्धिभूतं त्रिलोकेशं तं नमामि बृहस्पतिम् ।

devānāè ca aññēnāè ca guruà kãicanasannibham|

buddhibhūtaè trilokeṣaà taà namāmi bãhaspatim|

Oh Brihaspati, Guru of the Devas and Rishis, of golden radiance and who manifests as the intelligence of all beings, oh Lord of all the three worlds, I prostrate myself before thee.

ॐ वृषध्वजाय विद्महे । घृणिहस्ताय धीमही । तन्नो गुरुः प्रचोदयात् ॥

om vãñadhvajāya vidmahe| ghãëihastāya dhémahé| tanno guruù pracodayāt||

Oh Guru, known to us as the one whose flag bears the image of the Bull, whose hand is radiant like the Surya (being one who grants knowledge that is radiant like sun), grant us prosperity.