

Kāraḱas in Vedic Astrology - a different perspective 12th Bhāva

In this series of articles on kāraḱas for different bhāvas we shall now try to understand the kāraḱa for the 12th bhāva. Some of the kāraḱas are mentioned specifically in Jyotish texts, and some need to be understood by implication. As usual we shall begin by again looking at what Sage Pārāshara says about the kāraḱa of the 12th bhāva.

The sage says:

सूर्यो गुरुः कुजः सोमो गुरुर्भौमः सितः शनिः ।

गुरुश्चन्द्रसुतो जीवो मन्दश्च भावकारकाः ॥ ३३।३४ ॥

sūryo guruḥ kujahḥ somo gururbhaumahḥ sitahḥ śaniḥ |
guruścandrasuto jīvo mandaśca bhāvakaḱāḱāḥ ||33|34||

Sun, Jupiter, Mars, Moon, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn are the kāraḱas of bhāvas (from 1 to 12)

Thus, Sage Pārāshara tells us that Saturn is the karaka for the 12th bhāva. All learned Āchāryas concur. The learned “Vaidyanātha” in his Jyotish classic, “Jātaka Pārijāta”, also hints at how is the 12th bhāva to be looked at and gives some hints about what could be the indicated by the 12th bhāva, thus:

लग्नादन्त्यतदीशभानुतनयैर्दूरानं दुर्गतिं दातृत्वं शयनादिसौख्यविभवं वित्तक्षयं चिन्तयेत् ।

रिष्कस्थे चरखेचरे चरगृहे दुःस्थाननाथेऽथवा नानादेशवनाटनो हि शनिना युक्तेऽथवाऽऽलोकिते ॥ १५।७२ ॥ जा/पा
lagnādantyatadīśabhānutanayairdūrāṇāṇāṁ durgatiṁ dātṛtvaṁ śayanādisaukhyavibhavaṁ
vittakṣayaṁ cintayet |

riṣkasthe carakhecare caragr̥he duḥsthānānāthe'thavā nānādeśavanāṭāno hi śaninā
yukte'thavā'lokite||15|72|| jā/pā

One should think of travels to distant lands from the 12th bhāva, its lord, and Saturn. Similarly, misfortune, philanthropy, bed pleasures, happiness, wealth and expenditure should also be analyzed from these (three parameters). If the 12th bhāva is placed in a Chara (cardinal) rāshi or occupied by Mars or lord of a malefic bhāva and be aspected by Saturn the jātaka shall travel to many different countries

Some learned have opined that Ketu is also a karaka for the 12th house as it represents giving up of all that is represented by the 12th bhāva, including ego and attachments to material things, even the life itself (according to some Nādi experts). So, we can consider Saturn and the lord of the 12th to act as karaka for the 12th house indications.

Let us now, look at our standard chart of Arnold Schwarzenegger,

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due to matters related to the 12th bhāva, which include bed-pleasures, misfortune, philanthropy, travels to distant lands, for happiness of the jātaka etc. So how do we know where could he spend the accumulated wealth? The key is obviously the lord of the 12th also being a causative agent or karaka as indicated by the shloka quoted earlier. We find Venus the indicator of enjoyment, and sexual potency, with lord of the third Sun (indicator of personal servants represented by 3rd bhāva).

I am sure those who have gone through the earlier articles know of affair of Arnold with his maid, besides other affairs which came to be known, leading to his loss of wealth (some speculate it is close to \$ 400million) through divorce settlement with his wife Maria Shriver. This suit was filed in 2011 when Saturn (karaka for 12th bhāva and also 8th bhāva of secret things) antardashā in Jupiter (Lord of 7th bhāva of spouse) mahādashā was running for him.

Thus, we now come to close of this series of article on Karakas of different bhāvas, in Vedic astrology.