

## Kāarakas in Vedic Astrology - a different perspective

### 4th Bhāva

In this series of articles on kāarakas for different bhāvas we shall now try to understand the different kāarakas for the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāvas. Some of the kāarakas are mentioned specifically in Jyotish texts, and some need to be understood by implication. As usual we shall begin by looking at what the Sage Pārāshara says about the kāarakatwas of the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva. We find here that though the Sage has not directly indicated the karaka for the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva, he says it indirectly when he says:

अथाऽहं कारकान् वक्ष्ये खेटभाववशाद्धिज।

रवितः पुण्यभे तातश्चन्द्रान्माता चतुर्थके ॥ ३२ ॥ २२ ॥

athā'ham kārakān vakṣye khetabhāvavaśāddvijal  
ravitaḥ puṇyabhe tātaścandrānmātā caturthake||32||22||

*Meaning: Now shall I tell the kāarakas based on bhāvas placed at a certain distance from the planet (who is karaka for relatives). The 9th bhāva from Sun is karaka for father while the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva from Moon is karaka for mother.*

This implies that the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva is treated as karaka for mother. It is interesting to know that though the Sage does say that the stronger between Moon and Mars is to be called the karaka for mother, in the below shloka, he does not say that 4<sup>th</sup> from Mars is to be called karaka for mother, indicating the primacy of Moon as the karaka for mother:

चन्द्रारयोर्बली खेटो मातृकारक उच्यते

भौमतो भगिनी श्यालः कनीयान् जननीत्यपि ॥ ३२ ॥ १९ ॥

candrārayorbālī kheṭoo mātrkārika ucyate  
bhaumato bhaginī śyālaḥ kanīyān janānītyapi||32||19||

*Meaning: The stronger amongst Moon and Mars is called the karaka for mother, while sister, brother-in-law, younger brother and mother should be analyzed from (strength/weakness of) Mars.*

The question that must arise is that, if the intention of the sage was to the allot kāarakatwa of mother to Moon, why does he, in above shloka talks of stronger amongst Mars or Moon to be karaka for mother? My personal opinion is that this has reference to Mars representing ova and Moon representing the fluid that carries it for eventual meeting with sperm which leads to formation of the foetus. So Sage is talking about harm to Mars or Moon indicating inability in becoming mother with Mars affliction indicating problem in ovulation and Moon affliction indicating problems in transmission of ova to the pelvic cavity.

The 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva also represents the chest/breast and also represents heart of the Kālapurusha and thus is karaka for chest, breast and lungs. If we look at the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva in depth we can understand that it represents some place where the Jātaka feels safe and therefore it is also representative of own house, hidden wealth, own vehicle, level of education that is appropriate for the Jātaka to have a career in the times he was born in, kinsmen and motherland. So broadly speaking we have Moon as the karaka for 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva and mother and the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva itself for chest/lungs of



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the fact of Moon being aspected by Mars (weakened by Rāhu) in rāshi chart does indicate possibility of some illusion in her case. It is said that Arnold's father suspected that Arnold was not his son and therefore loved his stepson Meinhard, not Arnold. Rāhu's role indicates that the suspicion was perhaps unfounded.

Now coming to the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva itself, being representative of motherland too, it being aspected by Saturn does indicate unhappiness in motherland and Arnold's success after he migrated to U.S. is well known, as is also the fact that he suffered much at hands of his father, when in his motherland. We know that the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva also represents chest and it might interest the readers to know that Arnold, known for his strong body did suffer fracture of ribs when on December 9, 2001, he broke six ribs and was hospitalized for four days after a motorcycle crash in Los Angeles. It is also interesting that Arnold was born with a bicuspid aortic valve, an aortic valve with only two leaflets (a normal aortic valve has three leaflets).

Moving on to Venus the karaka for vehicles, we observe that though occupying rāshi of enemy Moon it is Vargottama as it also occupies navāmsha of Moon. Being conjunct Sun and Saturn it is not impossible he would like vehicles that represent power and have great tolerance and ability to run for long time through difficult area. It is interesting to see that he was fond of Harley Davidson motorcycles and met with accident riding them twice; He also bought the first Hummer manufactured for civilian use in 1992, a model so large, 6,300 lb (2,900 kg) and 7 feet (2.1 m) wide, that it is classified as a large truck and U.S. fuel economy regulations do not apply to it. We also find that Schwarzenegger's private jet made an emergency landing at Van Nuys Airport on June 19, 2009, after the pilot reported smoke coming from the cockpit, according to a statement released by the governor's press secretary. So the somewhat weak Venus (in enemy rāshi and Navāmsha) and aspect of Saturn on the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva did cause harm to vehicles owned by him.

We now move on to Jupiter the karaka for house and find him placed in the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva in Rāshi and 1<sup>st</sup> bhāva in Navāmsha charts gaining strength on account of placement in trine bhāvas, though in both charts it does occupy enemy rāshis. That he owns many houses is known but when a football stadium in his native town of Graz that was named after Arnold got embroiled in controversy and he had to request the authorities to withdraw his name from the stadium. The karaka for landed properties being Mars who is conjunct Rāhu and is placed in the 12<sup>th</sup> bhāva of distant lands, Arnold has invested in real estate properties worldwide.

In this manner we can see that karakas can be used to find out exactly in what are there would be strength or weakness due to aspect or presence of benefics or malefics on a bhāva as each bhāva indicates many things. It is the karakas, conjoined with strength of weakness of the bhāva which can help point us to the right analysis.

In the next article, we shall look at the different kāarakas for the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva and how they manifest, in our standard horoscope of Arnold.