

## Kāraḱas in Vedic Astrology - a different perspective 6th Bhāva

In this series of articles on kāraḱas for different bhāvas we shall now try to understand the different kāraḱas for the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāvas. Some of the kāraḱas 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 kāraḱa of the sixth bhāva.

The sage says:

सूर्यो गुरुः कुजः सोमो गुरुर्भौमः सितः शनिः।

गुरुश्चन्द्रसुतो जीवो मन्दश्च भावकारकाः ॥ ३३।३४ ॥

sūryo guruḥ kujah somo gururbhaumaḥ sitaḥ śaniḥ |  
guruścandrasuto jīvo mandaśca bhāvakāraḱāḥ ||33|34||

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

Therefore, it is generally assumed that Mars shall be the only kāraḱa for the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva. However, we should also know that the learned “Vaidyanātha” in his astrological treatise “Jātaka Pārijāta” has opined:

द्युरमणिरमरमन्त्री भूसुतः सोमसौम्यौ गुरुरिनतनयारौ भार्गवो भानुपुत्रः।

दिनकरदिविजेज्यौ जीवभानुज्ञामन्दाः सुरगुरुरिनसूनुः कारकाः स्युर्विलग्नात् ॥ २ ॥ ५१ ॥

dyuramaṇiramaramantrī bhūsutaḥ somasaumyau gururitananayārau bhārgavo  
bhānuputraḥ |

dinakaradivijejyau jīvabhānujñamandāḥ suragururinasūnuḥ kāraḱāḥ syurvilagnāt  
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*Kāraḱa for 1<sup>st</sup> bhāva from Lagna is Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> bhāva is Jupiter, for 3<sup>rd</sup> bhāva Mars is the kāraḱa, for the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva Moon and Mercury, for the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva Jupiter, for the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva kāraḱas are Mars and Saturn, while for the 7<sup>th</sup> it is Venus, the 8<sup>th</sup> bhāva kāraḱa is Saturn, for the 9<sup>th</sup> it is Sun and Jupiter, for the 10<sup>th</sup> kāraḱas are Sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn, while for 11<sup>th</sup> bhāva Jupiter is kāraḱa and for the 12<sup>th</sup> bhāva Saturn is the kāraḱa.*

Personally, I tend to agree with opinion of Vaidyanātha and accept that both Mars and Saturn are kāraḱas for the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva. My view is that both valour and hard work are necessary to carry out any job and 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva also being related to jobs, besides other indications, Mars who has energy and is ever active and a fighter is one of the ingredients where one needs to fight things out with enemies (6<sup>th</sup> is also house of enemies). On the other hand the ability of Saturn to work tirelessly as indicated by its being called “Bhṛitya” (servant) in planetary cabinet, in matters of job or servants (also seen from 6<sup>th</sup>), makes me think that it is logical to think that Saturn is karaka for hard-work indicated by the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva, more so as Saturn is also connected with litigations that proceed at slow pace (Saturn is also known as “Manda” (the one who moves slow) and are indicated by the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva.

Again, we find Sage Pārāshara telling us that:

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बुधान्मातृसजातीया मातुलाद्याश्च बान्धवाः।

गुरोः पितामहः शुक्रात् पतिः पुत्रः शनैश्चरात् ॥ ३३।२० ॥

budhānmāṭṛsajāṭīyā mātulādyāśca bāndhavāḥ।  
guroḥ pitāmahaḥ śukrāṭṭ patiḥ putraḥ śanaiścarāt ॥33|20॥

*Mercury is kāraḱa for maternal relatives, maternal uncle and relatives in general. Jupiter is kāraḱa for paternal grandfather, Venus for husband and Saturn is the kāraḱa for son (progeny).*

Now we know that 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva being 3<sup>rd</sup> from the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva, it is indicative of brothers and siblings of the mother, thus Mercury being karaka for the maternal uncle, maternal relatives and relatives in general will also have a say in the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva matter and thus a karaka for the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva. This assumption is further strengthened when we look at the next shloka where the sage tells:

कुजात् तृतीयतो भ्राता बुधात् षष्ठे च मातुलः।

देवेज्यात् पञ्चमात् पुत्रो दाराः शुक्राच्च सप्तमे ॥ ३३।२३ ॥

kujāt ṭṛṭīyato bhrātā budhāt ṣaṣṭhe ca mātulaḥ।  
devejyāt pañcamāt putro dārāḥ śukrācca saptame ॥33|23॥

*One should analyze sibling from the 3<sup>rd</sup> bhāva from Mars and the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva from Mercury should be analyzed for the maternal uncle. One should analyze son (progeny) from the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva from Jupiter, while 7<sup>th</sup> bhāva from Venus should be analyzed to know about spouse of the jāṭaka.*

Here, since the advice is to analyze not only from the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva, but also the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva from Mercury. This, to me indicates that the Sage is hinting that in matters of the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva related to the maternal relatives, Mercury should be considered as the karaka. This understanding of mine is confirmed by the learned Vaidyanātha when he says:

विद्याबन्धुविवेकमातुलसुहृत्वकर्मकृद् बोधनः ॥ २ ॥ ४६ ॥

vidyābandhuvivekamātulasuḥṛṭṭvakkarmakṛḍ bodhanaḥ ॥2॥46॥

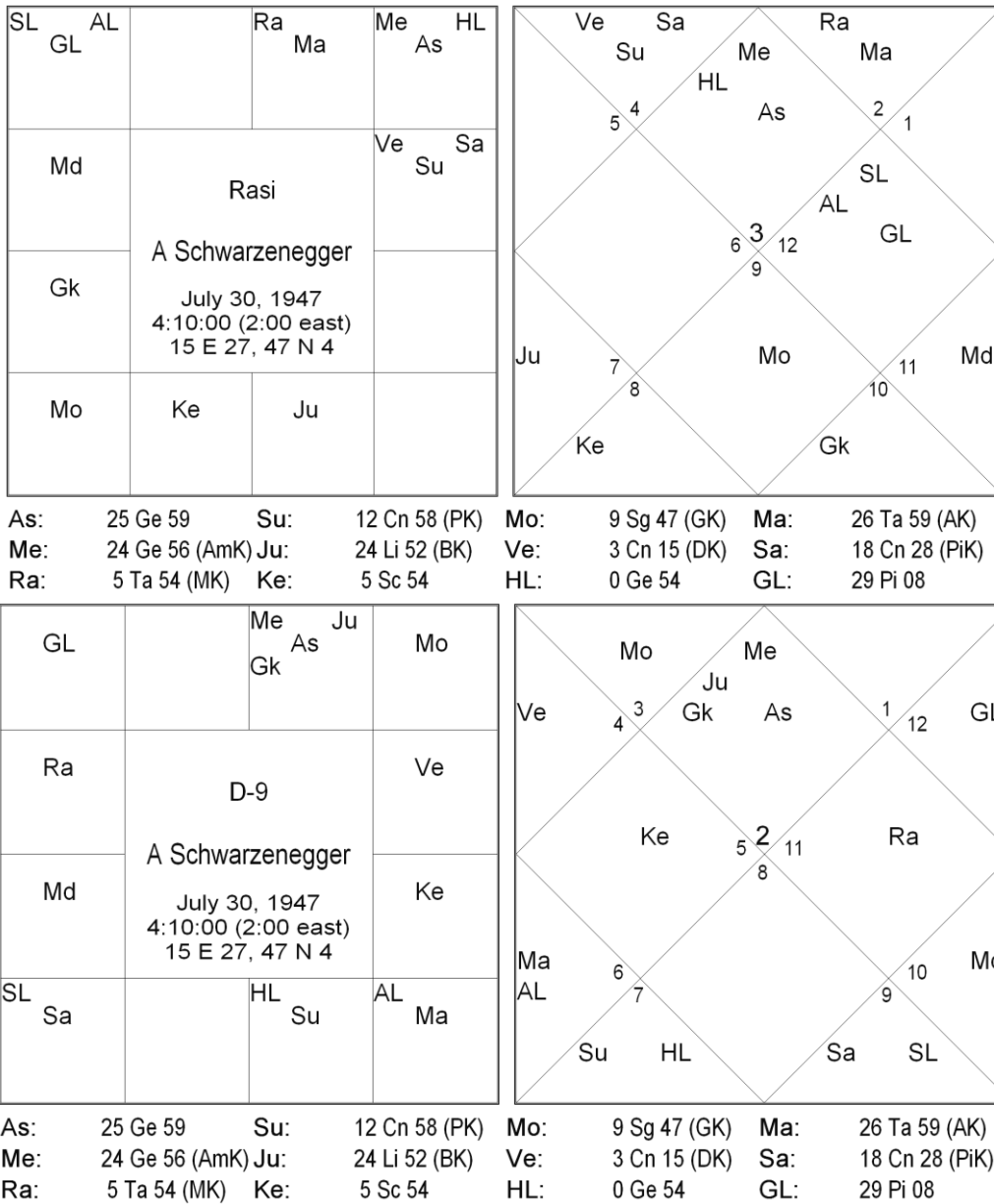
*One should analyze education, relatives, sense of proportion/ discretion/discrimination, maternal uncle, clansmen, and skin related issues from Mercury.*

Again, we know that the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is also called the Roga Sthāna, i.e. the place of disease. Here again we are aware that Mercury is possessed of all the three of the doshas and to my mind can be considered as a karaka for incurable or long lasting disease, including that of mind or psyche.

Thus, we get Mars, Saturn, and Mercury as the karakas for 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva and these in addition to the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva and its lord that need to be analyzed in order to know more about the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva related matters of the jāṭaka. Having understood the logic behind karakas, so far, let us find out how this played out in our standard chart of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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We find in Arnold's chart that the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is Scorpio occupied by Ketu and aspected by Mars conjunct Rāhu from the 12<sup>th</sup> bhāva in his natal chart. Saturn the other karaka for the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva occupies his 2<sup>nd</sup> bhāva of family in Cancer rāshi and is conjunct Venus and Sun. We find that the karaka for 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva in matter of relatives and diseases occupies the Lagna bhāva in own rāshi. I would remind the readers that here we are only looking at the chart from the point of view of karakas and not taking other parameters into account so as to be focused only on how karakas can be skillfully used to analyze the chart, though it is recommended that one must take a holistic view of a chart and using all the tools available come to a final conclusion.

So, what we find here is that he did not have good relations with his relatives and more particularly with his stepbrother Meinhard whose funeral he did not attend. We also find

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Mercury the karaka for disease is placed in the lagna bhāva representing Arnold's body occupying own house. Mercury is strong by occupation of own bhāva and being possessed of directional strength as Mercury gets directional strength in lagna. Therefore, he has a strong body which is able to overcome even serious disease. Thus, despite of being with a bicuspid aortic valve, an aortic valve with only two leaflets (a normal aortic valve has three leaflets), he opted in 1997, for a replacement heart valve made of his own transplanted tissue, though doctors opined that he would require heart valve replacement surgery in the following two to eight years as his valve would progressively degrade. Schwarzenegger apparently opted against a mechanical valve, the only permanent solution available at the time of his surgery, because it would have sharply limited his physical activity and capacity to exercise. It is interesting to know that despite the prediction of the doctors he is still hale and hearty till this day.

We next find Mars the 6<sup>th</sup> lord & karaka aspecting Arnold's 7<sup>th</sup> bhāva of marriage and observe Saturn the karaka for matters related to servants, litigations, conjunct Venus karaka for spouse, aspecting the 4<sup>th</sup> house of happiness that led to his affair with his servant which caused marital discord leading to eventual divorce with Maria Shriver his wife of 25 years. Note that Mars is conjunct Rāhu which perhaps caused for the relation to be secret for long time.

In the next article, we shall look at the different kāarakas for the 7<sup>th</sup> bhāva and how they manifest, in our standard horoscope of Arnold.