

Shukra (Venus)

Shukra is one of the two ministers (actually advisers) of the planetary cabinet. He is the adviser to the King in secret matters. He is possessed of Rajas guna (regal qualities) indicating that he is one who enjoys all types of luxury.

Mythology tells us that Shukra is son of Ushana (some say Puloma), the daughter of Hiranyakashyapa, and Sage Bhrigu. That is why one of his names is Ushanas. He is said to have been born on a Friday in the Samvatsar (Hindu Jovian year) called “Parthiv” and the lunar month Shravana on 8th day of the bright fortnight in Swāti, nakshatra. He was said to have gone to Sage Angiras for learning the 36 sciences and 64 art forms taught to every Brahmin in ancient times. Shukra thought that Angiras was partial to Brihaspati (Guru) and so left him and then learnt with Sage Gautam. The epic “Mahabharata” tells how Kuber (the banker to God and step brother of Rāvana) complained to Lord Shiva about Shukra having deprived him of wealth. Lord Shiva is then said to have swallowed him. After penance, then Lord Shiva is said to have taught him the Sanjīvanī vidyā (science of bringing the dead to life) and released him through the Lord’s semen. There are more stories as to how Shukra was swallowed by Lord Shiva and then released through his phallus in the form of semen, however the connection between Shukra and semen is emphasized by all the mythological stories. It is interesting to know that one of the meanings of the word Shukra is also semen. In astrology, Shukra rules over semen. Shukra is said to be the Guru of the Asuras/ Daityas/Demons and therefore he is also called by the name Daityaguru. One of his names is Kāvya or Kavī (Poet) and thus he also rules over poetry. Shukra is indicative of luxurious life, knowledge and sexual matters. Shukra also indicates various art forms.

Rasis owned by Shukra	Vrishabha (Taurus) and Tulā (Libra)
Exaltation Rasi	Meena (Pisces)
Debilitation Rasi	Kanyā (Virgo)
Deep Exaltation (Parmocchamsha)	27° in Meena
Deep debilitation (Paramaneechamsha)	27° of Kanyā
Moolatrikona Rasi	Tulā (Libra) from 0° to 15°, rest part of Libran is treated as its Moolatrikona
Season	Vasant (Autumn)
Taste	Acidic (Sour)
Metal	Silver (some opine that he also rules over Gold)
Colour	Dark (though he himself is referred to, as the white one)
Time frame	He rules over a Paksha (Lunar Fortnight)
Rising	By Head
Resides in	Bedrooms or places of sexual congress.
Gem	Diamond
Clothes	Multi-coloured clothes. (Some say its clothes are strong and some opine they are white and silky.)
Direction	Aagneya (South-East)
Plays in	Flowering trees
Nature	Saumya (Soft/Rajas)
Shape	Strong broad face, long hands and sometimes loose jointed.

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Animal that he resembles	Human beings and other two legged animals.
Organ in Body	Semen
Dig bala (Directional strength)	4 th bhāva (North)
Nature	Shubha (benefic), libidinous.
Humour	Kapha and Vāta (Phlegm and Wind)
Hair	Curly and shining
Eyes	Shining, beautiful eyes. He looks sideways.
Caste	Brahmin (Priestly class)
Height	Stout and proportionate body.
Age	Young, about 16 years of age
Element	Jala (Water)
Deity	IndraNi
Satellite of Shukra	None. However some say “Kodanda” is its satellite.
Kālabala	He is strong in day (Some opine, from midnight onwards)
Cheshtā bala	He is strong in UttarāyaNa (Capricorn to Cancer). He always wins in planetary war, whether to the north or the south.
Vakra bala	Gets strength when retrograde
Naisargika bala	Fifth - the ascending order of natural strength of Shani, Mangal, Budha, Guru, Shukra, Chandra and Surya.
Trees and its parts	Flowering Trees.
Names of Shukra	He is known as, Shukra, Aasphujita, Sita, Daityaguru, Bhargava, Kavi, Ushanas and many other names
Diseases	Diseases related to anemia, disease of cough and mucous membranes, venereal diseases, premature ejaculation and sperm related disease, curse of yogini, Yakshi and Matridevata (mother deities), anorexia, emaciation due to sexual overindulgence, urinary diseases.

As we have seen Shukra rules over semen, sexual congress, poetry, various art forms etc. One of the meanings of his name is an astrologer and so his being in 2nd or the 3rd bhāva could also indicate one who may be good at astrology. Being a Brahmin and a benefic, Shukra, by its very nature does not like to get into arguments. He is the karaka (indicator) of vehicles. His being afflicted could cause harm to eyesight.

We have already seen while looking at Mangal (Mars), that its association with Shukra can give one libidinous nature. Some authorities (Jātaka Pārijāta) opine that Shukra cannot give its results in the 6th while others say that it gives results as strong as when it occupies the 12th bhāva. Even Jātaka Pārijāta talks of Shukra being strong in the 6th bhava, so I would consider him strong there. In charts of males, Shukra indicates a roving eye when it is occupying the 7th bhāva and is bereft of aspects of benefics. Shukra is the “kāraka” (indicator) of spouse and is therefore also referred to as Dāra kāraka or Kalatra kāraka. In Nādi literature, whereas Shukra is the indicator of spouse for a male, Mangal is considered the indicator of spouse for

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females. In what is generally referred to as Pārāshari (traditional Vedic astrology), while Shukra is Dāra kāraka for both males and females, Pārāshari also gives an additional kārakatwa (quality of being a kāraka) to Guru in case of females, that is the Pati kāraka (indicator of husband) .

Shukra, as we have seen earlier, gets exalted in Meena (Pisces) rāshi. In natural zodiac, the 12th bhāva is represented by Meena rāshi and therefore Shukra placed in the 12th bhāva is considered being capable of giving rise to rājyoga, that is making the Jātaka wealthy.

Having understood the nature and kārakatwas of Shukra, let us now find out how they worked out in case of our standard charts of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Adolph Hitler and Aurangzeb. We are using these three charts to maintain uniformity in interpretation. Please remember we are looking at Shukra in isolation here but any chart interpretation should always be made on the basis of a holistic approach.

Arnold Schwarzenegger

SL	AL		Ra	Me	HL	
GL			Ma	As		
Md	Rasi			Ve	Sa	
Gk	A Schwarzenegger			Su		
July 30, 1947 4:10:00 (2:00 east) 15 E 27, 47 N 4						
Mo	Ke	Ju				

As:	25 Ge 59	Su:	12 Cn 58 (PK)	Mo:	9 Sg 47 (GK)	Ma:	26 Ta 59 (AK)
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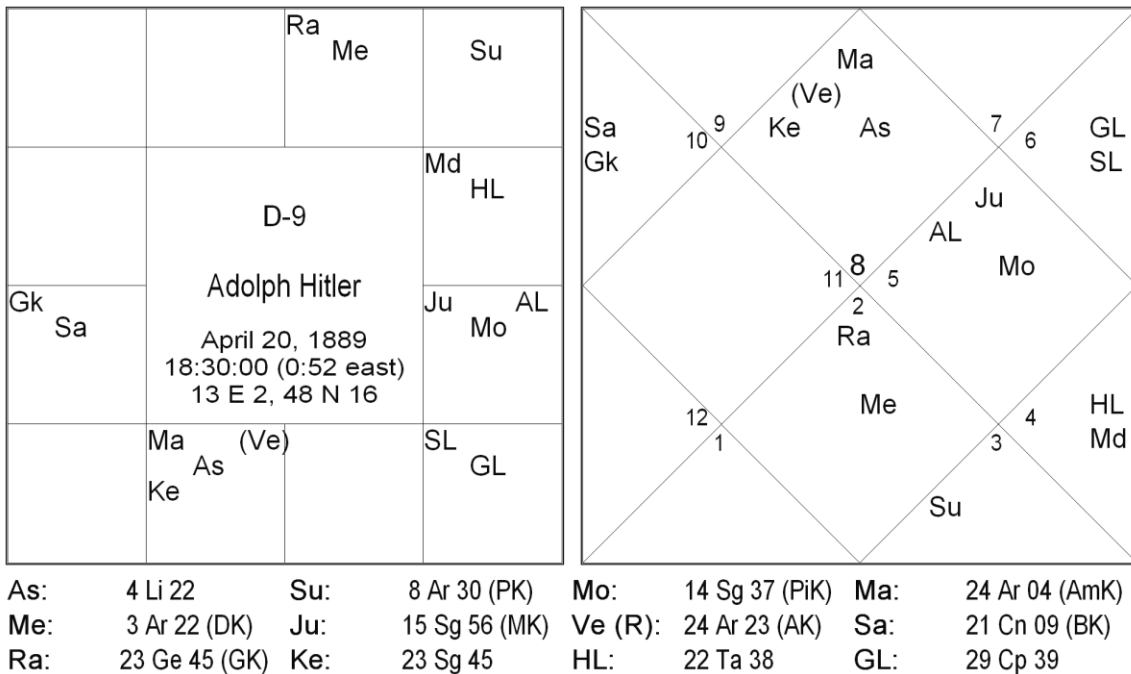
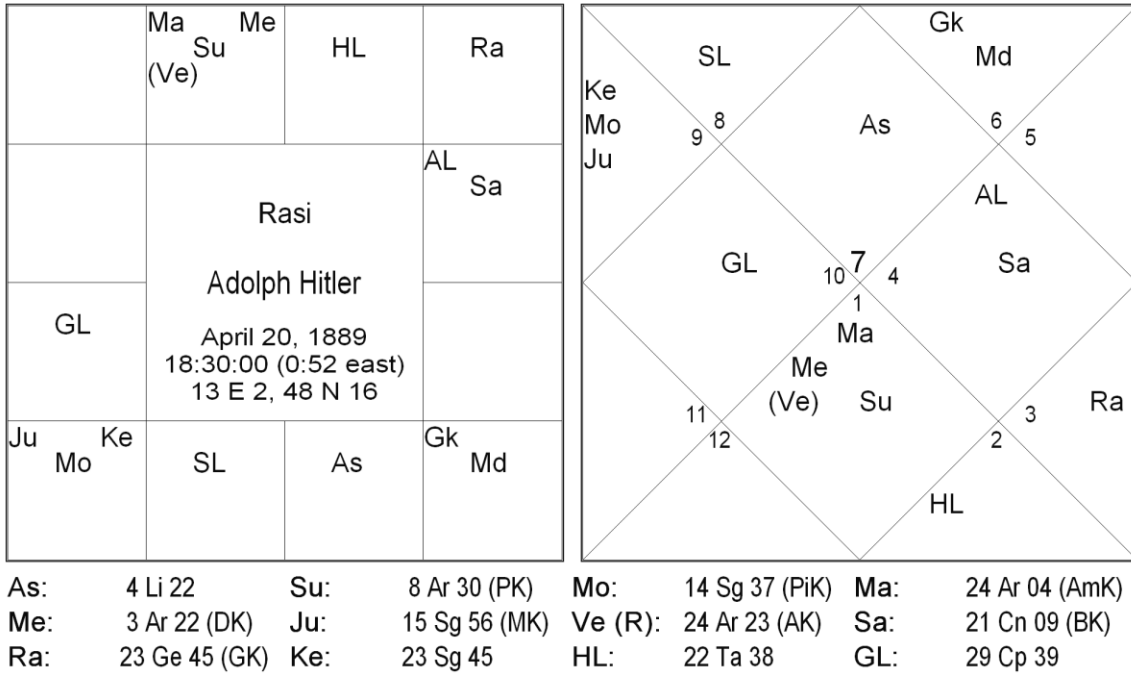
In Arnold's chart we observe that Shukra is lord of his 5th and 12th bhāva and occupies the 2nd bhāva of kutumba (family), accumulated wealth, speech and education. Shukra occupies the Rāshi of his enemy Chandra in both Rāshi and NavāMsha chart, so some of the results of Shukra could also be somewhat variable and even be detrimental for him. Shukra's bhāva ownership and placement makes it clear that one of the ways he shall accumulate wealth would be through his acquired knowledge (5th bhāva), in distant lands and also perhaps through his female partners, wife (12th being the bhāva of bed pleasures and karaka for wife) and art forms. Other planets, also occupying the 2nd bhāva, would mean there are other sources of his income too, but those are considered in the respective graha articles that are posted on our website. The 2nd bhāva being the bhāva of primary education and also of speech, it is likely that with 2 malefics, that is Saturn and Sun, conjoining Venus, a benefic, there could be some impediments in his education and possibly also his speech. His biography describes that he was "in the middle" in his school which does point to not a very strong academic career.

Shukra is also the 12th lord, that is lord of expenditure, distant lands (foreign countries) and bed pleasures, occupying the 2nd house of accumulated wealth. Thus it is possible that he could lose his wealth due to women and that bed pleasures could also be one of these reasons. The recent developments in his marital relation, does seem to bear out this principle of astrology. That he was an Austrian born who made his career in U.S.A. that is in distant lands through his weightlifting and acting career is known. So is known is the fact that he was helped by his liaisons with different women at different point of time in his life.

Shukra in the 2nd bhāva also gives one inclination towards poetry or music and he did appear in an anti drug music video "Stop the Madness" sponsored by Regan administration. Shukra can also enable one to be an author, though on a lesser scale and Arnold did contribute to Body Building magazines like Muscle & Fitness and Flex, for some time.

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Adolph Hitler



When we look at Adolph Hitler's chart, we can see that his lagna is Tula (Libra) and the lagna lord is Shukra. This Shukra who also happens to be his 8th lord occupies the 7th bhāva in rāshi of Mangal (Mars), in Hitler's chart. We find that in NavāMsha, it is afflicted by conjunction with Ketu and occupies the NavāMsha of Mangal (Mars), with Mars itself. Thus it is obvious that there would be effects of Shukra on Hitler's personality (aspect on Lagna and being Lagna lord) and predominantly on the 7th bhāva and these could be either unexpected (being lord of the 8th). The 8th bhāva also being the bhāva of diseases of a chronic nature it could also affect Hitler's health and being in bhāva of travels and spouse have a say

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on his travels and life as well as other partners. Being conjunct with the explosive Ketu, in NavāMsha, there could also be some explosive or sudden behavior there in. Shukra in NavāMsha of Mangal, in conjunction with Mangal or any way connected with Mangal can sometimes indicate an excess of libido unless benefics aspect such combinations. We also observe that Shukra and Mangal are within a degree of each other, Shukra being winner. Another thing that we notice is presence of Gulika and Mandi in the 12th bhava that is connected to bed-pleasures and where Shukra gets exaltation in natural horoscope (with Aries considered as the lagna). These are called sons of Shani and are said to inject poison slowly in a bhava which could be understood in the manner of gradual deterioration. It is well known that his relations with opposite sex did not last long and even his marriage could not last beyond few hours.

When we look at Hitler’s life, what we find is that he did have many affairs, none of which except the last one lasted for long and the last one with Eva Braun ended in marriage and suicide being almost simultaneously by violent means. We see that he also had issues with his associates and sent many to their death though they had worked with him for long. Shukra aspecting the lagna gave him eyes that could attract and he is said to have had an almost hypnotic gaze. As befits Shukra, who is karaka for performing arts, his speeches were full of histrionics and he had an ability to sway his audience into a frenzy of nationalism. It is also interesting to remember that Shukra being karaka of vehicles, it was Hitler who insisted on design and manufacture of a people’s car “Volkswagen” which, popularly called the “Beetle”, is even to this date an example of sound German engineering.

Aurangjeb, the Mogul 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 Aurangjeb’s chart, which is given below:

	GL	(Sa) Mo AL	HL								
Ju	As	Rasi						Ke			
Md	Ra	Aurangjeb						SL Ma			
Gk	Ve	November 3, 1618 13:22:40 (4:57 east) 74 E 16, 22 N 50									
		(Me) Su									

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Now we turn to last of our standard charts that belongs to the last powerful Mogul emperor, who ruled India. We observe that in Aurangjeb's chart, Venus occupies the 11th bhāva in rāshi of Guru in company with Gulika. In NavāMsha, Shukra occupies own rāshi in 7th bhāva in a kendra. So we find here a more or less un-afflicted Shukra, who may over time deteriorate in its influence. Venus also is the lord of his 4th and 9th bhāva. Thus there is no major blemish to Venus.

So he had four wives. A strong Venus however does aspect his 5th bhāva of emotion and Aurangjeb did fall in love with a slave girl Zainabadi belonging to his maternal Uncle, some say he married her. He was enamored of her singing and dancing abilities. Venus being the lord of his 4th house of happiness, it is easily understood why he found succor in dance and music. This affair ended with death of Zainabadi. He is later on said to have married another dancing girl who was given the title of Begum Udaipuri Mahal. He is also said to have written letters and books with great calligraphic skills, as befits Venus who is connected with arts, literature etc. However, later on in his life, he began hating music and banned it throughout his empire. Thus the effect of Gulika conjoining Venus is clearly seen here.

Venus occupying the 11th indicates earning, through Venus related matters, and Aurangjeb had considerable riches in the form of diamonds that were presented to him by the conquered King of Golkonda's Kutubshahi lineage, Abul Hasan Qutb Shah who surrendered and also at that point, handed over the Nur-Ul-Ain Diamond, the Hope Diamond, the Wittelsbach Diamond and the Regent Diamond making the Mogul Emperor Aurangjeb the richest monarch in the world.

Another and very interesting matter that can be seen is role of Gulika here which conjoining Venus the graha of enjoyment caused Aurangjeb to gradually move away from all enjoyments and not only become very austere in personal life but also to restrict music, dance and other forms of arts as Gulika is said to introduce poison gradually in the bhāva occupied and the graha and his karakatwas, over time. In later part of his life Aurangjeb used to even darn his

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clothes and banned all form of extravagance that befitted a king. He also is rumoured to have written copies of the Holy Quran which he used to sell. Having understood Shukra in all its flavours and in different bhavas and strengths, let us now end this article by reciting his stotra (lyric of praise) and his Gayatri mantra as is our practice.

हिमकुन्दमृणालाभं दैत्यानां परमं गुरुम् ।

सर्वशास्त्रप्रवक्तारं भार्गवं प्रणमाम्यहम् ।

himakunda mṛṇālābhaṁ daiṭyānāṁ paramaṁ gurum।

sarvaśāstra pravaktāraṁ bhārgavaṁ praṇamāmyaham।

I salute Bhārgava (son of sage Bhrigu that is Shukra) who has the delicacy of the fibres of lotus stem-fibre is lustrous and has the fragrance of jasmine, the great guru of Asuras and one who is learned in all the shāstras.

ॐ अश्वध्वजाय विद्महे । धनुर्हस्ताय धीमही । तन्नो शुक्रः प्रचोदयात् ॥

om aśvadhvajāya vidmahe। dhanurhastāya dhīmahī। tanno śukraḥ pracodayāt।।

Oh Shukra we understand you as the one whose flag is adorned by the figure of a Stallion, and who holds the bow, may you grant us prosperity