

## Sixth (Ripu) Bhāva

The sixth bhāva, as with other bhāvas, is known by many names including the ShashTha (sixth) bhāva, Ripu (enemies) bhāva, Roga (disease) bhāva, “Gāyatri” or “Dhnyāti” (relatives) bhāva and so on. Even though the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva rules over relatives in general it is more specifically connected to the maternal aunts and uncles, being 3<sup>rd</sup> from the 4<sup>th</sup> bhāva. One of its names is also “Mātul” (maternal uncle) bhāva. The very names of the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva indicate the area of life that can be analyzed from this bhāva. In addition to the above one can also look at job or service of a Jātaka from this bhāva. This is the bhāva that is indicative of efforts one needs to do on behalf of their employer/boss/father as it being 10<sup>th</sup> from 9<sup>th</sup> is indicative of work of the boss/father/guru/employer and all those indicated by the 9<sup>th</sup> bhāva. The sixth bhāva refers to what is called “Parshwa” i.e. the sides of the Kālpurusha. “Parshwa” is to be understood to be the region of one’s waist, including the area of kidneys, ovaries, liver and other organs in that region.

Again if we look at the indications of this bhāva, it will be clear that most of what happens here is, barring the relatives, voluntary. This is why the diseases indicated by this bhāva are understood to have some element of the diseases being brought about on account of the Jātaka’s own action and could be indicative of disease that the Jātaka might be visited upon with, on account of his own actions/habits. Therefore taking corrective measures based on that information can be a way to cure the diseases that may arise on account of harm to the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva. Same will hold true about the enemies that the Jātaka may face in his life. The nature and tatwas of the planets, having already been elaborated upon in the articles on grahas, are not repeated here.

If we apply the “Bhāvāt Bhāvam” principle to the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva we can understand that besides what has already been stated above, we can understand that being 5<sup>th</sup> from the 2<sup>nd</sup> bhāva, it indicates the family deity. 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva being the 4<sup>th</sup> from the 3<sup>rd</sup> bhāva is indicative of house of the younger brother, being 3<sup>rd</sup> from the 4<sup>th</sup> it is valour as well as younger sibling of Jātaka’s mother. Again being the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva it indicates the wealth accumulated on account the Jātaka’s acquired knowledge as well as the wealth of his first progeny. 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is the 12<sup>th</sup> bhāva from the 7<sup>th</sup> bhāva and therefore indicates the expenditure, bed pleasures and sleep of Jātaka’s spouse. It is the 11<sup>th</sup> from the 8<sup>th</sup> bhāva and thus indicates income from the Jātaka’s ancestral property or legacy. Being the 10<sup>th</sup> from 9<sup>th</sup> it can indicate the karma of Jātaka’s father while being the 9<sup>th</sup> from the 10<sup>th</sup> it indicates the sense of duty of the Jātaka, related to his own karma or career. The 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is the 8<sup>th</sup> bhāva from the 11<sup>th</sup> bhāva and therefore can indicate longevity of his source of income, especially through his job or service. Lastly the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva happens to be the 7<sup>th</sup> bhāva from the 12<sup>th</sup> bhāva of expenditure and can indicate the Jātaka’s grandmother.

The 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is one of the trishadāya bhāvas and therefore a malefic in this bhāva is said to give good results. But we must also remember that 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is also a trika bhāva. The 6<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> bhāvas are called the trika bhāvas. Trika means a triad, loins, a triangular frame on the well etc. and are treated as strong dusthānas. Therefore one must remember that though malefics in the 6<sup>th</sup> are considered good, it is in the matter of valour or ability to repay loans or cover expenses and not health, as the planet occupying it can indicated diseases on account of the Jātaka’s lifestyle or habits. 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is also one of the upachayas and thus a bhāva of growth. Some learned are of the opinion that it is bhāva of growth in a good sense if it does not have any malefic influence and some that when its lord is not under malefic influence. My opinion is that it is the bhāva of growth in matters governed by it, the results being indicated by placement of its lord and influence on the lord and the bhāva.

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Some are of the opinion that lord of the lagna in the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva makes a person intelligent. My personal opinion is that it leads to the decisions of the Jātaka only hurting himself, in the long run. Again 6<sup>th</sup> lord occupying the lagna is indicative of the Jātaka suffering from some disease that is brought upon by actions of the Jātaka, himself. It is said that lord of one trika bhāva posited in another trika bhāva leads to an rājyoga. It is also good to remember that though this is right, lord of the 6<sup>th</sup> going to 8<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> going to the 6<sup>th</sup> can indicate an acute disease turning chronic. If lord of the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva occupies the 10<sup>th</sup> bhāva, though on one hand it might indicate enemies at work, it will also indicate hard work in career leading to success. Should Moon occupy the 6<sup>th</sup> there is a possibility of either the Jātaka having enmity with mother or being raised by his maternal aunt or his being attached to her. One important thing that must be remembered is that the planets occupying or aspecting the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva can also indicate the enemies of the Jātaka. This is to be analyzed by the personality, caste, kārakatwa of the planets involved.

We are aware that the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is the bhāva of job and 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva is the 12<sup>th</sup> from it, and also the bhāva of logic, therefore aspect of malefic on the 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva, in transit, can indicate the Jātaka thinking of change of job on account of some frustration while aspect of a malefic on the 6<sup>th</sup> could indicate the Jātaka giving up his job. Of course the final result will be based on other planets aspecting it and the dashās operating at that time. Again the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is also the bhāva of enemies and malefics there help overcome the enemies. However it must be remembered that to be overcome there have to be enemies in the first place. The nature of the enemies is indicated by the grahas present in the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva and also how they could be overcome by the caste of the planets involved as well as the people represented by the planets there or aspecting it. Here the word caste is not to be taken literally but by the means indicted by such castes, in Hindu system of castes, i.e. by their nature and type of work they do.

It is worth noting that whereas Pārāshara opines that Mars is the lone karaka for the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva, other learned are of the opinion that Saturn is also the karaka for the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva. I think the logic behind Mars being the karaka for 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is that Mars being Karaka for the 3<sup>rd</sup> bhāva which is, amongst others, bhāva of one's personal servants and the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is indicative of service and employees at lower level in the job or profession. Saturn being the karaka for sorrow, its connection with the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva needs no explanation as 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva is the bhāva of enemies and diseases.

Following our convention of looking at what the learned Vaidyanātha says about bhāvas in his astrological classic Jātaka Pārijāta, we shall see his opinion on the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva, below. Vaidyanātha says:

रोगारिव्यसनक्षतानि वसुधापुत्रारितश्चिन्तयेदुक्तं रोगकरं तदेव रिपुगे जीवे जितारिर्भवेत्।

षण्ढोऽरीशबुधौ विधुन्तुदयुतौ लग्नेशसम्बन्धिनौ लिङ्गस्यामयकृद् व्रणेन रुधिरः षष्ठे सलग्नाधिपः ॥ १३।७१ ॥

roagārivyasanakṣatāni vasudhāputrārītaścintayeduktaṁ rogakaram tadeva ripuge

jīve jītāribhavet|

ṣaṇḍho'rīśabudhau vidhantudayutau lagnēśasambandhinau liṅasyāmayakṛd

vraṇena rudhiraḥ ṣaṣṭhe salagnādhipaḥ||13|71||

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Meaning: Disease, enemies, addictions, wounds should be assessed from the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva and Mangal (Mars). Jupiter in the 6<sup>th</sup> indicates the Jātaka winning over his enemies, though he gives diseases related to him (Jupiter). Should the lord of the 6<sup>th</sup> be conjunct Mercury, Rāhu and be connected with lord of the ascendant, the Jātaka is impotent. If Mars occupies the 6<sup>th</sup> bhāva along with the lord of ascendant the Jātaka would have disease caused by wound to his reproductive organ (or wound will be caused to the reproductive organ on account of disease).