



Praśna for Wealth and Career

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Praśna chart

- Praśna refers to question or query and is the horary chart made for the moment the astrologer sets about the task to determine answers to a genuine query.
- The time the astrologer starts to work, and the station of the astrologer are the important factors that decide the moment or 'query time and place'.
- That's because the Vedic astrologer is called a Saṁvatsara (reference to the Solar year starting from Mesha saṅkrānti or solar ingress of Aries).
 - In this the Vedic astrologer is reflected as a smaller version of Viṣṇu or Kālapuruṣa.
 - Jupiter takes 12 years to go around the zodiac and thus, the zodiac represents Kālapuruṣa of time personified as God with 12 body parts.
 - The Sun takes 12 months to go around the zodiac which represents the saṁvatsara as well.
- So, take your time and make a prayer before starting this task of doing praśna or horary charts. Since you, the Vedic astrologer has to represent the omniscient Sun God (like Brahma Prajāpati), recite a mantra for proper guidance. One that you have practiced earlier.

Two types of Avasthā (state)

STATUS (Natural relations only)

1. Baby (atibālya) – Neutral sign (sama rāśi)
2. Child (bālya) – Friendly sign (mitra rāśi)
3. Adolescence (kumara) – Own sign - home (svakṣetra)
4. Youth (yauvana) – Own sign - office (mūlatrikona)
5. King (bhupa) – Exaltation sign (uccha rāśi)
6. Old (vriddha) – Enemy sign (satru rāśi)
7. Dead, smashed, burnt (mrita) – Debilitation sign (nica rāśi)

ENERGY (based on combustion)

1. Baby (atibālya) – 1 day after combustion
2. Child (bālya) – 7 days after combustion
3. Adolescence (kumara) – Until it becomes stationary
4. Youth (yauvana) – stationary till it begins retrogression
5. King (bhupa) – during retrogression
6. Old (vriddha) – 7 days before combustion
7. Dead, smashed, burnt (mrita) – during combustion

Natural Relationships, exaltation etc.

Body	Svakṣetra	Mūlatrikona	Exalt	Deb	Friend	Enemy	Neutral
	Home	Office					
Sun	20°-30° Le	0°-20° Le	Aries	Li	Mo, Ma, Ju	Ve, Sa	Me
Moon	Cn	3°-30° Ta	0°-3° Ta	Sc	Su, Me		Ma, Ju, Ve, Sa
Mars	Sc 12°-30° Ar	0°-12° Ar	Cp	Cn	Su, Mo, Ju	Me	Ve, Sa
Merc	20°-30° Vi Ge	15°-20° Vi	0°-15° Vi	Pi	Su, Ve	Mo	Ma, Ju, Sa
Jup	10°-30° Sg Pi	0°-10° Sg	Cn	Cp	Su, Mo, Ma	Me, Ve	Sa
Ven	15°-30° Li, Ta	0°-15° Li	Pi	Vi	Me, Sa	Mo, Su	Ma, Ju
Sat	20°-30° Aq	0°-20° Aq	Li	Ar	Me, Ve	Su, Mo, Ma	Ju
Rāhu	Aq	Vi	Ge Ta	Sg Sc	Su, Mo, Ma	Ve, Me	Ju, Sa
Ketu	Sc	Pi	Sg	Ge	Mo, Ju	Su, Ma	Ve, Me, Sa

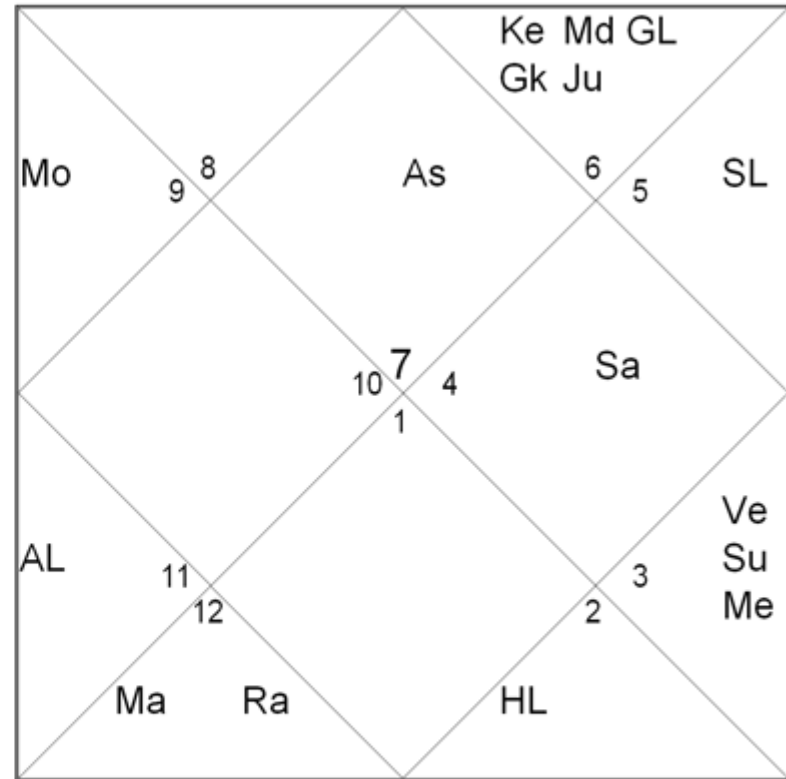
Combustion (General rules)

Combustion occurs when a planet is within close proximity of the Sun whereas that of the Sun occurs during an eclipse.

Planet	Combustion		Days	
	Direct	Retro	Direct	Retro
Moon	12°		2	
Mars	17°		118	
Mercury	14°	12°	11-20	21-33
Jupiter	11°		28	
Venus	10°	8°	53	5
Saturn	15°		57	

Illustration: Determine Avasthā

Ra Ma		HL	Me Su Ve
AL	Rasi		Sa
	Prasna 1		SL
	June 22, 2005 16:20:07 (5:30 east) 77 E 12, 28 N 36		
Mo		As	Ke Gk GL Ju Md



As:	28 Li 30	Su:	7 Ge 11 (PK)	Mo:	11 Sg 03 (PiK)	Ma:	13 Pi 12 (MK)
Me:	27 Ge 09 (AmK)	Ju:	15 Vi 26 (BK)	Ve:	29 Ge 02 (AK)	Sa:	3 Cn 03 (DK)
Ra:	25 Pi 16 (GK)	Ke:	25 Vi 16	HL:	4 Ta 26	GL:	15 Vi 56

Praśna Date: June 22, 2005
Time: 4:20:08 pm
Place: 77 E 12' 28 N 36'
New Delhi, India

Tithi: Krishna Pratipāda (Su)
Day: Wednesday (Me)
Nakṣatra: Mūlā (Ke)
Yoga: Sukla (Mo)
Karana: Balava (Mo)

Sunrise: 5:24:47 am
Sunset: 7:21:30 pm
Janma Ghāṭi: 27.3059
Ayanāṁśa: 23-55-54.6

Calculations

SUN COMBUSTION

Previous Solar eclipse: 9 April
2005, Sun & Moon in Revatī
nakṣatra

Next Solar eclipse: 3 October
2005, Sun & Moon in Hasta
nakṣatra

Intervening period: 178 days or 5
months 25 days

Date of Praśna : 22 June 2005

Days from eclipse: 75 days

Sun is in 4th sign from Rāhu:
Youvana or Youth energy state
is indicated

MOON COMBUSTION

Praśna tithi: Kṛṣṇa 1

Status: Youvana; Youth

PAÑCĀṄGA

- Tithi: Kṛṣṇa 1 (Su) (67.79%
left)
- Day: Wednesday (Me)
- Nakṣatra: Mūlā (Ke)
- Yoga: Sukla (Mo)
- Karana: Balava (Mo)

Avasthā Table

Body	Char	Longitude	Rasi		Status		Energy	
Sun	GK	7 Ge 11'	Ge	N	Atibalya	Baby	Youvana	Youth
Moon	PK	11 Sg 03'	Sg	N	Atibalya	Baby	Youvana	Youth
Mars	MK	13 Pi 12'	Pi	F	Bālya	Child		
Mercury	AmK	27 Ge 08'	Ge	H	Kumara	Adolescence		
Jupiter	BK	15 Vi 26'	Vi	E	Vriddha	Old		
Venus	AK	29 Ge 02'	Ge	F	Bālya	Child		
Saturn	DK	3 Cn 03'	Cn	E	Vriddha	Old		
Rahu		25 Pi 15'	Pi	N	Atibalya	Baby		
Ketu		25 Vi 15'	Vi	N	Atibalya	Baby		

F: Friend, E: Enemy, N: Neutral, E: Exaltation, D: Debility,

H: Home – svakṣetra, O: Office – mūlatrikoṇa

Q1: Can you fill in the blanks under energy? Check the angles between the Sun and the planets and work this out from the given table.

Q2: Does any software give this information?

Navāṁśa & Drekkāṇa

Body	Char	Longitude	Navāṁśa		Status	Drekkāṇa		Status
Sun	GK	7 Ge 11'	Sg					
Moon	PK	11 Sg 03'	Cn					
Mars	MK	13 Pi 12'	Li					
Mercury	AmK	27 Ge 08'	Ge					
Jupiter	BK	15 Vi 26'	Ta					
Venus	AK	29 Ge 02'	Ge					
Saturn	DK	3 Cn 03'	Cn					
Rahu		25 Pi 15'	Aq					
Ketu		25 Vi 15'	Le					

1. F: Friend, E: Enemy, N: Neutral, E: Exaltation, D: Debility, H: Home – svakṣetra, O: Office – mūlatrikoṇa ...write these values for navāṁśa and drekkāṇa columns
2. Fill in the blanks under Status? Check the angles between the Sun and the planets and complete this table.
3. Why is Energy column not included in divisional charts like navāṁśa or drekkāṇa etc?

Praśna Kriyā

1. Six signs are to be examined thoroughly
 - (1) Lagna, the ascendant
 - (2) Āruḍha, the āruḍha lagna or praśna āruḍha.
 - (3) Navāṃśa Lagna,
 - (4) Janma rāśi or Moon sign,
 - (5) Chattra rāśi (umbrella shaped like mushroom symbolizing shelter – refer to Śrī Vāmana or Jupiter incarnation of Bhagavān) and
 - (6) Sprṣṭāṅga rāśi (*sprṣṭa* – touched by hand, *aṅga* – body part) or Nimitta rāśi, the sign/planet indicating an omen or symbolic of an omen occurring during the praśna.
2. The three divisions –
 1. Rāśi indicates one year from praśna date
 2. Drekkāṅga or D3 chart (preferably Jagannāth drekkāṅga is normally used as taught in tradition and given in candrakalā nāḍi) indicates the past
 3. Navāṃśa or D9 chart indicates the future

Chattra rāśi – Shelter or umbrella sign

1. Path (vīthi rāśi): The three steps of Viṣṇu as Vāmana avatar are represented by the first three signs – Aries, Taurus and Gemini. These are called the vīthi or path sign.
 - Aries vīthi (path): Sun in four signs – Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo
 - Taurus vīthi (path): Sun in four signs – Virgo, Libra, Pisces, Aries
 - Gemini vīthi (path): Sun in four signs – Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius
2. Count from āruḍha sign to lagna (or from praśna āruḍha to lagna)
3. Count as many signs from Path sign (vīthi rāśi). The sign arrived at is the Chattra rāśi or the Shelter sign.

Spr̥ṣṭāṅga rāṣi (or Nimitta, Omen sign)

- Spr̥ṣṭāṅga rāṣi is the sign which indicates the body part touched by the questioner at the time of making the query OR it can be the sign which indicates a nimitta (omen)
- The twelve signs given by Varāhamihira and Parāsara are

Sign	Varāha	Parāsara	Sign	Varāha	Parāsara
Aries	Head	Head	Libra	Abdomen	Sex organ
Taurus	Face	Face	Scorpio	Sex organs	Genitals, Buttocks
Gemini	Chest	Arms	Sagittarius	Thighs	Thighs
Cancer	Heart	Chest	Capricorn	Knees	Knees
Leo	Belly	Abdomen	Aquarius	Buttocks	Cnemis, Ankle
Virgo	Waist	Waist, Back	Pisces	Feet	Feet

Illustration: Āruḍha rāśi & degree

Determine Praśna āruḍha rāśi for the following question was asked by a questioner for Praśna 1 (pre-page):

Q: What is the best career path for me and will I attain financial success and personal satisfaction from it? How can I best bring that into fruition and are there other career alternatives? 68

A: The question is actually composed of FOUR questions and not one. These are separated by 'and' and a full stop.

Q1: What is the best career path for me?

Q2: Will I attain financial success and personal satisfaction from it?

Q3: How can I best bring that into fruition?

Q4: Are there other career alternatives?

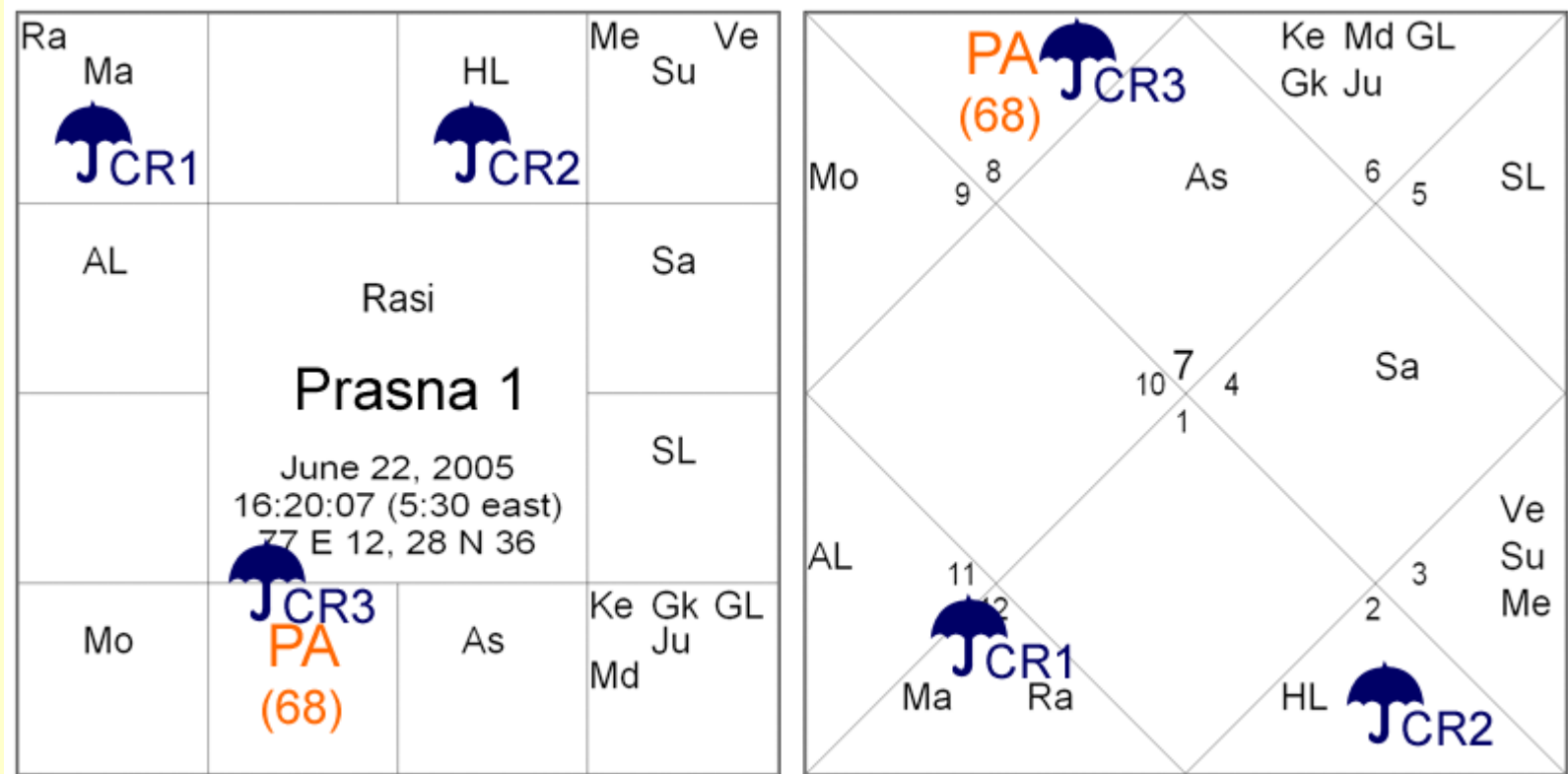
The number given is '68'. Divide number by 12 and determine remainder: $68 \div 12 = 5 + 8/12$. '8' or Scorpio is the Praśna āruḍha and its longitude is to be taken as the same as lagna which is $28^{\circ}30'$ in Praśna 1.

Illustration: Chattra rāśi

1. In Praśna 1 the Sun is in Gemini implying Aries vīthi (path)
2. Praśna āruḍha we have found to be in Scorpio and Praśna Lagna is Libra.
3. Count from Āruḍha to Lagna – we get 12 signs
4. Count as many signs from Aries which is the vīthi (path) – counting 12 signs from Aries we arrive at Pisces which is the Chattra rāśi or shelter/umbrella sign.
5. However, note that the native actually asked ‘four’ questions instead of one. These questions will be ruled in the order of (1st) Lagna, (2nd) Moon, (3rd) Sun. So the Chattra rāśi for each of these questions will have to be calculated using the same praśna āruḍha and Aries vīthi.

Q	Body	Sign	From SC [PA]	Chattra Rāśi CR
Q1	Lagna	Libra	12	CR1: Pisces
Q2	Moon	Sagittarius	2	CR2: Taurus
Q3	Sun	Gemini	8	CR3: Scorpio
Q4	Do not answer more than 3 questions for one āruḍha.			

Draw Chart with PA & CR: Praśna 1



Try answering the questions: - Praśna Āruḍha: Scorpio

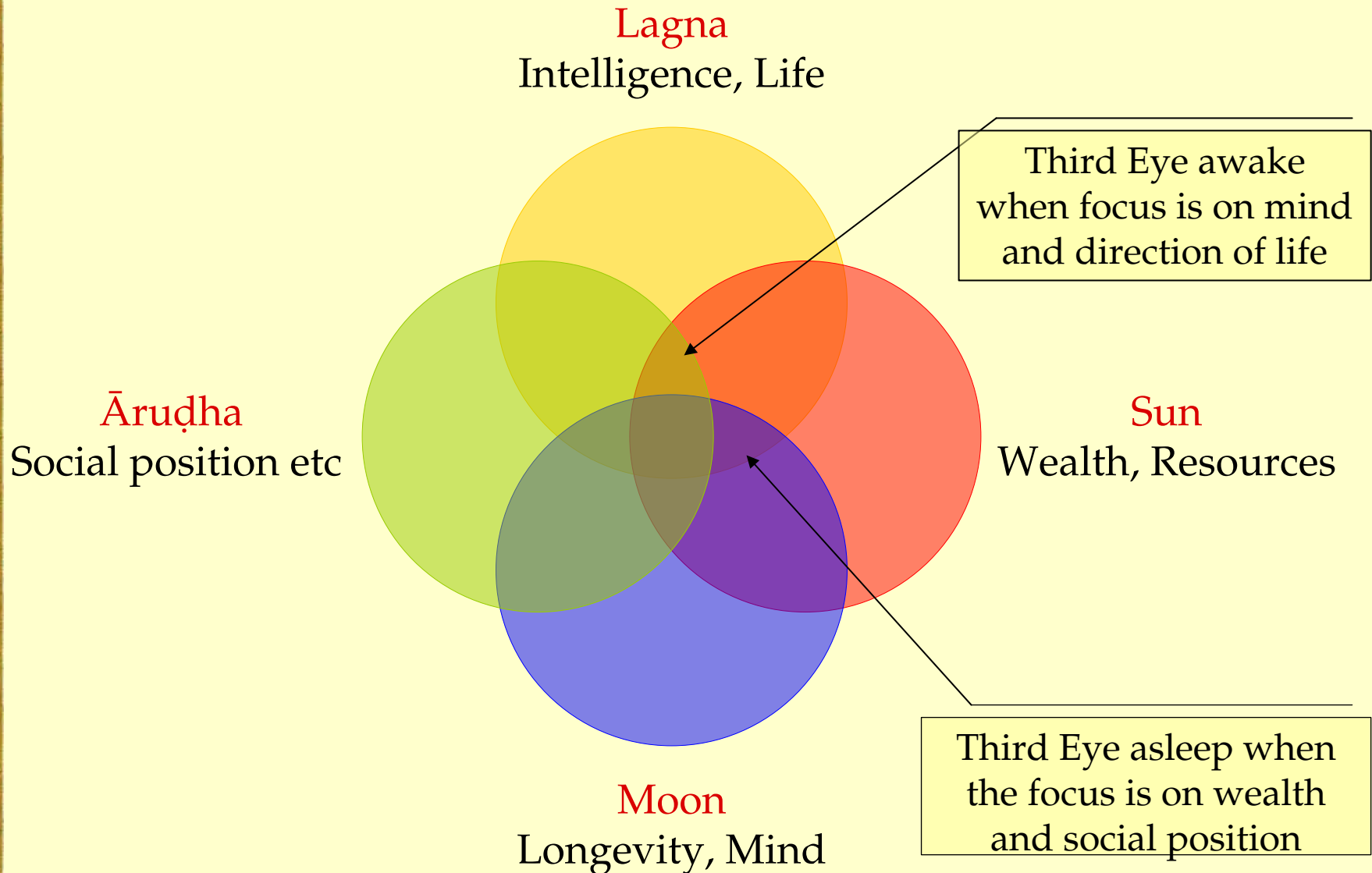
Q1: What is the best career path for me? [Lag, CR1: Pisces]

Q2: Will I attain financial success and personal satisfaction from it? [Moon Lagna, CR2: Taurus]

Q3: How can I best bring that into fruition? [Sun Lag, CR3: Scorpio]

Q4: Are there other career alternatives? [Just ignore this question]

The four factors



Lagna & Āruḍha

- Success in life and victory is sure to follow if the lagna lord has is strong. If it has digbala, propitiate the deity of the direction for assuring this success and victory.
 1. Sun 10th house– Indra, East: Worship Iṣṭa devatā
 2. Venus 4th house– Agni, SE; Mṛtyunjaya homa or mantra
 3. Mars 10th house– Yama, South; Pitṛs or manes to be propitiated
 4. Rāhu 7th house– Nirriti, SW; Brahma-Rākṣaśa śānti
 5. Saturn 7th house– Varuṇa, West; Rudrābhiśeka (water, oil, ghee)
 6. Moon 4th house – Vāyu, NW; ornament decoration, perfume etc
 7. Mercury 1st house – Kubera, North; worship on birthday (tithi)
 8. Jupiter 1st house – Śiva, NE; Bhajan, scripture reading
- A person is favored by the deity of the planet in lagna.
- Wealth is sure to flow from directions of planets having digbala from āruḍha Sources of wealth are of the planets strong in the 1st or 7th from āruḍha. If none then the eleventh will give the indication.

Simple rules for judgment

1. If the āruḍha and lagna are occupied by evil planets, then diseases or wounds are indicated in the body parts governed by these signs. If the tenth house is afflicted then the work and reputation suffers.
2. Consider the lords of the signs occupied by
 1. Lagna for intelligence and well-being
 2. Āruḍha for status and fortune
 3. Moon for health and longevity
 4. Sun for wealth and finances
3. If these lords are exalted or well placed in the -
 1. Navāṁśa, they vouchsafe the future,
 2. Drekkāṇa, they show a good past
 3. Rāśi, they hold promise for the year
4. If these lords are debilitated or in inimical signs, they show a status that was fallen or will fall in future.
5. If combust, then energy / life force is destroyed.
6. The results for the 12 houses are seen from the lagna and āruḍha. Similar houses reckoned from the Sun are seen for father, Moon for mother and other significators for the other relations.

Twelve houses

The twelve houses signify the following: -

1. Body/health
2. Wealth/financial resources
3. Abilities, skills, tools and weapons as well as short leave
4. Vehicles, office and work environment
5. Subordinates, authority and diplomacy
6. Servants, physical work, enemies, diseases
7. Communications, partners
8. Longevity, chronic diseases
9. Mind and spirituality
10. Work, trade, commerce
11. Income
12. Expenditure

If the lord of a house is well placed from it then the house flourishes, whereas if it is well placed from lagna then it is well experienced.

(1) Vargottama & Exaltation, (2) Own sign, (3) Inimical sign and (4) Debility are the four states of a planet in navāṁśa which give it guṇa which decides its benevolence.

Judgment of houses

1. Houses thrive if

- They are associated with lords of trines (even if malefic) or quadrants, exalted or strong planets or benefic planets like Jupiter, Mercury and Venus or their own lords.
- They have benefic planets in quadrants (4, 7, 10) or in subha (auspicious) yoga i.e. 2/12 house reckoned from the house.

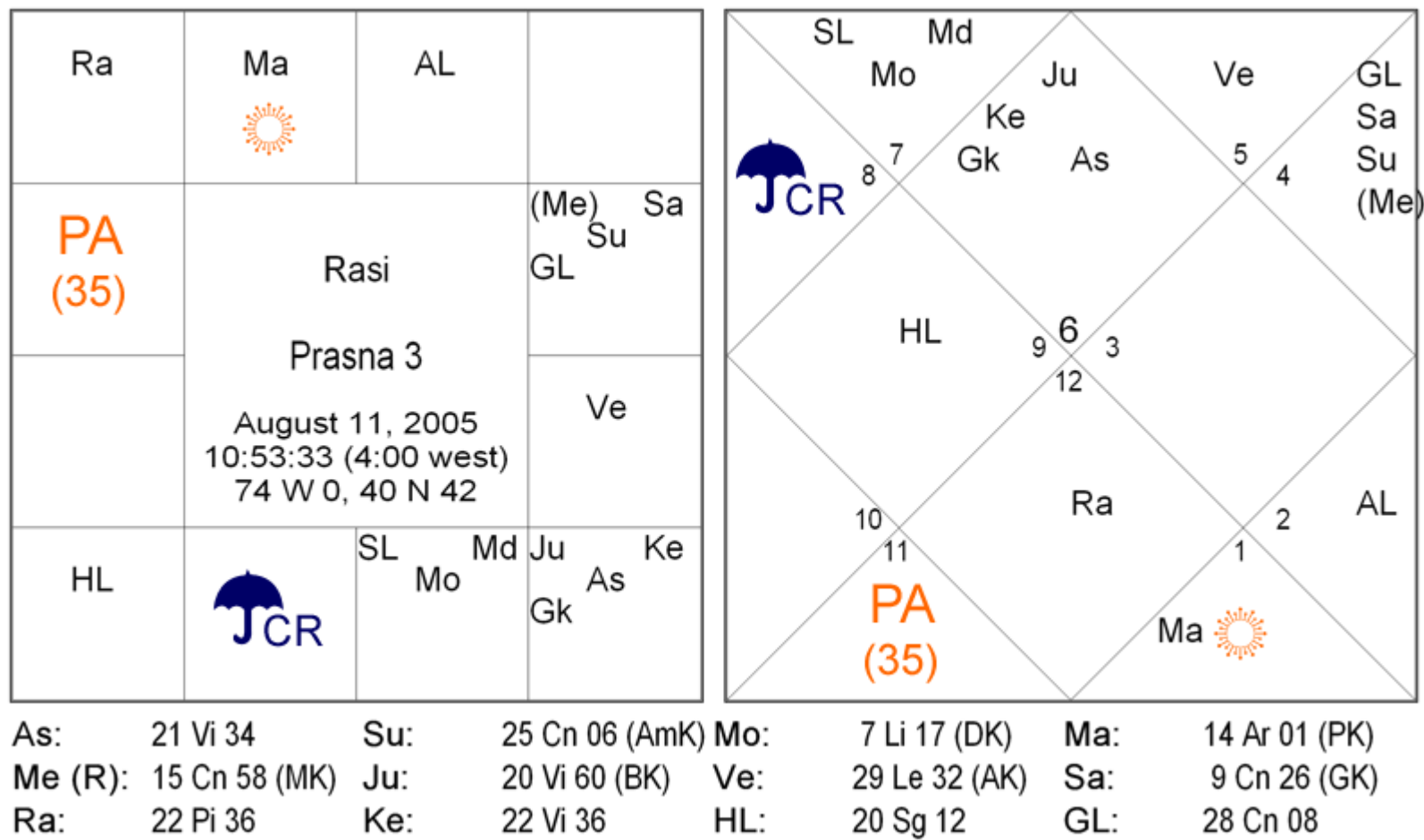
2. Houses are destroyed if

- They are conjoined the lord of a dusthāna (6th, 8th or 12th) or
- Their lords associate with the lord of a dusthāna or
- Their lords are in a dusthāna or

3. Houses are weakened if

- The house, its lord or kāraka (significator) is weak or afflicted
- Evil planets occupy the sukha trikoṇa (4, 8, 12) and/or koṇa (5, 9) from the house
- The daśā of such evil planets will damage the said houses.

Praśna 3



Q: What should I do to get blessed with a fulfilling and meaningful career ? 35.

Examine praśna 3 rāśi chart

1. Lagna in Virgo: Is there a blessing? She wanted to know about it.
2. Lagna Lord Mercury in 11H and retrograde.
3. Praśna Āruḍha in Aquarius and its lords Saturn & Rāhu
4. Moon in Libra and Subhapati (Moon sign Lord) Venus in 12th house in Leo
5. Sun in Cancer and Āditya (Sun sign lord) Moon in Libra
6. The lords of the 10th house from Lagna, āruḍha, Sun and Moon
7. The 10th house from Lagna, āruḍha, Sun and Moon
8. Pañcāṅga: Tithi: Śukla Saptamī (Sa); Vedic Weekday: Thursday (Ju); Nakṣatra: Svātī (Ra); Yoga: Subha (Su); Karaṇa: Garija (Ju); Kāla Lord: Saturn

Praśna 3: Drekkāṇa

GL Su	AL Ve	Ju As Gk	Ke
D-3 Prasna 3 Drekkana August 11, 2005 10:53:33 (4:00 west) 74 W 0, 40 N 42			Sa
			HL Ma
Ra (Me)	SL Mo	Md	

Sa	4	3	Ju Ke Gk	As	1	12	Ve	AL Su GL
		HL			5	2	11	
		Ma			8	Ra		
6	7	Md			(Me)	9	10	
Mo	SL							

1. How are the lords of Lagna, Āruḍha lagna, Moon sign and Sun sign placed in the drekkāṇa?
2. How are the lords of the 10th houses or planets in the 10th house from these signs in the rāśi chart placed in the drekkāṇa?
3. Does this drekkāṇa correctly reflect the past? Try the next

Praśna 3: Jagannāth Drekkāṇa

Ra Su	GL								
		D-3 (Jn)						Sa	
		Prasna 3 Drekkana						Ma	
	AL	August 11, 2005 10:53:33 (4:00 west) 74 W 0, 40 N 42							
HL Ve		(Me)	SL Mo	Md	Ju As Gk	Ke			

	SL	Md							
(Me)	8	7	Ju	Ma				5	4
			Ke	As					Sa
			Gk						
		HL							
			Ve		9	6	3		
					12				
					Ra				
AL			GL						
	10				Su				2
	11							1	

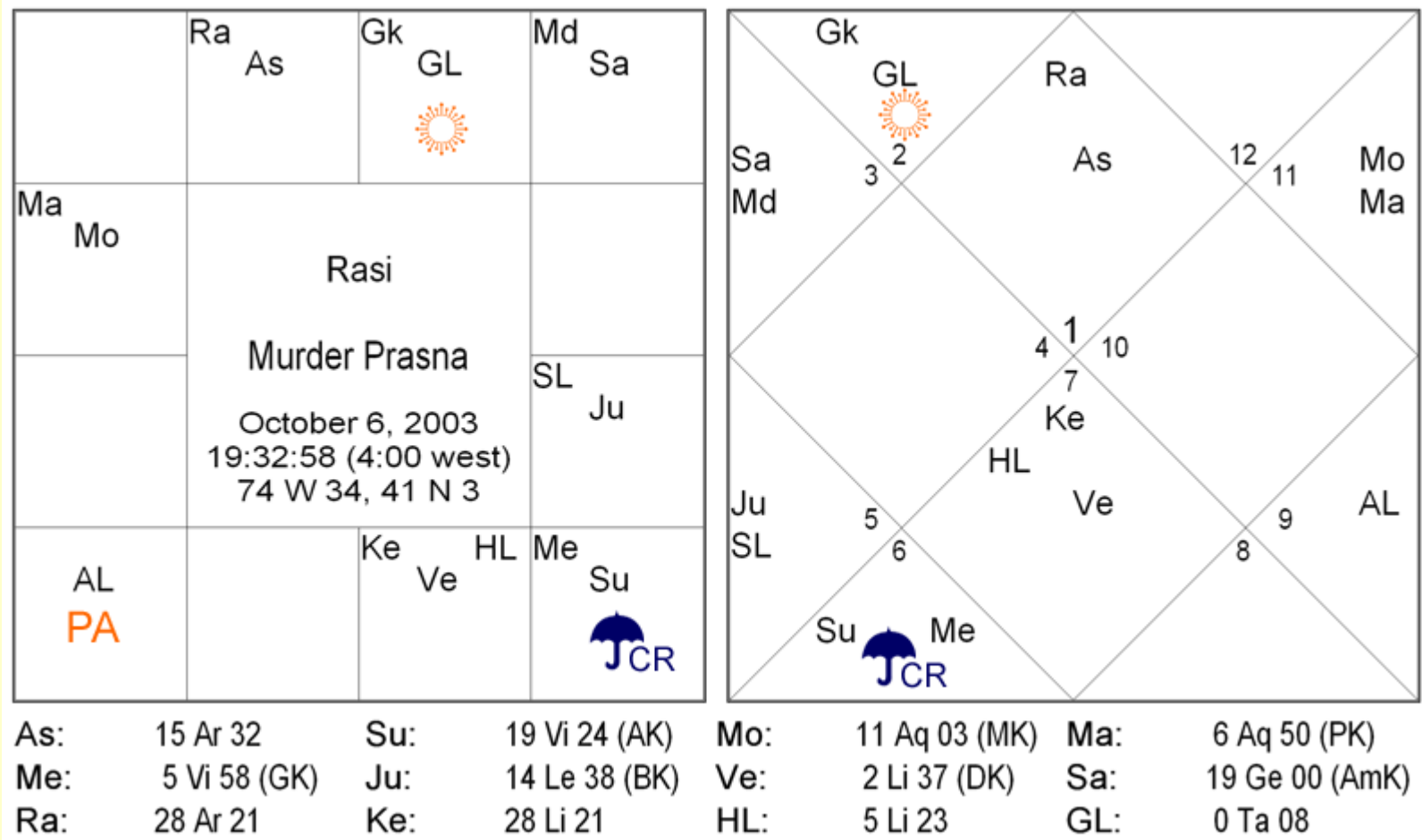
Statement: “My employment opportunities start off with a bang and then over a couple of years, I find myself in a dead-end job without much growth prospects. The other colleagues who had started off with me 10 years ago are in much higher positions than me.”

Which drekkāṇa reflects this accurately? How has her career been in the past?

Niti - methodology

1. The four means to be employed in matters of money and career for overcoming enemies and obstacles as per Artha śāstra and other well known scriptures are sāma, dāma, daṇḍa and bheda.
 1. Sāma – Compromise: Brāhmaṇa; Jupiter & Venus
 2. Dāma – Bribe, Buy: Vaiśya; Moon & Mercury
 3. Daṇḍa – Punishment: Kṣatriya; Sun & Mars
 4. Bheda – Split, Betray: Sudra; Saturn & Rāhu
2. Only choose a planet based on its position in Lagna, Upacaya (3, 6, 10, 11) or Kendra (1, 4, 7, 10) for prescribing a methodology, provided it is strong or favorable.
3. The methodology adopted by enemy is from similar houses from the sixth bhāva.
4. The lord of the day is the strongest in winning the battle while the lord of the horā is the one that can turn tables.

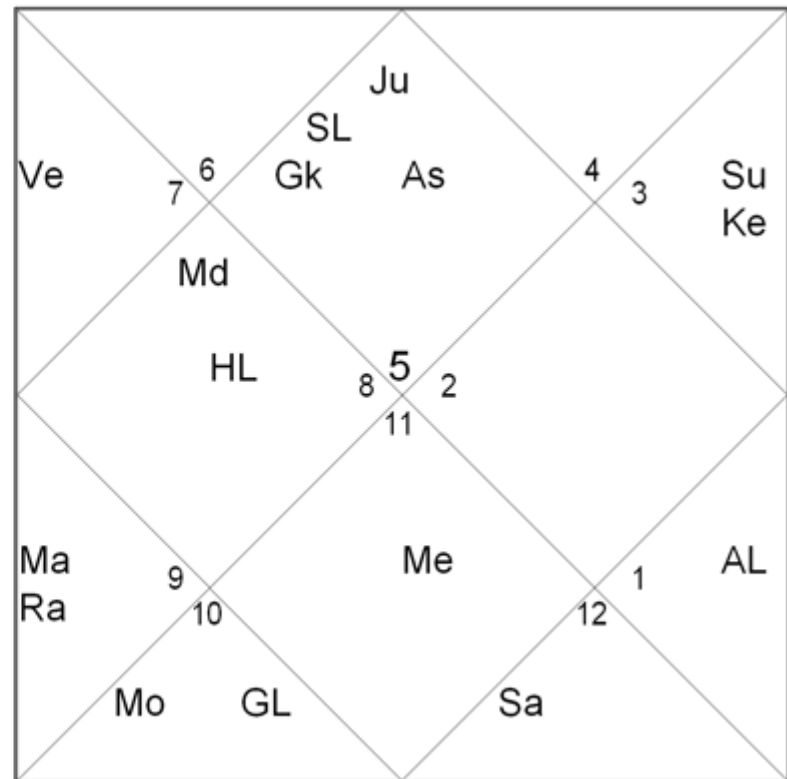
Murder Praśna: Rāśi



1. What is the questioner worried about?
2. Who was murdered and why?
3. What is the correct method (*niti*) for him to follow?

Murder Praśna Navāṁśa

Sa	AL		Ke Su
Me	D-9 Murder Prasna October 6, 2003 19:32:58 (4:00 west) 74 W 34, 41 N 3		
GL Mo			Ju As Gk
Ra Ma	Md HL	Ve	



Murder Praśna Drekkāṇa


		Su	Ke
Sa Mo	D-3 (Jn)		
GL Me	Murder Prasna October 6, 2003 19:32:58 (4:00 west) 74 W 34, 41 N 3		Ju As SL
Ra	AL	Ve Ma Md	HL Gk


Md HL Ma Ve	Gk 7	Ju SL 6 As	4 3 Ke
	AL	8 5 2 Sa	Su
Ra	9 10	Mo	12 1
Me	GL		

Dealing in metals

- The four principal metals are from the four yuga rāśi –
Aries: Gold (Satya Yuga); Cancer: Silver (Treta Yuga);
Libra: Copper (Dvapara Yuga) and Capricorn: Iron (Kali
Yuga)
 - Gain of gold if Sun in 1st + Venus in 2nd whereas Venus in lagna
and Sun in 12th causes loss of gold
 - Gain of iron if Saturn in 1st + Mercury in 2nd whereas Mercury in
1st and Saturn in 12th causes loss of iron
 - Gain of copper if Venus in 1st + Mars in 2nd whereas Mars in 1st +
Venus in 12th causes loss of copper
 - Gain of wealth if Mars is in 1st + Saturn in 2nd whereas Saturn in
1st + Mars in 12th causes loss of wealth

Test Praśna: Rāśi

Me	Ra	AL (Sa)
	CR2	PA1 
Ve	Rasi	
Su	Test Prasna	
	March 4, 2005 23:15:00 (5:30 east) 77 E 12, 28 N 36	
SL		
Ma	Md	Ke
Mo		As
Gk	CR1.2	(Ju)
	PA2	CR1.1
		PA3

Gk	Ke	PA3 (Ju)
Md	As	6 5
Mo	9 8	CR1.1
Ma	PA2	GL
	SL	10 7 4
		1
Su	Ra	CR3
Ve	11 12	PA1 (Sa) 
	Me	2 3
		AL
		CR2

As:	24 Li 44	Su:	20 Aq 20 (MK)	Mo:	3 Sg 26 (DK)	Ma:	24 Sg 34 (AmK)
Me:	5 Pi 32 (GK)	Ju (R):	23 Vi 30 (BK)	Ve:	13 Aq 43 (PK)	Sa (R):	26 Ge 45 (AK)
Ra:	1 Ar 04	Ke:	1 Li 04	HL:	4 Cn 45	GL:	27 Cn 26

Question 1: What business line would suit me? Would I be really successful in astrology or as a share broker? 3

Question 2: Would this current business of mine continue? 21

Question 3: Would I really make it big? 30.

Test Praśna: Drekkāṇa (Parāsara)

GL Me	Md Ra	(Ju)	Ve As
(Sa)	D-3 Test Prasna Drekkana March 4, 2005 23:15:00 (5:30 east) 77 E 12, 28 N 36		HL
Gk Mo		Ke Su	AL SL

	HL	Ve	(Ju)	
Ma	5 4	As	2 1	Ra Md
	AL		GL	
	SL	6 3 12	Me	
		9 Gk		
Su Ke	7 8	Mo	10 11	(Sa)

1. Does this reflect his past career as an accountant?
2. How did he do in his career?
3. Project the past on a time frame reckoned from birth.

Test Praśna: Drekkāṇa (Jagannāth)

GL	Ra Mo	Gk	Su As (Sa)
Ve	D-3 (Jn)		HL Me
Test Prasna Drekkana March 4, 2005 23:15:00 (5:30 east) 77 E 12, 28 N 36			AL Md
Ma		Ke	SL (Ju)

HL	Me	Su (Sa)	As	2	1	Gk Mo Ra	
Md AL	5	4	SL	6	3	12	GL
			(Ju)	9			
Ke	7	8	Ma	10	11	Ve	

- Does this reflect his past career as an accountant?
- How did he do in his career?
- Project the past on a time frame reckoned from birth.

Test Praśna: Navāṁśa

GL	Ra Su	Gk Mo	As (Sa)
Ve	D-9		Md
	Test Prasna Navamsa March 4, 2005 23:15:00 (5:30 east) 77 E 12, 28 N 36		(Ju) HL Me AL
	Ma	Ke	SL

	(Sa)	Mo	Ra Su	Gk	
Md	4	3	As	1	12
	(Ju)				GL
HL		Me	5	2	11
AL			8		Ve
SL	6		Ma		10
	7			9	
		Ke			

1. Predict the future
2. What advise would you give about long term prospects of current business?
3. What advise would you give about future business?