

Astrology: A Scientific Purview

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Abstract

Astrology is a science based on facts and evidences that has significant accuracy and numerous applications. The paper is an attempt to explore the reasons of its unacceptability and ineffectiveness. There is need to pursue scientific astrological research to utilize its immense potential for human welfare, development, safety, bio-medical use and spiritual awakening.

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1. Introduction

The Universe has been endowed with infinite knowledge and the understanding to the same evolves as our wisdom grows during the course of our evolution. Astrology, the essence of Occult Science is not different in this aspect.

Astrology is a chemistry of celestial bodies and planetary interactions that casts its effect on human affairs and terrestrial events. It is a precise science, the more one explores and practices, and the more one gets interested. It is a logical intervention that indulges and channelizes the mind in quest for perfection in predictions. Scientific aptitude, rational approach, intellect and analytical skills are some of the pre-requisites that an astrologer must possess. Astrology can serve as a guide on every aspect of life. To what extent does a person interpret and utilize the information depends on his comprehension.

Development of Science and Technology has raised the level of comfort, living standard and luxuries in our life. It is still a topic of debate as to why should Science and Technology be prioritized. Similarly, Astrology has been claimed to be pseudoscience for several reason and is rendered as unacceptable and ineffective. The possible reasons for this discrimination with Astrology have been briefed below [1-3].

2. Method and Material

The birth details of several natives were collected and correlated with the basic face structure, features, skin color to match the ascendant (Lagan and Navmansh) depending on their age to confirm the birth details. The native's life incident, family history, education, interest, profession and health status were also used to confirm and match the birth details, prior to analysis. The results obtained were studied and summarized.

3. Discussions

The preconceived notion of "Astrology the Pseudoscience" prevailing in the society needs earnest efforts of young scientists. The constructive and collaborative scientific research can bring the astrological vitality in main stream. We shall now try to summarize the possible reasons that need to be worked upon to give Astrology its worth appraisal [1-3].

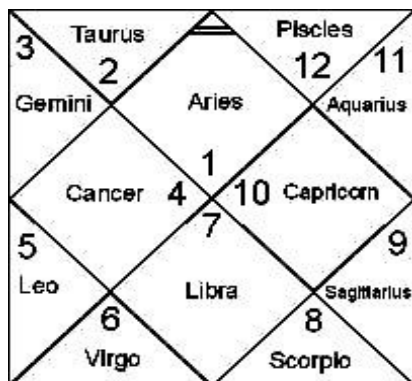


Figure 1: Horoscope

3.1 Lack of Scientific Efforts

Astrology could be best understood and interpreted if we carefully consider the chemistry of celestial bodies, planets and planetary interactions. The twelve houses in the horoscope have physico-chemico- biological significance on human body and earth.

Red Book a scientific version of astrology by Pandit Roop Chand Joshi focused to systematize the study but it did not correlate the planetary placement with their sign [2-6].

3.2 Lack of Proper Concepts

There are many concepts that have not been properly expressed. The sixth house of the horoscope (Figure 1) refers to Virgo sign the physical significance of which refers to the underground region (hidden secret) ruled by Rahu and green land ruled by Mercury. We must consider Rahu as its major owner while discussing the sixth house and Virgo sign.

The axis of rotation of Rahu and Ketu is clock wise similar to Sun and Moon. We cannot get the proper results unless the real facts are considered. There are several other fundamental aspects that still remain unexplored that could be used in analysis for a correct prediction [2-6].

3.3 Following the old rules while analysis

In the ancient versions, Jupiter rendered all benefices to native where as in modern time Saturn, Rahu and Venus in own and friendly sign are highly fruitful.

The chances of incorrect predictions get raised when several odd planetary combinations are given a status of being benefic with exemplary combination of Sun and Moon, Mars and Moon, Venus and Moon etc. The analysis should be done taking care of planetary nature, chemistry, interactions based on complementary benefic and malefic effect w.r.t other planets, placement, zodiac sign and degree [2-4].

3.4 Irrelevant Analysis

Every aspect of the horoscope must be studied in details before extracting the inference. The combust,

retrograde condition, effect of the planet lying opposite in the seventh house are generally neglected. The navmansh (D9) chart must be verified while discussing the life of a mature person for a relevant profiling.

It is generally seen that varshfal (yearly chart) is neglected while discussing the planetary status of the native [2-6].

3.5 Lack of Scientific Interpretation

People can be seen wearing gem stones and metals on their body, neck, hand and ear without proper information. Each stone and metal has a specific role or function. The horoscope must be checked along with the ruling planet and varshfal before wearing a gemstone or metal. Gold intensifies the effect and also leads to weight gain in most of the cases if worn in neck. Similarly, diamond should be judiciously used.

The colors of the clothes that we wear have marked influence. The color of the clothes correlates to our seventh house. In case black and dark blue color clothes are frequently used by native of Cancer ascendant it will affect the health and adversely affect relationship with the partner. Similarly, wearing thick black threads in neck and hand for a longer period has antagonistic effect [2-6].

3.6 Using incorrect birth details

The birth details must be accurate. The placement of planets in the horoscope should be matched with natives family history, education, interests and most importantly the natives face structure should match his ascendants face format, depending on his age from lagan and navmansh chart, prior to analysis. Ascendant of a specific zodiac sign has similar face format however, the features, skin color, face marks, moles may vary depending on planets placement and age.

3.7 Correlation with Mythology

The Universe and the life have been designed and conceptualized by the Almighty God. It is unfortunate that Astrology has been overshadowed by mythology. The life works on the principles of astrology. It has been witnessed several times that planet once placed in the horoscope at the time of our birth cannot escape giving the specific set of results.

It is not just the single planet or planets but the placement, zodiac sign, degree, status of ascendant lord, planetary chemistry and interactions, influence of other planets in Lagan and D9 chart that as a whole determines our life. Every aspect of life is preordained. Our preferences, skills, destiny, success, failure and reason of death are all predefined. Our actions follow the planetary placements in our horoscope.

It is important to know the reason of our problem; in case Rahu is the reason behind our struggle we can only minimize the intensity of malefic influence by praying

Goddess Saraswati and selecting logical remedy for Rahu. It is immaterial to please planets by spending the money unwisely.

The essence of astrology lies in improving the deeds and earning the blessing. We need to know our self by self realization and address our priorities and duties with a positive attitude. Spiritual awakening and selfless service for humanity, nation and earth wards off misfortune [2-6].

3.8 Irrational Remedies

Rational environment friendly remedies should be selected. Every planet as specific day and time for its remedy. Remedies should be repeated on specific day and time for an effective outcome. Keeping in view that we do not donate things related to planets of second, fourth and eleventh house of horoscope.

Several yajnas are recommended to reduce the malefic effect. We often get ritual rights done by person who himself has similar malefic influence in his horoscope. So we must select a relevant and qualified person following the proper rights and rituals for our prayers. Remedies to ward off malefic effect should be done by sufferer native himself. If the ill intention of the native does not change, performing yajnas would never be beneficial.

If Jupiter is placed in seventh house and the native donates the clothes. He may face the health related problems. We must remember that donating an object to people multiple times shifts the planetary effect to twelfth house for a temporary phase [2-6].

3.9 Lack of Scientific Astrological Research and Research Journals

Astrology is one of the prime steps for improving, accessing and healing after self realization. Some people are gifted and automatically follow the right path and attain success. The under privileged keep struggling full life without learning from past incidents. Only a few people have a quest to know the future prospects of life and improve the life by Occult Science.

Now the time has changed and the young researchers should study astrology and prove its immense potential for human welfare, development, safety and various other allied prospects. The proper understanding of astrology and its correlation to Vastu shastra can predict the terrestrial events like earthquake and floods. Astrology has a bright future but it needs scientific evaluation. The earnest effort for research would easily find the place in acknowledged journals [2-7].

4. Conclusions

Astrology is a chemistry of celestial bodies and planetary interactions that casts its effect on human affairs and terrestrial events. It is highly scientific, precise and has immense potential for human welfare, spiritual enlightenment and healing. The young researchers need to take up astrology to evaluate the question that lay unanswered through sustained rational efforts and logical reasoning.

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