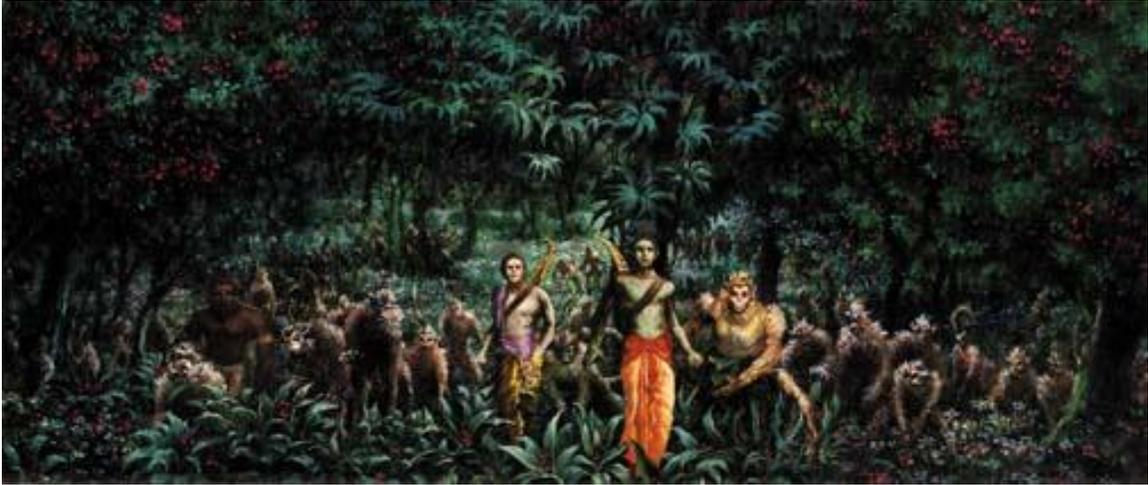


## ॐ Interpretation of Dasa system ॐ



### ➤ QUESTION BY MR.NARASIMHA RAO

*We often see people explaining known events based on 2-3 dasas. They typically end up showing how 4 or 5 (or more!) out of 9 planets can give that event. I tell myself: "this is ridiculous. How can we precisely time events like this? Why is it Mars-Merc-Ven? Why not Ven-Mars-Merc or Merc-Ven-Mars?"*

### ✓ ANSWER BY PT.SANJAY RATH

I believe that I have written about this in my book COVA-Timing of events. Sun-Moon-Lagna is the correct answer upto the third level.

### ➤ EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR THIS ANSWER BY MR.NARASIMHA RAO

I will elaborate Sanjay's advice.

Sanjay was taught by his grandfather to give prominence to Sun, Moon and lagna when judging dasas, antardasas (AD) and pratyantardasas (PD), respectively. This is applicable to Vimsottari dasa and Narayana dasa (especially of rasi chart). I will give one example. Birthdata: 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1955, 10:30 am (IST), around 81e00 and 16n00. Let us analyze the rasi chart. This chart belongs to Chiranjeevi, a megastar of Telugu language films in India. Daughter of Hollywood's Sabu (star of "Thief of Baghdad" and "Arabian Nights") is remaking her father's classic "Thief of Baghdad" with Chiranjeevi in the lead.

You will see that Jupiter's Vimsottari dasa ran from 1977 to 1992. During this time, he slowly earned name as an actor and rose to the top in Telugu film industry. Taking Sun as lagna, Jupiter is 8<sup>th</sup> lord in 12<sup>th</sup>, giving viparita raja yoga. Next dasa of Saturn wasn't good. Saturn-Saturn was ok, but Mercury AD brought troubles. He went through a long lean patch and critics almost wrote him off.

Success in Jupiter dasa may be explained using lagna too, but how can you explain troubles in Saturn dasa? Saturn is yogakaraka (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> lord), he is exalted in lagna and gives Sasa yoga. One would have to predict all-round success in Saturn dasa. But the reality is that he went through an extended lean patch. The last 3-4 years were a horrible time for him. [You may try to explain it based on D-10. No use. Lagna in D-10 is Cp. Saturn owns 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and occupies 5<sup>th</sup>.] If you give prominence to Sun as per Sanjay's advice above, it makes better sense. Saturn owns 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> w.r.t. Sun and he is a functional malefic. His exaltation is not really good. Being the exalted 7<sup>th</sup> lord, he can give good results in good antardasas, but he is also the exalted 6<sup>th</sup> lord and can give very bad results in bad antardasas. Saturn-Saturn (92-95) was good, but Saturn-Mercury was the antardasa that brought the lows. Judging ADs from Moon, we see that Mercury is 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> lord occupying 12<sup>th</sup>. So his AD brought upsets in career.

D-10 is more poignant. Mercury owns 8<sup>th</sup> from Moon and occupies 1<sup>st</sup> (from Moon). So his AD was pretty bad in career. Mercury owns 2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> w.r.t. dasa lord Saturn and occupies 10<sup>th</sup>, in D-10. Mercury owns 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> w.r.t. dasa lord Saturn and occupies 11<sup>th</sup>, in rasi. Despite good placement from dasa lord in rasi and D-10, Mercury gave bad results in his AD. Why? It is due to his bad placement w.r.t. Moon. When judging antardasas, Moon is an important reference. When judging dasas, Sun is an important reference. When judging pratyantardasas, lagna is the most important reference point.

Try it in many charts and see for yourself. Try it with Narayana dasa of rasi chart too.

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➤ **QUESTION BY MR.SATEESH**

*I have noticed that over the various Bhuktis (Sub-Periods) that a different Sub-Sub-Period has "Triggered" the event (e.g. New Job), etc.  
Can anyone advise why a different Planet was the Trigger in each Bhukti? I would have thought that it would have been the same one?*

✓ **ANSWER BY MR.LOUIS NICKENS**

In Udu-daya-pradip, Phaladipika, Jataka Chandrika, and other classical Parashari works, we learn that a planet does not give his inauspicious or auspicious result in his own antardasha, but rather:

atmasambandhino ye ca ye va nijasadharminah  
tesam antardasasv eva disanti svadasaphalam [30]

"The dasa lord gives his own (good or bad) effects in the antar of those planets who are related to him or are of like nature (dharma) and give similar results as that of the dashanath."

By dasa lord is meant either the Mahadasha lord or the Antardasha lord.

Thus, the ruler of 3, 6, or 11, for example, will give his malefic results not in his own antardasha, but in the antardasha of a planet who is either an

- (1) atmasambandhin--related to (by conjunction, aspect, or exchange), OR
- (2) nijasadharmin--having the same dharma or attribute, i.e., that is also ruler of a malefic (3, 6, 11) house.

Likewise, the ruler of 1, 5, or 9 will give his benefic results not in his own antar, but in the antar of a planet that is related to OR that is of the same functionally benefic nature.

And, of course, it goes to follow if the antar lord is both related AND of the same nature, the results will be extreme.

Of course, you'll need to study the appropriate varga chart to filter out the actual effect, insofar as every house in the birthchart has many indications.

With this key, you can avoid confusion in interpreting charts, even when many planets are all piled up in one house.

I hope this helps.

✓ **REPLY BY PT.SANJAY RATH**

That is very interesting. In BHAVARTHA RATNAKARA we see a very specific example of the result of two planets. For example, Ramanujacharya (Author of Bhavartha Ratnakara) says that the conjoined periods of Venus & Saturn will be beneficial only for those born in the ascendants ruled by Jupiter (Refers to Pisces & Sagittarius). Now, let us take Sagittarius. Venus is the malefic lord of the 6th & 11th houses whereas Saturn is the malefic lord of the 3rd house.

Your point:

"Thus, the ruler of 3, 6, or 11, for example, will give his malefic results not in his own antardasha, but in the antardasha of a planet who is either an  
(1) atmasambandhin--related to (by conjunction, aspect, or exchange), OR  
(2) nijasadharmin--having the same dharma or attribute, i.e., that is also ruler of a malefic (3, 6, 11) house."

Applying your point to Sagittarius Lagna for Saturn Dasa Venus Antardasa, we see that the results are VERY NEGATIVE OR MALEFIC whereas Bhavartha Ratnakara attributes GOOD OR BENEFICIAL results.

We have two options at this stage (a) either to accept that the works belong to different schools like PARASARI , JAIMINI , RAMANUJA and God knows how many other such names are to come in this Kali Yuga or (b) admit that there is an error in our interpretation of the words "Atmasambandhin" and "Nijadharminah" and that all these books belong to the one and same thought process of Vedic-Astrology. While the majority of the astrologers have accepted the first path (I believe more out of their own Ahamkara), a few like me admit that we don't have the understanding of the Maharishi's and hope that one day we shall have that insight.

I hope you join me in this prayer for the truth and continue to contribute your beautiful insights that prods me to think. By the way, I do not agree with the general observation made by Sateesh. The point is that very rarely do we have the Sun, Moon and Lagna all in the same sign. If they are in the same sign and also the same constellation, then the results would be more pronounced in the same planets Dasa, Antar & Pratyantar.

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### Different dasa lengths for different dasa?

#### ➤ QUESTION BY MR.GAURANGA DAS

*In the BPHS Nakshatra Dashas of different total length are listed (120, 108, 72, 36 etc.). Will this mean that whenever a native's chart satisfies the conditton for using a certain Dasa system, that will also signify his probable longevity? Or otherwise what is the significance of the total length of Dasa periods?*

#### ✓ ANSWER BY PT.SANJAY RATH

Very nice question. Narasimha also asked this indirectly.

1. 36 years only means that it is applicable for one Ayus Khanda. Let us say a person has got middle life of 36-72 years. This means that we can have four shoola dasa and by following the shoola Dasa and the methods I have given in the COVA the date of death can be fixed. However, we may need to check this through the Yogini Dasa. Yogini is a very evil name as it implies the destruction of Yoga. It is the exact opposite of God/krishna/Yogeshwara/ Life. This Dasa is for 36 Years and its calculation has been taught in BPHS. Now apply this Dasa and try to pinpoint the period of death and you will see its accuracy.

2. The KCD gives different life spans, but this is not the span.

3. When calculating longevity, we arrive at different conclusions with the method of pairs. Say a person has two pairs showing short life and one pair showing long life, and yet long life is granted by one of the exceptions like Moon in 1st/7th house, then the longevity span/ range is altered. Another case can be that two pairs give long life, then we see the third pair to get a hint on the level. For example, if 3 Pairs show long life, then 108 years; if two pairs show long life and the third shows middle life, then this is lesser at 96 years and if two pairs show long life and the third shows short life then this is even lesser at 84 years. It is no longer 72-108 Years, but upto 96 years which will occur in about one-third of the cases. I have given the tables for this in my book COVA/USJM. Then in these cases, the Nirvana Shoola Dasa will give good results.

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#### ➤ A QUESTION FROM THE INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE EXPRESS STARTELLER

*How do you generally assess the Dasa-Bhukti effects? Any special theories?*

✓ ANSWER BY PT.SANJAY RATH

There are different ways to assess the impact of Dasa-Bhukti of different types of dasa depending on whether it is a Dasa of Graha (Planets) or Signs, its purpose i.e. Phalita or Ayur Dasa, its method of starting from the Moon position (Udu dasa like Vimsottari, Ashtottari, Kalachakra etc) or Lagna (various Rasi Dasa) or both (Su-Dasa) or other methods (like Drig Dasa from the ninth house or Panchaswara Dasa etc.) In a nutshell for Vimsottari Dasa, the lordship of the planet, its placement from Lagna, Paka Lagna, and Arudha Lagna as well as from other planets, houses, Arudha Pada & Varnada are to be considered. Its signification including Natural (Naisargika Karakatwa), Fixed (Sthira Karakatwa) and Temporal (Chara Karakatwa) are to be examined vis-à-vis the houses and Arudha Pada it signifies.

Argala is of prime importance as it shows the way in which the planet influences all the other houses and other planets. This is to be properly used in the Rasi and all D-charts for a complete analysis of its influence. Transits especially the transit chart at the start of a particular Dasa-Bhukti should be drawn and examined as per the canons on this subject. Astakavarga, both SAV and Bhinnastakavarga play an important role in analyzing the strengths of the planets while the divisional charts hold the key to divination of the future. It is important to understand the effects of the planets. For example, the second lord in the sixth house will be five signs away from the second house and can give bad results pertaining to children, while it gives fortune (ninth counted from the second lord to the second house) and success in competitions. The dasa lord should be treated as temporary Lagna for understanding the placement effect of the Bhukti lord from it. This is as per the Satyacharya principle. This is a very broad subject and readers can refer to my book "Crux of Vedic Astrology- Timing of Events".

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### Combining Different Dasa Systems

➤ *A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF ASROLOGICAL MAGAZINE BY  
MR.NARASIMHA RAO*

Namaste friends,

I got a copy of the May 2000 issue of AM in which my article was published. I noted a criticism of Yogini dasa and other non-Vimsottari dasas in the editorial. It was part 2 of a series titled "Combining Different Dasa Systems - Right or Wrong".

The editor made some excellent points. I agree with her, but not completely. I wrote a letter to the editor on this. Because this is an important topic and perhaps of interest to you and because all of you don't read this magazine, I am sharing what I wrote with the lists. This is only a letter and not an article. But please don't COPY parts from it without my permission. I don't want to be misquoted.

May Jupiter's light shine on us,  
Narasimha

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Combining Different Dasa Systems

Madam – This is with reference to your editorial titled "Combining Different Dasa Systems – Right or Wrong" in the AM of May 2000. You rightly questioned how a dasa with a paramayush of 36 years can be applied to a madhyayu or poornayu person.

You wrote, "this and several other cases have shown the greater accuracy of Vimsottari Dasa over other Dasa systems in our humble experience". This is not surprising, considering that Sage Parasara, who taught tens of dasas, singled out two dasas as important dasas – Vimsottari dasa and Kalachakra dasa.

Parasara said in "Brihat Parasara Hora Sastram":

विंशोत्तरशतं पूर्णमायुः पूर्वमुदाहृतम् ।

कलौ विंशोत्तरी तस्माद् दशा मुख्या द्विजोत्तम ॥ ४६-१४

Vimsottari dasa is clearly an important dasa in Kali Yuga. However, it should be remembered that the same Parasara who pointed out the importance of Vimsottari dasa took the trouble of explaining Maitreya many other dasas – phalita dasas and ayurdasas, nakshatra dasas and rasi dasas. Maharshis don't waste a single word, let alone multiple verses. Obviously those dasas have their own importance and use.

However, we have to correctly understand when a dasa applies and how a dasa should be used. This is why I completely agree with you when you say, "this is an area that carries great potential for experimentation and research". That is absolutely correct. Apart from experimentation, we need to gather knowledge held as family secrets in the remote corners of India.

Using all dasas for all purposes in an interchangeable manner, as some contemporary authors are doing these days, is not logical. Different dasas have different purposes and usages. Vimsottari dasa shows all the matters. Specialized dasas show only specific matters, but give finer insights than Vimsottari dasa. However, they are useless to one who does not understand the intricacies, views them simply as alternatives to Vimsottari dasa and tries to see all matters in them.

While we are talking about other dasas, I wish to make a pertinent point. Even within Vimsottari dasa, we have a few variations. Jataka Parijatha refers to variations of Vimsottari dasa initiated from the 4th, 5th and 8th stars from janma tara. Dasas started from the 4th and 8th stars are mainly to be used for longevity matters (please see "Crux of Vedic Astrology – Timing of Events" by Pt. Sanjay Rath).

Let me give an example. In the Rasi chart of Dr. B.V. Raman, Moon is in Mrigasira, first pada. The 8th star is Uttaraphalguni. First pada of Uttaraphalguni is in Leo and Leo is stronger than Taurus which contains Moon. So Vimsottari dasa started from Uttaraphalguni may be used for longevity.

Dr. Raman passed away in Venus dasa as per Vimsottari dasa initiated from janma tara. Though he is a yogakaraka, Venus is a maraka being in the 7th house and so the normal Vimsottari dasa works. However, Mercury may be said to be the biggest maraka

in this chart, being the 8th lord in the 7th house. Rahu is a malefic in the 2nd house, the strongest maraka sthana according to Parasara.

तृतीयमष्टमस्थानमायुःस्थानं द्वयं द्विज ।

मारकं तद्व्ययस्थानं द्वितीयम् सप्तमं तथा ॥ ४४-२

तत्रापि सप्तमस्थानाद् द्वितीयम् बलवत्तरम् । ४४-३

So Mercury and Rahu are clearly the strongest marakas here. As per Vimsottari dasa initiated from the 8th star Uttaraphalguni, Rahu bhukti in Mercury dasa was running when the great astrologer passed away, leaving a void in the astrological community. Vimsottari dasa from the 8th star shows the event more clearly in this case.

Again, as you correctly accepted at the end of your example exploiting the weakness of Yogini dasa, "one swallow does not make a summer". Moreover, one may be unsuccessful if one attempts to use this variation of Vimsottari dasa for other events or when the 8th star is not strong.

One thing is clear to me in my humble experience – different dasas and different variations of dasas have their own importance. We need to gather knowledge from traditional families and do practical research. I hope that the excellent series you are running inspires students of astrologers to do so.

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