

Determination of Longevity

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Categories of Life Span

1. Balarishta: Up to the age of eight years;
2. Yogarishta: Eight to twenty years;
3. Alpaayu: Short life, till 33 years;
4. Madhyaayu: Medium lifespan, up to 66 years (70 years according to some);
5. Poornaayu: Long life, till a hundred (or one hundred and twenty) years;
6. Divyaayu: Divine lifespan; a thousand years;
7. Amitaayu: Over a thousand years.

Determination of Longevity

Consider the following three groups:

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| Group I | (a) Lagna lord, and | (b) the eighth lord |
| Group II | (a) Lagna, and | (b) the Moon |
| Group III | (a) Lagna, and | (b) the Hora lagna |



Determination of Longevity (contd.)

1. If both (a) and (b) fall into Chara rashis: Poornaayu
2. If both fall into Sthira rashis: Alpaayu
3. If both in Dwiswabhava rashis: Madhyaayu
4. One in Chara and the other in Sthira: Madhyaayu
5. One in Chara, other in Dwiswabhava: Alpaayu
6. One in Sthira, other in Dwiswabhava: Poornaayu

Determination of Hora Lagna

- I. Determine number of hours and minutes elapsed from sunrise till TOB;
- II. Consider hours as rashis, every two minutes as degrees, to get Ishta Kaala (IK);
- III. To get Hora Lagna, add IK to lagna if the lagna is even, to the Sun if the lagna is odd.

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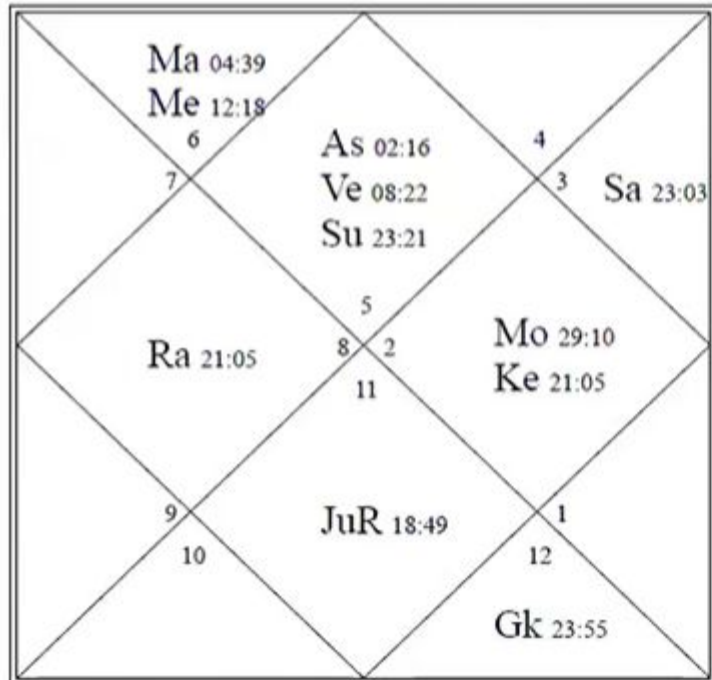
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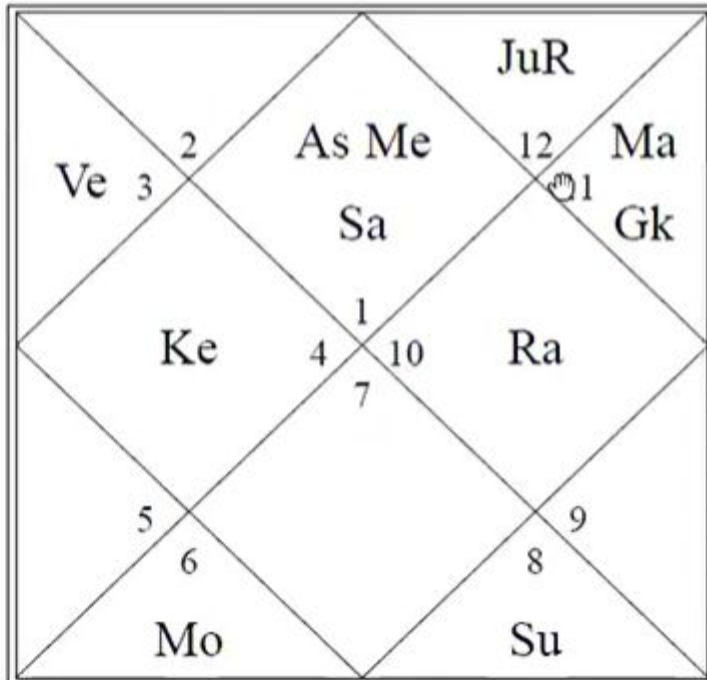
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- Final longevity depends upon what the three groups mentioned above indicate;
- If all three or any two of them indicate a particular segment of longevity, that is to be accepted;
- If all three indicate different segments of longevity, accept the one indicated by lagna and Hora lagna;
- If all three are different but there is Moon in the lagna or 7H, accept the one indicated by the lagna and the Moon.

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More on longevity –

- For group II, Parashara considers Saturn and the Moon, instead of lagna and the Moon;
- The three segments, or *kakshyas*, of longevity are subject to further modifications;
- They may undergo downgrading (*kakshya-hrasa*) or upgrading (*kakshya-vridhhi*).

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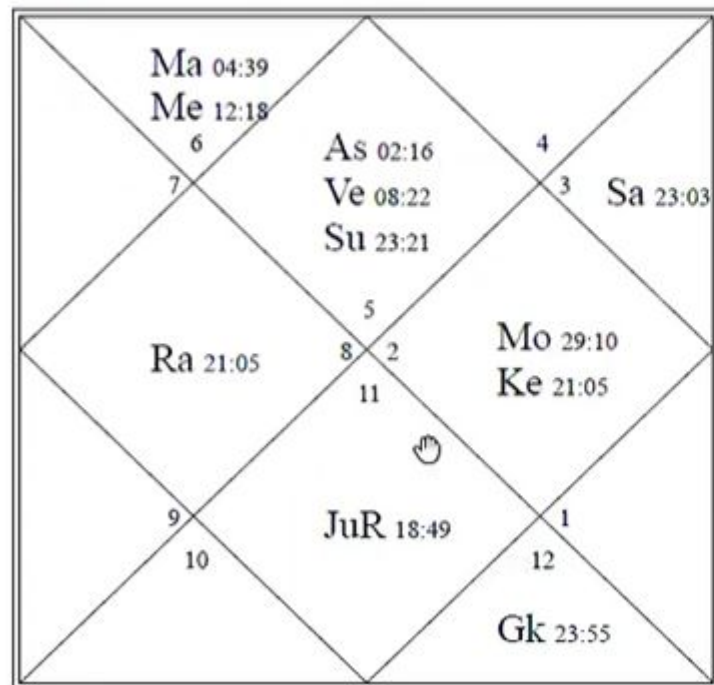
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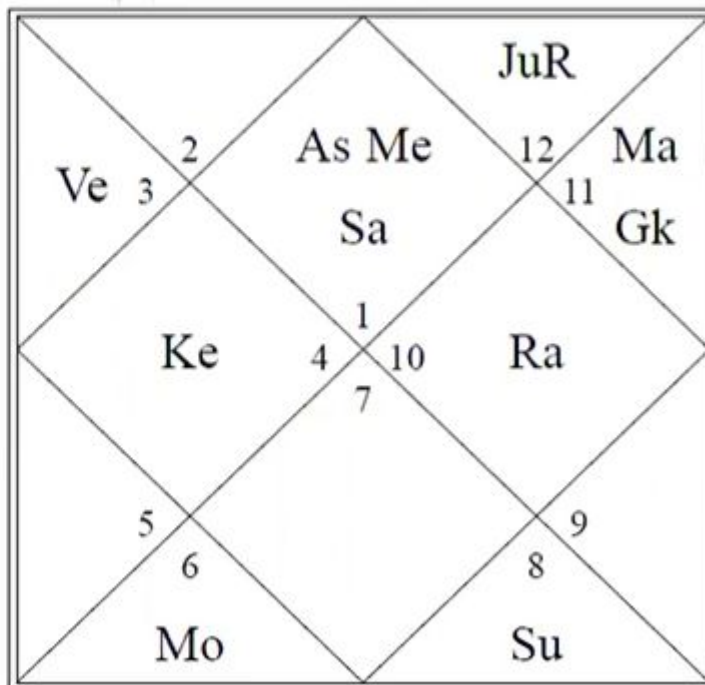
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Downgrading the Longevity Segment

Kakshya-hrasa –

- Literally means downgrading the segment of longevity arrived at by the above-mentioned methods;
- With *kakshya-hrasa*, Poornaayu gets reduced to Madhyaayu, Madhyaayu to Alpaayu, and Alpaayu to Heenaayu (or less than Alpaayu);
- Needs a careful application as well as identification of factors that neutralise it.

Factors Causing Kakshya-Hrasa

- If Saturn is a contributor in any of the three groups of longevity determination mentioned earlier, reduce by one kakshya;
- No reduction if such a Saturn is exalted or in its own house;
- No reduction if Saturn is under several malefic influences;
- Some authorities hold that Saturn does not lessen longevity!

Factors Causing Kakshya-hrasa

- When Kendras from Jupiter are aspected by Mars and Saturn, and when Saturn occupies a kendra from the lagna;
- Moon in 12H or 8H from the lagna or AK;
- Saturn in lagna, karkamsha or Chandra lagna;
- Saturn with LL and 7L;
- 8L from the lagna or 8L from 7H happens to be the AK or joins the AK;
- The lagna and its 7H, or the AK and its 7H, are in Paapa-Kartari;
- The lagna and its 7H, or the AK and its 7H, have malefics in their trikonas.

Upgrading the Longevity Segment

Kakshya-vriddhi –

- Literally means upgrading the segment of longevity arrived at by the methods given above;
- With *kakshya-vriddhi*, the Alpaayu segment gets upgraded to Madhyaayu, Madhyaayu to Poornaayu, and Poornaayu to beyond Poornaayu;
- Needs to be carefully considered along with indications for kshaya-hrasa.

Factors Causing Kakshya-Vridhhi

- Jupiter in lagna or 7H, under benefic influence, with no malefic influence;
- Lagna and its 7H, or AK and its 7H, in Shubha-Kartari yoga;
- Benefics in lagna or 7H, or their trikonas;
- Benefics with AK or in its trikonas;
- A natural benefic as AK, exalted, with no malefic influence;
- Jupiter between benefics, ,or benefics in its trikonas.

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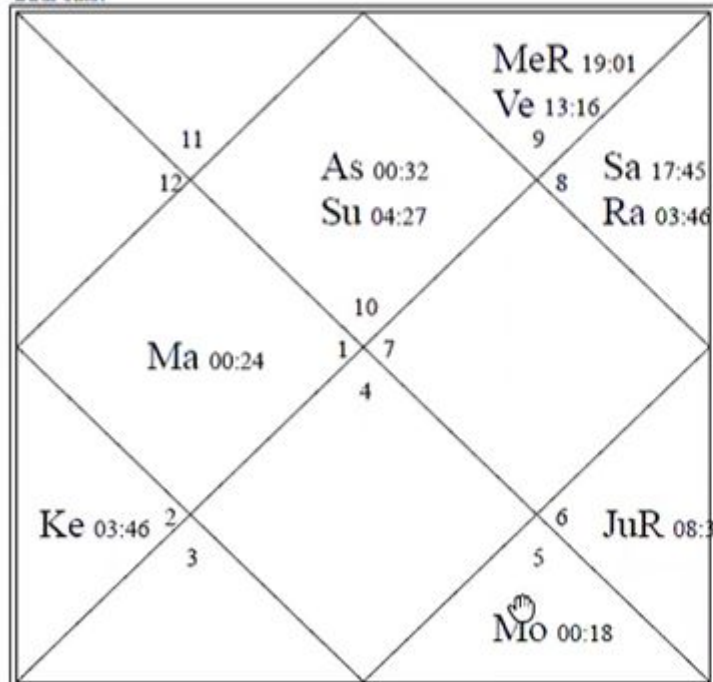
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