

Importance of TRANSIT Astrology

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Transit astrology (gochara) refers to the influence of a transiting planet when in contact with the birth time position of itself or of other planets in the natal chart. This is followed both in sayana and nirayana systems

Influence of transits in astrological studies is highly important as every planet is always in transit. Natal chart indicate the position of planets at birth time. Natal charts sometimes lead us to a false impression that the planets are stagnant in the natal position. But no planet is stagnant at any time. They constantly move in their respective tracks.

Transiting movement of planets indicates a probable time of an opportunity for development or otherwise with the potential promised in natal chart.

Transit astrology is the study of constantly changing angular distances of ever moving planets with the sensitive areas in natal chart.

The transiting planets happen to touch the same point at regular intervals as per their speed. The fast moving planets conjunction with their natal positions repeats at shorter intervals while that of slow moving planets repeats at very long intervals.

Transit chart: Transiting planets are shown over the natal chart, generally, in outer circle. This is to indicate the angular distance of transiting planets to those of the natal position of planets and bhava sputas.

Natal Chart: A natal chart is the snapshot of planetary configuration at a given birth time. Planets after birth time also continue to move in respective tracks while the native is growing in age - mentally and physically.

Planets are posited at specified points in a natal chart as per the past life karma of the native. Stellar astrology theories imply that in a natal chart planet(s) are hosted by star(s) as per the nature of previous karma of the native. Moon posited star is picked as Birth Star for astrological study because Moon is manokaraka. Role of mind is important in formation of present life events. Mind is the threshold for the entry of previous life events in to this life. Negative feelings of mind like envy, jealous, anger, revenge etc., are the entry time symptoms of past life bad karma influence.

Natal chart is a zodiac of 360 degrees spread in 12 signs with 12 bhava sputas and 12 planetary sputas. Here, planets are taken as 12 including the Nodes and Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Natal chart is analyzed on the basis of Graha Tatwa plus Bhava Tatwa and Rasi tatwa. The analysis is focused on the position of planet in a bhava and the rasi behind such a position.

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Sensitive areas in Natal chart: Out of 360⁰ of Zodiac the sensitive areas are only 24 points i.e., 12 bhava sputas and 12 graha sputas.

In advanced theories some points like sahamas, brigu bindu, mid points etc are also considered as sensitive areas in natal chart. These points are arrived as per certain formulae and marked in natal chart.

Sensitive time: The sensitive time is the time when a transiting planet **contacts/aspects** a **sensitive area** in natal chart.

Contacts (aspects and conjunctions): Contact of transiting planet with the sensitive area in natal chart is in many ways e.g., aspects or conjoins the natal position of all planets. Conjunction is rapt and wide. Here consider the aspects of both Vedic and Western astrology.

Natal chart indicate the opportunities and strengths of the native. Transit charts indicate the time of fructification of events as per the favorable and unfavorable angular distances of the transiting planets to sensitive areas in natal chart.

Caution: Transiting planets by NO MEANS are capable of giving any extra benefits than what is promised in the natal chart.

Transit astrology (gochara) is of different types – Some of them are given below.

1. **Lunar gochara** - Based on sign wise distance of transiting planets from the natal sign position of Moon in natal chart.
2. **Tarabalam** - based on the distance of transiting moon posited star from the birth star in natal chart. Mostly used in election astrology.
3. **Chandra ashtamam** – based on the sign wise distance of transiting moon from the Moon occupied sign in natal chart. Mostly used in election astrology.
4. **Sadesati, kanataka sani periods** based on the distance of transiting Saturn posited sign from the moon posited sign in natal chart.
5. **Lagna Gochara:** Deals with the sign wise distance of transiting planets from the lagna sign in natal chart.
6. **Stellar Gochara:** Deals with the distances between the stellar positions of transiting planets from the birth star in natal chart.
7. **Ashtaka Vargu:** Kakshas and bindus in natal chart indicate the transit results. Strength of the transiting planet is dependent on the Kakshas occupied in transits as well as the bindus in each Kaksha in natal chart.
8. **Tajaka System** – Vashapala chart – is cast as per the sun position in transit. Natal chart is progressed in time. The distance of transiting planets in that year and the Sahama points in Varshapal chart are used for further analysis. This is somewhat similar to the Progression charts made very year in Western system of astrology. Progression charts made in Western astrology or Varshpal charts in Tajaka system indicate the psychological developments occurred by that age within the native. In a way they supplement the study of natal charts.
9. **KP system** – for fine tuning of the transit results the position of transiting planets in all 249 subs in 360⁰ are studied.

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10. **Vimshottari Dasa system adopted** in the Vedic astrology is based on the presumption of progression of natal MOON position. Progression of Moon concept is somewhat similar concept of Sun progression in Western astrology.

Suggested mode of study in transit astrology

Main concept in all the transit studies is to see the **angular distances** of transiting planets to the **sensitive areas** in natal chart just to arrive at the **sensitive time**. In view of this main concept the following methods are suggested to always begin a study of transit influence on the sensitive areas in natal chart.

1. Observe the natal positions of 12 bhava sputas and 9 planetary sputas in natal chart. If one is conversant with the use of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto they can include them also.
2. Observe the transit chart and the 9 or 12 planetary positions in transit chart.
3. Verify current situation:
 - (i) With the current dasa bhukti and antara lords in transit chart and their angular distance with their natal positions. This indicates what the native is presently experiencing – good / bad.
 - (ii) With the bhavas indicated by current dasa/ bhuti/antara lords as per natal chart and the malefic /benefic indications when interpolated with their transit positions.
4. Now come to the purpose of present study e.g., education / job/ marriage etc.,
 - (i) Verify how far the current dasa / bhukti / antara lords are favorable as per their natal and transit positions. (as per item 3 above)
 - (ii) Now verify the transit of major planets like Saturn, Rahu-ketu, Jupiter- see how far they are favorable or otherwise for the bhava(s) under study.
5. Study of transits is important -
 - (i) Bad transits are likely to damage the good configuration promised in natal chart.
 - (ii) At the same time if a bad configuration is seen in natal chart a good transit can rarely repair the likely damage.

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6. Natal chart indicate the strengths and weakness and the transits provide opportunities and the scope to fructify events.
7. Observe whether any natal planet is under the influence of **TRIPLE transit** – one from slow moving planets and other from fast moving planets. Slow moving planets provide benefic / malefic background and the fast moving planets set the time of event – good / bad. Slow moving planets are Jupiter, Saturn, Rahu-Ketu, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Fast moving planets are Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars and Moon.
8. **Angular distances** are expressed by way of aspects. In fact, in a zodiac of 360⁰ the angular distances, if measured geometrically, from a point to point result in more than 100 connections. They start from conjunction i.e, in same degree to opposite and to the other half side. But, for practical purposes, few effective angles are taken in

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Vedic astrology and also in Western astrology. Vedic astrology recognized 7th aspect to all planets and special aspects to Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Western astrology recognized conjunction, sextile, square, trine, opposition etc.,

9. **Approaching and Separating aspects in zodiac** – Faster moving planet crosses a slow moving planet in zodiac at any time. A transiting planet while reaching an exact conjunction / aspect to a sensitive area makes an applying aspect and after that conjunction / aspect resorts to separating aspect. This cannot be ignored. Applying aspect is essential as any event in life need a gestation period to fructify. Time taken in applying aspect is likely to coincide with the gestation time taken in fructification of a life event. This is to be verified in each case and at every time. Example- Gestation time for getting a job involves getting information about availability of job; applying for it; getting an interview; getting selection and joining in a job. All these stages can be traced in phases in the duration of applying aspect. *Time span of separating aspect* may indicate the strengthening / worsening of the event so occurred.
10. **Fructification of event always include** the “happening” or “not happening” of an event.
11. **Retrograde planets in transit** – Transiting planets’ apparent retro motions have a deep meaning in the fructification of event. This relates to the study of natal planets direct or retro position. During retro motion a planet get stagnant twice before going to retro and turning to direct motion. An event triggered in direct /retro motion may get fructified (benefic/malefic) when the retro planet get retro / directed. Some theories have ignored the retro motion. Yet, expert observations indicate that the study of retro movements is essentially indicating minor and major changes. In the present complex life situations a planet(s) retro motions cannot be ignored.
12. **Planetary return** – When a transit planet touches the exact point of its natal position it is said as planetary return. Planet is beginning a new cycle in individual’s life. Important are the return of Jupiter, Saturn, Rahu-Ketu, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Half returns i.e., when the planet touches the 180 degrees to its natal position is also important. Particularly return of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto may not occur in short life and medium life periods. So half return is important in case of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.
 - (i) Jupiter return – is the ideal time for growth and development. All efforts will be rewarded.
 - (ii) Saturn return is often a difficult and challenging time – but the decisions taken in this period will have long lasting effect.
 - (iii) Uranus return – half return or full return – as per age span – creates casual filtrations in relationships, routine life styles are broken, people develop new interests, Many women experience pre-menopause stage in half return of Uranus. Men are also likely to experience pre-male menopause.
 - (iv) Rahu-Ketu return or half return to their natal positions – health care is essential.

Following TABLE show some of the broad effects of transiting planets noticed by experts. **Caution-** These are general indications and every one must essentially make a holistic approach to the entire natal chart and all transiting planets in finalizing the study results. No planets work isolation. At any given time, native gets a package deal of all planets with a leadership of one or more planets by virtue of their dasa periods, lordships, transits etc.,

Transit of ↓	On the Natal Point of ↓	Likely effects
Sun	5th or 9th bhavas or their lords	Child birth in Two months
Sun	Jupiter	Monetary gains
Moon	Jupiter	Monetary gains
Moon	Lagna	Anxiety, sorrow, bad luck
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Mars	7th or 9th bhavas or their lords	Marriage takes place in TWO months
Mars	5th or 9th bhavas or their lords	Child birth in 75 days
Jupiter	7th or 9th bhavas or their lords	Marriage takes place in NINE months

Transit of ↓	On the Natal Point of ↓	Likely effects
Jupiter	5th or 9th bhavas or their lords	Child birth in NINE months
Jupiter	Sun	Money gain in first round-to father & in second round - to Native
Jupiter	Jupiter	Respect and Honor
Jupiter	Mars	Facilitates Loan amount
Jupiter	4th /9th bhava or their lord while in their dasa period is running	Acquires landed property
Jupiter	Venus	Marriage
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Transit of ↓	On the Natal Point of ↓	Likely effects
Saturn	Sun	Sudden LOSS
Saturn	Saturn	If Saturn is Yoga karaka gains that bhava results with stress and strain.
Saturn	Mars	Loss of landed property
Saturn	Lagna Sputa	Bad health
Saturn	Leo	Marriage and immediately child birth
Saturn	7th or 10th from Moon - Kantaka Sani periods or in Sadesati period	Downfall
Saturn	7th or 10th from natal Sun	Troubles in profession
Saturn	Mars if in 8th	Serious bad events
Saturn	8th from natal Saturn	Creates obstacles that cannot be solved easily.
Saturn	7th or 9th bhavas or their lords	Marriage takes place in Nine months
Saturn	5th or 9th bhavas or their lords	Child birth in NINE months
Ketu	Jupiter	Marriage
Rahu	8th lord	Accidents
Rahu	Mars	Accidents
Rahu-Ketu	Rahu-Ketu	once in Nine years - important events -- good / bad - Health care is also essential
If both Saturn and Jupiter	Aspects both bhava and its bhava lord at a time	Enhances that bhava results
Any Bhava lord	on its bhava sputa point	Good results
10th lord	3,6,10,11 bhavas	Promotion in job

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