

Rectification of Birth time in Casting of Horoscope.

*by Prof. C.Sambasiva Rao , Astro Counselor,
www.astrocounselor.com, Hyderabad-74*

Associate Member, American Federation of Astrologers,USA

Correct time of birth is essential in casting of horoscopes. It is a well known phenomenon that no accurate results can be expected in any analysis unless the input data is accurate.

Various methods are suggested in astrology to rectify time of birth. However, Astrologer need not resort to correct the given time of birth unless a real doubt is expressed by the native or astrologer himself get a valuable doubt on a given time of birth..

In other words, one should not resort to change / correct the given birth time, for the simple reason that the predictions are not found accurate or away from accuracy. There may be several reasons for not getting accurate predictions. If one is resorting to correct the given time of birth, for any invalid reason, it is likely that the Astrologer may be driven far from the real birth time.

Various methods for rectification of birth time were, in fact, given by great rishis in the ancient classic texts. Yet, an Astrologer is likely to go wrong in the rectification process if these methods are applied in haste.

Hence, it is suggested to resort to rectification of birth time only in needed cases.

One should make use of the well proved methods and also cross check with past life events and other circumstances.

General reasons as to why a birth time is likely to go wrong are:

- i) Birth time used to be recorded in ghatas and vighatis before the introduction of Standard Time (in hours , minutes , seconds) in 1906 in India. Same practice continued for some decades even after 1906.
- ii) Almanacs and Ephemeris made in Standard Time which formed the main tools for casting of horoscope were started after many years of introducing Standard time (1906)
- iii) Minute mathematical calculations are resorted now, with computers, to arrive at the longitudinal positions of planets in casting a horoscope. These calculations do warrant accurate data like correct time of birth to ensure proper prediction and timing of events.
- iv) Adjustments in clock time like
 - a) adjustment during war time in India (between 1st Sep.1940 to 15th Oct.1945) - during war time clocks changed by Government rules to show an one hour in advance.
 - b) Summer and Winter time adjustments in certain parts in foreign countries also requires adjustment of time for correct birth time. (Daylight Saving Time)
- v) Likely errors in recording time due to busy duty of medical staff in caring for mother and child.
- vi) With advent of computer software in casting of horoscopes it is seen that computers use minute mathematical calculations in arriving at house cusps and planetary cusps. This may

vary with the charts made with the calculations of Ghatas and Vighatas of traditional methods.

What is the correct time of birth ?

The concept of correct time of birth itself is a subject of conflicting opinions.

Correct time of birth can be (1) time of Sirshodaya at the time of delivery (bhupatanam); the time when the human body come out fully from the womb-bhupathana. As per Hindu classic texts it is has been mentioned that the time of bhupathanam is all important in Kaliyuga.; (or)

(2) Time of first breath (inspiration). The time of first breath is the time when the body start functioning. Inspiration denotes very beginning of life by the entrance of 'ethereal' soul (prana or jeeva) within the body.

At the time of first breath the child cries due to allergic condition. Time of cry is the time of inspiration and is the time of birth. Some children do not cry even after first inspiration. Some children are put to artificial inspiration with medical techniques.

Methods of correcting birth time :

Fully conversant with all the subtle complications in noting the time properly, ancient Rishis, gifted with intuition and foresight, promulgated some methods of rectification.

Following are some of the important methods :

- 1) Pre-Natal Epoch method advanced by Ptolemy (supported by Sepharial and E.H.Bailey in 19th century) :

The law of Pre-Natal Epoch postulates that the position of the Moon at birth is the Ascendant or the Descendant at Epoch according as the moon is waxing (raising) or waning (falling) at birth; and conversely, the Moon at Epoch is the Ascendant or Descendent at birth. Epoch means the time of conception in mother's womb.

To adopt this method Sayana longitudinal distances are to be considered. To approximately arrive at the time of pre-natal epoch reckon 270 days back from the date of birth and prepare pre-natal epoch chart . 270 days are taken as equivalent to period of pregnancy i.e., 9 lunar months or 10 solar months.

Comment against this formula are: (1) This method depends on the time of fruitful coitus of parents which is difficult to assess. (2) The method is also too elaborate and is not useful when the approximate time given for rectification varies by more than half-an-hour. (3) With recent development of medical science Gynecologists are not able to agree with the use of the number of 270 days (plus / minus three days) to reckon back to arrive at the time of conception.

- 2) Method given in Bhrugu Nadi is ideal one. The moment of birth is invariably inter-related to the star of the moon, triplicity (moveble, fixed and common) of ascending sign and the week

day. Sex of native is dependent on the inherent nature of the particular Tatva of planets at the moment of birth (conception). Births seem to be caused by the sole-lunar energy coupled with that of the planet ruling the weekday. Sun send forth cosmic energy capable of originating life while the moon passing over a nakshatra receives these waves and transforms them into a medium, the embryo, which develops later into a physical body. The tatva of the planets ruling the particular interval on a day determines sex of embryo. Thus all the seven planets have their sway in the creation and reckoned as significant factors in Astrology. This leads to conclude that only definite, stipulated intervals of time for the past, present and future are allotted for human births while the times in between these are supposed to give birth to birds, quadrupeds, beasts and reptiles.

3) Adhana Lagna : Hindu savants laid down ' Adhana' lagna which refer to the time of conception in mother's womb. The time of conception in mother's womb is difficult to arrive. Conception is an unknown and unseen phenomena and a middle process between coitus and birth. Hence for disciplined sexual life and for rich progeny Election Astrology has taken great care to fix auspicious times for nuptial marriages etc., Adhana is similar to time of pre-natal epoch and adhana lagna is considered for rectification of birth time and also for predictions besides birth lagna.

4) Uttarakalamrita by Kalidas -

Step -1 -Birth interval -

Arrive at the time of interval between sun rise and the time of birth.

Step -2 -Convert birth interval into vighatis. - birth interval in vighatis

1 day	= 60 ghatas	= 3600 vighatis
1 hour	= 2 1/2 ghatis	= 150 vighatis
1 ghati	= 24 minutes	= 60 vighatis
1 minute	= 2 1/2 vighatis	
1 vighati	= 24 seconds	

Step -3 - a) To arrive at birth star

Multiply birth interval in vighatis (step2) by 4 and divide by 9

Arrive at reminder . Count the stars from Aswini by reminder.

Moon at birth should be in that star counted from Aswini or its trine.

If the day's star is not tallied - adjust the given time of birth accordingly.

b) To confirm time by sex of the native

Divide birth interval in vighatis (step 2) by 225. Arrive at the reminder.

In case of	male natives -	female natives
reminder should be between	0 to 15 or	15 to 45
	45 to 90 or	90 to 150
	150 to 225.	

If the known gender is not tallied adjust the given time accordingly.

c) To arrive at the week day

Multiply birth interval in vighatis (step 2) by 3 and divide by 7. Arrive at remainder. Count the day from Sunday as number one. The remainder number indicate the week day of birth. Weekday is to be counted from sunrise and not midnight. If the week day is not tallied the given time is to be adjusted.

Caution: In most of the cases all the above (a, b, and c) methods may not agree. Care should be taken to see that sex of native and birth star are tallied or corrected accordingly

5) **Rectification of birth time as per K.P.System.**

K.P. system propounded by Prof.Krishnamurthy in current era proved well in predictive part as well as in rectification of birth time. The K.P.System is based on Hindu traditional astrology blended with principles of Western astrology. The system is well admired and practiced by Indian and Western astrologers. Use of ruling planets was introduced by Prof.Krishnamurthy as key factor in K.P.System. In short, Ruling planets are identified as those planets that influence human mind in any of their actions at any given time. Expert studies by subsequent K P Astrologers also revealed the merit of Ruling planets used in K.P.System in the occurrence of any event. Thus the ruling planets theory is well settled in rectification of birth time, to estimate the future timing of events etc., Ruling planets, in brief, are day lord, lagna and moon sign lords, star lords; sub lords.

Prof. Krishnamurthy has evolved a system of rectification of birth time by comparing the ruling planets at the given time of birth with the time of rectification /judging the horoscope. Relation of ruling planets at the time of birth with the ruling planets at the time of judgment reveal correct time of birth. It is the practice of many K P Astrologers while initiating to analyse the birth chart to compare, by default, the ruling planets at the time of the judgment with the birth time ruling planets. Ruling planet theory are also being used by correlating the significators of events like marriage (2,7,11); child birth (2,5,11); getting job (2,6,10,11) etc., to confirm the time of birth.

Caution: Ruling planets are six in number i.e., Sign lord , star lord, sub lord of Lagna and Moon and day lord - All six ruling planets of the time of Judgment may not and NEED NOT exactly tally with the six ruling planets arrived for the given birth time. Expert guidance is used in finalizing the analysis to rectify birth time.

* * * * *

As per Sarvardha Chandrika (Telugu) Vol. 1

1. Lagna must be in trine to the moon posited sign (or) trine to the seventh from moon posited sign.
2. If born in day time - lagna to be in the 7th or 12th star posited sign from the sun posited star.
3. If born in night - lagna to be in the 17th or 23rd star posited sign from the Sun posited star.
4. Lagna to be in the sign - which is trine to the moon sign lord posited sign (or) Which is seventh to the trine of the moon sign lord posited sign (or) seventh to that seventh.
