

Re-defining the Lunar New Year Chart

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Introduction

Lunar calendar is used in many parts of the world including India. However, there are many variations of lunar calendar, with different definitions used for reckoning the lunar new year. The lunar new year chart will be re-defined in this article.

Solar Calendar

Before defining the soli-lunar calendar, let us define the solar calendar. A solar year is of 365.242 days (tropical) or 365.256 days (sidereal). Tropical solar year is the time period in which Sun traverses the tropical zodiac once. Sidereal solar year is the time period in which Sun traverses the sidereal zodiac once.

Vishnu Purana Teaching

For defining soli-lunar years, astrologers now-a-days use *sidereal* solar year as the reference for alignment. However, this is inconsistent with the teachings of Maharshi Parasara to Maitreya in “**Vishnu Purana**” **chapter 2.8**.

Maharshi Pararsara taught Maitreya that a solar year consists of 2 ayanas and that each ayana consists of 3 ritus (seasons).

This link to seasons clearly points to tropical zodiac. A solar year based on tropical zodiac (*i.e.* the time Sun takes to traverse exactly 360° around the tropical zodiac) is tied to seasons.

For example, when Sun enters tropical Aries, day and night are of equal length and it is spring. When Sun enters tropical Cancer, day is the longest and it is summer (in northern hemisphere). When Sun enters tropical Libra, day and night are of equal length and it is autumn. When Sun enters tropical Capricorn, day is the shortest and it is winter (in northern hemisphere).

If we take the sidereal zodiac, it is *not* tied to seasons. When Sun enters sidereal Aries every year, he will be in the vicinity of particular stars associated with sidereal Aries, but the season changes over the years!

Not stopping at that, Maharshi Parasara explicitly taught Maitreya that Uttarayana starts when Sun enters Capricorn and the **day length is the smallest** then. When Uttarayana ends, Sun leaves Gemini to enter Cancer and the **day is the longest** then. That makes it obvious that Pararsara is referring to tropical signs here!

Sidereal vs Tropical Zodiac

As mentioned above, Maharshi Parasara clearly used tropical zodiac when defining solar years in “Vishnu Purana”. But, when teaching divisional charts in “Brihat Parasara Hora Sastram”, he taught how nakshatras are aligned to rasis and how navamsas map to quarters of nakshatras. So he used sidereal zodiac there.

This author's conclusion is that both tropical and sidereal zodiacs are needed:

- **Sidereal zodiac:** Used for all matters related to **space**, *i.e.* definition of rasi chart and divisional charts
- **Tropical zodiac:** Used for all matters related to **time**, *i.e.* definition of months, seasons, ayanas and years.

Lunar Calendar

Tradition

Lunar year has traditionally been defined in various parts of India in various ways. Some traditions reckon new year at Full Moon (*i.e.* when Sun and Moon are exactly 180° apart) and some at New Moon (*i.e.* when Sun and Moon are exactly conjoined). These calendar systems are known as Suklanta and Amanta respectively. The latter, *i.e.* amanta, is more popular.

In the most popular tradition, new year is reckoned in spring. It is reckoned when Sun and Moon conjoin in sidereal Pisces. Of course, when we say “in spring”, it must be noted that lunar new year *currently* comes in spring with this definition. A few thousand years later, it will come in summer, autumn and winter. If it has to come in the same season, it has to use *tropical* signs instead of *sidereal* signs.

In fact, it is possible that tropical Aries was used in the past and sidereal Pisces was adopted later due to emphasis on sidereal signs.

Though sidereal Pisces (Chaitra Sukla Pratipada) is most commonly used, some traditions reckon new year when Sun and Moon conjoin in sidereal Libra (Kartika Sukla Pratipada) or sidereal Gemini (Ashadha Sukla Pratipada) also. There are several variations.

Aligning with Solar Calendar

Applying the above teaching of Vishnu Purana, it makes sense to use *tropical* solar years to align lunar years, instead of sidereal solar years as done traditionally. That way, new year comes in the same season always and it is also consistent with the teaching of Vishnu Purana.

Towards that end, we need to use *tropical* signs to define the lunar years and not sidereal signs.

It makes sense to take the first New Moon or Full Moon occurring after Sun's ingress into *tropical* signs of Aries (spring), Cancer (summer), Libra (autumn) or Capricorn (winter).

Link to Ayana Commencement

Though spring (vasanta) is interesting as it can be seen as a new beginning, Sun's ingress into tropical Cancer and Capricorn commence Dakshinayana and Uttarayana respectively. They are more compelling choices.

Link to Yuga Commencement

Lord Krishna taught in “Srimad Bhagavatam” that Yuga cycle starts when Sun, Moon and Jupiter conjoin exactly with Pushya nakshatra (*i.e.* its yogatara). If yuga cycle starts when Sun and Moon *conjoin* in Cancer and yuga cycle consists of an integer number of lunar years, we can draw a few conclusions about the beginning of each lunar year:

- (1) It makes sense to think that Sun and Moon must conjoin at the beginning of every new year. Thus, it makes sense to take New Moon instead of Full Moon.
- (2) It makes sense to consider the New Moon in the sign of Cancer specifically, which contains Pushya nakshatra. After all, first lunar year of the yuga starts when yuga starts!

Reformed Lunar New Year

Definition

Let us formally state the reformed definition arrived at above:

Lunar new year starts when Sun and Moon exactly conjoin for the first time after Sun enters *tropical* Cancer.

In other words, Lunar new year starts at the first New Moon after summer/northern solstice (*i.e.* after Sun enters *tropical* Cancer).

Other Ancient Traditions

In India, Kutch and Kathiawad regions come the closest to this definition – they celebrate new year on Ashadha Sukla Pratipada (New Moon in sidereal Gemini in June/July). It comes on the same day in most years.

Interestingly, this exact definition was in use in some ancient western cultures.

Ancient Incans in south America, who worshiped Sun and built the famous Sun and Moon temples at Machu Pitchu atop a tall mountain, celebrated new year on the first New Moon following summer solstice (*i.e.* Sun's entry to tropical Cancer). Their priests fasted from summer solstice till the following New Moon. Now-a-days, lunar calendar is watered down and Peruvians celebrate new year on the day of summer solstice itself (NOTE: it is actually winter solstice in southern hemisphere though we call it “summer solstice” in this article for convenience).

Ancient Greeks had several calendars. Most prominent of them was the Attic calendar or Athenian calendar. It celebrated lunar new year at New Moon following summer solstice.

It is possible that all cultures on earth were linked in ancient days and that a great war set the civilizations back and resulted in disconnected islands of civilization preserving specific aspects of what was once shared knowledge.

Western hemisphere may have ended up using tropical zodiac for both space (*i.e.* astrological charts) and time (*i.e.* solar and lunar calendars), while eastern hemisphere may have ended up using sidereal zodiac for both space and time.

Neither system, in this author's view, is correct. Sidereal zodiac must be used for space and tropical zodiac for time, as pointed out earlier.

Worldly vs Religious Calendars

Ancient Incans also had an alternate calendar that reckoned new year on the Full Moon following Sun's entry to tropical Cancer. Ancient Hindus also celebrated new year on a Full Moon day as evidenced by the following:

चित्रा पूर्णमासे दीक्षेरन् । मुखम् वा एतत् संवत्सरस्य ॥ (Taittiriya Samhita 7.4.8)

Meaning: May one take religious vows on Full Moon in Chitra star, which is the mouth of year.

मुखम् वा एतत् संवत्सरस्य । यत् फल्गुनौ पौर्णमासि ॥ (Shatapatha Brahmana 6.2.18)

Meaning: Full Moon in Phalgun star, which is the mouth of year.

If new year starts on Chaitra Pournima at one time and on Phalgun Pournima at another time, it clearly shows that it is not tied to a nakshatra or rasi. It is reasonable to guess that it is instead tied to season and tropical Sun.

Moreover, Aitareya Brahmana 4.3.18 suggests that summer solstice occurs half the way through the year. Thus, it seems like there is another calendar that starts from the first Full Moon after winter solstice. Thus, we have 2 definitions:

Lunar new year for **worldly** purposes starts when Sun and Moon **conjoin** exactly for the first time after Sun enters tropical *Cancer*. This is the first *New Moon* of *Dakshinayana*.

Lunar new year for **religious** purposes starts when Sun and Moon are exactly **180° apart** for the first time after Sun enters tropical *Capricorn*. This is the first *Full Moon* of *Uttarayana*.

While Uttarayana and Full Moon are more suitable for religious purposes, Dakshinayana and New Moon are more suitable for worldly matters.

Judgment

The only reform being proposed in this article is in the definition of the lunar new year chart and not in its judgment. One may cast a chart at the capital of a country to see major events in the year. One may give special importance to the lord of the hora running at the time new year starts. All divisional charts can be used in addition to rasi chart. Higher divisional charts like D-60 are tough to use in natal charts because lagna is sensitive to birthtime changes.

In mundane charts, we know the time accurately and hence we can use those charts! In particular, D-60 can be used as it showed the subtle karmik factors in play during the year.

Replicating Calculations

You can download “Jagannatha Hora” software from <http://www.VedicAstrologer.org/jh> and select Pushyapaksha ayanamsa. In addition, you will need to set some divisional chart calculation options to follow this write-up. Some divisional charts are computed incorrectly by people now-a-days.

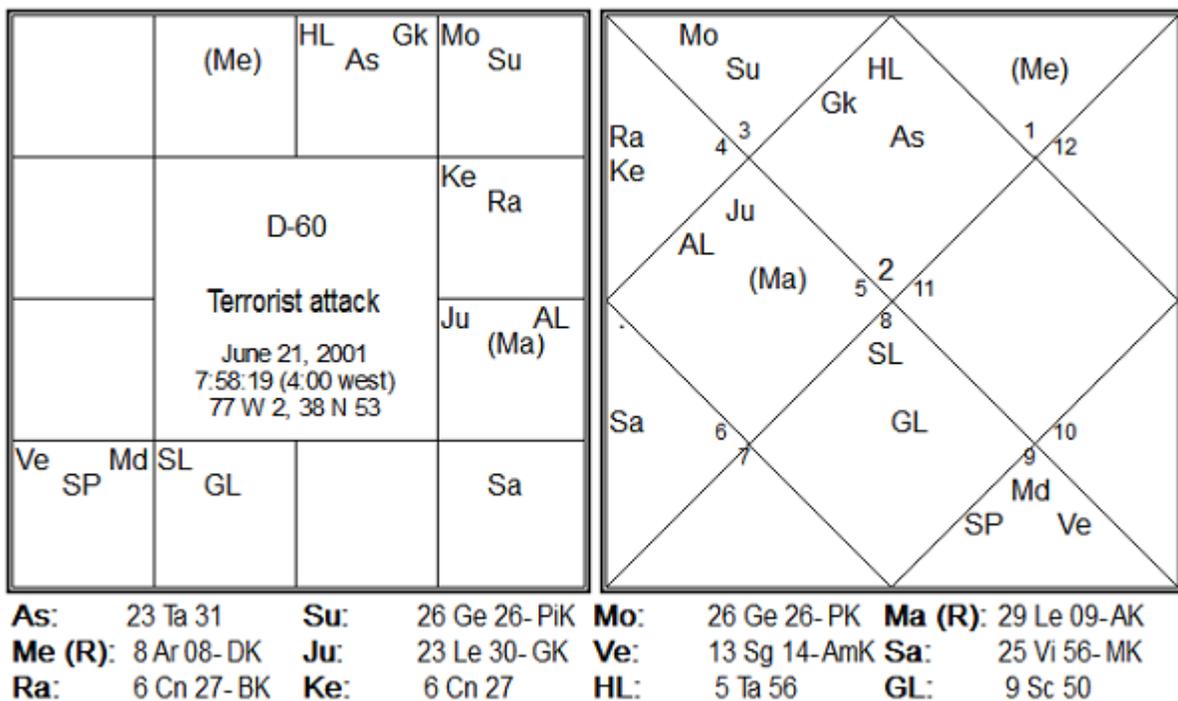
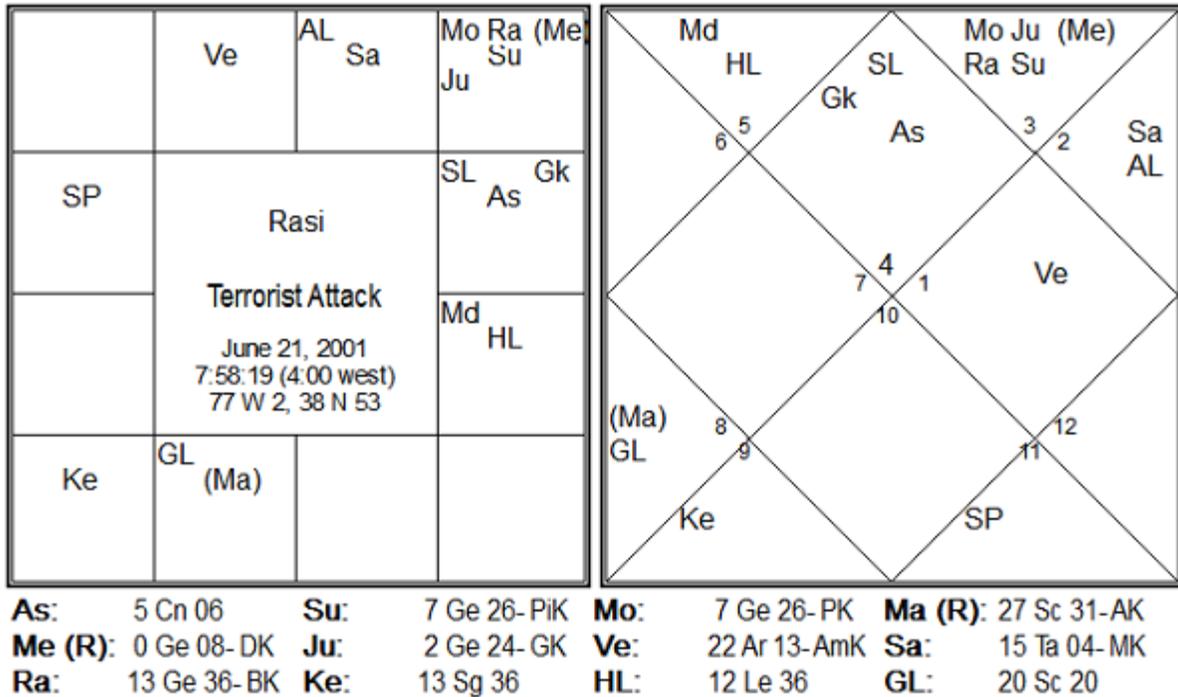
In the main menu of “Jagannatha Hora” software (version 7.68 or higher), you can select “Preferences”, “Related to Calculations” and “Set Calculation Options as recommended by author”, to set divisional chart calculations as used in this write-up.

Examples

Example 1: Terrorist attack (USA)

Event: USA was shocked by a terrorist attack on 2001 September 11.

New Year: 2001 June 21, 7:58:20 am (4 hr west of GMT), Washington, DC (77 W 02' 12", 38 N 53' 42")



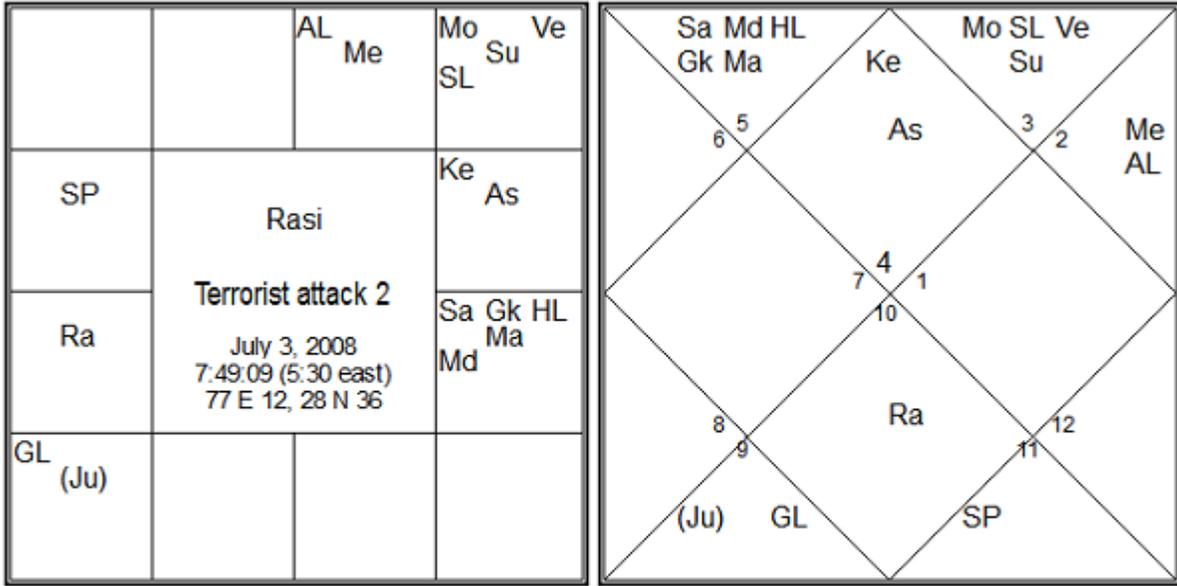
Lagna lord Moon is in 12th house with 4 other planets including 6th lord Jupiter and 8th co-lord Rahu. While the 6th house shows enemies and fights, the 12th house can show surprise attacks by hidden enemies. Hora lord at Washington DC when the new year started was Sun. He too is in the 12th house afflicted by Rahu. This chart shows a big blow to the psyche and soul of the country during the year.

In D-60 chart, lagna lord Venus is in 8th house, showing some anxieties. Sun and Moon who are in the 12th house in rasi chart are afflicted by nodes in D-60 within 9 degrees (across signs). This can suggest a blow to the mood in the nation due to sinister activity (nodes).

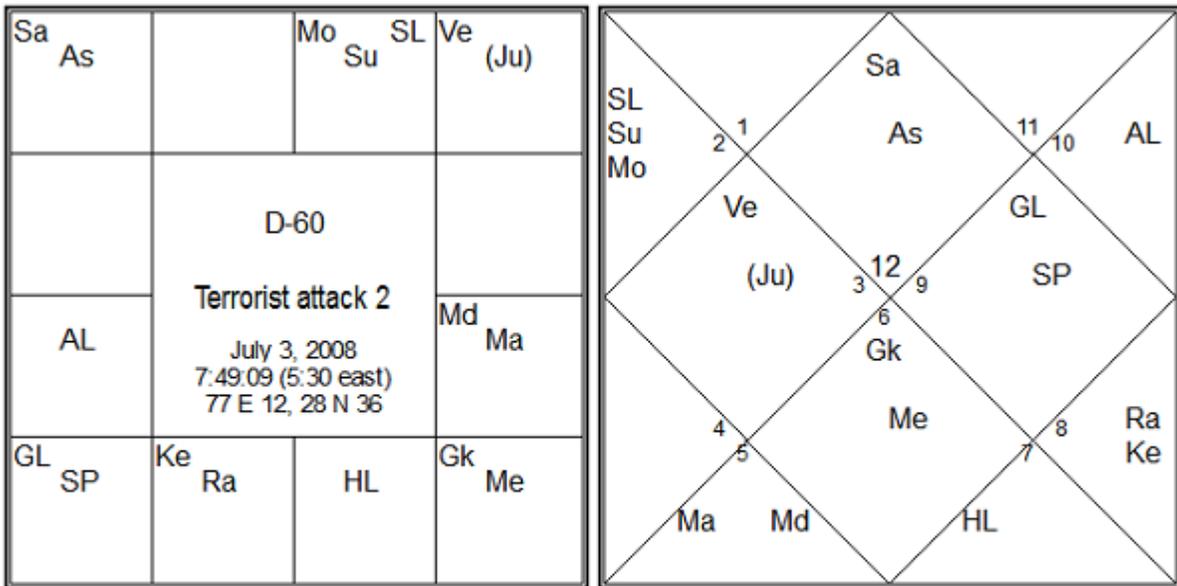
Example 2: Terrorist attack (India)

Event: India was shocked by a terrorist attack on a Mumbai five-star hotel in November 2008.

New Year: 2008 July 3, 7:49:09 am (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')



As: 18 Cn 04	Su: 18 Ge 42	Mo: 18 Ge 42- MK/F	Ma: 8 Le 00- GK
Me: 27 Ta 10- AK/Ar	Ju (R): 25 Sg 25- BK	Ve: 25 Ge 16	Sa: 11 Le 52- PK
Ra: 26 Cp 09- DK	Ke: 26 Cn 09	HL: 27 Le 15	GL: 10 Sg 05



As: 25 Pi 33	Su: 11 Ta 57	Mo: 11 Ta 57- MK/Pi	Ma: 0 Le 22- GK
Me: 19 Vi 60- AK/An	Ju (R): 25 Ge 17- BK	Ve: 16 Ge 06	Sa: 21 Pi 51- PK
Ra: 20 Sc 49- DK	Ke: 20 Sc 49	HL: 15 Li 21	GL: 5 Sg 28

Lagna lord Moon is in 12th house with 2 other planets including maraka Sun and bashaka lord Venus. While the 6th house shows enemies and fights, the 12th house can show surprise attacks by hidden enemies. Hora lord at New Delhi when the new year started was Sun. He too is in the 12th house afflicted by badhaka lord.

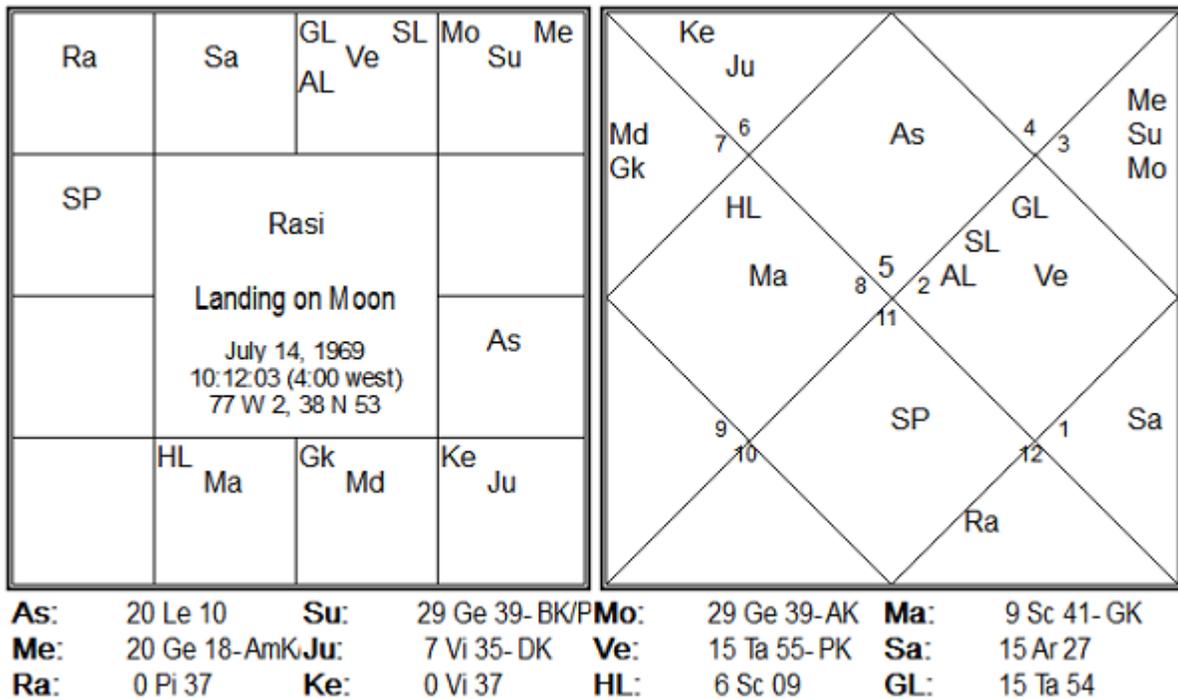
In D-60 chart, 12th lord Saturn occupies lagna, while lagna lord Jupiter joins 8th lord and functional malefic Venus, showing some anxieties. Sun and Moon who are in the 12th house in rasi chart are aspected by nodes in D-60. This can suggest a blow to the mood in the nation due to sinister activity (nodes).

Example 3: Space Mission Achievement (USA)

Event: USA landed a man on Moon on 1969 July 20. This inspired the nation and made it very proud.

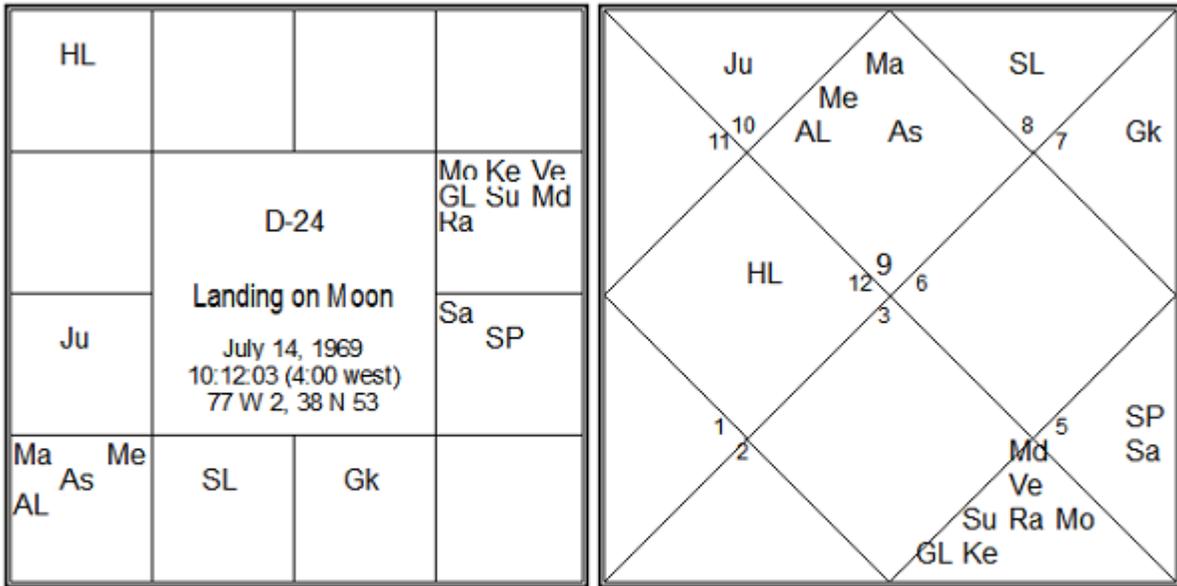
New Year: 1969 July 14, 7:49:09 am (4 hr west of GMT), Washington, DC (77 W 02' 12", 38 N 53' 42")

Lagna lord and hora lagna Sun is in 11th house with 11th lord and shows a sense of fructification of desires. The 8th house shows research and new frontiers. Aspect of 8th lord Jupiter and Ketu on the 8th house can show cutting edge researches.

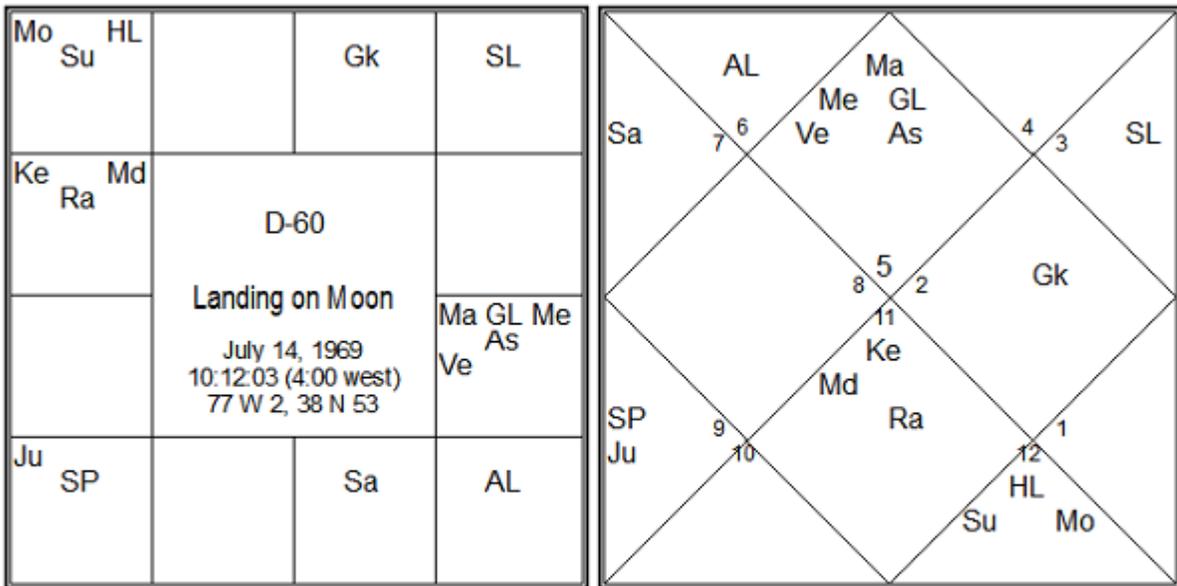


In D-24 chart (knowledge and achievements related to it), the 8th house contains nodes and 8th lord Moon is in own sign, aspected by lagna lord Jupiter with both giving Gaja-Kesari yoga. This can show some achievement related to technological researches.

In D-60 chart, lagna lord is the 8th house of research in an adhimitra rasi, aspected by yogakaraka (and friend) Mars. It shows some positive developments from cutting edge research. The 8th lord of rasi chart Jupiter is in his moolatrikona in the 5th house in D-60. This can suggest a positive and uplifting spirit due to physical developments in research.



As: 4 Sg 04 **Su:** 21 Cn 37-BK/P **Mo:** 21 Cn 37-AK **Ma:** 7 Sg 42-GK
Me: 7 Sg 18-AmK/Ju **Ju:** 28 Cp 10-DK **Ve:** 7 Cn 59-PK **Sa:** 10 Le 40
Ra: 15 Cn 10 **Ke:** 15 Cn 10 **HL:** 2 Pi 22 **GL:** 8 Cn 22



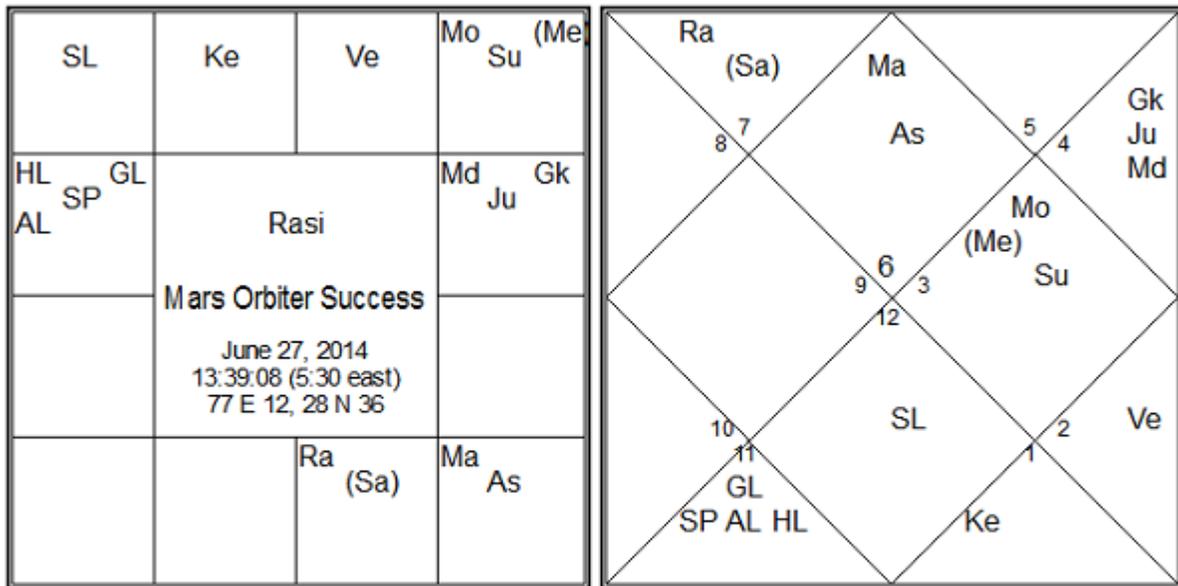
As: 10 Le 11 **Su:** 9 Pi 04-BK/PiK **Mo:** 9 Pi 04-AK **Ma:** 19 Le 16-GK
Me: 18 Le 14-AmK/Ju **Ju:** 25 Sg 25-DK **Ve:** 4 Le 58-PK **Sa:** 26 Li 39
Ra: 22 Aq 56 **Ke:** 22 Aq 56 **HL:** 20 Pi 55 **GL:** 5 Le 54

Example 4: Space Mission Achievement (India)

Event: India put Mars orbiter in its orbit on 2014 September 24. This was India's first attempt, costed much less than other nations spent and used a tricky path. This inspired and made the nation proud.

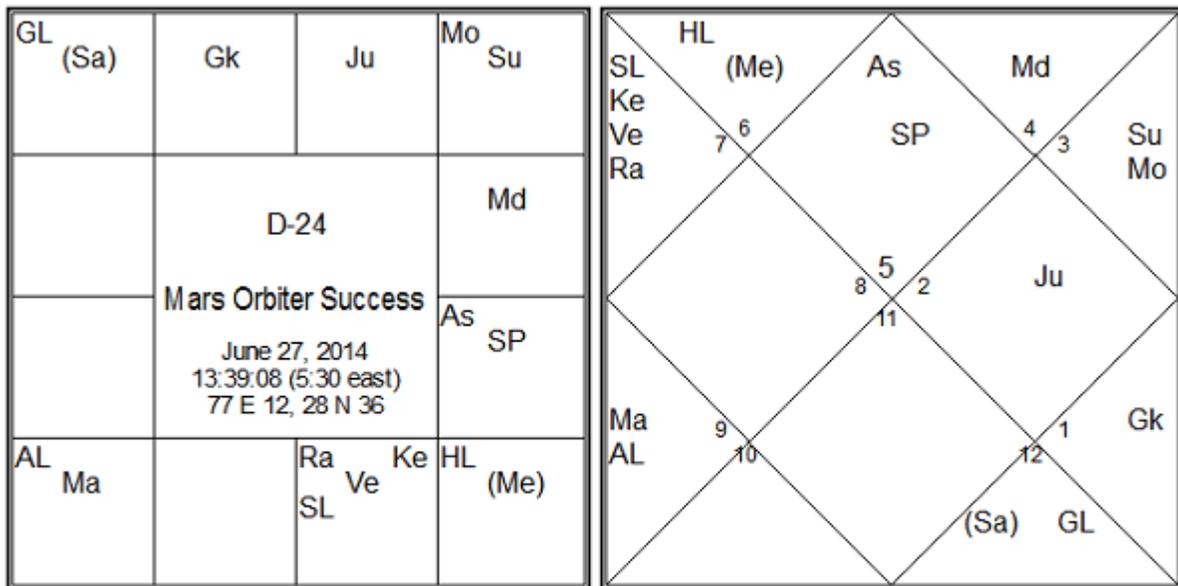
New Year: 2014 June 27, 1:39:09 pm (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')

In rasi chart, Ketu is in 8th house, suggesting some achievement related to technological research. Exalted 5th lord Saturn aspects 8th house suggesting some upliftment of spirits related to it. Lagna lord and hora lord Mercury is strong in own sign.



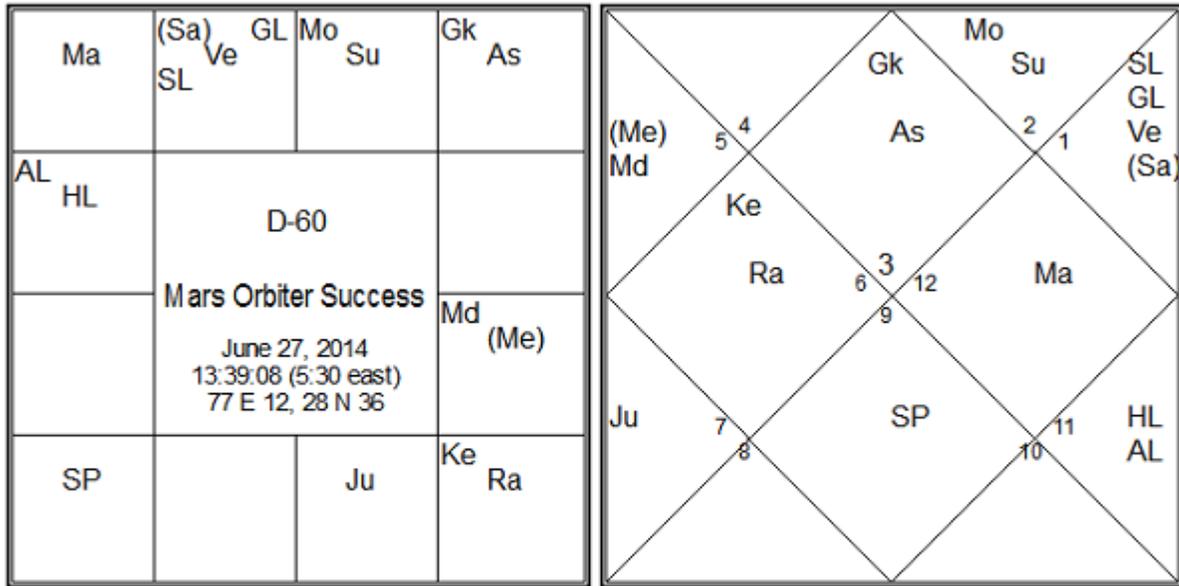
As: 28 Vi 54 **Su:** 12 Ge 42 **Mo:** 12 Ge 42-MK/F **Ma:** 24 Vi 01
Me (R): 2 Ge 07-AmK/ **Ju:** 2 Cn 54-DK **Ve:** 11 Ta 37-PK **Sa (R):** 24 Li 09-BK
Ra: 2 Li 56-AK **Ke:** 2 Ar 56 **HL:** 17 Aq 23 **GL:** 24 Aq 25

In D-24 chart (knowledge and achievements related to it), the 3rd house of creativity is strong with its lord in it (in moolatrikone) and nodes, showing some creativity (Venus & 3rd) in cutting edge technology (nodes). The 8th house of research is aspected by yogakaraka Mars and exalted 11th lord (who gives a sense of fulfillment).



As: 26 Le 24 **Su:** 4 Ge 44 **Mo:** 4 Ge 44-MK/P **Ma:** 23 Sg 26
Me (R): 20 Vi 49-AmK/ **Ju:** 20 Ta 35-DK **Ve:** 21 Li 01-PK **Sa (R):** 9 Pi 42-BK
Ra: 10 Li 20-AK **Ke:** 10 Li 20 **HL:** 27 Vi 18 **GL:** 16 Pi 09

In D-60 chart, lagna lord Mercury is the 3rd house of creativity in an adhimitra rasi. The exalted planet aspecting the 8th house in rasi chart, Saturn, owns and aspects the 8th house in D-60. The 5th lord Venus aspects the 5th house and he joins Saturn in D-60. This can suggest a positive and uplifting spirit due to physical developments in research.

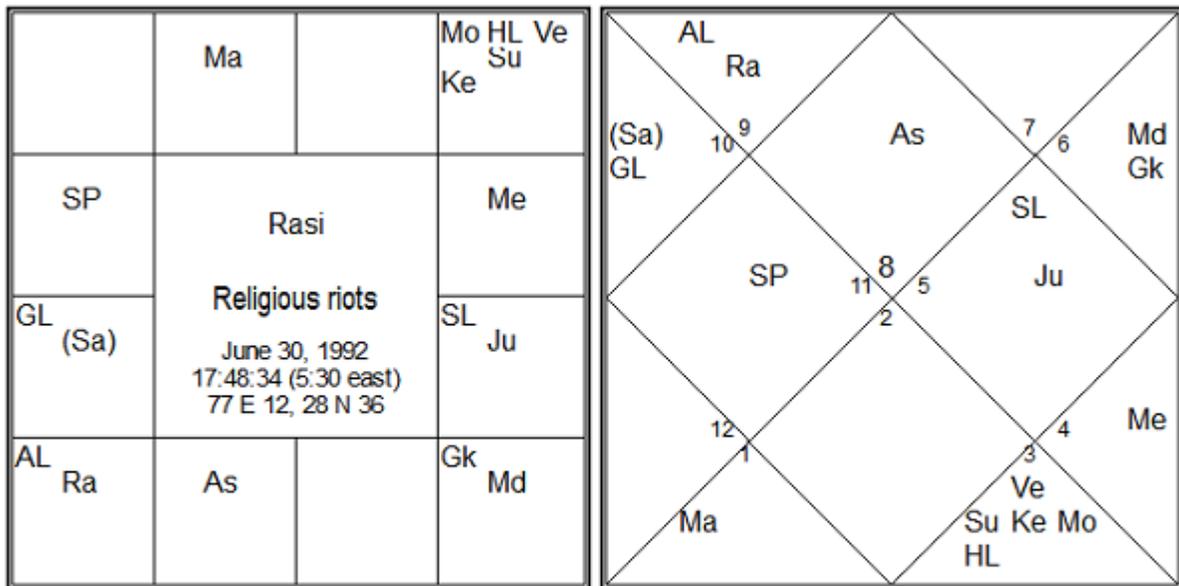


As: 5 Ge 59 **Su:** 11 Ta 50 **Mo:** 11 Ta 50- MK/Pi **Ma:** 28 Pi 36
Me (R): 7 Le 03- AmK/ **Ju:** 6 Li 28- DK **Ve:** 22 Ar 32- PK **Sa (R):** 9 Ar 15- BK
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Example 5: Religious riots (India)

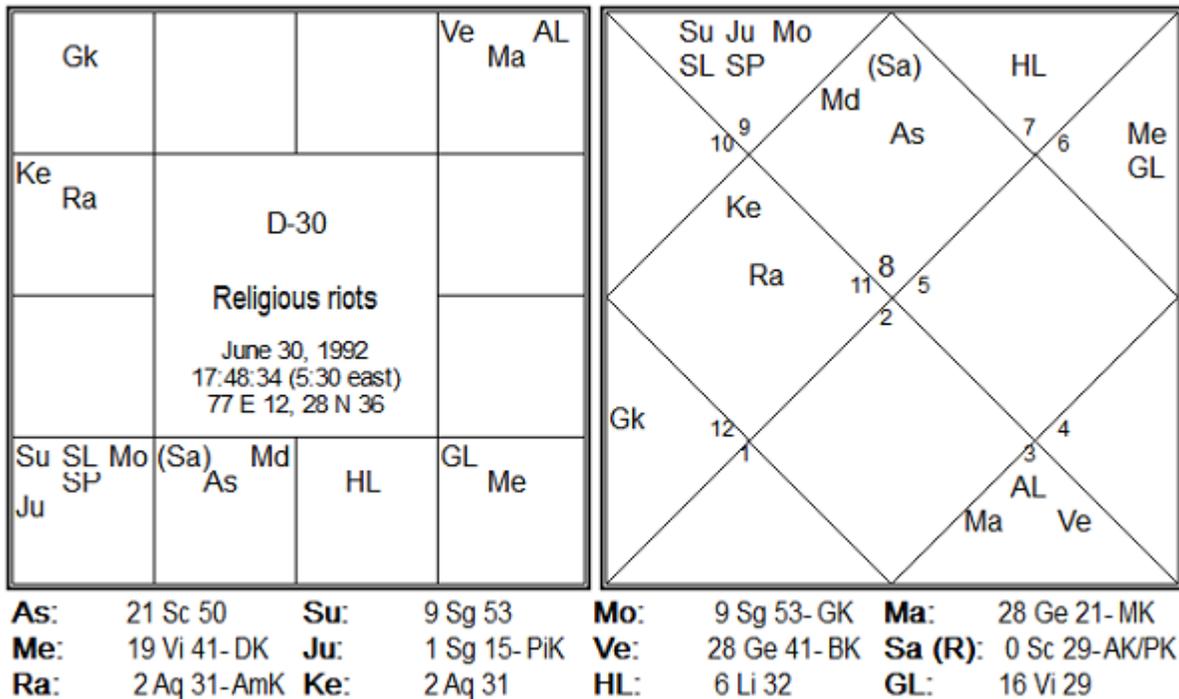
Event: India had religious riots in December 1992 after a mob destroyed a controversial mosque built by Moghal king Babar after destroying a temple in the birthplace of Lord Rama.

New Year: 1992 June 30, 17:48:35 am (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')

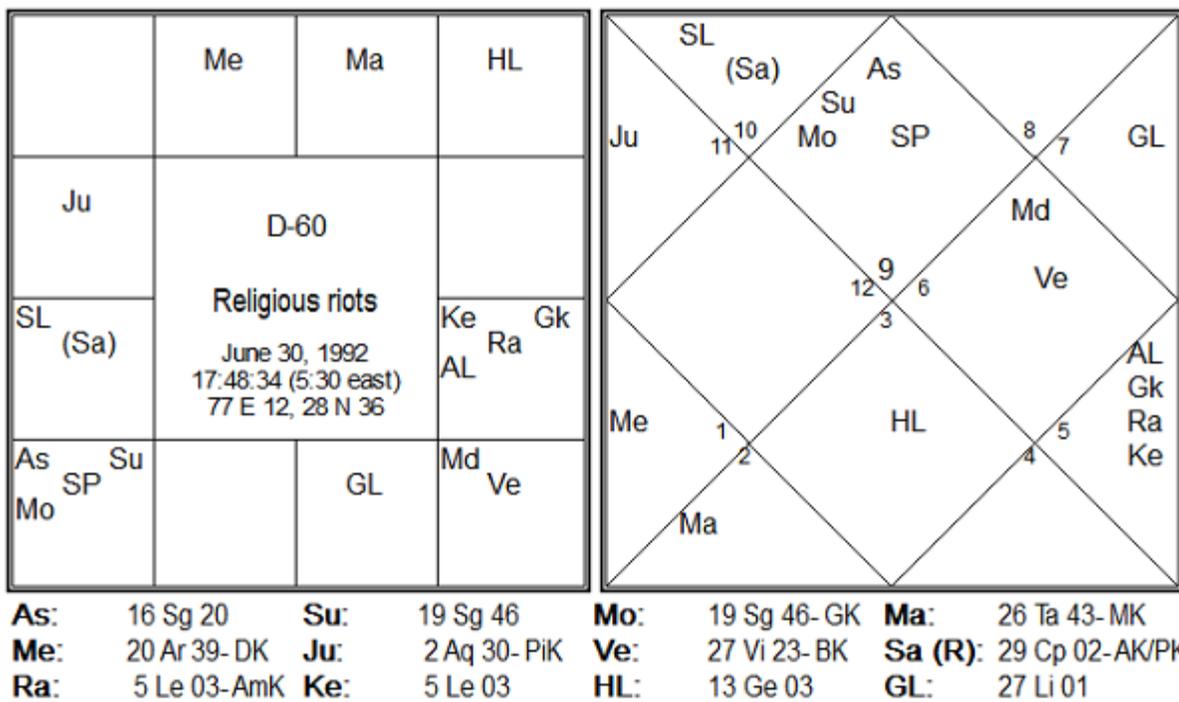


As: 25 Sc 44 **Su:** 16 Ge 20 **Mo:** 16 Ge 20- GK **Ma:** 18 Ar 57- MK
Me: 11 Cn 39- DK **Ju:** 17 Le 02- PIK **Ve:** 20 Ge 57- BK **Sa (R):** 25 Cp 01- AK/PK
Ra: 8 Sg 05- AmK **Ke:** 8 Ge 05 **HL:** 25 Ge 13 **GL:** 8 Cp 33

In rasi chart, 8th house contains luminaries afflicted by nodes and maraka. This shows strife in the nation. Exchange between 8th lord Mercury and 9th lord Moon, with the former in mrityu bhaga, shows some strife related to religion. Though lagna lord is well-placed in the 6th house, he too is in mrityu bhaga.



In D-30 chart (strife and disturbances), lagna is afflicted by functional & natural malefic Saturn. Lagna lord and maraka are together in the 8th house of strife, aspecting luminaries conjoined by a planet in gandanta.

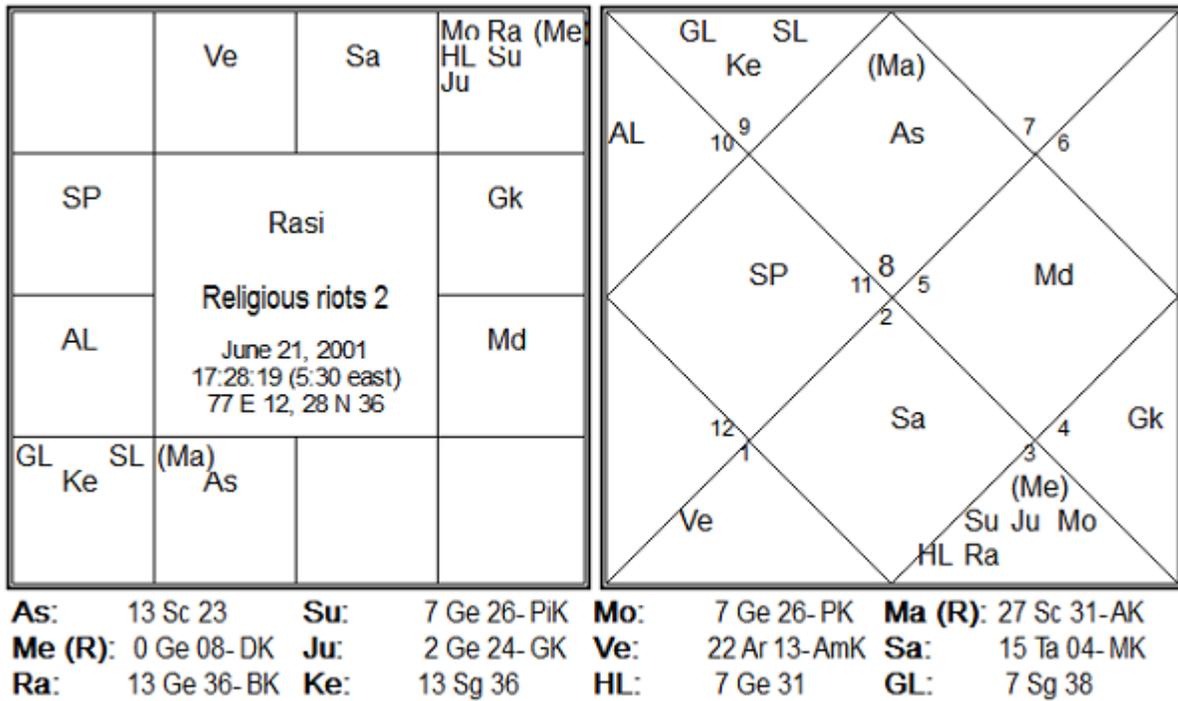


In D-60 chart, lagna lord is in marana karaka sthana, aspected by Rahu in marana karaka sthana in the 9th house of religion and dharma. The 9th lord in 8th in rasi chart, Moon happens to be the 8th lord in lagna in D-60. These factors suggest negative karmik forces that result in religious strife during the year.

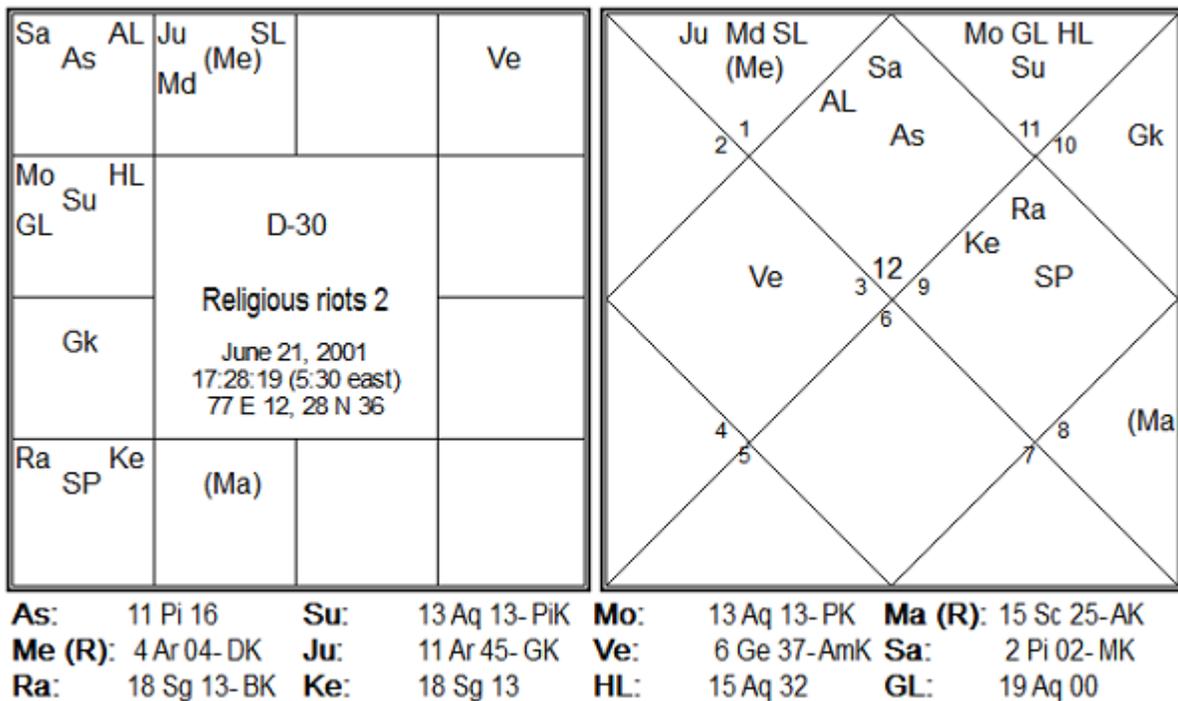
Example 6: Religious riots (India)

Event: India had religious riots in February 2002 after a train carrying Hindu pilgrims was attacked by a Muslim mob and burnt and passengers were massacred.

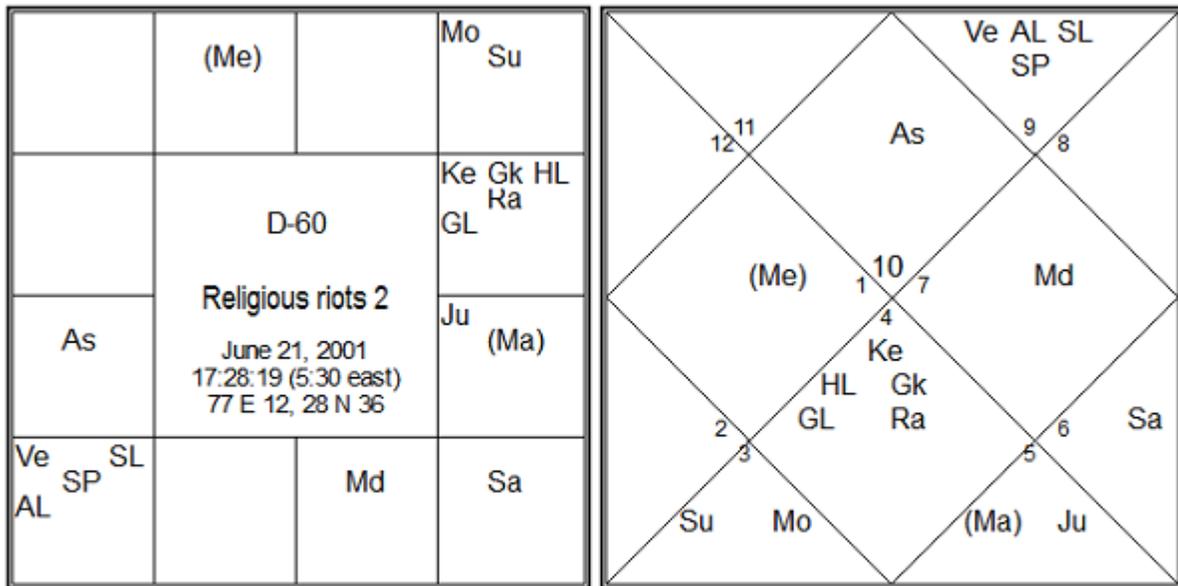
New Year: 2001 June 21, 5:28:20 pm (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')



In rasi chart, 8th lord in the 8th house afflicts 9th lord of religion and 10th lord of governance. Nodes are also there, closely afflicting luminaries. This shows a political and religious strife. Hora lord Moon is also in 8th house.



In D-30 chart (strife and disturbances), lagna is afflicted by functional & natural malefic Saturn. Badhaka lord joins lagna lord and they aspect the 8th house. The 8th lord Venus and 12th lord Saturn aspect nodes in the 10th house and it shows political strife. Luminaries, who are in the 8th house in rasi chart, are in the 12th house in D-30.



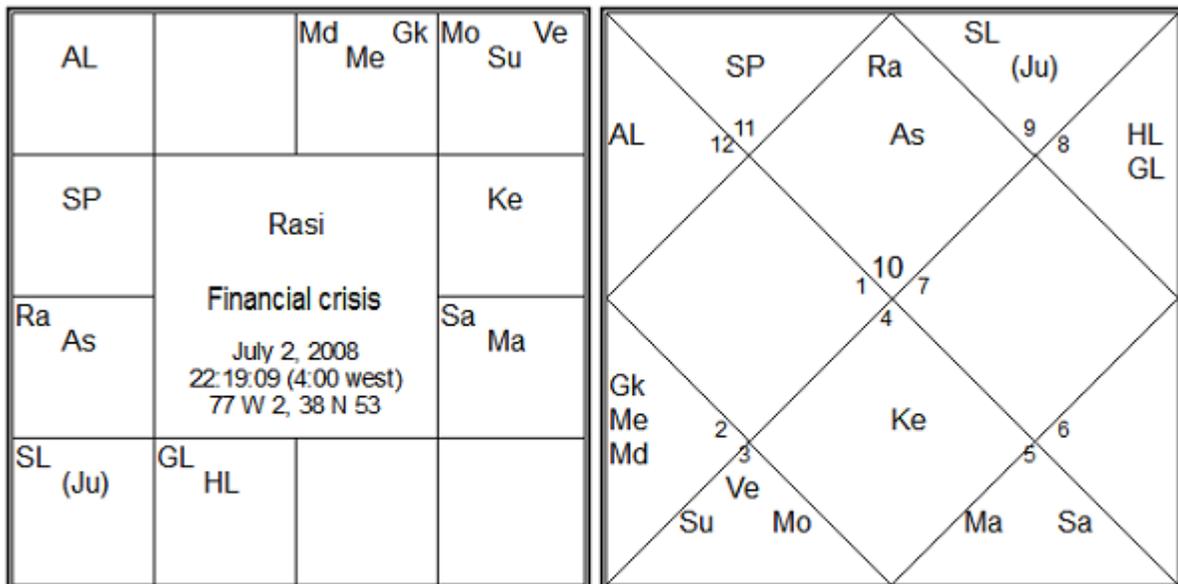
As: 7 Cp 28 **Su:** 26 Ge 26-PiK **Mo:** 26 Ge 26-PK **Ma (R):** 29 Le 09-AK
Me (R): 8 Ar 08- DK **Ju:** 23 Le 30-GK **Ve:** 13 Sg 14-AmK **Sa:** 25 Vi 56-MK
Ra: 6 Cn 27-BK **Ke:** 6 Cn 27 **HL:** 1 Cn 04 **GL:** 8 Cn 00

In D-60 chart, lagna is loosely aspected by nodes and 8th lord Sun. Sun and Moon are afflicted by nodes. Badhaka lord Mars is in the 9th house (longitude-wise), showing religious problems.

Example 7: Financial Crisis (US)

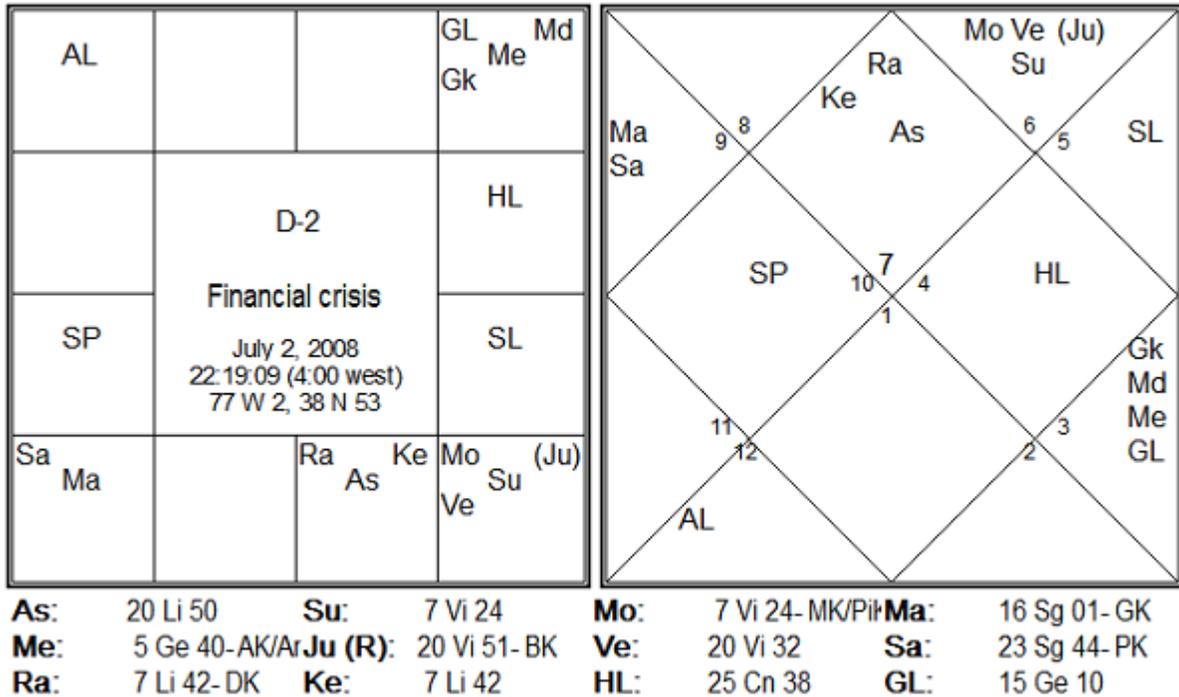
Event: After some US financial institutions that were considered too big to fail were in big trouble due to risky subprime loans, world stock markets took a beating in Sept-Oct 2008.

New Year: 2008 July 2, 10:19:09 pm (4 hr west of GMT), Washington, DC (77 W 02' 12", 38 N 53' 42")



As: 19 Cp 35 **Su:** 18 Ge 42 **Mo:** 18 Ge 42- MK/FMa: 8 Le 00- GK
Me: 27 Ta 10-AK/Ar **Ju (R):** 25 Sg 25-BK **Ve:** 25 Ge 16 **Sa:** 11 Le 52-PK
Ra: 26 Cp 09-DK **Ke:** 26 Cn 09 **HL:** 2 Sc 11 **GL:** 22 Sc 25

In rasi chart, lagna is afflicted by nodes showing scandals. Lagna and 2nd lord Saturn is in the 8th house with badhaka lord Mars. The 5th lord of mood in the nation is in marana karaka sthana. The conjunction of 7th and 8th lords is a maraka combinations. It occurs in the 6th house of loans and banking.

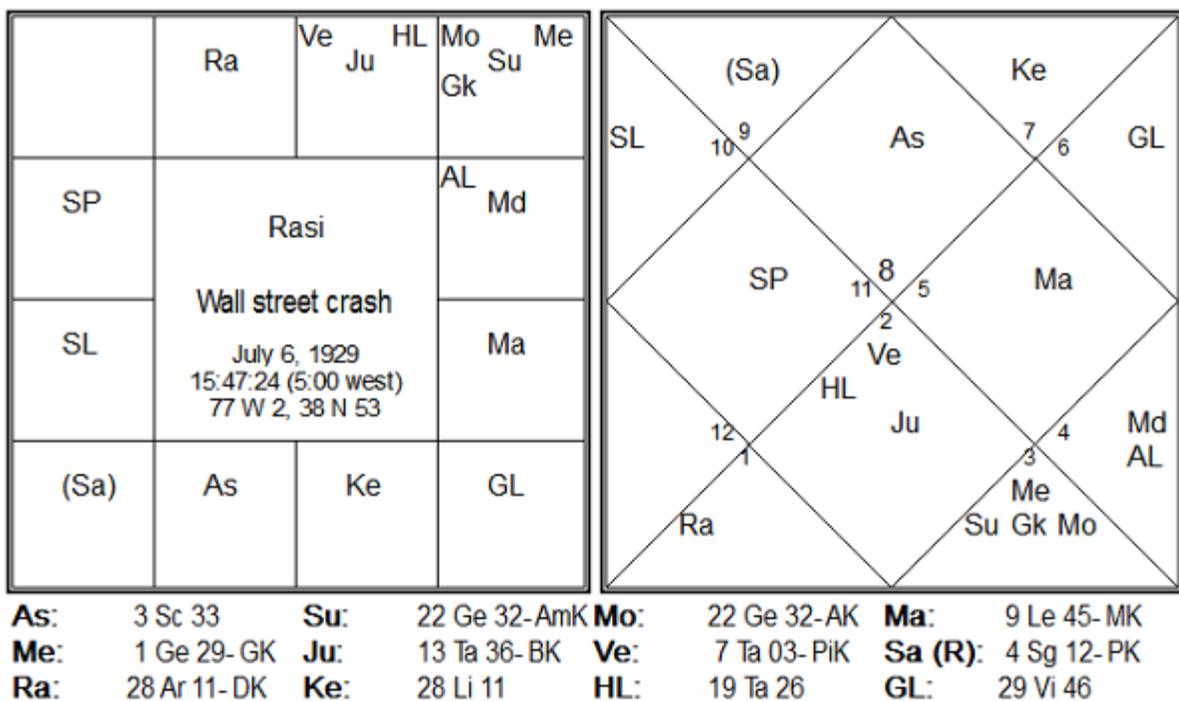


In D-2 chart (finances), lagna lord is debilitated in 12th with luminaries and the 6th lord of loans. Lagna is afflicted by nodes.

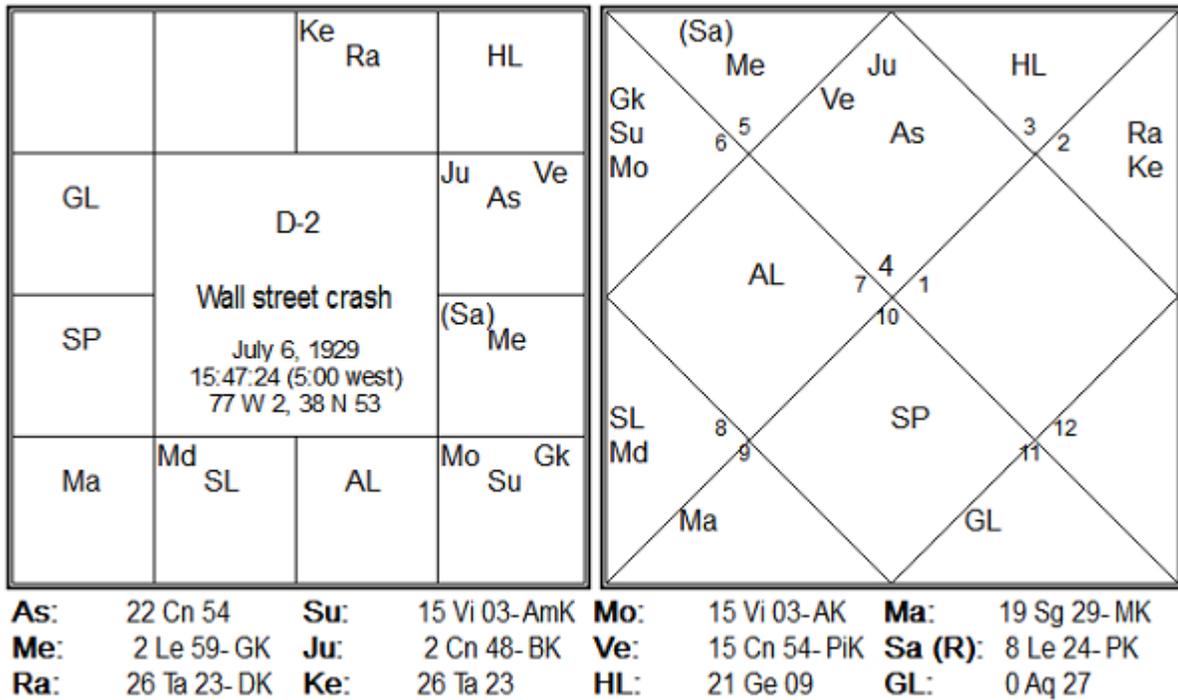
Example 8: Stock Market Crash (US)

Event: Wall street in US crashed on 1929 October 24 and that triggered the great depression.

New Year: 1929 July 6, 3:47:25 pm (5 hr west of GMT), Washington, DC (77 W 02' 12", 38 N 53' 42")



In rasi chart, 2nd house of finances contains a functional malefic, while its lord is in an inimical house with his dispositor. The 8th lord is in 8th house and afflicts luminaries.

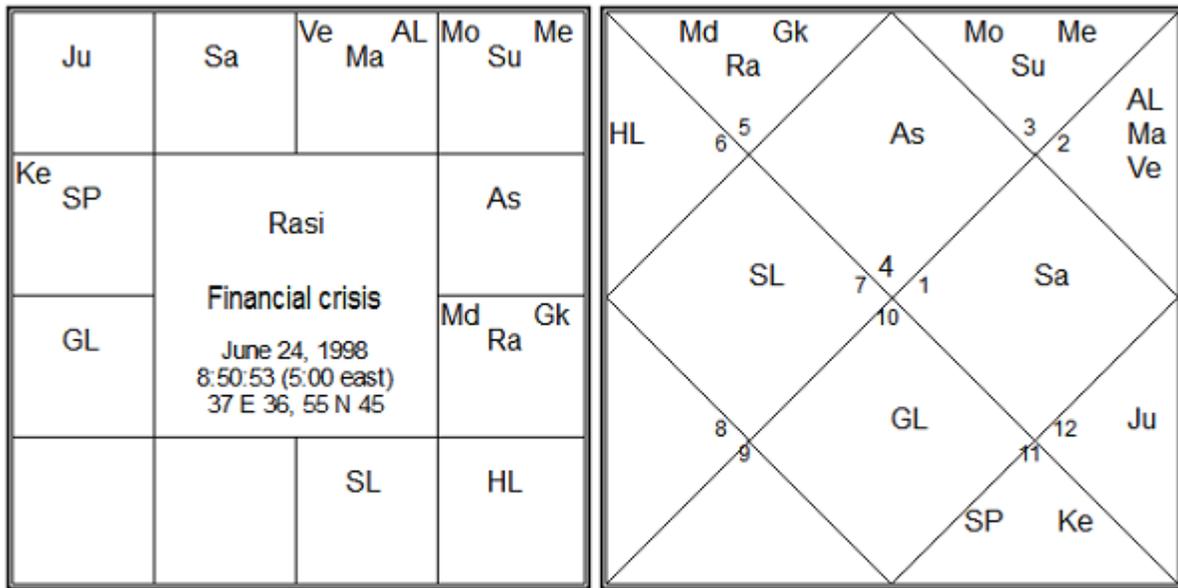


In D-2 chart (finances), 2nd lord Sun and 3rd lord Mercury exchange house and that is a maraka combination. Lagna lord Moon with 2nd lord Sun in 3rd and 3rd lord Mercury in 2nd with 7th/8th lord Saturn are clear maraka combinations and show death-like suffering in financial systems during the year.

Example 9: Financial crisis (Russia)

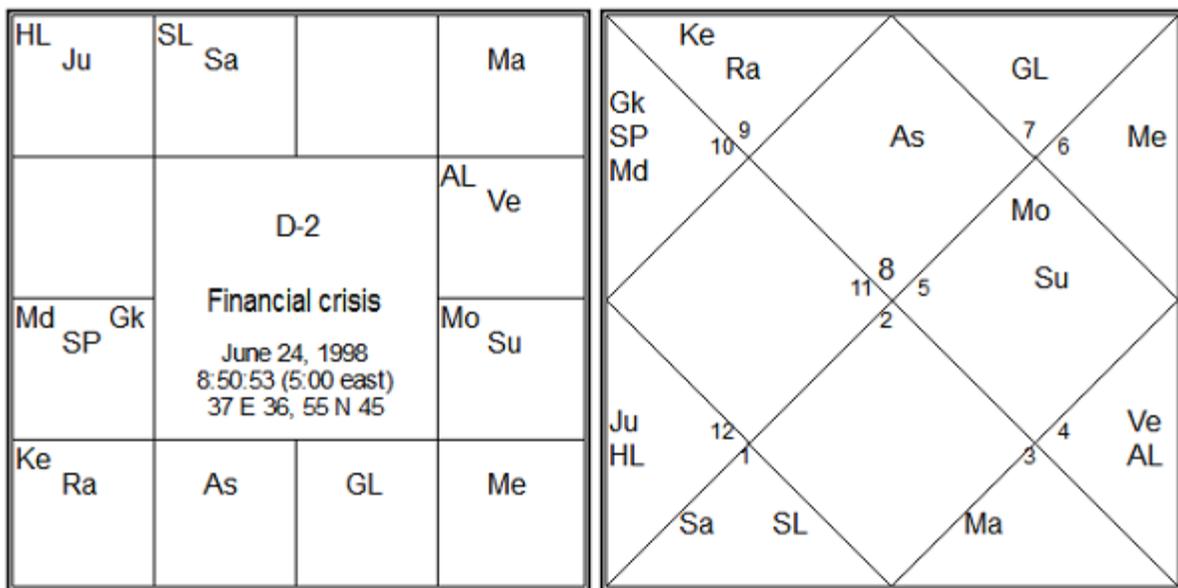
Event: Russian government devalued ruble, defaulted on domestic debt and declared a moratorium on payments to foreign creditors on 1998 August 17.

New Year: 1998 June 24, 8:50:54 am (5 hr east of GMT), Washington, DC (37 E 36', 55 N 45')



As: 12 Cn 37	Su: 9 Ge 46	Mo: 9 Ge 46-MK/P	Ma: 28 Ta 59-AK
Me: 25 Ge 22-AmK	Ju: 4 Pi 27-DK	Ve: 6 Ta 53-GK	Sa: 8 Ar 39-PK
Ra: 10 Le 33-BK	Ke: 10 Aq 33	HL: 8 Vi 16	GL: 21 Cp 00

Lagna lord and 2nd lord are in 12th house. The 2nd house of finances contains 8th lord Rahu. The hora lord is debilitated. Overall, there are enough weaknesses in rasi chart.



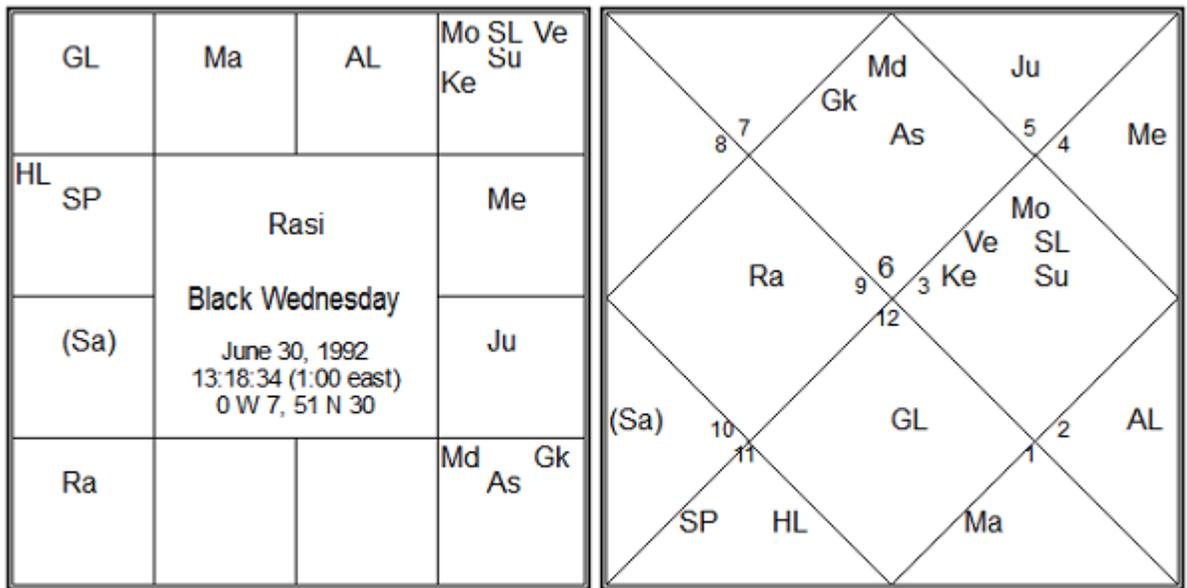
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Me: 20 Vi 44-AmK	Ju: 21 Pi 06-DK	Ve: 16 Cn 14-GK	Sa: 17 Ar 19-PK
Ra: 21 Sg 06-BK	Ke: 21 Sg 06	HL: 13 Pi 29	GL: 17 Li 60

In D-2 chart (finances), lagna lord Mars is in 8th house. The 2nd house of wealth is afflicted by nodes. Luminaries are hemmed between the 7th and 8th lords.

Example 10: Black Wednesday (UK)

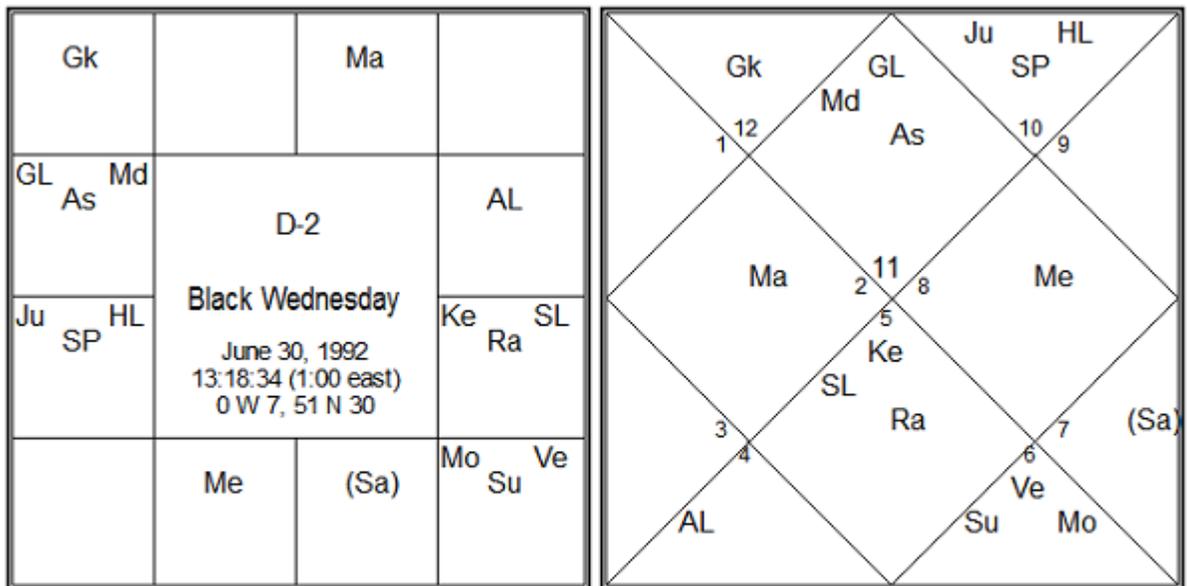
Event: The Conservative government was forced to withdraw the pound sterling from the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) after they were unable to keep sterling above its agreed lower limit.

New Year: 1992 June 30, 1:18:35 pm (1 hr east of GMT), London (0 W 07', 51 N 30')



As: 16 Vi 48 **Su:** 16 Ge 20 **Mo:** 16 Ge 20-GK **Ma:** 18 Ar 57-MK
Me: 11 Cn 39-DK **Ju:** 17 Le 02-PiK **Ve:** 20 Ge 57-BK **Sa (R):** 25 Cp 01-AK/PK
Ra: 8 Sg 05-AmK **Ke:** 8 Ge 05 **HL:** 28 Aq 39 **GL:** 17 Pi 07

In rasi chart, 2nd house of finances is aspected by the 6th and 8th lords. Its lord is afflicted by 12th lord Sun and nodes. There are some negative indications for finances.



As: 26 Aq 25 **Su:** 2 Vi 40 **Mo:** 2 Vi 40-GK **Ma:** 7 Ta 53-MK
Me: 6 Sc 41-DK **Ju:** 4 Cp 05-PiK **Ve:** 11 Vi 55-BK **Sa (R):** 9 Li 58-AK/PK
Ra: 16 Le 10-AmK **Ke:** 16 Le 10 **HL:** 27 Cp 17 **GL:** 25 Aq 46

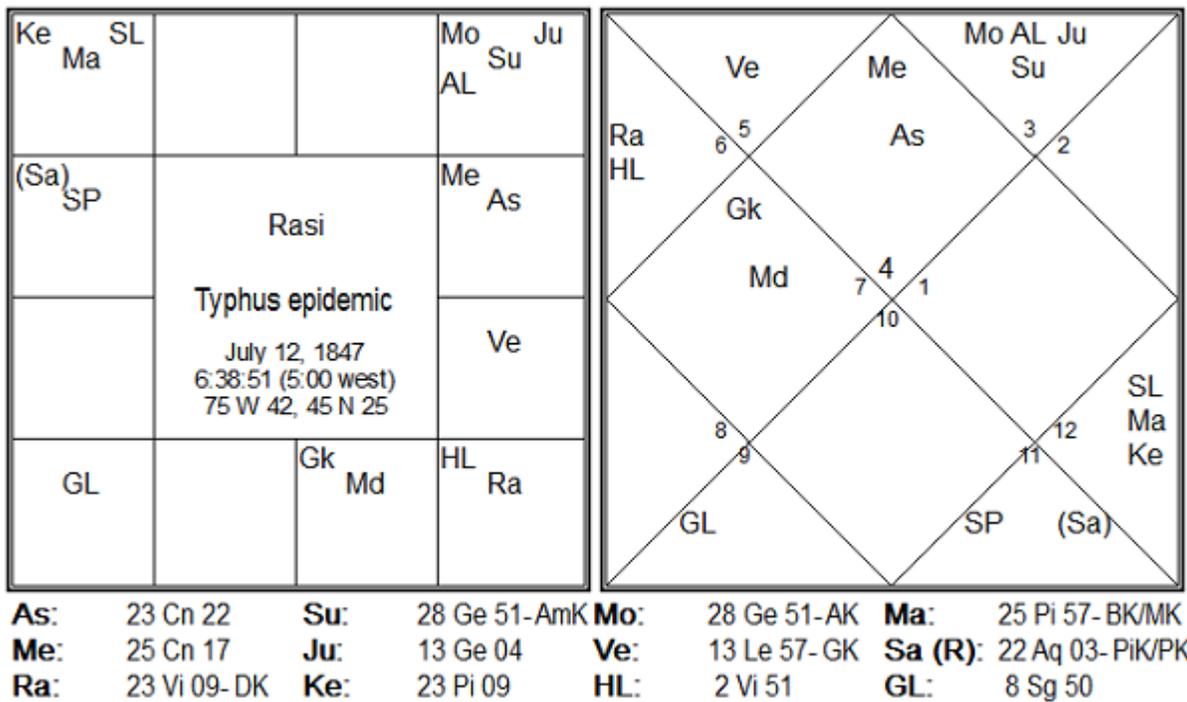
In D-2 chart (finances), luminaries are in the 8th house with debilitated Venus. The 2nd lord of rasi chart, Venus, is debilitated in the 8th house in D-2. The 2nd lord Jupiter is debilitated in the 12th house. These factors show some financial problem during the year.

NOTE: In all four financial market examples, one can see that luminaries are with another planet in 8th or 12th house in rasi or D-2 chart.

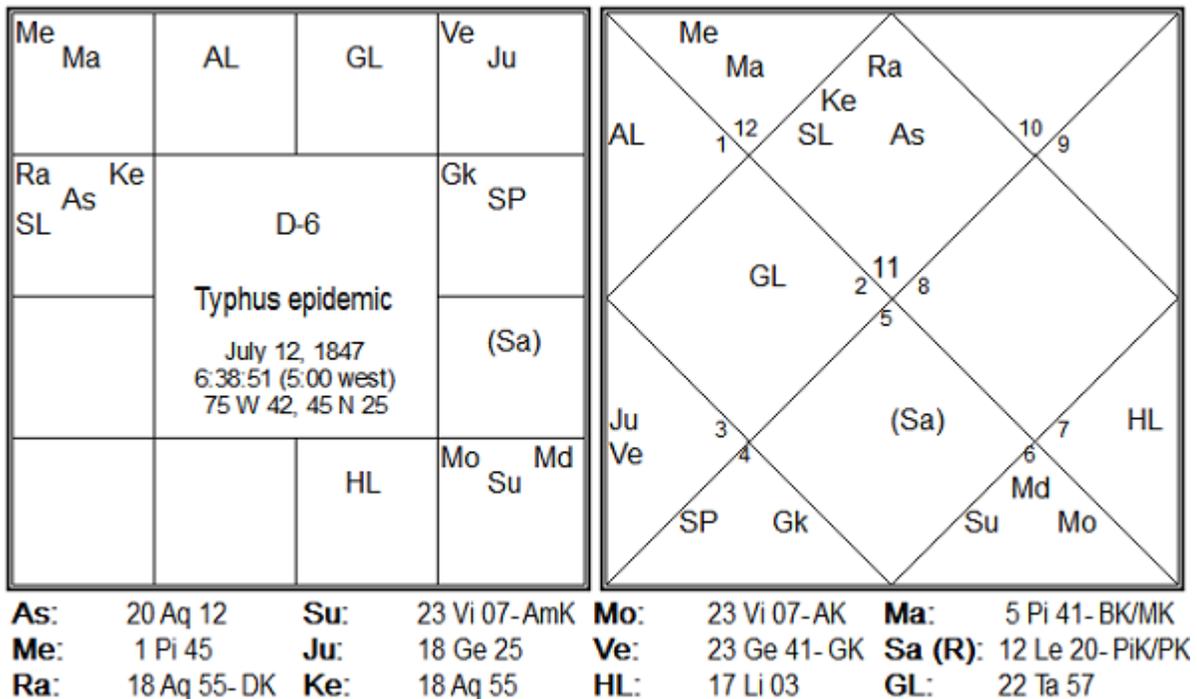
Example 11: Typhus epidemic of 1847 (Canada)

Event: More than 20,000 people died in Canada during 1847-1848, with many quarantined in fever sheds, due to a Typhus epidemic.

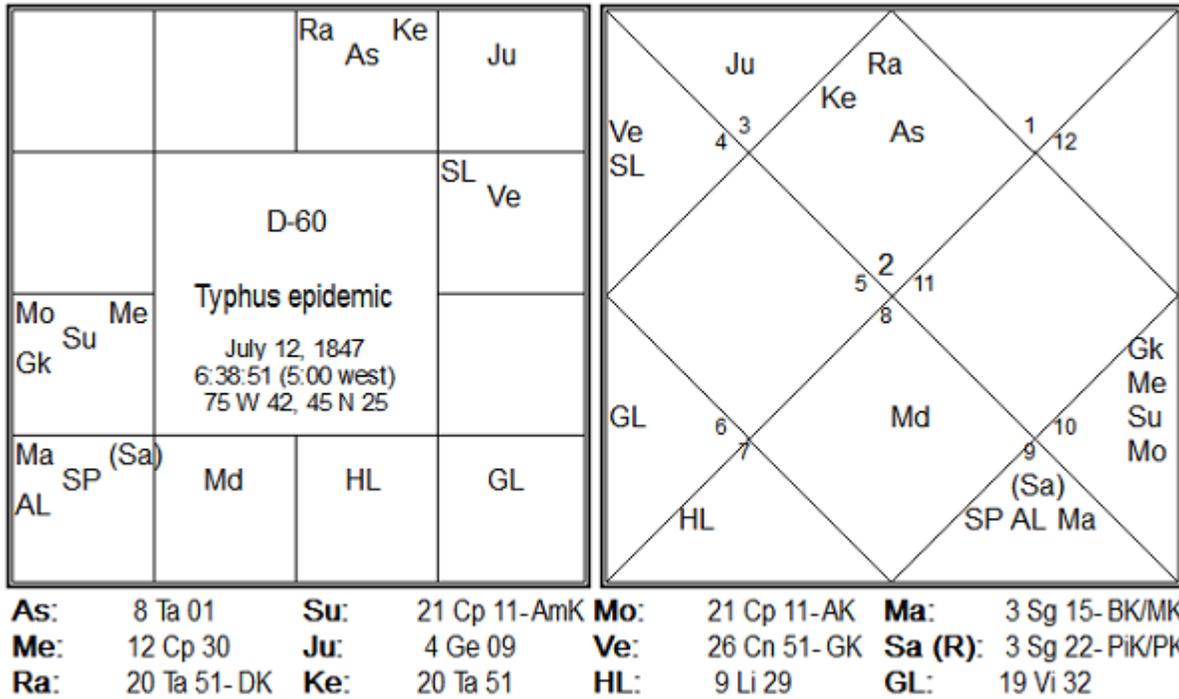
New Year: 1847 July 12, 6:38:52 am (5 hr west of GMT), Ottawa (75 W 42', 45 N 25')



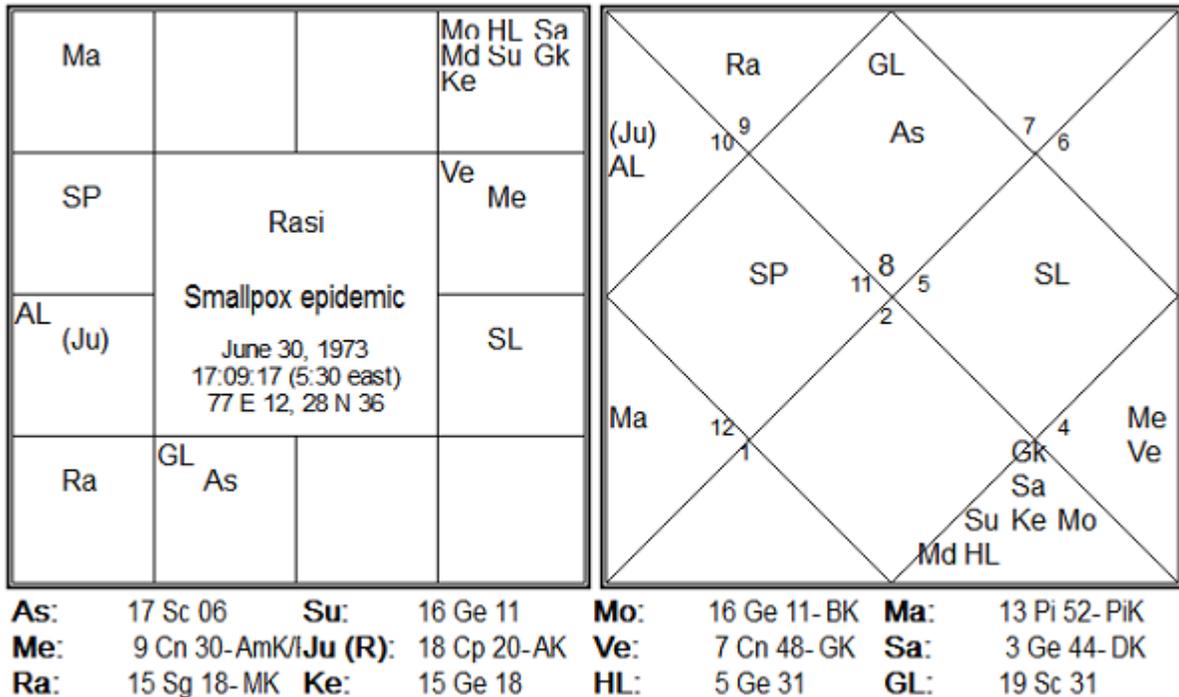
In rasi chart, lagna lord is in 12th with 2nd lord (maraka) and 6th lord of disease (Jupiter). Lagna contains the 12th lord. This can explain fever sheds etc. The hora lord Jupiter is also in the 12th house of quarantines & losses.



In D-6 chart (diseases), lagna contains nodes and lagna lord is retrograde in an inimical sign. The 8th house contains. The 7th lord Sun in 8th and 8th lord Mercury is debilitated in 2nd with 3rd lord Mars. The 3rd, 7th and 8th lords on 2nd/8th axis form a maraka combination,



In D-60 chart, lagna is afflicted by nodes (Rahu is debilitated). The 7th lord Mars in 8th in gandanta is in close samsaptaka with 8th lord Jupiter in 2nd. Mars in 8th is also joined closely by badhaka lord Saturn. This combination clearly shows some karmas conducive to suffering and death due to disease and fever (Saturn & Mars).

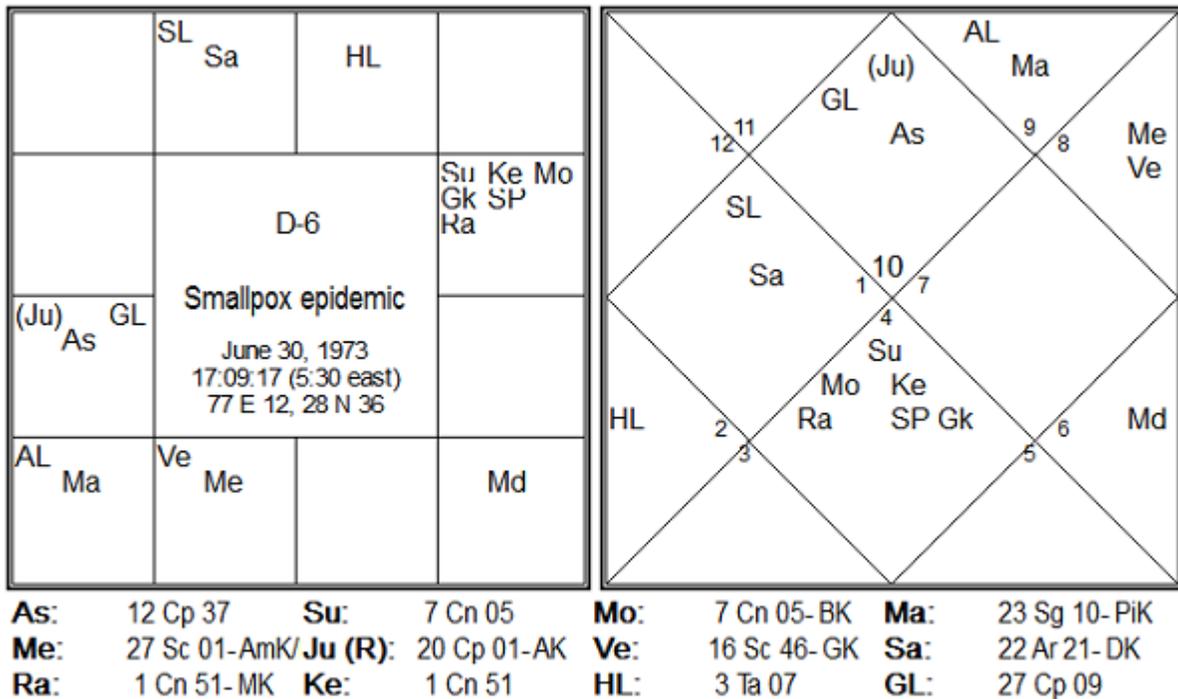


Example 12: Smallpox epidemic of 1974 (India)

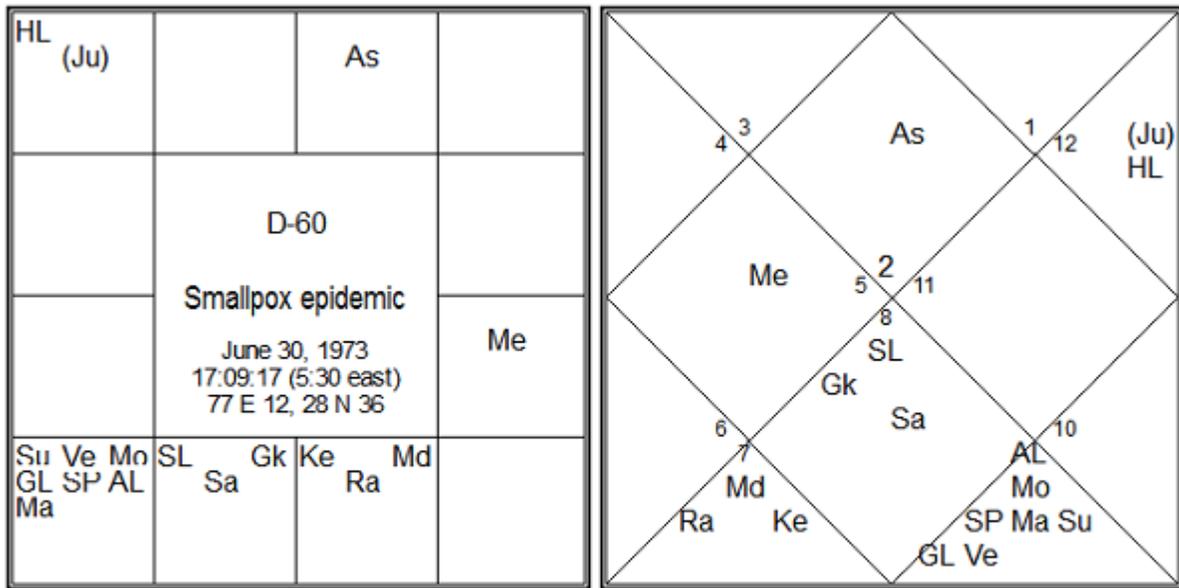
Event: At least 15,000 people died in the eastern states of India during Jan-May 1974.

New Year: 1973 June 30, 5:09:17 pm (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')

In rasi chart, stronger lagna lord Ketu is in the 8th house. Sun and Moon conjoin in the 8th house, closely aspected by Rahu. The 7th and 8th lords very closely conjoined in the badhaka sthana and their conjunction is a maraka combination.



In D-6 chart (diseases), lagna is afflicted by a functional malefic and the lagna lord is debilitated. The 6th lord is in badhaka sthana while the badhaka lord aspects the 6th house. Most importantly, the 7th lord Moon and the 8th lord Sun are together in the 7th house and that is a clear maraka combination. They are also joined closely by the 2nd lord Rahu.



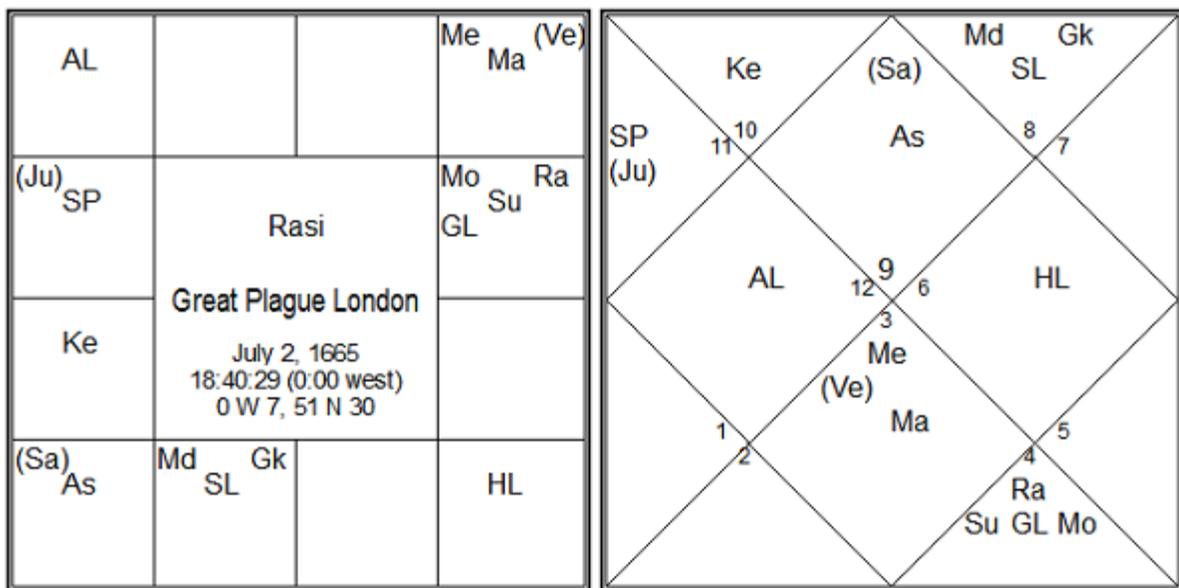
As: 23 Ta 50 **Su:** 10 Sg 50 **Mo:** 10 Sg 50-BK **Ma:** 8 Sg 18-PiK
Me: 29 Le 49-AmK/ **Ju (R):** 9 Pi 54-AK **Ve:** 12 Sg 23-GK **Sa:** 13 Sc 31-DK
Ra: 18 Li 30-MK **Ke:** 18 Li 30 **HL:** 1 Pi 06 **GL:** 28 Sg 30

In D-60 chart, lagna lord and hora lord Venus is in the 8th house with luminaries and maraka Mars.

Example 13: Great plague of London (UK)

Event: The Great Plague of London during 1665-66 killed an estimated 100,000 people, about 15% of London's population.

New Year: 1665 July 2 (Julian), 6:40:30 pm (LMT, 0:28 west of GMT), London (0 W 07', 51 N 30')



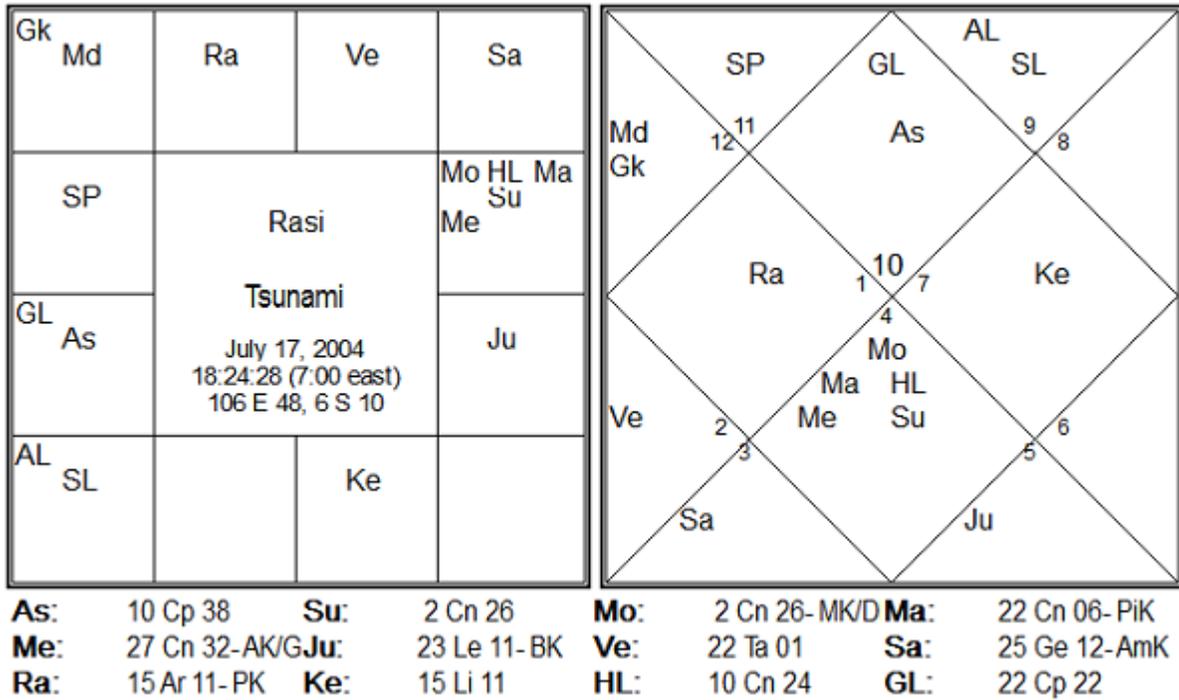
As: 10 Sg 14 **Su:** 2 Cn 36 **Mo:** 2 Cn 36 **Ma:** 4 Ge 28-PiK
Me: 13 Ge 23-MK/ **Ju (R):** 2 Aq 44-DK **Ve (R):** 17 Ge 45-AmK **Sa (R):** 16 Sg 37-BK/PK
Ra: 5 Cn 58-AK **Ke:** 5 Cp 58 **HL:** 21 Vi 24 **GL:** 19 Cn 35

In rasi chart, lagna is afflicted by functional and natural malefic Saturn. Lagna lord Jupiter is retrograde in an inimical sign in his marana karaka sthana. The hora lord Sun is with 8th lord in 8th. Both Sun and Moon are closely afflicted by Rahu. This is a badly afflicted chart and shows much suffering in the year.

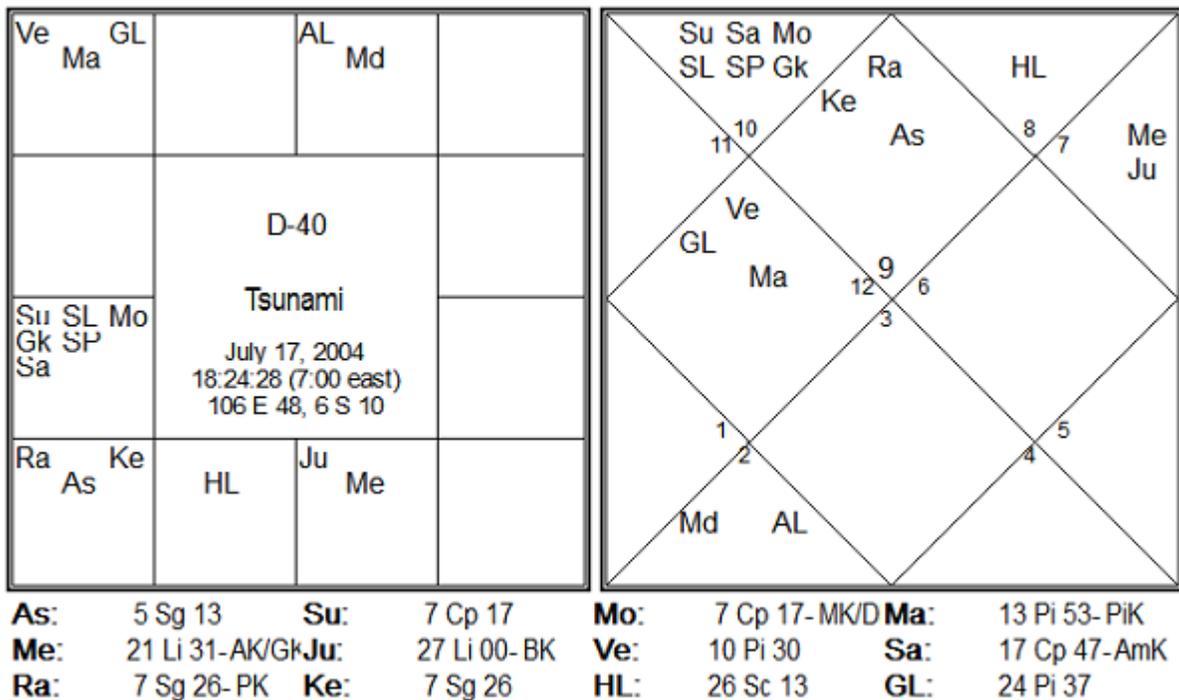
Example 14: Earthquake & Tsunami (Indonesia)

Event: On 2004 December 24, more than 150,000 people died in Indonesia and more than 500,000 people were displaced, due to a disastrous 9.2 earthquake and tsunami.

New Year: 2004 July 17, 6:24:28 pm (7 hr east of GMT), Jakarta (106 E 48', 6 S 10')



In rasi chart, 7th lord Moon and 8th lord Sun are together in the 7th house and that is a maraka combination. The 7th house also contains debilitated badhaka lord Mars, who is in his mrityu bhaga. Hora lord Mercury is in the 8th house (longitude-wise) in gandanta. This suggests loss of life during the year.

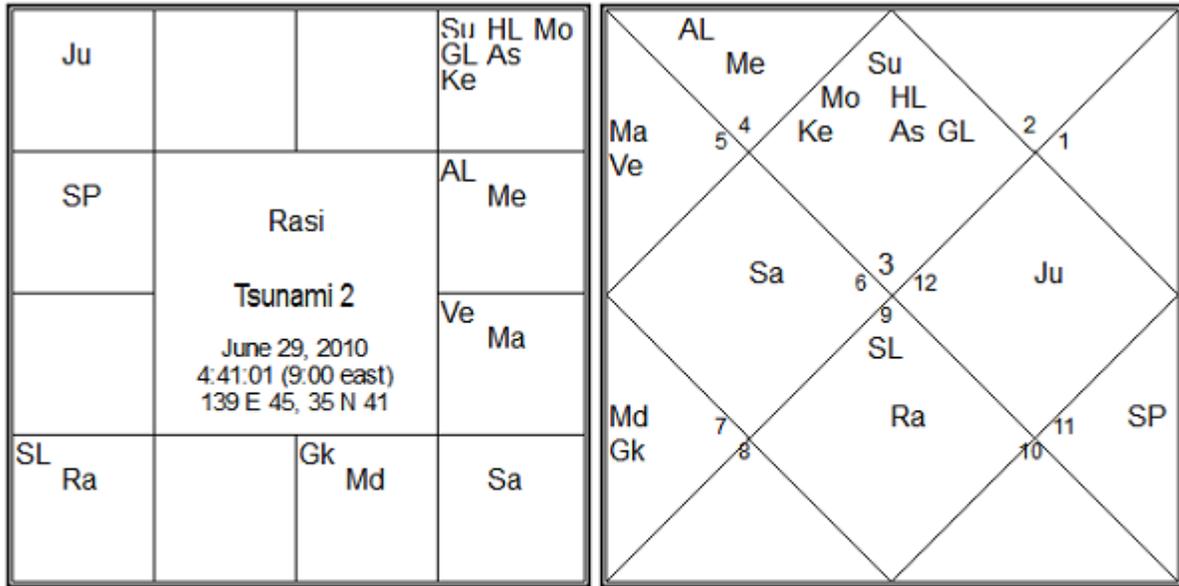


In D-40 chart (Mother Nature), lagna is afflicted by nodes. The 4th house of well-being is afflicted by exalted 6th lord. The 2nd house contains 2nd lord Saturn and 8th lord Moon and that is a maraka combination. Maraka combinations occurring in watery signs and Capricorn can bring problems due to water (e.g. floods, thunderstorm, tsunami).

Example 15: Earthquake & Tsunami (Japan)

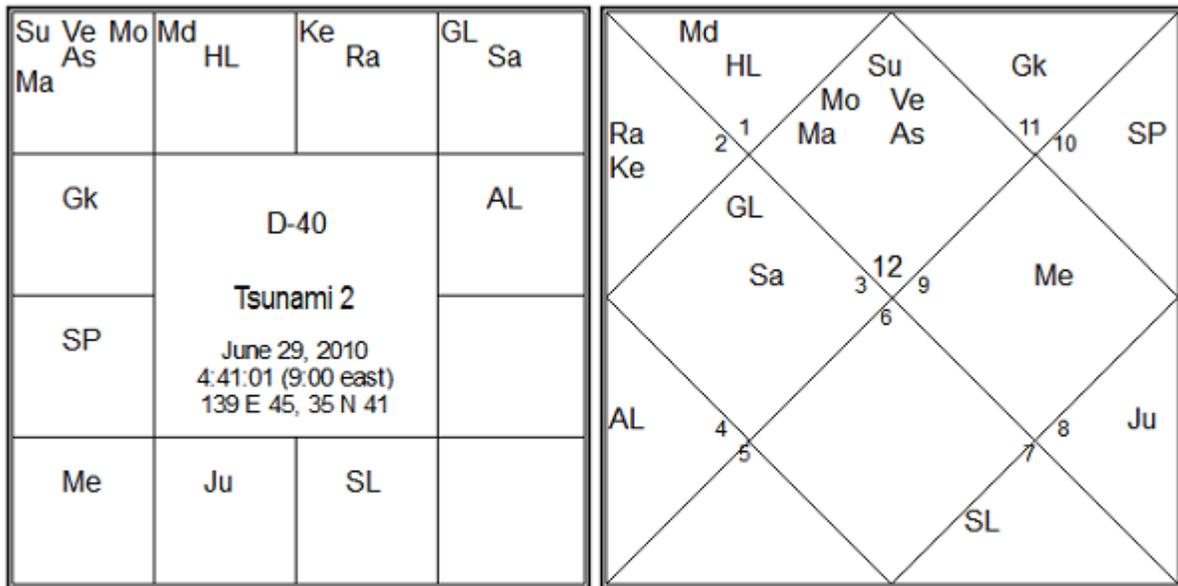
Event: More than 15,000 people died in east Japan when a 9.0 earthquake and tsunami struck. There was also a level 7 nuclear reactor meltdown at a nuclear power plant.

New Year: 2010 June 29, 4:41:01 am (9 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (139 E 45', 35 N 41')



As: 26 Ge 58	Su: 26 Ge 32- BK/PMo:	26 Ge 32- AK	Ma: 26 Le 17
Me: 11 Cn 12- AmK/	Ju: 10 Pi 18	Ve: 8 Le 38- GK	Sa: 6 Vi 25- DK
Ra: 19 Sg 06- PK	Ke: 19 Ge 06	HL: 27 Ge 33	GL: 29 Ge 06

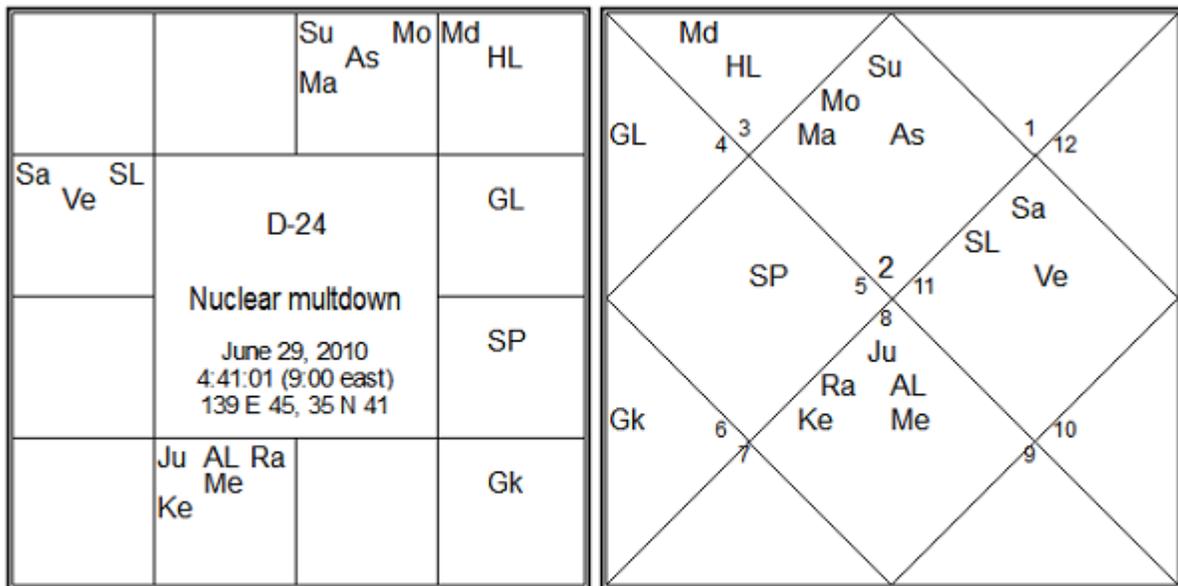
In rasi chart, lagna is almost conjoined by Sun and Moon. Amavasya yoga right on lagna is not auspicious. Moreover, Sun and Moon are closely afflicted by Ketu. Moon is also the hora lord. Conjunction of 2nd and 3rd lords is a maraka combination. Moreover, lagna lord Mercury in 2nd house is in his mrityu bhaga and so is Ketu in lagna. There are indications of a serious crisis and suffering in the nation during the year.



As: 28 Pi 27 **Su:** 11 Pi 10- BK/Pi
Me: 27 Sg 58- AmK/ **Ju:** 22 Sc 19 **Ve:** 15 Pi 28- GK **Sa:** 16 Ge 34- DK
Ra: 13 Ta 59- PK **Ke:** 13 Ta 59 **HL:** 22 Ar 14 **GL:** 23 Ge 52

In D-40 chart (Mother Nature), lagna is in gandanta in a watery sign and is afflicted by exalted 8th lord Venus, a watery planet. The 8th lord Venus also afflicts luminaries in Pisces, who form Amavasya yoga. This can show some natural disaster related to water.

In addition to a natural disaster, a nuclear reactor meltdown released a lot of radiation into water and atmosphere. Technology can be seen in D-24 chart. In D-24 chart, lagna has Amavasya yoga and maraka Mars. The 8th lord Jupiter and 2nd lord Mercury are in the 7th house with nodes. That is a maraka combination and shows a big setback in some technical matters. Scropio shows some secretive technology.



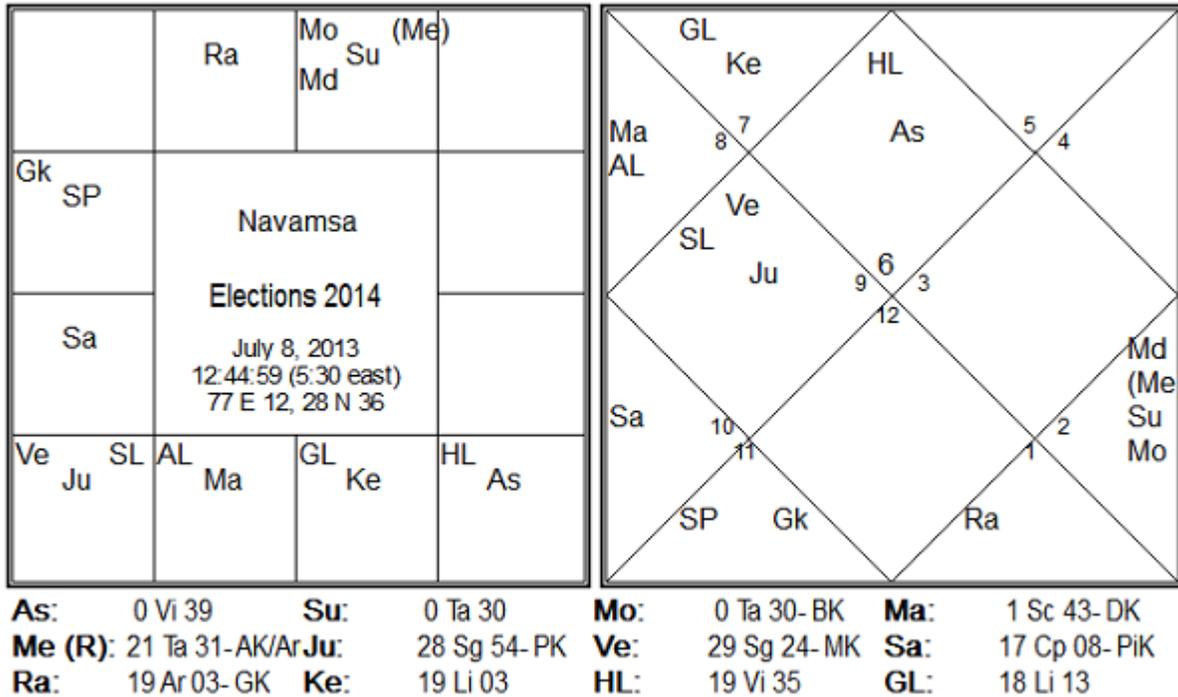
As: 17 Ta 04 **Su:** 6 Ta 42- BK/Pi
Me: 1 Sc 13- AmK/ **Ju:** 22 Sc 37 **Ve:** 27 Aq 17- GK **Sa:** 26 Aq 04- DK
Ra: 8 Sc 23- PK **Ke:** 8 Sc 23 **HL:** 1 Ge 21 **GL:** 8 Cn 19

Example 16: Parliamentary Election Results (India)

Event: In May 2014, BJP party coalition (National Democratic Alliance) won a massive mandate and defeated ruling Congress party coalition (United Progressive Alliance).

New Year: 2013 July 8, 12:45:00 pm (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')

The D-9 chart shows dharma and principles that govern a nation, which are set by the party in power. So D-9 chart has strong indications on whether the party in power currently wins or loses elections. The 10th house shows the governing forces. Any indications of change (nodes, 8th house etc) on 10th house show change.



In D-9 chart, 8th lord Mars in Scorpio is very strong in own sign. He closely aspects the 10th house, 10th lord and luminaries. From the 10th house, luminaries are in the 12th house. Opposition came to power, led by a man with a strong Scorpio and Mars (Mr Narendra Modi).

Example 17: Parliamentary Election Results (India)

Event: In May 2009, ruling Congress party coalition (United Progressive Alliance) won elections.

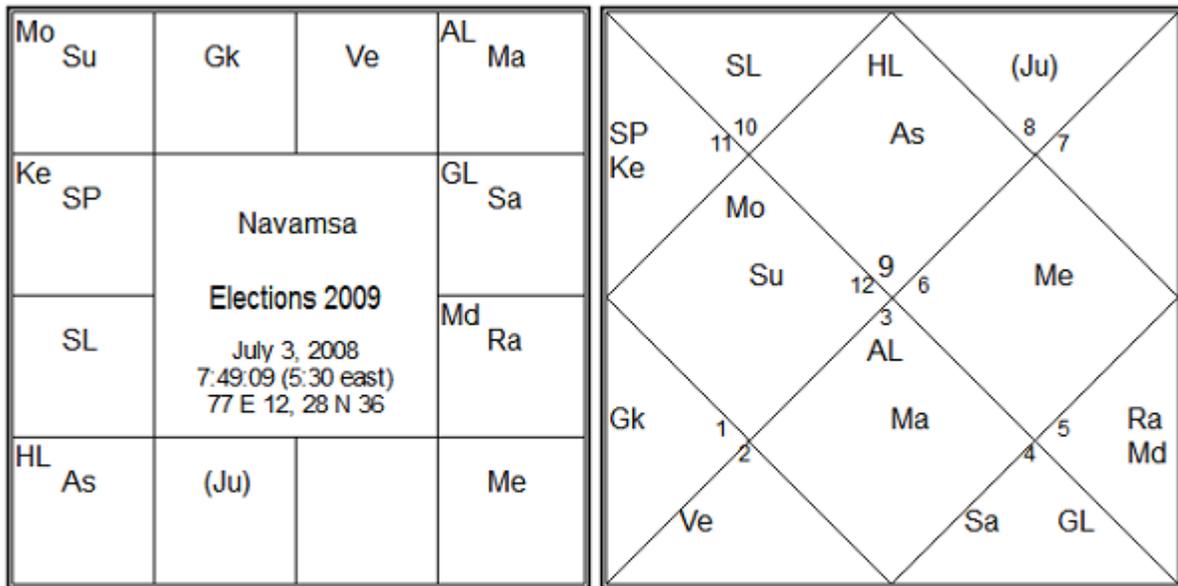
New Year: 2008 July 3, 7:49:09 am (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')

In D-9 chart, the 10th lord Mercury is exalted in the 10th house. Though 8th lord Moon aspects him, he is far away longitude-wise, *i.e.* his aspect is only 54%. Moreover, Moon is weak due to Amavasya yoga and Mercury is very strong in his exaltation-sign-cum-moolatrikona. Moreover, taking Vi as lagna, 5th lord aspects 5th and the 9th lord is in 9th. Overall, this chart does not have strong indications of a change. Led by a scholar (Mercury), ruling coalition was re-elected.

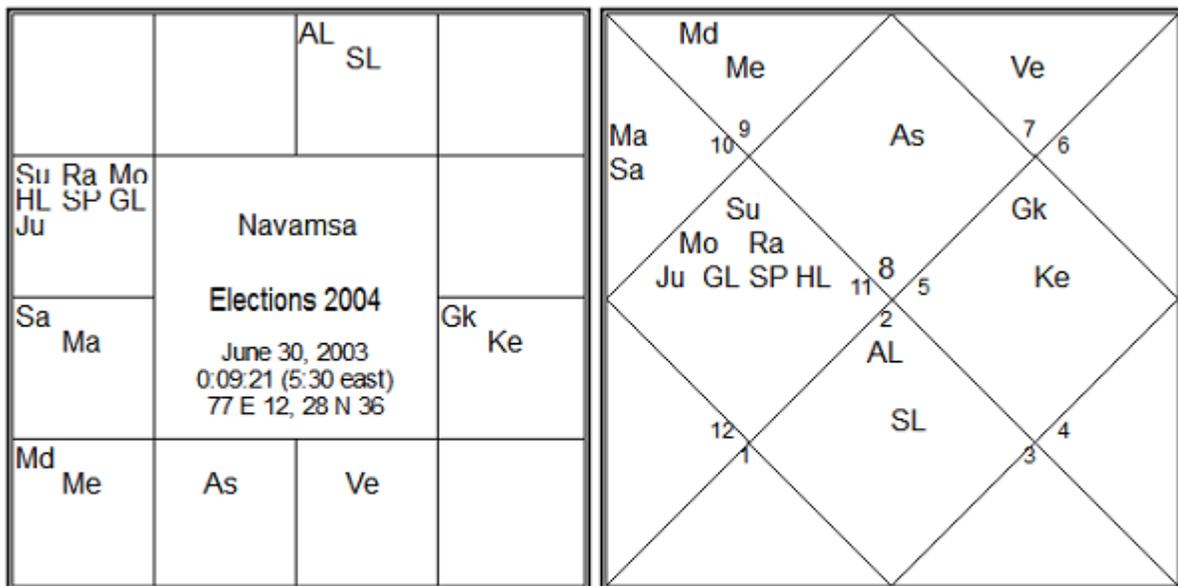
Example 18: Parliamentary Election Results (India)

Event: In May 2004, ruling BJP party coalition (National Democratic Alliance) was surprised by Congress party coalition (United Progressive Alliance).

New Year: 2003 June 30, 12:09:21 am (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')



As: 12 Sg 40 **Su:** 18 Pi 18 **Mo:** 18 Pi 18- MK/Pi **Ma:** 12 Ge 03- GK
Me: 4 Vi 30- AK/Am **Ju (R):** 18 Sc 48- BK **Ve:** 17 Ta 25 **Sa:** 16 Cn 47- PK
Ra: 25 Le 23- DK **Ke:** 25 Aq 23 **HL:** 5 Sg 18 **GL:** 0 Cn 48



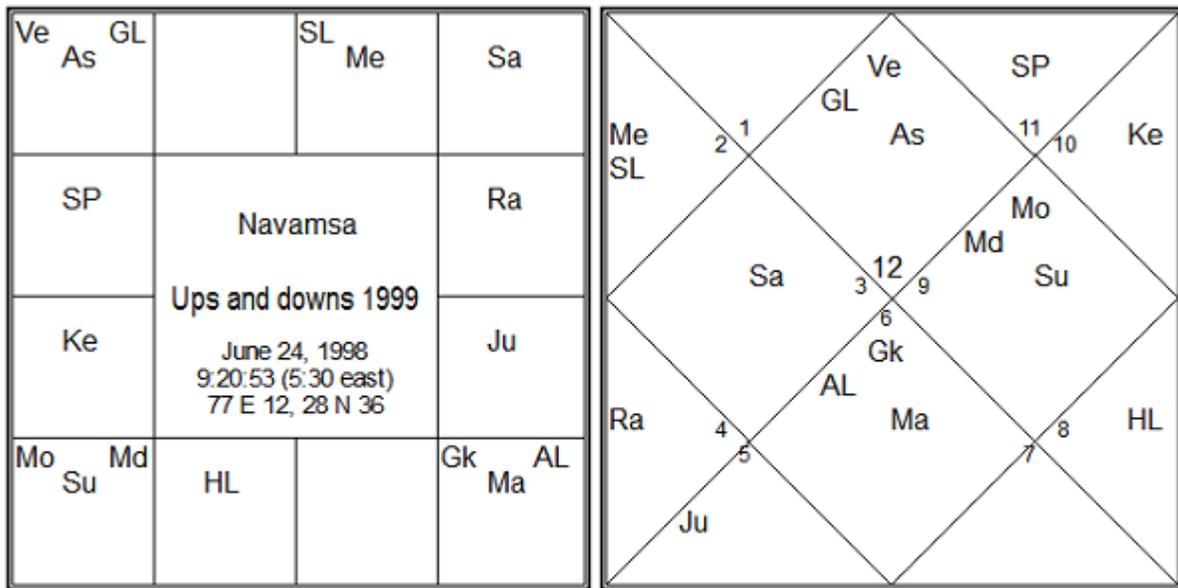
As: 2 Sc 24 **Su:** 13 Aq 39 **Mo:** 13 Aq 39- MK **Ma:** 18 Cp 35- BK/PiK
Me: 11 Sg 57- GK **Ju:** 14 Aq 32- AK **Ve:** 10 Li 39- DK **Sa:** 5 Cp 03- PK
Ra: 26 Aq 25- AmK **Ke:** 26 Le 25 **HL:** 9 Aq 34 **GL:** 3 Aq 27

In D-9 chart, the 10th lord Sun is in an inimical sign eclipsed by nodes. The 8th lord aspects the 8th house and that makes the 8th house strong. The 5th lord Jupiter and 10th lord give a raja yoga, but that yoga is weakened by Rahu who is their dispositor. So the over-optimistic “Indian shining” failed and they received a shock loss though they were expected to win.

Example 19: Parliamentary Election Results (India)

Event: In spring 1999, BJP government lost a confidence vote and new elections were declared. But victory in Kargil war during May-June resuscitated their fortunes (they won a bigger majority in elections later that year).

New Year: 1998 June 24, 9:20:54 am (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')



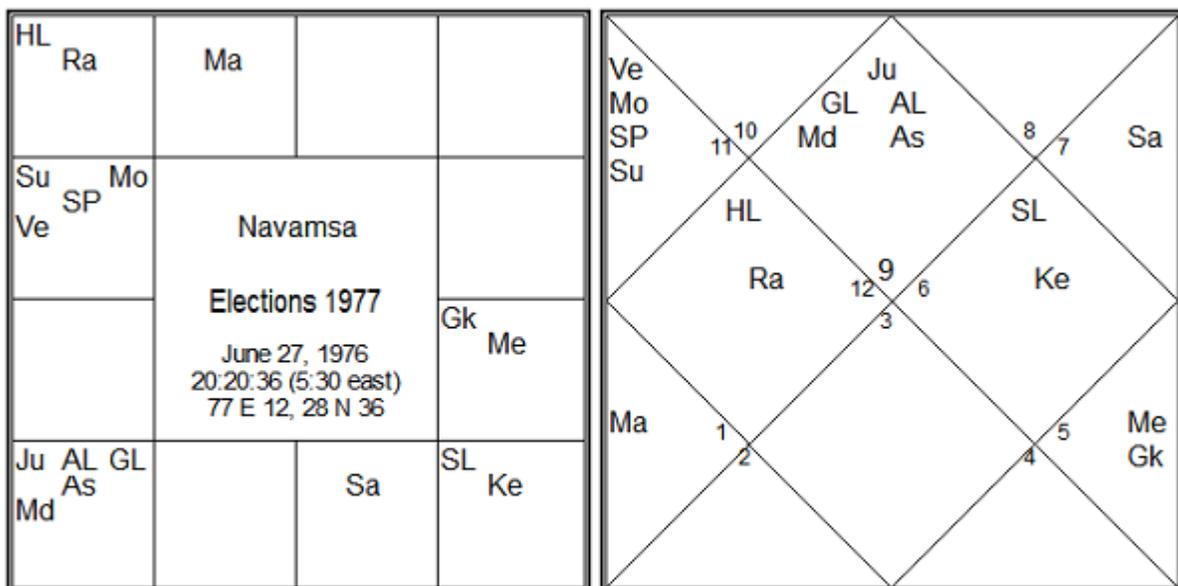
As: 28 Pi 09 **Su:** 27 Sg 53 **Mo:** 27 Sg 53-MK/P **Ma:** 20 Vi 53-AK
Me: 18 Ta 16-AmK **Ju:** 10 Le 04-DK **Ve:** 1 Pi 58-GK **Sa:** 17 Ge 53-PK
Ra: 4 Cn 56-BK **Ke:** 4 Cp 56 **HL:** 22 Sc 06 **GL:** 28 Pi 26

In D-9 chart, the 10th house has the inauspicious Amavasya yoga, also involving the 6th lord. Though the 8th lord seems to be exalted in lagna, he is actually in the 12th house. In any case, Jupiter aspects the 10th house and luminaries in it. So he protects the government. The government was brought down in a “no confidence” vote, but did well in the months before elections and won more seats in elections later in the year.

Example 20: Parliamentary Election Results (India)

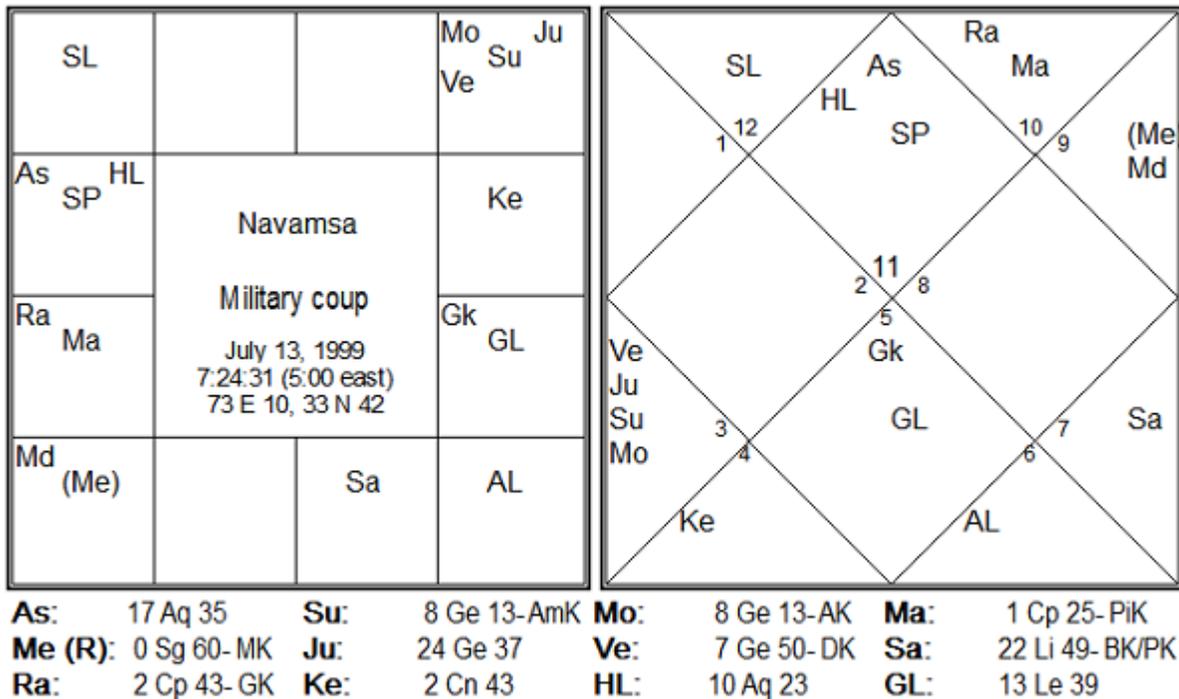
Event: In spring 1977, Indira Gandhi's Congress government lost elections.

New Year: 1976 June 27, 8:20:36 pm (5:30 hr east of GMT), New Delhi (77 E 12', 28 N 36')



As: 21 Sg 07 **Su:** 3 Aq 01 **Mo:** 3 Aq 01-MK/Pi **Ma:** 17 Ar 57-DK
Me: 14 Le 22-AmK **Ju:** 21 Sg 16-AK **Ve:** 26 Aq 23-BK **Sa:** 1 Li 11-GK
Ra: 19 Pi 20-PK **Ke:** 19 Vi 20 **HL:** 21 Pi 57 **GL:** 5 Sg 21

In D-9, the 10th house has 12th lord Ketu in it. Rahu-Ketu on the 10th house axis without any alleviating influences can show a big change. The 10th lord is in 12th from it. The 6th and 8th from the 10th house are strong. This also shows a lot of opposition to the government.



Example 21: Military coup (Pakistan)

Event: Pakistan had a bloodless military coup on 1999 October 12 in which army chief Pervez Musharraf replaced prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

New Year: 1999 July 13, 7:24:32 am (5 hr east of GMT), Islamabad (73 E 10', 33 N 42')

In D-9 chart, 10th lord is in the 12th house of loss/deportation, afflicted very closely by Rahu. The 8th house from the 10th house contains luminaries, marakas Venus and Jupiter (7th and 2nd lords, from the 10th house), aspected by the 8th lord Mercury. This shows fall of government or a big change in it. Coupled with the affliction and placement of 10th lord Mars, a big change in government makes sense.

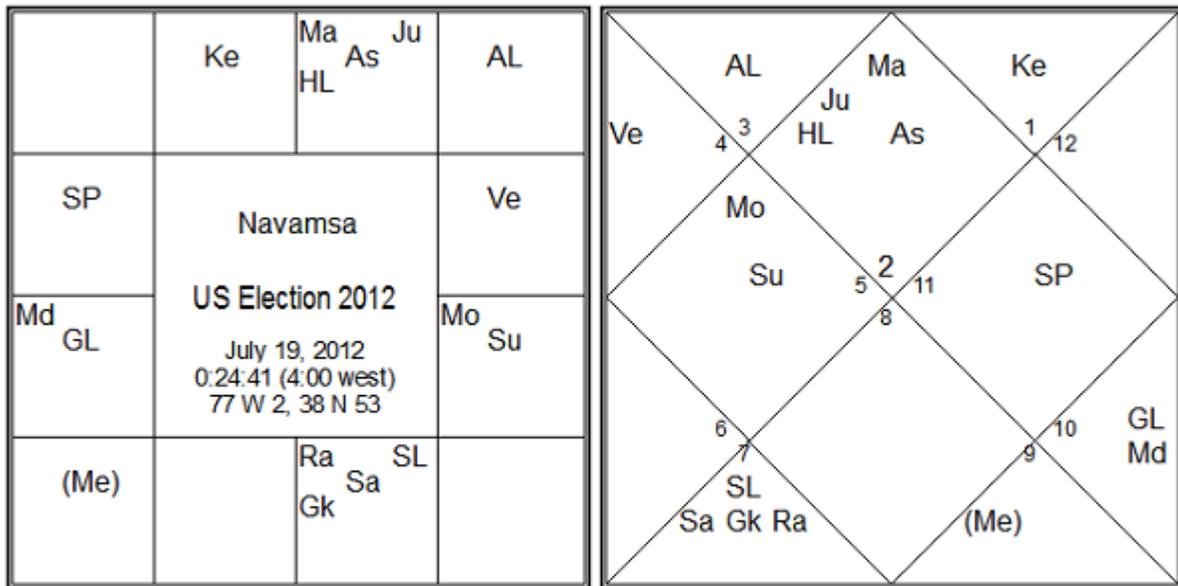
The 3rd house of bravery shows military. From the 3rd house, lagna lord is exalted in 10th house. It shows military becoming stronger in the year, from the point of view of setting the guiding principles of the nation.

Example 22: Presidential election (US)

Event: Barack Obama was re-elected as US president in November 2012 with a handsome margin.

New Year: 2012 July 19, 12:24:42 am (4 hr west of GMT), Washington, DC (77 W 02' 12", 38 N 53' 42")

In D-9 chart, the 10th house is empty. Its lord is exalted in 9th from it. Other co-lord is also strong in 9th from it, in an adhimitra rasi. From the 10th house, 5th and 10th houses are aspected by their lords. Overall, the 10th house is strong enough without much affliction, suggesting that elections will not result in a change. A leader with strong Saturn (lagna lord in lagna in Barack Obama's chart) was re-elected.



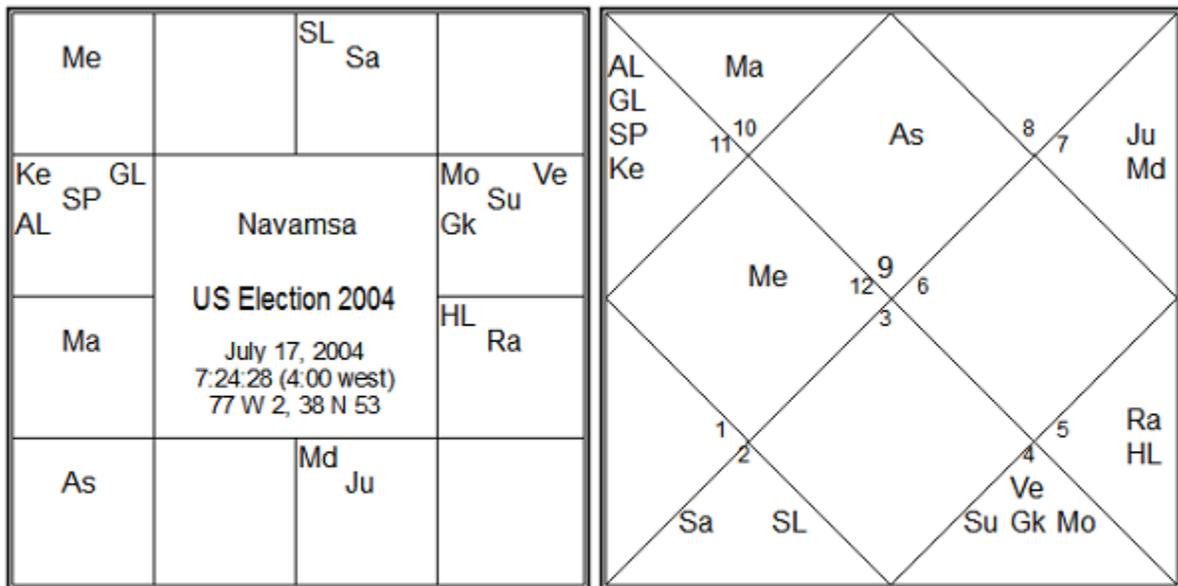
As: 6 Ta 33 **Su:** 6 Le 09 **Mo:** 6 Le 09- MK/GI **Ma:** 20 Ta 60- PIK
Me (R): 20 Sg 44- BK **Ju:** 15 Ta 27 **Ve:** 18 Cn 58- AK **Sa:** 2 Li 58- PK/DK
Ra: 8 Li 44- AmK **Ke:** 8 Ar 44 **HL:** 15 Ta 32 **GL:** 14 Cp 37

Example 23: Presidential election (US)

Event: George W Bush was re-elected as US president in November 2004.

New Year: 2004 July 17, 7:24:28 am (4 hr west of GMT), Washington, DC (77 W 02' 12", 38 N 53' 42")

In D-9 chart, the 10th house is aspected by its lord. Though the 8th house contains 3 planets, they do not afflict the 10th house or its lord. Exalted 5th lord Mars (war) aspects planets in 8th and he tempers their negative influence. Lagna lord Jupiter aspects the 5th house. Overall, there are no strong indications of a change.

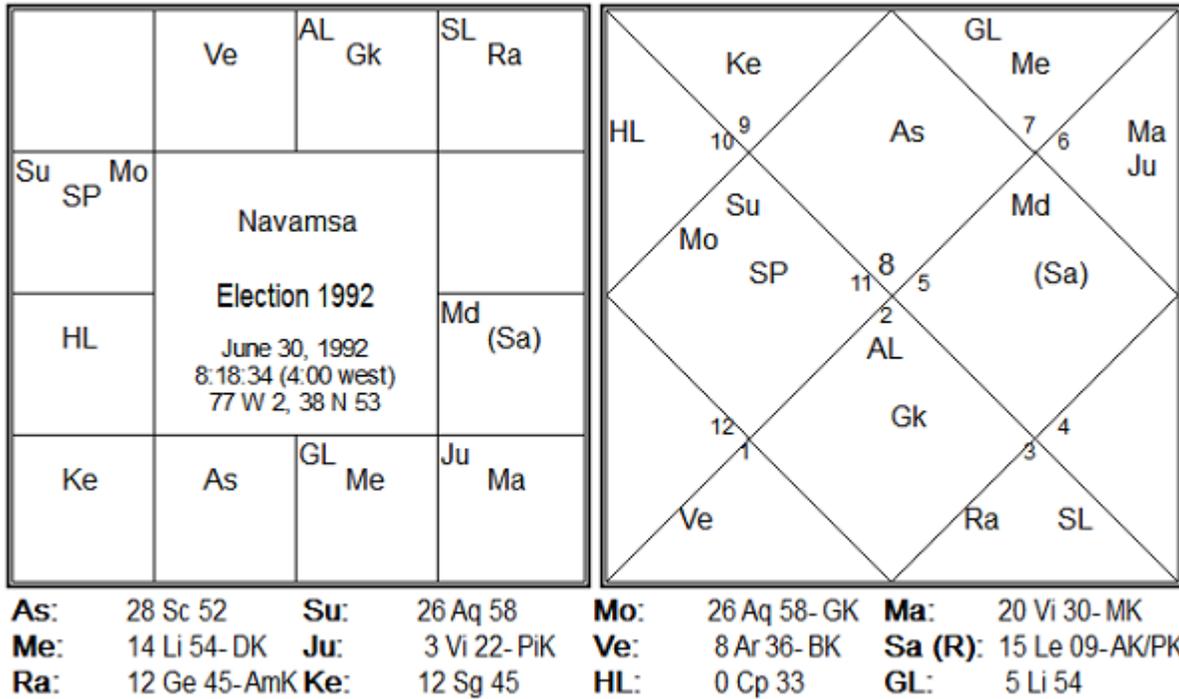


As: 20 Sg 47 **Su:** 21 Cn 53 **Mo:** 21 Cn 53- MK/CI **Ma:** 18 Cp 52- PIK
Me: 7 Pi 50- AK/GK **Ju:** 28 Li 35- BK **Ve:** 18 Cn 07 **Sa:** 16 Ta 45- AmK
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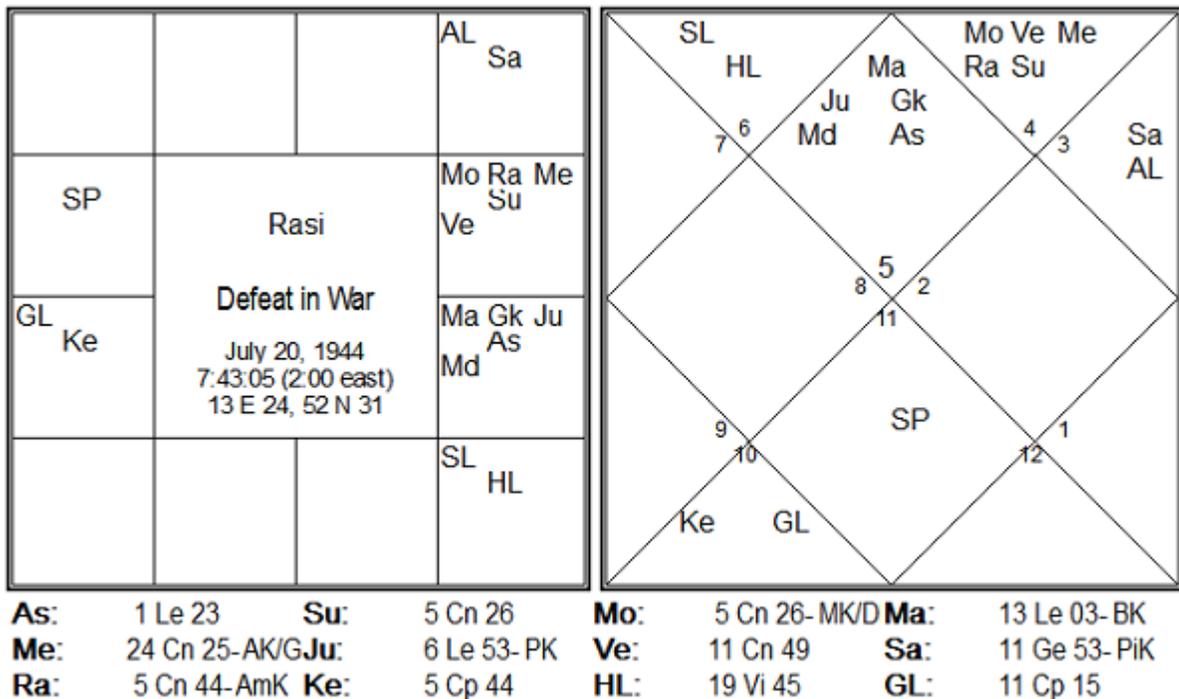
Example 24: Presidential election (US)

Event: Sitting president George HW Bush was defeated by Bill Clinton in November 1992.

New Year: 1992 June 30, 8:18:35 am (4 hr west of GMT), Washington, DC (77 W 02' 12", 38 N 53' 42")



In D-9 chart, the 10th house contains retrograde functional malefic Saturn. Its lord is in an inimical sign aspected by dispositor. The 8th house of change contains Rahu. These factors suggest a gloomy mood in the nation and a change of leadership.

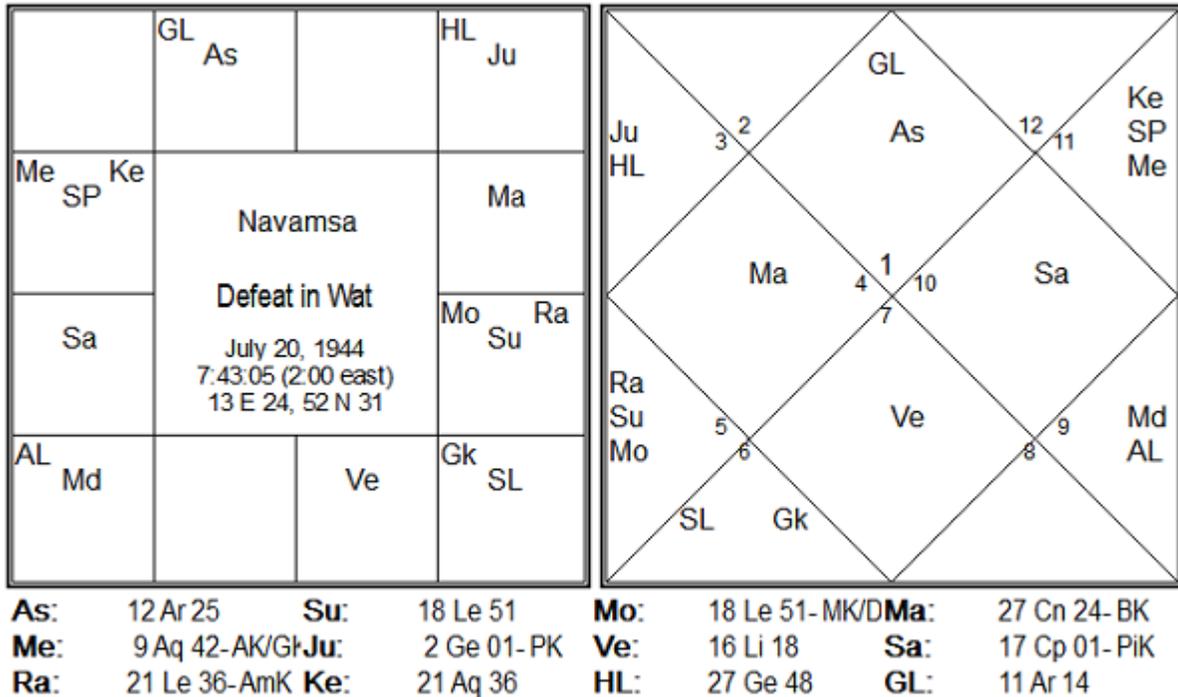


Example 25: Defeat in war (Germany)

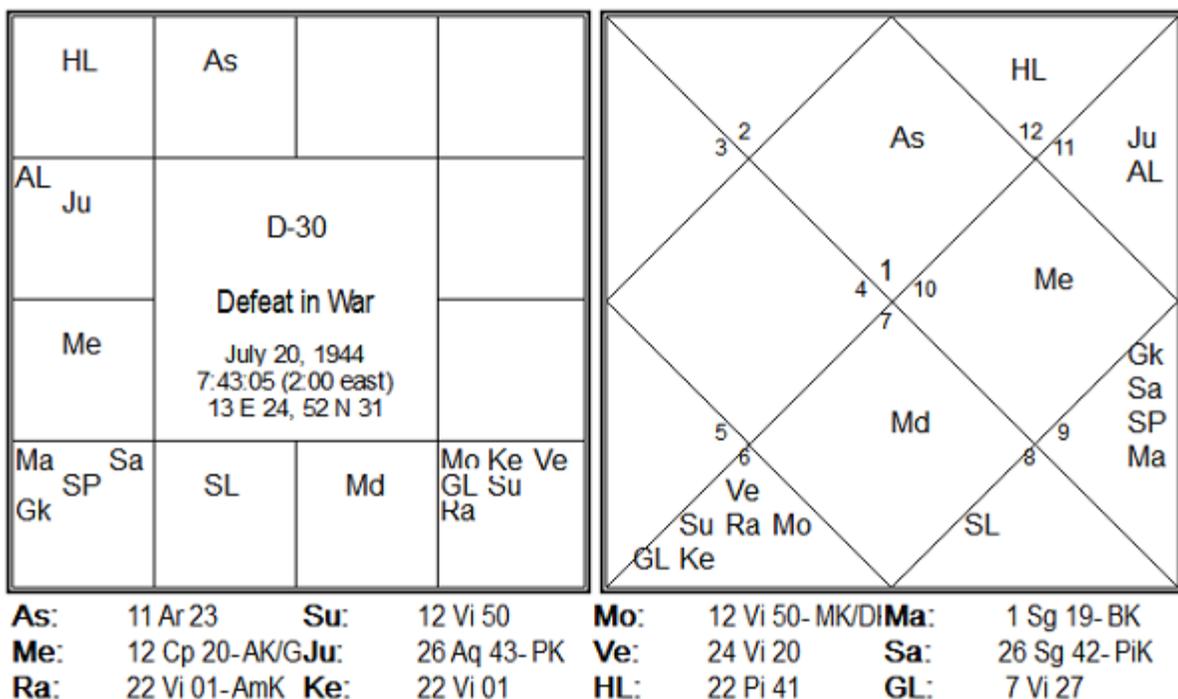
Event: Germany was defeated in World War II in April 1945 and chancellor Hitler ended life.

New Year: 1944 July 20, 7:43:06 am (4 hr west of GMT), Washington, DC (77 W 02' 12", 38 N 53' 42")

In rasi chart, lagna is in gandanta. Lagna lord is in his marana karaka sthana in the 12th house with 12th lord, badhaka lord Venus and marakas Rahu and Mercury. Lagna lord Sun is also in his mrityu bhaga. This shows a terrible year for the nation.



In D-9 chart, the 10th house is Cp. Taking Cp as lagna, 7th lord Moon, 8th lord Sun and 2nd lord Rahu are in the 8th house. This is a clear and terrible maraka combination. No wonder their leader ended life in the year.



In D-30 chart (suffering), the 6th house of enemies contains luminaries, nodes and maraka Venus. This can show suffering a defeat at the hands of enemies.

Conclusion

After considering contradictory Indian and western traditions, a reformed lunar year chart was defined. This chart is inspired by the teachings of Parasara to Maitreya in “Vishnu Purana” and the teachings of Lord Krishna in “SrimadBhagavatam”.

The use of reformed lunar new year chart in mundane astrology was demonstrated using many illustrations.

It is hoped that intelligent and sincere students and researchers of this divine subject will take this knowledge further and contribute to a renaissance in Jyotish and other knowledge related to rishis.

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