



## The Astrology Axis: Centering the 8 Spokes of the Astrology Wheel

*"Leading you from the surface to the center – back to the heart of Astrology"*



# What is Astrology – History?

## Ch. 1. The Creation

*"I prostrate before the lotus-feet of Lord Vighneswara, offspring of Uma, the cause of destruction of sorrow, who is served by Mahābhutas (the five great elements of the universe) etc., who has the face of a tusker and who consumes the essence of Kapittha and Jambu fruits."*

1-4. Offering his obeisance to all-knowing Mahārishi Parāśar and with folded hands, Maitreya said: "O venerable Mahārishi, Jyotish, the supreme limb of the Vedas, has three divisions, viz. Horā, Ganita and Samhita. Among the said three divisions Horā, or the general part of Jyotish is still more excellent. I desire to know of its glorious aspects from you. Be pleased to tell me, how this Universe is created? How does it end? What is the relationship of the animals, born on this earth, with the heavenly bodies? Please speak elaborately"

5-8. Mahārishi Parāśar answered. O Brahmin, your query has an auspicious purpose in it for the welfare of the Universe. Praying Lord Brahma and Śrī Sarasvatī, his power (and consort) and Sūrya, the leader of the Grahas and the cause of Creation, I shall proceed to narrate to you the science of Jyotish, as heard through Lord Brahma. Only good will follow the teaching of this Vedic Science to the students, who are peacefully disposed, who honour the preceptors (and elders), who speak only truth and are godfearing. Woeful forever, doubtlessly, will it be to impart knowledge of this science to an unwilling student, to a heterodox and to a crafty person.

9-12. Śrī Vishnu, who is the Lord (of all matters), who has undefiled spirit, who is endowed with the three Gunas, although he transcends the grip of Gunas (Gunatita), who is the Author of this Universe, who is glorious, who is the Cause and who is endowed with valour, has no beginning. **He authored the Universe and administers it with a quarter of his power.** The other three quarters of Him, filled with nectar, are knowable only to the philosophers (of maturity). The Principal Evolver, who is both perceptible and imperceptible in Vasudeva. The Imperceptible part of the Lord is endowed with dual powers, while the Perceptible with triple powers.

13-15. The three powers are Śrī Shakti (Mother Lakshmi) with Sattva-Gun, Bhū Shakti (Mother-Earth) with Rajo-Gun and Nīl Shakti with Tamo-Gun. Apart from the three, the fourth kind of Vishnu, influenced by Śrī Shakti and Bhoo Shakti, assumes the form of Shankarshan with Tamo-Gun, of Pradyumna with Rajo-Gun and of Anirudh with Sattva-Gun.

16-17. Mahatatwa, Ahamkar and Ahamkar Murti and Brahma, are born from Shankarshan, Pradyumna and Anirudh, respectively. All these three forms are endowed with all the three Gunas, with predominance of the Gun due to their origin.

**18-19. Ahamkar is of three classes**, i.e. with **Sattvic, Rajasic and Tamasic** dispositions. Divine class, sensory organs and the five primordial compounds (**space, air, fire, water and earth**) are, respectively, from the said three Ahamkaras.

20. Lord Vishnu, coupled with Śrī Shakti, rules over the three worlds. Coupled with Bhoo Shakti, He is Brahma causing the Universe. Coupled with Neel Shakti, He is Shiva, destroying the Universe.

21-24. The Lord is in all beings and the entire Universe is in Him. All beings contain both Jivatma and Paramatmāñśas. Some have predominance of the former, while yet some have the latter in predominance. Paramatmāñś is predominant in the Grahas, viz. Sūrya etc. and Brahma, Shiva and others. Their powers, or consorts too have predominance of Paramatmāñś. Others have more of Jivatmāñś.

## Ch. 2. Great Incarnations

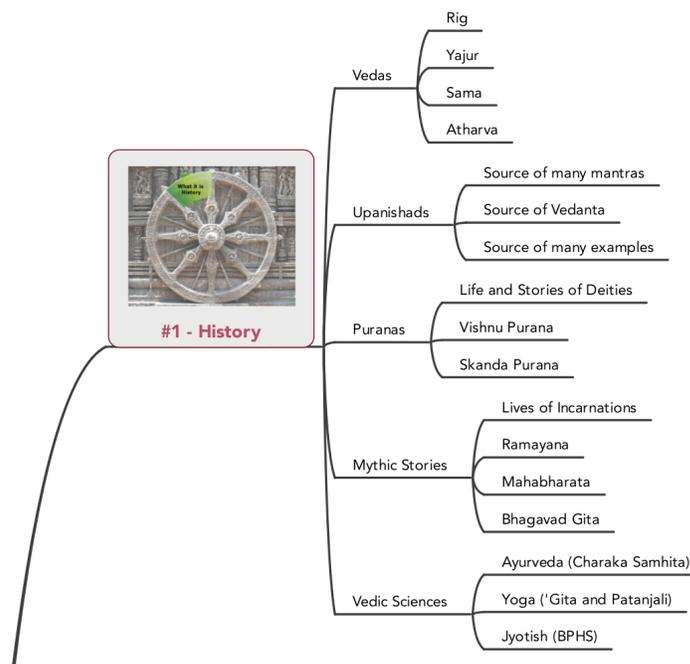
1. Maitreya: “O Mahārishi Parāśar, are the incarnations of Vishnu, viz. Śrī Ram, Śrī Krishn etc., endowed with Jivāñś?

2. Maharishi Parashar: “O Brahmin, the four incarnations, viz. Ram, Krishn, Narasimh and Varah are wholly with Paramatmāñś. The other incarnations (than these, out of the ten) have in them Jivāñś too.

**3-4. The unborn Lord has many incarnations. He has incarnated, as the 9 (Nava) Grahas to bestow on the living beings the results due to their Karmas. He is Janardan. He assumed the auspicious form of Grahas to destroy the demons (evil forces) and sustain the divine beings.**

5-7. From Sūrya the incarnation of Ram, from Candr that of Krishn, from Mangal that of Narasimh, from Budh that of Buddha, from Guru that of Vaman, from Śukr that of Parashuram, from Śani that of Kurma (Tortoise), from Rahu that of Varah (Pig) and from Ketu that of Meen (Fish) occurred. All other incarnations than these also are through the Grahas. The beings with more Paramatmāñś are called divine beings.

**8-13. The beings with more Jivatmāñś are (mortal) beings.** The high degree of Paramatmāñś from the Grahas, viz. Sūrya etc. did incarnate, as Ram, Krishn etc. After completing the mission, the Paramatmāñśas (of the respective) Grahas again merge (in the respective) Grahas. **The Jivatma portions from the Grahas take births, as human beings and live their lives according to their Karmas and again merge in the Grahas.** And at the time of Great Destruction the Grahas as well merge in Lord Vishnu. **The one, who knows of all these, will become versed in the knowledge of the past, present and future.** Without a knowledge of Jyotish these cannot be known. Hence, **everyone should have a knowledge of Jyotish, particularly the Brahmin.** The one, who, devoid of knowledge of Jyotish, blames this Vedic Science will go to the hell called ‘Raurava’ and will be reborn blind.



<b>Pisces</b> Water Sattwa Teacher	<b>Aries</b> Fire Rajas Warrior	<b>Taurus</b> Earth Rajas Worker	<b>Gemini</b> Air Rajas Merchant
<b>Aquarius</b> Air Tamasic Merchant			<b>Cancer</b> Water Sattwa Teacher
<b>Capricorn</b> Earth Tamasic Worker			<b>Leo</b> Fire Sattwa Warrior
<b>Sagittarius</b> Fire Sattwa Warrior	<b>Scorpio</b> Water Tamasic Teacher	<b>Libra</b> Air Rajas Merchant	<b>Virgo</b> Earth Tamasic Worker

## Keyword Templates for Chart Reading

Using keywords and templates can help jump-start your chart reading ability.

### Planet Keywords

**Sun** - soul, confidence, generosity, power, ego, father

**Moon** - feeling/emotions, connection, family, others, mother

**Mars** - vitality, focus, aggression, logic, innocence, friends, brothers

**Mercury** - speech/communication, skills, intellect, flexibility, humor

**Jupiter** - wisdom, meaning, optimism, children, teachings

**Venus** - pleasure, sex, happiness, beauty, comfort, laziness, lovers

**Saturn** - fear, hard work, commitment, stress, isolation, old people

**Rahu** - obsessions, attachment, exaggeration, expanded perception

**Ketu** - dissatisfaction, detachment, solitude, scrutinizing, anonymity

### Sign Keywords

**Aries** (Male Mars – HEAD – Moveable Fire) courage, strength, bold, brash, sharp minds, action, impulsive

**Taurus** (Female Venus – FACE – Fixed Earth) comfort, pleasure, steady, devoted, sensual, family, food

**Gemini** (Male Mercury – ARMS – Dual Air) speech, knowledge, sensation, skilled, curious, unfocused

**Cancer** (Female Moon – CHEST – Moveable Water) intuitive, emotional, attached, nurturing, shy

**Leo** (Male Sun – SOLAR PLEXUS – Fixed Fire) inspired, uplifted, overpowering, burning, domineering

**Virgo** (Female Mercury – BOWELS – Dual Earth) responsible, dutiful, worried, pure, critical, alone

**Libra** (Male Venus – HIPS - Moveable Air) hesitant, love of beauty, other people,

social, shallow

**Scorpio** (Female Mars – GENITALS – Fixed Water) obsessive, sensitive, secretive, probing, self-protective

**Sagittarius** (Male Jupiter – THIGHS – Dual Fire) generous, optimistic, faith inspired, adventurous, orthodox

**Capricorn** (Female Saturn – KNEES – Moveable Earth) serious, ambitious, reserved, practical, responsible

**Aquarius** (Male Saturn – CALVES – Fixed Air) humility, servitude, humanitarian, focus on others

**Pisces** (Female Jupiter – FEET - Dual Water) fantasy, imagination, spiritual, endings, creativity, devotion

### House Keywords

**1<sup>st</sup> house** (Sun) truthful nature, body, general health, the head, personality

**2<sup>nd</sup> house** (Jupiter, Venus) values, self-expression, income, security, childhood

**3<sup>rd</sup> house** (Mars, Mercury) self-will, siblings, power and prowess, friends, motivation, zeal, rashness, curiosity

**4<sup>th</sup> house** (Moon) emotional state, mother, feeling potential, peace, property, deepest sensitivity, inner life

**5<sup>th</sup> house** (Jupiter) intelligence, creativity, children, education, romance, past life merit, mantras

**6<sup>th</sup> house** (Mars, Saturn) competition, illness, debt, things breaking, immune system, hard work, service.

**7<sup>th</sup> house** (Venus, Jupiter) long-term relationships, general relations with others, business associates

**8<sup>th</sup> house** (Saturn) transformation, other people's money, dissolution, sex, death, hidden side of life, research

**9<sup>th</sup> house** (Jupiter) religion, philosophical or ethical principles, god's grace, dharma-shaping life events

**10<sup>th</sup> house** (Mercury, Jupiter, Sun) career, public status, fame, success, impact on the world, politics.

**11<sup>th</sup> house** (Jupiter) highest aspirations and goals, financial gains, impulse, excess, large groups of people

**12<sup>th</sup> house** (Saturn, Ketu) subconscious, hidden nature, isolated through sorrow or peace, liberation, loss