

## The Prashna of Disease

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Astrology and Medicine are both ancient forms of knowledge in India. From times immemorial both have been an inseparable way of life in India. Our Vedas and other ancient treatises which we have inherited from our Rishis contain enormous amounts of knowledge that establish that our ancestors used to combine the knowledge of both sciences. Astrological guidance was sought for ailments, remedies, even for the time of taking medicines. Our ancient forefathers such as Aswini Kumar, Vyasa, Dharmantari, Charak, Sushruta and many others have produced a number of works that are complimentary to both astrology and medicine with only one motive of making mankind physically and mentally healthy, this is summed up by the following shloka of Yajurveda

"May I see for a hundred years, Live for a hundred years, hear for a hundred years!"

"May I speak for a hundred years, Live in comfort and freedom for a hundred years!!"

In this field the Horary Astrology has also been used with great success, when a person falls ill his utmost concern is to get cured at the earliest. The anxiety to lead a happy & healthy life after contracting an illness is foremost in the mind of a querist when this prashna is asked to an astrologer. The presented article is about the prashna asked by a querist in respect of disease which can further be subdivided into combinations of

- 1) Early recovery/ early cure
- 2) Delayed recovery/complications in disease
- 3) Death in worst cases
- 4) Miscellaneous combinations in respect of disease

On this subject all the celebrated authors like Prithuyasha of Shatpanchashika, Shri Padam Pad Suri of Bhuvan Deepak, Bhattotpala of PrashnaGyan and many others of repute have in their own way contributed in their treatise on Prashna. Here in all meanings of

relevant shlokas will be tried to be incorporated to enable us to decipher the prashna of disease in a simple & lucid manner.

**The great Seer Shri Pad Suri has given us a most important Sutra in his classic - Bhuvan Deepak "Moon is Seed, lagna is Flower, Navamsha is fruit and the Bhava is taste.** Answer to all prashnas falls in ambit of this sutra. Moon holds the paramount importance in all the prashnas, the condition of Moon - Its bala, its placement and its association are the key to success of all the prashnas. The Kendras are also of utmost importance in the question of disease. The ascendant is Doctor or the person who is treating the patient; the 4<sup>th</sup> house is the treatment that is being administered or the medicine being given to the patient; the 7<sup>th</sup> house is disease in all its forms and 10<sup>th</sup> is the patient which includes his cooperation, behavior & approach towards his disease. Role of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> do comes into picture and their PACE with relevant Kendras affects the outcome in a positive or negative way considerably. Let us now classify the outcome of disease in the light of classics:

### **Early Recovery/ Early Cure**

- a) When the moon is strongly disposed in its exaltation sign, in its own house, having good Paksha bala and has benefic aspects on it.
- b) When the Moon is in the Upchaya houses and benefics occupy quadrants, trines or 8th house.
- c) If the lagna lord and the Moon are in Ithasala with a benefic then the disease will be cured.
- d) If the ascendant is occupied or aspected by benefics then also early recovery because of the correct diagnosis by the doctor.
- e) A single benefic strongly disposed in the Kendras protects & Cures.
- f) The lagna lord itself being benefic- if strongly disposed in its exaltation, own sign or Mool trikon sign placed in Kendras.
- g) Benefics in 3, 6, 9, 11 houses give early respite from disease.
- h) Benefics in 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> house of disease, patient & treatment.
- i) If there be friendship between the patient & doctor i.e. Lagna Lord & the 10<sup>th</sup> Lord; or between Treatment & disease i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> Lord & 7<sup>th</sup> lord.
- j) If the 3<sup>rd</sup> house is aspected by the benefics or the by its lord then the brother of the querist gets cured.

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- k) If lagna lord & 8<sup>th</sup> lord both are placed in lagna in the same drekkan then healthy body.
- l) If Moon & Sun be conjunct with benefics within 4-7 days before asking the question then also early recovery.
- m) If a benefic disposed strongly & favorably aspects Moon then patient recovers after some time.

### **Delayed Recovery/Complications in Disease**

- a) The Moon in paap kartari or unfavorably disposed & debilitated complicates the disease.
- b) Retrograde planet in Ithasala with Lagna lord or the Moon indicates complications or relapse of disease.
- c) Enmity between lagna lord and the 10<sup>th</sup> lord or 4<sup>th</sup> Lord and 7<sup>th</sup> lord complicates the disease,
- d) Malefics in the ascendant or the malefic aspect on it indicates the complications due to wrong diagnosis by the doctor or this doctor cannot treat the disease.
- e) If the lords of the Kendras are retrograde then the disease will relapse after initial recovery.
- f) If malefic in 4<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> house then one complication may lead to another.
- g) If malefic are there in 10<sup>th</sup> house then the disease will be intensified due to own fault of the patient.
- h) If Lagna lord & Moon making an Ithasala with a benefic planet which turns retrograde then the disease will reoccur.
- i) If malefic are in Kendra or 8<sup>th</sup> Lord in Kendra then also problems from the disease.
- j) The disease will continue if Lagna Lord or Moon has Ithasala with 6<sup>th</sup> lord or is combust.
- k) If lagna is in movable sign and Lagna lord is in the dwadwansha of Sun then disease seems to come under control for a while but aggravate again.

### **Disease Resulting Death of Patient**

- a) If malefic in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> houses and the Moon in Lagna, 8<sup>th</sup> or

6<sup>th</sup> house then death of the patient can be predicted.

- b) The Sun in Lagna and the Moon in 7<sup>th</sup> house or the vice versa that is the question being asked on the day of Poornima.
- c) Lagna lord in the 22<sup>nd</sup> drekkan from the drekkan of lagna.
- d) Both lagna lord and the 8<sup>th</sup> lord placed in 8<sup>th</sup> house in the same drekkan.
- e) Lagna lord in the 8<sup>th</sup> house afflicted also shortens the life.
- f) If lagna lord and the 8<sup>th</sup> lord are conjunct and are aspected by Moon or by that lord is also not a good combination.
- g) The Moon placed in 4<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> housed hemmed between malefic.
- h) If lagna lord is placed in 4<sup>th</sup> house making Ithasala with Moon.
- i) If 8<sup>th</sup> lord is in lagna and a afflicted Moon and Lagna Lord are conjunct in 8<sup>th</sup> house.
- j) If Lagna lord is Sun and Moon is making an Ithasala with 7<sup>th</sup> Lord posited in 6<sup>th</sup> house.
- k) If the afflicted lagna lord and the 8<sup>th</sup> lord are placed in Kendras and making an Ithasala.
- l) If the lagna lord is in 8<sup>th</sup> house and the 8<sup>th</sup> lord is in lagna.
- m) If Lagna lord is in dwadwansha of Sun.
- n) If weak 8<sup>th</sup> lord is placed in Kendra and making Ithasala with Lagna lord
- o) If a malefic 6<sup>th</sup> Lord is in lagna and aspecting the Janam rashi or 6<sup>th</sup> Lord is in lagna and Moon is aspected by Malefics.
- p) If a retrograde planet is in Kendra having Ithasala with Moon.
- q) Lord of ascendant or lord of 8<sup>th</sup> House is in 8<sup>th</sup> house from Moon.
- r) 8<sup>th</sup> lord or Lagna lord placed in Kendra making an Ithasala with a planet in combustion or retrogression.

### **Miscellaneous Combinations**

- a) If the malefic in the apoklims - the disease is hereditary and being cured by water or instrument.
- b) If the ascendant is in fixed sign then some disease will be there for a long time and preliminary diagnosis of disease is correct; if is in

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movable sign then the patient appears to have recovered but there will be relapse of disease; if in dual sign then the disease will be other than the suspected one and there will be another problem afterwards.

- c) If Moon is in Ithasala with a retrograde planet then it will be a chronic disease.
- d) If the Moon is in Ithasala with a slow moving planet, the disease will first originate from blocking of urinary passage, more so if the planet is Saturn and involvement of 6<sup>th</sup> house is there.
- e) If the 3<sup>rd</sup> house is in 6<sup>th</sup> house in the Ithasala with 6<sup>th</sup> lord then the brother of the querist has the disease indicated by that planet.
- f) If the 6<sup>th</sup> lord is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house or that lord is afflicted or combust then also the disease can be predicted to the brother of the querist.
- g) The house lord which is in Ithasala with the 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> lord placed in 6<sup>th</sup> house or otherwise will show the area of disease.
- h) If a question is asked whether the native is suffering from a disease or not then if the lagna lord or the moon is in Ithasala with 6<sup>th</sup> lord or combust the answer is in affirmative otherwise not.
- i) Prashna lagna also represents the querist suppose a son asks a question about health of his mother the prashna lagna will also represent son, this can be seen by the mutual interaction between the Lagna lord and 4<sup>th</sup> lord.