

Dr. Raman's Advice for Budding Astrologers

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Late Justice S N Kapoor was the former President of ICAS.

He was a mentor, researcher and author.



1. Little learning is a dangerous thing

Dr. Raman concluded based on shlokas 23 & 24 in Jatak Chandrika that he would die at the age of 25 and his grandfather would die at the age of 65 or so. In the case of Dr. Raman, his Rahu Dasha was coming to an end in his 25th year and his grandfather's Saturn Dasha was to commence. Rahu and Saturn were occupying the 2nd house respectively in their charts and were considered Marakas. When his grandfather learnt about this, he warned Dr. Raman that longevity should not be predicted without verifying in which of the free categories of 'Alpayu', Madhyayu or Pumayu the horoscope falls.

2. An ounce of experience is worth ten tons of theory.

One needs to revise his views based on experience. Liberal application of textbook rules is not to be followed.

3. Kuja Dosha Blind application of Kuja Dosha based on a few shlokas may yield wrong results. Mars posited in 2nd, 12th, 4th, 7th, 8th and 1st from the ascendant, Moon and Venus does not always cause Kuja Dosha. The following are a few exceptions as per the advice received by Dr. Raman from mahamahopadhyaya Shiv Shankar Shastri.

- 3.1. If Mars is posited in its own sign or in its exaltation sign or in exaltation Navamsha or in Karka Navamsha, no Kuja Dosha is caused.
- 3.2. If Mars posited in 2nd in Mithuna or Kanya no Kuja Dosha would occur.
- 3.3. If Mars is posited in the 4th in Mesh or Vrishchik, there would be no Kuja Dosha.
- 3.4. If Mars is posited in Karka or Makar, there would be no Kuja Dosha.
- 3.5. If Mars is associated with Jupiter or Moon, there would be no Kuja Dosha.
- 3.6. If Mars is associated with Rahu or Ketu, there would be no Kuja Dosha. (Though it is not borne out in practice.)

As per the advice received from his grandfather, the Navamsha chart should be fully considered.

4. Yogas when effective

The mere presence of Yogas is not enough. The Dashas of planets that cause the yoga must operate at the appropriate time for the yogas to be effective.

5. **Consider Chandra Lagna Also.**

Dr. Raman once omitted to consider the horoscope of a father with reference to Moon. His grandfather while appreciating his interpretation of the reference to the ascendant pointed out that he has omitted a salient point by not analysing the chart with reference to the Moon. The daughter of the native of a prominent personality disappeared one evening from their house, got herself converted and married her lover. Dr. Raman observed, "It was only after this incident I realized how important Chandra Lagna could be in assessing the horoscope correctly".

6. **Remedial measures**

Human effort and divine grace can offset adverse planetary indications. It all depends on how sincerely one tries to face planetary threats.

'But Mantra Shastra is not a superstition. There are adepts who use their powers only for the good of humanity and not for enriching themselves or playing on the credulity of the ill-informed and illiterate".

7. **Rahu 's Antar Dasha**

Rahu as sub-lord, in his own period or in the period of other planets would always create problems of serious nature affecting family and personal matters that will test the mental and physical stamina of the native, whatever his social, educational and financial attainments.

8. **Cultivate humility: Study Parashar Hora Shastra.**

Dr. Raman used to quote one Dr. Chatterjee, a PhD from Calcutta University who gave him friendly advice "Look here. Your spirit of adventure in making snapshot predictions is all right but can land you in trouble. Don't be hasty. Cultivate humility. Study Parashar Hora. It is due to astrologers who interpret horoscopes hastily that astrology has fallen on hard days".

Dr. Raman observed elsewhere "The Ocean of astrological knowledge is too vast to be fully comprehended by human intellect with its limitations".