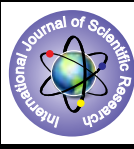


Heart Diseases A review based on Indian Astrology



Astrology

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ABSTRACT

Medical astrology is a highly specialized branch of Vedic Astrology. Medical astrology is one of the main branches of Vedic astrology. Heart disease is one of the commonest afflictions of the modern day man. Mental tensions, professional competitiveness, rich diet, lack of exercise, sedentary habits, smoking, etc., all lead to proneness to illness in the modern times. Some of the Astrological principals are: The Sun: The Sun is the significator for heart. When several Malefic influences operate upon the Sun, heart disease may be indicated in the Presence of other adverse influences and appropriate dasha periods. The sign Simha: Simha indicates the heart of the Kalapurusha. Its affliction is an additional negative influence on the state of health of the heart. The fifth house. The fifth house indicates the heart of the native just as Simha, the fifth sign of the natural zodiac, indicates the heart of the Kalapurusha- Affliction of the fifth house and the fifth Lord is important in causing heart ailments.

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Medical Astrology is the branch of astrology that deals with the working of the human body. A competent and learned medical astrologer is a person who can analyse a birth chart and determine bodily strengths and weaknesses, proneness to various disease states and nutritional deficiencies. In the event of illness or disease, he will use predictive methods to determine the severity and duration of the disease. Sometimes a medical astrologer can help to determine the course of a disease by the use of a chart called a decumbiture chart.

This type of astrology has its basis in ancient astrology when the astrologer rarely knew the exact time of birth of a person. Instead, a chart was set up for the time the patient 'took to his bed'. Nowadays, the decumbiture chart can be set up for the time of a diagnosis by a doctor.

Medical astrology is also helpful in elective surgery. The medical astrologer can pick the best date(s) and time(s) for an elective procedure. Although it is always best to have the time of birth of the person, if this is not possible, the medical astrologer can still help the client to pick the most fortunate times for the procedure. Needless to say, one should not try to use elective astrology in a medical emergency. And even a medical doctor who is also versed in medical astrology would not try to diagnose illness from a birth chart.

Principles and practice of medical astrology

Astrology is a complex subject, that requires a great deal of knowledge and in-depth study. The main function of medical

astrology is to provide an indication as to whether the cosmic influences extant at the time of an illness are likely to be advantageous or disadvantageous to the sufferer, and thus the:

1. Severity of the particular disease
2. Duration of the disease
3. Probable eventual outcome of the disease, and
4. Additional means that might be employed by a physician to counteract the disease and thus facilitate the restoration of the patient's health. Traditionally, the most common astrological methods used in medical astrology are natal transits (the birth chart compared to the current position of the zodiac and the planets) and horary astrology (hora = hour, a chart based solely on the current position of the zodiac and planets). A medical horary chart is also known as a decumbiture (= lit: 'lying in') chart, as it is normally cast for the time the sufferer takes to their bed. Transit charts have only come in use relatively recently and decumbiture charts are by far the most ancient approach.

In medical astrology 'planets' usually refers to the 'visible' planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, but also includes the Sun and the Moon. The zodiac is a 16° wide band of sky that follows the apparent path of the Sun. The zodiac is divided in 12 equal parts called zodiac signs, which are: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces. Due to the earth's rotation, the zodiac appears rotate around the earth approximately once every 24 hours. The 12 Houses are fixed divisions of the sky - from the point of view of an observer on earth - through which the planets and the zodiac appear to move as the earth rotates on its axis. In this research paper the various possibility of planetary arrangements which emphasis of heart connected diseases.

HEART DISEASE

Heart disease is one of the commonest afflictions of the modern day man. Mental tensions, professional competitiveness, rich diet, lack of exercise, sedentary habits, smoking, etc., all lead to proneness to illness in the modern times. Advances in medical science have eased the life span of people, and many infective and other diseases are already under control. Increasing longevity renders more and more people susceptible to heart disease. It may, however, be added that while heart disease takes a heavy toll of human lives each year, rapid advances in its management have been the cause of more and more people surviving this disease. The above description holds true for the most common type of heart disease known as the Ischaemic heart disease (IHD) or the coronary artery disease (CAD). In this the blood supply to a part of the cardiac muscle is impaired because of obstruction to the blood vessels which supply it. The treatment for this disease is either (a) purely medical, in which case it is

hoped that during the treatment new blood vessels will form in the heart muscle over a period of time and restore blood supply to the affected area; or (b) medical, combined with surgical, wherein the obstruction to the affected blood vessels is either bypassed or removed through surgical or associated procedures.

In addition to the CAD, the heart may suffer from a variety of other ailments. Of these, the congenital heart disease (CHD) is of particular significance. The CHD may take several forms most of which tend to require surgical correction. Again this surgical correction may provide a complete cure or only a partial relief.

Another important cardiac disease is a genetic disorder known as cardio myopathy wherein the heart becomes larger in size but ineffective in function astrologically, it may be possible to ascertain the susceptibility to develop heart disease from the analysis of a chart. By considering the dasha scheme, it becomes possible to determine the timing as well as the course of illness.

ASTROLOGICAL PRINCIPLES

The following factors signifies the heart and its surroundings

- The Sun: The Sun is the significator for heart. When several Malefic influences operate upon the Sun, heart disease may be indicated in the Presence of other adverse influences and appropriate dasha periods.
- The sign Simha: Simha indicates the heart of the Kalapurusha. Its affliction is an additional negative influence on the state of health of the heart.
- The fifth house. The fifth house indicates the heart of the native just as Simha, the fifth sign of the natural zodiac, indicates the heart of the Kalapurusha- Affliction of the fifth house and the fifth Lord is important in causing heart ailments.
- The fourth house. The fourth house indicates the chest of the native, Complications of heart disease involving the chest, and indications of surgical treatment of heart disease may be taken from the fourth house.

INDICATORS OF CARDIAC ILLNESS

In a given horoscope, cardiac illness can be determined by the certain points like

- Affliction of the Sun. This is by far the most important factor-in causing cardiac illness. The Sun may suffer affliction as given below

Association or aspect of Mars, Saturn and Rahu Ketu Axis Debilitation

Paapakartari-being surrounded on either side by Malefics

Relationship with the 6th, the 8th or the 12th houses or Lords

- Affliction of Simha-by Malefic association or aspect.
- Affliction to fifth house. By association or aspect of natural Malefics or the Lords of Trika houses. Here it is important to consider the fifth house:

from the Lagna;

from the Sun;

From the Mahadasha and Anthardasha

- Affliction to the fifth Lord. Affliction by natural Malefics, by Lords of the trika houses or by retrograde planets.
- The Fourth House- Affliction to the fourth house from the Lagna or the Sun indicates chest complications or surgical

treatment of heart disease. Predominance of benefic influence here, as on the Sun and the 5th house/ 5th Lord, indicates conservative treatment and recovery.

- The dasa scheme. In the presence of sufficient affliction, the dashes of planets associating with the Sun, the 5th house, the 5th Lord, etc., lead to cardiac illness. The Anthardasha of a retrograde planet in the 5th house, in the Maha dasha of a Malefic is of particular importance.

Heart Disease

Rahu			Moon
	Sun Mercury Saturn		Mars
Lagna Jupiter(R)			Venus Ketu

The horoscope of the person mentioned in the above chart suffers from cardiomyopathy, a progressive crippling genetic disorder of the heart muscle, from which she can have little chance of cure. The Lagna is occupied by a debilitated retrograde Jupiter and the Lagna Lord located in the 8th house in association with the 6th Lord and 8th Lord. A debilitated Mars aspects the Lagna from the 7th house. The Sun is located in the 8th house with Saturn and Mars . The 5th Lord is debilitated and in Rahu Ketu axis. The 5th house receives aspect of Saturn from the 8th house and of a retrograde Jupiter.The 4th and 5th house from the Sun are unafflicted though their Lords are debilitated.

CORONARY HEART DISEASE

	Lagna	Moon	Ketu
Saturn			
Venus			
Sun Mercury Jupiter Rahu		Mars	

In the above chart the native suffers from coronary artery disease which has been controlled by balloon angioplasty. The 5th Lord, Sun is associated with 6th Lord Mercury and Rahu and is also close to Jupiter. The 5th house coinciding with sign simha is aspected by Saturn as well as Jupiter. The fifth from the Sun is aspected by Saturn Mars and Jupiter. The 4th from the Lagna as well as the Sun is unafflicted

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	Lagna	Moon Rahu	Mars
			Sun Mercury Venus Saturn
	Ketu	Jupiter	

The sign Aries rises in the ascendant which means that besides Rahu and Ketu, Mercury becomes also a functional Malefic planet. Mars and Mercury become prime indicators of

health while the Moon becomes the secondary indicator for heart condition. Mars is slightly weak as it is in infancy.

The Moon is weak as it is exactly afflicted by functional Malefic planets, Rahu and Ketu. Mercury is weak as its dispositor is weak and it is afflicted by the exact aspect of Ketu from the eighth house. The Sun is weak as its dispositor is weak. Jupiter is weak as it is in old-age and its dispositor is weak. The close affliction to the Lord of the fourth house and the Lord of the sixth house in the fourth house resulted in a heart attack in the sub-period of Ketu in the main period of Jupiter. At the time of the heart problem, the natal Mars was under the close transit affliction of stationary Ketu and Rahu, but as the Lord of the ascendant is not under severe affliction natally, the native responded to the symptomatic treatment.

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