



THE DEVOTIONAL PATH OF THE ASTROLOGICAL STAR- VISAKHA

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ABSTRACT

The symbolism points to transformation in life, and moving towards spiritual path. The primary motivation of Vishakha nakshatra is trying to achieve higher goals of life, and purification of the soul through hard work (tapas). These natives are good planners, they do not act impulsively. The inherent nature of cultivation and then reaping the harvest takes time means these natives are very patient and persistent. Meanwhile those traits are seemingly quarrelsome personality and facing tensed issues with suppressed wrath and frustration. Habitually they become restless in life with great psychological turmoil. They strong sexual proclivity which calls for disloyalty in marital life and cannot fulfill their partners personal relationships. They get great success very later as they keep extreme competition with harsh opinions and principles

KEYWORDS

Vishaka, Vasishtha, Indragiri, Jupiter, Rakshasagana, pada doshas, sensitiveness.

Introduction

The sixteenth lunar mansion is named Visakha, the Star of Purpose. It resides primary in the constellation of Libra and comprises of four stars forming the scales while extending toward the sign of Scorpio. This Nakshatra is thus called the forked or two branched. Vishakha is sometimes represented by an image of a large tree with spreading branches providing protection for others. It also suggests on who slowly grows in influence and can produce great fruit as one ripens with age. It is also known as Radha the delightful or success. Devotees of Krishna may reside here. The other symbols of Vishakha are an archway or triumph; gateway decorated with leaves and potter's wheel. The deities are Indra, the god of Transformation and Agni, the God of Fire. Both combined they reflect energy, strength and potential power of this asterism. Jupiter is the ruling Planet of this star which gives enthusiasm, faith, optimism and hope for the future. It provides the power to achieve many and various fruits in life (vyapani shakti). Vishakha is reflected through plowing, cultivation and finally obtaining the fruit of the harvest. It supports the native to attain his goals abundantly through the passage of time such as agronomist plowing the field. Another image of Vishakha is potter sitting patiently at his potter's wheel for creating his art. This lunar mansion can give persistence and determination to accomplish any task. The natives are courageous souls who experience success in the second half of life. The negative side can be aggressive and dictatorial nature. These natives can win the battle but lose the war by pushing their agendas too strongly with quarrelsome personality with suppressed anger and frustration.

Motivation of Vishakha star:

For Visakha natives, the prime motivation is supreme dharma aiming at doing the right at the right time for others. Very often they undertake responsibilities both socially and spiritually showing keenness to their apportioned responsibility. They can be dogmatic about their views and duties assigned. Their spiritual life path shall be connected to prevailing renovations which they expect. Visakha is considered as an important Nakshatra of transformation and understanding the two polarities of life. They may be anticipating their material life, facing detachments from the nearby.

Planets in Visakha star

Ascendant in Vishaka Nakshatra: Can be wise, devoted to forms of worship, politically inclined, aggressive, impatient, and easily angered.

Sun in Vishaka Nakshatra: Relationship oriented, believing enjoying life, or self-centered, ambitious, introverted, secretive nature, and research oriented.

Moon in Vishaka Nakshatra: Bright appearance, attractive, attracts a crowd, and humanitarian and intense in feelings. Debilitated in last pada where shadow side of this nakshatra can be found.

Mars in Vishaka Nakshatra: Interested in the material pleasures,

have strong sexual appetite, sexual relationship oriented, aggressive, secretive and harsh in actions if in last pada.

Mercury in Vishaka Nakshatra: Good writer, pleasing communication, artistic, if in last pada then too much thinking and confusion in thought process.

Jupiter in Vishaka Nakshatra: Jupiter here brings the fire of God and his word for humankind. natural love for following scriptures and ritual can make them advocate of lawful marriages and business deal. Can be a great priest who performs wedding.

Venus in Vishaka Nakshatra: Can be Judge, deal maker, harmonious, peace loving, balanced in nature. if in last pada then have interest in secret and in occult knowledge.

Saturn in Vishaka Nakshatra: Saturn in Vishaka nakshatra brings more decisive power. Determination and focus are key terms associated with Vishakha. There is a consistent drive for to achieve one's goals.

Rahu in Vishaka Nakshatra: Rahu in visakha creates a sense of dissatisfaction with both the material and the spiritual sides of life. Rahu first experiences sensuality to the extreme with romance and sexual adventures, and later moves into the spiritual aspect.

Ketu in Vishaka Nakshatra: Jupiter is the planetary ruler it gives wisdom to Ketu move towards a spiritual life. Ketu in Vishakha suggests that in a past life the soul understood the knowledge of moksha, but the life was essentially human and full of material and sexual issues. People with strong natal placements in Vishakha (Moon, Ascendant, or Venus) are often devotees of Krishna.

Vishakha Nakshatra in Scriptures

According to Jatakabharana, the people born in Vishakha Nakshatra will have good character, have control over senses and always try to help others in need. Also they will be very sensitive, jealous, find fault with others and stingy.

According to Horasara, Vishakha people will be odious, lucky in terms of wife, children and wealth, blessed with wisdom and respectful towards learned one and liberal in donations. They may suffer from eye diseases.

According to Yavaneswara, they will be intelligent, courageous, speaks well like an orator and will have friends and relatives. They will be recognized as famous personality and will follow the rules of the land or one's religious doctrine. They become jealous and greedy at times.

Visakha Star and Vishnu Sahasranama

Pada-1 Sudhanva-khandaparashur-Daruno Dravinapradah

- Divah-Spruk Sarva-Drug Vyaso Vachaspatir Ayonijh
 Pada-2 Trisama Samagah Nirvanam Bheshajam Bhishak
 Sanyasakrut Chamah Santo Nishstha Shantih Parayanam
 Pada-3 Shubhangah Shantidah Srashta Kumudah Kuvalayasah
 Gohito Gopatir Gupta Vrushbahaksho Vrishapriyah
 Pada-4 Anivarti Nivrutatma Samkshepta Kshema-Kruchivah
 Shrivatsa-Vakhsah Shrivasa Shripatih Shrimatam-Varah.

Vishakha nakshatra in muhurta:

Vishakha Nakshatra is Mishra and Sadharana (Mixed and Ordinary) Nakshatra, and it is appropriate for Agnihotra (burning of sacred fire), other fire works, welding, melting, manufacturing of medicines, gas works, fabrications and use of weaponries.

Vishakha Nakshatra is also Adhomukhi (facing downward) Nakshatra and things related to digging wells, tanks, boreholes, digging for foundation laying, mining, underground construction and other such activities can be performed.

Nakshatra Devatha santhi

Lord *Indraghi* is the lord of the *Vishakha Nakshatra*, may be jealous greedy, enlightened, harsh, and fond of quarrelling and skilled at talking. He may keep his wife under his control and may be winning over enemies. They are seemingly aggressive, calm, engrossed in *Agnihotra* and *Kriya* of Gods, knowledgeable about metals and nobody's friend. The person born in *Vishakha nakshatra* to God, traditional, admirer of good deeds, influential, generous, liberal, having an independent viewpoint, judicious, ambitious, cultured, skilled at talking, logical, skilled at arbitration, interested in business, jealous, arrogant and skilled at quarrelling. *Vishakha nakshatra* controls the lower abdomen, urinary tract and adjoining areas, kidneys, etc. and these parts may be afflicted during the malefic effect of the planets. For maturing down the effect the native should daily adorn the golden idol of Lord *Indraghi* with sandalwood, saffron incense; lotus flowers, Godly wine, ghee (butter clarified by boiling and straining), incense, ghee lamp, milk pudding, and cereals of many hues. Besides, the *Gunjamool* should be worn on the arm or heart. On Thursdays, the day of the *Vishakha Nakshatra*, one should donate red and yellow clothes and black buffaloes or *chayapatras*. Perform *homa* with *ajiya payas* and recite the following mantra for hundred and eight times.

Om Indraghi aagat gum sutam gibhirnamovarenayam|
 Asya patam dhiye shita om Indraghinibhyam namah||

The natives of Vishakha should chant the following Gayatri mantra and Veda Mantras at least nine times a day especially birth star dates assures peaceful and blissful life

गायत्री मन्त्रः

ॐ इन्द्राग्नेश्वे विद्महे महा श्रेष्ठेश्वधीमही तन्नो विशाख प्रचोयाद ।

वेद मन्त्र

ॐ इन्द्राग्नी आगत गवं सुतं गार्भिर्नमो वरेण्यम् ।

अस्य पात धियोपिता । ॐ इन्द्राग्नीभ्यां नमः ।

पौराणिक मन्त्रः

इन्द्राग्नीशुभदौ स्यातां विशाखा देवतेशुभे ।

नमोम्ये करधारुढो वराभयकरांबुजौ ।

नक्षत्र देवता नाममन्त्रः- ॐ इन्द्राग्नीभ्यां नमः

नक्षत्र नाम मन्त्रः- ॐ विशाखाभ्यां नमः।

Ashtavakyas of Visakha

दूरमस्मच्छत्रवो यन्तु भीताः । तदिन्द्राग्नी कृणुतां तद्विशिखे । तन्नो देवा अनुमदन्तु यज्ञम् । पश्चात् पुरस्तादभयन्नो अस्तु । नक्षत्राणामधिपत्नी विशाखे । श्रेष्ठाविन्द्राग्नी भुवन्स्य गोपो । विषूचश्च त्रूनपबार्धमानो । अपक्षुधन्तुदतामरातिम् ।

Conclusion

The practice of *Raja Yoga*, which involves the hovering of the *kundalini* through the seven sacred centres, is one of the best ways to utilise this nakshatra's aptitude. Chanting of the root mantra of this nakshatra "Om Yam" and "Om Ram" 108 times when Moon transits this nakshatra and in its corresponding lunar month will nullify the sufferings and bring enlightenment into a person's life. Reciting Indra Mantra Om *Sahasranetraaya Vidmahe Vajraastraaya Dhiimahi Tanno Indrah Prachodayaat* is also effective to get rid of the malefic effects of this star. It is recommended for them to wear colours like red, blue and

gold. They should use its directions, lunar month and the days when Moon transits Vishakha to undertake all the auspicious beginning.

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