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Parāśara Jyotiṣa Course

Adhyāya 4  
Rāśi: Vedic Signs

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Śloka 1 - 25

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## Horā

अहोरात्रस्य पूर्वान्त्यलोपाद् होराऽवशिष्यते।  
तस्य विज्ञानमात्रेण जातकर्मफलं वदेत् ॥ १ ॥  
ahorātrasya pūrvāntyalopād horā'vaśiṣyate |  
tasya vijñānamātreṇa jātakarmaphalaṃ vadet || 1||

Sage Parāśara teaches -

- The word होरा (horā) is derived from अहोरात्र ahorātra which means day अहो (aho) and night रात्र (rātra)
- Drop the first syllable of अहो (aho) and last syllables of रात्र (rātra) – what remains is हो (ho) रा (rā) → होरा (horā)
- When a jyotiṣa has the विज्ञान vijñāna of horā, the 'karma phala' (fructification of karma) of any jātaka (horoscope) is comprehensible



## Vijñāna

- विज्ञान vijñāna means and includes
  1. Knowledge: act of distinguishing or discerning, understanding, comprehending, recognizing and intelligently applying knowledge
  2. Ability: the skill, proficiency, art based on study and practice
  3. Scientific: science, doctrine based on study and comparison
  4. Subject matter: Worldly or profane knowledge as opposite to jñāna which is knowledge of the true nature of God
  5. Judgment: faculty of discernment or of right judgment
  6. Mental Labor: organ of knowledge (manas) must be capable of concentrated effort
  7. Detachment: One who has attained to a particular degree of emancipation




## Rāśi Name


मेषो वृषश्च मिथुनः कर्कसिंहकमारिकाः।  
 तुलालिंशच धनुर्नक्रे कुम्भो मीनस्ततः परम् ॥ ३ ॥  
 meṣo vṛṣaśca mithūnaḥ karkasimhakarikāḥ |  
 tulāli'śca dhanurnakre kumbho mīnastataḥ param || 3||

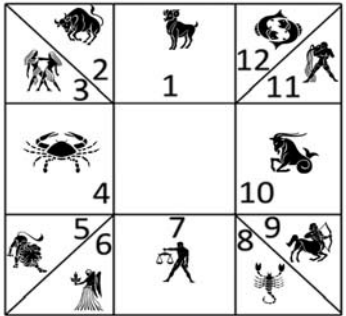
- Parāśara uses the names for the 12 rāśi
 

1. Meṣa	7. Tulā
2. Vṛṣa [Vṛṣabha]	8. Āli [Vṛścika]
3. Mithuna	9. Dhanus
4. Karka [Karkaṭa]	10. Nakra [Makara]
5. Simha	11. Kumbha
6. Kumāri [Kanyā]	12. Mīna

**Rāṣi Names, Symbols**



















Nomenclature

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- ♌ Gk Gulika
- ♌ Md Mandi

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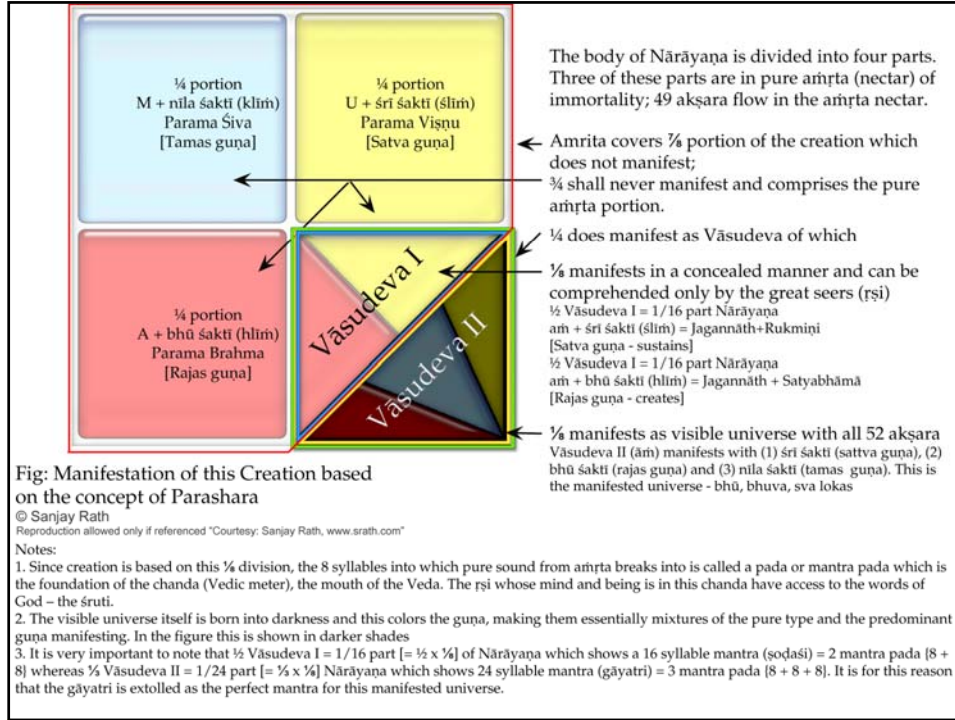
Parāśara	Normal	English	2L	No	Gly	Sym
Meṣa	Meṣa	Aries	Ar	1	♈	
Vṛṣa	Vṛṣa	Taurus	Ta	2	♉	
Mithuna	Mithuna	Gemini	Ge	3	♊	
Karka	Karka	Cancer	Cn	4	♋	
Simha	Simha	Leo	Le	5	♌	
Kumāri	Kanyā	Virgo	Vi	6	♍	
Tulā	Tulā	Libra	Li	7	♎	
Āli	Vṛścika	Scorpio	Sc	8	♏	
Dhanu	Dhanus	Sagittarius	Sg	9	♐	
Nakra	Makara	Capricorn	Cp	10	♑	
Kumbha	Kumbha	Aquarius	Aq	11	♒	
Mīna	Mīna	Pisces	Pi	12	♓	

**Kālapuruṣa**

यदव्यक्तात्मको विष्णुः कालरूपो जनार्दनः।  
 तस्याङ्गानि निबोध त्वं क्रमान्मेषादिराशयः॥ २॥  
 yadavyaktātmako viṣṇuḥ kālarupo janārdanaḥ |  
 tasyāṅgāni nibodha tvaṁ kramānmeṣādirāśyaḥ || 2||

Translation: That unmanifested, invisible, imperceptible Viṣṇu manifests as Kāla (time personified) for the distressed (souls). Know the twelve rāṣi, commencing from Meṣa, to be His limbs.

काल kāla = क(ka) + आ(ā) + ल(la)  
 = Prajāpati + Vāsudeva + Rudra



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## Kālapuruṣa Mantra

वृद्ध सूर्यारुण कर्म विपाक | vṛddha sūryāruṇa karma vipāka

- Kālachakra mantra

इदं ते हेमजं चक्रं रत्नजालसमाकुलम्।  
 अपमृत्युविनाशाय ददामीति शुभं कुरु॥  
 idam te hemajam cakram ratnajālasamākulam|  
 apamṛtyuvināśāya dadāmiṭi śubham kuru||

- Kālapuruṣa Mantra [For Yajña]

ॐ नमः कालपुरुषाय सर्वभूतभयंकराय यजमानोपकाराय मां रक्षरक्ष  
 स्वाहा।

om namaḥ kālapuruṣāya sarvabhūtabhayaṃkarāya  
 yajamānopakārāya māṃ rakṣarakṣa svāhā|

महावैष्णव क्रम | mahāvaiṣṇava krama

ॐ कालाय स्वाहा। ॐ कालपुरुषाय स्वाहा।  
 om kālāya svāhā | om kālapuruṣāya svāhā |  
 ॐ कृष्णाय स्वाहा। ॐ कृष्णरूपाय स्वाहा।  
 om kṛṣṇāya svāhā | om kṛṣṇarūpāya svāhā |



## Rasi ~ Body Parts

शीर्षानने तथा बाहू हृत्क्रोडकटिबस्तयः।

गुह्योरुयुगले जानुयुग्मे वै जङ्घके तथा ॥ ४ ॥

śīrṣānāne tathā bāhū hṛtkroḍakatibastayaḥ |

guhryoruyugale jānuyugme vai jaṅghake tathā || 4 ||

चरनी द्वौ तथा मेषात् ज्ञेयाः शीर्षादयः क्रमात्।

caranāu dvau tathā meṣāt jñeyāḥ śīrṣādayaḥ kramāt | 5 ½

- The twelve signs from Meṣa (Aries) signify the following body parts –
- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Head                           | 7. Urinary organs, Penis,                                    |
| 2. Face                           | 8. Concealed parts :<br>Procreative parts<br>(scrotum), Anus |
| 3. Arms                           | 9. Thighs  |
| 4. Heart, Breast, Chest,<br>Bosom | 10. Knees  |
| 5. Stomach                        | 11. Shanks   |
| 6. Hip, Buttocks                  | 12. Feet   |



## Śrī Kālapuruṣa

	1	♈	Meṣa	Aries	Head
	2	♉	Vṛṣa	Taurus	Face, Neck
	3	♊	Mithuna	Gemini	Arms, Shoulder
	4	♋	Karka	Cancer	Chest, Heart
	5	♌	Simha	Leo	Stomach, Liver
	6	♍	Kanyā	Virgo	Lower Stomach
	7	♎	Tulā	Libra	Groins, Penis
	8	♏	Vṛścika	Scorpio	Hidden part, anus
	9	♐	Dhanus	Sagittarius	Thigh
	10	♑	Makara	Capricorn	Knee
	11	♒	Kumbha	Aquarius	Shanks
	12	♓	Mīna	Pisces	Feet

Fig: Śrī Kālapuruṣa [Vāsudeva]

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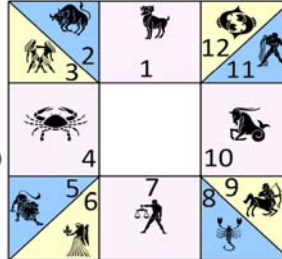


# Trikona: Rāśi Mobility

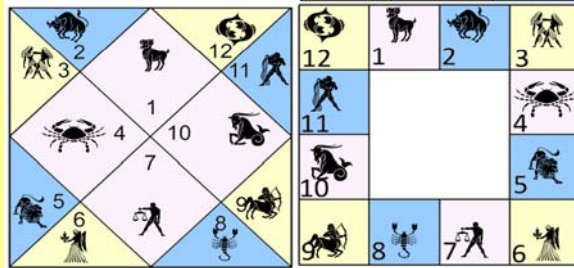
चरस्थिरद्विस्वभावाः क्रूराक्रूरौ नरस्त्रियौ ॥ ५॥  
 carasthiradvisvabhāvāḥ krūrākrūrāu narastriyau || 5 ½

Fig: Rāśi Mobility

- अद्र्ढ aद्र्ढha  
chara (movable, changable)
- द्र्ढ d्र्ढha  
sthira (fixed, unchanging)
- द्र्ढाद्र्ढ d्र्ढhāद्र्ढha  
dvisvabhāva (dua, capable of both)



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Gk	Gulka
Md	Mandī



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# Two Types: Puruṣa-Stri

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**Simple Memory**  
 Odd number  
 = Krūra signs  
 = Male energy

Even number  
 = Saumya rāśi  
 = Female energy

- Saumya (passive) rāśi  
= Female (stri) rāśi
- Krūra (aggressive) rāśi  
= Male (puruṣa) rāśi

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## Four Yuga rāśi

Kṛta Yuga = Agni koṇa: 1, 5, 9 signs

Treta Yuga = Jala koṇa: 4, 8, 12 signs

Dvāpara Yuga = Vāyu koṇa: 7, 11, 3 signs

Kali Yuga = Pṛthvi koṇa = 10, 2, 6 signs

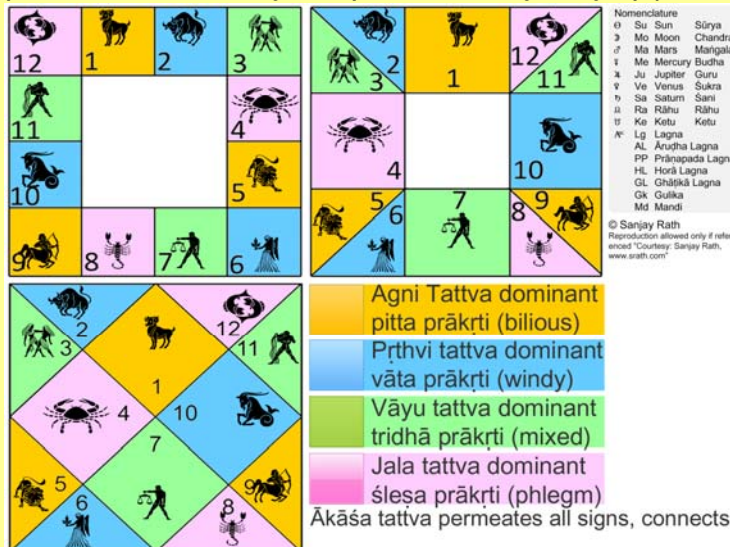
1. Longevity of men decreased from 1000, 500, 250 and 125 years during these four yuga
  - Kṛta, 4 pada (full) daśā
  - Dvāpara, 3 pada
  - Treta 2 pada
  - Kali rāśi, 1 pada purposes
2. Planets occupying the rāśi and navāṁśa contribute parts of their daśā periods towards longevity
  - Kṛta, 4 pada (full) daśā
  - Dvāpara, 3 pada
  - Treta 2 pada
  - Kali rāśi, 1 pada purposes
3. People born in
  - Kṛta rāśi get everything without asking
  - Treta rāśi get wealth etc, if they so desire
  - Dvāpara rāśi get wealth and desires though work and trade
  - Kali rāśi never get the benefit even for what they work for



## Four Body types: Prākṛti

पित्तानिलत्रिधात्वौक्यश्लेष्मिकाश्च क्रियादयः।

pittānilatridhātvaukyāśleṣmikāśca kriyādayaḥ | 6 ½





## Tri doṣa concepts

- Dhātu means supporter and indicates everything non-living that supports the living world
- When in equilibrium or 'balanced' they indicate superb health and healing
- imbalance of either is disease



## Tri-doṣa

Pitta	Vāta	Kapha



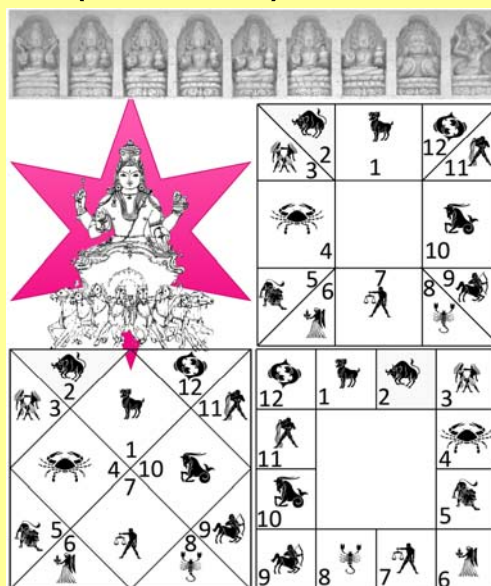
## Meṣa (Aries)

- Blood-red color
- Big body
- Quadruped rāśi
- Night strong
- Courageous in three worlds
- East Residence
- Related to royalty
- Wanders in hills
- Rajas Guṇa? [Agni]
- Tail rising
- Fiery
- Lord Maṅgala



## Vṛṣabha (Taurus)

- White color
- Lord Śukra
- Long (tall)
- Quadruped rāśi
- Night strong
- South residence
- Villages, businessmen
- Pṛthvi rāśi, Land Lords
- Hind rising





## Mithuna (Gemini)

- Head rising
- Male wielding mace + female with lute
- West Residence
- Vāyu rāśi
- Biped Rāśi
- Night strong
- Villages, cities
- Windy temperament
- Even (balanced) body
- Greenish (grass like) hue
- Lord Budha



## Karkaṭa (Cancer)

- Pale-red (pink) color
- resorts to forests
- Represents Brāhmaṇa
- Night strong
- Many feet (like crab, or many people)
- Bulky body
- Sattva guṇa
- Jala rāśi
- Hind rising
- Lord: Chandra

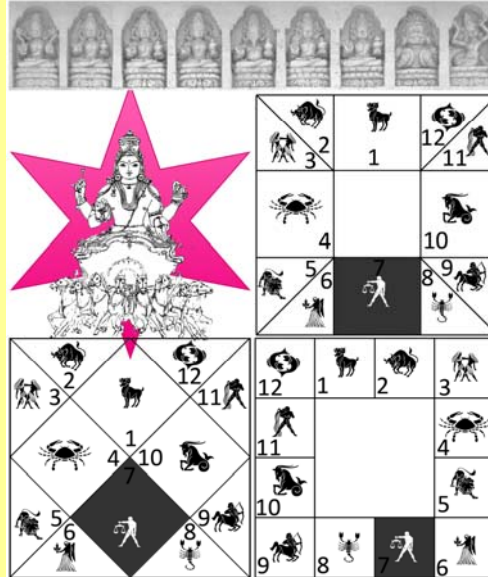






## Tula (Libra)

- Head rising
- Day strong
- Black color
- Rajas guṇa
- West residence
- Resorts to plains (prefers land)
- Destructive, hurting (mischievous)
- Śūdra varṇa
- Medium built
- Biped rāśi (human)
- Lord: Śukra



## Vṛścika (Scorpio)

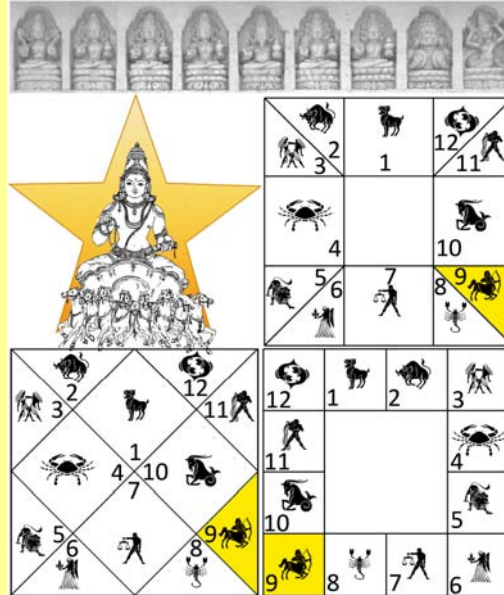
- Slender body
- Many feet (insect or many)
- Brahmana rasi
- Resorts to holes, dark dingy places
- North residence
- Day strong
- Light Brown, Light Yellow
- Amphibian
- Hairy body
- Very sharp (intelligent) and Passionate
- Lord: Mars





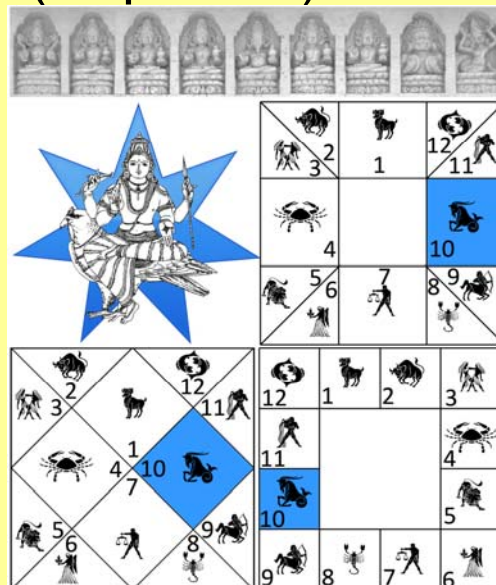
## Dhanus (Sagittarius)

- Head Rising
- Lord: Guru
- Sattva Guṇa
- Head rising
- Lord: Guru
- Night strong
- Fiery (Agni tattva)
- Kṣatriya varṇa
- Initial ½ biped (human)  
latter ½ quadruped
- Even built
- East residence
- Wields Bow
- Prefers land
- Splendorous
- Protects Brāhmaṇa



## Makara (Capricorn)

- Lord: Śani
- Tamas Guṇa
- Pṛthvi tattva
- South residence
- Night strong
- Hind rising
- Large body
- Many dark colors (blue)
- Resorts to forests and plains
- Initial ½ quadruped,  
latter ½ Footless  
(crawls) and moves in water





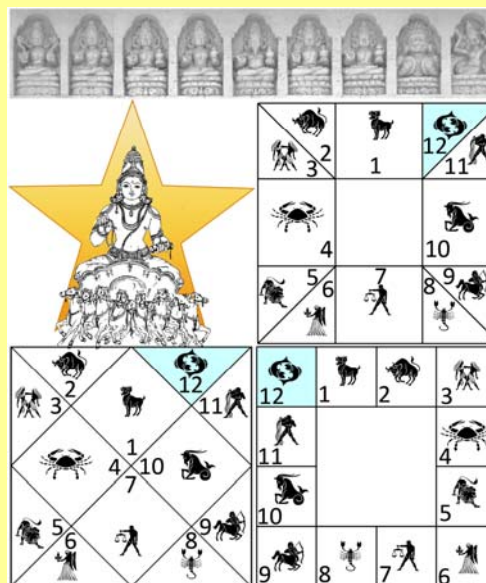
## Aquarius (Kumbha)

- Man holding pot
- Dark brown (Sat) color [Poisonous Purple – Rāhu]
- Medium build
- Biped (human)
- Day strong
- Resorts to water
- Vāyu tattva
- Head rising
- Tamas guṇa
- Śūdra varṇa
- West residence
- Lord: Śani



## Pisces (Mīna)

- Pair of entangled fish – tail locked to head of other
- Day strong (sandhyā others)
- Jala tattva
- Sattva guṇa
- Self reliant, healthy
- Resorts to water
- Without feet (śaktī?)
- Medium built
- North residence
- Both head and tail rising
- Lord: Guru.





## Epilogue

सुराचार्याधिपश्चेति राशीनां गदिता गुणाः।  
 त्रिंशद्भागात्मकानां च स्थूलसूक्ष्मफलाय च॥ २४॥  
 surācāryādhipaśceti rāśīnām gaditā guṇāḥ |  
 trimśadbhāgātmakānām ca sthūlasūkṣmaphalāya ca || 24||

- ... in this manner the twelve rāśi of 30 degrees each, are described to enable the evaluation of gross and subtle effects.
1. In addition, planets have strong internal or external results – internal when in own sign and external in other signs
  2. Planets in own sign indicate results of tattva they represent



## Rāśi Lordship

Ju <sub>12</sub>	Ma <sub>1</sub>	Ve <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>3</sub>	Me <sub>3</sub>	Ve <sub>2</sub>	Ju <sub>12</sub>	Sa <sub>11</sub>
Sa <sub>11</sub>			Mo <sub>4</sub>	Mo <sub>4</sub>	Ma <sub>1</sub>	Sa <sub>11</sub>	
Sa <sub>10</sub>			Su <sub>5</sub>	Mo <sub>4</sub>	Sa <sub>10</sub>	Sa <sub>10</sub>	
Ju <sub>9</sub>	Ma <sub>8</sub>	Ve <sub>7</sub>	Me <sub>6</sub>	Su <sub>5</sub>	Ve <sub>7</sub>	Ju <sub>9</sub>	Ma <sub>8</sub>



# Day-Night and Saṅdhyā

12	1	2	3
11			4
10			5
9	8	7	6

3	1	12
4		10
5	7	8

2	1	12
3		11
4		10
5	6	7
8	9	8

     Night Strong: Bhū Loka rāśi [Ar, Ta, Ge, Cn]  
 + Two Svarga Loka rāśi [Sg, Cp]  
     Day Strong: Bhuva Loka rāśi [Le, Vi, Li, Sc]  
 + Two Svarga Loka rāśi [Aq, Pi]

Mīna rāśi is not just strong in day, it is very strong in saṅdhyā kāla (junctions of day-night) that symbolizes pralaya (dissolution). It is the mark of the savior. Of the 12 sun created signs called dvādasa āditya, the highest and strongest āditya Viṣṇu associates with this sign.

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