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Parāśara Jyotiṣa Course

Chapter 10  
Sutikādhyā

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Birth Circumstances

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Śloka: 1

आथाहं सुतिकाध्यायं वक्ष्यामि शृणु सुव्रत।  
पुरा प्रसङ्गवशतो ब्रह्मणा कथितं यथा॥१॥  
āthāhaṁ sutikādhyāyaṁ vakṣyāmi śṛṇu suvrata |  
purā prasaṅgvaśatou brahṇaṇā kathitaṁ yathā ||1||

Parāśara initiates discussions on the birth circumstances which as taught by Brahma

- Brahma is one of the 18 original seers of jyotiṣa
- sutikā = suti + kā = begetting children + rāśi of their creation (circumstances)
- suvrata - strict in observing religious vows, very religious or virtuous
- su-daśā vrata – partial fasting on the 4 or 5 Thursdays of Mṛgāśiras Māsa and worshipping of Mahā Lakṣmī [as taught by Parāśara]



## Birth Chart

yantraiḥ spaṣṭatarou veiddhou janmakālastathā punaḥ|  
sādhyāḥspaṣṭakhaḡāścaivam lagnaṁ sādhyam yathouditam 2  
lagnadvādaśbhāveṣu grahāḥ sthāpyā divājanau | 3 ½

1. Using the yantra (instruments for measurement), the exact time of birth should be ascertained.
2. Thereafter the planetary positions [longitude in signs] and Lagna should be accurately determined.
3. Finally, draw the birth chart with the twelve bhāva and the graha positions.
  - Parāśara has mentioned 'Yantra' while teaching us previously that 'Yantra, Mantra' are to be seen in 5<sup>th</sup> bhāva
  - Good astrologers must use an accurate watch or clock based on their chart [Sūrya Yantra]



## Parents

सूर्यो रात्रौ सूर्यपुत्रो जनकौ परिकीर्तितौ ॥३॥  
sūryou rātrau sūryaputrou janakau parikīrtitau 3½  
तथैव सितचन्द्रो तु विज्ञेयौ मातृसंज्ञेयौ मातृसंज्ञितौ।  
tathaiva sitacandrou tu vijñaiyau māṭṛsamjñeyau  
māṭṛsamjñitau 4½

1. If birth has occurred in day time then Sun shall signify father whereas if birth is at night time, Saturn signifies father.
2. In a similar vein, Venus or Moon signifies mother when birth occurs during the day or night time respectively.
  - Day-birth: Father-Sun, Mother-Venus, Uncle-Saturn, Aunt-Moon
  - Night-birth: Father-Saturn, Mother-Moon, Uncle-Sun, Aunt-Venus

**ॐ Birth Place**

तयोर्मध्ये बली यं स्यात्तस्य गेहे जनिर्भवेत्॥४॥

tayourmadhyei balī yam syāttasya geiheijanirbhaveit 4½

Whichever significator is stronger, birth shall occur in the house of the said parent

1. In the first place, one of the four – Sun, Moon, Venus or Saturn should be very strong to indicate birth in parents home (or those of a friend or relative defined as uncle and aunt)
2. Lagna is the birth and ideally one of these planets must be in Lagna or 7<sup>th</sup> house (whichever is stronger)
3. Must make note of parivartana yoga including sūkṣma parivartana); ṣaḍbala is important when two or more are indicating place

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Mother's House

Rashi (D-1) General

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	Jp	Ra	
SaSu			As
Me Ve			Mo
	Ke		Ma

Sign chart from Moon

Navamsha (D-9) Dharma/Spouse

Panchanga & Yogi

Day Lord: Mh	Mars	Magha
Pitru:	1 (52%)	Dark Half
Karana	4	Kaulava
Yoga	6 (60%)	Atigandha-
Nakshatra	10	Magha
Pada	4 (16%)	Hora Mer
Sound	me(sh)	
Devata	Pitrus	Muh: Up
Overall	Auspicious	
Gandata: None		
DagdhRashis	Libr Cap	
Yogi Point:	18° 6' Virg	
Yogi: Moo	AvaYogi: Mer Duplicate: Mer	

Shadbal % (100 or more = strong)

Birth has occurred in day time. Day-birth: Father-Sun, Mother-Venus, Uncle-Saturn, Aunt-Moon; 7<sup>th</sup> house has two planets and is strong; Venus is among the planets indicating that birth has occurred in Mother's house.

The native was born in the mansion of his Maternal Grand Father. Venus is the link of the native to his place of birth, his definition of 'Home'

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Śrī Kṛṣṇa

Rashi (D-1) General

Ma	3	As Mo	1
Ra	4		12
Ve		Su	2
	5		11
Me		Sa	8
Jp	6		10
	7		9
		Ke	

Rashi (D-1) General

	Mo As	
		Ma Ve
		Ra
Ke		Su
	Sa	Jp Me

House Chart (Equal House)

Ma	As Mo
Ra	
Ve	Su
	Sa
Me	
Jp	Ke

Navamsha (D-9) Dharma/Spouse

As	3	Ke Mo	1
	4		12
Ma	2		11
	5		8
Ra	6	Ve	10
	7		9
		Sa	

Sri Krishna

7/18 - 3228 Friday  
 23:50:00 Ishikol 47°4p30v  
 Mathura, INDIA  
 77°41' 0"E 27°30' 0"N  
 Time Zone: 5:31:00E  
 No daylight saving  
 Ayanamsa - 49° 8' 32" Lahiri  
 MC 17° 1' Agni, Sat time 17:50:45  
 Sun Rise 4:52, Set 18:48  
 Balance of Moo Dasha 6Y 1M 6D  
 (Underlined planets in charts are retrograde)

Panchanga & Yogy

Day Lord, Mth	Venus	Shravana
Tithi	8 (24%)	Dark Half
Karana	3 Balava	
Nakshatra	14 (75%)	Harshana
Pada	4 Rohini	
Sound	2 (55%)	Hora Sat
Devata	vaan(-)	Muh: Roh
Overall	Frajapani	Headed
Candanta: None		
Day/Rashis	Gem	Ving
Yogy Points:	67° 43' Cap	
Yogy:	Sun	AvaYogy: Sat Duplicate: Sat

Birth has occurred in night time. Night-birth: Father-Saturn, Mother-Moon, Uncle-Sun, Aunt-Venus; Both Lagna & 7<sup>th</sup> have equal planets but Moon exalted and vargottama decides - birth has occurred in Mother's house. Śrī Kṛṣṇa has clearly stated that He had incarnated due to the prayers [calling] of His mother Devaki. Śrī Kṛṣṇa was born at Mathura where his parents were under house arrest by Kansa, maternal uncle.  
 ... Why have you come to this planet? Did anyone call for you? Examine your chart

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## Birth On Road

नीचराशिगताः सम्या ग्रहदृष्टिविवर्जिताः ।  
 चन्द्रौ यदि भवेल्लग्ने पथि जन्म विनिर्दिशेत् ॥५॥  
 nīcarāśigatāḥ samyā grahadṛṣṭivivirjitāḥ |  
 candrau yadi bhaveillagnei pathi janma vinirdīśeit ||5||  
 If the benefic signifying the place of birth [vide previous śloka] is placed in its sign of debility without dṛṣṭi from other planets, then the birth occurred enroute

- Natural benefic in the previous śloka are Venus or Moon
- Other benefics not included but which can cover this if lord of Lagna are Mercury and Jupiter

Bullock-Cart birth

Rashi (D-1) General

6 5		<b>As Ma Ra</b>		3 2	
7 4		1		10	
8 9		<b>Ke Ve Sa</b>		11 12	
Mo				Jp Su	
				Me	

Rashi (D-1) General

Su Jp			
Me			
Ve Sa Ke			
		Mo	
		Ra As Ma	

House Chart (Equal House)

Ma Ra		As	
Mo		Ve Sa	
Ke		Me Su Jp	

Planet Positions

Jp Su		Ke	
As		Ve	
Mo		Ma	
Sa		Me	

Pla	Dg	Mn	Sgn	Rc	Dig	Nav	Dig
Asc	28°	5'	Can		Pis		
Sun	1°	46'	Pis		Neutr	Can	G.Fm
Moon	8°	40'	Scor		Dehkl	Ving	Neutr
Mer	11°	39'	Can	R	Dehls	Litr	Friend
Mer	18°	43'	Aqu		Friend	Pis	Dehl
Jup	2°	9'	Pis		Om	Can	Exalt
Ven	20°	35'	Cap		Neutr	Can	Neutr
Sat	23°	10'	Cap		Om	Leo	Neutr
Rah	3°	24'	Can	M	Enemy	Leo	Enemy
Ket	3°	24'	Cap	M	Friend	Aqu	Neutr
Ura	8°	59'	Leo	R	Nep 22°	6°	Libe R
Plu	17°	10'	Leo	R	Maad	28°	47' Pis

Panchanga & Yugi

Day Lord: Mh	Sattva	Thalguni
Etha	6 (57%)	Dark Half
Karana	7 Vanija	
Noga	15 (28%)	Vajra-
Nakshatra	17 Anuradha	
Pada	2 (60%)	Hora Mar
Sound	su(D)	
Devata	Mitra	Muh: Mul
Overall	Auspicious	
Candanta: Lagn: Rashi ends 16.08		
DagdhRashis	Ari Leo	
Yugi Pains:	13 47 Cap	
Yugi:	Moo AvaYugi: Mer Duplicate: Sat	

Lagna Lord Moon is debilitated in the fifth house in Scorpio while the dispositor 5<sup>th</sup> lord Mars is debilitated in Lagna.  
The native was born in a bullock-cart which was enroute to the Hyderabad hospital from the village.

Bullock-Cart birth

## Checking Chart

- Published August 20 2010
- Baby Leo was born three days early Tuesday, in the back seat of his parents' car.
- Jordan and his wife, Sarah, headed for Jamestown Hospital around 4 pm. after Sarah said her contractions had intensified. By 11 a.m., Sarah said contractions were still five minutes apart and relatively easy. Mother to 2-year-old Alice, Sarah said she thought she had plenty of time and didn't expect baby Leo to come so quickly.
- By 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sarah knew it was time. On the drive north, as Sarah tried to minimize her pain in the backseat, Jordan timed the contractions: three and a half minutes apart at Edgeley.
- Even closer 10 miles later. At the edge of town, Jordan said, contractions occurred back to back. "I thought 'this is coming really fast,'" he said.
- At the bridge near Interstate 94, Jordan pulled over, exited the vehicle and ran to the side door. The door was locked. He ran back to the front to unlock the doors before he could attend to his wife and baby boy. "I opened the door and the head was already coming out," Jordan said.
- Can you make the chart of this Baby Leo Gackle?

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SUV Birth

Rashi (D-1) General

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House Chart (Equal House)

Leo Gackle  
8/17/2010 Tuesday  
16:30:00 IshiKal 24g51p57v  
Jamestown, ND  
98° 42'29" W 46° 54'38" N  
Time Zone: C: D: W  
Daylight Saving of 1 hour  
Ayanamsa: 24' 03" Lahiri  
MC: 16° 48' Virg, Sid time 12:39:45  
Sun Rise: 6:33, Set: 20:45  
Balance of Sid Dasha: 2Y 11M 10D  
(Underlined planets in charts are retrograde)

Panchanga & Yogi

Day Lord, Mh	Mars	Shrawana
Tithi	9 (64%)	Bright Half
Ramana	4	Kandana
Yoga	26 (90%)	Indra
Nakshatra	17 Anuradha	
Pada	4 (38%)	Hora Sun
Sound	sw(n)	
Devata	Mitra	Muh: Vis
Overall	Risk	
Gauntlets: None		
DaghlRashis:	Leo Sco	
Yogi Point:	18° 47 Gem	
Yogi:	Rah AvaYogi: Ven Duplicate: Mer	

Since the Gackle's started the drive after 4 pm, birth could be anywhere around 4.30pm or so. We have drawn the chart for 4.30pm on 17 Aug, 2010 at Jamestown, ND. It is a day-time birth.

(1) Moon is debilitated in Lagna, (2) Lagna Lord Mars is conjoined debilitated Venus in Virgo (mother in back seat), (3) Ketu the co-lord for Lagna is also debilitated

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## Light in Chamber

सबलो भौमदृष्टश्च स्वक्षेत्रादिषु संस्थितः।  
सूर्यो यदा तदा ज्ञेयं बहुदीपान्वितं गृहम्॥६॥  
sabalou bhaumadr̥ṣṭiśca svakṣेत्रādiṣu saṁsthitah|  
sūryou yadā tadā jñeyam bahudīpānvitam gṛham ||6||

- “If the Sun is strong like being in own sign, and has the dr̥ṣṭi of Mars, then know that the birth chamber is very well lit with lamps”

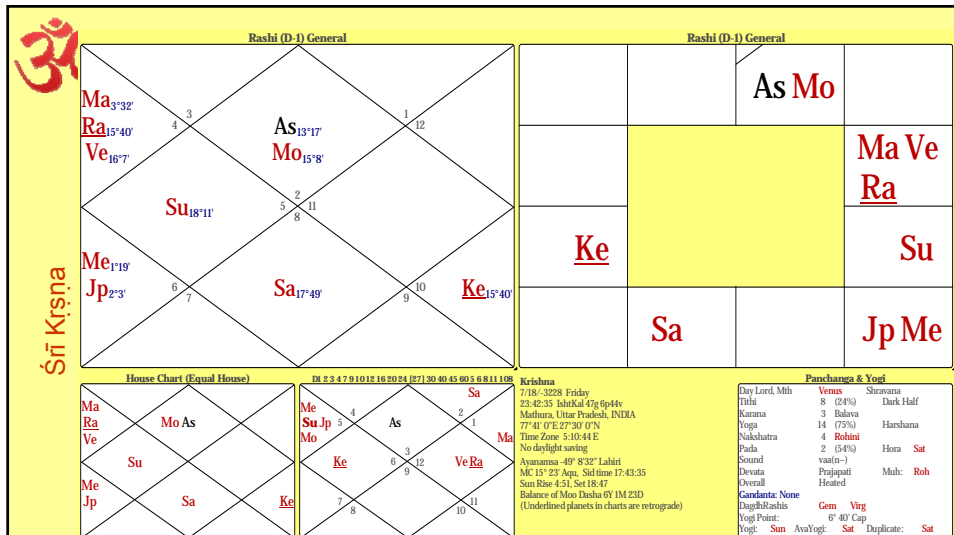
1. Maṅgala dr̥ṣṭi recap –
  - 7<sup>th</sup> House – 1 Pada
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> houses – 2 Pada
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> houses – 3 Pada
  - 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> houses – 4 Pada
2. If you want the agni tattva planets to be highlighted, advise that all the lamps be lit up or curtains moved (if day birth)
3. Sun will be in invisible half for night births



## Śloka: 7

जलभांशगतशच्चन्द्रश्चतुर्थे भवने भवेत्।  
युक्तो मन्देन वा दृष्टोऽधकारे जायते जनिः॥७॥  
jalabhāṁśgataśaccandraścaturthei bhavanei bhaveit |  
yuktou mandeina vā dr̥ṣṭou'dhakārei jāyatei janiḥ ||7||

- If Moon stationed in the 4<sup>th</sup> house is in 'jala bhāṁśa', has the conjunction or dr̥ṣṭi of Saturn, birth of the child has occurred in darkness.
1. Aspect of Saturn ensure complete darkness which is called 'Kṛṣṇa', the essence of Kali
    - Sometimes it is better to have low light, especially when the Moon is very strong
    - Meditation done in the darkness of the night is the best for the mind (Moon significator)
  2. Bhāṁśa is the D-27 Chart also called Nakṣatrāṁśa



Birth has occurred in night time. The Moon is very strong being vargottama in a vargottama Taurus Lagna. Taurus is the exaltation sign and Mūlatrikōṇa of Moon.

Moon has dr̥ṣṭi of Saturn [7H] forming a beautiful yoga between Father Vāsudeva [Saturn] and Mother Devaki [Moon] in the chart. He was born in the jail chambers of Kansa Palace which would have been very dark. In the very same night He was moved to Vrindavan.



## The Lamp

यस्मिन् भागे भवेत्सूर्यस्तत्र दीपं वदेत् सुधीः।

लग्नाद्वर्त्तिसतथा चन्द्रात्तैलं वाच्यं मनीषिभिः ॥८॥

yasmin bhāgei bhaveitsūryastatra dīpaṃ vadeit sudhīḥ|

lagnādvarttsitathā candrāttailaṃ vācyam manīṣibhiḥ ||8||

- The lamp (light) is in that part (direction) of the chamber where the Sun is stationed (bhāva) in the birth chart.
  - The nature of the wick is known by the learned astrologer from the Lagna and the oil from the Moon.
1. Fire in the lamp is the Life force
  2. Body of Lamp is shelter – house and god
  3. Wick is the self – and its dhī
  4. Oil is the body – its strengths and disease



## Upadeśa

### Lamp Body

- The Lamp is the most important part of the propitiation of planets
  - Well formed lamps are to be used for propitiation
  - Normally, material is based on the Abhijit rāśi = 4<sup>th</sup> house from Sun sign. If Abhijit rāśi is –
1. Agni, gold or brass
  2. Jala, Silver, White metal
  3. Vāyu – Copper, Bronze (copper alloys)
  4. Pṛthvi – Earthenware, Pottery, Iron, Steel

### Wick

- Wick is normally made from cotton rolled between the palms while chanting mantra
- Special powders are applied to the wick based on planets in Lagna
- Yellow Turmeric applied to the wick is a sure blessing as it brings the rays of Jupiter on the Lagna

ॐ Upadeśa	
Oil	Massage Oils
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil in the lamp is the one that removes diseases and make the body strong</li> <li>• Ghee is normally used in the morning prayers as its strengthens all day strong planets – Sun, Jupiter and Venus</li> <li>• Mustard or Sesame Oil is best for night as it is the panacea for Mars and Saturn respectively.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oils used in massage should first be offered in lamp before being used</li> <li>• Sandalwood oil is good for Jala tattva soothing – Venus, Moon</li> <li>• Mustard oil is very good for the body strength and heat – Mars</li> <li>• Sesame oil removes every vāta problem – Saturn</li> <li>• Brahmi is recommended for the head - Jupiter</li> </ul>

ॐ Flickering Lamp	
<p>चरेर्के चंचलो दीपः स्थिरर्के तु स्थिरो भवेत्।  द्विभे स्थितिर्द्वयोरज्ञया सूर्यक्षवशतो बुधैः॥९॥  carei'rkei cañcalou dīpaḥ sthirarkṣei tu sthirou bhavit    dvibhei sthitirdvayourjñayā sūryarkṣavaśatou budhaiḥ   9  </p> <p>If the Sun is in a</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movable sign, the lamp will be flickering,</li> <li>• Fixed sign, lamp is very steady</li> <li>• Dual sign, lamp is sometimes steady and flickers at times</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flickering of the lamp is a sign of fluctuation of finances and fortunes</li> <li>2. If the flickering occurs when there is no wind then it does not auger well for the health as it is caused by the oil in the lamp</li> <li>3. If the lamp suddenly blows out, it is a sign of death or similar malady</li> </ol>	



## Crowning

शीषाच्छीर्षोदये वाच्यः पादात् पूष्ठोदये मतः।

करात्तदुभये ज्ञेयः प्रसवः सर्वदेहिनाम्॥१०॥

śīṣācchīrṣodayei vācyaḥ pādāt pṛṣṭhodayei mataḥ |

karāttadubhaye jñeyāḥ prasavaḥ sarvadeihinām ||10||

If rāśi in the Lagna (or pada = navāṁśa) is

- Śīrṣodaya – the head comes first
  - Pṛṣṭhodaya – the legs emerge first
  - Ubhayodaya – the hands emerge first
1. Śīrṣodaya - śīrṣa + udaya - head rising, crowning [Le,Vi,Li,Sc,Aq,Ge]
  2. Pṛṣṭhodaya - pṛṣṭha + udaya – tail or feet rising [Ar,Ta,Cn,Sg,Cp]
  3. Ubhayodaya = ubhaya (both) + udaya – hands rising or showing first [only Pi]



## Door

kendrasthagrahayougādvā lagnarkṣādvā balādhikāta|

dvāraṁ vācyam tu geihasya diśśakramath sadā ||11||

- The strongest planet in the kendra shall determine the direction of the door in the delivery chamber
  - If none, then the lord of the Lagna
  - The directions are always based on the directions lorded by the planets
1. The directions based on dig-chakra = Sun (E), Venus (SE), Mars (S), Rāhu (SW), Saturn (W), Moon (NW), Mercury (N) and Jupiter (NE).
  2. In the previous śloka Parāśara is talking about pādā which can mean
    - Navāṁśa Lagna which has been used by other authors to give the directions of the door of the house/chamber and the road OR
    - Āruḍha Lagna [physical directions for travel]
    - Why is the door so important? It shows easy passage.



## People - Attendants

lagnacandrāntarālasthagrahaiḥ syurupasūtikāḥ|  
dr̥śyādr̥śyavibhāgāmyām̐ bahirantaścātāḥ smṛtāḥ ||12

- The total number of people attending the delivery are determined by the number of planets from Lagna to the Moon
- Among these planets, the ones in
  - dr̥śya rāśi (visible signs = 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> house) are those outside (bahis)
  - adr̥śya rāśi (invisible signs = 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> house) are those inside (antar)
- 1. Most have taken the reverse i.e. invisible signs to mean outside and visible signs to mean inside whereas Parāśara is quite explicit
- 2. Lagna is native and Moon is mother, remaining are the 'others'
- 3. If Moon is very alone in Lagna, the delivery was unassisted



## Illustrations – Moon

- Śrī Kṛṣṇa: Moon is very strong in Lagna – no nurse maids to help mother Devaki in the jail of Kansa
- Saturn has graha dr̥ṣṭi from 7H → Father Vāsudeva assists after delivery moment



- Leo Gackle
- At the bridge near Interstate 94, Jordan pulled over, exited the vehicle and ran to the side door. The door was locked. He ran back to the front to unlock the doors before he could attend to his wife and baby boy. "I opened the door and the head was already coming out," Jordan said.
- At the moment of the crowning, the father had to go out for a brief moment ... because the Moon is alone in Lagna
- It is this lonely Moon that seeks company as it can handle everything excepting this loneliness



## People Multiplier

svarkṣādau dviguṇā jñeyā vakroucpei triguṇā matāḥ |  
yatroubhayasya samprāptistraiguṇyaṁ tatra vai sakṛta ||13||

In the previous śloka about people or attendants,

- Planets in own sign indicate two people (Multiplier-2)
- Planets in exaltation or retrogression indicate three people (Multiplier-3)
- If both exist i.e. own sign/exalt with retrogression, three people (multiplier 3 only, not both)

1. This is a very important principle which is used later with calculation of strength
2. It indicates –
  - Planets in friendly signs have 1 human power
  - Planets in own sign have the strength of two people
  - Planets in exaltation have strength of three people
  - Planets in retrogression have the strength of 3 people
  - Planets in inimical signs lose strength and those in debility are bereft of strength



## Nature of People

पापैस्तु विध्वा ज्ञेयाः शोभनैः सधवाः स्मृताः।  
pāpaistu vidhvā jñeyāḥ śoubhanaiḥ sadhavāḥ smṛtāḥ 14½

Among the planets in attendance to the delivery,

- Malefic planets indicate widows or single
  - Benefic planets indicate married (satisfied)
1. The exact number will increase or decrease depending on the status as own sign, retrogression etc
  2. In those days, only women were allowed to witness the delivery and hence, Parāśara mentions this about women in attendance

**ॐ** **People in Delivery - 1**

- All planets are placed between Lagna and Moon
- Invisible houses 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>: People inside
- Jupiter svaksetra 1H = 2 People: Grandmother standing over head + Lady Doctor
- Rāhu exalt 4H = 3 People: 3 Grand Aunts
- Venus 5H: Dai (delivery maid)
- Sun 5H: Nurse
- Mercury 6H (vargottama) = 2 People = Mrs. Nanda Running commentary + Aunt

Rashi (D-1) General		
Ra	VeSu	Me
Ma	VL	GL HL
BL As	Jp	Mo

**ॐ** **People in Delivery - 2**

- All planets are placed between Lagna and Moon
- Visible houses 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: People outside

1. Sat® 11H = 3 People: Maternal Grandfather + Maternal Great Grandfather, + Maternal Grand Uncle
2. Ketu exalt 10H: 3 friends eating samosa
3. Mars in 7H: Elder Brother

Rashi (D-1) General		
Ra	VeSu	Me
Ma	VL	GL HL
BL As	Jp	Mo



## Notes - Assignment

- Draw your chart
- 1. Determine the circumstances of your birth and verify this from a parent
- 2. Who were the people at the time of your birth?
- 3. Which planets signify Mother, Father?
- 4. Check their fortunes from the daśā treating each of these planets as the Graha Lagna of parent.
- 1. Why did you come to this planet? Whose karma is closely linked to yours?
- 2. What is the relationship between your parent significator planets?
- 3. If Sun shows Devatā and Saturn shows Maharṣi, who is guiding your dharma?
- The remaining śloka is to be taught in Year-2 after you have learnt the Varga Charts