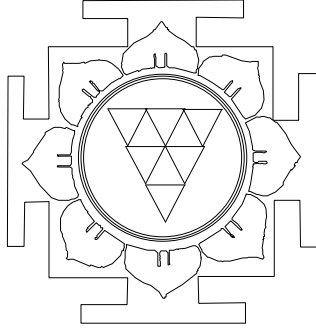


ध्वजादि प्रश्न गणना

Dhvajādi Praśna Gaṇanā

(The nature of questions relating to the Sun and so forth)



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Preface

The Dhvajādi is a little Sanskrit work which uses a Hindu astrological method of divination. Each of the eight groups of letters of the Sanskrit alphabet are attributed to the Sun, the Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and the nodes of the Moon, Rahu and Ketu. The questioner chooses a letter of the alphabet after formulating a question. The answer to the question is reached by referring to the letter attributions. The idea is that gradually the diviner builds up an extensive picture of a situation by choosing a series of different letters.

Also included with this little curiosity is an assortment of different astrological cakras or diagrams including those relating to the twelve sidereal zodiac signs, the twenty seven lunar constellations and the letters attributed to the five elements aether, air, fire, water and earth.

Dhvajādi Praśna Gaṇanā

Om̐ namah Śivaya. A ā ī ī u ū ṛ ṛ D D e ai o au are the banner, the Sun; ka kha ga gha are [the letters of] the smoky one, Mars; ca cha ja jha are [the letters of] the man-lion, Venus; ṭa ṭha ha are [the letters of] the dog, Mercury; ta tha da dha na are [the letters of] the bull, Jupiter; pa pha ba bha ma are [the letters of] the ass, Saturn; ya ra la va are [the letters of] the elephant, the Moon; śa ṣa sa ha are [the letters of] the Crow [Rahu and Ketu].

[The eight letter groups are] a, ka, ca ta ṭa pa ya śa. In a brief exposition of the result, questions relating to the future are drawn from the elements of present knowledge. After pronouncing a letter, the answer [to the question] may be obtained.

Good and bad results are known from the Sun, Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn and the eighth, the Crow.

There is or is not a question.

With the Sun, the Moon, Venus and Jupiter there is no doubt [about a successful conclusion].

Questions about gain or loss

With the Sun, the Moon, Jupiter and Venus there is swift gain certainly. With Mars, Saturn, Mercury and the Crow there is no gain.

Questions relating to skill and lack of skill

With Venus, Jupiter, the Sun and the Moon there is skill. With the Crow, Saturn, Mercury and Mars there is no skill.

Questions about destruction and preservation of wealth

With the Sun, the Moon, Jupiter and Venus, getting things is absolutely certain. With the Crow, Saturn, Mercury and Mars there is loss.

Knowledge about the directions

Sun is in the east, Mars is in the south east, Venus is in the south and Saturn is in the south west. Jupiter is in the west and Mercury is in the north west. The Moon is in the north and the Crow is in the north east.

Knowledge about birth

The Sun is a brahmin and Mars is a kṣatriya. Venus is known to be a vaiśya and Saturn is a śūdra. Jupiter is a teacher and Mercury is a thief and a servant. The Moon is a servant and the Crow belongs to washermen.

Questions relating to dwellings

The Sun is a cave, Mars is a kitchen, Venus is a forest and Saturn is another's dwelling. Jupiter is a treasury and Mercury is a wooden house. The Moon is a tumbledown house and the Crow is an ornamented building.

Questions about gifts

The Sun is wheat and Mars is til oil. Venus is yellow garments and Saturn is grain. Jupiter is rice and Mercury is channa gram. The Moon is a sweet and the Crow is gold.

Now worship of devas

The Sun means Bhairava worship and Mars means the Mother of the Universe. Venus represents devotees of the Sun and Saturn Hanuman. Jupiter is Rudra and Mercury is Sarasvatī. The Moon is Gaṇeśa and the Crow is the worship of the ancestors.

Queries relating to travel

The Sun and the Moon mean staying put. Saturn and Venus mean moving to and fro. Jupiter and Mars mean travelling and Mercury and the Crow mean going to the borders.

Questions relating to walking

The Sun and Mars mean walking close. The Moon and Jupiter mean

walking at a distance. Jupiter and Mercury mean a place where there is a path and the Crow and Saturn also mean a path.

Enquiries relating to time

The Sun is a fortnight and Mars is a week. Venus is twenty one days and Saturn is a month. Jupiter is a month and a half and Mercury is two months. The Moon is three months, it is said, and the Crow is six months.

Questions relating to colour

The Sun is pink and Mars is white. The Moon and Venus are red and Saturn is pale blue. Jupiter is a yellow colour and Mercury is purple. The Moon is a dark colour and the Crow is mixed hues.

Queries relating to things held in the hand

The Sun is a plate and Mars is flowers. Venus is fruit and Saturn is wood. Jupiter is grain and Mercury is grass. The Moon means something living while the Crow means straw.

Knowledge about minerals

The Sun is gold and Mars is silver. Venus is copper and Saturn is iron. Jupiter is brass and Mercury is ivory. The Moon is bone and the Crow is brass, it is said by the best of experts.

Knowledge about ornaments

The Sun means head ornaments and Mars means facial ornaments. Venus means neck ornaments and Saturn means ornaments on the breast. Jupiter means wrist ornaments and Mercury rings. The Moon represents ornaments around the hips and the Crow the feet.

Knowledge relating to children

With the Sun, the Moon, Jupiter and Venus a son is born. Mars, Saturn, Mercury and the Crow mean a daughter is born.

Questions relating to longevity

The Sun and Venus are six years and so is the Moon. Jupiter is

sixty years and Mercury is no year. Saturn is twenty years and the Crow is sixteen years. Mars is one year, it is said, in queries relating to longevity.

Plants and living creatures

The Sun and Mars are minerals and the Moon and Venus plants. Mercury, Saturn, Jupiter and the Crow are living things for sure.

Questions about coming and going

Enemies take a long time arriving with the Moon, Jupiter, the Sun and Venus. It is the opposite with Mercury, Saturn, Mars and the Crow.

Questions relating to truth and falsehood

Truth is spoken with the Sun, Venus, Jupiter and the Moon. Lies are told with Mars, Saturn, Mercury and the Crow.

Will there be rain?

With Jupiter, Saturn, the Moon and Mars there is rain swiftly. With Mercury, the Sun, Venus and the Crow there is no rain.

Questions about time

With Mars seven days and with Jupiter one day. Saturn is twenty days and the Sun is twenty seven days. Venus and Jupiter mean immediately and Mercury and the Crow represent six days. Thus, for queries relating to number.

Now questions about friendship

With the Sun, the Moon, Jupiter and Venus, association brings good fortune. With the Crow, Saturn, Mercury and Mars there are quarrels bringing bad fortune.

Questions concerning boats

With the Sun, the Moon, Venus and Jupiter there is success. With the Crow, Saturn, Mercury and Mars seafaring does not succeed.

Gain from business

The Sun and the Moon mean debt. Jupiter and Venus mean success. Mercury and Saturn mean gain for enemies. With the Crow and Mars there is no gain and there are quarrels with relatives.

Qualification for gain

The Sun and the Moon mean steady gain. Venus and Jupiter mean swift gain. Mercury and Saturn mean disputes while the Crow and Mars mean no gain.

Questions relating to acquiring land

With the Sun, the Moon, Jupiter and Mars there is no acquisition. With Saturn, Venus, Mercury and the Crow, a village is gained.

Queries relating to work done

The Sun and the Moon mean steady progress. Jupiter and Venus mean quick progress. Saturn and Mercury mean after a long time while the Crow and Mars mean there is no success.

Questions relating to freedom from worship

With Saturn, Mars, Mercury and the Crow there is speedy release from worship. The reverse is true for Jupiter, the Moon, the Sun and Venus.

Questions relating to time

The Sun means seven days, Venus means a fortnight. Jupiter means one month and the Moon means three months. Mercury and Saturn mean within seven months and Mars and the Crow mean one year.

Vowels	
अ	a
आ	ā
इ	i
ई	ī
उ	u
ऊ	ū
ऋ	r̄ or rī
ॠ	ṝ or ṛī
ऌ	l̄ or lī
ए	e
ऐ	ai
ओ	o
औ	au

Consonants			
क	k	प	p
ख	kh	फ	ph
ग	g	ब	b
घ	gh	भ	bh
ङ	ṅ	म	m
च	c	य	y
छ	ch	र	r
ज	j	ल	l
झ	jh	व	v
ञ	ñ		
ट	ṭ	श	ś
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थ	th		
द	d		
ध	dh	◌̣	ṃ or ṃ̇
न	n		

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