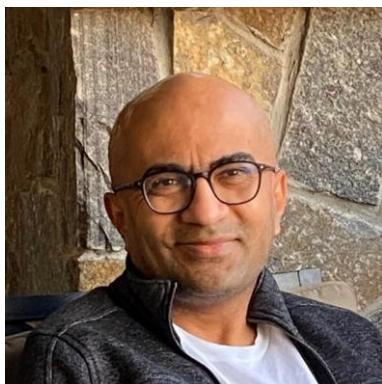


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Navatārā cakra – Part 3

We looked at the Navatārā cakra in Part 1 and spoke about the first three Taras (Janma, Sampad, Vipad) in Part 2 of this Navatārā series. We will now continue our onward journey by exploring the Kṣema and Pratyak Tārās. These two Tārās have their own significance in the Navatārā scheme because the Mahadaśās of their respective planetary rulers typically fall within what most individuals would consider to be “prime time” of their life i.e. between ages 35 to 60. For most folks, this is the period when they are in the prime of health, reach the pinnacle of their multi-decade career journey and are proud parents at their children’s graduating ceremonies. Some might even become proud grandparents and stalwarts of their community championing a cause or two for the greater good.

1. Kṣema (क्षेम) Tārās

Meaning: Kṣema refers to anything and everything that gives us a certain level of comfort, peace and security. All the things, activities and people that make us feel warm and fuzzy on the inside and land us in the generally vicinity of the ‘happiness’ zone.

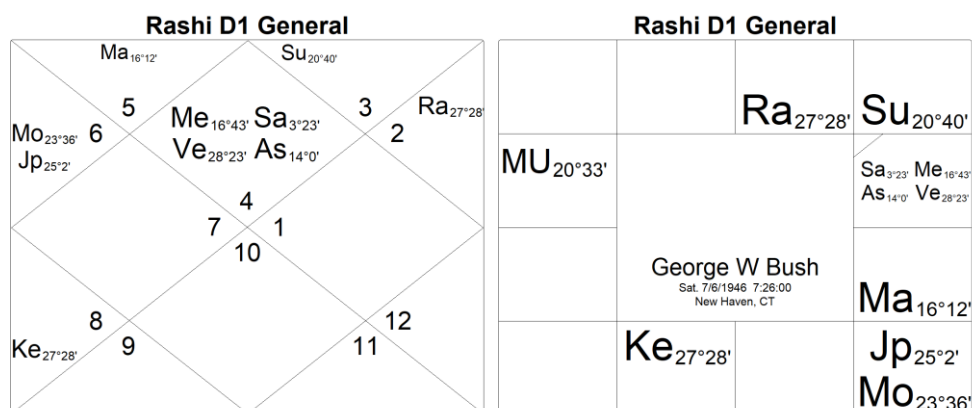
Significance: Most of us at some point in our educational journey have heard about Maslow’s hierarchy of needs whereby the “Father of Humanistic Psychology” Abraham Maslow proposed that human motivation is a 5-step ladder wherein we only move on to a higher rung once we are fully satisfied with everything that a lower rung in the ladder has to offer. These 5-steps / rungs from bottom to top are, Physiological (food, water, sex), Safety (security, stability), Belonging (relationships, home), Esteem (recognition, achievement) and Self-actualization (philosophy, religion, spirituality). The realm of the Kṣema Tārā covers the bottom three rungs of Maslow pyramid.

For most of us, by the time the Kṣema Tārā Mahadaśā unfolds, we are well on our way to finding a place in the world and busy discovering answers to questions like, “What is my purpose in life?”, “What does success mean to me?”, “What is my life’s game plan?”. As if

that were not enough, we also try to juggle additional balls of finding and settling down with our soul mate, having and raising children, buying ourselves a fancy car and a beautiful house, creating our bucket list of exotic vacations and creating our retirement nest egg.

The Tārā, its Nakṣatras and Mahadaśā ruler therefore play a pivotal role in defining how, when and where success will unfold in our life.

Interpretation: Let's revisit President Bush's chart that we discussed last month.



As you'd recollect, President Bush's Moon is in Citra, making Mars his Janma Tārā ruler. That would make Saturn his Ksema Tārā ruler. He ran his Saturn period from May 1987 to May 2006. Saturn is well-placed in the 1st house in his own Nakṣatra Puśya conjoined with the Ascendant. He is joined with his Naisargika (natural) friends and benefics Mercury and Venus. Mercury is the 3rd lord in a Parivartana with the Lagneśa Moon. Saturn being in the Lagna, aspects the Lagneśa Moon, its own 7th house and the 10th house of career. We can therefore safely infer that Saturn along with its Tārās have had a significant say in how Mr. Bush's life unfolded. Additionally, even though there aren't any other Grahas places in Saturn's Tārās, they are placed in good houses i.e. 1st, 5th and 9th. Therefore, even though Saturn is a natural and temporal malefic for Mr. Bush, the results of its Mahadaśā had noticeable levels of beneficence given the placements of its Tārās. The below key events from his Saturn period are evidence for the same.

May 1987 to Sep 1993 (Anurādhā Nakṣatra)

- 1988: Served as an adviser in his father's successful Presidential campaign.
- 1989: Mr. Bush along with some partners purchased the major league baseball team Texas Rangers. He was the team's managing general partner post that purchase.

Oct 1993 to Feb 2000 (Uttara Bhādrapada Nakṣatra)

1994: He became the Governor of Texas by ousting the then popular Democratic incumbent Ann Richards. During his first Gubernatorial run Mr. Bush won accolades for his educational and judicial reforms; both of which can be chalked as 9th house themes, which is where Uttara Bhādrapada resides in his case. This is something that would be very challenging to tie back to his chart if we were to simply look at the Saturn as the Mahadaśā lord or any of the Bhukti lords that ran during this time period.

1998: He chalked up a landslide win (68.24% of the popular vote) during his second run for the Texas Gubernatorial election and made his way to the history books as the first Texas Governor

to win two consecutive terms. Again, 9th house themes luck and fortune playing out and again hard to tell just by looking at the Vimaśottarī Daśā players.

March 2000 to May 2006 (Pushya Nakṣatra)

2000: Mr. Bush gets elected as the 43rd American president.

2001 to 2004: His first year in his first term brought him face to face with the unprecedented and unfathomable 9/11 attacks. He led America's resilience campaign by way of implementing the Patriot Act and the counterattack on Al-Qaeda by way of the war in Afghanistan, both within just months of the 9/11 attacks.

2004: He got re-elected in 2004.

Puśya Nakṣatra's ruling deity is Brihaspati (Jupiter) and it is symbolized by a cow's udder. Both are indicative of the fact that Puśya is by far, if not the most benefic, amongst the 27 Nakṣatras (Tārās). Its innate nature of conferring nourishment and showering abundance cannot be undermined even by the flagbearer of malefics i.e. Saturn. Mr. Bush's Lagna is in Puśya and so is the Mahadaśā and Tārā lord Saturn. We can therefore unequivocally infer that Puśya showered Mr. Bush with all it could by way of his two Presidential wins and his ability to cater to and address (to an extent) the trauma that the 9/11 attacks left behind.

In November of 2006 (Saturn/Kṣema Tārās ended in May), Republicans lost majority in both the House and the Senate clearly reflecting the overwhelming public discontent with the policies and actions (e.g. response to hurricane Katrina) of the Bush administration. This rapid fall from grace and power is a textbook example of how a change in Mahadaśā and associated Tārās can effect drastically different outcomes even for the most powerful man in the world. In Mr. Bush's case it was the Mercury (3rd and 12th) and the ruler of his not so favorable Pratyak Tārās that effected this change. That's brings us to the next set of Tārās in the Navatārā sequence.

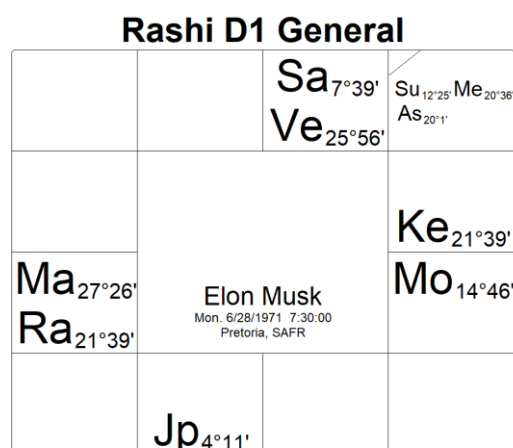
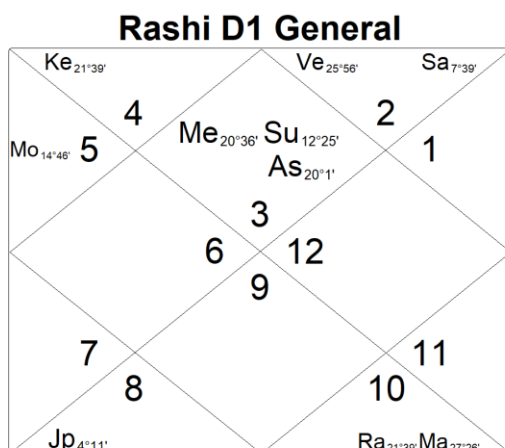
2. Pratyak (प्रत्यक्) Tārās

Meaning: Pratyak means opposition, obstacles, headwinds and under extreme conditions backward movement.

Significance: For most of us, the Mahadaśā of the Pratyak Tārā will occur during the second half of our "prime time" i.e. somewhere between ages 45 to 60. Barring the lucky few, most of us are highly likely to experience the proverbial mid-life crises in some shape and form during this timeframe. Confronted by a deep sense of dissatisfaction either via external circumstances or internal unrest, we are forced to step out of our comfort zone, take off our blinders and rise above our innate self-centeredness selves so as to start giving back and contributing towards the greater good.

Interpretation:

Let's consider Mr. Elon Musk's chart for a moment



Musk is currently running his Rahu Mahadaśā which happens to be the ruler of his Pratyak Tārās. He started the Mahadaśā at age 41 and it will continue for a few more year from now till he hits age 59 (in 2030). Rahu is placed in the 8th house with an exalted 6th and 11th lord Mars. There are no other influences on Rahu. Rahu's Nakṣatras Svāti, Śātabhiṣa and Ārdra are respectively in the 5th, 9th and 1st houses.

His Moon is in Purva Phalguni and therefore the for the first third of its Daśā, Rahu would give the results of Svāti (the first Rahu Nakṣatra following Moon's Nakṣatra), followed by Śātabhiṣa for the second 3rd and lastly Ārdra for the final 3rd.

Each of the Nakṣatras is bestowed with a unique power / Śakti. Svāti's is called Pradhvaṃsa Śakti. Pradhvaṃsa means destruction or annihilation. However, that's when Vayu the wind God ruling the Nakṣatra in his most wrathful and agitated form. In his more natural state of beneficence this power endows the native the ability to spread something far and wide as if being blown by the wind. In Musk's case the Nakṣatra's results were colored to an extent by the fact that it needed to play out its role as a Pratyak Tārā. Musk owned SpaceX's flagship Falcon 9 space shuttle experienced multiple failures during Rahu Mahadaśā's Svāti Nakṣatra period. His other flagship enterprise, Tesla, acquired SolarCity in Nov 2016 which triggered multiple conflict of interest lawsuits that lasted till 2022.

Also, in 2015, Musk co-founded OpenAI but exited due to disagreements around its non-profit mission in early 2018. Surely, a decision that Musk regrets even till date and will probably will for the rest of his life.

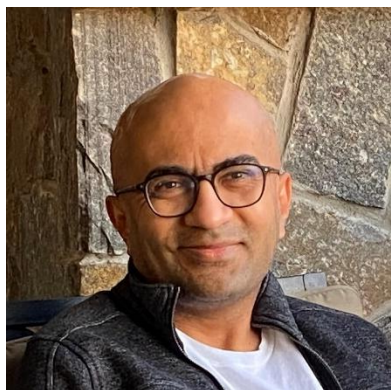
During the Śātabhiṣa portion of the Rahu Mahadaśā, Musk acquired Twitter (2nd half of 2022), which saw Twitter's valuation crash by 70% and a \$25 billion haircut for Musk. SEC has been on Musk's tail with multiple investigations and even a handful of lawsuits since the Twitter acquisition.

Musk is now running his final third of Rahu, wherein he is and likely to further experience the fruits of Ārdra Nakṣatra. Ārdra is regarded as one of the most difficult of Nakṣatras and is symbolized by teardrops. It is ruled by Rūdra, the fierce form of Lord Śiva that he morphs into after the loss of his beloved Sati. June 2025 saw Musk's falling out with his close friend and most powerful ally, Donald Trump after having spent millions on Trump's campaign. In

November 2025, Tesla sales dropped to a near four-year low with Tesla losing the top spot in some countries to its Chinese competitor BYD.

Hopefully, these two Tārās will keep you busy until the next go-around, which is when we will wrap up this series. Sayonara for now.

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