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Career Challenges Written in the Stars: Understanding Professional Setbacks Through Astrology

Before I begin, I would like to pay my sincere tribute to my Jyotiṣa Guru Śrī Marc Boney who has always encouraged me to do research and write on Jyotiṣa. I will always be very grateful to him.

Professional setback is really an undesirable situation in a person's life but is nonetheless very common. It can happen in a variety of different ways. Sometimes the person facing a setback gets fired or resigns under some pressure either because of their own misdoing like taking a bribe or due to a systematic issue like corruption in public office. Sometimes it can happen if some act of theirs provokes the higher ups or official authorities.

The examples below illustrate the astrological reasons behind some of these cases of professional setback. To make the article understandable I have explained a few concepts at the offset to make the examples easier to comprehend.

Important concepts

Dur Yoga

If the 10th lord goes to houses 6th or 8th or 12th and the 10th house or the 10th lord are under the influence of malefic planets, Dur Yoga is formed. This Yoga gives career setbacks like getting laid off / fired or having to resign under duress. It is important to see how this yoga is applied in real life. Dur Yoga can get modified if natural benefics influence 10th house or the 10th lord. It has been seen that generally when more than one natural malefic is involved and the influence of natural benefics is missing making, this yoga is more likely to give its result. This last point is important, and people should not jump to conclusions without judging the intensity of the Dur Yoga and considering modifying factors such as influence of benefics.

8th house/Lord

8th house and its lord can cause breaks, mental agony as the 8th is the house of transition and transformation. It has been seen person experiences setbacks in the Daśā of the 8th lord specially if it is afflicted and connected to the 10th lord/house. If the planet is connected to the 8th house of both D1 and D10 (divisional chart denoting power and status) and is afflicted, chances of professional setback are higher.

3rd and 8th house of D10

These are called the transition houses and the period of planets ruling these houses or placed in these houses can give break in career. This is especially true if they are afflicted as well.

Influence of two or more malefics on Daśā lords in D10

It is always advisable to check the condition and disposition of planets, active in the Daśā sequence, in the D10. If the planets active in the Daśā sequence are debilitated, in houses 6, 8 or 12 or are under the influence of two or more malefics, then it is a red flag. But before arriving at any conclusion D1 or the Rashi Chart should always be considered.

Example Charts

I now present five cases of professional setback. The birth data for all of the examples is from astrodatbank.com and they are all AA rated. Information about them is widely available on Wikipedia and the broader internet.

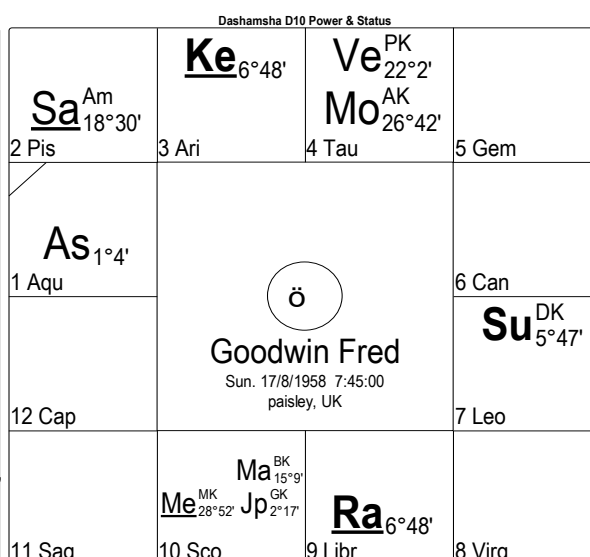
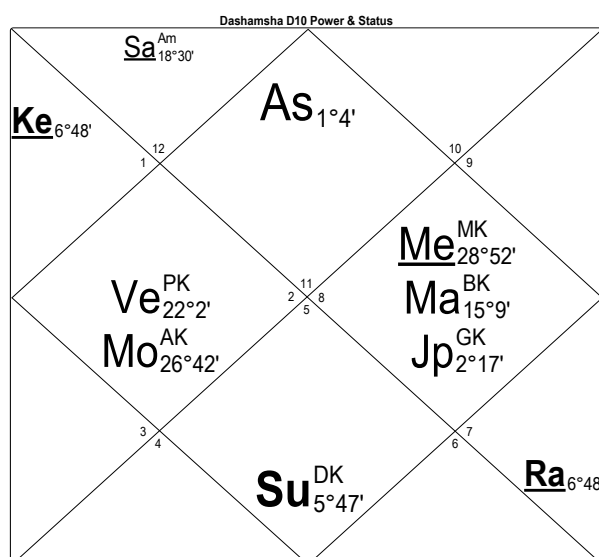
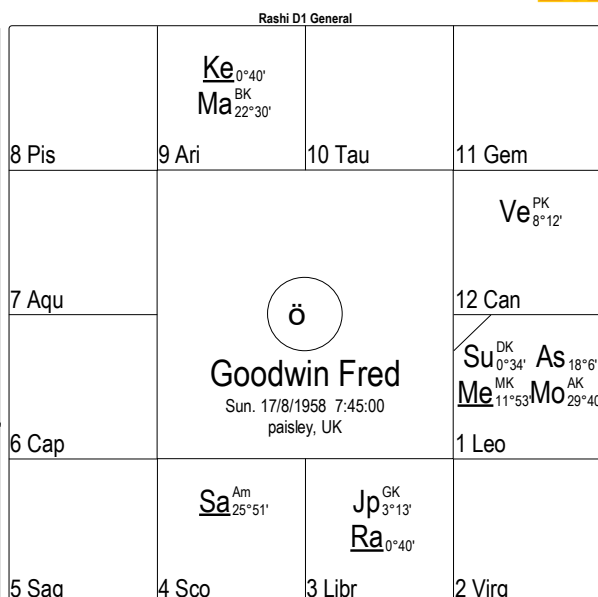
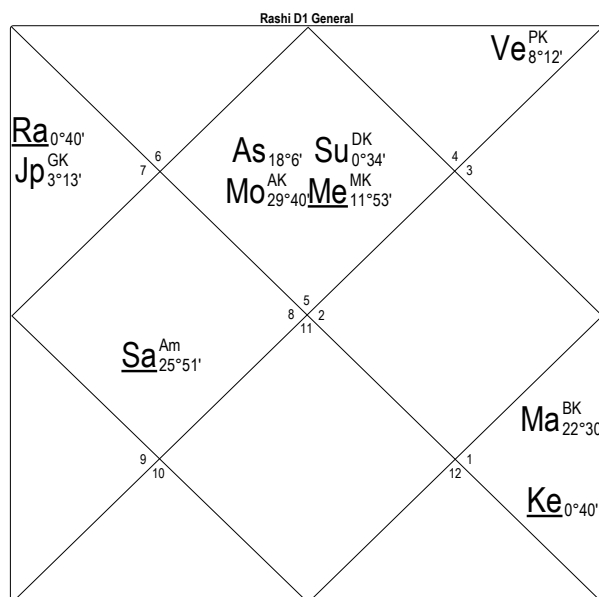
While reading the case studies below please note how the parameters outlined above play out in a variety of different ways.

Case 1: Fred Goodwin

Date of Birth : 17th August 1958

Time of Birth : 7:45 am

Place of Birth : Paisley, Scotland



Goodwin is a Scottish chartered accountant and former banker who was CEO of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBS) between 2001 and 2009. He was a key figure in the global financial catastrophe that emerged in September 2008. On 11 October 2008, Goodwin officially announced his resignation as chief executive and an early retirement, effective from 31 January 2009 – a month before RBS announced that its 2008 loss totalled £24.1 billion, the largest annual loss in UK's corporate history.

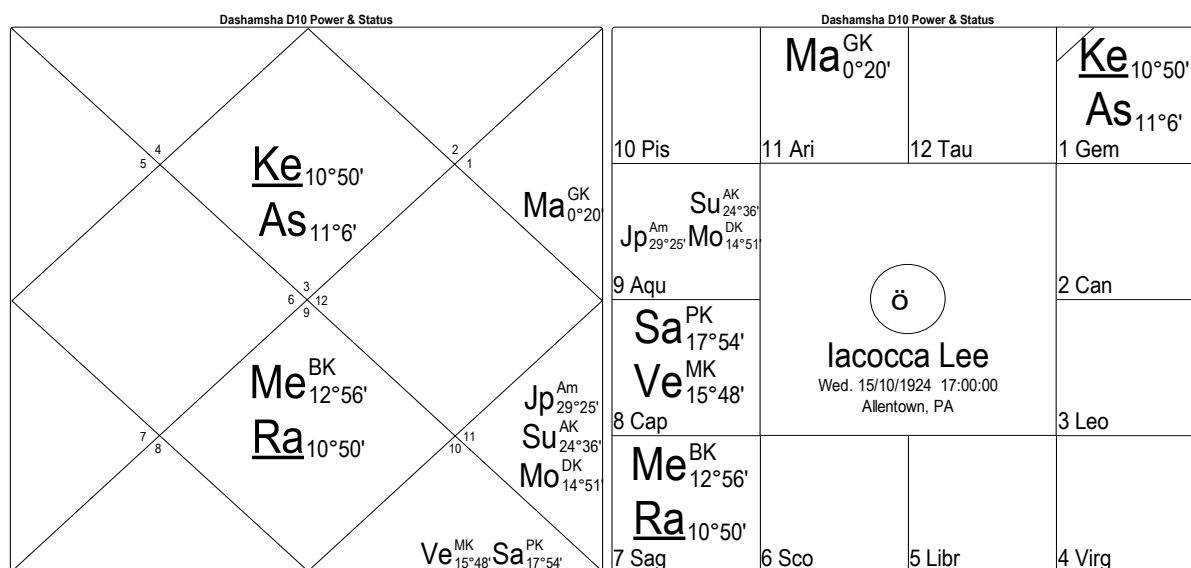
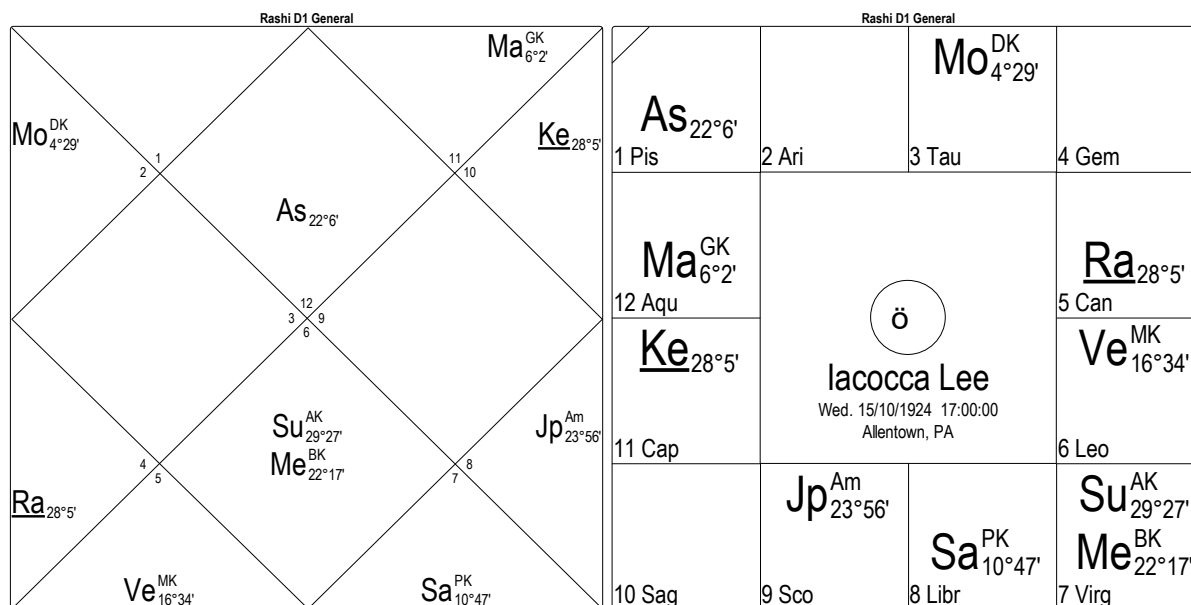
He resigned during his Jupiter-Venus-Ketu . Sub Daśā lord Venus is the 10th lord falling in 12th house with additional aspect of Malefic Mars on it. Saturn as a malefic also aspects the 10th house. Hence we see a Dur Yoga getting formed and activated in the Daśā sequence. Since the Moon is in Lagna, this Dur Yoga pattern repeats from Moon too.

Case 2: Lee Iacocca

Date of Birth : 15th October 1924

Time of Birth : 17:00 (5 pm)

Place of Birth : Allentown, Pennsylvania, USA



A Ford employee for 32 years and president for 8 years, he had a bitter parting with the company after months of wrangling and disputes. When he was fired from the Ford Motor Co. on 13 July 1978, he called Henry Ford II a shortsighted, bigoted despot who ran his company on whims and intimidation; then turned his anger into constructive achievement by joining the ailing Chrysler Corp. and turning it around into a success story.

He was fired from Ford when his Saturn-Saturn-Saturn was opeartional. Saturn is the exalted 12th lord in the 8th house in D1. It is also in its own sign in D10, but in the 8th house. Houses 3 and 8 in D10 are called transition houses and can give breaks in career. In D1 Saturn has Viprit

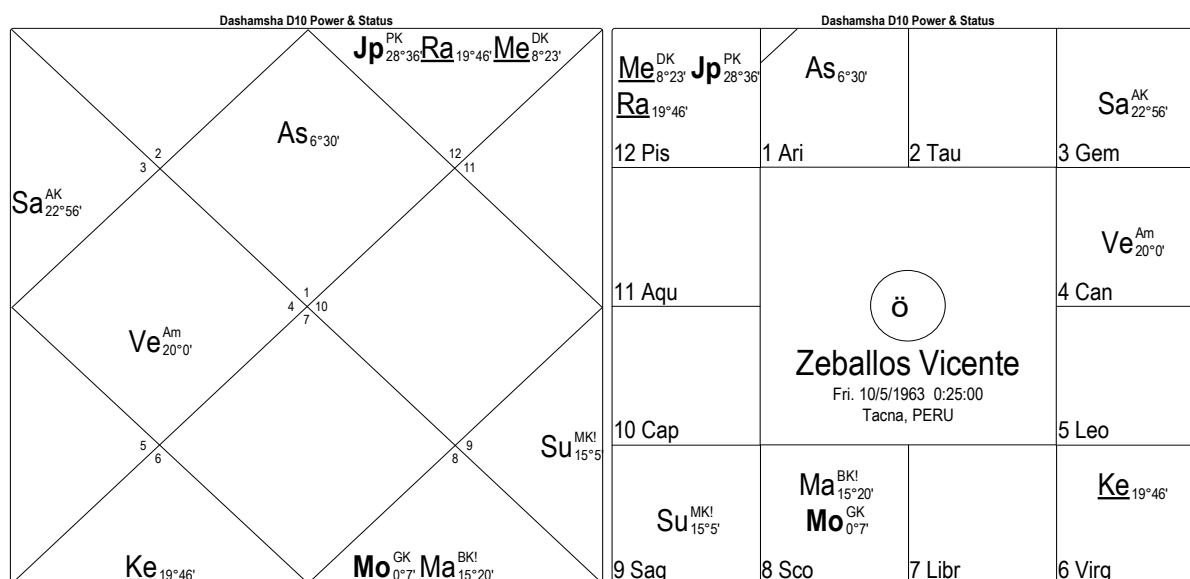
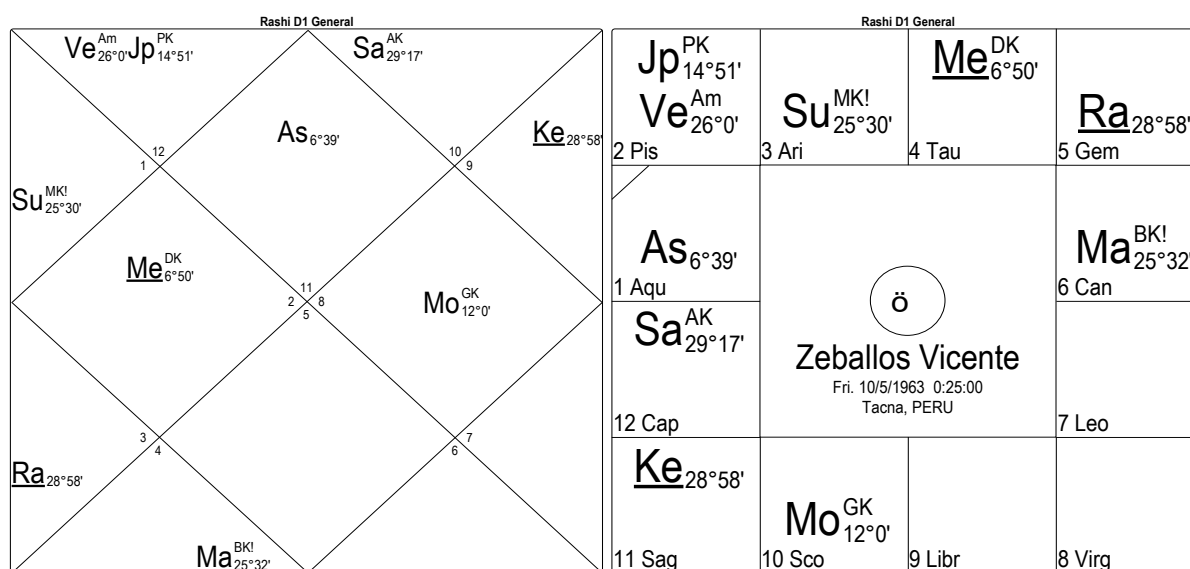
Raj Yoga qualities which can give success after some struggle initially. It must also be noted that Saturn is the 10th lord in 6th house from a Moon Lagna with a malefic Mars in the 10th house from Moon, creating a Dur Yoga like pattern. However the aspect of Venus on 10th house from Moon modifies this Dur Yoga. Later Saturn gave him enormous success as it is strong in D1, D9 and D10.

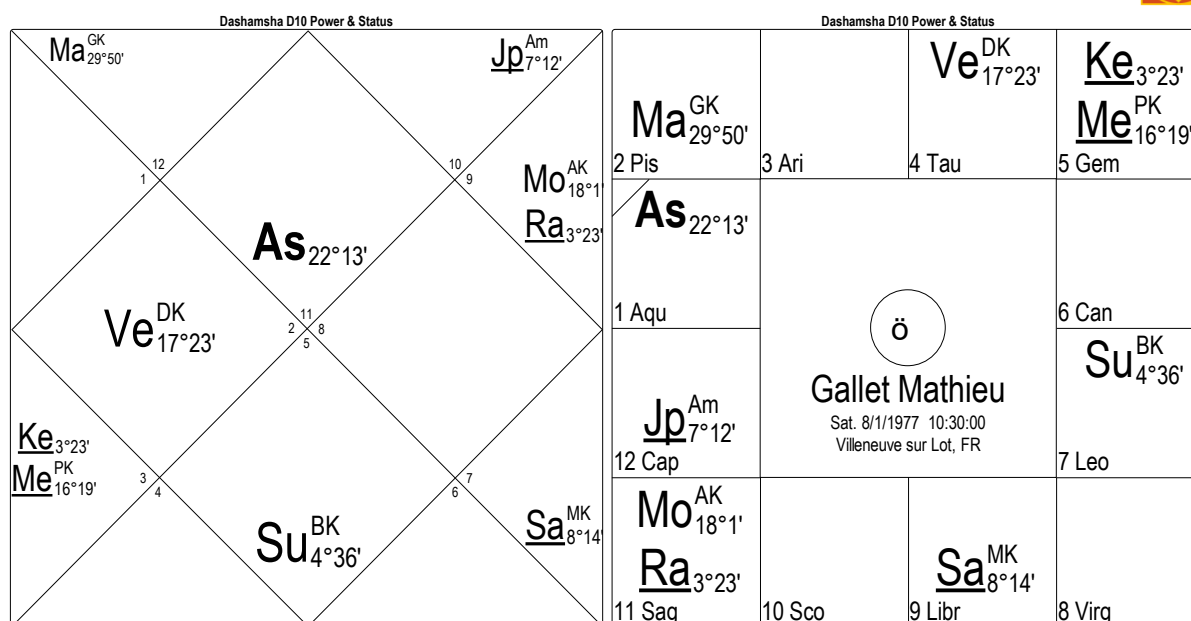
Case 3: Zeballos Vicente

Date of Birth: 10th May 1963

Time of Birth: 00:25

Place of Birth: Tacna, Peru





Gallet was high ranking French civil servant and political advisor to Macron. CEO of France Inter radio since 2014, he was fired on 31 January 2018 (accused of favoritism on 15 January 2018, and sentenced).

Moon-Mercury-Moon was running at the time he was fired. Moon is in 8th lord mercury's Nakṣatra. Mercury is conjunct 10th lord mars in D1 and is afflicted by Ketu and is aspected by a retrograde Saturn. In D10 Moon is afflicted by Rāhu and Saturn. Mercury is the 8th lord D10 and is afflicted by Ketu and Mars. 8th house and 8th lord can cause change and transition and give career setback if afflicted.

Conclusion

As illustrated above through the cases presented professional setback can happen in a lot of different ways. However, I must admit here that it is quite possible that there are other ways in which this can happen too. Some of the parameters have not been emphasized so that things do not become over complicated.

I sincerely hope that readers will like the article and I welcome any feedback and/or suggestions from them.

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