

The Mathematics of Yogas: Budhaditya



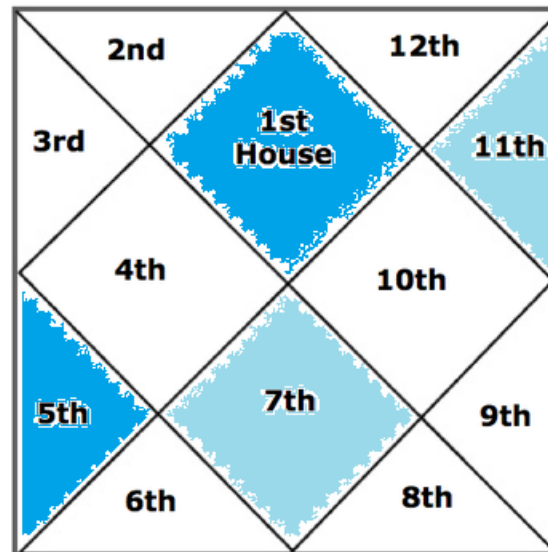
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Budhaditya Yoga, deemed the signature of an intellect capable of analysis, communication and discernment, is frequently found, but perhaps less frequently than you might think, depending on the definition used.

Some people assume that *Budhaditya* yoga is formed simply when the Sun and Mercury are in the same sign. But since Mercury is an “inferior” planet whose orbit lies within that of Earth, it never appears more than 28 degrees from the Sun. As a consequence, it’s typically in the same sign as the Sun roughly half the time. And if that were the only definition, 50% of the population would have a *Budhaditya* yoga.

But a more rigorous definition of *Budhaditya* yoga demands, in addition to the Sun/Mercury pair being in the same sign, one of the following three secondary conditions:

1. The Sun/Mercury pair must occupy or aspect the 1st or 5th house in order to establish a meaningful connection with the individual or his/her mind. Our logic: the *lagna* represents the Self, while the 5th house is the domain of the *buddhi*, the intellect. Therefore, in order to complete this particular condition, the Sun/Mercury pair may occupy or aspect the 1st or 5th house from one of four different houses – the 1st, 5th, 7th or 11th. Four out of 12 houses thus qualify, ie, 1/3 or 33% of the time this condition will be fulfilled by the Sun/Mercury pair in the requisite houses.
2. As an alternative to condition #1 providing the necessary connection to the Self or its intellect, we may also consider the Sun when it rules the 1st or 5th house. If the ascendant is Leo (Sun-ruled) then the Sun/Mercury pair can occupy any house. If the ascendant is Aries, the 5th house (Leo) is ruled by the Sun, and again the Sun/Mercury pair may occupy any house. This secondary condition will be fulfilled by only two ascendants out of 12, ie, 1/6 or 16.7% of the time.
3. As an alternative to both conditions #1 and #2, we may also consider Mercury when it rules the 1st or 5th house. This is more readily found because Mercury owns two signs. If Gemini or Virgo rises, Mercury rules the ascendant. If Aquarius or Taurus rises, Mercury rules the 5th house (Gemini or Virgo, respectively). This happens four times out of 12, ie, 1/3 or 33% of the time.

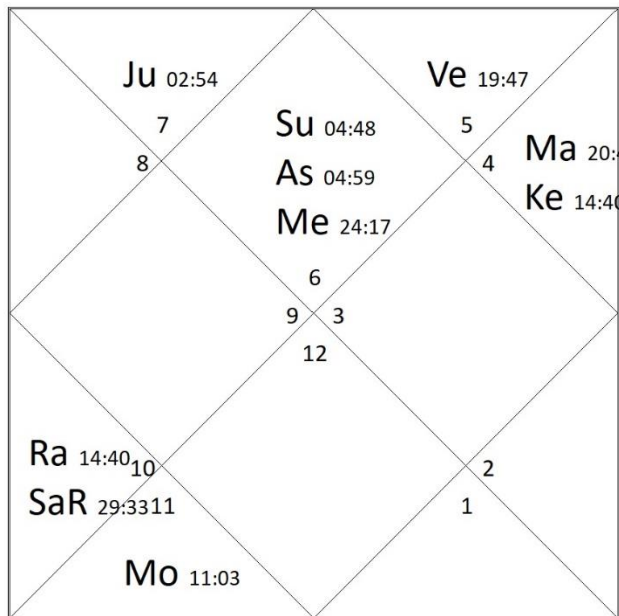


Considering all of the above, what are the final odds of forming *Budhaditya Yoga* under this more demanding definition?

- Primary condition: For Sun/Mercury to be together in the same sign, odds are roughly one in two, or 50% of the time.
- Primary + secondary condition #1: For Sun/Mercury together, while occupying or aspecting a key house, odds are: $1/2 \times 1/3 = 1/6$, or 16.6% of the time.
- Primary + secondary condition #2: For Sun/Mercury together, while the Sun rules a key house, odds are: $1/2 \times 1/6 = 1/12$, or 8.3% of the time.
- Primary + secondary condition #3: For Sun/Mercury together, while Mercury rules a key house, odds are: $1/2 \times 1/3 = 1/6$, or 16.6% of the time.

Although each of these secondary conditions is independent, we can certainly have horoscopes wherein two of them are fulfilled at the same time, eg, when Sun/Mercury are together in one of the four qualifying houses, while at the same time one of the qualifying ascendants provides a second link to the Self and/or its intellect. As a consequence, it's not just as simple as adding up the odds for the three composite criteria. Long story short, it's more of a guesstimate, and the chances of finding a *Budhaditya* yoga that conforms to this more rigorous definition is probably something like 25%. In other words, one in four people has a "qualified" *Budhaditya Yoga*.

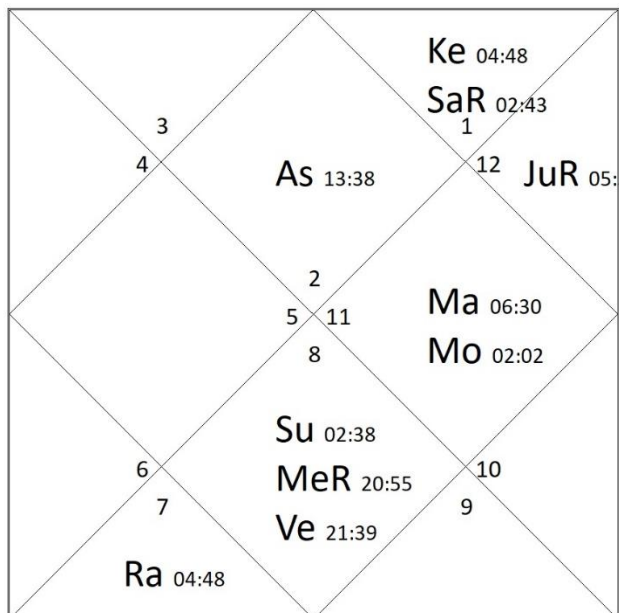
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Canadian writer Leonard Cohen began his career as a poet and novelist but, when he couldn't make any money at that, turned his hand to songwriting. His gravelly baritone had some admirers, but his compositions paid the bills, most famously his song "Hallelujah" which has been recorded by hundreds of other performing artists. For almost a decade, Cohen turned his back on his Hollywood lifestyle to live in a Zen meditation retreat.

His horoscope offers an example of a *Budhaditya* yoga that fulfills our criteria both ways: the Sun and Mercury occupy the 1st *bhava*, which Mercury also rules. Mercury is clearly free of combustion, gains *digbala* in the *lagna*, and sits at the center of a *Shubha-Kartari* yoga, flanked by benefics Jupiter and Venus.

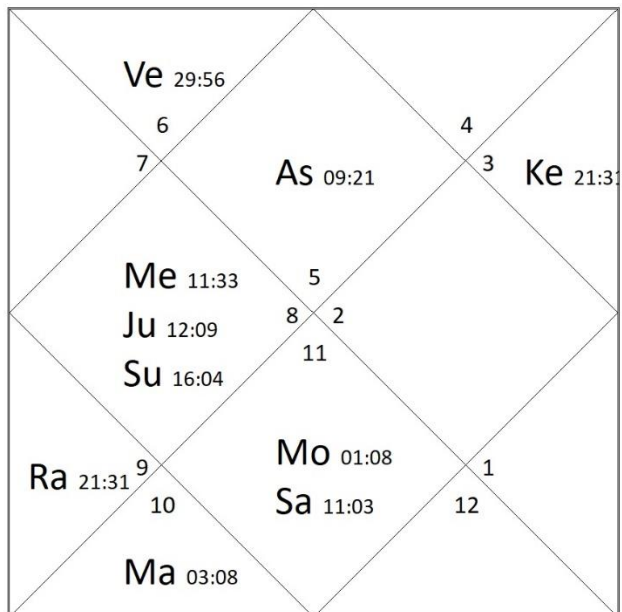
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Canadian author Margaret Atwood is also an inventor and environmental activist who's won 55+ awards, and received honorary degrees from Oxford, Cambridge and the Sorbonne. Her dystopian novel *The Handmaid's Tale*, with its themes of misogyny in a patriarchal and theocratic society, was eerily prophetic of Trump-era America.

Her horoscope is another example of *Budhaditya* yoga that fulfills our criteria in two ways: the Sun and Mercury occupy the 7th *bhava* from which position they aspect the 1st, while Mercury also rules the 5th *bhava*. Although Mercury suffers from planetary war with Venus, it is retrograde and therefore brighter than normal in its cycle.

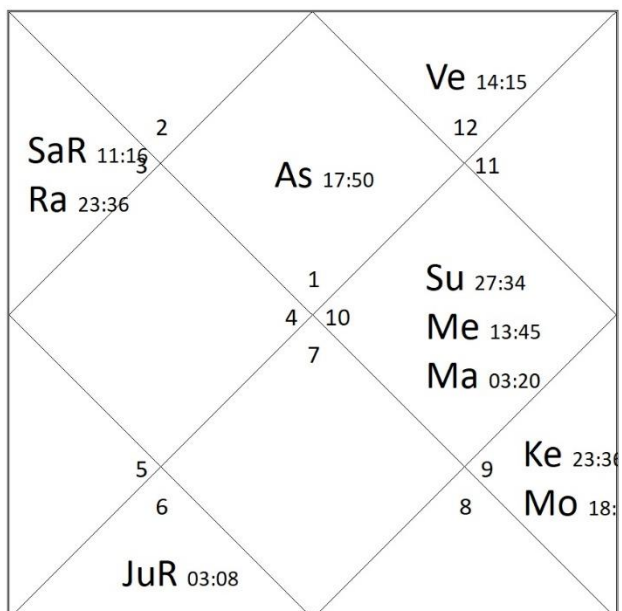
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American renaissance man Woody Allen is a comedian, writer, actor, film director, and musician. Described as the funniest neurotic of the 20th century, he's been in therapy for most of his adult life, psychologically unable to enjoy himself, but highly productive. He got terrible grades in school but excelled at magic tricks and telling jokes, which led to his career in comedy. His 1977 film "Annie Hall" won four Oscars in 1978.

His horoscope offers an example of a *Budhaditya* yoga formed via lordship alone, as opposed to association or aspect of key houses. Here, the Sun/Mercury association occurs in the 4th house, but the key link is made by virtue of the Sun's lordship of the 1st *bhava*.

Ve 14:15	As 17:50		SaR 11:16 Ra 23:36
	Mia Farrow		
Su 27:34 Me 13:45 Ma 03:20			
Ke 23:36 Mo 18:35			JuR 03:08



American actress Mia Farrow was raised Catholic and schooled by convent nuns. Her role in “Rosemary’s Baby” won her a Golden Globe and catapulted her into stardom. She visited India to study TM with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi along with the Beatles. Her relationship with Woody Allen collapsed when she discovered his interest in one of their adopted children, Korean-born Soon Yi. Since then, she’s become a high-profile advocate for human rights in Africa.

Her horoscope offers a similar example of a *Budhaditya* yoga formed via lordship. Here, the Sun/Mercury association occurs in the 10th house, but the key link is made by virtue of the Sun’s lordship of the 5th *bhava*. Her *Budhaditya* yoga is further impassioned by the presence of a powerful Mars forming *Ruchaka* and *Raja* yoga.

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