

## Assessing the *Sphutas* for Children



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When a client asks “When will I have children?” or “How many children will I have?” they are already getting ahead of themselves. This is because the first and fundamental question should be, “Will I have children?”

To answer this basic question, astrologers will typically examine any and all planets that associate with or aspect the 5th house, the 5th lord and Jupiter. Depending on the influence and strength of male or female planets, they will thereby assess the prospects for male or female children.

In a similar manner, astrologers will also look for planets that associate with or aspect the 5th house – from the *lagna*, from the 5th house, from the 5th lord and from Jupiter. As in the previous protocol, they will again look for strong planets of either sex to suggest the viability of children.

## The *sphutas*

In addition, many astrologers also use the concepts of *bija sphuta* and *kshetra sphuta* to assess the virility or fertility of a man or woman, respectively. In brief, these are two symbolic points, derived mathematically from the zodiacal positions of key planets. The calculations are as follows:

- For a male nativity, the *bija sphuta* = zodiacal longitude of the Sun (representing man) + longitude of Venus (representing semen) + longitude of Jupiter (representing child)
- For a female nativity, the *kshetra sphuta* = zodiacal longitude of the Moon (representing woman) + longitude of Mars (representing ovum) + longitude of Jupiter (representing child)

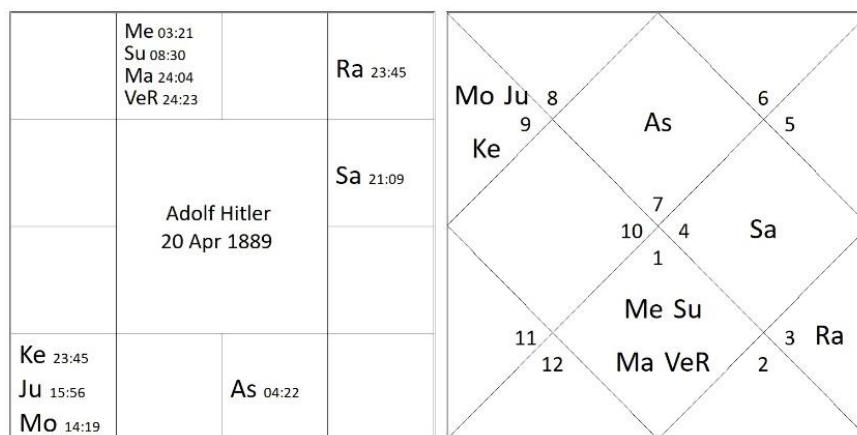
Once calculated, the *sphuta* should be noted by sign in the *rashi*. The *bija sphuta* should be in male signs, the *kshetra sphuta* in female signs. Reversing either detracts points rather than granting them.

The *sphuta* in question should be associated with or aspected by benefics, especially Jupiter, the *karaka* for children. The *sphuta* should not be associated with or aspected by malefics, especially Saturn, which is considered a neuter.

The *sphuta's* position should also be converted to its *navamsha* equivalent. Its placement should then be noted by sign within the *navamsha* chart. Keep score the same as with the *rashi*, granting or subtracting points when the *sphuta* is in male/female signs, and associated with or aspected by benefics/malefics.

Once this is done, we will have a general idea as to whether children are possible or not, and if so, whether they might be few or several.

### Male example: Adolf Hitler's *bija sphuta* in *rashi* chart (D-1)



The calculation of his *bija sphuta*:

<i>Bija Sphuta</i>	Planet	Sign (elapsed)	Degree	Minute
	Sun	00	08	30
	Venus	00	24	23
	Jupiter	08	15	56
	Sum of above ...	08	47	108
	... reduces to:	<b>09</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>48</b>

This places Hitler's *bija sphuta* at 18CP48. In the *rashi* chart, his *bija sphuta*:

- \* occupies a female sign (-)
- \* occupies sign of eunuch Saturn (-)
- \* is aspected by eunuch Saturn (-)

Adolf Hitler: *Bija sphuta* in *navamsha* (D-9)

		Me Ra	Su
	Adolf Hitler D9 Navamsha		
Sa			Mo Ju
	Ke Ma As VeR		

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

If we convert his *bija sphuta* at 18CP48 to its *navamsha* position, it will occupy the sign of Gemini. Thus, in the *navamsha* chart above, his *bija sphuta*:

- \* occupies a male sign (+)
- \* occupies sign of eunuch Mercury (-)
- \* is associated with malefic Sun (-)
- \* is aspected by malefic Mars (-)

Thus, overall, from the condition of the *bija sphuta* in the *rashi* and *navamsha* charts, the prognosis for Hitler having children is poor. And as far as we know from history, Hitler never fathered any children.



### Angelina Jolie: *Kshetra sphuta* in *navamsha* (D-9)

Ke		Sa	Su
Ju	Angelina Jolie D9 Navamsha		
			Ve As
Ma Mo			Ra MeR

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

If we convert her *kshetra sphuta* at 00PI38 to its *navamsha* position, it will occupy the sign of Cancer. Thus, in the *navamsha* chart above, her *kshetra sphuta*:

- \* occupies a female sign (+)
- \* is aspected by malefic Mars (-)
- \* is aspected by eunuch Saturn (-)

Thus, from the overall condition of the *kshetra sphuta* in the *rashi* and *navamsha* charts, the prognosis for Jolie having children is fairly positive. And as we know, she had three natural children with Brad Pitt, and adopted another three children from Third World countries.

### Conclusion

As in every other formulaic method of this kind, the concept of the *sphutas* is not foolproof. Yogas do not manifest the same in all charts, nor do *dasha/bhukti* periods all deliver the same results. Like many other techniques, this is just one of many tools in the *gyotishi's* toolbox. Without it, we would have one less means of analysis. With it, we have one more tool by which we might crack the mystery of karma as revealed through the birth chart.

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