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The Grace and Beauty of The Mālavya Yoga

In this, the second article in the series on the five Pañca Mahāpuruṣa Yogas, whose presence in the horoscope show the potential for greatness, we will be looking at the Mālavya Yoga, formed when Venus resides in a kendra, with strength. The very name Pañca Mahāpuruṣa Yoga means “five types of yogas that occur in the charts of great men.” The yogas are formed when any of the planets Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, or Saturn reside either in the signs of their rulership or in which they are exalted, AND they fall in a kendra (angular) house from either the Lagna or the Moon. For example: Jupiter in Pisces in the 10th house, either from the Lagna or the Moon is one form of Pañca Mahāpuruṣa Yoga. If Jupiter in Pisces fell in the 9th house, the yoga would not exist, as the 9th house is not a kendra.

In the “Bṛhat Parāśara Horā Śāstra,” sage Parashara gives a brief description of the effects of each planetary yoga. He describes the effects of the Mālavya Yoga, in part, thus: “Mālavya yoga is caused by Shukra (Venus) occupying a kendra, in own or exaltation rasi. A (person) born in Mālavya yoga is possessed of beautiful lips, a thin waist and is of moon like (splendorous) complexion. He emanates a good smell, is somewhat fair, of medium structure and possessed of beautiful and clean teeth...” (1)

You will note that this quote is almost entirely descriptive of one’s physical attributes and says nothing about the character of someone born with this yoga. However, it cannot be too difficult to describe someone with such a prominent and strong Venus. Words like, “sweet, peace-loving, romantic, artistic, aesthetic, fair-minded, graceful” spring immediately to mind and I’m sure there are many others of a similar ilk that could be thought of.

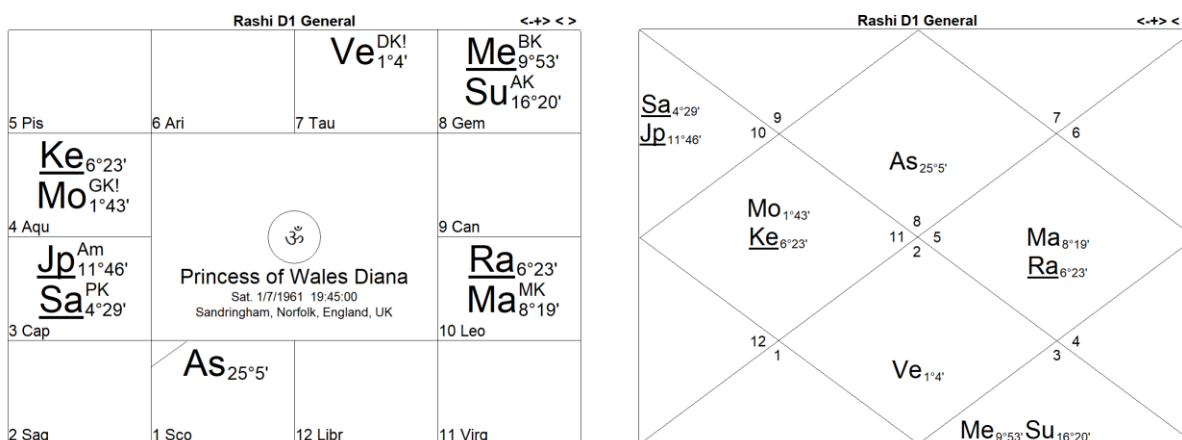
Now there must be literally tens of thousands of horoscopes that contain at least one of the Pañca Mahāpuruṣa Yogas, yet not all people who possess at least one of them go on to live a life of great deeds and memorable accomplishments. So, what then sets apart those people who do go on to become great in the eyes of the world?

Kalyan Varman states in “Saravali”: ‘When the yoga is caused on account grahas like Bhauma (Mars) etc. in strength, one gets kingdom. But if, simultaneously, Suyra and Chandra are bereft of strength then the yoga for kingdom does not occur but one does get progeny and wealth during the Daśā of the yoga causing graha.”

So, it would seem that one cannot rule a kingdom, even with a brilliant Pañca Mahāpuruṣa Yoga in your chart, if the Sun and Moon are not strong. You will have children and lots of money, but you will not become President, Prime Minister, or Your Majesty. Fair enough.

Also, another rule to bear in mind is this one from Mantreshwara, in “Phaladeepika”: “If these grahas (capable of giving Pañca Mahāpuruṣa Yoga) are also placed in a kendra from Chandra (moon) simultaneously, the yoga becomes capable of making one an emperor and possessed of great Bhagya (luck)”

This rule makes perfect sense if you think about it. When the planet is angular from both the lagna AND the Moon – by virtue of the Moon also being in a kendra – then the yoga is going to be doubly strong, and capable of making you an emperor. To illustrate the grace and beauty of the Mālavya yoga, and the powerful manner in which it can work when it operates both from the Lagna and the Moon, let us take a look at the chart of Diana, Princess of Wales:



We can immediately see the beautiful double Mālavya Yoga formed by Venus in Taurus in the 7th house from the Lagna and the 4th house from the Moon. This gave her the potential to one day become “an emperor,” and of course she did, so to speak, when she married into the British Royal family and became Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. She also

amounts of energy, foreshadowing the development of nuclear power. In that year Einstein was running his Venus/Rahu period and sub-period, with Rahu as always, giving the effect of its lord, in this case that wonderful Saturn, lord of the 9th. A brilliant example of an exalted 5th lord combining with the 9th lord in the 10th house!

Raja Yogas everywhere, and his life bore witness to them. Even if, due to his weak Moon, he never became an emperor, he did become the most celebrated physicist of his generation.

But where do we see the appreciation of beauty, aesthetics, grace, and harmony in Einstein's life which we would expect with such a wonderful Mālavya Yoga? He is of course world famous for the development of his General Theory of Relativity, but few people realise that he was as much an artist and a romantic as he was a physicist. Here are just a few of his quotes that illustrate this side of his nature:

"Personally, I experience the greatest degree of pleasure in having contact with works of art. They furnish me with happy feelings of an intensity such as I cannot derive from other realms."

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science."

"In art, and in the higher ranges of science, there is a feeling of harmony which underlies all endeavor. There is no true greatness in art or science without that sense of harmony."

Beauty, harmony, mystery, art. These were not just abstract concepts to Einstein, they were the touchstones that guided his life; that directed his grand vision of the universe, and which spurred him to find a Unified Field theory that eventually eluded him. He was not just arguably the greatest classical physicist of the 20th century; in many ways Albert Einstein was also a wonderful example of... The Grace and Beauty of the Mālavya Yoga.

- (1) Br̥hat Parāśara Horā Śāstra: ch 76, v.10-13
- (2) Phaladīpikā — ch 6 (Śaṣṭha Adhyāya), v. 10-12
- (3) Kalyāṇa Varma: "Sarāvalī" Ch.37

Second Title

In 1970, Ali's conviction for draft evasion was overturned and he returned to the ring having previously converted to the Muslim faith. His Jupiter period began in January of that year. Recall that in the Daśāṃśa Jupiter is the planet that is the exalted 5th lord occupying the 9th house. Also, in this division of his horoscope Jupiter forms a highly beneficial 1-5 Rāja Yoga with Mars, and a beautiful 5-9 sign exchange with the Moon. Things could only get better! In October 1974 he regained the title by defeating George Foreman in the never-to-be-forgotten "Rumble in the Jungle". He was in his Jupiter-Mercury period and in his Daśāṃśa chart Mercury occupies the 5th house and is conjoined to the Moon, thereby taking part in the beneficial sign exchange with Jupiter. Mars the D10 lord is part of the Jupiter, Moon, Mercury party by virtue of its conjunction with Jupiter. Moreover, the conjunction cancels the debility of Mars allowing it

to express the power of the Rucaka Yoga formed in the D1. Additionally, Mercury is the 11th lord of awards and receives the trine of Jupiter, marking this period as one of incredible success and renown for him.

Three Times World Champion!

In February 1978, Ali faced Leon Spinks at the Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas. At the time, Spinks had only seven professional fights to his credit and had recently fought a draw with journeyman Scott LeDoux. Ali sparred less than two dozen rounds in preparation for the fight and was seriously out of shape by the opening bell. He lost the title by unanimous decision. A rematch followed on September 15th in New Orleans, which broke all attendance records. Ali won a unanimous decision in an uninspiring fight, making him the first heavyweight champion to win the belt three times. On the day of the fight, Ali was running his Jupiter-Venus period and sub-period. Jupiter's highly auspicious association with his amazing Rucaka Yoga Mars in the Daśāṃśa has already been noted, but what is less obvious is the effect of Venus. In the Daśāṃśa Venus is the 7th lord falling in the 8th house, not exactly spectacular, and moreover Venus has no connection to Jupiter or Mars. While it is true that Venus receives the trine of Jupiter in the radix chart, forming a strong 4-9 Rāja Yoga, I wanted to see some strong hint from Venus in the Daśāṃśa that Ali would regain his title for a record-breaking third time. Then I remembered that from the Moon, Venus is in the 4th house, the "seat of power". The planetary indications this time were not as strong and sure enough, he lost his last two professional fights, against Larry Holmes on October 2nd, 1980, and Trevor Berbick in December 1981. He was so badly beaten by Holmes that many believe it contributed to the onset of his Parkinson's Disease in 1984, a disease that is common to the kind of head trauma that is suffered in boxing. Astrologically this is shown clearly by Saturn in Aries (head) conjunct Mars and throwing its 10th aspect to the Lagna lord, Moon.

In Conclusion

To sum up, the immensely powerful Rucaka Yoga in Ali's chart, formed by his dignified Mars in the 10th house and contributing to many other auspicious Rāja Yogas in the Daśāṃśa, helped to make Muhammad Ali "a King, or equal to a King", "a leader of men" and an "aggressive but patriotic ruler." It is indisputable that he was one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century and arguably the greatest heavyweight boxer who ever lived. In his heyday he was a great showman, a strong anti-war activist and a devout Muslim, inspiring thousands with his message of peace, service, and brotherly love. But it is as three-times heavyweight Champion of the World that he will always and best be remembered; a man with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, a block of iron in his fists, and a roaring mouth that proclaimed loudly and often: "I AM THE GREATEST!" To this day, millions of people around the world still believe it to be true.

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