

Kāraḱas in Vedic Astrology - a different perspective

5th Bhāva

In this series of articles on kāraḱas for different bhāvas we shall now try to understand the different kāraḱas for the 5th bhāvas. Some of the kāraḱas are mentioned specifically in Jyotish texts, and some need to be understood by implication. As usual we shall begin by looking at what the Sage Pārāshara says about the kāraḱatwas of the fifth bhāva.

सुते सुतं विजानीयात् पत्नीं सप्तमभावतः।

सुतभावे ग्रहो यः स्यात् सोऽपि कारक उच्यते ॥ ३३।३३ ॥

sute sutam vijānīyāt patnīm saptamabhāvataḥ।
sutabhāve graho yaḥ syāta so'pi kāraḱa ucyate ॥33|33॥

Meaning: Know that 5th bhāva is kāraḱa for son (progeny), 7th bhāva for wife (spouse). The planet placed in the 5th bhāva is also called the kāraḱa (for 5th bhāva).

It might interest the astrologers to know that Pārāshara has allotted kāraḱatwa of progeny to Saturn, amongst grahas and that might have to do with his giving kāraḱatwa of father to Sun, whose son is supposed to be Saturn. The sage says:

बुधान्मातृसजातीया मातुलाद्याश्च बान्धवाः।

गुरोः पितामहः शुक्रात् पतिः पुत्रः शनैश्चरात् ॥ ३३।२० ॥

budhānmāṭṛsajātiyā mātulādyāśca bāndhavāḥ।
guroḥ pitāmahāḥ śukrāṭṭ patiḥ putraḥ śanaīscarāt ॥33|20॥

Meaning: Mercury is kāraḱa for maternal relatives, maternal uncle and relatives in general. Jupiter is kāraḱa for paternal grandfather, Venus for husband and Saturn is the kāraḱa for son (progeny).

The sage also goes on to say that Jupiter is the kāraḱa for the 5th bhāva when he tells:

सूर्यो गुरुः कुजः सोमो गुरुर्भौमः सितः शनिः।

गुरुश्चन्द्रसुतो जीवो मन्दश्च भावकारकाः ॥ ३३।३४ ॥

sūryo guruḥ kujāḥ somo gururbhāumaḥ sitaḥ śaniḥ।
guruścandrasuto jīvo mandaśca bhāvakāraḱāḥ ॥33|34॥

Meaning: Sun, Jupiter, Mars, Moon, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn are the kāraḱas of bhāvas (from 1 to 12).

Thus Sun is Kāraḱa for the 1st bhāva, Jupiter for the 2nd bhāva, Mars for the 3rd, Moon for the 4th and Jupiter is (again) kāraḱa for the 5th bhāva. Mars is the kāraḱa for the 6th bhāva, Venus for the 7th, Saturn for the 8th and Jupiter for the 9th bhāva. Mercury is the kāraḱa for the 10th bhāva, Jupiter for the 11th and finally Saturn is the kāraḱa for the 12th bhāva, according to Sage Pārāshara.

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So, we know that Jupiter is the kāraḱa for the 5th bhāva. This is the reason that Jupiter, and not Saturn, is generally considered as the kāraḱa for progeny by astrologers. We can however see the role of Saturn as kāraḱa for son when he aspects Sun or the 9th bhāva (whose kāraḱa happens to be Sun, in connection with father) when we find some lack of happiness from father or even difference of opinion with father, sometimes even extending to enmity, in case of the jāṭaka. We also find here that though the Sage has not directly said Jupiter is kāraḱa for progeny, he indicated Jupiter has primacy over Saturn, as the kāraḱa for progeny, when he says that:

कुजात् तृतीयतो भ्राता बुधात् षष्ठे च मातुलः ।

देवेज्यात् पञ्चमात् पुत्रो दाराः शुक्राच्च सप्तमे ॥ ३३।२३ ॥

kujāt ṭṛtīyato bhrātā budhāt ṣaṣṭhe ca mātulaḥ ।
devejyāt pañcamāt putro dārāḥ śukrācca saptame ॥33।23॥

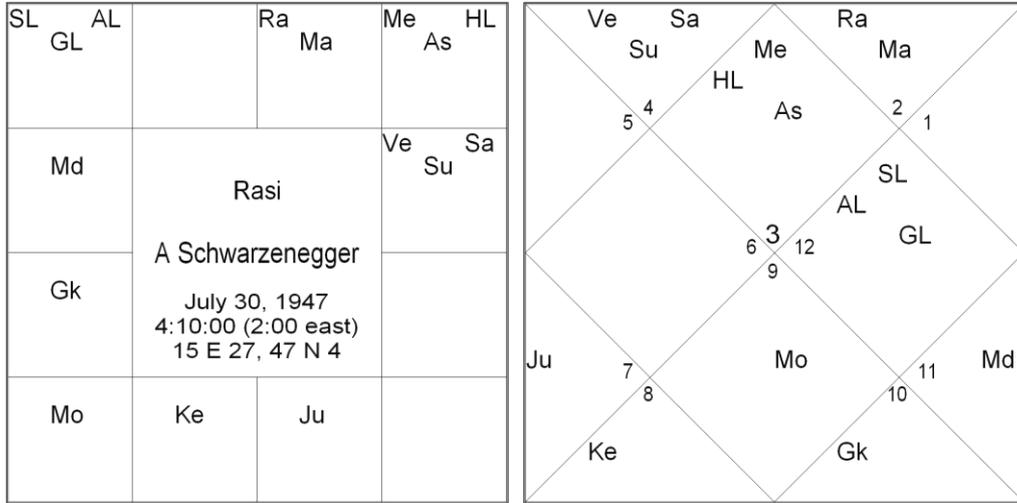
Meaning: One should analyze sibling from the 3rd bhāva from Mars and the 6th bhāva from Mercury should be analyzed for the maternal uncle. One should analyze son (progeny) from the 5th bhāva from Jupiter while 7th bhāva from Venus should be analyzed to know about spouse of the jāṭaka.

So is there any deeper reason that sage has granted kāraḱatwa of son (progeny) to Saturn? In my opinion the sage is indicating that the progeny can play two directly opposite roles for a jāṭaka, depending on other factors like strength of 5th bhāva, its lord, Jupiter and Saturn and their placement. If we look at mythology, some concepts can be clearer. There is a story that when Saturn was born, Sun the father went to see him. When Saturn opened his eyes to gaze at his father, Sun, the charioteer of Sun became lame, his horses became blind, and Sun got multiple spots/holes on his body. Thus when Saturn, as son, aspects Sun the father, he causes much pain for the father. On the other hand, Jupiter is one who protects those who seek his protection and, thus Jupiter representing the son will always try to protect and take care of his father. The later action being in line with Hindu dharma, it is Jupiter that is generally considered as the kāraḱa for son (progeny) and Saturn as son is only considered when it aspects Sun causing harm to, or arguments with, father to occur.

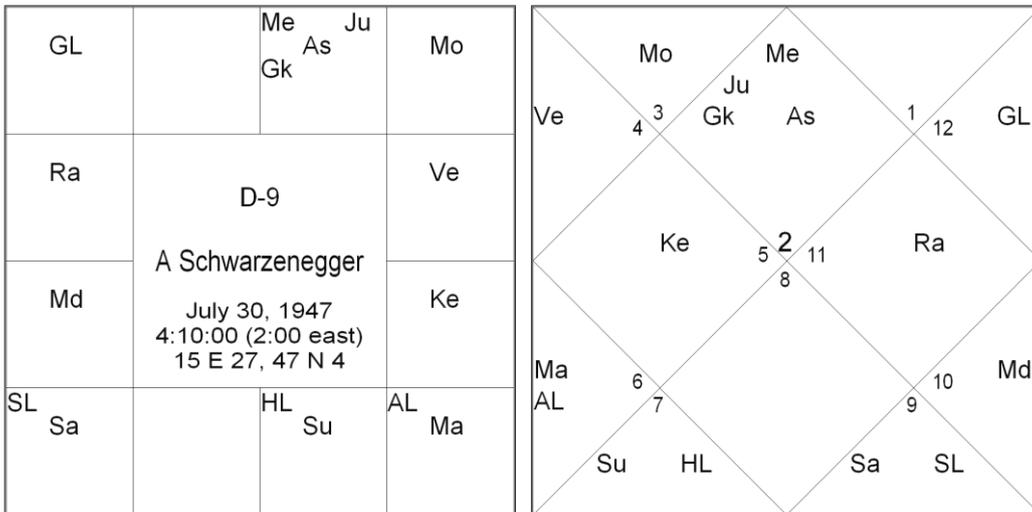
Thus we have the 5th bhāva, planet occupying the 5th bhāva, Saturn, and Jupiter as the kāraḱas for the 5th bhāva in different fields. This is besides the influence that will be yielded by the 5th lord through its strength or weakness. We also know that the 5th bhāva is the bhāva representing the intellect, acquired knowledge, higher form of education, progeny, logic and (when harmed) sentiments of the jāṭaka. So now let us look at how these kāraḱas played out in case of Arnold Schwarzenegger, our standard chart.

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We find that in Arnold's chart the 5th bhāva is occupied by Jupiter in Libra rāshi and occupies the lagna bhāva in the navāmsha chart giving strength to Jupiter due to its placement though it occupies rāshi of its enemy Venus. Jupiter being the karaka for progeny, too, it follows that he did have many children namely Katherine (b. 1989), Christina (b. 1991), Patrick (b. 1993), Christopher (b. 1997) from his wife Maria Shriver and Joseph Baena (b. 1997) from his employee Mildred Baena, though the last one was only known by the public at large in as late as 2011. We can see that Saturn the other Putrakāraka is blemished through occupation of its rāshi by Rāhu in navāmsha chart and Saturn does not receive any beneficial aspect plus it occupies the 2nd bhāva of family in rāshi of its enemy Moon and is within about 6 degrees of Sun causing its presence being hidden by Arnold himself.

However as Saturn does not aspect either Jupiter or Mercury (representing Arnold as lagna lord), Arnold did not disown Joseph, and accepted his paternity, besides looking after his well-

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being. Saturn and Sun, along with the lord of the 5th, Venus, do aspect rāshi of Saturn and that perhaps the reason Joseph was recognized as a son late as Saturn does have a tendency to delay things. House of Jupiter being occupied by Moon and aspected by hermaphrodite Mercury, gave him children of both sex in almost equal proportion, though Jupiter being a male planet he would only indicate male progeny. We also see that Jupiter as the planet occupying the 5th bhāva and thus also becoming a karaka for its other matters like acquired knowledge, higher education, emotions etc., did lead to Arnold benefitted most from his knowledge of developing his body through what he learnt in gymnasium rather than through his school or formal education.

Saturn as the other karaka for progeny, occupying the 2nd bhāva of family but with Sun perhaps indicated his being close to his progeny, though it is the discovery of his having a son out of his relations with his employee Mildred Baena, which led to disturbance in his family, finally leading to his separation from his wife Maria Shriver. We also see that Rāhu occupies the navāmsha of Saturn in his navāmsha chart and that perhaps led to the fact of his having a son out of wedlock being hidden for so long. It is interesting to see that during the period when Arnold admitted this fact, he was running Jupiter-Saturn Mahādashā -Antardashā period. The readers will also find that at this point of time transit Saturn was aspecting his 10th house which was, at that time occupying the 10th bhāva of reputation. Thus the role of Saturn and Jupiter as karakas for son but in different area and its effect can be seen in this chart, clearly.

In the next article, we shall look at the different kāraakas for the 6th bhāva and how they manifest, in our standard horoscope of Arnold.