

Shani (Saturn)

Shani is the servant in the planetary cabinet. He is possessed of Tamas guna (cruel and dark qualities) indicating that he is one who is one who can put in lots of labour and can also sometimes be lethargic.

Mythology tells us that Shani is son of Surya out of his second wife Chāyā (छाया) who was created out of shadow of Surya's first wife SaMgyā (संज्ञा), and pretended to be Surya's first wife SaMgyā (संज्ञा) at the insistence of SaMgyā (संज्ञा) herself. It is said that when Surya went to see Shani, his son, after his birth and as Shani opened his eyes to see his father, Surya got holes on his body (some say he became a leper and others claim he went into eclipse), his horses became blind and his charioteer AruNa (अरुण) became lame. This story beautifully illustrates the astrological principle that the aspect of Shani is generally malefic and that he and his father Surya do not see each other eye to eye.

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| Rasis owned by Shani | Makara (Capricorn) and Kumbha (Aquarius) |
| Exaltation Rāshi | Tulā (Libra) |
| Debilitation Rāshi | Mesha (Aries) |
| Deep Exaltation (Parmocchamsha) | 20° in Tulā |
| Deep debilitation (Paramaneechamsha) | 20° of Mesha |
| MoolatrikoNa Rāshi | Kumbha (Aquarius) from 0° to 20°, rest part of Kumbha (Aquarius) is treated as its own Rāshi |
| Season | Shishira (20 th January to 19 th March) |
| Taste | Kashāya (Pungent) |
| Metal | Iron |
| Colour | Black |
| Time frame | He rules over a period of one year |
| Rising | By hindquarters |
| Resides in | Anthills, some opine that he resides in dirty places |
| Gem | Neelama (Blue Sapphire) |
| Clothes | Multi coloured (Per Pārāshara), others opine that his clothes are torn. |
| Direction | Pashchima (West) |
| Nature | Tamas (Cruel/Dark) |
| Shape | Lean and sometimes lame |
| Animal | He rules over dogs. |
| Organ in Body | Tendons, nerves, nails. |
| Dig bala (Directional strength) | 7 th bhāva (West) |
| Nature | Ashubha (malefic), Shrewd, Deceitful, Deep thinker. |
| Humour | Vāta (Wind) |
| Hair | Rough and thick |
| Eyes | Deep set/sunken. He looks downwards. |
| Caste | Shudra (Servant class) |
| Height | Tall |
| Age | Old, about 50 years of age |
| Element | Vāyu (Air) |
| Deity | Brahmā |

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| Satellite of Shani | Gulika and Māndi (Parashara opines they are one and the same, while others think they are different. |
| Kālabala | He is strong in night |
| Cheshtā bala | He is strong in DakshiNāyana (Cancer to Capricorn). |
| Vakra bala | Gets strength when retrograde |
| Naisargika bala | Least strong, amongst the 7 grahas from Surya to Shani. |
| Trees and its parts | Trees that are deformed, those which are of no use, and thorny trees, roots. |
| Names of Shani | He is known as, Manda, Shanaishcara, Suryaputra, Sauri, Chāyāsunu, Yamāgraja, Pangu, Yama, Arkaja, KoNa and many other names. |
| Diseases | Diseases related to Vāta humour, arthritis, breathing diseases, tuberculosis, teeth, maleria, breakage of bones, enlarged spleen, insanity, bad odour of sweat, dumbness etc.. |

Shani rules over, sorrow, root crops, material under the surface of the earth like oils, minerals (especially of black colour), with physical exertion, through service to others as well as taking service from others (having many servants), through evil or lowly persons, coarse grains, dubious means, wood working, capacity to put in continuous efforts, insurance, petrochemicals, speculation. In modern days analyzing a large amount of data, work requiring patience, and hard work. Saturn would also indicate wireless applications.

Shani is kāraka for the 8th and the 12th bhāva and is called Ayushakāraka (indicator of life). Many astrologers also consider him to be the kāraka for the 6th house in addition to Mangal, and I tend to agree with them. It must be understood that occupation of 8th bhāva by Shani gives long life to the jātaka and the oft quoted principle of kāraka destroying the indications of bhāva for which it is the kāraka is not applicable here. It is also interesting to know that Shani has a role to play in renunciation and not Guru, as is commonly understood. Shani's aspect on the weak depositor of Chandra can make the jātaka a renunciate. Similarly if Chandra, un-aspected by any other graha, aspects Shani one can become renunciate. Again if Shani being alone in the 9th bhāva is bereft of aspect of any other graha the person is said to be capable of becoming a renunciate. Also, if a weak Chandra occupies the navāMsha of Shani one can become a renunciate. However Shani being in sambandha (connection) with Guru can give an inclination towards spirituality.

Saturn aspects the 3rd, the 7th, and the 10th bhāva from the bhāva in which he is stationed. His aspects on the 3rd and the 9th bhāvas are said to be good though they would cause some harm to siblings and father, respectively. Shani being a natural malefic, many consider his presence to be bad for the bhāva where he is posited. However while his aspect is malefic his presence makes him not harm the bhāva occupied, if not protect it. It is generally seen that Shani tends to protect the bhāva that he occupies.

Having understood the nature and kārakatwa of Shani, let us now find out how they worked out in case of our standard charts of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Adolph Hitler and Aurangzeb. We are using these three charts to maintain uniformity in interpretation. Please remember we are looking at Shani in isolation here but any chart interpretation should always be made on the basis of a holistic approach.

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Shani in the 2nd bhāva of family and being the lord of the 8th caused lack of family happiness for Arnold when young and recently caused his separation from his wife of 25 years. It is interesting that Shani being the kāraka for servants, it was his affair with his employee Mildred Baena who caused the break of marriage and unhappiness in his family and this break happened while he was running Guru Mahadasha and Shani Antardasha. Shani's aspect on the 4th bhāva of mother and motherland also caused lack of happiness for his mother and also his having moved away from his motherland. At the same time we find that being the lord of 9th bhāva the same Shani in the 2nd bhāva, that is also the bhāva of wealth, did give him much wealth, through much effort, Shani being the Kāraka for hard work and that he did begin participating in sports on account of influence of his father is well known, though the two were not much fond of each other. It is interesting to note that Shani rules over iron and the sport that brought much wealth and fame to Arnold and formed the basis of his future success is also called pumping the Iron.

Shani being the lord of 9th, which represents the jātaka's father, also was the cause of much unhappiness for Arnold as it aspects the 4th bhāva which is also the bhāva of happiness and its conjunction with the kāraka for father Surya, who is enemy of Shani, resulted in Arnold not having good relations with his father. The 4th bhāva also represents heart and Surya is kāraka for heart. Thus it is not surprising the Arnold has had heart related health issue with Saturn aspecting the 4th bhāva and Surya, Shani and Shukra aspecting the 8th bhāva giving him bicuspid heart valve condition. Surya and Shani aspecting the 8th bhāva of unexpected events and constitution, inherited from forefathers, can some time cause unexpected accidents and we know that Arnold did break his 6 ribs in a motorcycle accident. He is also said to have broken his right femur bone while skiing in Sun Valley Idaho. At the same time Shani being kāraka for life (Ayush kāraka) its placement in the 8th bhāva of navāMsha chart does seem to have given him long life, despite his many health problems. This is line with the dictum that Shani in 8th bhāva tends to give long life as he protects the bhāva he occupies.

In this chart we can see the effect of Māndi who is called son of Shani and is said to cause slow deterioration in the effects of bhāva occupied. Occupying 9th (Dharma) bhāva owned by Shani, who is placed in the 2nd bhāva of family, it led to slow erosion of Arnold's dharma and caused family problems to him. Gulika who is also another son of Shani being placed in the 8th bhāva indicates slow erosion in health of Arnold, in future. This is likely as he has admitted to use of performance enhancing drugs (that is anabolic steroids) that generally lead to harm to bones over a period of time.

We also observe that Shani is aspecting the 11th bhāva of elder brother, in Arnold's chart and his relations with his elder brother Meinhardt were strained to the extent that Arnold even did not attend his funeral at Meinhardt's death, in an accident.

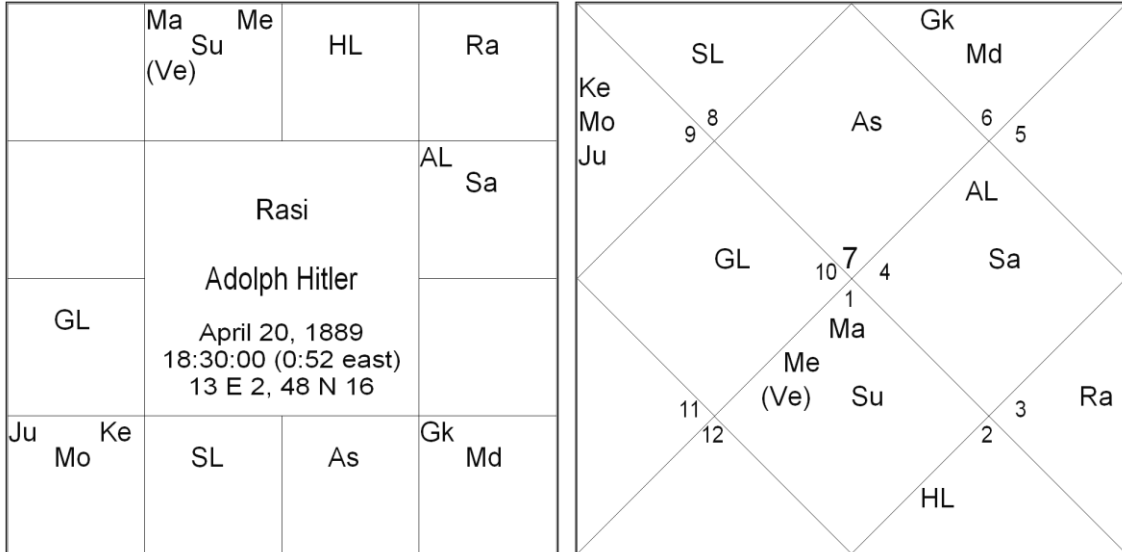
Adolph Hitler

We shall now try to look at the role of Shani in Adolph Hitler's chart, the second of our standard charts. We see that in the Rāshi chart Shani occupies the 10th bhāva in Karka (Cancer) rāshi and is the lord of the 4th and the 5th bhāva thus Shani, by virtue of being Kendrakonādhpati, becomes yoga kāraka for the chart. In navāMsha chart Shani occupies Makara (Capricorn) navāMsha in the 3rd bhāva and is conjunct Gulika.

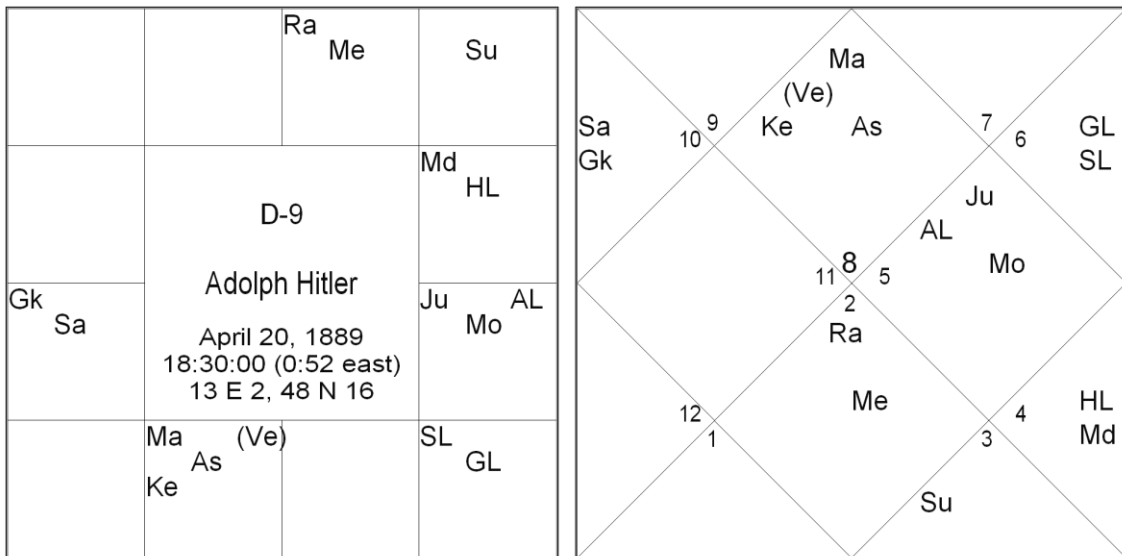
So what we see here is a powerful Shani in the bhāva indicating its own rāshi in natural zodiac, which is the strongest of the kendras, causing a very powerful raj yoga by virtue of a

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Trikona (trine) and Kendra (square) lord occupying another Kendra. The 10th bhāva is also called the Rajya (kingdom) bhāva, and Shani's position (in strength) here makes it apparent that it is the powerful Shani representing the lowly and common people who would help this jātaka achieve power in a kingdom if he is so inclined. We know from history that this is precisely what happened in case of Adolph Hitler.



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| As: 4 Li 22 | Su: 8 Ar 30 (PK) | Mo: 14 Sg 37 (PiK) | Ma: 24 Ar 04 (AmK) |
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We observe that Shani is aspecting the 12th, the 4th and the 7th bhāva and this would naturally cause some problems in those areas. The 4th bhāva represents happiness, mother, motherland, house, vehicles, education at a qualifying level, and so on. The 7th bhāva represents spouse, associates, business, short travels etc., while the 12th bhāva represents bed-pleasures, distant lands, expenditure etc. In such condition a person is usually frustrated in his motherland and can only achieve his fame and fortune in distant lands. We do know that Hitler was born in

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| As: 6 Aq 39 | Su: 22 Li 19 (AmK) | Mo: 3 Ta 27 (DK) | Ma: 16 Le 19 (PiK) |
| Me (R): 25 Li 09 (AK) | Ju: 9 Aq 30 (PK) | Ve: 5 Sg 45 (GK) | Sa (R): 18 Ta 03 (MK) |
| Ra: 8 Cp 33 (BK) | Ke: 8 Cn 33 | HL: 0 Ge 18 | GL: 27 Ar 43 |

We observe that in Aurangjeb's chart, Shani is the Lagna lord and the 12th lord. He occupies the 4th bhāva in Vrishabha rāshi of his friend Venus, while Mandi occupies Makara rāshi owned by Shani, in Rāshi chart. In navāMsha chart we find Shani placed in the 8th bhāva in Mithuna (Gemini) navāMsha. We find that in both the Rashi and navāMsha charts, Shani occupies the Rāshi and navāMsha owned by his friends, Shukra and Budha, respectively. Thus barring the presence of Mandi in rāshi of Shani, and affliction by Rahu occupying its rashi, not much harm is there to Shani in the chart. This is on account of the fact that Rahu tends to give results of Shani. There are other implications of Rahu in the 12th, but we shall deal with it when we look at effects of Rahu on the three standard charts, in next article, that will appear on the site in due course.

Similar to Arnold's enjoyment of long life, despite congenital heart condition and use of steroids, on account of placement of Shani in the 8th bhāva in navāMsha chart, Aurangjeb, too enjoyed a long life and died at a ripe old age of 89 in 1707 A.D. In Aurangjeb's chart we observe that in the Rāshi chart Shani occupies the 4th bhāva of mother/motherland/ properties and happiness and aspects the 6th bhāva of enemies and relatives in general, the 10th bhāva of Karma/Rajya/Mana or work/ kingdom/ honour and the lagna bhāva indicating the body and personality in general. In rāshi chart Shani aspects Guru, the 11th and 2nd bhāva lord, occupying the lagna bhāva. Let us see how this worked out in Aurangjeb's chart.

As befits Shani aspecting the lagna Aurangjeb appears to be a tall man with aquiline features, gall and with a slight stoop. His eyes do seem deep set/ sunken as befits Shani's aspect on the lagna. He was also austere in his tastes and refused to wear the silken robes of the emperors.

We know that a malefic placed in the 4th bhāva will cause some problems in that area and coupled with this the Shani's nature of protecting the bhāva occupied, led to Aurangjeb's empire being in-tact but most of his life was spent in trying to protect it through umpteen number of wars. Shani being 12th lord of distant lands and Lagna lord indicating self, aspecting the 10th the house of recognition and honour led to Aurangjeb getting his fame when he was sent to distant Deccan (southern) provinces to quell rebellion there. Earlier too he was sent to Balkh and Badakhshan (in modern Afghanistan and Tajikistan) as a Governor.

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Even after acquiring the throne, he was tirelessly fighting wars travelling all over Deccan to establish the Mogul rule. He also died in distant Deccan at Ahmednagar in present day state of Maharashtra and his final resting place is in Khultabad in Deccan.

Shani is also the servant in planetary cabinet and his aspect on the 10th also made him a tireless worker and he even used to write the Holy Quran by hand, made caps by hands and used to sell them to defray his own expenses. Some say that he even used to darn his own clothes, should they need darning.

Shani's aspect on the 6th bhāva of enemies, relatives, disease and litigation also resulted in his never being on good terms with his relatives and this coupled to his aspect on Guru the lord of the 2nd bhāva resulted in his putting many of them to death.

Shani aspects Guru though Guru does not aspect either Shani or its rāshis. Therefore Aurangzeb did turn to spiritualism and was disciple of Sufi saints. Aurangzeb followed the Naqshbandi-Mujaddidi method of Sufism. He was a direct disciple of Khwaja Muhammad Masoom, the third son and successor of the founder of Mujaddidi order, Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi. His letters to his sheikh and the replies from him show that he was highly devoted to him and followed him in every matter of his life and rule. However though Sufism is all enclosing, such was not Aurangzeb's vision of religion due to the factors already explained when we looked role of Surya in Aurangzeb's chart.

Thus we come to the end of our analysis of role of Shani in our three standard horoscopes. In line with our practice, so far we shall now recite his stotra and Gayatri mantra.

नीलाञ्जन समाभासं सुर्यपुत्रं यमाग्रजम् ।

छायामार्तण्डसंभूतं तं नमामि शनैश्चरम् ॥

nīlāñjana samābhāsaṁ suryaputraṁ yamāgrajam ।

chāyā mārtanḍa sambhūtaṁ taṁ namāmi śanaishcaraṁ ॥

Oh son of Surya and the brother of Yama (The lord of death), born to Chaya and Surya, and who appears like the blue kohl I salute you oh Shanaishcara (the slow walker).

ॐ काकध्वजाय विद्महे । खड्गहस्ताय धीमही । तन्नो मन्दः प्रचोदयात् ॥

om kākadhvajāya vidmahe । khaṅgahastāya dhīmahī । tanno mandaḥ pracodayāt ।

Oh Shani we understand you as the one whose flag is adorned by the figure of a Crow, and who holds the Khadaga (a type of broad sword), may you grant us prosperity

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