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Abstract:

In this article, we will try to identify the role of 6th and 8th house in one's horoscope in influencing the disease he gets in his lifetime. Everyone knows that 6th house as per Indian astrologers, represents the 'Roham' means any disease and 8th house represents "Chronical Disease" or "Long period Disease or incurable disease". 6th House – Runa, Roha Satru sthanam, this house represents the debts, diseases, enemies etc., one will face during his lifetime. On these, we are concerned about diseases. The diseases with which one gets affected in his life journey is determined by

- 6th house,
- the rasi characteristics of the 6th house,
- the planets posited in 6th house,
- lord of the 6th house,
- planets aspecting 6th house,
- the dasa or buddhi of the all the above relevant planets,
- current position of planets in the 6th house or aspecting 6th house,

All similar rules as above for 8th house may influence the growth of the disease further and also indicate the chronical disease and diseases affects the person for a long term.

To establish this, we will see the old texts and current books on medical astrology by various authors.

Key Words: Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Rahu, Ketu, House or Bhava, Ascendant or Lagna, Rasi, Mesham(Aries), Rishabam(Taurus), Mithunam(Gemini), Katakam(Cancer), Simham(Leo), Kanni (Virgo), Thulam (Libra), Vrichigam (Scorpio), Dhanushu (Sagittarius), Makaram (Capricorn), Kumbham (Aquarius), Meenam (Pisces), Dasa, Buddhi.

Introduction:

In astrology, medical astrology is getting more importance in these days, and I have observed that there are lot of discussion between astrologers and doctors on very critical or complicated cases in resolving the complications and curing the diseases. There are lot of books has come out under medial astrology in this decade. All this shows that medical astrology is getting momentum and acceptance from the mass that astrologers can contribute to predicting the disease or identifying the medical problems or help in identifying the suitable days to go for a surgery etc.,

In a horoscope, any lagna is connected to its 6th or 8th house by way of having lagna lord stars in 6th or 8th house or lagna lord himself lord of 6th house (in the case of Rishaba lagna & Vrichigam lagna) or 8th house (in the case of Mesha lagna & Thulam lagna). Else, 6th or 8th lord having its stars in the lagna. For example, Mithuna lagna lord Mercury having its star Jyeshtha in Vrichigam (6th house to Mithuna lagna), Simha lagna lord Sun having its star "Uthiradam" in the Makara rasi which 6th house to Simha rasi. For Kataka lagna, its 6th house lord Jupiter & 8th house lord Saturn having its stars in Kataka rasi. This link of 6th house & 8th house to lagna means that diseases are always part of one's life and it's bound to happen during one's life journey and cannot escape from that.

Analysis:

First let us see what the old text in astrology are saying about 6th and 8th house influence on disease. Slokas relevant to diseases from book JATHAGA ALANKARAM, by Keeranur Natarajan.

551. ஆறாகும் வீட்டிபன் லக்கினத்தா திபனும்
அணிகதிரோ னுடன்கூடில் சுரகண்ட மாறும்
பேறாய்திந் துடன்கூடில் சலகண்டம்! குசன்பால்
பெருமையுடன் கூடில்ஆ யுதிஇரண கண்டம்!

The above sloka says that conjunction of Lagna lord, 6th lord & Sun gives life threat due to high fever, Moon conjuncts with lagna lord & 6th lord gives threat to life due to water, Mars conjuncts with lagna lord & 6th lord life threat due to weapons. For example, I have given the chart position for the above rule.

Jupiter Venus Sun				Jupiter Venus Moon			
	RASI CHART				RASI CHART		
		Asc				Asc	

554. பெருமைசெறி ஆறாகும் அதிபனோடு
பெரும்பாவர் கூடிக்கி னத்திற் கெட்டில்
அருமையுடன் உறில்சித்தப் பிரமை கொண்டு
அங்கத்தி னும்இரணம் ஆகும் பின்னும்
உரிமையுள்ள வர்அவர்தா னங்கள் எட்டில்
உற்றிடிஇந் நோயென்றே உரைக்க வேண்டும்
இருமைசெறி தந்தைதாய் பிராதா மைந்தர்
இவர்க்குமனை வியர்தமக்கு மெனச்சொல் வாழ்

When 6th lord conjuncts with any malefic planets in the 8th house, then the person will have psychological problems. Also, will have wounds in the body. When this conjunction happens in any rasi, which 8th house to a bhava, then the relations represented by that bhava will have these ill effects.

320. குட்ட மாம்கருங் கோளும்சென் மாதியும்
கிட்டி லக்கினம் ஏழுறக் கேடிலா
எட்டி னில்சனி எய்தமுன் சொன்னநோய்
மட்டில் லாமல் வருமென் றுரைக்குமால்!

When Lagna lord, Saturn & Rahu conjuncts in 6th or 8th house, then the person will have a kind of Leprosy in his legs.

821. மாலாய் அரசன் பாவருடன்
மருவி இரண்டாறு எட்டில்உறச்
சால அவரை லக்கினத்தைச்
சாவர் நோக்கில் சயரோகம்!
சீல முடனே தேய்ந்தபிறை
சலரா சியில்பா வரைக்கூடி
காலார் எட்டில் ஒன்றில்உறக்
சயரோ கங்கள் காட்டிடுமே!

When Jupiter along with malefic planets posited in 2, 6, 8th house and malefic aspect that Jupiter and Lagna, then person will be affected by TB. When Moon conjuncts with malefic in Katakam, Vrichigam or Meenam, and that house is being 6th or 8th house then the person will be affected by TB and suffer.

823. நோயும் ஆறெட் டாதிபனும்
நுவலும் கருங்கோள் உடன்கூடிப்
போயும் இரண்டாம் இடத்திருக்கப்
புகல்சன் மத்தில் குசனிருக்க
ஆயும் பாவர் சன்மத்தை
அடர்ந்து நோக்கக் குருமுளைத்துச்
சேயும் வாதைப் படுமென்று
சொன்னார் செகத்தில் தெரிந்தோரே!

When 6th and 8th house lords along with Rahu posited in 2nd house and Mars posited in Ascendant and malefic aspects ascendant then the person will be affected by boils in the body and suffer.

824. தெரிந்து காரியும் தேய்பிறை பாவரோடு
இருந்து லக்கினத் தெய்தஆ றாதிபன்
பொருந்தி ரண்டாம் இடத்தினில் புக்கிட
வருந்தி டக்குன்ம ரோகமும் வந்திடும்!

When Saturn and Moon (Krishna-paksha) along with malefic posited in ascendant and 6th lord posited in 2nd house, the person will be affected by a kind of stomach-ache and suffer.

329. உரைபகரும் கருங்கண்ணாய்! கருநாகம் தானும்
உறைவீட்டா திபதிஆ றாகும்அதி பனுடன்
பெருமையுடன் இவ்மூவர் தாமும் கூ டிலோ
பேசியரெண் டாம்அதிபன் மகாதியை நடப்பின்
மருவியவர் தான்புசிக்கும் அந்தநாள் தன்னில்
வலியதந்த ரோகமே வருமெனவும் பகர்வர்!
பரிவுடனே புதன்கூடில் ரோகசர் ரனுமாய்
பரிந்துநல்லோர் விழிநோக்கப் பரிகார மாமே!

When Rahu and 6th lord posited in a rasi along with its lord, the buddhi period of any of the above planets under the dasa period of 2nd lord, the person will get dental problems and suffer with toothache. Slokas relevant to diseases from the book SARVARTHA CHINTHAMANI, by S Devasenapathy.

தவனெனும் ஆறாம் வீட்டான்
குருமாய் உதயம் சார
பவமெனும் எட்டில் சார
விரணமே பலிக்கும் என்க!
அவமெனும் ஐந்தாம் வீட்டான்
ஆறிலே ஆறோ னோடே
தவமெனக் கூடில் சத்தி
குன்மமே பலிக்கும் மிஞ்சு!

When 6th lord is a malefic and he posited in ascendant or 8th house, then the person will have boils and wounds in his body and suffer due to that.

பலிப்பது ஏழாம் தானம்
பானுவாய் இலக்கி னேசன்
மெலிந்து அட்டமத்தில் நிற்க
வியத்தோனும் ஆறில் சேர
சொலித்திடும் சோரி செய்த
மருந்தினால் சுட்க மாகிக்
கலித்திடும் சத்தி குன்மம்
காளையும் அதனில் மாய்வன்.

When Sun posited in 7th house, weakened lagna lord posited in 8th house and 12th lord posited in 6th house, then the person will get weakness due to medicine allergy and may suffer death due to this.

மாய்ந்திடும் மதியும் ஐந்தாம்
தானனும் ஆறில் வாழ
ஆய்ந்தெழும் இராகு கேது
இலக்கமாய் அமைய குட்டம்!
ஈந்திடும் இலக்கி னாதி
நாலில்சத் துருவோ டெய்த
பாய்ந்தபாம் புதயம் ஆறான்
பார்த்திடில் சோகை யத்தி.

When Moon and 5th lord posited in 6th house along with Rahu or Ketu, the person will be affected by Leprosy. When lagna lord posited in 4th house along with enemy planet and Rahu or Ketu posited in ascendant and 6th lord aspects such Rahu or Ketu, then the person will suffer due to Anemia.

அத்திய புதனும் ஆறில்
அரவுடன் கூட மந்தன்
சத்தியாய்க் கூடப் பார்க்க
சத்தத்தில் இரவி நின்று

வைத்தலக் கினத்தைப் பார்க்க
வாதகூ லையினால் மேனி
வத்தியே முடமாய்ப் பாவி
இரங்கிட இறப்பான் மின்னே.

When Mercury and Rahu or Ketu posited in 6th house and Saturn conjuncts or aspects 6th house and Sun posited in 7th house and aspects ascendant, then the person will get weakened body due to muscular pain and may get disability and death.

ரோகமாம் தானம் மந்தன்
சேயுறப் பானும் பார்க்க
ஆகியே பாம்பு நோக்க
இலக்கினன் நீச னாக
ஏகியே பலமில் லானேல்
இருந்திடும் அளவும் பொல்லா
வேகமாய் நோயுண் டாகி
மிடியனாய் மரிப்பன் தானே.

When Saturn and Mars posited in 6th house and Sun or Rahu or Ketu aspects this Saturn and Mars conjunction and lagna lord is debilitated then the person will suffer from incurable disease during life until his death.

மிடியெனும் ஆறாம் தானம்
 மந்தனும் மாந்தி மேவப்
 படியுறும் பார்ப்பும் பானும்
 சேயதைப் பார்க்க நல்லோர்
 உடனதைப் பார்த்தி டாரேல்
 சயரோக மாகும் மேனி
 கடனுற திரிந்து காலன்
 கைவசம் இந்தாய்த் தேய்வான்.

When Saturn and Mandi is posited in 6th house and Rahu/Ketu, Mars & Sun aspects this Saturn and Mandi conjunction, then the person will suffer from TB diseases.

இந்துவும் ரோகத் தானும்
 சலத்துறச் சலத்தான் பார்க்க
 முந்திய ரோகந் தானும்
 மூத்திர கிரிசன் மாகும்!
 பந்தமா மதியும் ஆறில்
 மந்தன்கேந் திரமாய்ப் பாவர்
 பிந்தியே வியத்தில் பாவர்
 பற்றிப் பேசத் தானே.

6th lord and Moon conjuncts in a Jala rasi (Katakam-Cancer, Vrichigam-Scorpio, Meenam-Pisces), the person may get Kidney problems. Moon in 6th house, Saturn posited in Kendra house to 6th house, 12th house occupied by malefic, then the person will suffer from Sinus disease. Now, let us see some of the views of Tirupur S Gopalakrishnan(GK), the present day astrologer, from his book Medical astrology.

- He says that though there is a saying that "Trekkanam Devaroopam", the drekkana calculations didn't help much in Medical Astrology.
- A rasi is getting connected with all the 12 Rasi's through D-12 chart, makes it possible to indicate the diseases caused by all the 12 Rasi's. D-12 chart is prepared by splitting each rasi into 12 parts with 2.5 degrees each. So, a planet placed in the first 2.5 degrees will be placed in the same rasi and a planet placed between 2.5 to 5 degrees will be placed in the next rasi and so on. For example, a planet posited in 12.45 degrees of Sagittarius (Dhanusu), will be placed in the 6th rasi from Sagittarius (Dhanusu) i.e Taurus (Rishabam) in D-12 chart. Though this planet is posited in Sagittarius (Dhanusu) in D1, this planet can indicate the disease character and impacts of Taurus (Rishabam). Similarly, a planet posited in 8th part of the Sagittarius (Dhanusu) i.e between 18.5 to 20 degrees will be placed in Cancer (Katakam) in D-12 chart and may indicate a disease related to heart like Palpitation.

In another example, in the horoscope of a child having impacts on brain and eyes, the Aquarius Ascendant (Kumbha lagnam), 6th lord is Moon in posited in 4 degrees of Aries (Mesham), which means the Moon in D-12 chart will be in Taurus (Rishabam). This indicates the impacts of endocrine glands in head and Eyes.

- He classifies diseases into two types, one impacts the body alone and the other impacts the body and life. Diseases impacted by Moon alone impacts it bodily whereas Ascendant (Lagna) or Ascendantlord (Lagna lord) impacts body as well as gives life threat. Further he says that based on Bhavathbava concept, the 6th and 8th house lord from the house where Dasa lord is posited, weakens the Dasa lord and influence the Dasa lord in creating diseases related to that Dasa lord. Similarly, the 6th 8th house lords from the house where Buddhi lord is posited, weakens the Buddhi lord and influences the buddhi lord in creating diseases related to that Buddhi lord.
- He has stated the importance of 6th Bhava, 6th Lord, position of 6th lord, planets posited in 6th Bhava, star lord of 6th lord, planets aspecting 6th bhava, exchange of house by 6th lord. They are as given below.
 - 6th bhava / 6th lord –This will help in identifying what type of diseases, which body part gets impacted, aspects causing the diseases.
 - Position of 6th lord – This will indicate the root-cause of disease, characteristics of diseases, whether the disease can be controlled.
 - Start lord of the 6th lord posited – This will help in identifying the timing of disease, how it is going to cause pain for a person, how the inner body parts affected etc.,
 - Planets posited in 6th bhava – Multiple diseases caused by a simple planet, temporary diseases caused by planets transition, how vigorous the diseases is.
 - Star lord of 6th cusp – The star lord of the 6th cusp point and the rasi it is in will help to determine the timing of diseases.
 - Planets aspecting 6th bhava –This will help us in identifying factors inducing the diseases, kind of medical treatment considered by the person, how it spreads to other body parts.
 - Exchange of house by 6th lord – One disease change into a different disease, change in type of treatment take.

- 6th lord in retrograde position – This may indicate the situation of disease not getting cured or disease cured suddenly erupts again or getting vigorous.
- Now we will see how some of the diseases are caused with reference to an individual's birth chart. He has stated that we need to identify the Rasi / Zodiac, Bhava & Karaka Planet related to a disease first and then combination of these factors along with link to 6th or 8th lord or bhava in one's birth chart will clearly indicate whether that person might get affected by that disease. Given below are the factors related to a disease for some of the known diseases.
 - Ear Problems: -
Rasi/Zodiac – Rasi (air thathuvam), Mithunam (Gemini), Thulam (Libra) & Kumbham (Aquarius)
Bhava's – 3 & 11
Karaka Planets – Jupiter & Ketu
 - Nose related problems or diseases: -
Rasi / Zodiac – Rishabam (Taurus)
Bhava – 2 & 3
Karaka Planets – Mercury, Venus & Ketu
 - Speech: -
Rasi / Zodiac – Rishabam (Taurus), Mithunam (Gemini)
Bhava – 2
Karaka Planets – Mercury and Venus
 - Dump: -
Rasi / Zodiac – All Rasi's
Bhava – 2 & 7
Karaka Planets – Moon (Speech) & Mercury (Tung)
 - Thyroid Disease: -
Rasi / Zodiac – Rishabam (Taurus), Vrichigam (Scorpio) & impacted water rasi's
Bhava – 2 & 8
Karaka Planet – Moon and Venus
 - Ulcer: -
Rasi / Zodiac – Simha (Leo) and Kanni (Virgo)
Bhava – 5 & 6
Karaka Planets – Moon, Saturn, Rahu/Ketu
 - Liver Problems: -
Rasi / Zodiac – Kanni (Virgo) & Makaram (Capricorn)
Bhava – 5 & 6
Karaka Planets – Jupiter
 - Blood Sugar: -
Rasi / Zodiac – All Rasi's
Bhava – 5, 8 & 12
Karaka Planets – Jupiter, Venus & Saturn
 - Uterus problems: -
Rasi / Zodiac – Vrichigam (Scorpio), and other Water Rasi's (Meenam – Pisces & Katakam - Cancer)
Bhava – 7 & 8
Karaka Planets – Moon & Venus, Saturn and Rahu also impacts this karaka.

Conclusion:

All the above indicates us that there are several links exists between one's birth chart and the diseases he gets affected during his lifetime. So, knowing these will help us in undertaking precautionary steps in our life to avoid major impacts from the diseases and one's wellbeing.

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