

## PLANETARY COMBINATION FOR BLISSFUL

## MARRIAGE LIFE - ASHTAKA VARGA

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**Abstract:**

Ashtaka Varga is a beautiful and powerful tool to analyze a natal chart or a prasna chart. Maharshi Parasara has formulated this Sasthra branch. Once Maithreya, one among the favourite disciples of Maharshi Parasara requested the saint to describe a method to the people of Kaliyuga, whose mind (budhi – intelligence) have become blunt because of their sinful deeds, which would enable them to ascertain their reasons for happiness and sorrows and also determine their longevity on basing the transit (Gochara) planetary position. (Ref. BPHS Chapter 66, Verse 3 and 4). For this, the Maharshi said to his disciple to listen carefully that he shall explain a system where there will be no contradictions in judging the effects of happiness and sorrows and how to determine longevity. (Ref. BPHS Chapter 66, Verse 5 and 6) From Verse 7 onwards, Maharshi Parasara explains how to cast Ashtaka Varga.

**Key Words:** Ashtaka Varga – Brihat Parasara Hora Sasthra (BPHS) – Maharshi Parasara – Maithreya – Varaha Mihir Acharya – Brihat Jathaka – Kayana Varma – Saaraavali – Prasna Marga – Manthreswara – Phala Deepika – Bhinna Ashtaka Varga (BAV) – Sarva Ashtaka Varga (SAV) – Gochara (transit)

**Introduction:**

Ashtaka Varga is a group of eight elements. It is a combination of good and bad positions of a planet with reference to the seven planets (from Surya to Sani) and Lagna. While Maharshi Parasara marks the benefic and malefic places in the chart, Varaha Mihir Acharya (Brihat Jathaka) and Manthreswara (Phaladeepika) marks only the benefic places.

**Benefits and Applications Rules:**

Ashtaka Varga can be applied for analyzing the following:

- Predicting the general strength of planets and houses
- Anticipating important events in life
- Timing of important events
- Forecast Dasa phalas
- Overall life reading
- Day-today power of horoscope and results
- Marking the evolution of achievements in life
- Comparison with prasna chart
- Transit results

The twelve bhavas are judged from Lagna and Chandra in relation to placement of planets from Surya to Sani. In Ashtaka Varga it is considered that planets cast their power to some specific bhavas and some other specific bhavas fail to receive such a power cast. Whichever bhavas received auspicious power, a mark or small line called rekha (-) is given and whichever bhavas do not receive the power, a dot (.) is marked. Varahamihir acharya in his Brihat Jathaka Chapter 9 on Ashtaka Varga has put the technique of casting power rekhas (lines) between seven planets (Surya, Chandra, Kuja, Budha, Guru, Sukra and Sani and Lagna, by way of seven verses. Here Surya and other six planets together with Lagna will cast their auspicious power to specific bhavas. Those bhavas where no power is cast, remain powerless and inauspicious.

The individual Ashtaka Vargas from Surya to Sani and Lagna are known as 'Bhinnashtaka Varga' (BAV). After casting all BAVs, sum of Mesha rasi in all seven BAVs (excluding Lagna BAV), are taken and noted in another chart in Mesha column. Likewise, from Rishabha to Meena are summed and cast in each rasi from Rishabha to Meena respectively. This consolidated Ashtaka Varga chart is known as 'Sarva Ashtaka Varga' or 'Samudaya Ashtaka Varga' (SAV). After casting each BAV, total of each rasi from Mesha to Meena in each BAV is noted. In a properly prepared set of BAVs, Surya Ashtaka Varga will have 48 rekhas, Chandra Ashtaka Varga will have 49 rekhas, Kuja Ashtaka Varga will have 39 rekhas, Budha Ashtaka Varga will have 54 rekhas, Guru Ashtaka Varga will have 56 rekhas, Sukra Ashtaka Varga will have 52 rekhas and Sani Ashtaka Varga will have 39 rekhas. The total of Sarva Ashtaka Varga will be the sum total of BAVs of Surya to Sani i.e., 337 rekhas.

Planets in transit (Gochara) gives their result to a native. If the bhava where planet transits is auspicious or rich with more rekhas, it gives favourable results and in others it gives less or negative results. If these auspicious bhavas are Upachaya (3, 6, 10 and 11 bhavas), house of exalt of the planet, planet's friendly house or own house, the favourable result may be total. On the contrary, if they are Anupachaya bhavas (other than Upachaya), enemy house or house of debilitation, the result may be unfavourable. In a BAV, the maximum points in a rasi may be 8 and minimum may be 0. In a rasi, 4 rekhas may be treated as average. A planet transiting a rasi with 4 rekhas may give average results and when it transits through rasis with 5, 6, 7 or 8, it gives more and more benefic results as the case may be. When the planet transits through rasis with 3, 2, 1 or 0, it gives more and more negative results.

Kalyana Varma in 'Saaravali' Chapter 54, explains on the results given by each planet from Surya to Sani when they transit through rasis with 8 to 0 points.

**Verse 3 on Surya BAV says:**

- Prosperity, gain from rulers
- Good personality, happiness, wellness
- Respectfulness
- Financial gain
- Average of good and bad results
- Hardships due to travel/wandering
- Evil doing
- Fear of diseases
- Death

Every planet has its own 'naisargika karakathwa' like Surya for father, Chandra – mother, Kuja – younger siblings, Budha – uncle/knowledge, Guru – progeny, Sukra – spouse/partner and Sani – hardships/death. So, from Surya BAV, we can know about father, from Chandra BAV about mother and so on. For e.g., Surya is 'pithru karaka' and in the natal chart count the 9<sup>th</sup> house where Surya is posited and that house will speak about father.

**Verse 4 on Chandra BAV says:**

- Gain of prosperity, enjoyment, friendships
- Gain of dress materials, food and beverages, perfumes
- Gain of auspicious 'manthras'
- Courage and happiness
- Average of good and bad results
- Enmity with relatives
- Quarrel with spouse, financial crunch
- Uncontrollable disaster
- Loss, anxiety, death

**Verse 5 on Kuja BAV says:**

- Gain of wealth, land and victory over enemies
- Gain of wealth through siblings
- Recognition/award by rulers
- Gain of good virtues
- Average of wellness and misfortunes
- Separation from siblings or spouse
- Quarrel with spouse
- Discomfort due to wounds, fire, fever
- Distress due to diseases in head, stomach, eyes or death

**Verse 6 on Budha BAV says:**

- Respect from rulers
- Gain of knowledge, wealth and happiness
- Success in endeavours
- Gain of new relationship
- Lack of cheerfulness or be lazy
- Mental stress
- Sickness due to imbalance of 'Kapha', 'Pitha' or 'Vaatha'
- Forceful confinement
- Utter loss or death

**Verse 7 on Guru BAV says:**

- Kingly wealth and prosperity
- Gain of all kinds of happiness
- Gain of dress materials, gold, vehicles etc.
- Professional gains and destruction of enemies

- Balanced state of gains and losses
- Complaints to ear or complaint of virility
- Wrath of rulers
- Loss of wealth and loss of relatives
- Loss of knowledge, wealth, children

**Verse 8 on Sukra BAV says:**

- Gain of all amenities, dress materials, flowers, food and beverages
- Gain of ornaments and precious stones
- Gain of spouse as per ambition
- Mingling with relatives
- Average of good and bad results
- Enmity with neighbours
- Loss of power, sickness
- Sickness due to excess 'kapha', fear of poison
- All kinds of misfortunes

**Verse 9 on Sani BAV says:**

- Rulership of a village or a vast area
- Gain of servants and transport facilities
- Respect from leaders of gangsters or tribal leaders
- Gain of wealth and grains
- State of no happiness no sorrows
- Destruction of happiness, spouse, servants
- Confinement, fear, diseases
- Lack of cleanliness
- Total loss of luck

Planets are in transit and when we consider their impact, we see in which bhava they are transiting from Chandra. For all the seven planets from Surya to Sani, they have some bhava where they like to give more favourable results. When planets transit through such bhavas, if that rasi holds 4 or more rekhas, they tend to give much favourable results. However, for every planet, just like their favourite bhavas, there are also quite unfavourable bhavas also known as 'vedha sthaana'. When a planet is transiting through a favourable rasi, there shall be no other planet(s) in the 'vedha sthaana'. If there are any other planet in the 'vedha sthaana', then the first mentioned planet will be helpless to give favourable results. From Lagna or Chandra, planets posited in 'Upachaya' rasis, own house, house of exalt, trines or friendly houses will yield positive results and planets posited in 'Anupachaya' rasis, house of debilitation or houses of enemies will yield negative results.

Surya	Favourable Rasis	3	6	10	11	-	-	-	-	-
	Vedha Sthaana	9	12	4	5	-	-	-	-	-
Chandra	Favourable Rasis	1	3	6	7	10	11	-	-	-
	Vedha Sthaana	5	9	12	2	4	8	-	-	-
Kuja	Favourable Rasis	3	6	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vedha Sthaana	12	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Budha	Favourable Rasis	2	4	6	8	10	11	-	-	-
	Vedha Sthaana	5	3	9	1	8	11	-	-	-
Guru	Favourable Rasis	2	5	7	9	11	-	-	-	-
	Vedha Sthaana	12	4	3	10	8	-	-	-	-
Sukra	Favourable Rasis	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	11	12
	Vedha Sthaana	3	7	1	10	9	5	11	3	6
Sani	Favourable Rasis	3	6	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vedha Sthaana	12	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-

While calculating transit results, if planets are posited in favourable rasis and there happens to be 5 or more rekhas, then there shall be added favourable results and on the contrary if they are posited in unfavourable rasis and there are 3 or less rekhas, there shall have more and more negative results. Presence of more rekhas alone need not bring in more favourable results. For that the planet also has to have strength. It means 'shad balas' (6 fold strength – Dik bala, Sthaana bala, Kaala bala, Cheshta bala, Nisarga bala and Drishti bala) are also very important. Planets placed in debilitation, combust, enemy rasi, 8<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> houses or with other weaknesses will have less or no result at all. 'Phaladeepika' by Rishi Manthreswara, (Chapter 23, Verse 25), says a benefic planet even if it is in exalt but if it is having lordship of either 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> the planet may give harm to the bhava. A malefic planet if it is in exalt and have lordship other than 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, will yield goodness to the bhava. Verse 11 says in a BAV, 4 rekhas in a rasi is average and when it increases to 5, 6, 7 or 8, it gives more and more good results and when it decreases to 3, 2, 1 or 0, it gives less and less good results. Planets posited in Upachaya rasis, in exalt, friendly sign or own sign will give favourable results and those in Apachaya rasis (other than Upachaya

rasis – 3, 6, 10, 11), in debilitation or enemy rasis may give negative results. 8 rekhas give full result, 6 gives  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 4 gives  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 2 gives  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Verse 12 says about the results of rekhas in a BAV. 0 – death, 1 – destruction, 2 – expenditure, 3 – fear, 4 – fearlessness, 5 – financial gain, 6 – gain of sexual happiness, 7 – prosperity and 8 – gain of authority. Verse 39 of Chapter 24 says, through Ashtaka Varga, all karma phalas can be accurately predicted without much difficulty where as application of other methods/systems are more complicated and intriguing. Verse 40 says, in a SAV, those rasis with 30 and above rekhas are considered auspicious, 25 to 30 is average and below 25 are inauspicious. Verse 41 says, in a SAV, if 11<sup>th</sup> house is with more rekhas than 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> is with less rekhas than 11<sup>th</sup> and Lagna is with more rekhas than 12<sup>th</sup> then the native shall be happy and wealthy. Verse 42 says, in Lagna to 12<sup>th</sup> bhavas, those with more auspiciousness will yield more benefits and those with more inauspiciousness will yield more losses. Verse 43 says, in any case it is not good to have more rekhas in 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> bhavas.

#### **Some Prediction rules with Ashtaka Varga as per 'Prasna Marga':**

Chapter 32 Verse 20 says when a planet transits in a rasi where no rekhas (0 rekhas) are marked, the period so long the planet remains in that rasi will not yield any benefic results, even if it is a benefic planet. If there are 7 rekhas in a rasi, the planet will give benefic results in that sections or portions of seven rekhas and will not give any benefic results in that blank section or portion of the concerned planet. A rasi is of 30 degrees and when we divide it with 8 (representing 8 vargas – from Surya to Sani together with Lagna), we get 3 degrees and 45 minutes for each varga. The owners of each varga is in the order of 1<sup>st</sup> – Sani, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Guru, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kuja, 4<sup>th</sup> – Surya, 5<sup>th</sup> – Sukra, 6<sup>th</sup> – Budha, 7<sup>th</sup> – Chandra and 8<sup>th</sup> – Lagna. Suppose in Surya's BAV, there are 7 rekhas excluding Guru's rekha in a rasi. Now when Surya transits that rasi, it will give benefic results in the first 3° 45', it will not give in the second 3° 45' because Guru's rekha is missing and from third 3° 45' onwards till the eighth 3° 45' (i.e., from 7° 30' to 30°) it will give benefic results to the native.

Verse 26 says, when Surya transits rasis with 4 or more rekhas, it is ideal to get married in that month. Moreover, taking up an activity or venturing for long distance travels or doing good deeds shall also be fruitful. Verse 27 says, worship of Lord Siva or serving the rulers may be good in that direction of rasi where Surya have more rekhas. (Directions are: Mesha, Simha, Dhanus – East, Rishabha, Kanya, Makara – South, Midhuna, Thula, Kumbha – West, Kataka, Vrischika, Meena – North.) Verse 28 says, in BAV of Surya, sum up 4 rasis from Surya posited rasi, then from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and finally from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. If a day time is divided in to 3 equal parts, the part with maximum rekhas will be more beneficial than the other two. Verse 29 says, In BAV of Chandra, wherever there are more than 4 points, those rasis are beneficial and any attempts or endeavours can be fruitfully started when Chandra transits in those rasis. Verse 30 says, it is good to worship Goddess Durga in the rasi direction where Chandra is having the highest points.

Verse 33 says, it is ideal to buy land or gold when Kuja transits a rasi with more rekhas in Kuja BAV. Verses 36 and 37 says, if Budha BAV's second rasi have no rekhas (0 rekhas), then the native may be dumb or inefficient to speak out his own needs and requirements. If 1 or 2 or 3 rekhas are seen, then he may have stuttering voice or his mind may be fickle. 4 rekhas will give him strength to speak on a subject after someone else have started talking. 5 or 6 rekhas will make him speak aptly. 7 rekhas makes him a poet or literate. 8 points makes him talk authoritatively and no one will question him. Verse 45 says, when starting education or starting a litigation or argument, it may be successful when Budha transits those rasis with more rekhas.

Verse 47 says, when Guru transits in those rasis with more rekhas in Guru's BAV, it is good to receive manthra 'upadesa' (advice), recite manthras, conduct poojas and yagas, learn vedas, acquire wealth and conduct all activities or homas for getting a worthy progeny. Verse 48 says, it is good to get married, acquire beds, pillows or cots, purchase dress materials and learn music when Sukra transits in those rasis with more rekhas in Sukra BAV. Verse 49 says, for taking servants it is good to do so when Sani transits in such rasis where more rekhas are in Sani BAV. Such servants could bring in gains from agricultural activities. Servants' quarters may be located in more rekha holding rasi direction. Building toilets or sheds for preserving wood logs for kitchen use etc. in such rasi directions are also good.

Chapter 32 Verse 60 says, in an SAV, if we add rekhas in Lagna, 2, 4, 9, 10 and 11 bhavas and the sum total of it exceeds 164 ('vithaaya' – a code word to denote 164 as well as gain of money), the native shall have excess of income over expenditure. If it is equal to 164, then both income and expenditure may be balancing and if the sum is less than 164, the native may have excess of expenditure over income. If the sum total of 6, 8 and 12 in SAV is less than 76 ('theertha' – code word to denote 76), then also the native shall have excess of income over expenditure and if it exceeds 76, then expenses may increase over income.

Verse 61 and 62 says, from Lagna to 12 bhavas, the minimum ideal rekhas in each bhava is given as Lagna – 25, 2 – 22, 3 – 29, 4 – 24, 5 – 25, 6 – 34, 7 – 19, 8 – 24, 9 – 29, 10 – 36, 11 – 54 and 12 – 16. For example, if in Lagna SAV is 25 or more, it gives the native a good physique, personality, status etc. and if it is less than 25, these qualities may be comparatively reduced. Verse 63 says if 4 and 2 bhava in SAV is



bereft of malefic planets' aspect and there are more than 24 and 22 rekhas respectively therein, then the native will inherit the assets earned by ancestors.

If 10 bhava is with more than 36 rekhas and is bereft of papa yoga or aspect, then the native shall earn himself and live happily. If 11 bhava is in such a way and have more than 54 rekhas, he will earn wealth without much efforts. Verse 66 says about 4 sections – Bandhuka, Sevaka, Poshaka and Khathaka.

- Bandhuka is the total of Lagna, 5 and 9 bhavas.
- Sevaka is the total of 2, 6 and 10 bhavas.
- Poshaka is the total of 3, 7 and 11 bhavas.
- Khathaka is the total of 4, 8 and 12 bhavas.

On comparison, if Bandhuka is more than Sevaka then the native shall have good relationship and benefits from relatives. If Sevaka is more than Bandhuka, Government favours, Government Service or equivalent may be gained. Similarly, if Poshaka is more than Khathaka, it makes the native rich and if Khathaka is more than Poshaka, the native may be financially poor. Verse 67 says that the sum total of Meena, Mesha, Rishabha and Mithuna rasis in SAV denotes the first part of lifetime, sum total of Kataka, Simha, Kanya and Thula rasis denotes the second part of lifetime and sum total of Vrischika, Dhanus, Makara and Kumbha rasis denotes the third or last part of life. For a native, whichever part gives the maximum points, that part of lifetime may give more comforts and happiness compared to the other two parts. The part whichever is having least points may suffer due to diseases or sorrows.

Verse 69 says that in a SAV, the sum total of Lagna, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 bhavas give 'Anthar Bhaaga'. The other 6 bhavas (2, 3, 6, 8, 11 and 12) together give 'Bahir Bhaaga'. If Anthar Bhaaga is more than Bahir Bhaaga, it bestows the native with mental happiness, knowledge, inclination to perform good deeds etc. If Bahir Bhaaga is more than Anthar Bhaaga, it gives mental grief, stress and head weight.

#### Some Other General Predictions/Phalas:

- If 11 house from the placement of any planet is having more than 5 points in that planet's BAV, it gives achievements and recognition.
- If the 11 house of the current Mahadasa Lord of a native has 5 or more points, it is good.
- In SAV, if 11 house has more points than 10 house, then the native shall have good return for the work or efforts put in by him/her.

While 11 house says about gains or fulfilment of desires, 8 house gives destruction, troubles and discomfort.

- In SAV, if 8 house is with more points than the Lagna house, the native will always be in troubles, financial crunch and similar problems.
- If 8 house from 10 (i.e., 5) is with more points than 10, the native shall have more troubles related to his profession/work or there may be instability.
- When 8 house from 4 (i.e., 11) has more points than the latter, the native shall have strained relationship with his/her parents and siblings and difficulty in having an own house.
- If 8 house from 7 (i.e., 2) has lesser points than 7, the native shall have a good family life.
- If 8 house from 5 (i.e., 12) is having more points than 5, the native may incur delay in getting a progeny or may be bereft of progeny depending on the strength of 12 house. However, if 11 house from 5 (i.e., 3) is having more points than 12, then the native shall have worthy children.

#### Example Horoscopes Taken for Marriage Compatibility Analysis:

##### Female Details:

Female Name :	FEMALE
Date of Birth :	26 November, 1971
Birth Time :	09.30 AM
Place of Birth :	Thrissur, Kerala
Latitude :	10°31' N
Longitude :	76°13' E
Nakshatra :	Chathayam (Sathabhisha) 3rd Pada
Week Day :	Friday (Vedic day - Friday)
Thithi :	Sukla Navami
Karana :	Balava
Nithya Yoga :	Gharshana
Gana :	Asura
Yoni :	Sthree (female)
Lagna Rasi :	Dhanus
Chandra Rasi :	Kumbha
Balance Dasa :	Rahu - 5y 7m 7d

### FEMALE CHART

		Sa(R) - 5	
Ma - 2 Mo - 2	26 Nov. 1971 09.30 AM <b>RASI CHART</b>	Ke - 7	
Ra - 1	76 E 13', 10 N 31' Thrissur, Kerala		
Asc Md - 12 Ve - 12 Me - 12	Ju - 11 Su - 11		

Sa(R) Ma	Ve Me	Ra	
Mo	<b>NAVAMSA CHART</b>		Md
Ju			
	Ke	Asc	Su

P.S. The number next to the planet name denoted the Bhaava where the planet is posited.

#### **Male Details:**

Male Name : MALE  
 Date of Birth : 17 November 1970  
 Birth Time : 01.30 AM  
 Place of Birth : Thrissur, Kerala  
 Latitude : 10°31' N  
 Longitude : 76°13' E  
 Nakshatra : Thiruvathira (Ardra) 3rd Pada  
 Week Day : Tuesday (Vedic day - Monday)  
 Thithi : Krishna Chathurthi  
 Karana : Balava  
 Nithya Yoga : Saadhya  
 Gana : Manushya  
 Yoni : Sthree (female)  
 Lagna Rasi : Simha  
 Chandra Rasi : Midhuna  
 Balance Dasa : Rahu - 7y 6m 20d

### MALE CHART

	Sa(R) - 9		Md - 10 Mo - 10
Ra - 6	17 Nov. 1970 01.30 AM <b>RASI CHART</b>		
	76 E 13', 10 N 31' Thrissur, Kerala	Ke - 12 Asc	
Me - 3 Su - 3	Ju - 2 Ve(R) - 2	Ma - 2	

	Ve	Ju Ke	
Mo	<b>NAVAMSA CHART</b>		Su
			Ma
	Sa Ra Md	Me	Asc

P.S. The number next to the planet name denoted the Bhaava where the planet is posited.

#### **Ashtka Varga Analysis:**

For the female, Dhanus is the Lagna rasi and Midhuna rasi is the 7 house, its lord being Budha. In Budha BAV, Budha enjoys 6 points in the rasi where it is posited (Dhanus). This is a strong support for the 7 house. However, in Midhuna rasi Budha has only 2 points and in the SAV 7 house has only 19 points. Those houses which flank 7 house i.e., 6 and 8 houses have 32 and 24 points respectively which deprives the native a healthy trend in marital life.

**Ashtaka Varga Chart of Female:**

Planet	Mesha	Rishabha	Midhuna	Kataka	Simha	Kanya	Thula	Vrischika	Dhanus	Makara	Kumba	Meena	Total
Su	3	6	3	3	4	5	3	7	4	1	5	4	48
Mo	5	3	5	4	4	6	5	3	4	1	5	4	49
Ma	4	5	0	2	4	4	4	3	4	2	4	3	39
Me	4	5	2	4	4	6	6	4	6	3	4	6	54
Ju	4	6	4	2	7	7	5	3	6	5	3	4	56
Ve	5	3	3	5	5	5	6	0	5	5	5	5	52
Sa	3	4	2	4	2	5	5	4	4	1	2	3	39
Total	28	32	19	24	30	38	34	24	33	18	28	29	337

For the male, Surya is Lagna lord (Simha rasi) and Sani is the lord for 7 (Kumbha rasi). In the Bhinna Ashtaka Varga (BAV) of Sani, it has only 2 points in the rasi where it is posited (Mesha rasi). In Kumbha rasi, there are 4 points and this is good. In Sarva Ashtaka Varga (SAV), 7 house Kumbha has 24 points. The 7 house which is hemmed between 6 and 8 houses have more points i.e., 27 for 6 and 26 for 8. This is not a healthy trend for marital life.

**Ashtaka Varga Chart of Male:**

Planet	Mesha	Rishabha	Midhuna	Kataka	Simha	Kanya	Thula	Vrischika	Dhanus	Makara	Kumba	Meena	Total
Su	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	5	48
Mo	4	5	7	3	6	3	3	4	2	6	4	2	49
Ma	5	2	2	3	5	5	3	2	2	4	1	5	39
Me	5	5	3	5	4	6	5	5	3	5	2	6	54
Ju	5	3	5	6	6	5	3	5	6	3	5	4	56
Ve	3	4	6	6	6	4	4	4	4	4	5	2	52
Sa	2	2	5	2	8	5	2	4	1	2	4	2	39
Total	29	25	32	30	39	32	24	28	21	27	24	26	337

**Conclusion:**

P.V.R. Narasimha Rao in his book 'Vedic Astrology: An Integrated Approach' writes "Ashtaka means 'consisting of eight' and varga means 'a group'. Ashtaka Varga is the system of analysing a chart with respect to a group of 8 reference points." As mentioned in the beginning of this article, the system of Ashtaka Varga is coined by Maharshi Parasara. (Chapter 66 in his Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.) Many scholarly rishis and sages and preceptors have put in the vast subject of 'Astrology' in their own words and simple methods to teach their disciples and students. Varahamihira (Brihat Jathaka), Manthreswara (Phaladeepika), Panakkat Namboothiri (Prasna Marga), Kalyana Varma (Saaraavali) are a few to be named. In their re-interpretations, sometimes there were deviations or even conflicts with BPHS, which we can see on close scrutiny. For example, P.V.R. Narasimha Rao in his above cited book has pointed out a few conflicts he observed in the writings of Varahamihira. One such instance is that in Moon's Ashtakavarga. As per Parasara, Moon is benefic in the 9th from Moon and malefic in the 9th from Mars. As per Varahamihira, Moon is malefic in the 9th from Moon and benefic in the 9th from Mars. To avoid confusions, it is advisable to follow the teachings of our preceptors or gurus.

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