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# The Importance of the Ninefold Chart in Vedic Prediction

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*Reading like a primer that even a beginner could understand, author Jagdish Maheshri, explains the ninefold chart as operating like a magnifying glass to assess planetary strengths. He illustrates this process first with President Bush as a world leader and then with predictions from the aspects surrounding the 2008 presidential election date.*

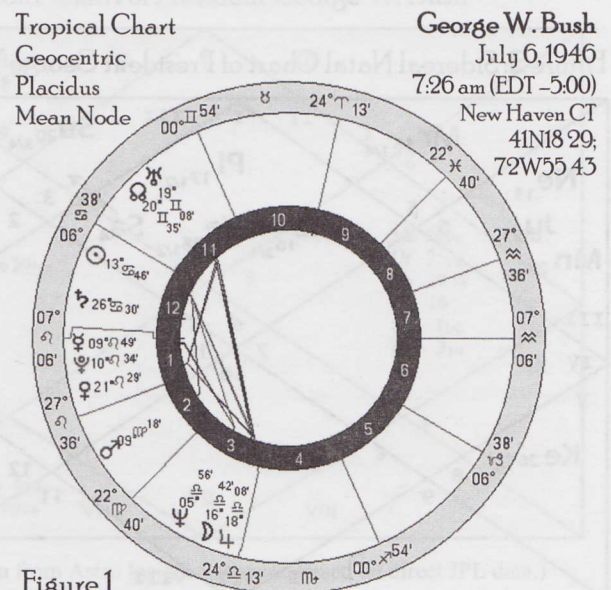
The ninefold natal chart,<sup>1</sup> in essence, provides a microscopic view of the natal chart and helps in assessing natal planetary strengths. Although a planet in the natal chart may have an excellent sign and house placement and be positioned to receive positive energies of other planets—unless that planet is placed favorably in the ninefold natal chart, the degree of confidence in realizing the predictions offered solely on the basis of the natal chart analysis is greatly reduced.

To demonstrate the concept, let us consider the natal chart of US President George W. Bush. His tropical natal chart is shown in Figure 1, and the corresponding sidereal chart is shown in Figure 2. Since the ninefold concept was originally applied to Vedic charts, only the Vedic (sidereal) chart is considered.

In Figure 2, the sidereal natal chart is shown in the Vedic chart format. In a Vedic (sidereal) natal chart the zodiac signs are usually shown with numbers. For example, the number 1 is used to represent the zodiac sign, Aries, and the number 11 for Aquarius. For this example, as shown in Figure 2, the houses are shown with the Roman numerals. The full diamond shaped houses are the cardinal houses: first (I), fourth (IV), seventh (VII), and the tenth (X); and rest of the twelve houses are half-diamond shaped. The shift between the tropical and the sidereal zodiac at the time the President Bush was born, was about 23° with the tropical zodiac leading the sidereal.

The rising sign falls in Cancer. Therefore, the number 4 is placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> house to indicate the Cancer Ascendant. Then successively in a counterclockwise manner, the zodiac sign numbers are placed in the respective houses. The planets are placed as per their zodiac sign position and are symbolized with two letters as below:

**Su** for Sun  
**Mn** for Moon  
**Mr** for Mars  
**Mc** for Mercury  
**Ve** for Venus  
**Sa** for Saturn  
**Ra** for the lunar North Node (Rahu)  
**Ke** for the lunar South Node (Ketu)  
**Ur** for Uranus  
**Ne** for Neptune  
**Pi** for Pluto.





For example, Mercury's zodiacal position is Cancer 16° 48'; therefore, it is placed in the sign, Cancer, and is shown as Mc 16¾° of Cancer. The zodiacal positions shown for all the planets are rounded to the nearest quarter degree.

Although zodiacal signs may appear to map with the houses, in the method that I use, they do not.<sup>2</sup> Rather than the whole sign house cusp system, my preference is the Placidus house system. Thus each house span extends from its cusp position to the next house cusp position. Note that the cusp positions are not shown in the chart but are separately listed in Table 1. The Asc in this case begins at 14° 6' Cancer and ends at 04° 35' Leo. The planets Pluto, Mercury, Venus all lie across the 1<sup>st</sup> house span; therefore, they reside in the 1<sup>st</sup> house. However, Saturn, being at about 4° Cancer, falls in the 12<sup>th</sup> house. Therefore, Saturn is shown by the arrow pointing to the 12<sup>th</sup> house. Saturn is the only planet which resides in the house shown by the arrow. All other planets belong to the same house as shown with the corresponding zodiacal position. Since both the tropical (Figure 1) and the sidereal chart (Figure 2) shown are based on the Placidus house division system, the planets in both natal charts will fall in identical houses.

The analysis of President Bush's natal chart is from his political career standpoint and is based on the sidereal (fixed) zodiacal system; the interpretation method is mostly according to Vedic astrology.

President George W. Bush was born under a Cancer Asc (rising sign) with Mercury and Pluto right after and near the Asc cusp. The Moon, the ruler of the Asc (1<sup>st</sup> house) is in Virgo, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house, thus it exchanges houses with Mercury. Moon is in conjunction with auspicious Jupiter. At the same time, Uranus conjuncts Rahu (lunar North Node) in the 11<sup>th</sup> house, the house of fame, money and representative of masses. In addition, both Jupiter and Moon are in auspicious trines with the 11<sup>th</sup> house Uranus and Rahu. These trines and the Uranus-Rahu and Moon-Jupiter conjunctions virtually assured President Bush that he had a potential to become a world leader. However, in his natal chart there is

not a single planet that is exalted or residing in its own zodiacal sign. As a result, the first impression of this chart for any (Vedic) astrologer, would not likely be that this chart is of a man who would lead the world's most advanced country.

Next let us take a look at his ninefold natal chart. Construction of the ninefold natal chart of President George W. Bush is as follows. First note the Asc position in the natal chart. Convert it in degrees away from the starting point (0° of Aries) of the zodiac based on the eastern (sidereal) zodiac system.

In President George W. Bush's natal chart, the Asc falls on 14° 6' of Cancer. Therefore, the Asc degrees = 104° 6'. Calculate his ninefold Asc position by multiplying the Asc degrees by the number 9, and if the value exceeds 360° subtract 360° or a multiple of 360° from the value until it reduces to a number that lies between 0° and 360°.

Thus, the ninefold natal Asc degrees for Mr. Bush's natal chart = 936° 54' = (936° 54') - 720° = 216° 54'.

Therefore, the ninefold Asc is 6° 54' of Scorpio. Similarly the ninefold zodiac positions for all the planets are calculated and listed in Table 2.

Figure 2: Sidereal Natal Chart of President George W. Bush

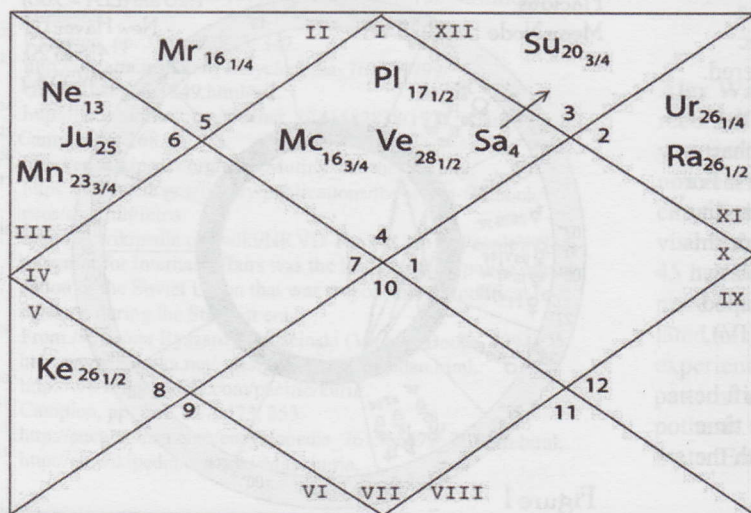


Table 1

House	Cusp Position
Ascendant (I)	Cancer 14° - 6'
Second (II)	Leo 04° - 35'
Third (III)	Leo 29° - 39'
Fourth (IV)	Libra 01° - 12'
Fifth (V)	Scorpio 07° - 53'
Sixth (VI)	Sagittarius 13° - 37'
Seventh (VII)	Capricorn 14° - 06'
Eighth (VIII)	Aquarius 04° - 35'
Ninth (IX)	Aquarius 29° - 39'
Tenth (X)	Aries 01° - 12'
Eleventh (XI)	Taurus 07° - 53'
Twelfth (XII)	Gemini 13° - 37'



Cast the ninefold natal chart with the Asc as calculated above and place all the planets as per their ninefold zodiacal positions. Note that there are no house cusp degree positions in the ninefold chart.

If there is a difference of more than 3° between two planets in conjunction, place them in the adjacent zodiac signs; a pair of planets that are considered making a certain angle (usually the conjunction and a multiple of a 30° angle) needs to be within 3° of that angle (aspect).<sup>3</sup>

The ninefold sidereal natal chart for Bush is shown in Figure 3. The positions for all the planets shown are rounded off to the nearest quarter of a degree. In his ninefold natal chart with a Scorpio Asc, there are six planets in the 10<sup>th</sup> house, the house of profession, action, and achievements. These are: Rahu, Mars, Uranus (within 3° of each other), and Moon, Saturn, and Jupiter (Moon and Saturn are within 3° of each other). This confirms that politics is the destiny of this man. Note the planets, Uranus, Rahu, Moon, and Jupiter, all come together in the 10<sup>th</sup> house of his

ninefold natal chart, virtually assuring him that he would be a successful politician—he certainly became the ultimate politician and the world leader, the President of the United States.

According to Vedic astrology, since all of the planets in his birth chart reside on one side of the lunar nodes, this chart may be affected by *Kal-Surp-Yog* (meaning a possibility of being a bit unlucky in achieving what the person deserves or the final victory may be denied). However, in my opinion, this really is not true since the planet, Uranus is at 26 1/4° of Taurus, *just before and not after* the ascending lunar node, Rahu (26 1/2° Taurus), thus outside the lunar nodal axis. On the other hand, the conjunction of Rahu and Uranus does contribute to his being a most unpopular president.

In Vedic astrology, the *Vishontari Mahadash*, the 120-year grand cycle, is commonly used for predicting an individual's future. The beginning of a Dasa period is determined based on the Moon's natal position. Details of the Dasa calculations are explained elsewhere.<sup>4</sup>

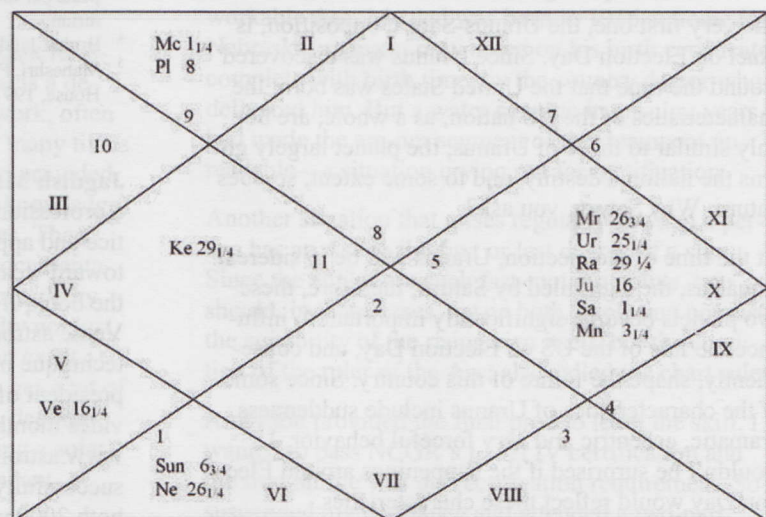
On the Election Day (November 2, 2004) President Bush's major Dasa period was that of Saturn, the intermediate Dasa period was that of Jupiter, and the sub-Dasa period was that of Mercury. Thus his operating planets<sup>5</sup> for the day of election were Saturn, Sun, Mercury, Venus, Pluto, and Ketu. Operating planets are the planets that are in the constellations of the major, intermediate, and the sub-Dasa period rulers, viz., Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury at the time of his birth. Thus, from his natal chart, the planet Saturn is in the constellation of Saturn, Sun is in the constellation of Jupiter, and Mercury, Venus, Pluto and Ketu are in the constellation of Mercury. Hence, again, his operating planets on Election Day were: Saturn, Pluto, Ketu, Mercury, Sun, and Venus.

Note all of these planets make conjunctions or trines with each other in his ninefold natal chart. In his progressed chart for that day (not shown), Saturn is in the 9<sup>th</sup> house, Pluto and Mercury in the 1<sup>st</sup>, Ketu with Sun in the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Venus in the 11<sup>th</sup>. In the corresponding ninefold progression chart, Saturn is in the 10<sup>th</sup>, Ketu in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sun and

Table 2

Planets	Ninefold Position
Asc	Scorpio 06° - 54'
Sun	Aries 06° - 45'
Moon	Leo 03° - 08'
Mars	Leo 26° - 32'
Mercury	Sagittarius 01° - 11'
Jupiter	Leo 16° - 02'
Venus	Pisces 16° - 11'
Saturn	Leo 01° - 21'
Uranus	Leo 25° - 11'
Neptune	Aries 26° - 15'
Pluto	Sagittarius 07° - 57'
Rahu	Leo 29° - 15'
Ketu	Aquarius 29° - 15'

Figure 3: Ninefold Chart of President George W. Bush



(Charts and data from Astro Insight Software, based on direct JPL data.)



Pluto in the 5<sup>th</sup> and Venus in the 6<sup>th</sup>. While progressed Saturn and Pluto are favorably placed for President Bush that election evening, other planets, Sun, Mercury, Ketu and Venus, are rather neutral.

When President Bush's and Senator Kerry's natal charts are compared against each other (with out taking in to account the influence of the respective progressed charts), despite their similarity in strength, President Bush's chart seems to have an edge over that of Senator Kerry's chart. That edge occurs in President Bush's ninefold natal chart, where *six important planets are gathered in the 10<sup>th</sup> house*—the house of action, achievement, and fame.

## Preview of the 2008 Presidential Election:

As of this writing, the presumed nominees for the Democrat and Republican parties are Senator Obama and Senator McCain, respectively. Before I could analyze and compare charts for predicting the winner, I would want a verified birth time for Senator McCain. However, in light of the unique planetary configurations forming around election time, I would like to share a few of my comments on this unique and historic presidential race.

The following positions for election day, November 4, 2008, were determined by taking the transiting positions straight from an ephemeris and multiplying them by nine as described earlier. The resulting important ninefold planetary configurations are:

Uranus-Saturn, a direct and ninefold opposition  
Pluto-Saturn, ninefold opposition  
Pluto-Uranus, ninefold conjunction  
Mars-Neptune, a direct and ninefold square  
Sun-Rahu-Ketu (lunar nodes), squares

The very first one, the Uranus-Saturn opposition, is exact on Election Day. Since Uranus was discovered around the time that the United States was born, the characteristics of the US nation, as a whole, are not only similar to those of Uranus, the planet largely governs the nation's destiny, and to some extent, so does Saturn. Why Saturn, you ask?

At the time of the election, Uranus will be in sidereal Aquarius, the sign ruled by Saturn; therefore, these two planets become significantly important to influence the fate of the US on Election Day, and consequently, shape the future of this country. Since some of the characteristics of Uranus include suddenness, dramatic, eccentric and very forceful behavior, I wouldn't be surprised if the happenings around Election Day would reflect these characteristics.

In addition, the qualities of Saturn tend to resemble conservatism, while Uranus qualities identify with liberal principles. Therefore, the race is likely to be a very close one with a dramatic finish. It's like history has been waiting all these years to witness this truly unique moment of a huge transformation. As a result, our norms of morality will undergo a change transforming us to a totally different, but positive setting.

Furthermore, by taking into account the Pluto-Saturn ninefold opposition, (chaos, destruction followed by irreversible transformation), and the Pluto-Uranus ninefold conjunction (premature death followed by a new beginning), there is an outside chance that the ultimate winner may not be one of these two presumed nominees. In addition, the Mars-Neptune square may become responsible for a disclosure of a political secret and the Sun's squares with the lunar nodes, Rahu and Ketu, may manifest in a tragic event.

Regardless of the final outcome, since the planet Uranus governs this country, the United States will again, as always, lead the world. It may take a while (possibly by the end of 2009), but the US will always be the most powerful and pioneering country in the world. Then too, since all the modern planets (Uranus, Neptune and Pluto) currently reside in the last four signs of the zodiac, the world is moving towards spiritualism at a rapid rate with phenomenal growth in individual experiences. In that sense, we are very fortunate to live in these exciting times.✧

## Endnotes

- <sup>1</sup> Bruhat Jatak, Sage Varahmihir (530 CE) and Bruhat Parashari, Sage Parashar (sometimes before 400 CE).
- <sup>2</sup> Maheshri, Ph.D., J.C. *It's All in Timing*. Baltimore MD: Noble House, 1997.
- <sup>3</sup> In western astrology, a 30° angle would refer to aspects such as semi-sextile, sextile, square, etc.; however in Vedic astrology, the term aspect is viewed somewhat differently in that not all aspects per the western tradition would be aspects in the Vedic tradition.
- <sup>4</sup> Bruhat Jatak and Bruhat Parashari
- <sup>5</sup> Maheshri, Ph.D., J.C. *It's All in Timing*. Baltimore MD: Noble House, 1997.

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