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Vedic Astrology Club Members Ask:

Explain More About Cruel vs. Gentle

Natural Tendencies of Planets

- The Graha Sutras explain some “natural tendencies” of the planets.
- Venus, Jupiter and the Waxing Moon are considered naturally more “gentle”
- Sun, Saturn, Mars, Rahu, Ketu and the Waning Moon are considered naturally more “cruel”
- Mercury is “gentle” when alone or when with a gentle planet, and Mercury is “cruel” when with a cruel planet.

Natural Tendencies of Planets

- Notice that even if a person has the maximum amount of gentle planets (Venus, Jupiter, Waxing Moon, a gentle Mercury), everyone has “more” cruel planets than gentle
- All the planets can give positive gifts and even a gentle planet can bring difficult influences.
- For now, observe in your own birth chart, what kind of Moon do you have (Waxing or Waning) and how do you assess your own Mercury (gentle or cruel)?

Graha Sutra (in italics)

- *The Sun, Saturn, Mars, the Waning Moon, Rahu and Ketu are Krura (cruel). The remaining Grahas are Saumya (gentle). Mercury is Krura if joined with a Krura.*
- If Mercury is in a birthchart in a sign with both a cruel and a gentle planet, it takes on the tendency of the planet it is closest to in degrees within that sign.
- ~ with thanks to Ernst Wilhelm for use of his translation of Graha Sutras

Rahu Time



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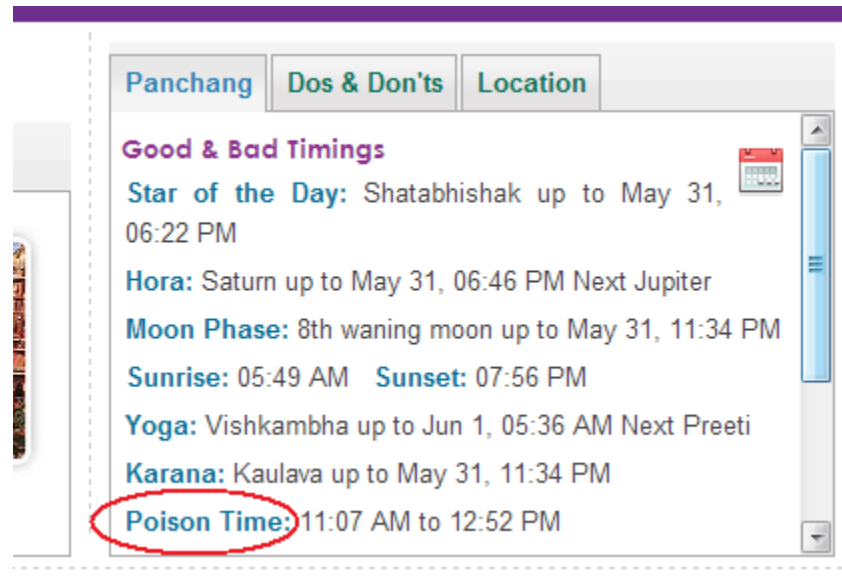
What Does Raha Time Mean?

Rahu Time / Poison Time

- Each day, there is a portion of the day that is under the influence of Rahu (there is not part of the horas).
- This is considered a tricky time as Rahu can bring poisonous influence.
- Dr. Pillai suggests using Rahu time for doing more mundane activities and avoiding, when possible, planning important meetings or signing important papers during that time

AstroVed Home Page: Panchang

You can find the Rahu Time for the current day in the Panchang section on the Home Page. It is called “Poison Time.”



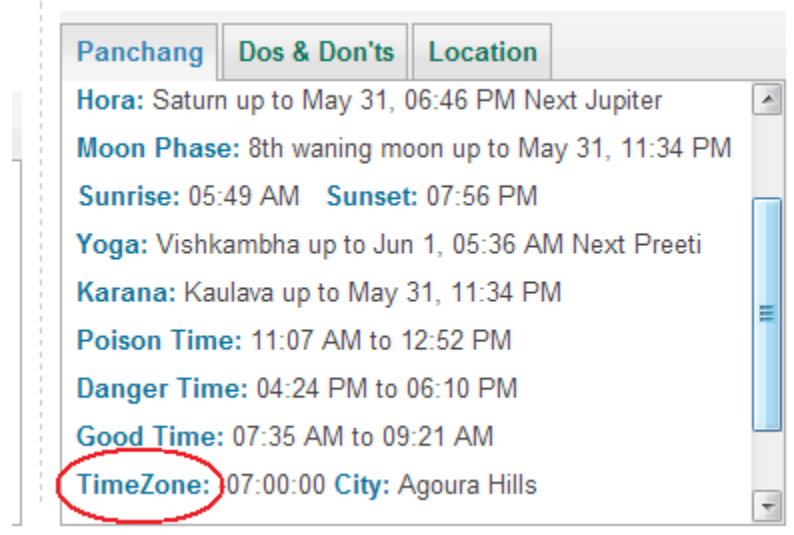
The screenshot shows a web interface with three tabs: "Panchang", "Dos & Don'ts", and "Location". The "Panchang" tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a section titled "Good & Bad Timings". The content includes:

- Star of the Day:** Shatabhishak up to May 31, 06:22 PM
- Hora:** Saturn up to May 31, 06:46 PM Next Jupiter
- Moon Phase:** 8th waning moon up to May 31, 11:34 PM
- Sunrise:** 05:49 AM **Sunset:** 07:56 PM
- Yoga:** Vishkambha up to Jun 1, 05:36 AM Next Preeti
- Karana:** Kaulava up to May 31, 11:34 PM
- Poison Time:** 11:07 AM to 12:52 PM

The "Poison Time" entry is circled in red in the original image.

AstroVed Home Page: Panchang

Make sure to verify the Panchang information is set for the Time Zone you are currently in. The “default” setting may not be where you are at the moment. If it is not set correctly, the Rahu Time will not be right for you.



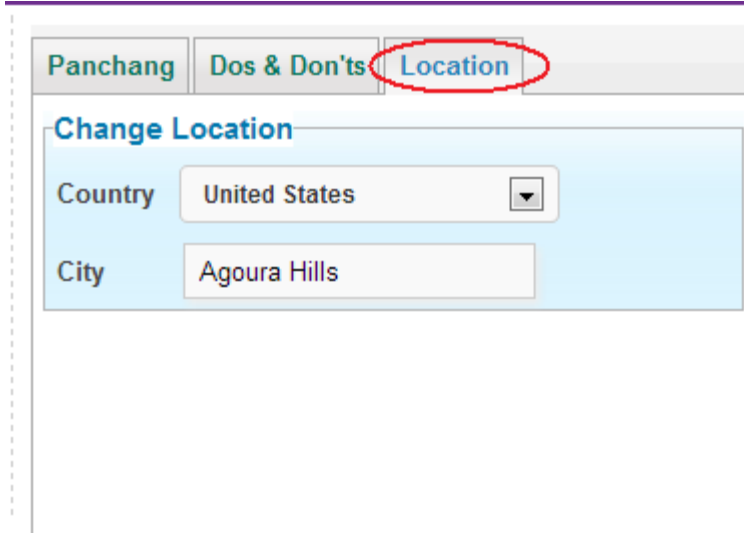
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- Danger Time:** 04:24 PM to 06:10 PM
- Good Time:** 07:35 AM to 09:21 AM
- TimeZone:** 07:00:00 **City:** Agoura Hills

The 'TimeZone' field is circled in red in the original image.

AstroVed Home Page: Panchang

If necessary, click on the Location tab to set to correct location for your local area. Then look at the Panchang information again, as it will display for that Time Zone.



The screenshot shows a navigation menu with three tabs: 'Panchang', 'Dos & Don'ts', and 'Location'. The 'Location' tab is highlighted with a red oval. Below the menu is a 'Change Location' section with a light blue background. It contains a 'Country' dropdown menu with 'United States' selected and a 'City' text input field with 'Agoura Hills' entered.

Product: AstroVed Mobile Apps

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Horawatch Apps

HoraWatch Application for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad

Now you can stay connected with the energies of time, called Time Shaktis in Sanskrit, wherever you go! This application is a great tool to help you get the most out of your day, and plan your days for success.

HoraWatch is a time management application based on Vedic Astrology Science. It displays each hora (hour), ruling planet, and recommended activities for any date and time. This fun and easy way to connect with the planets helps you make the most of every day.

With HoraWatch, we put all you need in the palm of your hand. Features:

- ◆ Hora Name (English and Sanskrit)
- ◆ Listen to each Planetary Mantra
- ◆ Auspicious and inauspicious activities
- ◆ List of Hora Timings for the day

In addition you can view astronomical information for your city for any date:

- ◆ Sunrise time
- ◆ Sunset time
- ◆ Rahu Kalam (inauspicious time for important activities)
- ◆ Yama Gandam (inauspicious time for important activities)
- ◆ Gulikai (auspicious time for important activities)
- ◆ Vara (day of the week)



Another Way To Find Rahu Time

<http://www.agasthiar.org/panchang/rahu/rahu.htm>



Rahu Kalam Calculator
Yama Gandam Calculator
Kuligai Calculator

Select the

- (1) local sunrise time,
- (2) local sunset time and
- (3) the day of the week

at your location

and then click the "Calculate" button below.

Sunrise: 5 ▾ 48 ▾ a.m.

Sunset: 7 ▾ 56 ▾ p.m.

Day: Friday ▾

Calculate Rahu Kalam, Yama Gandam and Kuligai

Note: You can get sunrise/sunset time for your area at

<http://www.sunrisesunset.com>

Another Way To Find Rahu Time

After filling out information and clicking on button, calculation will show, such as below:



Rahu Kalam Calculator
Yama Gandam Calculator
Kuligai Calculator

Your inputs:

Local sunrise time: 5:48 a.m.

Local sunset time: 7:56 p.m.

Day of the week: Friday

Based on your inputs,

Rahu Kaalam at your location: 11:06 a.m. to 12:52 p.m.

Yama Gandam at your location: 4:24 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.

Kuligai at your location: 7:34 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

Summary Table Rough Rule of Thumb Estimates (not truly accurate per local day/area but can be used in a pinch for making plans when you have access to nothing else)

Day	Rahu Kalam (Poison Time)	Yama Gandam	Kulikai
Sunday	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Monday	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	10:30 AM – 12 Noon	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Tuesday	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM
Wednesday	12 Noon – 1:30 PM	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Thursday	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Friday	10:30 AM – 12 Noon	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Saturday	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Houses (Bhavas)



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How To Learn More About Houses?

From Home Page, Click on Free & Learning



The screenshot shows the top navigation area of the AstroVed website. The header is dark blue with the AstroVed logo on the left, which consists of a stylized flame above the text "AstroVed". To the right of the logo is the tagline "Unleash the Power of Your DestinySM". Further right are links for "Sign Up" and "Sign In", and a shopping cart icon showing "Items : [0] US \$ 0". Below the header is a search bar labeled "Site Search". A horizontal menu below the search bar contains several categories: "Home" (with a house icon), "Career & Money", "Love & Marriage", "Beauty & Health", "Arts & Sports", "Fertility & Children", "Student & Education", and "Ancestors & Last Rites". At the bottom of the header is a secondary navigation bar with links: "Store", "Event Calendar", "Specials", "Astrology", "Nadi Astrology", "Remedy Center", "Free & Learning" (circled in red), "Reports", "Blogs", and "TV".

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Then Under Free Tools, Click on Astrology Houses (under Quiz)

Free Tools

1. Monthly Advisor
2. Virtual Pooja
3. Calendar
4. Technology of Time Management

Quiz

1. Birthstar
2. Astrology Houses

Vedic Astrology

1. Planetary Watch
2. Daily/ Monthly/ Yearly Predictions
3. Vedic Library

Nadi Astrology

1. What is Nadi Astrology?
2. What is a Nadi Reading?
3. What are Nadi Remedies?

This so-called “Quiz” has links to lots of useful information about Houses.

http://www.astroved.com/astrology_houses.aspx

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Quiz for Astrology Houses			
PISCES	ARIES	TAURUS	GEMINI
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Quiz2	Quiz2 Lesson 2	Quiz2 Lesson 2	Quiz2 Lesson 2
AQUARIUS		CANCER	
Quiz1 Lesson 1		Quiz1 Lesson 1	
Quiz2 Lesson 2		Quiz2 Lesson 2	
CAPRICORN		LEO	
Quiz1 Lesson 1		Quiz1 Lesson 1	
Quiz2 Lesson 2		Quiz2 Lesson 2	
SAGITTARIUS	SCORPIO	LIBRA	VIRGO
Quiz1 Lesson 1	Quiz1 Lesson 1	Quiz1 Lesson 1	Quiz1 Lesson 1
Quiz2 Lesson 2	Quiz2 Lesson 2	Quiz2 Lesson 2	Quiz2 Lesson 2

Welcome to LOTS of Lessons on Houses!

http://www.astroved.com/astrology_houses.aspx

Remember that Aries is natural 1st house of Zodiac, so start exploring Lesson 1 there. Each sign has a Lesson 1 based on that sign's natural placement in the Zodiac (clockwise from Aries).

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Each Lesson 1 Is a Blog Page. Have Fun Scrolling and Reading!

http://blogs.astroved.com/about-the-first-house/astrology_houses.aspx

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What is the 1st House?
There are two types of 1st Houses. The natural 1st House and ones own personal 1st House. We will begin by covering the natural 1st House in Astrology, i.e. Aries, and also what areas the 1st House controls. Ones own personal 1st House is selected based either upon your "rising sign" or your "moon sign" and is the subject of the next newsletter.


The natural 1st House in astrology is the Sign of Aries, which is associated in the sky with the constellation known as Orion's Belt.

Characteristics of the 1st House
The First House is known as the "House of the Body". It signifies your physical self and basic personality or disposition. Whether your First House is Aries or Taurus or any other sign, it is always a signifier of ones own personal self. Should you want to know the general behavior, attitude and physical appearance of someone, you look to their 1st house. It also controls the physical head and general health and well-being.

Each sign has its own unique flavor when it is the 1st House and sets the background of an individual's demeanor. Further, a planet in the 1st House or "aspecting" the first house will greatly alter one's physical appearance and personality. By means of an example, Aries is examined in detailed below.

Characteristics of Aries

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 Aries is the natural 1st house, the beginning of the zodiac. The Tamil New Year is celebrated when the Sun returns to this sign. In the northern hemisphere the return of

Lesson 2: Applying House Information to Your Own Chart

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Each Lesson 2 Is a Blog Page giving some ideas on how to apply House information to your own chart.

<http://blogs.astroved.com/the-first-house-about-you/>

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Moon Sign vs Ascendant to Judge your First House

The sign of the first house in Vedic Astrology is very important. The first house sets the karma for your personality and body and also determines the signs of all the other houses. In Southern India, Vedic Astrologers accept that the first house can be determined as either the sign that is on the eastern horizon at the moment of birth or the sign of the Moon.

In India, your family astrologer would determine whether your Eastern ascendant sign or the Moon's sign should be used. Your family astrologer would have a long-term relationship with you and your family and would be consulted on any major occasion. He would base his decision on whether the Eastern ascendant sign or the Moon's sign seemed to have a stronger influence on your development. In the west, we do not have family astrologers to make these decisions for us as we are growing up. An astrologer can make this determination for you after looking at your chart and asking you about your experiences in life. With some education in Vedic Astrology, you yourself can make this decision after assessing which chart suits your life experience better.

In order to determine which first house to use we will take a look at the influence the first house has on your looks, personality and health. This will tell us whether your Ascendant or Moon sign is operating more strongly in your life. If your Moon turns out to be the greater influence in your life, you should analyze your chart as if the Sign that the Moon is in was your 1st House.

In Summary we are going to take you step by step in helping you decide which should be your 1st house, your Ascendant or your Moon sign. Then you will look at how different planets in your chart have influence over your physical appearance and personality.

Scroll down on Lesson 2 in Aries and find a table with First House information for each Ascendant. Read about your own 1st House (AS) from your Birth Chart.

<http://blogs.astroved.com/the-first-house-about-you/>

Now that you know your Ascendant and Moon signs, read the descriptions for both of these signs. Based on these descriptions, choose the one that more accurately reflects your appearance and personality. Please note that on occasion, a person's physical appearance will reflect a combination of both their Ascendant and Moon signs.

First House	Positive Trait	Negative Trait	Ruling Planet	Body Description	Personality Description
Aries	Dynamic	Domineering	Mars	Strong, medium build and athletic	You are likely to be quick and aggressive and will not take the backseat in life, being independent, self-directed and goal seeking. You have intensity like warriors and will take on the struggles of life. You are likely to be competitive.
Taurus	Patient	Stubborn	Venus	A heavy appearance and lovely large eyes	You are likely to be comfort loving and stubborn. Like your symbol, the bull, Taureans are determined and dangerous when riled. You are heavily influenced by Venus, the planet of love and beauty, and love and beauty will be major themes in their lives. The Taurus first house gives a kingly Leo fourth house – granting you with a regal home and luck in acquiring real estate.
Gemini	Adaptable	Restless	Mercury	Long and lean, perpetually youthful	You are likely to be mentally sharp and are of a dual nature and love variety. You are known to be talkative, love to start things but do not always finish them, and have an eternal curiosity. The Gemini first house gives an eighth and ninth house of Capricorn and Aquarius, both Saturn-ruled signs. You will therefore feel the effects of Saturn in giving delays or restrictions in your activities and are likely to have a conservative or traditional guru or father.

Take this at your own pace. Have fun with it!

Be patient as you start to look at your own houses in
your birth chart.

Thank you for your time!



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Good questions this week, members of Vedic Astrology Club!

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