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THE ART OF CHART DECODING

From Astrological Information to Structured Interpretation

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Astrology gives us many individual pieces of information.

Chart Decoding is the process of bringing those pieces together into one meaningful interpretation.

A structured approach to understanding the complete horoscope.



Why Does Chart Reading Need Structure?

Information is everywhere. Integration is the challenge.

TODAY WE CAN LEARN

Houses

Planets

Rashis

Nakshatras

Yogas

Dasha

Gochara

Divisional

But when all of them appear together in one horoscope, the real question becomes:

1

How do we decide
what matters first?

2

What deserves
more importance?

3

What needs to
be confirmed?

4

And when do we finally
make a prediction?

PREDICTION

= Visible Output

INTERPRETATION

= Process Behind the Output

A good prediction should have an explainable path behind it.



Three Rules Before Reading Any Chart

Sequence · Weight · Validation

01 SEQUENCE

What should we examine first, second and later?

Example: Do not start with a favourable Transit and immediately predict an event. First understand whether the natal chart supports that event.

02 WEIGHT

Every factor in a horoscope does not carry equal importance.

Example: Rahu in the 10th House may attract attention, but the 10th Lord, its strength and the complete career pattern may carry greater weight.

03 VALIDATION

One indication is not enough for a strong conclusion.

Example: One foreign connection may show a possibility. If the same theme appears through multiple relevant factors, confidence increases.



Indication ≠ Promise ≠ Timing

Three different levels of confidence in any chart statement

1

INDICATION

Something is possible.

One factor points toward a theme. It opens a possibility, not a conclusion.

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2

PROMISE

The chart repeatedly supports it.

The same theme appears through multiple relevant factors, so confidence increases.

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3

TIMING

The appropriate period activates it.

Dasha and Gochara decide when the promise of the chart actually opens.

One indication is not enough for a strong conclusion.



Where Does Horoscope Information Come From?

Every layer answers a different question · Part 1 of 2

HOUSE

Which area of life are we studying?

Example: 10th House → Career / Profession

PLANET

What type of energy or quality is entering that area?

Example: Saturn → Responsibility, discipline, patience, long-term effort

SIGN

How will that Planet operate?

Example: Mars in Aries operates differently from Mars in Cancer

LORDSHIP

Which other areas of life is the Planet bringing with it?

Example: 2nd Lord in 10th → Money / Family / Speech connects with Career

STRENGTH

How strongly can that Planet perform its role?

Example: A weak Lord may promise the result but struggle to deliver it fully

INFLUENCE

Who is modifying it through conjunction or Drishti?

Example: Conjunction and Drishti can support, restrain or redirect the result



Where Does Horoscope Information Come From?

The deeper and time-based layers · Part 2 of 2

NAKSHATRA

What deeper pattern is operating?

27 lunar mansions · The finest layer of the chart

DASHA

Which part of the horoscope is currently active?

The internal clock · Activation period

GOCHARA

What is being triggered at the present time?

Transit · The external trigger

DIVISIONAL CHART

What does the deeper or focused view show?

D9, D10 and others · Refinement and detail

These are the pieces. Chart Decoding begins when we connect them.



The Rishis Integration Rule

7 questions that help us read a chart in sequence

WHERE?	WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?	WHEN?	TRIGGER?	DEPTH?
House <i>Bhava</i> Which area of life are we studying?	Planet <i>Graha</i> Which planetary forces are involved?	Sign <i>Rashi</i> How are those planets operating?	Nakshatra <i>Lunar</i> What deeper pattern is behind it?	Dasha <i>Cycle</i> When does this part become active?	Gochara <i>Transit</i> What triggers the event at that time?	Divisional <i>Varga</i> Does the deeper chart support it?
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Throughout the sequence always check: **Lordship · Strength · Influence**

Never start with one factor and draw the final conclusion.



Applying the Rule: Marriage Example

Steps 1 to 4 · Where · What · How · Why

QUESTION: “Meri marriage life kaisi rahegi?”

WHERE? — 7th House

Start with the marriage area.

Example: Jupiter aspecting the 7th House gives one supportive indication.

WHAT? — 7th Lord + Karaka

Check the 7th Lord and marriage-related planets.

Example: 7th Lord in its own Sign means the Lord is in a better position to perform its role.

HOW? — Sign + Strength + Influence

Check how those planets are placed and influenced.

Example: Strong 7th Lord + Saturn Drishti may show support for marriage, but seriousness, responsibility or some delay may also enter the story.

WHY? — Nakshatra

Understand the deeper behaviour of the important planet.

Example: A commitment-oriented Nakshatra may strengthen themes of responsibility and maintaining partnership.



Marriage Example — Timing and Depth

Steps 5 to 7 · How D1 and D9 work together

WHEN? — Dasha

Marriage-connected Dasha or Antardasha may activate the marriage promise.

TRIGGER? — Gochara

Relevant Jupiter / Saturn Transit can make the timing window stronger.

DEPTH? — D9 / Navamsha

Check how the marriage story looks at a deeper level.

D1 gives the primary marriage promise. D9 refines how that marriage story may be experienced.

D1 Supportive + D9 Supportive

Overall confidence becomes stronger.

D1 Supportive + D9 Challenging

Marriage may still happen, but adjustment, maturity or relationship challenges may become part of the experience.

D9 does not cancel D1. It refines the story seen in D1.



The Complete Rishis Chart-Decoding Method

Three layers of checking combine into one interpretation

7 QUESTIONS

Where → What → How → Why → When → Trigger → Depth

+

TECHNICAL CHECKS

Lordship → Strength → Influence

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READING CHECKS

Sequence → Weight → Validation → Contradiction

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ONE INTEGRATED INTERPRETATION



The Interpretation Process

Ten steps from the question to one simple interpretation

1 Understand the question

2 Identify the relevant area

3 Study the key planets and Lords

4 Check their condition and influences

5 Look for repetition and establish the natal promise

6 Apply Dasha

7 Check Gochara

8 Validate through the relevant Divisional Chart

9 Consider supporting and contradicting factors

10 Convert the analysis into one simple interpretation