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DEITIES : INDRA AND AGNI- THE GODS OF AGRICULTURE



THE POTTER'S WHEEL

THE REAP THE FRUITS
OF LABOUR WITH
LONG-TERM
OBJECTIVES.

FOCUSSED WITH DETERMINATION OF PURPOSE
TO SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT.

L O R D I N D R A G N I I S T H E
S H O U L D B E A P P E A S E D

DAILY WITH SANDLWOOD, SAFFRON, INCENSE,
LOTUS FLOWERS, GHEE LAMP, KHEER, AND
CEREALS OF MANY HUES.



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Nakshatras- VISHAKA (Fork Shaped) THE STAR OF PURPOSE

- Western star name: α , β , γ and ι Librae (Beta Librae)
- Lord: Guru (Jupiter)
- Symbol : Triumphal arch, potter's wheel
- Indian zodiac: 20° Tula - 3°20' Vrishchika
- Western zodiac 16° - 29°20' Scorpio
- Deities : Indira, chief of the gods; Agni, god of Fire
- Symbol: Archway, Potter's wheel
- Animal symbol: Male Tiger
- Vyapani shakti: to achieve many and various fruits in life

Vishakha = "The Forked" - "Two-Branched"; Radha = "The Delightful"

Location = Zuben el Genubi, Zuben el Chamali, Zuben el Hakhrabi: alpha, beta, gamma, and iota Librae - The Circle of Stars by Valerie Roubek

Indra and Agni desired, "May I gain the greatest splendor among the Gods." He makes the appropriate offering to Indra and Agni, to Vishakha, gains the greatest splendor among his peers.

Vishakha is a competitive Nakshatra and has a fiery and lightning-like energy and effects. Its natives seek power and recognition." David Frawley, Fruits of Worshipping Each Nakshatra

Barbara Pijan Lama:

Vishaka - Radha

Vaishakha - Vishakya - Visaakham - Raaraa - Aindraagna - zkrAgni - Zkraagni - Satragni - Sadvhava - Sa-Ka (Tibetan).

rAdhA:

- beauty, splendor
- *lightning; branched / forked;*
- partic. attitude in shooting (standing with the feet a span apart)
- prosperity , success
- a gift, favor



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- the month Vaishakha (= April-May)
- prosperity , success
- the 21st Nakshatra Vishakha (containing 4 stars in the form of a curve supposed to be Librae , and Scorpionis)
- *Clytoria Ternatea*
- a celebrated cowherdess or Gopi (beloved by Krishna , and a principal personage in Jaya-deva's poem Gita-govinda ; at a later period worshipped as a goddess, and occasionally regarded as an Avatara of Lakshmi , as Krishna is of Vishnu)
- a female slave

Aindraagna

- sacred or belonging to or coming from Indra and Agni
- the nakshatra Vishakha

zkrAgni:

- Indra and Agni (lords of the Nakshatra Vishakha)

Cologne Digital Sanskrit Dictionary

Vaishakha:

- Indra-Agni = psychic orientation to storms. *Shakti through touch.*
- Delivers piercing, brilliant observations in the context of excess pressure and torment.
- Vishakha's powerful insights can be dangerous and frightening, but are usually more spectacular and stunning.
- The life of the Vishakha natives is punctuated by numerous psycho-emotional shocks. Terrible truths long hidden may be suddenly exposed. Catastrophic shock occurs several times during the lifetime.
- Vishakha's pattern often involves sudden changes in public social role, as well as sudden changes in behavior and expectations driving the roles within close relationships.

Thula vs. Vrischika

- *L-6 Guru rules loss of security and loss of agreement*
- Thula lagna is blessed in many ways, but Thula does not receive protection from normally auspicious Guru. L-3/L-6 Brihaspati is a papa-graha for Thula.
- Because Vishaka nakshatra is ruled by Guru, the trials and tribulations which induce Vishaka's greatest flashes of brilliant insight, are also exhausting patterns of mental and physical distress (L-3 and L-6).



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- The Thula-ruled quarters of Vishaka struggle with mental balance and physical well-being throughout their life.
- *Guru rules family of origin and kids*
- The Vrischika-ruled quarter of Vishakha may not have Thula's yogakaraka-Shani assets (solid education and disciplined intelligence) but the final padaa of Vishaka benefits from Guru's favorable role as L-2/L-5 from Scorpio lagna.
- Flashes of insight are obtained at a lesser price, without draining the mental and physical health. The source of brilliance is psychic jolts that come from family of origin, works of art, children, games. Much easier!

Vishaka's **shakti** pulses a momentarily shocking, sudden bright light onto the world's darkness. Native should pursue a career which supports their tendency toward sudden revelations.

- The three quarters of Vishakha that fall within Thula rashi exhibit strong diplomatic skills, and these natives are typically gifted social entertainers.
- However Vishakha are very complex, psychically charged people who pretty much live in a state of circuit-breaking overload. Mere diplomacy, counseling, or entertainment activities will not be satisfying. The native will seek environments where the most intense level of psychic charge is available.
- Psychological work with trauma and healing, medical diagnosis, counseling professions, investigative journalism, divination, intuitive and clairvoyant work, and scientific research are all suitable, but do not expect consistency or routine, at least until the end of life..

Vishakha is ruled by Indra and Agni, who represents the powers of heat and lightning in the atmosphere. This is the "Star of Purpose". This is the 16th nakshatra of the zodiac, spanning from 20°-00' in Tula to 3°-20' in Vrischika. Another name of this star is Radha, a compliment to Anuradha, the birth star of the Sun. It has the Symbol of a leaf-decked triumphal gate.

Vishakha does not give immediate results but perhaps greater long term gains. Indra and Agni here are related to agriculture showing the ripening effect of heat, rain and seasonal changes.

Visaakhaa or Raadhaa connotes the idea of Anuradha or act of worshipping. It has in it the idea of a worshipper or actions in which the sole purpose is the accomplishment of the end in view. It leads to a state where achievement of purpose is the sole motive. Not unnaturally, therefore, such efforts may not be



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free from scruples or good principles. Obviously, it does not make intimate friendship with others, on the contrary it leads one to his self-interest. In mythology, it is said that it is born of Ravi and attaches particular force of Ravi.

A person born in this Nakshatra is religious minded having inclination towards performing rites and rituals etc., is of unstable nature and unfriendly. Vishakha born have a well-proportioned body, but they tend to be obese and put on weight with the passing of age. Vishakha people can be envious or covetous of the success of others. They may lack a strong social network of friends and feel isolated and alone against the world. Bitterness and resentment may result.

Those born under this nakshatra are likely to have a very happy marital life and will make good marriage partners. A man born under this star works at various things but hardly concentrates on any one of them. They are an excellent communicator, and they write and speak well.

Females born in this nakshatra are beautiful and religious in nature. They need to have a well balanced diet and should exercise regularly to keep them fit. They will have a sweet tongue and quiet diplomatic in their choice of words. They are dreamers, liking astrology, administrators, brave, strong and of charitable nature.

Ascendant n Vishaka: Aggressive, impatient, easily angered, wise, devoted to forms of worship, wealthy, politically inclined, astrological knowledge, mystical.

The Moon in Vishaka: Intelligence of the highest order, speaks convincingly, writer, bright appearance, attracts a crowd, leadership, lively away from family, treats all religions as one, truthful, politically inclined, humanitarian.

The moon in Vishakha indicates a person who is purposeful, goal oriented, ambitious, competitive, opinionated, forceful and determined. They are persistent and patient, but quick witted and intelligent. They are pleasant and



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popular and are good communicators, but they can also be abrasive. They usually only achieve success later in life and can be jealous and envious of others

The Sun in Vishaka: Self-centred nature, ambitious, introvert, secretive nature, troubles with authority figures, research-oriented, scientific, restlessness and problems with alcohol.

Career interests: Researchers, scientists, Military leaders, Writers, public speakers, Politicians, lawyers.

Health issues: Those born under this nakshatra could suffer from ailments like paralysis, kidney and bladder trouble, hormone deficiencies, problems related to the Breasts, Arms, Reproductive organs and the Stomach.

Shadowy side: Aggressive, dictatorial, losing the way by pushing their agendas too strongly, quarrelsome personality, issues with suppressed anger and frustration, putting fingers on many pies, envious and covetous of others' success, uncontrollable sexual appetite, betrayl and disappointment in marriage, infidelity.