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# The Yoga Of Winning

Imagine if you could alter the course of a major event by changing its start time. Imagine helping your team win just by scheduling its game at a moment that heralds victory. It may be hard to believe that the time an event takes place could have an effect one way or another on how a team performs, but a thousands-year-old tradition begs to differ, as do the starcasters of today who use astrology's timing principles to correlate the outcomes of stock markets, political elections and sporting events alike.

Vedic astrology has a rich history of predicting competitive outcomes, whether contested on a battlefield or a football pitch, and also timing such events to advantage one team and stifle another. Some savvy and, admittedly secretive, investors also use this technology to manage funds and predict stock prices. Imagine if your fund or team manager had a genie in their ear to tell them when to schedule matches and when to avoid playing. In fact, the kings of yesteryear considered starcasters invaluable for precisely this kind of advice. And let's not forget that winning translates into major money. It's no accident that JP Morgan was quoted saying, "Millionaires don't use astrology- billionaires do." This reflects the esteem certain high-rollers hold for the predictive sciences, but also the secrecy and misunderstanding that surrounds them, for accurate predictions are not just a science, but an art as well, and many in the financial industry who use astrology prefer not to let on to the world the extent to which they are willing to rely on it.







## How Does it Work?

The word 'muhurta' means 'moment'. It's also the name of the branch of learning that specialises in scheduling events for the perfect moment of conception- like marriages or major business launches. Like any living being, an event has a birth, lifespan and an end. Just as your horoscope can tell you about the major events in your life (and whether you will triumph or struggle in marriage, finance, health and the like ), so the chart of an event can tell us how a team or a stock will fare. A canny astrologer can even predict when goals will be scored, and by which squad- and this all leads to the logical question- how much free will do we have?

The answer is pretty straight forward. Practice and skill undoubtedly have an effect. But when the opponent has a similar level of these, any added edge can tip the balance in your favour. In a fight, skill triumphs over strength, but when both parties have equal skill, the strongest usually wins. Astrology can help us gauge the strength or weakness of a team on any given day or moment.

Let's consider another example, Facebook's initial public offering. Touted as one of the biggest launches ever, this stock tanked soon after it opened, and stayed at about half its initial value for months. Eventually, however, due to the strength of the company and its fundamentals, it rose again, and is currently riding well above its initial price.

This is an example of a strong company (or 'team') that ran into horrible timing- the stock launched a day or two before a major solar eclipse, an event that had every astrologer, western and Vedic, shaking their heads in disbelief. If Zuckerberg had had the insight or good counsel to wait a week, he and his investors may have avoided the millions of dollars of losses that resulted, and rode the stock up from the moment of its inception.







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### Minutes Make a Difference!

In Facebook's case, a few days were needed, but often even a minute or two can make the difference between victory and defeat. It happens in the charts of sporting events and political debates alike- starting a few minutes early or late can dramatically alter the course of history. I saw it in the World Cup this year, and predicted Costa Rica to win over its very heavily favoured opponents simply because of the time their games were played, which gave strongly for the underdog. A good astrologer need not know anything about the sport or team playing- all he or she needs is the chart. The chart is the mirror upon which the stars encode our destiny.







## Conclusion

Jyotisha shows us reality clearly, beyond the opinions or cloudy doubt of human conjecture. A chart is a precise picture of the moment- the totality of universal phenomena influencing a given time and space. Reading it, however, requires skill and discipline, a mind untainted by bias or opinion. The chart never lies, but people do, and predicting with 100% accuracy is difficult and rare. It is said that long ago astrologers became so good that they could cast the charts of people not yet born, and record their lives before they were lived. They became haughty, full of themselves, and as a result were cursed by the gods to only be 70% right, even at their best.

Perhaps this story reflects why today astrology is held in such low esteem by the lay public and the scientific community. This, despite the fact that many leaders in business, finance and politics regularly consult astrologers, albeit secretly. Not helping the equation is that astrologers themselves are also to blame: many of the best don't share their secrets, leaving the younger generation to fend for itself. And when neophyte astrologers slip up, as they inevitably must, skeptics point their fingers and say, "See, it doesn't work!"



One teacher once told me, "never trust an astrologer under 40!" There is truth here, partly because it takes at least that long to gain enough life experience to interpret a chart without bias or conjecture. It also takes at least this long to research, experiment, and gather the skills necessary for accurate interpretation. Astrology is a varied and vast art and science, and as such, every stargazer has their own unique signature and area of expertise. Some focus on helping clients to diagnose medical problems and recommend treatments. Others prefer to offer career or life counsel, while still others specialise in betting on the stock market. Whatever the specialty, every person can be benefitted by consulting a well-proven stargazer, especially those millionaires who want to be billionaires.

**"The opinion of 10,000 men is worthless if they know nothing on the subject."**

**-Cicero**

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