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02 – Twelve Rashis (Signs)

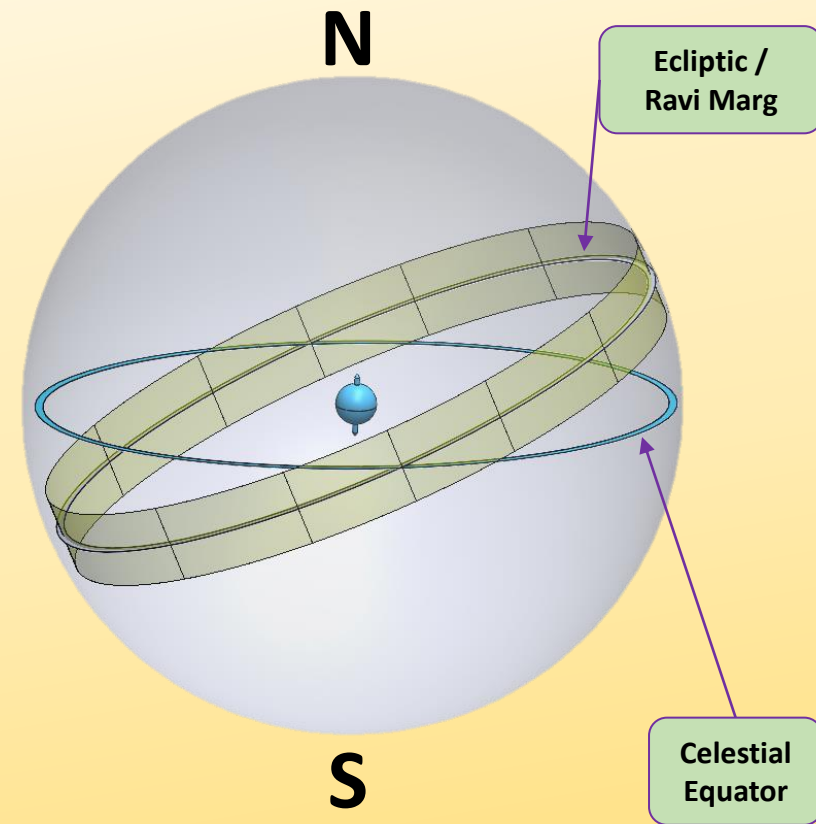


What is Zodiac?

- Zodiac is a band extending about 9° wide on both side of ecliptic. Therefore, total band width is about 18°

What is Rashi / Zodiac Signs

- As per Western Astrology, Zodiac is a diagram to represent the position of the planets and stars. It is divided equally into 12 sections each of which has its own name. These are called Signs. Therefore, there are 12 Signs in Zodiac. Zodiac Sign of native is determined by position of SUN in particular Sign.
- $360^\circ / 12 = 30^\circ$ per Rashi (Sign).
- As per Vedic Astrology (Jyotish), Zodiac Signs which are divided into 12 sections are called Rashi. Native's Rashi is determined by position of MOON in particular Sign.

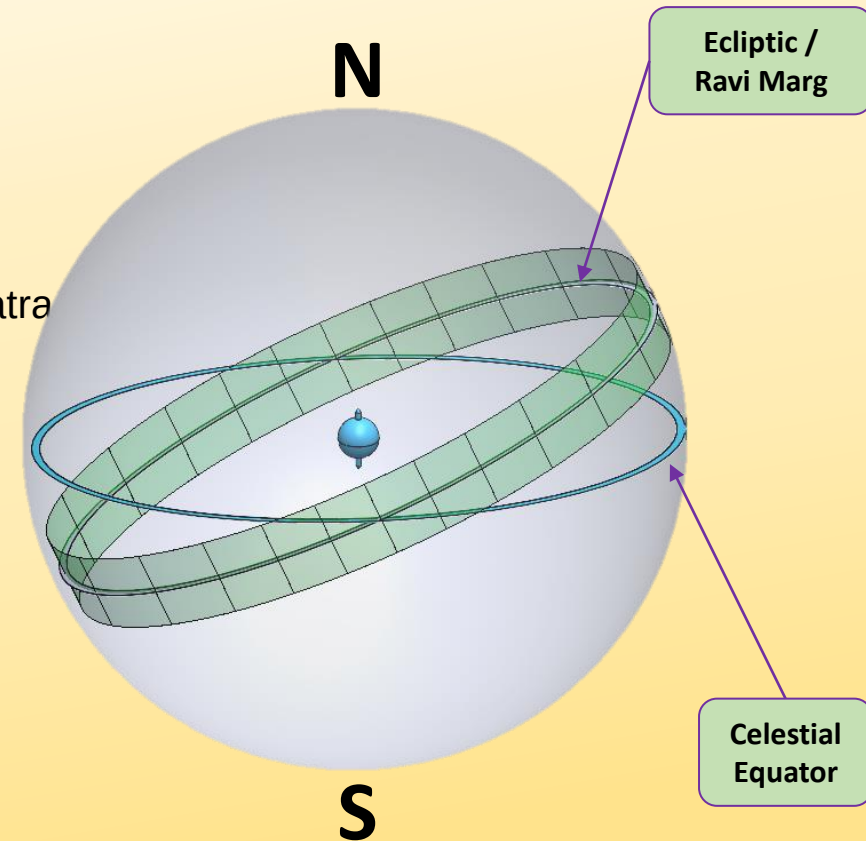




- The Zodiac is a band 18° wide and placed obliquely to the equator.
- It is divided into 12 equal parts called Rashi (sign) or 27 equal parts called Nakshatras.
- The ecliptic passes through the center of the band.

What is Nakshatra

- When a Zodiac is equally divided into 27 sections, they are called as Nakshatra
- We will cover Nakshatra in Panchanga section in next course.
- $360^\circ / 27 = 13^\circ 20'$ per Nakshatra.





EXPLAIN ZODIAC SIGNS:

- Zodiac is defined as circle that is 360° . When equally dividing Zodiac by 12 gives us 30° per each Sign.
- Aries is considered to be the starting point of Zodiac with 0° - 30° Degree.
- Space is measured in Degrees($^\circ$), Minutes(') & Seconds ("). Each degree can be divided into 60 minutes and each minute is divided into 60 seconds

ZODIAC SIGNS:



#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREE (EXTENT)
1	MESH	ARIES	♈	0°-30°
2	VRISHABH	TAURUS	♉	30°-60°
3	MITHUN	GEMINI	♊	60°-90°
4	KARK	CANCER	♋	90°-120°
5	SIMHA	LEO	♌	120°-150°
6	KANYA	VIRGO	♍	150°-180°
7	TULA	LIBRA	♎	180°-210°
8	VRISHCHIK	SCORPIO	♏	210°-240°
9	DHANU	SAGITTARIUS	♐	240°-270°
10	MAKAR	CAPRICORN	♑	270°-300°
11	KUMBH	AQUARIUS	♒	300°-330°
12	MEEN	PISCES	♓	330°-360°



What are Rashi / Sign Attributes:

- There are multiple groups made as per the common characteristics. They are as follows:
 - A. Polarity (Positive or Negative Reaction Pattern)
 - B. A Quality or Modality (Form of Expression)
 - C. Element (Describing Basic Temperament)
 - D. Rising Pattern of Sign
 - E. Directions (East – West – South – North)
 - F. Prakruti (Pitta – Vaayu – Sama – Kapha (Kapha))
 - G. Symbols of Signs
 - H. COLOUR – Metal – Nature – Part of Body – Power Day / Night
- We will discuss above points in further details in next few slides.



A. POLARITY :

- Polarity of each sign can be determined by dividing the 12 Zodiac signs in half as positive or negative.
- YIN & YANG is also used by astrologers to describe the polarity of sign where YIN represents Negative and Yang represent Positive.

#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREES	POLARITY
1	MESH	ARIES		0°-30°	POSITIVE
3	MITHUN	GEMINI		60°-90°	
5	SIMHA	LEO		120°-150°	
7	TULA	LIBRA		180°-210°	
9	DHANU	SAGITTARIUS		240°-270°	
11	KUMBH	AQUARIUS		300°-330°	

#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREES	POLARITY
2	VRISHABH	TAURUS		30°-60°	NEGATIVE
4	KARK	CANCER		90°-120°	
6	KANYA	VIRGO		150°-180°	
8	VRISHCHIK	SCORPIO		210°-240°	
10	MAKAR	CAPRICORN		270°-300°	
12	MEEN	PISCES		330°-360°	

A. POLARITY :



#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREES	POLARITY	KEY CHARACTERISTICS
1	MESH	ARIES	♈	0°-30°	POSITIVE	• More Extraverted • Objective • Assertive • Expressive • Active • Day - Masculine
3	MITHUN	GEMINI	♊	60°-90°		
5	SIMHA	LEO	♌	120°-150°		
7	TULA	LIBRA	♎	180°-210°		
9	DHANU	SAGITTARIUS	♐	240°-270°		
11	KUMBH	AQUARIUS	♑	300°-330°		

#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREES	POLARITY	KEY CHARACTERISTICS
2	VRISHABH	TAURUS	♉	30°-60°	NEGATIVE	• More Introverted • Subjective • Receptive • Night Feminine
4	KARK	CANCER	♋	90°-120°		
6	KANYA	VIRGO	♍	150°-180°		
8	VRISHCHIK	SCORPIO	♏	210°-240°		
10	MAKAR	CAPRICORN	♐	270°-300°		
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B. A Quality or Modality (Form of Expression) :

- 12 Zodiac signs are divided into three modalities as shown below.

1. CARDINAL SIGN (CHAR)

- I. Moving / Outgoing / Enterprising
- II. Initiate Changes / Make Things Happen

2. FIXED SIGN (STHIR)

- I. Intense / Stead Fast / Resistant to Change / Consolidate / Preserve
- II. Firm / Focused / Determined

3. MUTABLE SIGN (DWISWABHAVA)

- I. Flexible / Variable
- II. Adapt & Adjust

B. MODALITY :

#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREES	MODALITY	KEY CHARACTERISTICS
1	MESH	ARIES	♈	0°-30°	CARDINAL	Action Oriented
4	KARK	CANCER	♋	90°-120°		Dynamic
7	TULA	LIBRA	♎	180°-210°		Outgoing
10	MAKAR	CAPRICORN	♏	270°-300°		Enterprising Initiate Changes Make Things Happen
#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREES	MODALITY	KEY CHARACTERISTICS
2	VRISHABH	TAURUS	♉	30°-60°	FIXED	Resistance to change
5	SIMHA	LEO	♌	120°-150°		Intense Stead Fast
8	VRISHCHIK	SCORPIO	♏	210°-240°		Consolidate
11	KUMBH	AQUARIUS	♐	300°-330°		Preserve Inflexible
#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREES	MODALITY	KEY CHARACTERISTICS
3	MITHUN	GEMINI	♊	60°-90°	MUTABLE	Adaptability
6	KANYA	VIRGO	♍	150°-180°		flexibility
9	DHANU	SAGITTARIUS	♐	240°-270°		resourcefulness
12	MEEN	PISCES	♓	330°-360°		



C. ELEMENTS:



- Temperament of each sign is described by dividing the zodiac by four and assigning each sign to one of the four ancient elements. The four elements are Fire, Earth, Air and Water. These 4 elements are very essential for our world to function the way it is.

AGNI (FIRE)



HEAT

VITALITY

STRONG WILL

LIGHT

EXCITEMENT

INDEPENDENT

PURIFICATION

INTENSITY

FORCEFUL

FUEL

ASSERTIVE

ARGUMENTATIVE

BURN / DESTROY

DESIRING

EGOISTIC

ANGER

CONFIDENT

DOMINATING

DYNAMIC

SELF PROMOTING

C. ELEMENTS:

PRITHVI (EARTH)



STABILITY	HELPING NATURE	DULL
COMMON SENSE	STUBBORN	TOO MATERIALISTIC
GROUNDING	SELF PROTECTIVE	CAN'T TAKE CRITICISM
STEADY	SLOW & STEADY	ORTHODOX
PRACTICAL	RESERVED & RESTRAINED	OLD FASHIONED
SUSTAINABLE	BE METHODOICAL	
	ECONOMICAL	

C. ELEMENTS:

VAYU (AIR)



INTELLECT

EXPRESSIVE

UNWILLING TO FACE FACTS

SOCIABLE

INNOVATION

UNREALISTIC

COMMUNICATIVE

GROWTH

NERVOUS

FULL OF IDEAS

COLD & CALM

INSPIRATIONAL

IMPRACTICAL

CREATIVE

CONFUSED

INDEPENDENT

DECEPTIVE

C. ELEMENTS:

JAL (WATER)



SENSITIVE NATURE	FLOW	CARING
STRENGTHENS THE EMOTIONAL	PURE	FAMILY ORIENTED
INTUITIVE	NO COLOUR	DESTRUCTIVE
MOVABILITY	NO TASTE	DEPRESSIVE
FLEXIBLE	NO FIXED SHAPE OR FORM	SELF PITYING
CAN TAKE ANY SHAPE	TAKES THE SHAPE OF ITS CONTAINER	EASILY INFLUENCED
STANDSTILL	REFLECTIVE	



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3	MITHUN	GEMINI		60°-90°	
7	TULA	LIBRA		180°-210°	
11	KUMBH	AQUARIUS		300°-330°	

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6	KANYA	VIRGO		150°-180°	
10	MAKAR	CAPRICORN		270°-300°	

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8	VRISHCHIK	SCORPIO		210°-240°	
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#	VEDIC SIGN NAME	WESTERN SIGN NAME	SYMBOLS	DEGREES	POLARITY	MODALITY	ELEMENT
1	MESH	ARIES	♈	0°-30°	POSITIVE	CARDINAL	FIRE
2	VRISHABH	TAURUS	♉	30°-60°	NEGATIVE	FIXED	EARTH
3	MITHUN	GEMINI	♊	60°-90°	POSITIVE	MUTABLE	AIR
4	KARK	CANCER	♋	90°-120°	NEGATIVE	CARDINAL	WATER
5	SIMHA	LEO	♌	120°-150°	POSITIVE	FIXED	FIRE
6	KANYA	VIRGO	♍	150°-180°	NEGATIVE	MUTABLE	EARTH
7	TULA	LIBRA	♎	180°-210°	POSITIVE	CARDINAL	AIR
8	VRISHCHIK	SCORPIO	♏	210°-240°	NEGATIVE	FIXED	WATER
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12	MEEN	PISCES	♓	330°-360°	NEGATIVE	MUTABLE	WATER



Thank You.

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