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Role of Computer

People who pursue the Indian way of life look at certain events as constituting joy and certain events as sorrowful and have their own concepts about, the means and ends of life. Keeping this in mind, the rishis have written about the "phalabhaga" or fruits of astrology.

People in their boyhood pursue education, worldly pleasures in youth and Atma vidya in old age in India. Marriage, progeny, acquisition of wealth, domestic well-being, relationships, unity, inheritance, karma, vamsa parampara (hereditary relationship) are all concepts dealt with in an unique fashion in India. Those who fashion their lives on the basis of Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha, acquire fulfilment through this mindset. Adultery, lack of issues, death of spouse, death of children, parental curse, Disharmony at home, poverty, notoriety, punishment, atheism, grief are all deplorable concepts to an Indian mind.

The first group discussed above is conducive to dharma and second group is conducive to spread of Adharma.

The Indian mind wishes to spread dharma and annihilate adharma. With this in mind, the phalabhaga of Rishis have to be studied to know beforehand, the potential of a horoscope. The gains and losses can be known beforehand from an individual's horoscope.

Vedic astrology is common to the whole world. But it gives prime importance to the Indian mindset of establishing dharma and elimination
of Adharma. There are two categories of results in astrology. Some things are acquired with effort like fame, goodwill and education. Some things like inheritance of wealth accrue without any effort on our part. These events are also indicated by astrology.

To impart meaning to the planetary positions, mere mathematical knowledge is insufficient. It requires a broad perspective of all shastras. Thus a computer cannot interpret a horoscope. Planets do not pinpoint poorva punya. Poorva punya has to be understood from a man's horoscope by understanding the various branches of knowledge.

The present age is yet to see a device, which is capable of understanding and determining an abstract concept like Poorvapunya. Astrology combines predictive portion with Gochara and omens. It is difficult to feed omens into a computer, especially when we do not know what are the omens we are likely to encounter in future. Moreover it is difficult to mix Dasa/ Bhukti results with Gochara into the computer and derive the results. Moreover concepts like foreign travel are looked at from different angles and a computer cannot probe into its merits and demerits. Concepts like acquisition of wealth and acquisition of peace of mind or happiness are not identical and these cannot be determined by the computer. If the mind of a Rishi can be imported into a computer, it will certainly become an all-knowing device but this is certainly a utopian concept as of today.