

# Stationary Planets in Transit

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## Introduction

Planets switching from direct motion to retrogression or from retrogression to direct motion become nearly stationary over a period of time during the transition. Such planets seem to become very powerful and seem to trigger events related to the natal planetary positions touched by them by conjunction or aspect. Stationary transits of Jupiter and Saturn seem to be particularly important. We will study the impact of such transits in this article.

I would like to acknowledge that the importance of stationary planets in bringing about important results was mentioned to me once by Dr Manish Pandit, who is a yogi, astrologer and author. I took that basic idea and developed into simple principles that I tested on some examples.

## Principle

Jupiter and Saturn are slow moving planets and important planets. When a planet is stationary in transit, *i.e.* moving with a much smaller speed than usual, the planet is akin to a person who is calm and still. Just as a person who is calm and still can focus better and be more productive, a stationary planet can focus its energies better and give some important results.

The natal positions touched by such a planet by conjunction or aspect are activated by the stationary transit. Conjunction and aspects of a transiting planet on planets in natal rasi chart as well as natal divisional charts seem to be important.

A stationary planet in quadrants or trines from lagna of a natal rasi/divisional chart seems to trigger good results related to the natal positions in that chart that are conjoined or aspected by it. A stationary planet in dusthanas from lagna of a natal rasi/divisional chart seems to trigger bad results related to the natal positions in that chart that are conjoined or aspected by it.

As stationary transit of Jupiter and Saturn takes place a couple of times every year and covers a very small fraction of the zodiac, one cannot expect results to be triggered only by extremely close conjunctions. One can instead take an orb of about 7 degrees.

Not every event can be seen with this approach, as events do happen even when planets are not stationary. However, if a planet is moving very slowly and has a close conjunction or aspect on an important point of the natal chart, significant events can be expected around such times.

This will be illustrated using some practical examples. More research may be needed to refine this. I have used Jagannatha ayanamsa (variation of Lahiri ayanamsa based on taking the mean Sun-earth plane instead of an oscillating plane and fixing Chitra star at 180 deg always). I have used true nodes. I have used divisional longitudes freely.

## Example 1: Swami Vivekananda's Limelight

*Birthdata:* 1863 January 12, 6:33 pm (LMT, 5:54 east of GMT), Calcutta, India (88e30, 22n40)

*Event:* He came to limelight with a famous speech at the parliament of religions on 1893 September 11.

According to Parasara, D-10 is the chart of work and public life.

Jupiter was direct till 1893 September 19 and became retrograde on that day. He was moving quite slowly at around 9Ta00, when the event occurred on 1893 September 11.

In natal D-10 chart, Jupiter owns 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and is a functional benefic. He was transiting in the 9<sup>th</sup> house from natal D-10 lagna, which is at 19Le52. He had a favorable transit and should give good results.

In the natal D-10 chart, the 5<sup>th</sup> lord Jupiter at 10Sc12 and 10<sup>th</sup> lord Venus at 11Sc29 have a raja yoga that gives fame. Transit Jupiter at 9Ta00 had a very close aspect on them. He can trigger the raja yoga during the stationary transit.

Overall, Jupiter was stationary during a good transit *w.r.t.* natal D-10 lagna and touched important natal positions conducive to good developments and fame in one's work.

## Example 2: Birth of a son

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:13 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He had a son on 1998 August 21.

According to Parasara, D-7 is the chart of children.

Saturn was direct till 1998 August 15, when he just turned retrograde. At the time of the event, Saturn was moving quite slowly at around 9Ar45.

In the natal D-7 chart, lagna is at 9Ge00. Saturn was transiting in the 11<sup>th</sup> house, a good transit. Being the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> lord, he is a functional benefic. So he gives good results during the good transit.

Transit Saturn at 9Ar45 had a close aspect on natal D-7 lagna at 9Ge00. In natal rasi chart, Jupiter is at 9Li46. Transit Saturn had a perfect aspect on him.

Overall, Saturn was stationary during a good transit *w.r.t.* natal D-7 lagna and very closely touched lagna in D-7 and putra karaka Jupiter in rasi chart and gave a child.

## Example 3: Going Abroad

*Birthdata:* 1975 July 13, 4:05 pm (IST), Eluru, India (81e06, 16n42)

*Event:* She left India and went to USA on 1997 August 14/15.

According to Parasara, D-4 is the chart of bhagya (fortune) and we see residence from it.

Saturn was direct till 1997 August 1, when he became retrograde. At the time of the event, Saturn was moving quite slowly at 26Pi22.

Saturn was transiting in the 11<sup>th</sup> house from natal D-4 lagna at 24Ta41. Being a yogakarka transiting in the 11<sup>th</sup> house, he can give good results related to residence and bhagya.

In the natal D-4 chart, 9<sup>th</sup> lord Saturn is at 24Pi51. Transit Saturn at 26Pi22 had a close conjunction with natal 9<sup>th</sup> lord Saturn. Moreover, he has a close aspect on the natal 7<sup>th</sup> lord who occupies the 12<sup>th</sup> house, Ketu, at 24Ta30.

Overall, Saturn was stationary during a good transit *w.r.t.* natal D-4 lagna and touched natal points important for leaving motherland and going abroad.

## **Example 4: Going Abroad**

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:13 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He left India on the night of 1994 November 10 and has been living abroad since then.

According to Parasara, D-4 is the chart of bhagya (fortune) and we see residence from it.

Saturn was retrograde till 1994 November 9, when he turned direct. At the time of the event, Saturn was moving quite slowly at 11Aq55.

Saturn was transiting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house from natal D-4 lagna at 26Sg35. That is a neutral transit, but, being exalted in the natal chart, Saturn can give good results relating to residence and bhagya.

In the natal D-4 chart, 12<sup>th</sup> lord Ketu is at 12Aq32. Transit Saturn at 11Aq55 had a close conjunction with 12<sup>th</sup> lord Ketu. Moreover, he has a close aspect on the significator of foreign residence, Rahu, at 12Le32.

Overall, Saturn was very stationary during a neutral transit *w.r.t.* natal D-4 lagna and touched natal points important for leaving motherland and going abroad.

## **Example 5: Starting Daily Homam**

*Birthdata:* 1971 April 27, 6:31 am (IST), Andheri, India (72e50, 19n07)

*Event:* He started doing a daily Ganapathi homam on 2006 December 4 morning. After keeping up that habit for more than 2 years, he switched to Chandi homam and does it everyday even now. Basically, the sadhana started on that day has continued for more than 3 years now and helping in his spiritual progress.

According to Parasara, D-20 is the chart of spiritual sadhana.

Saturn was direct till 2006 December 5 and became retrograde then. At the time of the event, he was moving very slowly at 1Le08.

In the natal D-20 chart, lagna is at 3Pi46 and stationary Saturn is in the 5<sup>th</sup> house of mantra. He has a close 3/4<sup>th</sup> aspect on lagna at 3Pi46 and 8<sup>th</sup> lord Venus at 2Pi45. That can give a new sadhana. In rasi chart, stationary Saturn has a close aspect on natal chara aatma karaka (AK) Saturn at 29Ar51.

Overall, Saturn was stationary during a good transit *w.r.t.* D-20 lagna and touched important natal positions conducive to starting a new spiritual sadhana and making a new beginning.

## **Example 6: Starting Daily Homam**

*Birthdata:* 1970 October 5, 12:32 pm (IST), 80e21, 15n49

*Event:* He also started doing a daily Ganapathi homam on 2006 December 4 morning, at the same muhurta as the sadhana in the previous example. After keeping up that habit for more than one year, he switched to

Chandi homam and does it everyday even now. Basically, the sadhana started on that day has continued for more than 3 years now and helping in his spiritual progress.

According to Parasara, D-20 is the chart of spiritual sadhana.

Saturn was direct till 2006 December 5 and became retrograde then. At the time of the event, he was moving very slowly at 1Le08.

In the natal D-20 chart, lagna is at 1Le05 and stationary Saturn is in the 1<sup>st</sup> house of new beginning. Stationary Saturn at 1Le08 closely conjoins natal D-20 lagna at 1Le05 and natal D-20 lagna lord Sun at 3Le47. That can give a new beginning in sadhana. In rasi chart, stationary Saturn has a close aspect on natal chara aatma karaka (AK) Saturn at 28Ar20.

Overall, Saturn was stationary during a good transit *w.r.t.* D-20 lagna and touched important natal positions conducive to starting a new beginning in spiritual evolution.

## **Example 7: A Vehicular Accident**

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:13 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He had a vehicular accident on 1996 December 5, in which his car was totaled.

According to Parasara, D-16 is the chart of vehicle, luxuries and happiness from them.

Saturn was retrograde till 1996 December 3 and became direct on that day. He was moving quite slowly at around 6Pi49, when the event occurred on 1996 December 5.

In the natal D-16 chart, Saturn owns 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and is a neutral planet. He was transiting in the 8<sup>th</sup> house from natal lagna at 16Cn18. He can give bad results related to vehicles during the transit.

In the natal D-16 chart, the 6<sup>th</sup> lord (accidents) Jupiter is at 6Vi15. Transit Saturn at 6Pi49 had a close aspect on him.

Overall, Saturn was stationary during a bad transit *w.r.t.* natal D-16 lagna and touched important natal positions conducive to creating an accident to vehicle.

## **Example 8: Loss of Political Power**

*Birthdata:* 1917 November 19, 11:05 pm (IST), Allahabad, India (81e51, 25n27)

*Event:* She lost political power and stepped down from the Prime Ministership of India on 1977 March 24.

According to Parasara, D-10 is the chart of career and work done by one.

Saturn was retrograde at the time. He was moving very slowly and was about to become direct. He became direct after a couple of weeks, on 1977 April 11. At the time of the event, Saturn was moving quite slowly at around 16Cn41 and became direct at 16Cn26 after two weeks.

In the natal D-10 chart, Saturn is a functional malefic and he was transiting at 16Cn41 in the 8<sup>th</sup> house from natal D-10 lagna at 20Sc38. Thus, he should give bad results.

Mars is the lord of lagna and GL in natal D-10. He is at 14Cp03 in D-10. Transit Saturn at 16Cn41 had a close aspect on him.

In the natal rasi chart, GL is at 21Ar51. Transit Saturn at 16Cn43 had a close aspect on GL.

Overall, Saturn was stationary during a bad transit *w.r.t.* natal D-10 lagna and touched natal positions important for career and power and gave a big setback.

## **Example 9: Regaining Political Power**

*Birthdata:* 1917 November 19, 11:05 pm (IST), Allahabad, India (81e51, 25n27)

*Event:* Her party won a landslide majority in the parliamentary elections of 1980 Jan 3 and 6 and she became Prime Minister of India again.

According to Parasara, D-10 is the chart of career and work done by one.

Jupiter became retrograde on 1979 December 26. He was moving very slowly at 16Le27, at the time of the event. Saturn also became retrograde on 1980 January 7. Saturn was almost perfectly stationary sat around 3Vi28, at the time of the event.

Jupiter is a functional benefic in natal D-10. He was transiting in the 9<sup>th</sup> house from natal lagna at 20Sc38. That is a great transit. He should give excellent results. Saturn is a functional malefic and was transiting in a quadrant from natal lagna. His negative results cannot be pronounced. Stationary Jupiter dominates over stationary Saturn.

In the natal D-10 chart, 10<sup>th</sup> lord Sun is at 11Le27 and transit Jupiter touches him. Transit Jupiter also comes in contact with 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> lord and GL lord Mars in natal rasi chart, who is at 16Le24. Stationary Jupiter is almost perfectly in conjunction with natal Mars of rasi chart. He also has an aspect on GL in natal rasi chart at 21Ar51.

Overall, Jupiter, was stationary during a good transit *w.r.t.* natal D-10 lagna and touched natal positions important for career and power and gave a successful comeback.

## **Example 10: Getting a Good Job**

*Birthdata:* 1971 April 27, 6:31 am (IST), Andheri, India (72e50, 19n07)

*Event:* He was living in USA and went back to India in early 2007. He came back to USA in the middle of 2009 September and started looking for a job. In the middle of a bad economy, he received a job offer around 2009 October 22.

According to Parasara, D-10 is the chart of one's work.

Jupiter was retrograde till 2009 October 13 and became direct then. At the time of the event, he was moving very slowly around 23Cp21.

In the natal D-10 chart, lagna is at 16Vi53 and stationary Jupiter is in the 5<sup>th</sup> house. That is a good transit and he can give good results.

Saturn is the 5<sup>th</sup> lord in 5<sup>th</sup> in natal D-10. He is at 28Cp29 in natal D-10. Stationary Jupiter is close to him. That can show getting a good opportunity in career.

Overall, Jupiter was stationary during a good transit *w.r.t.* D-10 lagna and touched an important natal position conducive to getting a good job. He found a good job in the middle of a bad economy.

## Example 11: Marriage

*Birthdata:* 1979 March 11, 6:41 am (IST), Machilipatnam, India (78e30, 17n20)

*Event:* She got married on the night of 2001 February 6.

According to Parasara, D-9 is the chart of marriage.

Saturn was retrograde till 2001 January 24, when he turned direct. At the time of the event, Saturn was moving quite slowly at 0Ta10. Jupiter was retrograde till 2001 January 25, when he turned direct. At the time of the event, Jupiter was moving quite slowly at 7Ta19.

Saturn and Jupiter were stationary and transiting in the 11<sup>th</sup> house from natal D-9 lagna at 24Ge00. They are the 9<sup>th</sup> (dharma) and 7<sup>th</sup> (marriage) lords in natal D-9. They can give good results during that transit.

Lagna lord Mercury at 4Sc08 and 9<sup>th</sup> lord Rahu at 5Sc22 have a raja yoga in D-9. Stationary Saturn at 0Ta10 and stationary Jupiter at 7Ta19 have close aspects on them and can give marriage.

Overall, Saturn and Jupiter were stationary during good transits *w.r.t.* natal D-9 lagna and touched natal points important for marriage.

## Example 12: A Spiritual Experience

*Birthdata:* 1970 April 4, 5:47:13 pm (IST), Machilipatnam, India (81e08, 16n10)

*Event:* He had a profound and life-altering spiritual experience on 2005 June 10

According to Parasara, D-20 is the chart of spiritual sadhana.

Jupiter was retrograde till 2005 June 5, when he just turned direct. At the time of the event, Jupiter was moving quite slowly at around 15Vi04.

In the natal D-20 chart, Jupiter is the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> lord. He is a functional malefic, but he owns the 8<sup>th</sup> house of sadhana and mystical experiences. He was transiting in the 5<sup>th</sup> house from natal D-20 lagna at 12Ta53. That is an excellent transit. So Jupiter can give good results relating to sadhana and experience.

In the natal D-20 chart, lagna is at 12Ta53. Transit Jupiter at 15Vi04 had a close aspect on lagna. In fact, more importantly, lagna in natal rasi chart is at 14Vi09 and stationary Jupiter at 15Vi04 was in close contact with it.

Overall, Jupiter was very stationary during a good transit *w.r.t.* natal D-20 lagna and touched lagna in D-20 and rasi closely. His spiritual life and overall life were redefined and given a new direction.

There is one more subtle factor that seems to hold up in some other charts I have seen. D-60 shows how good karmas from past life play a role in current life. When defining the list of matters to be seen in each divisional chart, Parasara says D-60 shows “everything”. D-60 seems to be important for spiritual experiences and realization.

In natal D-60, the lord of the 12<sup>th</sup> house of liberation is Jupiter and he is in the 5<sup>th</sup> house at 15Ta56. The stationary Jupiter at 15Vi04 was in the 9<sup>th</sup> house from natal D-60 lagna (excellent transit) and he closely aspected natal 12<sup>th</sup> lord Jupiter.

## Example 13: Ramana Maharshi's First Experience of "Self"

*Birthdata:* 1879 December 30, 1:02 am (IST), Pondicherry, India (78e15, 9n50)

*Event:* He held spontaneous self-enquiry and experienced Self on 1896 July 17 and it changed the course of his life.

According to Parasara, D-20 is the chart of spiritual sadhana.

Saturn was retrograde till 1896 July 16, when he just turned direct. At the time of the event, Saturn was moving quite slowly at around 20Li00.

In the natal D-20 chart, Saturn is lagna lord and a functional benefic. He was transiting in the 9<sup>th</sup> house from natal D-20 lagna at 20Li00. That is an excellent transit. So Saturn can give good results relating to spiritual sadhana during the stationary transit.

Though stationary Saturn at 20Li00 does not have close aspect on any natal planet in D-20 (except a perfect half aspect on Mars at 20Ge08), he has a close aspect on 8<sup>th</sup> lord Mars in natal rasi chart at 22Ar00.

If we look at D-60 as in the previous chart, the 12<sup>th</sup> co-lord Rahu is at 20Li56. Stationary Saturn at 20Li00 has a close conjunction with him. A stationary planet is touching the natal D-60 longitude of the 12<sup>th</sup> lord of natal D-60.

**Note on D-60 Link:** I can give one more example of the D-60 link mentioned in this example and in the previous example, without revealing the birthdata as I do not have permission. I know of a yogi who entered Nirvikalpa Samadhi for the first time in the first week of May 2004. Nirvikalpa Samadhi is a non-dual state where perception of "I" and "others" ceases completely in the mind and mind is absorbed in Brahman or Aatman, without any objectification or duality left in it.

Jupiter was retrograde till 2004 May 4 and became direct on the day. When this yogi entered Nirvikalpa Samadhi, Jupiter was very stationary around 15Le00. In his natal D-60 chart, Pisces rises and Saturn is the lord of the 12<sup>th</sup> house. Saturn is at 15Le43 in natal D-60. Stationary Jupiter conjoined him when the event happened.

Overall, a good stationary transit touching the 12<sup>th</sup> lord of natal D-60 seems to be capable of bringing significant events in spiritual life, in the direction liberation.

## Conclusion

When planets, especially Jupiter and Saturn, become stationary during transitions between direct motion and retrograde motion, they become focused and powerful to give results. The houses and natal planets touched by them by way of a conjunction or an aspect can be triggered and significant results can be given. My simple findings were illustrated using examples. These ideas and examples demonstrate the utility of divisional longitudes.

It is hoped that intelligent and sincere students and researchers of this divine subject will take this knowledge further.