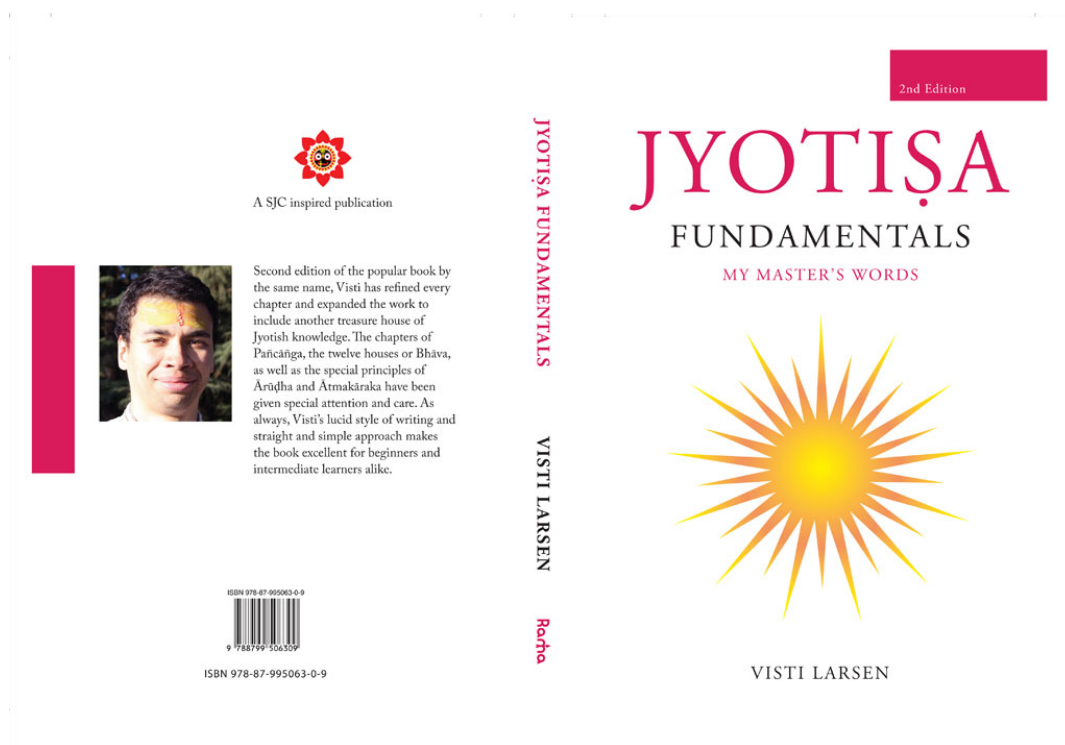


This publication is the second edition of my previous publication; 'My Masters Words', written in 2003. These publications come as a promise to my teacher; Pt. Sanjay Rāth, who wanted the tradition of Jyotiḥ a to be known and recognized in India as well as abroad.



With the first edition being sold out and largely unavailable, this 2nd edition has been published in a hard-cover version, in a larger binding and spanning 386 pages.

As solicited by the readers, the book in its second edition has been expanded to include much more information on Pañcāṅga. Herein each limb of the Pañcāṅga has been elaborated upon based on the work and teachings of Pt. Sanjay Rāth. Every section of the Pañcāṅga chapter has been expanded upon. In sections where this authors own observations come to fore it has been clearly mentioned. However, it must be clearly mentioned that the entire knowledge existing in this book has arisen due to the teachings of my Jyotiḥ a Guru Pt. Sanjay Rāth.

Initially an entire book on Pañcāṅga had been planned, spanning two hundred pages in its raw

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form before deciding to add select portions of it to the second edition of this book. This new edition of the book has been structured to prepare students to appreciate and understand the working use of Pañcāṅga in the birth chart, and sets the foundation for future releases on the topic of especially Pāñcāṅga.

In subsequent chapters care has been taken to correct previous layout and scripting errors and improving language. Some charts have been removed to avoid repetition while some have been added, in select sections, to add more detail and understanding of the principles at hand.

Nine years have passed since the contents of this book first were written, and this time through learning the deeper tenants and principles of Jyotiḥ a through *Mahaḥ i Parāśara Horā Śāstra* and *Mahaḥ i Jaimini Kṛ tam Upadeśa Sutram*, as taught in the tradition, certain sections of the book have been refined to suit and ease the learning of Jyotiḥ a who participate in such courses or study.

The book is available for purchase through Amazon UK at: [Jyotisa Fundamentals at Amazon.co.uk](http://Jyotisa Fundamentals at Amazon.co.uk)

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त्रयीमयाय त्रिगुणात्म धारणि वरिञ्चि नारायण शङ्करात्मन्

I, Visti Larsen, born to Kaj and Maymuna Larsen on November 21<sup>st</sup> 1981 at 6 AM in Nairobi, Kenya.

Grandson of Christian and Agathe Larsen as well as Ali Fakhri and Fatma Swaleh.

In tribute to my Guru Sanjay Rath and the lineage of Śrī Acyutānanda Dāsa of Orissa, I hereby present this book, in its second edition, as a fruit of my learning.

## **Author**

I hope with the publication of this book, the tradition of Jyotiḥ a will be recognized by the astrology community, as well as society at large for the traditions depth, understanding and intellectual approach.

## **Publication**

This publication is the result of a promise to my teacher, namely to teach on to others, what I have learned. The book is a contribution to the aspiring astrologers, with knowledge gained both from my personal association with my Guru, and the application of the same knowledge in my own experiences with my clientele.

This book is structured to enable beginners and intermediate level astrologers gravitate to an advanced comprehension and competence, emulating the hightened pace that I was exposed to under the tutelage of my Guru Pt. Sanjay Rath.

To work on the core roots of the subject, the first chapter deals with the 'Pañca-aṅga', or the five limbs of the Vedic calendar. This particular area of Jyotiḥ a is often overlooked due to lack of knowledge in application on part of the astrologer, and also the idea that it is merely a calendar system, and hence overlooked completely by astrologers following the Western Astrology System. To give a more practical use of the pañcāṅga, I have introduced some very useful methods of application to identify flaws in the quality of time, and how it relates to the chart.

Suffice to say, that this is 'only the tip of the iceberg'. This chapter may seem difficult for beginners, and I do recommend students to give themselves adequate time to understand this. This chapter is however given first, as this is the first thing that an astrologer is taught to see before analyzing the chart... the reader will appreciate why, after reading it.

The subsequent chapters deal with more commonly known concepts, such as Graha, Rāśi, Bhāva, Kāraka, etc. however to avoid a repetition of already available literature, I have added a deeper understanding to aspects of the topic which are lesser known, such as Māra a Kāraka Sthāna, Bhāva and Graha Tithi, use of day/night births, planetary castes and the Var adā Lagna, Upagraha – just to mention some topics under the Graha chapter. In a similar vein, I have given some deeper understanding and principles on the use of the Rāśi as well as the Bhāva, and a particularly important topic, namely Sambandha or relationships. Two topics which are very close to heart among the members of Sri Jagannātha Centre are Ārū ha and Kāraka. I have devoted a chapter to each in an attempt to establish a stronger foundation for the use of these techniques, and also an idea of their importance. In fact the entire book deals very strongly with the use of the Ārū has

Four chapters are devoted to the twelve Bhāvas. Each bhāva has been picked up and with it some extremely practical and repeatable techniques are shown which are not mentioned in the modern Jyoti a books.

The last chapter is devoted to the Nārāya a Daśā which is the hall mark of the Jaimini Sutras, and one of my personal favourites. It should however, not be assumed that this Daśā system is the only one used in this tradition. In fact Pt. Jagannāth Rath, the grandfather of Pt. Sanjay Rath, was fond of Vimśottari Daśā, which he used down to a precision of 6 sub-levels in his predictions! Yet, he used to calculate Nārāya a Daśā mentally to confirm the same. These Daśā systems are but a few of the many Daśā systems learnt in the paramparā, but to begin with giving the aspiring astrologers a sidestep from the more commonly used Vimśottari Daśā (or the A tottari Daśā used in eastern India), I have given some practical use of Nārāya a Daśā.

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to the members of Śrī Jagannāth Centre, for having established a e-forum for learning, to help the learning process for aspiring jyotiā as, through intellectual discussions and serious application of scriptural knowledge. For participation the forum can be found through: <http://srijagannath.org>.

Further, I would like to acknowledge show my gratitude for the tedious and detailed work of Smt. Sarbani Rath in enabling this work to be in its present form. Finally my gratitude goes to the entire staff of Sagittarius Publications which made this book available and worked towards enabling the knowledge of Jyotiā a to be available to all.

I offer this book for the benefit of all astrologers. Visti Larsen ( [visti@srigaruda.com](mailto:visti@srigaruda.com) )