

Birth Time Rectification through K. P. Astrology

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Introduction

The accuracy of any astrological prediction is fundamentally dependent upon three major inputs: a) accurate of birth details of the native, b) sound knowledge and experience of the astrologer about the science of astrology and c) the correct casting of the horoscope. Of these three critical inputs, the correct casting of the horoscope is an essential sine qua non for which the accuracy of the birth details is of utmost importance. Birth details include the date of birth, place of birth and the time of birth. However, even though the native or her relative seldom misinforms the date of birth and the place of birth to the astrologer, the accuracy of the reported birth time has long been a major area of concern for the scientific minded astrologers. This is because, as students of astrology, we are amply aware that wrong birth time would invariably lead to a wrong degree rising on the East as the Lagna (Ascendant) with wrong planetary degrees at birth. The problem is augmented more so due to the wrong longitude of Moon at birth (emanating from a wrong birth time) resulting in a wrong balance of Dasha at birth and the subsequent periods. Since all the prediction is based on the cascades of Vimsottari Dasha periods of the nine planets, wrong time of birth will lead to prognostications of dubious quality for no fault of the astrologer or the science of astrology.

Therefore, what we require is an effective technique of birth time rectification, which would be robust in its application and yield consistent results. However, a mere rectification through a robust logic is not enough. The rectified birth time should show immediately and clearly that the new (rectified) birth time is reflective of the native's birth origin and life events. In this article, we will discuss a modern and well researched approach of rectifying birth time based on the principles of Krishnamurthy Paddhati (K.P.). In addition to this, I would provide a novel means to ascertain whether this 'rectified' birth time truly reflects the origin of the native. The article would also demonstrate the techniques with the example of a few case charts.

What is 'birth'?

This is a question, which, unfortunately, is most often never asked, never answered, and seldom understood. In fact, this question has now become a deadly defensive in the discourse of rationalists targeting astrology and astrologers. The question of what actually constitutes birth has always perplexed the common person. Does 'birth' mean the time when the head of the child is first seen? Or 'birth' takes place when the child is fully out from her mother's womb? Or is it that 'birth' takes place when the umbilical chord is severed? This question of what actually constitutes 'birth' has long remained answered in our ancient Indian scriptures, epics and astrological texts of high repute. Only recently, medical science

has accepted the fact, after sufficient research proved that ‘still-born’ babies are not technically ‘born’, that **‘birth’ happens when the child cries out after taking in the first breath.** Way back in 1901, Dr. William Benham in the United States wrote in his book ‘The Laws of Scientific Hand-Reading’ that life begins after a child takes in her first breath and cries out. We must not forget that Dr. Benham was trained in medicine.

Unfortunately, common person is not aware about the true event that constitutes birth. Even in American states, where the husband is allowed to remain present in the labor room of his wife/partner to witness child-birth, the recorded birth time may still be faulty for the simple reason that the husband-father *does not know when the ‘birth’ took place.* The situation is worst in countries like India, where we depend on third parties like doctors or nurses to “kindly note down the time of ‘birth’ for family reasons.” Thus, there is absolutely no guarantee that the so-called ‘accurate’ birth time given by clients to their astrologers can safely be relied upon.

As a result, it is increasingly becoming an imperative to the astrologers to rectify the given birth time before they embark upon their astrological diagnosis and prognosis. However, there are numerous techniques of birth time rectification, which are not only cumbersome in their approach and procedure, but also lack consistency in results. In the following sections, I would elaborate a rectification technique that I personally found to generate high degree of accuracy in predicting. I would also elaborate on a novel mean to ascertain whether this ‘rectified’ (new) birth time shows any connection with the origin of the native.

The Rectification Rules: The First Testing

The rules of rectification is based on the principles of Krishnamurthy Paddhati (K.P.) and Ruling Planets (R.P.) According to the principles of K.P., a planets position, linkages and effects are determined by the Sign, Constellation and Subdivision of the Constellation (popularly called as ‘sub’) that it occupies at a particular time. In other words, every planet is posited in a sign, occupying a particular star and situated in a sub in that star. Therefore, for a given moment of birth, the 1st Cusp (that is, is the Ascendant/Lagna) would be posited in a particular sign, star and sub. This Ascendant sign-star-sub is our starting point and the increase or decrease in birth time would be operated on this cuspal point.

Our next consideration would be the Moon’s degree position in the Ruling planets. For those readers who do not have a clear idea as to what is ‘Ruling planet’ let me briefly discuss it here. Ruling planets refer to the planets that become the Lagna signlord, star lord, Moon signlord, starlord and the daylord **at the time and place of judgment.** Therefore, the ruling planets will invariably vary with time and place of judgment. According to the modern, modified K.P. principle, the Ruling Planets would include the Lagna sign-star-sub lords, Moon sign-star-sub lords, and the Day lord of the time when the

rectification effort is undertaken. For our method, we take into account only the Ruling Planet Moon's position for seeking linkages with the unrectified Ascendant/lagna.

According to the rule of rectification, **if we find a linkage with the RP Moon sign-star-sub with the unrectified Ascendant sign-star-sub AT ALL THE THREE LEVELS then we are sure that the given birth time is correct. Or else we need to correct it by establishing this Three Level Linkage and find the new time.**

Stated otherwise, in order to ascertain the correctness of the birth time, we need to check whether the RP Moon signlord is linked to the unrectified Ascendant signlord, RP Moon starlord linked to the unrectified Ascendant starlord and RP Moon sublord linked with the unrectified Ascendant sublord. This rule is therefore, a rule of THREE LEVEL ONE-TO-ONE LINKAGE.

Let us now understand what constitutes a 'linkage'. For the purpose of birth time rectification let us assume the following notations.

Ascendant sign lord: X1	Ruling Moon's sign lord: Z1
Ascendant star lord: X2	Ruling Moon's star lord : Z2
Ascendant sub lord : X3	Ruling Moon's sub lord : Z3

According to this method of birth time rectification, we need to first check the linkage between X1 and Z1 to ascertain whether the birth sign is correct or not. If there is no linkage between X1 and Z1, then we need to do rectification at this level first. Once this level is rectified, we need to check whether there is any linkage between X2 and Z2 to find the correct ascendant star. If there is no linkage, then we rectify the time at his level. Lastly, we need to check whether there is linkage between X3 and Z3 to find out whether the lagna sub is correct according to the given time. If no linkage exists, then we need to increase or decrease the birth time till such sub-level linkage is obtained.

Linkage is said to be present **directly** if *anyone* of the following conditions are observed.

1. X and Z is same
2. X is in sub of Z or vice versa
3. X is in star of Z or vice versa
4. X is in the sign of Z or vice versa
5. X is in the star/sub of a third planet that appears as the Starlord or sublord of Z

The above rule for linkage is to be applied for ALL THE THREE LEVELS, that is, at the sign, star, and the sub level for creating linkage between the Ascendant and RP Moon if such linkage is absent in the given birth time..

The Rule of Origin: The Second Testing Rule

What is the guarantee that the correct birth time arrived through the above procedure of linkage is 100% 'correct'? K.P. astrologers are so passionate about Ruling Planets that they seldom go beyond the results indicated by the RPs. We take it for granted that the rectified time is fully correct without any further testing. Any scientific effort requires the rigor of testing the results for reliability and validity and astrology should never be an exception to this rule if it has to achieve the status of a pure science. Therefore, what is required is a 're-check' whether the rectified birth time is in fact correct or not. For this, I would now put forth a rule that I have been enlightened by the grace of Lord Ganesha and personally tested over many charts and found highly satisfactory results. Though the logic of this rule is found in the ancient texts of astrology, I have been using this rule in birth time rectification using KP method. I call this rule as the **Rule of Origin**.

The rationale behind the Rule of Origin is found in the ancient texts of astrology. According to the classical texts of astrology, the birth of a native happens due to his past Karma, Purva Punya (good deeds in past life) and the father (who is the giver of the Beeja). The mother is only a bearer of the child (Kshetra) but the seed of life comes from the father. Thus, the 9th house of a birth chart shows the quality of antecedents of a native. **So, if the rectified time of birth is truly correct, then the Ascendant/Lagna must be linked with the 9th cusp.** This is because every human being is born due to his father. Even, modern medical fertilization requires at least one donor sperm cell for effective fertilization of the ovum. Therefore, our ancient astrological dictum about the human origin from his father can never be denied. Every birth must therefore, invariably be linked to the house of father, that is, 9th cusp.

In my **Rule of Origin**, I have found that the rectified birth time is indeed correct, if anyone of the following is observed:

1. The rectified Lagna Starlord is appearing as the 9th Starlord or sublord
2. The rectified Lagna sublord is appearing as the 9th Starlord or sublord
3. The rectified lagna starlord or sublord is linked to the 9th starlord or sublord through a third planet only.

If this above linkage is observed between the rectified Lagna and 9th cusp, then only we can be sure that our rectified birth time is indeed correct. It is only after the satisfaction of the Rule of Origin that we can look into some of the life events of the native and corroborate with the rectified horoscope. I have always found that after the exercise of these two rules, the life events of the natives have been reflected in their birth charts to the highest degree of accuracy.

Let me now explain these principles with the help of an absolutely correct birth chart. Birth chart 1 belongs to gentleman who knew that his birth time is at 9:15 pm on 19th October 1974 at Calcutta. He did a love marriage after five years of courtship and was divorced by the same lady in 2006 after five years of married life. The birth time was provided by this gentleman's father and the given birth time is a

totally correct birth time and requires no correction. Let us see how the two rules can be found in this correctly recorded time of birth. I took up the chart for rectification on 5th November 2005 at 11:56:04 AM in Hyderabad, India using KP New Ayanamsa and Placidius system of House Division. The following tables provide the cuspal positions of the twelve houses and the planetary positions. The RP Moon on my time and place of analysis was in Scorpio (Mars), Mercury star and Saturn sub.

Example Chart 1

Cusp	SGN	Degree	SGL	STL	SL	SSL
I	Gem	09.01.48	Mer	Rah	Jup	Sat
II	Can	02.56.49	Moo	Jup	Rah	Ven
III	Can	28.31.42	Moo	Mer	Sat	Ket
IV	Leo	28.12.40	Sun	Sun	Moo	Ven
V	Lib	02.08.55	Ven	Mar	Ket	Moo
VI	Sco	06.55.32	Mar	Sat	Mer	Jup
VII	Sag	09.01.48	Jup	Ket	Jup	Mar
VIII	Cap	02.56.49	Sat	Sun	Jup	Rah
IX	Cap	28.31.42	Sat	Mar	Sat	Ket
X	Aqu	28.12.40	Sat	Jup	Ven	Sat
XI	Ari	02.08.55	Mar	Ket	Ven	Jup
XII	Tau	06.55.32	Ven	Sun	Mer	Sat

Pla	SGN	Degree	SGL	STL	SL	SSL
Sun	Lib	02.22.55	Ven	Mar	Ket	Jup
Moo	Sco	24.00.15	Mar	Mer	Mar	Ven
Mar	Lib	00.43.30	Ven	Mar	Mer	Sun
Mer	Lib	14.49.52	Ven	Rah	Ket	Rah
Jup	Aqu	14.51.57	Sat	Rah	Ket	Rah
Ven	Vir	27.49.18	Mer	Mar	Jup	Rah
Sat	Gem	25.16.31	Mer	Jup	Mer	Jup
Rah	Sco	18.58.53	Mar	Mer	Ket	Rah
Ket	Tau	18.58.53	Ven	Moo	Mer	Rah
For	Leo	00.39.08	Sun	Ket	Ket	Sat

According to the First Rule:

- 1) At the sign level—Lagna cusp sign lord Mercury is the sublord of Mars, the sign lord of RP Moon. Hence, this gentleman's birth Lagna is correct as Gemini.
- 2) At the Lagna star level—Lagna Starlord Rahu is having the RP Moon Starlord Mercury as his own star lord. So, this gentleman's Lagna position in the star of Rahu (Aridra) is also correct.
- 3) At the Lagna sub level—Lagna sub lord Jupiter is the Starlord of RP Moon sublord Saturn. Therefore, the given birth time is correct.

According to the Second Rule:

The Lagna cusp sublord should be related with the 9th Cusp. Here we find that the Lagna cusp sublord Jupiter is linked to the 9th cusp sublord Saturn directly. Jupiter is the Starlord of Saturn. Hence this birth time is absolutely correct. The Rule of Origin is satisfied and it proves that the RP connection is also true.

Regarding the life event of the native, a look at the 7th cusp sublord once again proves that the birth chart casted according to the given time is fully correct. According to late Prof. K. S. Krishnamurthy, if the 7th cusp sublord is a dual planet (i.e. Mercury or Jupiter) in the star or sub of a planet signifying 6, there is negation of marriage leading to divorce. In the case of this gentleman, we find that 7th cusp sublord is a dual planet—Jupiter—posited in the star of Rahu and sub of Ketu. Both are strong signifiers of 6th and 12th house.

Let us take another example wherein I was required to rectify the birth time. Birth chart 2 belongs to a gentleman who married at the age of 55 and is currently having a daughter about 15 months old. The time of birth reported to me by this gentleman was 19th February, 1953 between 8:00 to 8:30 PM in Nagpur. Upon casting the chart I found that this birth time is not correct. I took up the chart for rectification in Hyderabad on 1st April 2006 at 2:01 PM when the RP Moon was in Aries (Mars), in Sun star and Sun sub. I provide below the details as per the unrectified birth time.

Example Chart 2 (Unrectified)

Cusp	SGN	Degree	SGL	STL	SL	SSL	Pla	SGN	Degree	SGL	STL	SL	SS
I	Vir	10.13.24	Mer	Moo	Moo	Rah	Sun	Aqu	07.29.39	Sat	Rah	Rah	Sat
II	Lib	09.25.06	Ven	Rah	Jup	Mer	Moo	Ari	23.41.46	Mar	Ven	Sat	Rah
III	Sco	09.42.37	Mar	Sat	Ven	Sat	Mar	Pis	15.33.51	Jup	Sat	Jup	Mer
IV	Sag	10.09.58	Jup	Ket	Sat	Ven	Mer	Aqu	20.40.31	Sat	Jup	Jup	Mer
V	Cap	10.44.17	Sat	Moo	Moo	Mer	Jup	Ari	21.05.35	Mar	Ven	Jup	Ven
VI	Aqu	11.10.41	Sat	Rah	Sat	Ket	Ven	Pis	22.50.36	Jup	Mer	Moo	Sat
VII	Pis	10.13.24	Jup	Sat	Ven	Ket	Sat	Lib	03.54.54	Ven	Mar	Ven	Jup
VIII	Ari	09.25.06	Mar	Ket	Sat	Sat	Rah	Cap	18.15.23	Sat	Moo	Mer	Ven
IX	Tau	09.42.37	Ven	Sun	Ven	Mer	Ket	Can	18.15.23	Moo	Mer	Mer	Sat
X	Gem	10.09.58	Mer	Rah	Jup	Mar	For	Sco	26.11.29	Mar	Mer	Jup	Jup
XI	Can	10.44.17	Moo	Sat	Sun	Sat							
XII	Leo	11.10.41	Sun	Ket	Sat	Jup							

According to the First Rule:

1) At the sign level-- the Lagna sign lord Mercury is connected with the RP Moon sign lord Mars through a third planet Jupiter. So, the birth sign Virgo is correct.

2) At the Lagna star level—the Lagna Starlord Moon and the RP Moon Starlord Sun are not connected.

This means that the birth time is incorrect.

3) We need not check at the Lagna sub level because the previous level itself needs correction.

In order to rectify the birth time, we need to establish connection with the RP Moon Starlord Sun and change it to a suitable star and a sub within it so that it is fully connected with the RP Moon star and sub. Since the chart is cast with the last time i.e. 8:30 pm, we need to see the previous star available. The previous star is Uttarphalguni belonging to Sun. *As soon as we take the Lagna star as Sun we find that it is directly connected with RP Moon Starlord Sun.*

Now we need to find the correct Lagna sub. On the day of analysis Sun and Saturn were strongly connected with each other. So, we settled for Saturn's sub in Sun's star in Virgo Lagna. The difference in the longitude is 7 deg 13 mins and 24 secs (10deg 13 mins 24 secs minus 3 degree). Multiplying this figure with 4 minutes we get a time of 28 mins 53 seconds. **This has to be now deducted from the given**

birth time since we have taken a previous star. Therefore, the rectified birth time is now 8: 02:07 PM.

The rectified cuspal and planetary details are as follows.

Rectified Chart 2

Cusp	SGN	Degree	SGL	STL	SL	SSL	Pla	SGN	Degree	SGL	STL	SL	SSL
I	Vir	03.41.59	Mer	Sun	Sat	Ket	Sun	Aqu	07.28.32	Sat	Rah	Rah	Sat
II	Lib	02.45.12	Ven	Mar	Ven	Ven	Moo	Ari	23.26.30	Mar	Ven	Sat	Rah
III	Sco	03.11.13	Mar	Jup	Rah	Moo	Mar	Pis	15.33.01	Jup	Sat	Jup	Mer
IV	Sag	03.45.08	Jup	Ket	Moo	Moo	Mer	Aqu	20.38.32	Sat	Jup	Jup	Mer
V	Cap	04.12.40	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Jup	Ari	21.05.25	Mar	Ven	Jup	Ven
VI	Aqu	04.30.35	Sat	Mar	Ven	Mer	Ven	Pis	22.49.41	Jup	Mer	Moo	Sat
VII	Pis	03.41.59	Jup	Sat	Sat	Mer	Sat	Lib	03.54.56	Ven	Mar	Ven	Jup
VIII	Ari	02.45.12	Mar	Ket	Ven	Mer	Rah	Cap	18.15.26	Sat	Moo	Mer	Ven
IX	Tau	03.11.13	Ven	Sun	Sat	Sat	Ket	Can	18.15.26	Moo	Mer	Mer	Sat
X	Gem	03.45.08	Mer	Mar	Ven	Rah	For	Sco	19.39.58	Mar	Mer	Ven	Ven
XI	Can	04.12.40	Moo	Sat	Sat	Ven							
XII	Leo	04.30.35	Sun	Ket	Moo	Ket							

Note that the direct connection between the Lagna sublord and the 9th sublord. It is Saturn in both the cases. Also notice the 7th cuspal sublord, which is also Saturn. Since Moon and Saturn have a linkage, it has created a yoga called as ‘Punarphoo’ propounded by Prof. K. S. Krishnamurthy. Linkage between Saturn and Moon delays a matter for a very long period. No wonder this native had a very late marriage in life.

Conclusion

In this article we have seen how to rectify birth time with the help of KP astrology. We have also seen how the rectified birth time needs to be validated with the connection with the 9th cuspal sublord. Finally, corroboration with the life events of the native will provide full accuracy and confidence in prediction. The methods enumerated in this article would enable anyone in correctly rectifying the birth time with minimum of efforts. Careful adherence to the principles pointed out here along with faith in Lord Ganesha will definitely yield positive results.

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