



EFFECTIVE USE OF GEMS IN ASTROLOGY

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There is no need of an introduction to the world of Gems for it has become a house hold name in the recent past. Today there is no Jewelers or Gem merchant in the world who does not boast of the mystical powers of gems and its multifarious uses.

The oxford dictionary defines "Gem" as a "precious stone something of great beauty or excellence". It is therefore necessarily a stone, something that is natural, organic and derived from the mother earth. Though many a crystal and artificial glass piece is also termed as Gems they are in fact not Gems in the above sense and not a subject matter of discussion here..

The discovery of gems dates back to pre historic period and there are references in Indian Puranas and mythology about various precious Gems those were being amassed and formed part of the treasury of the Emperors. The award for any exemplary achievement either in warfare or in fine arts were rewarded by gifts of precious stones. It is a well known fact that the most celebrated **Diamond** KOHINOOR has gone from India to the then British Empire.

Gems have become affordable and formed the property of common man later, and Gem studded Jewellery is now part of the wardrobe of any modern woman.

From time immemorial besides the use of gems for the ornamental purpose its hidden qualities to substitute vital elements of Human body was known. Though believed as the Magical properties of these stones they were being used for various ends from reaping riches to remedying the maladies.

Perhaps the first standard classical Vedic Astrological text that referred about Gems is HORA SARA of the great Indian Astronomer cum astrologer VARAHAMIHIRA. The later works in and outside the country more or less copied the author on the subject. However it was not until the development of the modern science and chemistry the chemical properties of these natural stones were made known to the society and scientific testing of the stones originated. Further it also came to light that the gems are store house of abundant energy. The colour and the energy Vibrations of different frequencies contained in these stones acts as substitutes of human body elements the imbalance of which causes diseases both physiological and psychological.

Though the identification and the grading of the Gems was once through the most crude and conventional way of close examination and observation by the Human eyes where the subject element was pronounced and the chances of cheating was not uncommon, today there are scientific gem testing labs through out the world where the grade and genuiness of the Gems are scientifically tested.

The effect of the various organic gemstones in the human body were experimented by the late astrologers and native medicos and stunning results were observed. Ever since remedies by gems has taken the front seat in the astrological remedies may be due to its easy and effortless use.

The effect of Gems is basically through the energy vibrations it creates when worn in the body and also through its colour. It may not be irrelevant here to mention the system of colour therapy to cure diseases and also the application of colour concept in various other psychic healing techniques.

It has since been scientifically proved and documented the various frequencies of energy vibrations emitted by the organic Gem stones. They vary from Gems to Gems and compares well with the energy vibrations to offset the imbalance produced in the human body by the deficiency or otherwise of the vital elements which areas being called the 'Panchabootha' or the basic five elements viz. Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Ether which results in the three types of Doshas (Classification of human body chemistry in Ayurveda) viz Vaatha, Pittha, and Kabha.

Having seen the evolution of Gem therapy and its curative qualities let me explain in brief the various Gems and its uses in Astrology.

Ruby:-

Ruby has been considered since time immemorial as one of the most valuable gemstones on Earth. It has wonderful colour, excellent hardness and an overwhelming brilliance.

India was considered as the birth place of **Rubies**. As per Indian classical astrological texts **Ruby** represents Sun the ruler of the solar system. It is being used to offset the weakness of the Sun in the horoscope. The problems connected with a weak Sun in the horoscope is

- 1) Psychological & external factors:- Lack of will power and leadership qualities. Authority and displeasure of superiors, ill will of Father and father like people, Govt. and rulers etc.
- 2) Physiological & Internal:-cardiac or low blood, laziness etc.

Remedy by **Ruby**:-

The **Ruby** of good quality is to be worn by the people who have weak sun in their horoscope subject close examination of the horoscope and the weight is to be minimum of two carats for normal body weight. The stone to be set in gold and to be worn in the ring finger of the right hand for Men and left hand for women.

Pearl:-

Pearl an organic gem, is formed when a pearl oyster covers a foreign object with beautiful layers of nacre. Though **pearls** were rare and costly once, often comparable in price to gold and other costly jewels today it is available in plenty thanks to **pearl** culture. They were rare because they were created only by chance. For curative or for remedial purpose Natural **pearl** is the best one. However since the natural **pearl** is almost not available or very costly cultured good pearl can also be used with same results. However artificial **pearl** is of no use in the astrological parlance.

Remedies in Astrology:-

Pearl is an effective remedy for the weak moon in the horoscope. The symptoms of a weak moon in a chart are indecisiveness,



lack of courage, immorality, wavering mind, Asthma, Bronchitis, dermatitis etc. In short all matters affecting the emotional side can be remedied by pearl. However the suggestion for wearing a pearl should be given with caution as physical ailments caused by a weak moon cannot be remedied by pearl as it may lead to worse situations in cases of Asthma, bronchitis etc. The help of a professional astrologer should be sought in such circumstances.

Red Coral:-

Corals another organic Gem are produced by very small life forms that get settled in the depths of warm seas in vast colonies .

Uses of **Coral** in Astrology:-

Red **coral** is a stone that has to be suggested with caution. While **coral** can be suggested where the planet is beneficial and favourable the same cannot be used to ward off its evil effects as perceived by many .

Emerald:-

Emerald is perhaps the most beautiful gem among Navarathnas . This prince of the Navarathnas Family has the most intense and radiant green found in any organic objects. Many a mystical story has been woven around this magnificent gem.

Vedas, the earliest known holy scriptures of the Hindus , mention about this gem and its healing properties: South America, is known for the best emeralds even today. People from time immemorial regarded this stone as a holy gemstone. Perhaps certain fine emeralds are costlier than diamonds. Some of the magnificent emeralds are to be seen in famous world museums and collections.

Uses of **Emerald**:-

Emerald is a gem that can be successfully used in astrological remedies without much caution. The planet being sober in nature normally do not give negative results except in rare cases when it becomes a first rate functional malefic .The gem is used for academic excellence , concentration, intelligence and educational achievements.

Yellow **sapphire** Physical properties:-

Sapphires , are simply crystallized alumina and in their pure form is devoid of any colour. **Sapphires** are found in various colours which include pink, blue, green, yellow, orange and white. In India, yellow **sapphire** is known as pukhraj, (Pushpa ragam or pushya ragam) and blue sapphire is known as neelam. It has a specific gravity of 3.99, mean refractive index 1.765 and hardness of nine on the Moh's scale. Occurrence **Sapphires** are found In India, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Russia, Thailand, Australia, U.S.A. , U.S. , Nepal, Mexico, Zambia and Nigeria

Astrological Use:-

The best of all stones in the Navarathnas family that bestows the wearer all riches, wisdom, health and knowledge of the ultimate. Girls immensely benefit by this stone for finding their life partners. Physical ailments such as biliousness, chronic liver complaints and gall bladder stones etc can be successfully remedied by this stone if suggested by an expert astrologer. The stone represents Jupiter the biggest planet in the solar system.

It improves vision, gives life security, protects ones from poverty, removes and melancholy. In diseases, it cures diarrhoea, gastritis, ulcer, rheumatism, jaundice, insomnia, heart troubles, impotency, gout, arthritis ,pain in knee joints, etc. It should be worn in gold, on 1st finger of right hand on a Thursday in bright half of the lunar month.. The weight should be more than six grams.

Diamond:-

Physical Properties:-

Diamond is carbon in its pure form. It has a specific gravity of 3.52, mean refractive index is 2.418 and has a hardness often 0 on the Moh's scale.

Chemically there is no difference among diamond, coal and graphite. But the unique atomic bonding makes the difference.

Occurrence

Diamonds are found in South Africa, Australia, Russia, Kenya, Ghana, Angola, Tanzania, Brazil and India. In India diamonds are found in Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh.

Identification

For a **diamond** to be real, it must possess some inclusions. These inclusions are visible by naked eye or under magnification. If no inclusions, black spots or milk patches, are visible in a **diamond** then either it is a **zirconia** or piece of glass. **Diamonds** which do not have any inclusions under magnification are very rare and can be found with collectors only.

The most important test of a **diamond** is that, all light entering the front of the stone is totally reflected from the back facets which form a series of mirrors. **Diamonds** in astrology:-

Diamonds represent Venus. Afflicted Venus creates problems regarding reproductive systems , marital life and comforts in life. A weak Venus makes life devoid of luxury and comforts. However suggestion of this stone and its uses demand thorough knowledge of astrology . Further apart from the chemical effect of the stone on human body it is observed that each stone/piece has unique quality that may bring good or bad results and as such demands trial use.

It is said that the one who wears a diamond has a luxurious life . **Diamond** is also supposed to enhance the name, fame and artistic quality of the person. **Diamond** is a hot gem. It improves financial conditions and blesses the native with comforts and peace of mind it also adds to the virility of the person especially in males. The gem is also helpful in diabetes, diseases of urinary tracks , of private parts, syphilis, skin and uterine diseases. **Diamond** should be worn on ring finger of right hand on a Friday in any white metal. The weight should be \diamond or \diamond gram.

Blue **Sapphire**:-

This gemstone exists in all the shades of blue skies, This splendid gemstone, however, also comes in many other colours, not only in the transparent royal or dark blue, but also in yellow, pink, orange and purple. the yellow of which was explained above.

Uses in Astrology:-

This is the one that requires utmost caution and intricate analysis before suggesting to a subject. If favourable the stone may

make a man else the same will mar the personality. The malefic effect of Saturn is such If badly placed in a chart and worn It may even invite fatal accidents or misfortunes.

Besides the there are numerous semi precious and crystals being used by the people the world over as lucky charms Of which the Vedic astrology recognises only two more viz. Gomedh (hessonite) and Cats eye. These gems are suggested for the augmentation of the good effects of the nodes in the chart Viz. Rahu and Kethu (Dragons head and tail) . The use of these stones would be discussed in detail later.

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