Planet Jupiter (Guru) — Classical Study Guide

Channel Reference & Lesson Summary: This study guide compiles the classical attributes, dignities, yogas, and predictive principles of **Planet Jupiter (Guru / Brihaspati)** as expounded by Maharshi Parasara in the *Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra*. It serves as a companion for astrology learners and video production for **VRASTROTALK**.

1. Cosmic Cabinet & Divine Attributes

In Chapter 3 of BPHS ('Planetary Characters and Description'), Maharshi Parasara defines Jupiter as the supreme natural benefic. In the celestial cabinet, Jupiter holds the exalted position of a **Minister (Sachiva)**, sharing administrative counsel alongside Venus. While the Sun rules the soul and the Moon governs the mind, Jupiter is the ruler of **knowledge/wisdom (Jnana) and happiness (Sukha)**.

Attribute	Classical Specification in BPHS	Astrological Significance
Cabinet Role	Minister (Sachiva / Advisor)	Counsel, ethics, wisdom, governance
Inherent Nature	Natural Benefic (Saumya Graha)	Brings growth, grace, and expansion
Primordial Element	Ether (Akasha Bhoota)	All-pervasive cosmic intelligence & space
Caste & Gender	Brahmin / Male	Sacred lore, teaching, spiritual authority
Guna (Quality)	Satwik (Pure & Virtuous)	Righteousness, truthfulness, devotion
Bodily Tissue (Dhatu)	Fat (Meda)	Adipose tissue, glandular system, liver
Taste (Rasa)	Sweet (Madhura)	Pleasurable, nourishing, and soothing taste
Primary Abode	Treasure-house (Kosha-griha)	Safes, vaults, libraries, places of learning

2. Physical Traits & Temperament

Maharshi Parasara explicitly details Jupiter's physical form in Sloka 27 of Chapter 3: *'Brihadgatro Guruschaiva Pingalo Moordhajekshane, Kaphaprakritiko Dhiman Sarvasastravisaradah'*. This translates directly to a big, stately physique with tawny features, governed by a phlegmatic temperament.

Physical Feature	Sanskrit Term / Description	Predictive Application
Physique / Build	Brihadgatra (Big & Stout Body)	Indicates a tall, stout, or dignified presence
Hair & Eyes	Pingalo Moordhajekshane (Tawny hair & eyes)	Tawny/golden-tinted eyes and light hair
Humour / Dosha	Kapha-prakriti (Phlegmatic)	Balanced phlegmatic humour, expansion, weight
Intellectual Capacity	Dhiman & Sarvasastravisaradah	Highly intelligent, master of sacred Sastras

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3. Dignities, Exaltation & Directional Strength (Digbala)

Jupiter's potency is measured across specific zodiacal locations and directions in the horoscope. In Chapter 3, Parasara highlights that Jupiter gains **Directional Strength (Digbala)** in the **East (the 1st House / Ascendant)**, where he provides supreme protection against all horoscopic flaws.

Dignity / State	Zodiac Sign / Location	Degrees & Specific Notes
Deep Exaltation	Cancer (Karka)	Deepest exaltation point at 5° Cancer
Deep Debilitation	Capricorn (Makara)	Deepest debilitation point at 5° Capricorn
Own Signs (Swakshetra)	Sagittarius & Pisces	Ruler of 9th & 12th natural zodiac signs
Moolatrikona	Sagittarius (Dhanus)	First 10° of Sagittarius
Directional Strength	East / 1st House (Lagna)	Maximum Digbala; acts as supreme protective shield

> **Key BPHS Principle (Sloka 3, Ch. 11):** *'Just as a single reverential obeisance to Lord Siva frees one from all sins, a single but strong Jupiter in the Ascendant will ward off all evils.'* This highlights Jupiter's extraordinary protective aura when placed in the 1st House.

4. Classical Yogas & Karakamsa Placement

When Jupiter forms combinations with other benefic planets, he generates powerful **Raja Yogas** and **Dhana Yogas** that elevate the native to honor, wealth, and scholarship.

Yoga Name	Planetary Combination (BPHS Rule)	Manifested Results
Gaja Kesari Yoga	Jupiter in Kendra from Ascendant or Moon, aspected by benefics	Splendorous, wealthy, intelligent, honored by kings (Ch. 36)
Kalanidhi Yoga	Jupiter in 2nd or 5th house aspected by Mercury & Venus	Virtuous, disease-free, highly learned, revered (Ch. 36)
Chamara Yoga	Exalted Lagna lord in Kendra aspected by Jupiter	Scholar, king or equal to king, eloquent in all arts (Ch. 36)
Karakamsa 5th House	Jupiter alone in 5th from Karakamsa (Atmakaraka D-9)	Grammarian, scholar in Vedas and Vedanta philosophy (Ch. 33)

5. Dasa Period Outcomes & Avastha Variations

Jupiter rules a **16-year Dasa period** in Vimshottari. According to BPHS principles, a Jupiter with high **Ishta Phala** brings spiritual realization, birth of children, acquisition of wealth, and royal recognition during its period. Furthermore, BPHS Chapter 45 details how Jupiter's subtle states (*Avasthas*) modify its effects:

Avastha (State)	Special Placement Conditions	Specific Life Results in BPHS
Prakasanavastha	Exalted or in holy places	Greatness among men, equal to Kubera (wealth lord)
Sabhavastha	Placed in good houses	Eloquence matching Jupiter himself, wealth, conveyances
Bhojanavastha	Placed in Ascendant	Fond of sumptuous food, eloquent, highly happy
Kautukavastha	Placed in 1st, 7th, or 10th	Honored by kings, scholar in royal court, very rich

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Avastha (State)	Special Placement Conditions	Specific Life Results in BPHS
Nidravastha	Placed in 5th, 7th, or 10th	If afflicted, brings foolishness, loss of wife & children

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