

AFFLICTIONS BY MRITYU BHAGA AND GANDANTA DEGREES  
AND CANCER

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**Abstract:**

**Aims and Objectives:** Examining the malefic effect of the Ascendant and other planets in Mrityubhaga and Gandanta degrees in cases of cancer.

**Materials and Methods:** This research study was conducted based on principles given in standard Astrological books. The birth charts of 100 cancer patients, who are undergoing treatment, were analyzed after collecting their date, time and place of birth. Afflictions to Ascendant, Ascendant lord, various houses and house lords and Dhatu lords by Mrityubhaga and Gandanta degrees directly due to their placement or indirectly by other planets placed in these degrees were examined.

**Results:** It is found that afflictions to concerned house, the house lord or Dhatu lord are cause cancer to a particular organ or tissue. It is also observed that Ascendant or the Ascendant lord are afflicted mostly in patients who come with metastatic spread or recurrent cancer, than in patients with localised cancer.

**Conclusion:** Mrityu Bhaga and Gandanta degrees are death- inflicting degrees. Affliction due to these degrees causes cancer to particular organ or tissue depending upon the affliction to concerned house, house lord or the Dhatu lord.

**Introduction:**

Mrityubhaga means death inflicting station. Mrityubhaga degrees are certain specified points in each sign where a planet by its location produces adverse results. Mrityubhaga points vary from planet to planet in each sign. So also Mrityubhaga point of the Ascendant varies from sign to sign.

The Ascendant and planets placed in Gandanta positions will have an adverse effect on health particularly where watery and fiery signs meet i.e., the junctions of Pisces (*Revati*)-Aries (*Ashwini*); Cancer (*Ashesha*)- Leo (*Magha*); and Scorpio (*Jyeshtha*)- Sagittarius (*Mula*).

Malefic effect of the Ascendant or the Ascendant lord, various house lords and Dhatu lords due to their placement in Mrityubhaga and Gandanta degrees, besides afflictions by other planets placed in these fatal degrees, was studied. In addition, afflictions to various houses by other planets placed in these degrees were also studied in this paper.

### **Materials and Methods:**

*Selection of Sample, Sample size and Questionnaire:* Data was collected from inpatients admitted in Omega Cancer Hospital at Hyderabad, who are suffering from various types of cancer at different stages. We checked with 1000 cancer patients about their date, time, and place of birth. Most of them were unaware of their exact time of birth. Only 100 patients were aware of their birth-time. The information collected from patients contained the patient's name, date, time and place of birth, besides type and stage of carcinoma. Birth charts of these patients were analyzed using astrology software and the Ascendant and other planetary placements in Mrityubhaga<sup>1</sup> and Gandanta degrees<sup>2</sup> were determined. Planets that fall just outside Mrityubhaga may be labelled as "*near Mrityubhaga*" or "*within one degree of Mrityubhaga*"<sup>1</sup>. In this study, placement of planets and the Ascendant in "Mrityubhaga" or "within one degree of Mrityubhaga" is considered as affliction. Body parts and tissues are related to houses, house-lords and Dhatu-Lords<sup>3,4</sup>

Direct afflictions to the Ascendant or the Ascendant lord, house-lord and Dhatu-lord due to their placement in Mrityubhaga or Gandanta degrees were determined. Afflictions to other houses are also included in determining indirect afflictions by other planets placed in these fatal degrees.

### **Four Groups:**

Based on the part of the body affected and the stage of cancer, four groups of patients were identified, as follows:

- i) Carcinoma localised to specific organ;
- ii) Carcinoma of specific organ with metastatic spread (which spreads to other organs) or recurrence;
- iii) Carcinoma confined to specific tissue (Dhatu); and
- iv) Carcinoma of specific tissue (Dhatu) with metastatic spread.

#### Four Sub-groups:

Based on afflictions, four sub-groups were identified in each group as follows:

- a) Affliction to the Ascendant and/or the Ascendant Lord;
- b) Affliction to house and/or house lord (in groups i & ii) . Affliction to Dhatu lord (in groups iii & iv);
- c) Affliction to both the Ascendant and/or the Ascendant lord & house and/or house-lord (in groups i & ii). Affliction to both Ascendant and/or Ascendant lord & Dhatu lord (in groups iii & iv)
- d) No affliction.

Afflictions to the Ascendant or the Ascendant lord with the house/houselord of groups (i) and (ii) and afflictions to the Ascendant or the Ascendant lord with Dhatu lord of groups (iii) and (iv) have been compared.

#### Results:

*Characteristics of sample:* Mean age of the patients taken up in this study is 39.78  $\pm$ 16.4788. Out of the 100 participants 63% are male and 37% are female patients.

Table-1

Afflictions by Mrityubhaga degrees(M.B.) in carcinoma localised to specific organ

	Ascendant in MB	As.Lord in MB	Ascendant Afflicted by Planet in MB	As.Lord afflicted by Planet in MB	HL.in MB	HL.afflicted by Planet in MB	House afflicted By Planet in MB
Buccal mucosa	1						1
Throat		1	1	1		1	1
Esophagus					1	1	
Stomach		2			1		





AML										
Osteo Sarcoma								1		
Synovial sarcoma	1							1		
Soft tissue sarcoma				2						

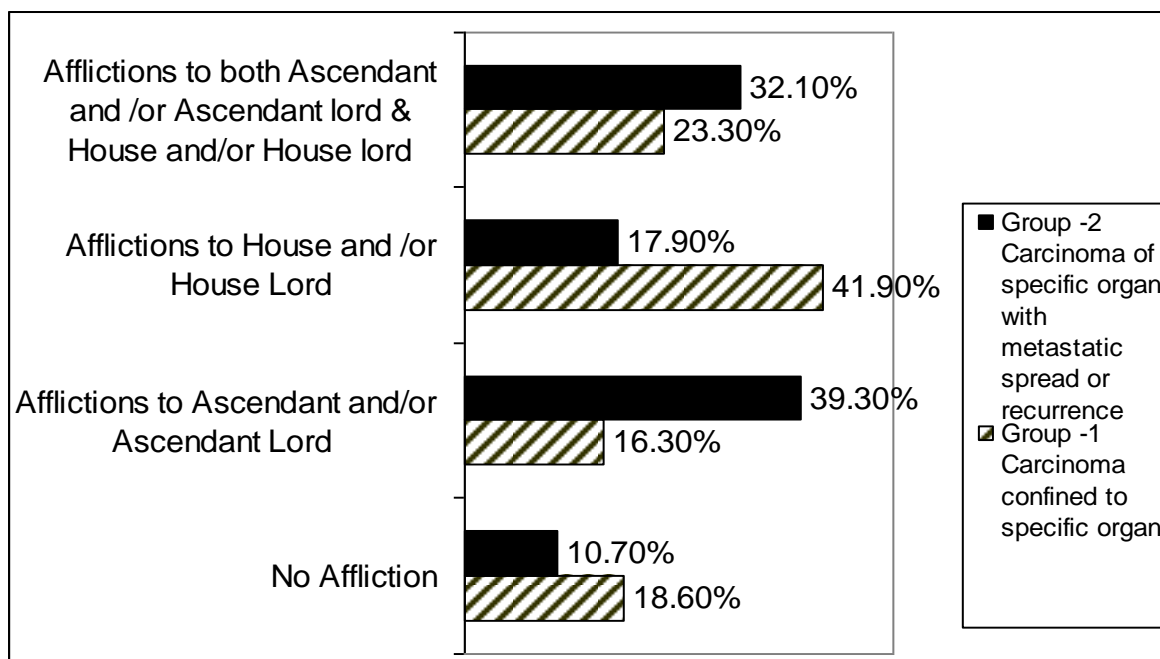
Table-6

In direct afflictions to tissue(Dhatu) lord, the Ascendant or the Ascendant lord from other planets placed in Mrityubhaga and Gandanta degrees.

	As. or As.. Lord	Sun	Moon	Mars	Jupiter	Mercury	Venus	Saturn	Rahu	Ketu
LYMPHOMA	2		2							
ALL	2	3								
AML	1	1								
Synovial Sarcoma	1									
Ca.Ovary							1			
Skincancer	1					1				

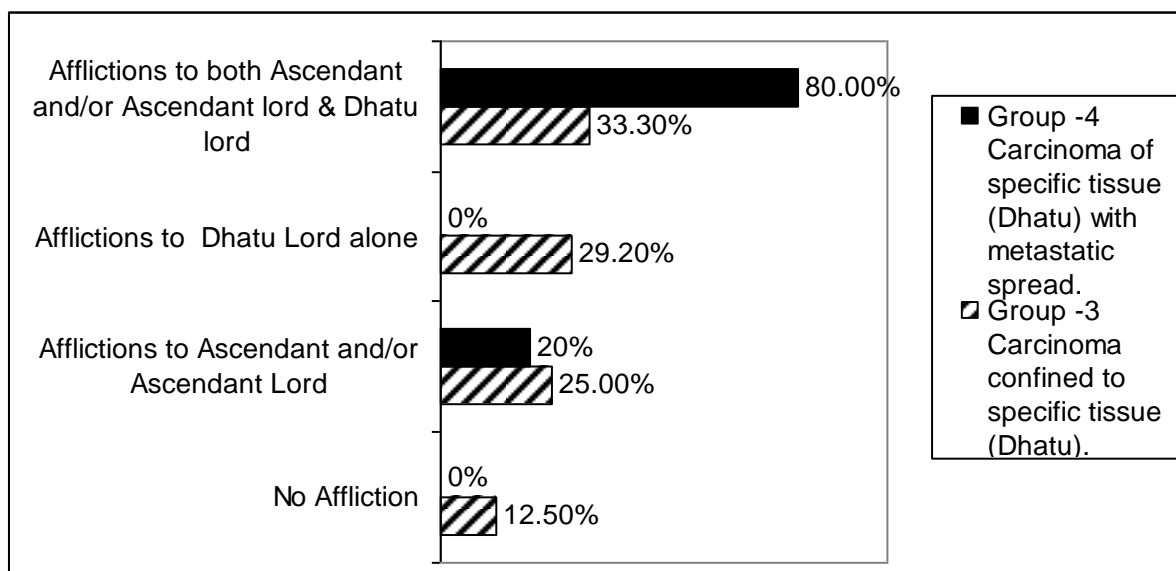
## Bar diagram-1

Frequency distribution of patients' percentage according to affliction with respect to Ascendant and /or Ascendant Lord and House and/or House Lord.



## Bar diagram-2

Frequency distribution of patients' percentage according to affliction with respect to Ascendant and /or Ascendant Lord and Dhatu (tissue) Lord.



## Discussion:

Cancer is the leading cause of death worldwide. World Cancer report reveals that cancer has emerged as a major public health problem in developing countries. Treatment for Cancer is more effective at early stage of the disease. Early detection of cancer through screening tests improves survival and decreases mortality.

Time constraints and unclear or conflicting cancer screening guidelines and fatalism are preventing people from attending screening techniques<sup>5</sup>. By analyzing the birth chart we can predict susceptibility for certain types of cancers at certain time periods (Dasa and Bhukti) and people can focus on specific screening techniques at appropriate time depending on the running Dasa and Bhukti of the individual and Transits of planets (*Gochara*) which prevent confusion regarding screening techniques. People who hold fatalistic beliefs about cancer prevention may be at greater risk of cancer because they are less likely to engage in screening tests and in various preventive behaviours<sup>6</sup>. Astrology does not encourage fatalism. On the other hand, it helps in understanding the direction in which, and when, effort should be made and also when it is to be given up<sup>7</sup>.

In terminally ill cancer patients certain negative religious coping strategies like attribution of disease to a punishing God, feelings of abandonment by God and religious community are associated with distress and QOL (quality of life) decrements. They need spiritually integrated intervention to overcome these negative coping strategies<sup>8</sup>. Astrological counselling provides empathic space for the expression of a patient's feelings of abandonment, punishment and anger at God and helps in building the patients' relationship with God and higher Power. Astrological counselling also helps in the promotion of adjustment to life threatening illness and impending death.

The above tables 1 to 6 show afflictions (direct and indirect) to Ascendant/ Ascendant lord, houses/ house lords and tissue lords in various types of cancer. It is found that affliction due to these fatal degrees causes cancer to particular organ or tissue depending on the affliction to the concerned house or the house lord or Dhatu lord.

Bar diagram 1 shows that afflictions to the Ascendant and /or Ascendant lord are 71.40% and 39.60% (with or without afflictions to house and/or house lord) in metastatic cancer and localised cancer respectively. Bar diagram 2 shows that afflictions to the Ascendant and /or the Ascendant lord are 100% and 58.30% (with or without afflictions to Dhatu lord) in metastatic cancer and localised cancer respectively. These findings show that when the



Ascendant and/or the Ascendant lord are afflicted there are more chances to develop recurrence and metastatic spread. It supports the statement that Ascendant plays vital role in determining health<sup>9</sup>.

The following 4 cases from this study illustrate our findings.

### **Osteo sarcoma of right femur**

Chart 1: Male: Born November 14, 2000 at 3h.00m.(IST) at Karimnagar at 18 N 26, 79 E 09 with a balance of 6 years 2months of Mars Dasa at birth.

Birth”

		SaR4.05 JuR14.10 Mo 24.45	Ra22.58	
	Chart 1			
	Rasi			
Chart				
right	Ke 22.58	Me 8.49	As 10.50	1 : Saturn is “near Mrityubhaga” , <b>Osteosarcoma</b> of Femur was diagnosed May 2012 in Rahu , Saturn Bhukti
in Dasa	Ve 7.05	Su 27.56	Ma12.10	

### **Chart 2: Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL)**

Chart 2: Male: Born November 1, 2001 at 13h.00m.(IST) at Kurnool at 15 N 50, 78 E 03 with a balance of 16 years 28 days of Venus Dasa at birth.

	Mo 15.56	SaR 19.59	Ra 04.15 Ju 21.48
	Chart 2 Rasi		
As 19.59 Ma 09.16			
Ke 04.15		Su 15.03	Me 26.57 Ve27.03

Chart 2 : Sun is “near Mrityubhaga”, Ascendant is “near Mrityubhaga

Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) was diagnosed in January 2011 in Venus Dasa, Saturn Bhukti.

### **CHART 3: Ca.Endometrium.**

Chart 3: Female: Born June 9, 1989 at 11h.45m.(IST) at Nizamabad at 18 N 40, 78 E 07 with a balance of 5 years 11 months of Ketu Dasa at birth.

Birth Chart: Venus is “within one degree of Mrityubhaga” and afflicting 5<sup>th</sup> House. Moon is within Gandanta degrees and afflicting Ascendant.

		Me 5.01 Su24.41 Ju 24.46	Ve 11.50
Ra4.39	Chart 3 Rasi		Ma1.44
			Mo 2.04 Ke 4.39 As16.50
Sa18.33			

Chart 3: Adenocarcinoma of endometrium (uterus) was diagnosed in March 2011 in Venus Dasa , Saturn Bhukti.

Most endometrial adenocarcinomas occur after menopause. Only 2%–14% occur among younger women (less than 40)<sup>10</sup>. Endometrial carcinoma in young nulliparous women is a challenge for diagnosis and management. The most reported risk factors of endometrial cancer are polycystic ovarian Disease (PCOD), hypertension, diabetes, obesity, use of estrogens and tamoxifen<sup>10</sup>. While evaluating women with the above mentioned risk factors and while giving Hormonal therapy to various age-groups, additional care should be taken in the case of women with an afflicted ascendant and 5<sup>th</sup> house.

#### Chart 4: Recurrent Breast Cancer

**Chart 4:** Female: Born January 23, 1969 at 11h.15m.(IST) at Vijayawada at 16 N 31, 80 E 37 with a balance of 1 year 11 months of Saturn Dasa at birth.

Birth chart : The Ascendant and Saturn are within “Gandanta points”. Rahu is “within one degree of Mrityubhaga”.the 4<sup>th</sup> Lord Moon who is also the significator of the Breast is afflicted by Saturn and Rahu

Sa 26.14	As 00.21		
Mo 15.18			
Ra 8.37			
Ve 26.33	Chart 4		
	Rasi		
MeR 21.52			
Su 9.37			
		Ma 20.04	Ke 8.37
			JuR 12.37

Chart 4 is a case of **Recurrent Breast cancer**. Both breasts were removed due to cancer. Cancer was first diagnosed in the left Breast in June 2004 in Venus Dasa, Rahu Bhukti.

### Conclusion:

At least one-third of all cancer cases are preventable<sup>11</sup>. By consuming fruits and vegetables, by reduction of weight with regular exercises and diet, by cessation of smoking and alcohol, by avoiding environmental pollution and Indoor air pollution and by avoiding infections through proper vaccination we can prevent most of the cancers. Thus patients having afflictions by Mrityu Bhaga degrees and Gandanta points are advised to adapt healthy lifestyle and to attend regular screening tests.

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