

In Vedic Astrology, the accuracy of your time of birth is of great importance.

A difference of a few minutes can significantly alter the information that is present in a birth chart.

One reason for this is that approximately sixteen sub-charts that each represents a specific facet of the main birth chart are studied as a standard matter of course.

These charts govern various domains of life such as profession, relationship, residence, children, education, spiritual path, etc. Some of these charts change every few minutes yet are of high importance and hold much weight when it comes to making astrological prediction.

A strength and beauty of Jyotish is that if one's time of birth is in question, it is possible to confirm a birth time or reconstruct the birth chart through the study of various major life events.

Checking the fit of your birth time is a standard part of a first-time appointment:

If you have provided me with your time of birth from a hospital record or birth certificate, after an initial study of your birth chart I will follow up to collect from you a few dates of several objective life events (such as the date of a move or a job change) to confirm the fit of the written time. It is not necessary to send this information in advance.

Even if your birth time is recorded on a document, who knows how long the delivery nurse actually waited before checking the time? Or how accurate was the hospital clock? Across various cultures, generations and decades, the recording practices around this vital information can vary widely, from being quite meticulously documented to the birth time being very loosely rounded-off almost as an afterthought.

This standard practice of collecting some data about life events in preparation for our session I realize may seem like it detracts from the more 'mystical' elements of Vedic astrology, but it is necessary step to make sure that the birth chart that will be our focus as the mapping of your life is as correct as possible.

Even if your birth time has been rectified previously by another astrologer (regardless of how famous), as a part of my own preparation work I will still check the fit of the birth time that you have provided, to work on your chart from the foundation upward.

If you are unsure of your birth time but it is recorded somewhere and with a bit of effort you would be able to locate it:

Please research your birth time by checking a birth certificate, contacting hospital records, locating a baby book, etc.

The more accurate the information initially provided by you as a client, the more helpful, clear and constructive will be your experience with astrology.

If your birth-time is approximately known within a relatively small window of within 10-20 minutes, such as from a parent's general recollection:

As a necessary standard practice in a first time appointment I will normally collect from you a short list of important events to establish a correct time of birth.

If this situation applies to you, when your birth details please also provide approximately 5 to 7 specific dates of major life events from various areas of life.

This list can include dates such as:

-Work changes: this can include dates such as the beginning or ending a job, a major change in your field, a sabbatical, or a significant change in your work responsibilities, job title, or major restructuring within a job atmosphere such as a company merger or office relocation.

-Relationship beginnings or endings such as: date of marriage, the start or ending of a significant romantic relationship, engagement, separation or divorce.

-Birth of children.

-Death of a parent. Also helpful is the date of a parent having the diagnosis of an illness, an operation, or an accident. Additionally, if you know the date of death of a grandparent this is helpful to include. State if the grandparent is a maternal or paternal grandmother or grandfather.

-Major changes in residence: this includes buying or selling or property, major renovation, moving or long-term travel.

-Education beginnings and endings: starting school, graduation, unusual breaks in education, or changes in a major or course of study.

In this list, briefly state the nature of the event and the date. The accurate year and month (or here at least a range of possible months) is essential. If you know an exact day, this is even better.

If you are not completely sure about the correct year of an important life event, you can still include it but state clearly that the year is uncertain.

Astrology studies the attributes of Time, making the accuracy of these milestones of high importance in the re-construction of the moment of your birth.

If your time of birth is known within a window of several hours:

If your birth time is only known within a range of several hours, let me know the very outer limits of the window of time when you might have been born. Any additional surrounding details around the time of day are helpful, such as your mother's recollection that the birth occurred 'in the early morning before sunrise', or 'after breakfast but before lunch' etc.

Please provide me with an initial list of a very minimum of 10-15 specific major life events from varied areas of life (please see the above list).

Once this information is sent, we would be in contact periodically by e-mail or by phone to go over any additional questions I am likely to have while working on narrowing down your birth time.

If your birth time is completely unknown within 24 hours:

If your time of birth is unknown within many hours or completely unknown within 24 hours, please know that this situation presents a significant challenge to the astrologer. Major chart rectification of this type is an especially involved, time-intensive and technical process, with no easy guarantee that an accurate time of birth necessarily will be found.

For more details about this process as it applies to your own particular situation, please inquire.