BHARNI NAKSHATRA
THE BEARER OF NEW LIFE - THE STAR OF RESTRAINT

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The animal symbol of Bharni: the elephant.

- The elephant symbolizes Lord Ganesha as well as excessive sexuality.
- The myth of Shani’s aspect destroying the face of Ganesha is connected to its debilitation on Bharni nakshatra.
- At the same time Bharni could raise the native to great heights if he is capable to control his excessive sexual desires.
- The good side of symbolized by Bharni is that the native has a strong personality and since the elephant is a vegetarian, Bharni native possess satvic qualities.
- Bharni’s compatibility: Revathi nakshatra. representative of a female elephant is impulsively compatible with Bharani nakshatra. As compatibility is solely on the basis of animal yonis in Vedic astrology, even Hasta, Swathi, Sravana and Purvaashada are compatible with Bharani nakshatra.
- Bharni’s incompatibility: Bharani Nakshatra is incompatible with birth stars guided by the signs of tiger and lion like Chitra, Dhanistha, Purvabhadrapada & Vishakha nakshatra.

Nakshatras- BHARNI (BEARER OF NEW LIFE ) THE STAR OF RESTRAINT
- Western star name: 35, 39, and 41 Arietis
- Lord: Shukra (Venus)
- Symbol: Yoni, the female organ of reproduction Deity: Yama, god of death or Dharma
- Indian zodiac: 13° 20' - 26° 40' Mesha ; Western zodiac 9° 20' - 22° 40' Taurus
- The Elephant
- Bharani, means "The Bearing Star"
- Deities : Yama, the God of Death, Shaktis, the wife of Shiva. Yama means "the binder", referring to sacrifice and yogic disciplines, hatha yoga and meditation. Symbol: Yoni (female sex organ)
- Animal symbol: Elephant
- Apabharani shakti: the power to cleanse and remove impurities.

Valerie J. Roebuck in the Circle of Stars: "Bearing" - "She Who Bears" "...restraint and forbearance, of duty and receiving what is due, whether one's physical or spiritual wages...battle & war..."

David Frawley “ Fruits of Worshipping Each Nakshatra” – “Yama desired, "May I win the lordship of the ancestors." One who makes the appropriate offering to Yama and to Bharani wins the lordship of the ancestors and wins the lordship of his peers. Those born under Bharani want to be respected by their elders and by their peers."
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Barbara Pijan Lama: “bharaNa:
- bearing, maintaining
- the act of bearing (also in the womb) carrying, bringing, procuring
- wearing, putting on
- maintaining, supporting, nourishing
- wages, hire.

The Deity Yama: Yama is described as dressed in blood-red garments, with a glittering form, a crown on his head, glowing eyes and like Varuna, holding a noose, with which he binds the spirit after drawing it from the body, in size about the measure of a man's thumb; he is otherwise represented as grim in aspect, green in colour, clothed in red, riding on a buffalo, and holding a club in one hind and noose in the other; in the later mythology he is always represented as a terrible deity inflicting torments, called Yatana, on departed spirits. He is also one of the 8 guardians of the world as regent of the South quarter; he is the regent of the Nakshatra Apa-bharani or Bharani.

This is the second nakshatra of the zodiac is Bharni, ranging from 13°-20' to 26°-40'. The planet of art and beauty, the Venus, rules this nakshatra. The energy of Bharani is called ugra or krura, which translates as harsh, powerful, hot, formidable and fierce. In Hinduism, 'Bharani' is a goddess of good luck. Like her sister Anuradha, she is a daughter of Daksha, and wife of Chandra.

Symbol: Orifice of the womb. It is possible to have an idea of the nature of Bharni Nakshatra from the nature of Rahu, Mangal and Yama. To take Rahu first:
1. Rahu gives extravagant enjoyment of material pleasure and is later on the cause of sorrow.
2. Mangal gives courage, strength, exaltation and hope
3. Yama purity, cleanliness, justice and integrity. The sense of restraint is also Yama's: gift; he is the lord of Dharma a stern disciplinarian, a ruthless expositor of truth and a refuge for kings and law-abiding subjects. We should not always confine his interpretation to his being only the lord of death; he is the great judicature the ultimate dispenser of reward and punishment.

- The story of Yama-Nachiketa is a particularly an exposition of the hospitality of Yama, his Sense of dharma and knowledge of it, his superb honesty and great integrity and other divine virtues. The Nakshatra of which he is the devata-(God) is also in consequence the giver of enjoyment and Pleasures, courage and upward thrust of the spirit and on the other hand the giver of whatever is good, pure, truthful and honest.
The etymological meaning of Bharani is "what deserves to be cultivated and preserved" that is dependence, servitors, retainers or anything by which living is earned, for example salary.

- In Mesha, next to Asvini, there are three stars in one and are conceived as a triangle without opening. This is called Bharani. The star Bharani represents the character of Agni Rasi Tamo Guna, In a life the destructive forces of Tama Guna and the expressive character of Agni work within and make changes that start from within. It denotes experiences of suffering, suppression, restraint in struggles, strife, contest and such other circumstances as presented by Mangala. The Agni energy provides a great will power, forbearance to withstand it by self-control, discipline. The Devata of Bharani is Yama Dharma Raja (lord of virtues). Truth, duty, morality are the blessings it effects in the life. The effect makes one a saint.

- The ideas of Bharani are similar to Rahu, who eclipses or hides and then again it releases. Womb has similar function. By name Bharani (from Bharana, Bharana-posana — feeding and rearing up) it connotes the act of maintaining, bearing in the womb, edibles, load, burden, to hire, wages, etc.

In mythology Yama is personified as the son of Vibasvan (Surya or Ravi) and the lord of our forefathers. The south is the lord of our forefathers — Pittrijana (Pittri — paternal; jana-vehicle). The abode of God is on the north. Devajana (Deva — God; jana — vehicle, path) is on the north.

- Bharani gives direction to the south, Makara to Mithuna clockwise is Devajana; Karkata to Dhanus anticlockwise is Pittrijana.

- This star is under the planetary lordship of Venus and is within the sign of Aries, ruled by Mars.

- The star Bharani represents the character of Agni Rasi Tamo Guna. The etymological meaning of Bharani is "what deserves to be cultivated and preserved" that is dependence, servitors, retainers or anything by which living is earned. Bharani's animal symbol is the Elephant. This star is connected with the energies we expend to maintain ourselves in the material world.

- Bharani Nakshatra takes away that which has reached its term of life to a new condition. It shows the movement of the soul away from the body. It conveys ideas pertaining to discipline, self-control to be faithful, be firm, enduring supporting, maintaining, nourishing, etc. In case of strong malefic influences, persons may develop extreme tendencies like crimes, murders, terrorism, etc., can also be fanatical in their beliefs, which can lead to ups and downs in life.

- If a person is born in this Nakshatra, he is cruel, ungrateful and no sense of indebtedness, achieves notoriety, fears water, is restless and wicked. They are stable, knowledgeable and truthful. Bharani born are honest and they are frank in their opinions and do not want to modify their opinions to please others. An interesting feature of those born in Bharni is that they are quiet fond of spreading rumors.

Females born in this nakshatra are career minded. They act more like a leader of a group, rather than an ordinary family member. Bharani-born have magnetic personality, changing moods, business minded, influential, high position.
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Ascendant in Bharni: Courageous, pioneering spirit, proud, confident, famous, good health, vibrant, help their friends and family, fond of family.

Moon in Bharni: Attractive, charismatic, leadership, public life, healthy and free from disease, dutiful, investigating in occult studies, success through writing and publishing.

The moon in Bharani indicates a person who suffers struggles and has restraint and obstacles in life. They can be resentful of these restrictions and jealous of the good fortune of others. They will inflict oppression on others, or else fight to liberate themselves and others from oppression. They are intelligent and witty and love the fine things of life, but they can also be fanatical in their beliefs, which can lead to ups and downs in life.

Sun in Bharni: intelligent, tactful, fame, respected, creative nature, militant nature having issues with anger and pride, wealthy. The Sun on this Nakshatra (Sigmund Freud) has an active, pioneering and explorative nature.

Career interests: chemical engineering, civil engineering and construction, architecture, design, landscaping publishers, writers, film and music industry, occultists, psychics, hypnotists, astrologers, psychologists, entrepreneurs, business people, financial consultants, lawyers, building contractors.

Related activities: Performing rash actions, doing cruel things, competition, things related to poison, digging wells, things related to agriculture, things related to fire, bearing, maintaining.

Health issues: problems with reproductive organs, venereal disease, face and eyesight problems, head injuries, nervous and stress related health problems.

Shadowy side of Bharni: There is struggle and suffering. As a krura Nakshatra can relate to imprisonment and other forms of confinement. They can be restless, irritable and impatient. They can be extreme so far as morality and judgemental decisions are concerned. Pride, arrogance and resentment (Sadam Hussein) may be experienced. Indulgence in sexuality, vanity and narcissism (Mars of Madonna) is observed in this asterism.

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