



Aryabhata-I  
(b. 476 AD)

# ARYABHATIYA CRYPTOGRAPHIC-NUMERALS

Number of Revolutions of  
Geo-centric planets  
in a Mahayuga (43,20,000 years)  
and  
Reason for naming Hindu week-days  
(*Aryabhatiya of Aryabhatiya I (499 AD)*)

- [Ref: 1. *Aryabhatiya, with the commentary of Bhaskara-I and Someswara* :  
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*Sanskrit Alphabets as Cryptographic Numerals in  
Aryabhatiya (499 A.D.) of Aryabhata-I*

वर्गाक्षराणि वर्गेऽवर्गेऽवर्गाक्षराणी कात् इमौ यः ।  
खद्विनवके स्वरा नव वर्गेऽवर्गे नवान्त्यवर्गे वा ॥

[Aryabhatiya, with the commentary of Suryadeva Yajvan : Edited by K V Sharma, INSA, New Delhi, (1976), p. 9-11]

वर्ग **letters** (from क् to म् ) are to be written in the वर्ग **places**  
(of even powers of ten),

अवर्ग **letters** (from य् to ह् ) in the अवर्ग **places** (of odd powers of ten).

The numerical value of initial अवर्ग **Letter य** is 30, because

$$य = (य् \times A) = 3 \times 10, \quad (इ + म्) = 5 + 25.$$

Each of the nine स्वराः (vowels) has two zeros to denote **place values** (in powers of ten) so that वर्ग **letters occupy the places of even powers of ten** and अवर्ग **letters occupy places of odd powers of ten.**

[Connective for व्यञ्जन and स्वर is x. Connective for व्यञ्जन and व्यञ्जन is +].

## Number of Revolutions of Heavenly Bodies in a Yuga

(One Yuga = 43,20,000 years)

युगरविभगणाः ख्युघृ, शशि चयगियिडुशुछृल,  
शानि ढुडिवघ्व,गुरु खिच्युभ, कुज भदिलङ्गुनुख,  
बुध सुगुशिथन, भृगु जषबिखुछृ ॥

[Refer : *Aryabhatiya, with the commentary of Bhaskara-I and Someswara* :  
Edited by K S Shukla, INSA, New Delhi, (1976), p. 18]

*Number of revolutions* made by (Geo-centric) *Planets* in a *Yuga*  
(One Yuga = 43,20,000 years) :

*Sun* रवि, ख्युघृ; 43,20,000, *Moon* सोम, चयगियिडुशुछृल; 5,77,53,336,

*Saturn* शानि ढुडिवघ्व; 1,46,564 *Jupiter* गुरु, खिच्युभ; 3,64,224,

*Mars* कुज (मङ्गळ), भदिलङ्गुनुख; 22,96,824

*Mercury* बुध, सुगुशिथन; 1,79,37,020, *Venus* भृगु, जषबिखुछृ  $\mu$ ; 70,22,388

## *Table of Aryabhatiya Devnagary cryptic numerals*

वर्गः	क्	ख्	ग्	घ्	ङ्	च्	छ्	ज्	झ्	ञ्	ट्	ठ्	ड्	ढ्	ण्
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	त्	थ्	द्	ध्	न्	प्	फ्	ब्	भ्	म्					
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25					

अवर्गः	य्	र्	ल्	व्	श्	ष्	स्	ह्
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

स्वरः	अ	इ	उ	ऋ	ए	ऐ	ओ	औ
वर्गः	$10^0$	$10^2$	$10^4$	$10^6$	$10^8$	$10^{10}$	$10^{12}$	$10^{14}$
अवर्गः	$10^1$	$10^3$	$10^5$	$10^7$	$10^9$	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	$10^{15}$

Number of revolutions of Saturn (शनि) in 43,20,000 years is ढुडुवधुव in *Aryabhatiya cryptographic numerals*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ढुडुवधुव} &= (\text{ढ} \cdot \text{उ}) + (\text{डु} \cdot \text{इ}) + (\text{वु} \cdot \text{इ}) + (\text{घु} \cdot \text{अ}) + (\text{वु} \cdot \text{अ}) \\ &= (14 \times 10^4) + (5 \times 10^2) + (6 \times 10^3) + (4 \times 1) + (6 \times 10) \\ &= 1,46,564. \text{ [Number of revolutions of Saturn in 43,20,000 years].} \end{aligned}$$

वर्गः	क्	ख्	ग्	घ्	ङ्	च्	छ्	ज्	झ्	ञ्	ट्	ठ्	ड्	ढ्	ण्
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	त्	थ्	द्	ध्	न्	प्	फ्	ब्	भ्	म्					
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25					

अवर्गः	य्	र्	ल्	व्	श्	ष्	स्	ह्
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

स्वरः	अ	इ	उ	ऋ	ए	ऐ	ओ	औ
वर्गः	$10^0$	$10^2$	$10^4$	$10^6$	$10^8$	$10^{10}$	$10^{12}$	$10^{14}$
अवर्गः	$10^1$	$10^3$	$10^5$	$10^7$	$10^9$	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	$10^{15}$

Number of revolutions of jupiter (गुरु) in 43,20,000 years is  
खिच्युभ in *Aryabhatiya cryptographic numerals*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{खिच्युभ} &= (\text{ख्} \cdot \text{इ}) + (\text{र्} \cdot \text{इ}) + (\text{च्} \cdot \text{उ}) + (\text{य्} \cdot \text{उ}) + (\text{भ्} \cdot \text{अ}) \\ &= (2 \times 10^2) + (4 \times 10^3) + (6 \times 10^4) + (3 \times 10^5) + (24 \times 10^0) \\ &= 3,64,224. \text{ [Number of revolutions of Jupiter in 43,20,000 years].} \end{aligned}$$

वर्गः	क्	ख्	ग्	घ्	ङ्	च्	छ्	ज्	झ्	ञ्	ट्	ठ्	ड्	ढ्	ण्
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	त्	थ्	द्	ध्	न्	प्	फ्	ब्	भ्	म्					
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25					

अवर्गः	य्	र्	ल्	व्	श्	ष्	स्	ह्
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

स्वरः	अ	इ	उ	ऋ	ए	ऐ	ओ	औ
वर्गः	$10^0$	$10^2$	$10^4$	$10^6$	$10^8$	$10^{10}$	$10^{12}$	$10^{14}$
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Number of revolutions of *Mars* (मङ्गळ) in 43,20,000 years is  
 भद्ललङ्गनुखृ in *Aryabhatiya cryptographic numerals*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{भद्ललङ्गनुखृ} &= (\text{भ. अ}) + (\text{द. इ}) + (\text{ल. इ}) + (\text{ङ्ग. उ}) + (\text{न्. उ}) + (\text{ख्. ऋ}) \\
 &= (24 \times 10^0) + (18 \times 10^2) + (5 \times 10^3) + (9 \times 10^4) + (20 \times 10^4) + (2 \times 10^6) \\
 &= 22,96,824. \text{ [Number of revolutions of Jupiter in 43,20,000 years].}
 \end{aligned}$$

वर्गः	क्	ख्	ग्	घ्	ङ्	च्	छ्	ज्	झ्	ञ्	ट्	ठ्	ड्	ढ्	ण्
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	त्	थ्	द्	ध्	न्	प्	फ्	ब्	भ्	म्					
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25					

अवर्गः	य्	र्	ल्	व्	श्	ष्	स्	ह्
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

स्वरः	अ	इ	उ	ऋ	ए	ऐ	ओ	औ
वर्गः	$10^0$	$10^2$	$10^4$	$10^6$	$10^8$	$10^{10}$	$10^{12}$	$10^{14}$
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*Aryabhatiya Numerals and its International Numerals*  
of the Number of Revolutions (velocity) of (Geo-centric) *Planets* in  
*a Yuga* (43,20,000 yrs.), in the increasing order.

ग्रह	आर्यभटीयसङ्ख्या	<i>Planets</i>	<i>International Numeral</i>
शनि	ढुङ्ङिवघ्व;	<i>Saturn</i>	1,46,564
गुरु,	खिच्युभ;	<i>Jupiter</i>	3,64,224
कुज,	भद्लिङ्गुनुख;	<i>Mars</i>	22,96,824
रवि,	ख्युघ;	<i>Sun</i>	43,20,000
भृगु,	जषबिखुछ् ढ;	<i>Venus</i>	70,22,388
बुध,	सुगुशिथुन;	<i>Mercury</i>	1,79,37,020
सोम,	चयगियिडुशुछ्ल्;	<i>Moon</i>	5,77,53,336

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## A Comparison – Present day Sidereal Periods of planets & of *Aryabhatiya*

Number of Revolutions in a <i>Yuga</i> (43,20,000 years).			Sidereal Period ( Number of days for one revolution )	
Geo-centric Planets	<i>Aryabhatiya</i> Numeral	International Numeral	<i>Aryabhatiya</i> Value	Present day Value
शनि (Saturn)	ढुङ्ङिवघ्व	1,46,564	10,766.10	10,760.44
गुरु (Jupiter)	खिच्युभ	3,64,224	4332.29	4331.94
मङ्गळ (Mars)	भद्लिङ्गुनुखृ	22,96,824	687.00	687.00
रवि (Sun)	ख्युघु	43,20,000	365.26	365.26
शुक्र (Mars)	जषबिङ्गुखुछृ	70,22,388	224.70	224.70
बुध (Mars)	सुगुशिथृन	1,79,37,020	87.97	87.97
सोम (Moon)	चयगियिङ्गुशुछृलृ	5,77,53,336	27.32	27.32

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Sidereal period of a Planet} \\
 \text{(In number of days)}
 \end{array}
 = \frac{43,20,000 \times 365.26}{\text{Number of revolution of the planet in a } yuga} \text{ days}$$

## A Table - to explain why weekdays are named so

Name of Geo-centric planets	Planets yuga Revolutions.	Hours in a day				Name of days
शनि(Saturn)	1,46,564	1	8	15	22	Shanivar
गुरु(Jupiter)	3,64,224	2	9	16	23	
मङ्गळ (Mars)	22,96,824	3	10	17	24	
रवि (Sun)	43,20,000	4	11	18	25 = 1	Ravivar
शुक्र (Mars)	70,22,388	5	12	19		
बुध (Mercury)	1,79,37,020	6	13	20		
सोम(Moon)	5,77,53,336	7	14	21		

Name of the *next day of any day* is the name of the planet ruling the 4<sup>th</sup> hour of *the day*.

# Why Weekdays are named so ?

An explanation from *Aryabhatiya*

सप्तैते होरेशाः शनैश्चराद्या यथाक्रमं शीघ्राः ।  
शीघ्रक्रमाच्चतुथा भवन्ति सूर्योदयद् दिनपाः॥

The seven planets beginning with *Saturn*  
arranged in the order of *increasing velocity*  
are the

*Lords of the successive hours of a day.*

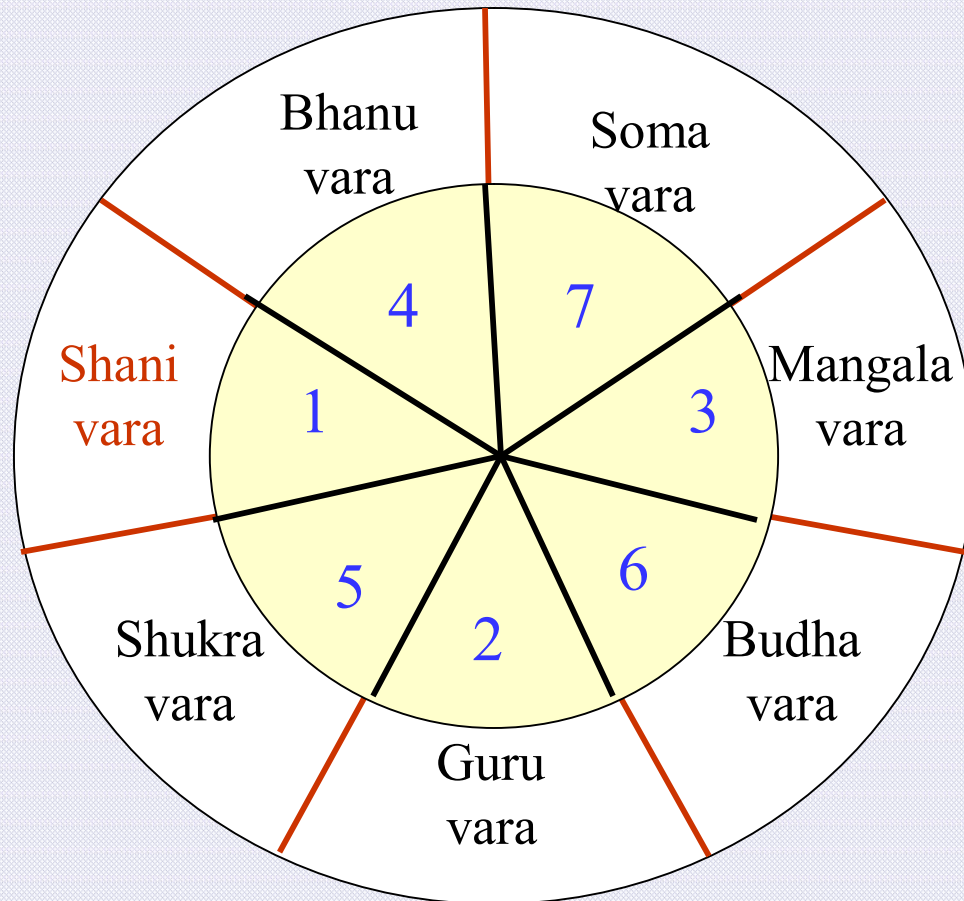
*The planets occurring fourth in the order of  
increasing velocity are the Lords of successive days  
which are reckoned from the Sunrise*

Name of the

*next day of any day*

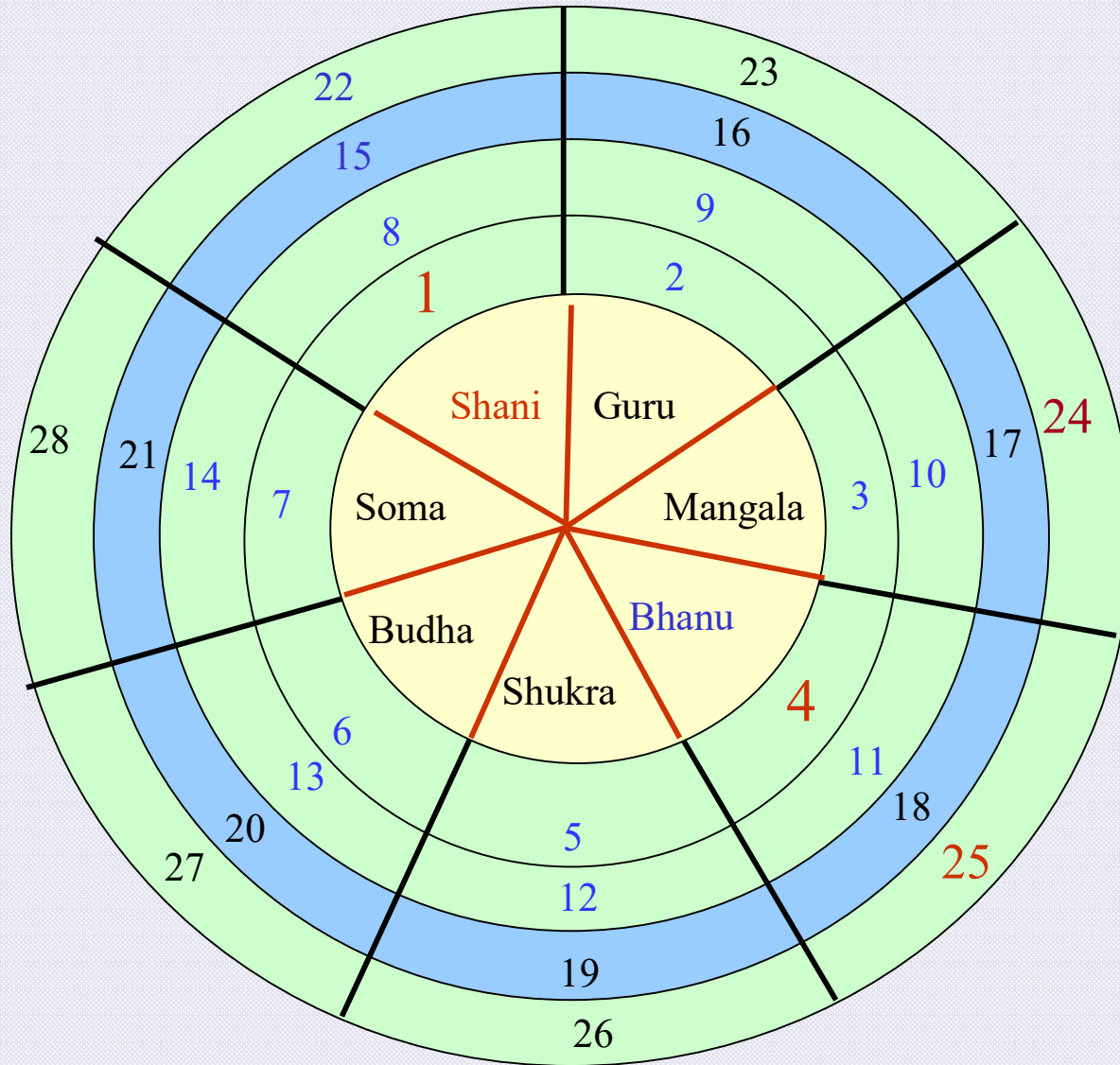
is the name of the planet ruling the 4<sup>th</sup> hour of *that day*.

# Names of Geo-Centric Planets *from* Names of Weekdays



1. Shani
2. Guru
3. Mangala (Kuja)
4. Bhanu
5. Shukra
6. Budha
7. Soma

# Why Weekdays are named so ?



4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> hour of *Shanivar* is ruled by Bhanu.

25<sup>th</sup> hour of *Shanivar* is the 1<sup>st</sup> hour of next day to *Shanivar*.

1<sup>st</sup> hour of next day to *Shanivar* is ruled by Bhanu.

Therefore, next day to *Shanivar* is named Bhanuvar.

*Names of the Weekdays in Order -  
from Atharvana jyotisa*

आदित्यः सोमो भौमश्च तथा बुधबृहस्पतिः ।  
भार्गवः शनैश्चरश्चैव एते सप्त दिनाधिपाः ॥८.१॥

The lords of the weekdays are

(in order) the seven (planets)

*The Sun* आदित्यः , *The Moon* सोमः ,  
*Mars* भौमः, *Mercury* बुधः, *Jupiter* बृहस्पतिः,  
*Venus* भार्गवः, *Saturn* शनैश्चरः

[Ref.: "INDIAN ASTRONOMY, A Source-Book"; B V Subbarayappa, K V Sharma  
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