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THE MEANING, SIGNIFICANCE AND HISTORY OF SWASTIK

The Swastik is a geometrical figure and an ancient religious icon. Swastik has been Sanatan Dharma's symbol of auspiciousness – mangalya since time immemorial.



The name swastika comes from Sanskrit (Devanagari: स्वस्तिक, pronounced: swastik) & denotes "conducive to wellbeing or auspicious".

The word Swastik has a definite etymological origin in Sanskrit. It is derived from the roots su – meaning "well or auspicious" & as meaning "being".

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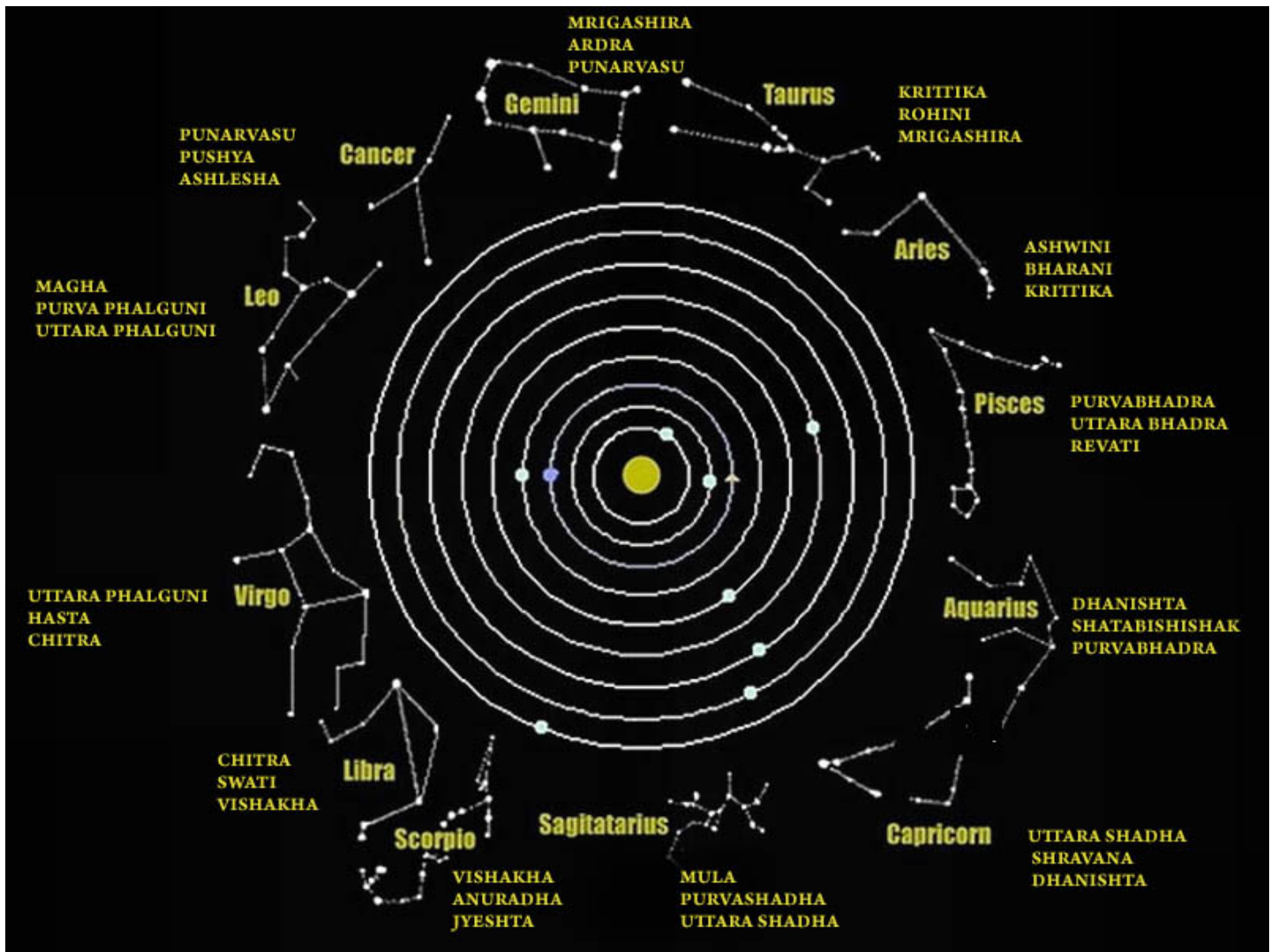
It translates to," O famed Indra, redeem us. O Pusha, the beholder of all knowledge, redeem us. Redeem us O Garudji, of limitless speed and O Bruhaspati, redeem us".

SWASTIK's COSMIC ORIGIN

The Swastika represents the living creation in the whole Cosmos.

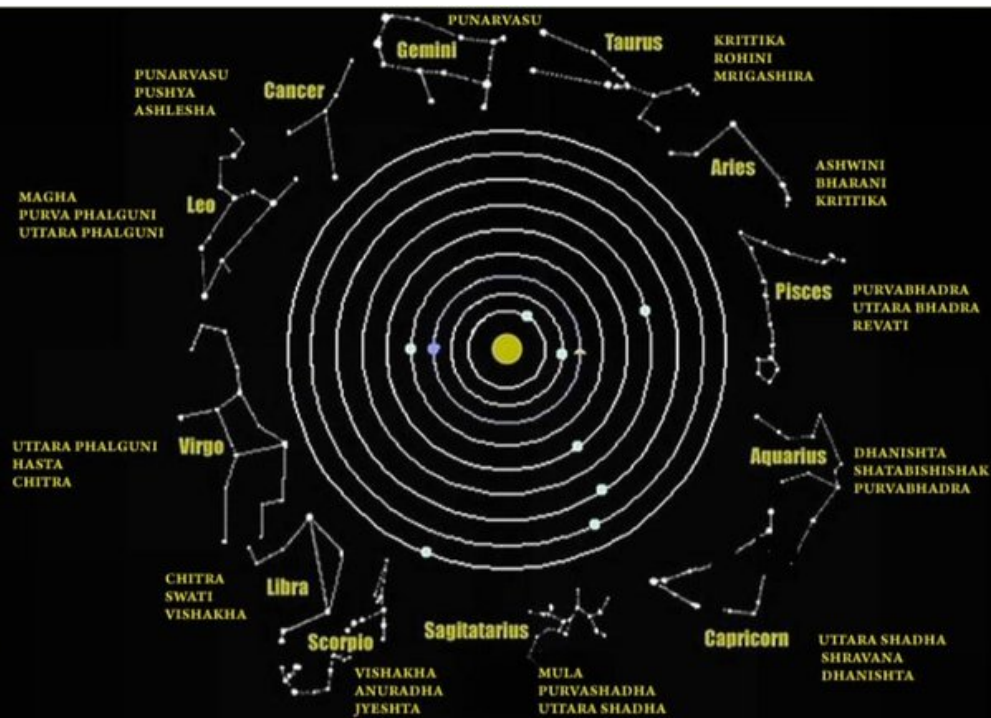


Hindu astronomers divide the ecliptic circle of cosmos in 27 divisions called <https://t.co/sLeuV1R2eQ> this manner a cross forms in 4 directions in the celestial sky. At centre of this cross is Dhruva(Polestar). In a line from Dhruva, the stars known as Saptarishi can be observed.



Saptarishi means 7 rishis. In present yuga of Vaivasvat Manu, the seven Rishis r- Gautam, Bhardwaj, Vishwamitra, Kashyap, Jamadagni, Vashisth, Atri.

By drawing a line connecting the cross & saptarishis, Swastika is formed. In this way, the whole cosmos is incorporated in the swastika.



Nakshatra is the term for lunar mansion in Hindu astrology. A nakshatra is one of 27 (sometimes also 28) sectors along the ecliptic. Their names are related to the most prominent asterisms in the respective sectors.

The starting point for the nakshatras is the point on the ecliptic directly opposite to the star Spica called Chitr? in Sanskrit (other slightly different definitions exist). It is called Mesh?di or the “start of Aries”. [citation needed] The ecliptic is divided into each of the nakshatras eastwards starting from this point. The number of nakshatras reflects the number of days in a sidereal month (modern value: 27.32 days), that the width of a nakshatra is traversed by the moon in about one

It is also associated with the Big Bang theory. Scientists believe that at the beginning when the Big-bang happened, it's energy scattered in all directions & is still scattering in the shape of Swastika.



SWASTIK IN RITUALS

When swastika is imprinted during a puja ritual, the sentiment is of veneration to all living creation in whole cosmos, represented by saptarishi. Being a pious symbol with inherently profound sentiments, it is used in Puja rites & rituals by Hindus.

Types of Swastika

- The **Right-hand swastika** is one of the 108 symbols of the god Vishnu as well as a symbol of the sun and of the sun god Surya. The symbol imitates in the rotation of its arms the course taken daily by the sun.
- The **Left-hand swastika** is also called a sauvastika, usually represents the terrifying goddess Kali, night and magic. However, this form of the swastika is not "evil" and it is the form most commonly used in Buddhism.



The underlying sentiment of imprinting swastika is to be redemptive (Kalyankari) in life, not only for mundane purpose but also to aid one in spiritual path towards Moksha. This is in consonance with Sanatan Dharma's idea of attaining the 4 endeavours (purusharthas) of life;



ie Dharma, Artha, Kama & Moksha.

Swastika symbolizes mangalya. It's a symbolic form of Omkar. It wards off evil elements & heralds good fortune. It depicts Surya, the wheel of life and 4 directions. It encompasses the whole cosmos. It's a symbol of Lakshmi-goddess of wealth.



It's a symbol of Lord <https://t.co/EzWjr1LULZ>'s a symbol representing Sanatan Dharma & It's sentiment of peace & moksha for all mankind.

SWASTIK IN OTHER CULTURES

Swastik is known as symbol of fortune&prosperity in many ancient cultures as found on many artefacts found worldwide



Misunderstood Swastika Design Symbol From Cultures Around The World

Those other cultures include Egypt, Greece, Italy, Japan, England & USA. In 1889, it was found in Greek pottery fragments in Naucratis. Oldest swastika appears in a Paleolithic case dating back 10000 yrs. It was also found on 2000 yrs old Christian tombs & Jewish temples in Palestine



Ancient Roman mosaics of La Olmeda, Spain ca 300–390 CE.

Such ubiquitous occurrence of only one symbol throughout the ancient world from Europe, North, Central & South Americas to China & Japan presents a compelling proposition; that of migration of people out of Bharat.



Swastik is thereby,a tangible &contributory piece of evidence along with other findings which have recently emerged,proving people migrating out of Bharat &spreading seeds of their Dharma worldwide. Indeed,there was 1 &only 1 Dharma during the beginning of time ie Sanatan Dharma.

