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~ *The Mini Mahabharata in Your Heart*

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**YOUR MOON IS IN
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~ **Star of Fire**

Meaning: Cutter, divider

Symbol: Sharp blades

Deity: Agnideva - the
demigod of fire

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DESCRIPTION

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Description #1

The word “krittika” comes from the word “krtta” or “kartati”, which means “to cut” or “divide”. The word is also related to the root “krt”, which means “to assemble” and “accomplish”.

Krittika can be translated as “the one who cuts”, or in a plural sense “the cutters”. This meaning indicates that this Nakshatra empowers individuals to cut all ties with their unwanted desires, habits and attachments. Once they have cut themselves loose, they are free to advance towards the spiritual realm.

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Description #2

Krittika nakshatra's main symbol is an axe, razor or any sharp edged instrument like a blade or knife. These symbols immediate imply that Krittika people have a piercing and penetrating nature. They also will probably have a cutting sense of humor. It also indicates that Krittika nakshatra can empower people to destroy inner or outer obstacles to free the true self.

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Description #3

All sharp instruments are useful, but also potentially dangerous. The murderer will use a knife to slaughter an innocent victim, while a surgeon will use a knife to perform an operation to save a person's life.

Krittika can empower people to reach the transcendental truth with a vision that cuts through the layers of superficial mental and emotional functions. However if Krittika people allow their consciousness to devolve, their sharpness can cause harm to others.

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Description #4

Krittika nakshatra is ruled by Agnideva, the demigod of fire, which relates Krittika to all the functions of fire, such as purification, cooking, melting, and molding. The fire symbolism is connected to the digestive fire, which converts the food we eat into usable energy, indicating that Krittika nakshatra gives people energy. It also indicates a mind which is like fire; bright, sharp and able assimilate new knowledge

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Description #5

Agnideva is directly connected with purification which indicates that this nakshatra brings purification and clarification into people's lives. These people are therefore blessed with the potential to purify their minds and hearts so that they can understand the ultimate spiritual purpose of existence.

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Description #6

Karttikeya, the commander of the demigods' army, is also connected to Krittika nakshatra. Karttikeya is one of the most prominent among Shiva's son, and was specifically born to destroy the demons. Upon reaching maturity, he destroyed the demonic forces so the demigods could reign the heavens. This narration illustrates that Krittika nakshatra is meant to defeat all evil by heroism, militancy and power.

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Description #7

The Krittika nakshatra gives people sharp intellect, insight, incisiveness and deep comprehension. As a fire constantly needs more fuel to burn, their mental fire constantly seeks knowledge. Therefore they are curious and desire to explore the unknown

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Description #8

Krittika nakshatra gives people a chance to utilize sharp intelligence for inner analysis and sincere contemplation of their life lessons. Their purpose in life is to cut through confusions, to make an excellent analysis of the absolute truth and connect their minds with the knowledge of the Supreme Person.

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Description #9

Due to their significant intellectual abilities, they should be careful of becoming proud, stubborn, overly ambitious and too straight forward. As they can have sharp perception, they can see the imperfections, faults and weaknesses in any person or situation. Therefore they should guard against too much criticizing and being intolerant of others imperfections.

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Description #10

Krittika nakshatra also gives people one pointed focus and a direct, straightforward way of dealing with others. When they are provoked, they may come across as insensitive and intimidating to those around them. Due to their fiery nature they have an extreme temper, but fortunately also cool down very quickly. While in their hearts they mostly have good intentions, they should be careful of alienating others with their explosive anger and sharp comments.

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Description #11

If they evolve their consciousness they will find that they actually have the ability to deal with others in a very charming sophisticated way. Although they usually hide it, they have a genuine caring, nurturing and maternal side beneath the hard, stern exteriors. The people who are very close to them will see their deep loyalty and commitment. They often have very close relationships with their mothers.

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Description #12

When fire is properly used it cooks our food and supplies warmth. Similarly, Krittika can make people warm, supportive, attractive and prominent in their social circles. Due to their clear perception they can give others clear and practical advice. At the same time, when it comes to their own lives, they tend to make decisions on the spot. They highly value their independence and freedom and thus prefer to remain free from obligation

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Description #13

In general they are uncomfortable in any friendship that challenges their ego or freedom. Therefore if they want to improve their relationships with others, they should work on acknowledging their own short comings. It will also help them to grow if they can learn to ask others for help and make sacrifices for others.

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Description #14

Krittika nakshatra's special ability is the "dahana shakti", the power of the spiritual soul to cut its ties with the physical body. This indicates that this nakshatra can provide intense awareness and allows one the ability to undergo extreme forms of purification to reach spiritual perfection.

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Description #15

Krittika's abundant energy, independence and will-power bring out penetrating insight, pride, ambition and self-motivation. Therefore Krittika nakshatra can give profuse determination and confidence which can enable people to achieve all their goals.

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Description #16

Due to their ambitious nature, it's very important for Krittika people to not only succeed, but excel in any of their undertakings. As they have strong integrity they will not succumb to illegal or unfair practices to achieve their goals, but will instead act very slowly and cautiously.

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Description #17

If they have their minds set on a particular achievement they will have great patience in their pursuit. At the same time, they don't pursue their goals to achieve recognition, fame or wealth. While they are uninterested in wealth, they have the ability to accumulate wealth effortlessly.

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Description #18

Krittika nakshatra makes people very strong and sober and therefore these people do not desire tenderness and comfort in this world. They come to understand that this life is not only about feeling good or achieving material success. They can realize that the real goal is to engage oneself in eternally beneficial activities.

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Description #19

They can see that they are only trapped in their material bodies due to lowly desires. They know that these desires cause repeated birth and misidentification of the material body as the self.

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Description #20

They can understand that the soul becomes confused and thinks, “I am successful and accomplished; I have family, friends and loved ones.”

However, they know that death will bring an end to all these illusions.

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Description #21

They must realize that ultimately they should not take pride in achievements, or credit for accomplishments, but should remember that all their abilities are given by the Lord. He is only interested in their sincere devotion. Therefore they can become well aware and ready to approach the Supreme Lord, who removes all distresses.

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Description #22

The Supreme Lord can reveal Himself to them as the supreme intelligent and trust worthy. Therefore He is most expert in guiding the souls out of this miserable material existence through a path of surrender.

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Description #23

For Krittika people, the most significant turning point can be reached if they realize that perfect knowledge and complete understanding can only be obtained through surrender.

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Description #24

If they surrender to the Lord, He will reveal the path of perfection to them. The Lord resides in their heart, knows their soul's most intimate desires, and promises to fulfill all their desires that are eternally beneficial.

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Description #25

*The highest purpose for them
is to understand that our
eternal Lord wants us to simply
love Him and return to Him.*

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in the three gunas

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Krittika's sharp nature under the mode of ignorance can be a botheration to others and oneself as one tends to find fault in everything and everyone.

In the mode of passion, a Krittika person can become overwhelmed by all that they see, learn and feel. Unable to balance what they know and what they see, they feel overwhelmed by the world and relationships.

In the mode of goodness, Krittika is aware and mindful of what is around, and what is within. And by accessing the knowledge within, such people use intelligence in productive ways to make a positive impact around them.

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*Whoever knows Me as
the Supreme Personality
of Godhead, without
doubting, is to be understood
as the knower of everything,
and he therefore engages
himself in full devotional
service, O son of Bharata.*

- Bhagavad-gita 15.19



All electrical energies are received from the powerhouse, and as soon as the powerhouse stops supplying energy, the bulbs are of no use. In a moment's time such energies can be generated or withdrawn by the supreme will of the Lord.

- Srimad-bhagavatam 1.15.21, purport

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Lord Krishna is like the sun, and material contamination is like darkness. As the presence of the sun dissipates darkness, constant engagement in the association of Lord Sri Krishna frees one from the contamination of the material qualities.

- Srimad-bhagavatam 2.8.3

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When the flame in a lamp burns the wick improperly, the lamp is blackened, but when the lamp is filled with ghee and is burning properly, there is bright illumination. Similarly, when the mind is absorbed in material sense gratification, it causes suffering, and when detached from material sense gratification it brings about the original brightness of Krishna consciousness.

- Srimad-bhagavatam 5.11.8

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If you become conscious of Me, you will pass over all the obstacles of conditional life by My grace. If, however, you do not work in such consciousness but act through false ego, not hearing Me, you will be lost.

- Bhagavad-gita 19.58