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*~ The Mini Mahabharata in Your Heart*

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**YOUR MOON IS IN**

**ASHLESHA**



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# ASHLESHA

~ The Entwiner

Meaning: Serpentine embrace

Symbol: Coiled serpent

Deity: Nagas – the divine

serpents



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# DESCRIPTION





**1**

***The name Ashlesha is derived from the title of the serpent king Shesha. It can be translated as “coiling”, “clinging”, “embracing” or “entwining”, and all these terms directly define its nature as Ashlesha nakshatra.***



**2**

***The Ashlesha symbol is “a coiled snake” at the base of the spine, reflecting the potent kundalini energy that resides there. Kundalini is serpent-shaped astral energy, which lies in the muladhara chakra (sacral root center) at the base of our spine.***



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***It is the function of Ashlesha nakshatra to arouse and activate this energy. The arousal of the kundalini is the first step on the way to enlightenment. This emphasizes that Ashlesha nakshatra people are at a point in their journey where a conscious choice is to be made.***



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***They need to decide whether they will channel their intense energy for a higher purpose or for destructive means. These souls have reached a critical point in their journey of evolution. They need to decide whether they are ready to let go of their lower, selfish, gross materialistic desires to embark on a journey of wisdom and enlightenment.***



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***In many cultures, snakes are seen as secretive, creepy, cold-blooded, deceptive, unpredictable and poisonous creatures. All these qualities may also influence Ashlesha people. However, in ancient cultures serpents were also often seen as semi-divine creatures with access to other dimensions.***





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***It was believed that serpents possessed primordial powers of insight, intuition, perception, wisdom and concentration. If Ashlesha people develop higher consciousness, they can also gain all these qualities.***



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***In the great epic Ramayana, Lord Ramacandra's brother Lakshmana had Ashlesha as his ascendant. Lakshmana had numerous great qualities, such as his commitment and loyalty to Ramacandra, determination, selflessness and willingness to make sacrifices for others.***



**Ashlesha nakshatra's governing deity is the Nagas, the supernatural celestial serpents. They are protectors of vast treasures, and according to scriptures they reside on the earthly plane and under lakes, rivers or ocean beds.**



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***The Nagas have super intellectual abilities and are mysterious creatures.***

***The Nagas influence Ashlesha people to have intense and penetrating personalities with hypnotic eyes.***

***The Nagas also empower Ashlesha's people with the potential to develop great mystical talents and enlightenment.***



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**Ashlesha people have sharp minds, strong intellect, alacrity, perceptiveness and unrivaled calculating abilities. They have the potential to use intellect to control and direct the vast subconscious and instinctual workings of the mind, and thereby develop their higher selves.**



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***They are directly faced with an inner battle between good and bad. If Ashlesha people allow their lower nature to govern them, they can become cunning, devious, deceptive and dangerous. Therefore these people have to make a conscious choice to overcome their lower nature through cultivating knowledge, wisdom and understanding.***



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**Ashlesha people can be very creative, enterprising and organized. They have a unique ability to analyze and identify the faults or weakness in any situation, structure or system. Therefore they can be excellent strategic and executive managers.**



***They know how to bring broken pieces together, fix things and find solutions to problems. They are also practical and have a penetrating intellect which enables them to grasp complex concepts in fields like mathematics and science.***





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**Ashlesha people also have the ability to speedily adapt in any kind of situation to gain the most out of it. When they are working, they are responsible and cautious but will prioritize to complete tasks swiftly. As they have inherited pride and drive to reach the top, they are well situated in leadership positions.**



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**While their external appearance is not significantly important to them, they strongly desire to become well positioned and respected. When they are appreciated and encouraged they can produce significant results. They will work best in high positions where they have independence, support, respect and cooperation from people working below them.**



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***In general they can tolerate others' mistakes and forgive their faults as long as it does not affect them personally. However, they are very detached from other people's feelings and sentiments, so they should guard against treating other people harshly.***



***Ashlesha people are gifted with a super natural ability to perceive, observe and detect any type of danger. When they are motivated by selfish motives, this may turn into suspicion, mistrust or at worst, paranoia.***



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***If they use their sharp perception and mystical ability to “read” other people’s minds in order to exploit, in the long term they will harm themselves. However, they could use their intuitive psychic abilities and their strong intuition to aid others in psychological exploration and understanding.***



***Their laser like observation skills would also make them excellent for any occupation which requires high security, confidentiality or risks. In general, Ashlesha people are confident and positive about themselves and neither sentimental nor easily disturbed.***



**Although they may have fiery minds, they are fortunate in many ways. They usually obtain wealth with little effort and are surrounded by supporting friends. If they fail to master their fiery minds, they will not be able to appreciate their blessings. It would be most beneficial for them if they could use their fortune to benefit others.**



***It is often the case that they hanker very much for friends. Although they may have difficulty in trusting others, when they find that someone truly appreciates and cares for them, they are completely loyal. When they are convinced about the loyalty of their true friends and family, they will fully protect and maintain them.***





**Ashlesha people are faced dealing with an intense energy, which they need to learn to master and channel. These people are at a crossroad and will either go down a dark road of destruction and deceit or the radical road of the spiritual warrior. They need to decide if they want to devolve into a monster or take the first steps to the path of spiritual awakening.**



***If they choose the way of the spiritual warrior, they will have to face all the dark demons of the inner psyche, but they will emerge purified, shining and victorious. If Ashlesha people want to emerge as powerful spiritual warriors, they need to align themselves with divine will.***



***The Lord is the original source of all the demigods (Adi-deva) and the destroyer of the demons. Thus if they worship and take shelter of the Lord, He will empower them to slay all the demons they may have to face.***



***The key for utilizing all their powerful energies and mystic abilities in a positive way is to overcome selfishness. If they achieve this, their suspicion will turn into discretion, and their cunningness into wisdom. They can channel their natural tendency to analyze and understand the hidden spiritual truths which govern all existence.***



**Snakes are unreliable, unpredictable and potentially very dangerous animals unless one gains knowledge of how to control them through charm. Similarly Ashlesha people need to learn that the uncontrolled mind can cause them great harm. If the mind is not governed by higher principles, it will control them and make them victims of their own desires.**



***If Ashlesha people dedicate themselves to pursue a higher spiritual goal, their minds will be scheming and planning to achieve a divine purpose. They could use their ability to enchant others, to convince them to also follow a more wholesome spiritual life, leading them towards ultimate happiness.***



***While they can temporarily cling to wealth, partners, degrees, position or control, time will remove everything from their grasp. Therefore they should try to channel their clinging tendency to take the shelter and protection of the Supreme Lord.***



**By taking shelter of the Yuga Avatar, Lord Caitanya, and by chanting the holy names of Krishna, they will achieve complete control over their lives and achieve their full potential. If they follow spiritual practices and become part of a spiritual community, they will find a way to make a valuable contribution and will make trust worthy friends.**





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**Ashlesha people will benefit from meditating on the Lord's pastimes when He protected His devotees, such as Krishna's lifting of Govardhana Hill to protect the residents of Vrajabhumi. During that pastime, Krishna both protected and enchanted the minds of the residents of Vrajabhumi.**



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***If they meditate on this pastime it will give them courage and confidence in the subtle superior power of the Lord.***

***If they allow their minds to become enchanted by these pastimes, their energy will be channeled towards the spiritual realm. Establishing this connection with Krishna will lead them to the perfection of mysticism and an eternal life of unprecedented joy.***

# ASHLESHA

*in the three gunas*

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In the mode of ignorance, they try to manipulate and hurt the feelings of others, thus resulting in making themselves feel lonely and lost.

In the mode of passion, they constantly move around, scheming to get what they want. At one point they realize that all their energy has been squeezed out for temporary and unnecessary endeavors, and they feel a sense of tiredness.

In the mode of goodness, they are always alert and dedicate themselves to a higher cause, such as serving spiritualists or organizing well for others. By using their sharpness and ability to see through the details, they derive great benefits for their soul.

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**MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES**





**Milk is a very nice food, but when milk is touched by an envious serpent it becomes poisonous. Similarly, material assets such as education, wealth, beauty and good parentage are undoubtedly nice, but when they decorate persons of a malicious nature, then they act adversely**

**- Srimad-bhagavatam 4.3.17, purport**



***If a big lake is covered all around by long kusha grass, just like columns, the waters dry up; similarly, when the big columns of material desire increase, the clear water of consciousness is dried up. Therefore these columns of kusa grass should be cut or thrown away from the very beginning.***

**- Srimad-bhagavatam 4.22.30**



**The resultant effect of sinful life is suffering. Those who are not in knowledge, who commit violations of the standard laws, are subject to be punished under criminal laws. Similarly, the laws of nature are very stringent. If a child touches fire without knowing the effect, he must be burned, even though he is only a child.**

**- Srimad-bhagavatam 4.26.10, purport**



***After attaining Me, the great souls, who are yogis in devotion, never return to this temporary world, which is full of miseries, because they have attained the highest perfection.***

**- Bhagavad-gita 8.15**



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***Abandon all varieties  
of religion and just  
surrender unto Me.  
I shall deliver you  
from all sinful reaction.  
Do not fear.***

**- Bhagavad-gita 18.66**