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~ The Mini Mahabharata in Every Heart

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~ Splendid

Meaning: Multifaceted brilliance

Symbol: Shining jewel

Deity: Tvasta – the celestial

architect

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DESCRIPTION

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Chitta means “splendid”, “glittering”, “brilliant”, “bright”, “beautiful”, “many colored”, “variegated”, “illusory” or “magical”. All these words convey inherent qualities of this nakshatra. It is also known as “the star of opportunity” as it gives matchless energy to create.

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The main symbol for Chitta is a big, bright, shining jewel. Gemstones can be seen as having captured the perfection of the earth's elements. Thus, the Chitta nakshatra empowers individuals to perfect forms of art and creation.

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*Another symbol for Chitta is a
“pearl”, which is formed by oysters.
This again indicates that Chitta is
connected to the mysterious essence
behind creativity.*



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Chitta gives the capacity to create new, wonderful and delightful things.

For individuals with higher consciousness,

Chitta gives transcendental vision so that they can discern between material and spiritual reality, giving them access to the pearl of true knowledge.

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Chita's deity is Tavashta, or Vishvakarma, who is an expert in celestial design. Vishvakarma is the most knowledgeable and competent in architecture, and in mysterious and secretive ways. He empowers Chitta people to excel in fields of arts, crafts, design, architecture and technological design.



Vishvakarma can also influence Chitta people to be very mystical with the ability to see the world with a higher purpose. He has a precarious position because he designs and creates for both the demigods and the demons. Although his twin brother, Trishiras (three-headed), is a demon and an enemy of Indra, Vishvakarma made thunderbolts for Indra, the king of the demigods.

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Chitta nakshatra makes people feel ambiguous and diplomatic. These people may struggle to discern between moral and immoral, or the crooked and the saintly. What is most prominent in Chitta character is a strong desire to create.



Chitta people in general are dynamic, energetic and enthusiastic to continuously start new projects. They can be courageous, ambitious, hardworking and efficient. Therefore, they have to guard against becoming obsessive about work while neglecting their spiritual growth.



If Chitta people can use their creative abilities in harmony with Divine will, they will feel fulfilled, content and peaceful. However, if they use their abilities in ways which do not serve the greater good, they can become unbalanced, selfish and dissatisfied.

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Chitta people may be very concerned with appearance, aesthetics, complexity, structure and form. They have an intrinsic sense of harmony, balance and proportion which makes them masters in creating beauty.

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They tend to have a fascination with understanding how systems operate in fields such as science, technology and art. They feel thrilled by creating magical effects, so they can excel in making technological gadgets with aesthetic appeal.



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Chitta people with elevated consciousness will use this trait to understand the universal laws and material illusion so that they can ultimately transcend it.



As this nakshatra has a direct connection with maya, these people can create misconceptions, illusions and glamour around themselves. They also have a sophisticated style of presenting themselves.

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They tend to act in ways that will gain them adoration. As they are generally attractive and charming people, they tend to be attractive to the opposite gender.

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Chitta nakshatra gives inspiration and energy to create. Chitta people are not confrontational. They have great attention to aesthetics. Therefore Chitta people use energy in significantly constructive ways.

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While they have a soft, mild and tender nature, they may be strong and confident about their principles and values.

However, the majority of the time they will be very diplomatic, to the point of indecisiveness.

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They dislike judging others harshly.

Therefore, they need to learn to

balance their compassion by

remembering that only proper use

of compassion will lead to a good

outcome.



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Chitta nakshatra's special ability is "punya chayani shakti": the power to accumulate merit. This indicates that Chitta people have a unique ability to gain respect and distinction if they utilize their talents for a higher cause.



If Chitta people purify their consciousness, they will want to overcome their lower desires and enjoy life in the spiritual realm. They can realize that this world will allure us with illusions of happiness and beauty.



If they examine the material energy closer, they will find that the idea of lasting beauty and happiness is a mere illusion. Chitta people can be compared to brilliant jewels that are meant to adorn the Supreme Person.



While Chitta people have talent to create with great aesthetic appeal, it is guaranteed that any beauty will deteriorate with time. All the fame, prestige and luxury they can accumulate in the material realm will remain temporary. Therefore, they should try to look beyond temporary achievements.



If they realize that people often surround them when they are successful and abandon them when they fail, they will look for an eternal relationship. If Chitta people give their loyalty to the Supreme Person, they will find lasting harmony.



By chanting the mantras for their empowerment, Chitta people can gain blessings to distinguish reality from illusion, and ultimately experience the full knowledge and bliss of the spiritual nature. After all, what seems wonderful in this world is actually just dead matter.



Anything in the material world which will bring us happiness will also burden us with distress, and will eventually be taken away in time. The most wondrous thing one can know is how the Supreme Person creates unlimited universes through His inconceivable potencies.



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He is the most magical person, as

He is the oldest of the old and

youngest of the young. He comes

down to earth to deliver the devotees

and at the same time eternally

stays in the spiritual world.



He displays an inconceivable multifaceted personality. He plays with the cowherd boys in Vrindavana, but also comes as Ramacandra to lead a monkey army to Lanka.



Great saints and sages describe the experience of a devotee's meditation on the Lord as an unparalleled soothing sensation. When one sees the Lord's moon-like face and the brilliant transmitting effulgence as He reclines on the thousand-headed serpent, one's heart and mind are captured.



The Lord has immense love for His devotees. Therefore, He will go to any extent to protect them and will help them overcome the vices of lust, greed and anger.

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MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES



When one gets tired of keeping a burden on his head, he will place it on his shoulder. This does not mean that he has become freed from the strains of carrying the burden. Similarly, human society in the name of civilization is creating one kind of trouble to avoid another kind of trouble

- Srimad-bhagavatam 4.29.33, purport



Since fog does not spread throughout the sky, the sun need do no more than merely manifest its first rays, and the fog immediately disappears. Similarly, if one has even a slight relationship with devotional service, all the fog of his sinful life is immediately vanquished

- Srimad-bhagavatam 6.1.15, purport

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An intelligent person does not take part in the sources of misery, which are due to contact with the material senses. O son of Kunti, such pleasures have a beginning and an end, and so the wise man does not delight in them

- Bhagavad-gita 5.22



**One who is free from illusion,
false prestige, and false
association, who understands
the eternal, who is done with
material lust and is freed from
the duality of happiness and
distress, and who knows how
to surrender unto the Supreme
Person, attains to that eternal
kingdom**

- Bhagavad-gita 15.5



A servant may desire to start his own business and imitate his master, and when he chooses to do so, he may leave the protection of his master. Sometimes he is a failure, and sometimes he is successful. Similarly, the living entity, part and parcel of Krishna, starts his own business to compete with the Lord.

- Srimad-bhagavatam 4.29.27, purport