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~ Individuality

Meaning: Self-actualization

Symbol: A new bud bending

in the wind

Deity: Vayu – the demigod

of the wind

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DESCRIPTION





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The word Swati can be translated as “independent”, “self-going”, “sword”, “delicate” and “tender”. These translations indicate a strong connection with individualism. This individuality is related to unique talents and skills expressed through intellectual and material activities.



Swati nakshatra's symbol is a new flower bud blown by the wind. This symbol suggests the idea that these people will have to "go against the grain" and make an effort to become authentic individuals.

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The wind indicates restlessness, adaptability, dexterity and a roaming disposition. In ancient Vedic texts, the wind is also seen as a powerful force in the universe. This indicates that despite their gentle nature, Swati people have the capacity to be forceful whenever required.

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*The new flower bud represents
a delicate side of this nakshatra.*

As a new flower bud still needs

to grow, Swati people need to

develop strength and independence

to reach their potential.

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Swati nakshatra's main deity is Vayu, the demigod in charge of the wind and of prana, the life giving force in all living beings. Therefore Swati people usually have a strong emotional need to travel, to be free and to have abundant space. They require physical space, psycho-emotional space and mental space.



One of Vayu's sons, Hanuman, who is one of the main characters in the epic Ramayana, exemplifies all of Vayu's good qualities. Hanuman displayed extreme strength, morality, fairness, resourcefulness, intelligence, wisdom, sense of propriety, loyalty and servitude.



It is interesting that Hanuman was unaware of his great prowess until he was reminded of it. Once he was aware of his extraordinary abilities, he fully utilized it to serve Ramacandra.



The epitome of Hanuman's qualities was unconditional loyalty and devotion to Rama. Similarly, Swati people often have immense potential, but they require guidance to know how to connect with their abilities.



If Swati people develop higher consciousness they can use their skills, energy and dedication to undertake significant projects for a spiritual cause.

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Swati nakshatra is also related to Sarasvati, the demigoddess of music and learning. This indicates their potential for successfully studying material, philosophical or spiritual fields.



When these people evolve their consciousness they have the unique ability to be eager and open to learn from various sources. The ideal way for these people to utilize their intellectual capacities is to search for spiritual insights and discover the secrets of self-realization.



*As one of their main purposes
in life is to understand
individualism, they will
often need unconventional
ways to find the Absolute
Truth.*



Swati people have balanced views and opinions which make them natural diplomats. If they make meditation and other spiritual practices part of their lives, they will develop strong righteousness and integrity.



In general, they believe in the importance of social etiquette, courtesies and civilized behavior. In their dealings with others they are perceptive, gentle, kind and generous. They are also open and receiving to new ideas, thoughts and suggestions.

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Their charming qualities enable them to climb the ladder of success. As they have a strong need for emotional validation, they may follow all social customs at the cost of their individuality in an attempt to gain other people's approval.



As it is of high importance for them to maintain peace and harmony, they may avoid taking any stance on any matter. They should thus work on overcoming indecisiveness and procrastination.

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The positive side of their nature is that it gives them patience to wait for situations to evolve as they desire, rather than aggressively trying to change it themselves. As they have patience, they can benefit from making long terms plans, developing the steadiness to wait and gain the full benefits of their work. If Swati people want to attain success, it will help them to focus on quality instead of quantity



Swati nakshatra's special ability is the "pradhvamsa shakti": the power to disperse like the wind. This shakti draws attention to this nakshatra's relationship with the wind. Swati people are like the wind: free, detached and able to blow away any build-up of negative energy.



As the wind can bend and move around anything, Swati people can adjust to multiple situations and circumstances while remaining true to themselves. Their detachment enables them to easily shed built up negative energy.



The wind also has an unsteady nature and therefore Swati people may have “mood swings”. Thus it is beneficial for them to work on become more grounded and centered. If they allow their consciousness to devolve, they may also fall prey to becoming overtly indulgent, promiscuous and dishonest.



The main planet which influences Swati nakshatra is Rahu. Therefore, these people have a prominent need for comfort and luxury. Rahu also influences them to have refined and sophisticated dress, mannerisms and tastes



Swati people will also often be artistic in an unorthodox way. All these characteristics contribute to their ability to be socialites and successful in business pursuits. If Swati people desire to grow they are able to develop spiritual qualities such as compassion, selfless love, serenity and a thirst for knowledge.



If Swati people renounce their attachment to being at the top of the status quo, they will be able to make more spiritual advancement.

If they can reach that point, they will find that they have the courage to break free from all social constraints to achieve spiritual freedom.



Once Swati people have started on their spiritual path they will discover a strong drive to break through their own fears and limitations. This will allow them to gain understanding of multiple manifestations of the Supreme Lord.



By meditating on Varahadeva, who lifted the Earth from the bottom of the Garbhodaka ocean, they can regain knowledge of their forgotten spiritual identity. This practice will also lead them to find the Supreme Lord. Once they have connected with the Supreme Lord, He will lead them to perfect individualism and self-realization.

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in the three gunas

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Under the influence of ignorance, Swati people can get carried away and become overtly indulgent, promiscuous and dishonest. Feeling caught up by their own ignorant actions, they regret misusing their good karma opportunities.

Under the mode of passion, one gives utmost priority to comfort and luxury, falling prey to keep up the status quo. Not feeling courageous enough to break free from social constraints, one feels burdened and stuck.

In the mode of goodness, Swati people develop an interest in the spiritual perspective. Thus they become selfless, compassionate and have a great thirst for knowledge. They break through the barriers of social and mental coverings, feeling the freedom of thought and expression.

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MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES



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The example cited in this verse is that bulls tied by ropes in their nostrils move according to the direction of the driver. Similarly, if we move according to the instructions of the Vedas, the perfect paths for our lives will be set.

- Srimad-bhagavatam 5.1.14, purport

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[...] we cannot demand the sun to rise whenever we like. The sun rises out of his own accord; so also the Lord is pleased to be present out of His causeless mercy.

- Srimad-bhagavatam 1.6.19, purport

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A man may see a tiger swallowing him in a dream, and he may cry for this calamity. Actually there is no tiger and there is no suffering; it is simply a case of dreams. In the same way, all calamities of life are said to be dreams. If someone is lucky enough to get in contact with the Lord by devotional service, it is all gain.

- Srimad-bhagavatam 1.8.25, purport

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As one mistakenly considers a flower garland to be a snake or experiences happiness and distress in a dream, so, in the material world, by a lack of careful consideration, we differentiate between happiness and distress, considering one good and the other bad.

- Srimad-bhagavatam 6.17.30

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*To those who are
constantly devoted
and worship Me
with love, I give the
understanding by
which they can come
to Me.*

- Bhagavad-gita 10.10