

Getting Started

*With
Shri Jyoti Star
V6*

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Watch the Videos!
(Under the Help menus in Data Entry and Main Screen)

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Welcome to the world of Vedic astrology software. Shri Jyoti Star will empower you to learn and explore Vedic astrology with ease and power. Its built-in atlas will automatically look up the coordinates and time zones for over 250,000 cities, and you can calculate accurate charts over thousands of years.

An Introduction to Windows Programs (with hints for using Shri Jyoti Star)

Windows programs typically follow certain **conventions**:

1. **Several methods of getting to the same result.** Windows was designed to make it easier to use software. You can move the pointer using your mouse and then left click on an item to choose it, or use pull-down menus, or hotkeys, or right-click the mouse and choose from the menu that pops up.

A. Pull-down menus.

Most Windows programs have a list of menu options in a row at the top of each page. For example, in the Data Entry Window shown on page one, the pull-down menu options shown are:

File Data Tags Confirm Entry Choices Help

Note the underlined letters in each of the categories. They indicate that if you hold down the **Alt** key and press the underlined letter, that menu will drop open. E.g. holding **Alt** down and pressing the **F** key will open the File menu. (In Windows XP you may have to hold down the **Alt** key before you see these).

B. Hotkeys

When you open the File menu of the Data Entry Window, you will also see "hotkeys" shown next to some of menu choices. For example, after the words Save As is the hotkey **Ctrl+A**. This means that if you hold down the **Control** key and then tap the letter **A**, then you will get the same result as if you highlighted the Save As item and hit the **Enter** key (or just mouse-clicked on that item).

In other words, in all parts of Shri Jyoti Star, there are hotkeys that enable you to achieve the same results as using the menus to make choices, but more quickly.

Here are some **Important Hotkeys in Shri Jyoti Star**:

A. **Undo.** If you change something and want to change it back to the way it was a moment ago, hold down the **Control** key and press the letter **Z**. This **Ctrl+Z** hotkey works throughout Shri Jyoti Star, i.e. in the Data Entry Window, the Main Window, and on the Printed Page Designer Window.

B. **Save Options and Layouts.** If you design your own screen in the Main Window, or a page in the Printed Page Designer Window, you may want to save the changes that you've made right away. In both windows, pressing **Ctrl+O** will immediately save and preserve the changes you have made. (That is, hold down the **Control** key and press the letter **O**.) Otherwise, the layouts and option changes will be saved when you leave the program unless you turn this off (Data Entry Confirm menu).

C. **Open a new "Primary Native" or "Native 2"**. Shri Jyoti Star is unique in allowing many different people's charts and tables to be shown onscreen at the same time, with the first person's charts and tables having a **red** heading and the second person's charts and tables having a **blue** heading and the others have a **green** heading. You therefore need a way to open each new person's chart quickly and easily. To open or change the "Primary Native", i.e. the chart of the first person, you simply press **Ctrl+A**. To open or change "Native 2", i.e. the chart of the second person, you press **Ctrl+B** or click **Ctrl+L** and select from the list.

D. **Move to different Pages**. When you are looking at the Main Window or the Printed Page Designer Window, you can use the Page Up and Page Down keys (**PgUp, PgDn**) to move to different screens. Important notes: if you move to a blank screen, it just means that you haven't added anything to that screen yet. Also, in the Printed Page Designer Window, pressing Page Down and Page Up only shows you the screens *within one design*. I'm saying this because in the Printed Page Designer, you can create many different designs, by clicking on the New Design button and giving the design a new name and then adding charts, graphs, and tables to the design.

E. **Escape**. Sometimes additional screens appear on top of the Main Window or Printed Page Designer Window. (E.g. the AstroMap, Choices and Options, and Search for Combinations screens.) You can escape back to the Main Window by simply pressing the **Esc** key that is at the top left of your keyboard.

2. **The Right-Click Mouse Options**. The right mouse button (the one you usually don't use) has many important functions in Shri Jyoti Star. In the Data Entry, the Main Screen and the Printed Page Designer Window, right-clicking on a page or specific chart pops up a menu with many important shortcuts. You can print pages, change pages, select a native, swap natives, choose colour schemes, copy a chart or even email a chart, and almost everything else you might want to do.

You can use the swap feature if you want to create a table or chart for the second person instead of the first person.

Note: Right-clicking on any chart, table or graph and selecting 'What's This?' gives you handy information about it. [Learn more about Jyotish and Shri Jyoti Star by browsing the tables, charts and graphs and using this feature.](#)

The ABCs of Using Shri Jyoti Star.

1. Steps to take the first time you run Shri Jyoti Star:

A. Run Shri Jyoti Star and email the code in order to be sent your password, and then when you get the return email, enter the password to get the program registered.

B. After you enter the code, Shri Jyoti Star will step you through creating a new database. In future you can do this by clicking File and selecting New Database. The name of your current database appears at the top of the Data Entry screen.

2. Enter a person's birth data in the **Data Entry Screen** (see #1 in the next section). The program automatically looks up the coordinates and time zone for the birth place, so all you have to do is click on the OK button to proceed (or click OK + Transit to also calculate the current transit chart as 'Native 2', the secondary chart. The first time you click OK this will happen automatically). When the program asks

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you, if you want to save the person to the database (chart file), press the OK button.

3. You are now in the **Main Screen** (see #2 in the next section). Here is where you interact with the program, viewing all of the charts, tables, graphs, and dasha listing for the chart you entered. You can use the pages already designed for you (see **Layout Examples** below) or design your own pages by clicking on empty areas of the screen and selecting what you want from the **Choices and Options** screen that pops up.

4. When you want to design your own pages to print out, or again use pre-designed layouts, click on the **Printed Page Designer** button. (see #3 below for more information).

Important Note on Getting Updates:

Shri Jyoti Star is being continually improved. You should definitely check the website often (every other month or so) for updates, as they have significant enhancements.

To do so, go to www.vedicsoftware.com and scroll down to the Customer Area - Registration and Upgrades and click on that link. Know your version number, it is on the startup screen like 'v6.1' and also under 'About' at the bottom of the Help menus. It will say if there is an update for your version.

Shri Jyoti Star 6 has **three main screens**:

1. **The Data Entry Screen.** This is the first screen you will see when you run the program.

The Data Entry screen has several functions:

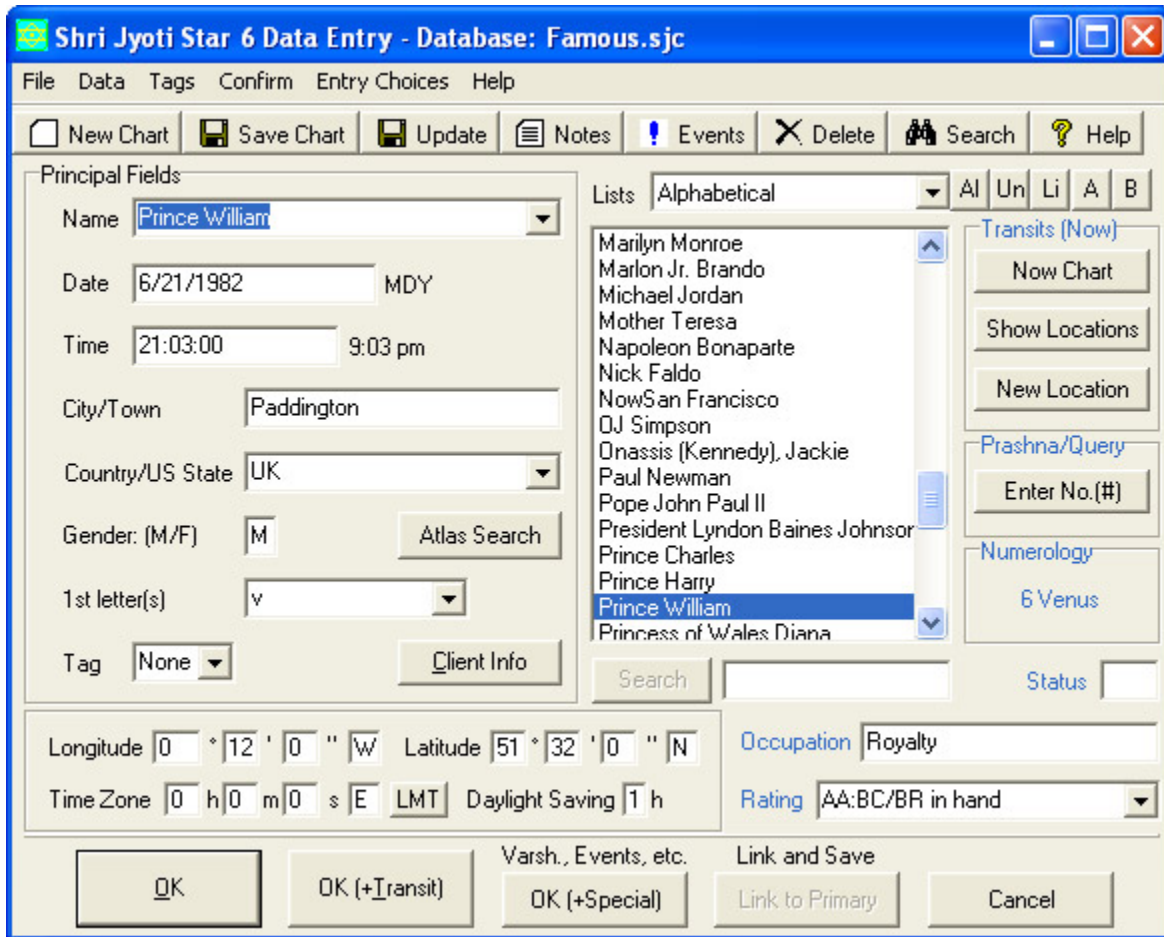
A. **Creating new charts.** To create an entry for a new person, simply enter the person's name, the date of birth, time of birth, place of birth and gender, and then click on the OK button. Note: however you enter names, they can be seen First Name Last Name or Last Name, First Name using the File menu item 'Last, First Name in Lists'. When you click OK, the program will ask you if you want to save the chart, and then you will see their chart on the Main Screen of the program. (Note: if you want the program to compute the person's chart and also a second chart for the present moment, press the OK (+Transit) button instead of the OK button. If you just want a chart for the present moment, click the Now Chart button on the top right.)

B. **Retrieving saved charts** from the database. The term "database" simply means a collection of saved charts. To retrieve the chart of someone who you have previously entered into the program, type in the first few letters of the person's last name (or first if you use First Last), and then hit the **down arrow key** until the right name appears. Then hit the **Enter** key. You can also use the **Search** features. There is a button at the top or put part of the name into the *Search* area under the Lists box and click the Search button.

C. **Adding notes** to any chart. Click the notes button at the top of Data Entry or select 'Edit/View or Edit Notes for Primary' in the main screen. You can add up to about 8 pages of notes.

D. In the Data Entry Window you can also import charts from other programs, see a monthly calendar, add events to a person's chart, view only those charts with planets in specific signs, and more.

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Use the **File** menu to change from First Last to Last, First name style and also between USA or International date styles. In the US, the month comes first (MDY) while elsewhere the day comes first (DMY). Use the **Entry Choices** menu to minimize key strokes with two digit year entry and two different styles for entering dates and times, Each has its merit, try them. Above you see the 'Free Form' style where you can also type 'June 21' as well as 6/21. Whatever you type it is converted to numbers. The time above could have been entered as '9 3p' and the focus would immediately jump to the City field saving you key strokes. The File menu has many other features such as help with **backing up and transferring files**. We recommend using a flash drive but a CD, floppy or any other storage device will work. **Charts** are stored in a file called a **database** and you can create **new** ones, **open** an existing one or **change the name** under File. Database files are much like document files you create in MS Word or other word processors. Use the **Search** features to find charts in large databases. Use the **Lists** pull down (middle top) and the shortcut buttons to the right of it to filter your charts to make finding things easy. Use the Tags menu to create groupings. For example, tag all your family 'A'. Then you can easily see just their charts when you want. (Tip: click the [A] button on the top right.)

Tip: Pressing **F8** on your keyboard (also under the Data menu) when the screen first appears to restore the setup you were last using with all the charts loaded – available for use from the <>Native menu and the Right-click menu in the Main Screen. This is so useful, try it.

Transits: It is very useful to see the chart for your current time and location. The program knows the time and date but you have to tell it where you are. Do this by clicking the **New Location** button on the

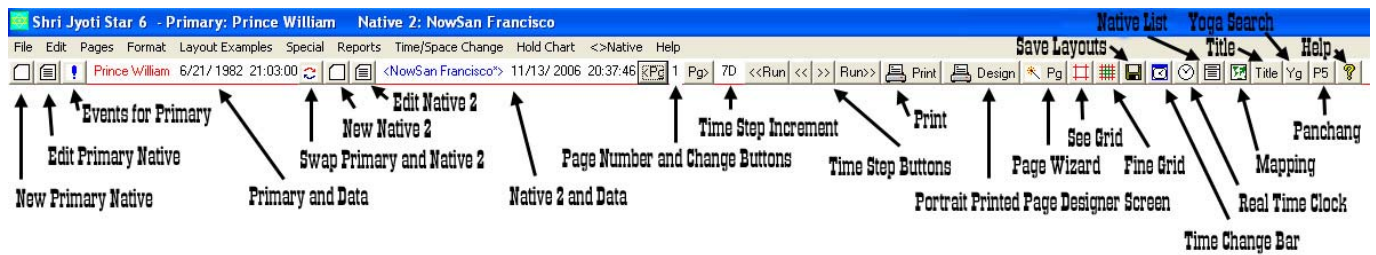
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top right. You can have many locations. See the list by clicking **Show Locations**. Clicking **Now Chart** gets you the transit chart for the last used location. The first time you click **OK** you get the default transit chart calculated for you and after that all you have to do is click **OK+Transit**. The Main Screen has a real-time clock option (under the Special menu) if you want the time to keep updating.

2. The Main Screen

This is the window you will use to work with charts onscreen. You can design up to 24 different screen pages and load screens pre-designed for you by selecting them from the **Layout Examples** menu.

Here's the Data and Button Bar at the top of the screen with explanations. It makes it really easy to access the key features. Note: if your screen has a lower resolution, you may not see all the buttons. Use 'Same as Buttons' in the right-click popup; everything is also available from the menus at the top.



Important things to understand on the Main Screen:

A. **Whose chart are you looking at.** At the top of the screen under the grey menu bar on the far left is the name of the person whose chart is open, shown in red. A little to the right of this is another name (or Now) in blue. That is the name of the second chart that is open. The one in <> brackets changes when you use the time change tools or the <>Native menu.

B. **The page number.** To see which of the 24 screens you are viewing, look between the [<Pg] and [Pg>] buttons at the top middle of the screen. The number between them is the page you are viewing.

C. **The speed buttons.** Across the top are handy short-cuts to many functions. In the main Screen, pause the mouse over any of these to get a hint about their usage. Key buttons include 'Print', 'Design' – go to the printed page designer area – and 'Pg' – the Page Wizard.

D. **The menu items.** In the grey bar at the top of the screen are several menus, e.g. File Edit Pages, etc. Here is a brief description of some of the functions of each of the menus:

i. **File.** Here you can open a new chart, save the changes to the screens that you've made, restore the program's settings to their original status (with the Reset Options, but please use this only if you really want to lose all of the changes you've made to the program settings), exit the program, and much more.

ii. **Edit.** You will primarily use this to edit someone's birth data or swap between the two charts. You will primarily use this to edit someone's birth data or to open a new chart but it also has Undo and Copy functions. Undo steps back the last drag and drop or resize and then it reverts to the version of the page when you entered or saved it. Copy puts the screen in the clipboard so you can paste it into an email or article you're writing. You can copy individual charts from the right-click menu.

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The screenshot displays the Shri Jyoti Star 6 software interface with the following sections:

- Header:** Shri Jyoti Star 6 - Primary: Prince William Native 2: NowEdmonton Page: Standard Page 1 (Layout: layouts)
- Menu Bar:** File Edit Pages Format Layout Examples Special Reports Time/Space Change Hold Chart <>Native Help
- Toolbar:** <Prince William> 6/21/1982 21:03:00 NowEdmonton* 11/10/2006 17:20:51 1 Pg 7D <<Run << >> Run>> Print Design Pg
- Rashi (D-1) - General:** A diamond-shaped chart showing planetary positions in houses. Planets include As (3°49'), Ke (20°28'), Jp (6°52'), Sa (21°53'), Ma (15°35'), Ra (20°28'), Mo (11°21'), Su (6°29'), Me (15°21'), and Ve (2°3').
- Planet Positions:** A table listing planets with their signs, degrees, and other attributes.

Pla	Dg	Mn	Sgn	Rx	Dig	Nav	Dig
Asc	3° 49'		Sag			Tau	
Sun	6° 29'		Gem	Friend	Scor	Neutr	
Mon	11° 21'		Gem	G.Frn	Cap	Enemy	
Mar	15° 35'		Virg	G.En'y	Tau	Enemy	
Mer	15° 21'		Tau	Neutr	Tau	Neutr	
Jup	6° 52'		Libr	R	G.En'y	Sag	Own
Ven	2° 3'		Tau	Own	Cap	Neutr	
Sat	21° 53'		Virg	Neutr	Can	G.En'y	
Rah	20° 28'		Gem	M	Multr	Ari	Enemy
Ket	20° 28'		Sag	M	Multr	Libr	Friend
Ura	7° 53'		Scor	R	Nep	1° 56'	Sag R
Plu	0° 33'		Libr	R	Mandi	17° 8'	Libr
- Vimshottari:** A table showing dasha periods.

Start Date	Age	Dashas
3/30/1981	-1.2	Ra Sa
2/ 4/1984	1.6	Ra Me
8/23/1986	4.2	Ra Ke
9/11/1987	5.2	Ra Ve
9/10/1990	8.2	Ra Su
8/ 5/1991	9.1	Ra Mo
2/ 3/1993	10.6	Ra Ma
2/21/1994	11.7	Jp Jp
4/11/1996	13.8	Jp Sa
10/23/1998	16.3	Jp Me
1/28/2001	18.6	Jp Ke
1/ 4/2002	19.5	Jp Ve
9/ 4/2004	22.2	Jp Su
6/23/2005	23.0	Jp Mo
10/23/2006	24.3	Jp Ma
9/29/2007	25.3	Jp Ra
2/22/2010	27.7	Sa Sa
2/24/2013	30.7	Sa Me
11/ 4/2015	33.4	Sa Ke
12/13/2016	34.5	Sa Ve
2/13/2020	37.6	Sa Su
1/25/2021	38.6	Sa Mo
8/26/2022	40.2	Sa Ra
10/ 5/2023	41.3	Sa Ma
8/11/2026	44.1	Sa Jp
2/21/2029	46.7	Me Me
7/21/2031	49.1	Me Ke
7/17/2032	50.1	Me Ve
5/18/2035	52.9	Me Su
3/24/2036	53.8	Me Mo
- Planet Nakshatras + Pushkar Navamshas:** A table listing planets with their nakshatras and lords.

Pla	Nakshatra	Ho	Lords
Asc	Mula	19.2	Ke Mo Ra Ra
Sun	Mrigashirsha	5.4	Ma Mo Ve Ra
Mon	Ardra	6.2	Ra Sa Ve Ra
Mar	Hasta	13.2*	Mo Jp Ra Ve
Mer	Rohini	4.2*	Mo Jp Ma Me
Jup	Swati	15.1	Ra Ra Ra Ve
Ven	Krittika	3.2	Su Jp Ke Jp
Sat	Hasta	13.4	Mo Ve Sa Sa
Rah	Punarvasu	7.1	Jp Jp Sa Ra
Ket	PurvAshada	20.3*	Ve Jp Sa Ve
- States & Strengths for Planets & Houses:** A table with columns: Gra, Kar, CoWar, W, Avast, InHs, Ben, Bin, Avg, Gbal, Vim, Hs, Ras, Lin, Bal, Avg.

Gra	Kar	CoWar	W	Avast	InHs	Ben	Bin	Avg	Gbal	Vim	Hs	Ras	Lin	Bal	Avg
Asc					1	Benef	3	25			1	Sag	11	593	25
Sun	GK	D	Teen	7	Benef	4	22	155	13.1		2	Cap	9	599	28
Mon	MK	5	D	Teen	7	Neut	2	22	121	11.9	3	Aqu	8	633	27
Mar	Am	S	Youth	10	Benef	5	32	155	12.9		4	Pis	8	564	37
Mer	BK	D	Youth	6	Neut	7	26	83	11.1		5	Ari	6	453	32
Jup	Puk	S	Teen	11	Neut	6	30	137	12.7		6	Tau	1	575	26
Ven	DK	W	V.Old	6	Papa	6	26	156	16.7		7	Gem	12	308	22
Sat	AK	D	Teen	11+	Marak	3	32	195	8.9		8	Can	12	490	33
Rah	PIK	W	Old	8+	YogK				22		9	Leo	11	675	25
Ket		W	Old	2+	Benef				25		10	Virg	9	267	32
Co(mburst) in degrees; War gives victor; Gbal = Shadbal %											11	Libr	8	573	30
InHs +/- is dif. due to house system; Vim = Dash.Vimsopak											12	Scor	11	471	20
- Navamsha (D-9) - Dharma/Spouse:** A diamond-shaped chart showing planetary positions in houses. Planets include Ra, Sa, Ma, As, Me, Su, Ve, Mo, Jp, Ke.
- Panchanga & Yogi:** A table with columns: Day Lord, Moon, Tithi, Karana, Yoga, Nakshatra, Pada, Sound, Devyata, Overall, Gandanta, DagdhRashis, Yogi Point, Yogi.

Day Lord	Moon
	1 (40%) Bright Half
Karana	1 Kinstughna-
Yoga	11 (33%) Vriti
Nakshatra	6 Ardra
Pada	2 (40%) Hora Sun
Sound	gha(m)
Devyata	Rudra Muh: P.p
Overall	Auspicious
Gandanta:	None
DagdhRashis	Libr Cap
Yogi Point:	21° 11' Scor
Yogi:	Mer AvaYogi: Mar Duplicate: Mar

iii. **Pages.** This menu lets you quickly go to any page, and to also blank a screen (clear all the charts and tables from it – use carefully), copy one page to another, and name a page that you've created (which will make it easier to find).

iv. **Format.** Here you can select the number of places there will be for charts, tables, graphs, dasha listings, etc. Each individual page of the Main Window can have its own format such as 4x3 'cell' per page. In addition to the choices here, you can use the pageWizard to choose anything you like up to 10x10. The font size of tables depends on the cell size so don't have too many! Charts and graphs can be resized by draggin so they can be any size but tables are tied to the cells giving uniformity to the result.

v. **Layout Examples.** This menu allows you to choose from all of the pre-designed pages the program offers. When you make a selection you will be asked to choose between replacing the current layout or putting it on a new page. Choose the first only if you are ready to lose the layout you have already created. **Ctrl+Z** recovers to what you just had if you make a mistake. You can choose not to be asked using the **Confirm** menu in Data Entry.

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vi. **Special**. This has many different functions. The Karakas are a list of themes signified by specific planets or houses. You can type in a topic, and the program will find the signifying planet or house. 'Classical Yogas and Time Search' helps you to find when a particular planet or planets were in specific signs or degree positions, as well as what charts in the database have specific classical yogas. 'Custom Yogas Create and Search' is a very powerful tool letting you specify combinations (Custom Search) and search for them in your databases. You can also use it to create reports, it is a complete Report Builder (see the Help section for more details on this feature.) The Special menu has other, less important functions, that you can also learn about in the Help section.

vii. **Reports**. Here's where you can view and print out interpretive reports for a person's chart. Click on 'Choices' and then on Select All, and OK to see all of the classical interpretations. 'Custom Reports' runs reports created in the Report Builder (see last section) by yourself or anyone. The two other most important sections of Reports are the Panchang/Transits and the Ephemeris and Rising times. Use the Ephemeris and Rising times to view and print tables of planetary positions and rising signs. The Panchang feature is more powerful, and allows you to view and print listings of transits to the birth chart, planetary entries into signs and Nakshatras, details about the Moon's placement, and much more. Please study the Help section on this feature to learn more.

viii. **Time/Space Change**. For those who want to see what happens if a person's birth time is shifted forward or backwards in time, this is a wonderful tool. You must first click on the first menu choice: Setup Primary Native..., (or click on the person's name at the top left) and then click on the third menu choice (Time Change Dialog) to select the time increment you want the chart shifted by (e.g. one minute at a time) or click on the increment which is shown to the right of the [<Pg][Pg>] buttons at the top. Then click on the [<<] button at the top of the screen to shift the birth time backwards by one time increment per click and click on the [>>] button to shift the birth time forwards by one time increment per click. E.g. if I had selected a one minute increment, and wanted to move the chart 3 minutes earlier, I'd click on the [<<] key three times. You can get continuous time flow by clicking the [Run] buttons. Clicking them again, stops the flow. Or use the Time Change Bar to step forward or back by various amounts at a single click.

The **AstroMapping/Relocate** menu choice at the top of the Time/Space Change menu, allows you to view an AstroMap for a person. You can relocate charts to new places, and print out maps, here. Read Help to learn more.

ix. **Hold Chart** allows you to store a chart to look at later, e.g. a chart that you created by shifting the birth time. These are not kept when you leave the Program!

x. **<>Native** allows you to see all of the people you have been working with during a session with the software, and to quickly switch between them by clicking on their names. The chart replaces whichever native has her name in <> brackets, e.g. <Susan>. The <> also indicates that this is the one that will change when you click the Time Change buttons described above. You can also apply a native to a single chart/table by right-clicking on it and choosing 'Select Native for this'.

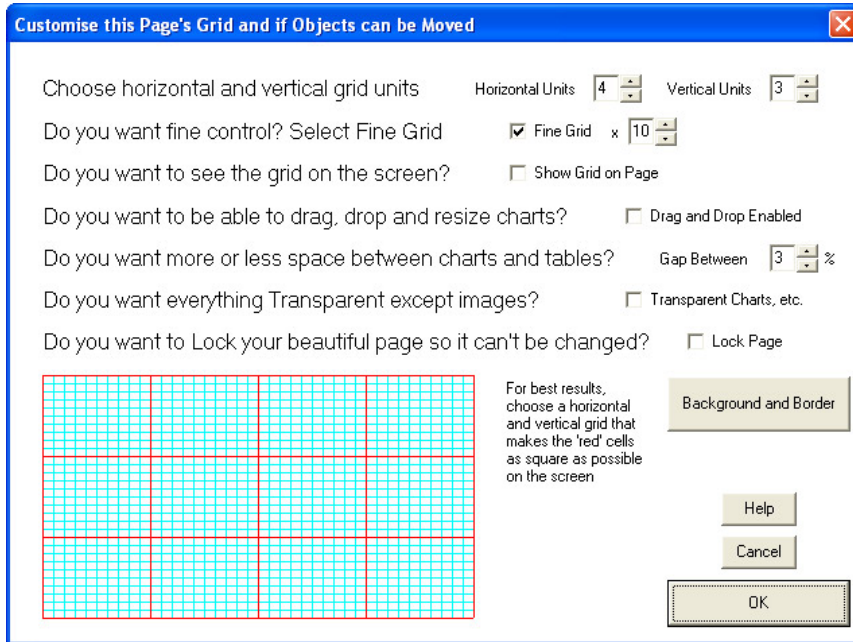
xi. **Help** is very useful. The **tutorial**, for example, includes **videos** that play on your screen and can help you see how to use the program and **text** explanations of various topics like Muhurta, Varshphal, AstroMapping, Compatibility, etc. The Contents choice shows you the main help sections that you can use to learn more about using Shri Jyoti Star. The Index is an alphabetical list of all of the program's functions (listed on the left) and where you can find them (listed next to each, on the right). 'Find' lets you search for a word throughout the help file.

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Note: Large charts have something you can click on the far top right. In the graphic above you can see '< >'. Click on this and you start to see aspect lines in the chart. Each time you click you get a different type of aspect.

D. Designing Screens: Start with the Page Wizard to set the layout parameters of the page (under the Pages menu). In order to design your own screen, use the Page Down key to move to a screen that is

empty, and then click on the screen where you want to insert a chart, table, or graph. The Choices and Options menu (which is explained in more detail below) will appear, and you can select the chart, table, or graph that you want. You can then repeat the procedure until you've filled the page. If you want to start over, click on the Pages menu at the top and then click on Blank Page at the bottom of the menu, and the page will be cleared of all charts and tables. If you want to give the screen a Name (to make it easier to find later), you can go to the Pages menu and click on Name/Rename.



The Page Wizard

The Page Wizard

This let's you set up the page as you like and gives you a little preview of how the grid you've chosen will look. The **Background and Borders** button takes you to a screen where you can easily pick a background image from your collection and select a border style if desired. **Transparent** charts let the background image or colour (chosen in Global Colours in the Choices and Options dialog, see below) show through unless you've chose a lotus border where that colour pervades the chart.

3. The Printed Page Designer Screen.

You enter the Printed Page Designer Window from the Main Window (button on top right or press F2), and use the Printed Page Designer Window to create pages of charts, graphs, and tables to be printed out. The reason that the Printed Page Designer exists is because the format of a printed page is different from the format of the computer screen. You can design pages specifically for printing that look better than printed screens do.

Important Things to understand about the Printed Page Designer Screen:

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A.. **You need to name each Design or set of pages.** I am calling the printed pages **sets** because they can be several pages long per set. When you create your own Design or printed page set, you need to name it in order to distinguish it from other sets that you design. To create a set, you can either use the default "My Design 1" name already provided, or click on the New Design button and create a new set of printed pages and give it a name. You can change a name you create later, just change it and press 'Enter' on the keyboard.

Rashi (D-1) - General

Planet	Dg	Mn	R	D1 Sign
Sun	6°	29'		Gemini
Moon	11°	21'		Gemini
Mars	15°	35'		Virgo
Mercury	15°	21'		Taurus
Jupiter	8°	52'	R	Libra
Venus	2°	3'		Taurus
Saturn	21°	53'		Virgo
Rahu	20°	28'	M	Gemini
Ketu	20°	28'	M	Sagittarius

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B. You can **switch between sets** by selecting from the list under "Choose/Edit Design Name" and then click on the set you want to change or print.

C. You **design printed pages** exactly the same way that you design screens on the **Main Window**. You simply click on empty parts of the page to pop up the **Choices and Options** screen (see below) and select the charts, tables, graphs, and dasha lists that you want. To switch to the next page in the set, you simply click on the € or ₤ to the right of the word **Page** (in the center of the screen) or type in the number of the page you want.

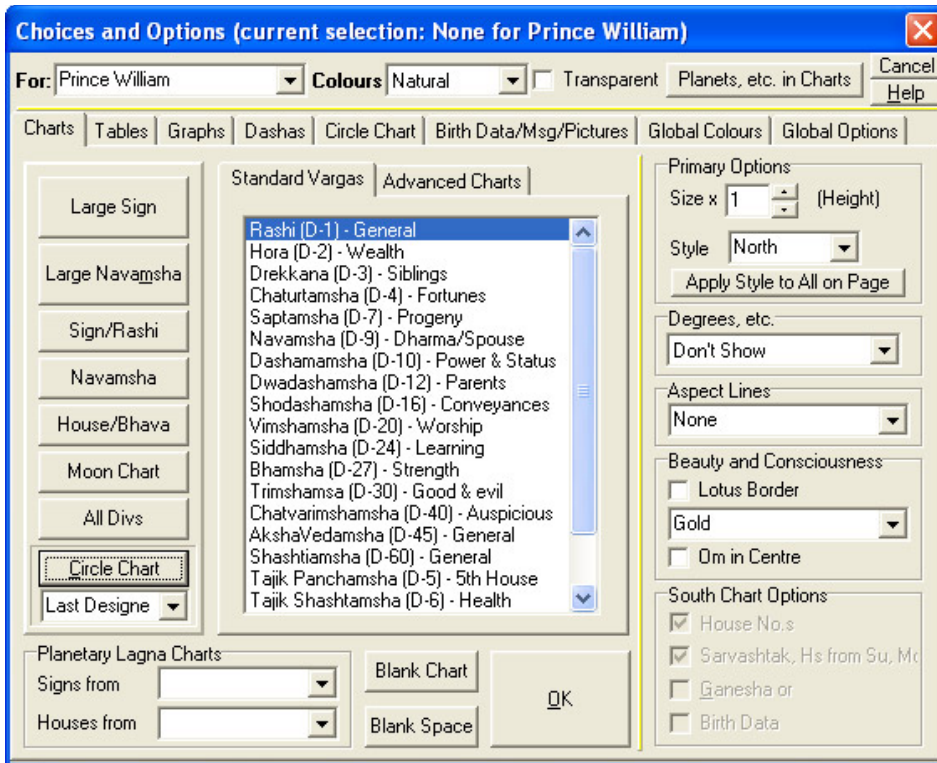
Of course, you can also use the pre-designed pages under the Layout Examples menu.

Note: for larger lettering in tables, try using a 2x4 format – set this using the Page Wizard. For regular size text, 3x5 or 3x6 works well. Drag charts and graphs to the place and size you want. Make sure this is ON in the Page Wizard and resize by dragging the rectangle at the bottom right corner of graphs and charts.

Using the Choices and Options Screen.

The Choices and Options screen is the place where you will find all of the charts, tables, graphs, and dasha listings that you can place on the Main Screen pages or on the Printed Page Designer pages. The Choices and Options screen has many different pages: Charts, Tables, Graphs, Dashas, Circle Chart, Birth Data/Msg/Pictures, Global Colors, and Global Options. To move to one of these pages, just click on the tab at the top of the screen, e.g. click on Dashas to move to the dashas page.

A description of each of the Choices and Options pages:



1. **Charts.** Here is where you can choose many different charts. The most common choices are in the area on the left. In the middle are all the divisional charts and if you click the **Advanced Charts** tab you get various extras such as Ashtakavarga charts, varshphal charts, the planetarium and much more. On the right are all the options such as the size of the chart in 'cells' based on the grid (see Page Wizard above), whether the chart is Northern, Southern, etc. and more. At the top of the page you can choose a colour scheme, transparency and what planets and other points you want to see in the chart. At the bottom,

you can pick a chart using a planet as the Ascendant or a blank chart or even a blank space.

Note: You can fix a chart to have a specific sign or planet as the Ascendant/Lagna in North Indian charts using the right-click menu once it is on the screen.

2. **Tables.** This is one of the most important pages to explore. The most common tables have buttons and the rest are under 'More Tables'. Aspects inter or intra-chart have their own area because of all the choices one can make. There are various aspect types, etc. There is also an area with tables for compatibility as well as Ashtakavarga. The research area has tables that look at your whole database or a subset of it which you select in the Research area on the graphs page. You can't break anything by pressing each button to see what it does, and may discover something you really wanted. A powerful new feature is **Custom Tables**, top right. This lets you choose the columns you want in a table as well as the title. Once you've created a table, it can be selected by its title to be placed elsewhere. Transparent tables have no border line and the background colour shows through.

3. **Graphs.** Virtually all of the numerical values calculated for planets has a graph. Top left is a button for the various **Muhurta graphs** such as you find in some Layout Examples. There is a Compatibility area on the right for cross-computations between charts. You can also create **Research graphs** (lower right) showing the distribution of specific factors for everyone in your database. For example, if you want to see how many people have the Moon in each of the Nakshatras, you would use this feature. Check the "Draw Outline Only" box on the lower right to preserve ink when you print out graphs. It may also look nicer.

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4. **Dashas.** On this page, you choose the dasha listings you want to see. The height and width of the list is important, because it enables you to see many years of dasas in one list. If you want to see many years of dashas in a more compact listing, use the two buttons (labeled Col 2, Lev 2 ...) in the middle. Advanced astrologers can explore alternate methods by select a different dasha system, the starting date, planet calculated from, cycle length, number of sub-periods (levels) to show, and year length. If you don't choose a starting date, the program starts the dasha list at birth. You can adjust the starting position and number of levels directly on screen.

5. **Circle Chart.** This feature has many advanced functions. It is used to view two different charts around the same circle. If you want to see the transiting planets circle a person's natal chart, start with a blank page and click on the upper left, and then on the Circle Charts tab, and on this page, select In and Out charts (top right), and click on the button under the word Outside (top left) to change it to the chart for now, and then click OK (bottom right). If you want to see aspect lines, you can also select them (middle right). After creating a Circle Chart, you can then watch the planets move over time by using the Run buttons at the top of the screen. (Read both the section 2D viii above and the Help section on the Time/Space Change function for more information.) You can have either the inside ascendant or the outside one stay fixed at the top (or left) while the other changes with time.

6. **Birth Data/Msg/Pictures.** On this page, you can add a message to any page, a line of text like a blessing, or insert the birth data for one or both charts. An ideal use of this would be to add a message with your name, address, and telephone number to a printed page. You can also put an image in a cell on the screen (you can have several on each page). For background images, see Page Wizard above.

7. **Global Colours.** By clicking on any of the names of the planets, dignities, etc. the program pops up a Color selection window where you can select a new color for it. In the Color selection window, note that you can lighten or deepen any color by clicking on it, and then clicking on the Define Custom Colours button (at the bottom), and then clicking on the ◀ icon on the right of the screen and while holding your mouse button pressed in, pulling the icon up or down.

On the Global Colours page you can also choose (on the middle right) your Global Colour Scheme Preference -- which means whether you want planets shown with a single colour, their natural colours (the ones you can choose planet by planet here) or by some scoring scheme. If you choose one of these schemes, then you see the items of the scheme and their colours and you can modify them by clicking on the item. You can also have colour coding by groups, such as planets, houses, Arudhas, etc.

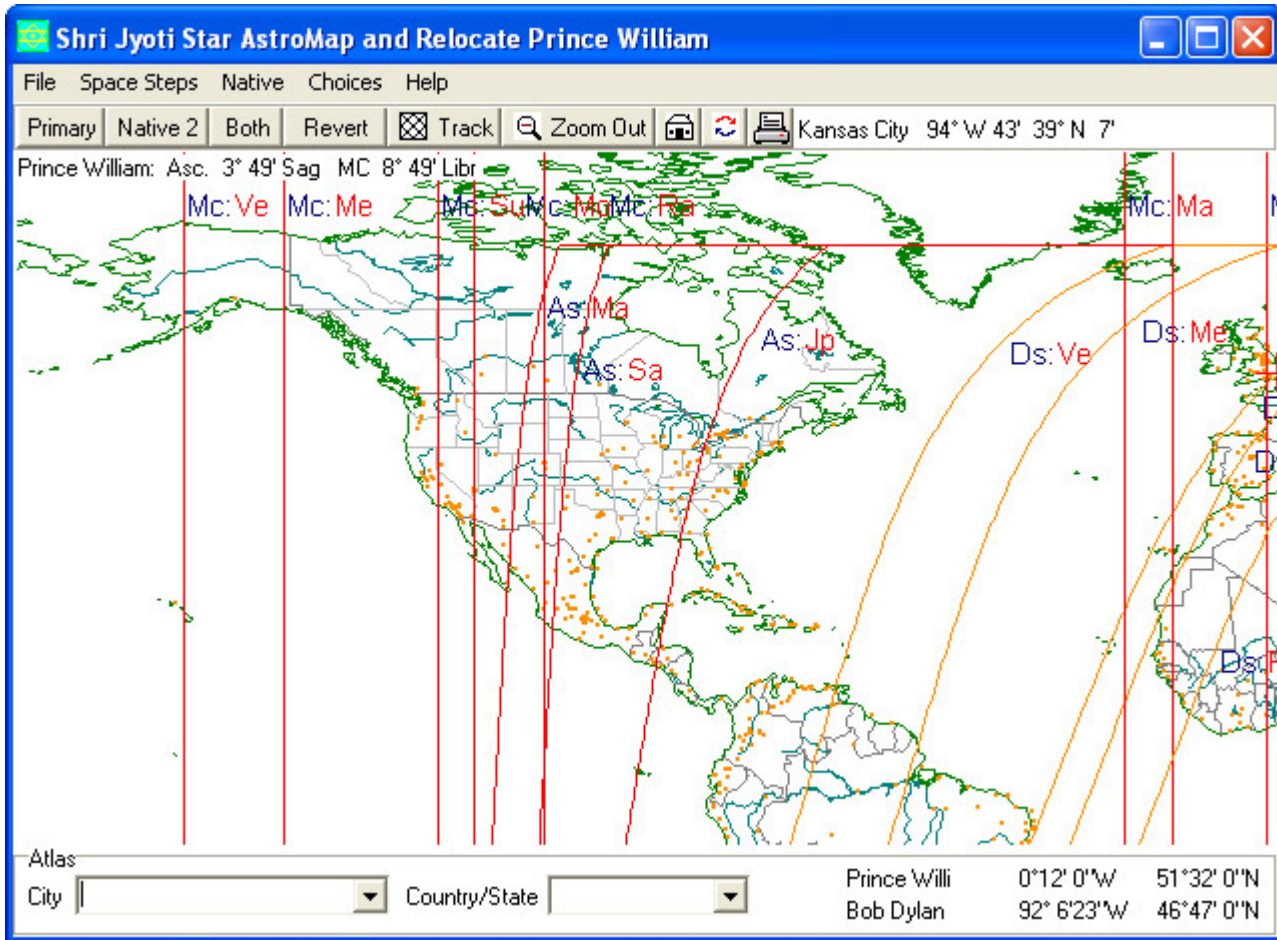
At the bottom towards the right there is a pulldown entitled 'Colour Sets for'. This has preset colours for both screen use and printing. If you want to keep these two set groups the same and you change the screen colours, click the Print=Screen button below. The defaults have White, Yellow, Blue and Parchment backgrounds. Note: if at any time something appears to have disappeared, the chances are that its color is the same as the background. Resetting the color options from the File menu recovers this or you can guess where the item is on the Global Colors page (e.g. Moon is below Sun, above Mars) and click there to change its color or simply change the background color, which will reveal the missing items.

8. **Global Options.** This page allows you to change the way Shri Jyoti Star calculates charts, aspects, strengths, and more. Most people will only use this page for choosing an ayanamsha (the difference from a Tropical zodiac -- most astrologers choose Lahiri), the house system used and whether the program displays planets as letters or glyphs (top right). Note that the main options are also accessible from the File menu by selecting 'Preferences / Major Options Setup'. Here you can choose complete option profiles for popular systems such as Iyer, KP and Systems Approach.

AstroMapping

Click the little button with a map on it or choose AstroMapping/Relocate from the Special or Time/Space Change menus. Use the buttons at the top to choose the native you want to relocate, Revert to the original locations after experimenting, track the charts on screen as you move the Mouse (click Track and then hold down the Shift key when you want the charts to change), zoom out, see city names, swap the natives and print.

To zoom in, right-click where you want to zoom. Zoom Out with the button at the top. Left-click where you want to relocate or type in the city and state/country at the bottom. A little cross indicates the place of current location. At the top right, the city closest to the cursor is given.



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Experiment and Enjoy!