

Psychological Meanings of Bhavas

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Each type of Bhava represents a different goal of life as per the Hindu ideas or Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha:

Dharma Bhavas: The 1st, 5th and 9th are Bhavas of following one's Svadharma, or own nature. They are houses of the self and thus give different qualities of self-confidence. Whenever Dharma Bhavas or their lords are threatened, there is a lack of self-confidence.

Artha Bhavas: The 2nd, 6th and 10th are Bhavas of the material concerns that are necessary for the self to fulfill in order to maintain itself so that it may fulfill the path that its svadharma inspires it towards. Psychologically these Bhavas give worth and value to the self. Whenever Artha Bhavas or their lords are threatened, there is lack of self-worth.

Kama Bhavas: The 3rd, 7th and 11th are Bhavas focusing on the fulfillment of what the self desires and are largely socially centered Bhavas. Psychologically these Bhavas give a sense of fulfillment from external sources. Whenever Kama Bhavas or their lords are threatened there is lack of confidence in fulfilling desires and difficulties in social environments.

Moksha Bhavas: The 4th, 8th and 12th are Bhavas that provide freedom from mundane concerns and mundane pains. This freedom is the result of inner strength and thus these Bhavas represent emotional and spiritual strength as well as contemplation. Whenever Moksha Bhavas or their lords are threatened there is lack of inner emotional strength and the inability to contemplate successfully.

Each type of Bhava also represents a different type of psychological strength:

Angles/Kendras (1, 4 7 and 10) represent strength of action. Whenever these Bhavas or their lords are threatened there is lack of confidence in actions.

Succedent/Panaphara Bhavas (2, 5, 8 and 11) represent security. Whenever these Bhavas or their lords are threatened there is lack of security.

Cadent/Apoklimas Bhavas (3, 6, 9 and 12) represent skill and ability. Whenever these Bhavas or their lords are threatened there is lack of skill or ability.

Combining the meanings creates the twelve psychological meanings of the Bhavas:

1st: Self + Strength of Action = **Strength of Self in Action**

2nd: Worth + Security = **Secure in Intrinsic Value**

3rd: Social + Ability = **Ease of Social Ability**

4th: Emotional/Contemplative + Strength of Action = **Strength of Emotional and Contemplative Actions**

5th: Self + Security = **Secure in Self**

6th: Worth + Ability = **Ability to be Worthwhile**

7th: Social + Strength of Action = **Strength of Social Actions**

8th: Emotional/Contemplative + Security = **Emotional and Contemplative Security**

9th: Self + Ability = **Ability as Self**

10th: Worth + Strength of Action = **Strength of Worthwhile Actions**

11th: Social + Security = **Social Security**

12th: Emotional/Contemplative + Ability = **Emotional and Contemplative Ability**