

THROUGH ANTHROPOLOGICAL LENS: A SIGHT OF CELESTIAL INFLUENCE ON TWIN BIRTHS

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ABSTRACT

Twins constitute around 3% of the world population. Twins can be bifurcated into identical or non-identical. The chances of non-identical twins are more either with the same gender or different. Comparatively, identical twins are rare, but they do exist. Although twins possess the same parents and share the same time and birthplace, the future and the fortune of both will entirely differ. The astrological observation has something else to say. The main variables of Astrology are the time and place of birth of a person. According to which the twins, may or may not have an identical birth chart. So primarily, the exact time of birth and the time interval between the first and second twin matters. During such an astrological placement, rising signs move one degree every four minutes and move into a completely new sign about every two hours. Therefore, the chances of twins having different ascendants are more. Secondly, it also depends on the degree to which the planet is moving at that particular time. Sometimes the slower moving planets also could be affected by just a few minutes' difference in the birth time and move into a different house of the zodiac. The twins may share the same horoscopes and zodiac if they were born with a difference of a couple of minutes. Though all the planetary positions and the ascendants are the same then also they pursue different likes-dislikes, have different education and job, are married at different times and settled in entirely different places. Bottom line is that their life and fortune will be totally different. There is a possibility that the twins are identical and share identical birth charts but possess different interests and personalities.

Keywords:

Identical, non-identical, twins, ascendants, zodiac, horoscopes, ascendants, Vedic astrology, potency, planets, siblings, eunuch, triplets, quadruplets, conjunction, Prashara Hora Shastra, Shastiyamsa Chart, planetary positions,

Introduction

Children are a boon to the parents. Giving birth to a child is a breath-taking bio-event in a woman's life, but sometimes, God bless them with Twins. The objective of this paper is to highlight the fact that Astronomy and Vedic Astrology seldom go hand-in-hand to influence human life, particularly the fascinating fact of twins. The important celestial factors that influence the childbirth are as follows:

- Moon and Venus are located in the same zodiac.
- Mercury, Mars and Guru are in Visharam.
- It is said that if the Ascendant and Moon are located in the equator and are seen by male planets, then a twin child is born.
- If Mercury, Mars, Guru and Ascendant are strong and situated in the same house, then a twin child is born.
- If there is a Guru-Sun in Gemini or Sagittarius,
- Venus, Moon, Mars, Virgo or Pisces zodiac sign has two daughters.
- It is said that in the seventh place of a woman's horoscope, Rahu or Guru-Venus are together, then a twin child is born, but after a long time after marriage.

There are also twins due to this - it is said that if twins have been born earlier in your family, then it is very likely that you too will have twins. With this, if you are a twin to your siblings, then there is a possibility of having twins (Rathore V, 2019).

Astrology's take on twinning

It is believed that all the complications from the womb to the tomb can be solved through the Divine Science-Astrology. Here the question involved is why people get TWINS though some cases of women giving birth to triplets, quadruplets and giving birth to animals are also indicated by some of the astrological principles.

Before discussing the principles of Twins, it is necessary to say that potency of males and of females cannot be ignored. Similarly, the organs of both have also to be considered. Planets involved are Mars, Venus and Jupiter with Mercury the Sun and the Moon. Venus and Jupiter with Mercury the Sun and the Moon. A lady giving birth to twins must have a large organ. The sexual organ of a lady is considered large/long in the following combinations:

- When Sun or Mars joins Saturn/ Rahu or Mandi and the lord of the 7th house becomes malefic.
- When the lord of the 7th house is Jupiter or Venus and a malefic join.
- When the lord of the 7th house of Saturn and Mercury joins.

In general, the 5th house and 5th lord have a major role to play with regard to the birth of children. The first child shall be looked at from the 5th house. Where a couple is blessed with the first child and then gets twins, then the 7th house and 7th lord shall be considered with reference to conjunction, aspect or association of other planets.

According to Prashara Hora Shastra birth of twins is indicated when the native, who has the sun in a quadruped sign while others are in dual signs with strength, is born as one of the twins. Quadruped signs are the second part of Taurus, Leo. The first half of Capricorn and the second part of Sagittarius. If the Sun is in a quadruped sign while others are in dual signs is in a quadruped sign while others are dual signs i.e. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius (half-first part) and Pisces, the native may be born as one of the twins. It goes without saying that the other six planets be endowed with strength.

Twins shall be born when they are conceived as such. For conception, it shall take place when the Moon and Mars (in the case of a woman) or the Sun and Venus (in the case of a man) occupy their own house or their navamsas. In addition, Jupiter has also an equal role to play when it occupies Lagna or a Trine. Be that as it may, the conception of Twins shall depend on the virility (semen) of the male and fertility of the female as we have separate combinations for giving birth to a male child, a female child or even a eunuch.

Then there are cases where twins born are boys and in other cases there are girls and still in other cases there are one girl and one boy. This all depends on the force of Male Planets and Female planets specially in the 5th house and 5th Lord. If the Lords of 1st and 5th house are together in Kendra in association with a benefic planet and the lord of 2nd house is strong, the native may be blessed with twin boys. For want of space, this and other principles are not being mentioned.

According to astrological principles one gets different types of children and in the case to twins, normally Nakshatra (Stars) in which the twins are born may not change and thus the conditions of both will remain the same including for longevity but if the Nakshatra has changed, then it is possible that one may be an 'accused' and other may be a 'Judge'.

Some die in the womb as in the case of single child. Under Horary, if the query is 'whether the child in the womb will die or live, the astrologer can say that it will live if the Lord of 12th is in a Kendra in conjunction with aspect by benefices or if the query is put during the Shukla Paksha (waning Moon) and the Moon is in the 12th conjoined with benefice, the child in the womb is expected to live. These principles and other such principle equally apply to twins.

9) For giving birth to a single child or twins, the woman must be receptive and for this the Moon and Mars causing monthly menses must be taken into account. When the Moon is in Upachaya Rasis (3rd, 6th, 10th and 11th) and the woman gets sexual union, the chances of twins are bright depending on the power of Jupiter, Mars and the Sun. Bahuputra Yoga (more than one child either simultaneously or at intervals) comes into play when Rahu in the 5th house and is in a Navamsa other than Saturn. Similar results are indicated if the Lord of the Navamsa occupied by planets who is in association with 7th Lord is in the 1st, 2nd or 5th house.

10) Even from principle of 'Bhavat Bhavam', the 9th house is capable of giving Twins-sons/ daughters depending on the force of planets involved as indicated above (9th house is 5th from 5th). If there is marked influence of female planets specially of Saturn, Moon and Venus, twins born shall be girls.

11) Summing up astrological principles on Twins, it can be said Male planets influencing the 5th lord give male twins and when the 5th house belongs to a female planet having influence of female planets, female twins shall be born depending on Beeja or Kshetra.

Vedic Astrology has been considered the best medium in predicting the lives of people. The life of a person is highly dependent upon the positioning and movement of stars and planets. The accuracy of prediction of the future for a person in Vedic Astrology has been increasing ever since the technological leap happened. Vedic Astrology considers Janam Kundali Predictions as a basis for making any prediction and the Janam Kundali is made according to the time, date, and place of birth. The question which arises the confusion in minds of people is "How astrology works for twins?"

1. Twins are born with just a difference of certain seconds or minutes. The other factors being the date, time and place of birth are similar for the twins. When the Janam Kundali is made, it is almost the same for both of them and this creates confusion in the minds of people that "How twins lead different lives and have different interests?" The external factors such as Desh, Kaal, Parsithithi are almost similar for both of them, then how does their destiny guide them on different paths? They may even look exactly the same if they are identical twins. What causes them to take different paths in life and how do they lead a different life? How can astrology predict the lives of twins? (Dr. Adawal S, 2010).

Prediction of Twins

There are various ways in astrology which help in predicting twins in astrology. There are various reasons why twins have a different destiny and what makes them different from each other. The twin's astrology signs are not similar, and it is one of the reasons why they are different from each other. It is believed that two persons cannot take birth at the same minute and exactly at the same place. A mere difference of seconds causes a change in Navamsa for about 150 degrees. This difference of 150 degrees determines variations in fulfilment of desires, relationships, past life, next life, karma, etc. Twins have the same latitude and longitude of the place they are born but there would be a difference of around 7 to 20 minutes. And this is enough to create a difference in their birth charts. Sometimes even two babies are connected by skin membrane and are born at the same time, in such cases the horoscope is made with the help of Palm or thumbprint of the child.

If two people are born at the same time and are born a few feet apart from each other, their astrology chart would be the same but the difference in their destiny will arise because of the Desh, Kal, Parsithithi. These children are born from the same parents but have different situations in their lives. Some of the characteristics of both these personalities born at the same time would be the same and they might face similar psychological and physical characteristics but as the individuals mature, their life takes a different path and their life reflect differently.

There are various divisional charts for a person which helps to predict the future in a better way. These are the exact reasons why twins do not lead a similar life. For example, let's take an example where twins are born 5 minutes apart from each other.

Here are the three things which are considered in the case of Twins Astrology:

1. Planetary Positions

Practically, there are very fewer chances that the positioning of planets would change in between those five minutes. So, the planetary positions will remain the same and there won't be a difference in the birth chart.

2. Ascendant

Ascendant changes once in two hours. For example, the time when Ascendant changes are 18:06, and one of the twins is born at 18:03 and the other is born at 18:08, the ascendant of both the Kundlis would be different and thus both the twins would have different Janam Kundlis.

3. Shastiyamsa Chart

If there is no change because of the Ascendant or the Planetary position, we check a divisional chart which is known as Shastiyamsa. This chart is believed to represent the actual purpose of a native's life. It reflects the Karma of people, and how they will have to fulfil them. The Ascendant of Shastiyamsa Chart changes every 2 minutes and it is expected that this would be different for most of the twins that are born. This chart remains the best tool to differentiate the life of the twins.

As stated above, it's apparent how divisional charts play an important role in predicting the life of twins. It helps the person to know about the personality of an individual and how it would differ from their identical/unidentical twin. While predicting the future of the twins, considering just the natal chart is not correct as there are many divisional charts for making a prediction accurate.

Cyclic Trinshansh Table				
No.	Degrees	No. Of Trishansh	All Odd Signs	All Even Signs
1	00° - 01°	1st	Aries	Libra
2	01° - 02°	2nd	Taurus	Scorpio
3	02° - 03°	3rd	Gemini	Sagittarius
4	03° - 04°	4th	Cancer	Capricorn
5	04° - 05°	5th	Leo	Aquarius
6	05° - 06°	6th	Virgo	Pisces
7	06° - 07°	7th	Libra	Aries
8	07° - 08°	8th	Scorpio	Taurus
9	08° - 09°	9th	Sagittarius	Gemini
10	09° - 10°	10th	Capricorn	Cancer
11	10° - 11°	11th	Aquarius	Leo
12	11° - 12°	12th	Pisces	Virgo
13	12° - 13°	13th	Aries	Libra
14	13° - 14°	14th	Taurus	Scorpio
15	14° - 15°	15th	Gemini	Sagittarius
16	15° - 16°	16th	Cancer	Capricorn
17	16° - 17°	17th	Leo	Aquarius
18	17° - 18°	18th	Virgo	Pisces
19	18° - 19°	19th	Libra	Aries
20	19° - 20°	20th	Scorpio	Taurus
21	20° - 21°	21st	Sagittarius	Gemini
22	21° - 22°	22nd	Capricorn	Cancer
23	22° - 23°	23rd	Aquarius	Leo
24	23° - 24°	24th	Pisces	Virgo
25	24° - 25°	25th	Aries	Libra
26	25° - 26°	26th	Taurus	Scorpio
27	26° - 27°	27th	Gemini	Sagittarius
28	27° - 28°	28th	Cancer	Capricorn
29	28° - 29°	29th	Leo	Aquarius
30	29° - 30°	30th	Virgo	Pisces

Shastiyamsa = 1/60th of a Rashi = half-degree for each amsha; amsha = portion

To calculate the Shastiyamsa Lord, ignore the Rashi position of a Graha and take the degrees etc. it traversed in that Rashi. Multiply that figure by 2 and divide the degrees by 12. Add 1 to the remainder, which will indicate the Rashi, in which the Shastiyamsa falls. The Lord of that Rashi is the Graha, ruling the said Shastiyamsa. In odd Rashi, the names of Shastiyamsa are:

1. Ghora	21. Heramba	41. Kulanasa
2. Rakshasa	22. Brahma	42. Vamshakshaya
3. Deva	23. Vishnu	43. Utpat
4. Kubera	24. Maheshwara	44. Kaala
5. Yaksha	25. Deva	45. Saumya
6. Kindara	26. Ardra	46. Komala
7. Bhrashta	27. Kalinasa	47. Sheetala
8. Kulaghna	28. Kshiteesa	48. Karaladamshatra
9. Garala	29. Kamalakara	49. Chandramukhi
10. Vahni	30. Gulika	50. Praveena
11. Maya	31. Mrityu	51. Kaalpavaka
12. Purishakya	32. Kaala	52. Dhannayudha
13. Apampathi	33. Davagni	53. Nirmala
14. Marutwana	34. Ghora	54. Saumya
15. Kaala	35. Yama	55. Krura
16. Sarpa	36. Kantaka	56. Atisheetala
17. Amrit	37. Suddha	57. Amrita
18. Indu	38. Amrita	58. Payodhi
19. Mridu	39. PurnaChandra	59. Brahmana
20. Komala	40. Vishadagha	60. ChandraRekha (InduRekha).

The reverse is the order for even Rashi in so much, as these names are used. Graha in benefic Shastiyamsa produce auspicious, while the opposite is true in case of Graha in malefic Shastiyamsa. D-60 Shastiyamsa = 60 is a cycle-completer. Patterns of 6 + 10 offer a glimpse into the structure of incarnational learning. 6-10 hold a relative 5-9 angle. It is a definitive and auspicious pair of patterns can show at an esoteric level, where the spirit /jumps in/ to the cycle, similar to the way a skilful single dancer would jump into a group of dancers in motion. Timing is everything. 60 is a full cycle in the earth-pulse base-12 system.

Patterns of 5 + 12 are also here. Functionally, a Shastiyamsa difference helps to distinguish twins. Micro view of 12th angle = closure, completion, maximum predicted performance of each graha. Field of Psychic Expectation for Specific Matters of Total Life Destiny. Generally, the Shastiyamsa = 60th division = produces an overview of the capacity of each individual graha. All of the graha are important to assess in D-60. The Shastiyamsa Varga provides a microscope detail of the 12th-angle and its implications of closure, finality, dissolution of material form, erosion of identity, and the last experiences before embarking upon the bridge to the astral plane. Within the D-60, confirm the disposition of the radical vyaya-pati (conclusions, disappearance, immaterial actions such as meditation, psycho-spiritual guidance, astral awareness) the atmakaraka (ultimate dispositions) the ruler of 12th-from-Chandra (emotional completion). D-60 provides an efficient view of range of behavior of the karaka in the current terrestrial lifetime. Graha behavior in D-60 may indicate the "dream state" of each graha, showing its behavior when the native is busy in astral worlds during sleep. For example, if Shukra is highly dignified in D-60, one may have deeply enjoyable aesthetic harmonious experiences in the sleep state, even if relationships in the waking material state are less balanced. For matters of career (10, 7) or schooling (4, 7) or marriage (7, 12) seek the disposition of the D-1 rulers within their Shastiyamsa. For example, if the karmesha suffers a nichhamza condition in the D-60, there are likely some low qualities of the leadership behaviours in social reality which signify limits on one's rise into high visibility roles. Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra (BPHS) Ch. 7, Shloka 8 " The bhava whose lord is in a malefic Shastiyamsa will diminish, so say Garga and others".

Traditional time measurement units

One Shastiyamsa = 30 minutes of Arc.

720 Shastiyamsa = the full 360-degree circle.

Shastiyamsa lords are either malefic or benefic. Auspicious placement: atmakaraka in the Shastiyamsa lagna. Each of the Varga can aid verification of the birth time. One important predictor can be the presence of atmakaraka in the D-60 Shastiyamsa lagna. Atmakaraka (found in both Parashari and Jaimini traditions) is the graha which holds the highest degree among the seven classical graha. If the nativity shows a promise of social distinction, note the characteristics of the atmakaraka-graha residing in the D-60 Shastiyamsa lagna to find a keynote of one's life narrative and contribution to society.

Evaluating retrograde graha

One use of D-60, is to determine whether a retrograde planet will give fruits or not. Retrograde planet results are normally delayed, but not denied. Some schools of thought assert that a retrograde malefic gains power, while a retrograde benefic loses power. There is some merit to the different opinions on the true effects of retrograde.

- The Shastiyamsa lord help make the determination of good or difficult results because the Shastiyamsa lord will either be malefic or benefice, and this may help to settle the case.
 - If the graha falls into a malefic Shastiyamsa, it is considered that negative Akashic memory patterning is operating there is a need for payback.
 - In the case of negative Shastiyamsa position it becomes more likely that results of the graha will be delayed or denied denied.
 - D-60 can reveal unpaid debt from parallel lives which affects the social dignity in the current life
 - Humiliation? Respect? Humble station or high? Use or misuse of social-regulatory power.
 - One use of D-60 is to determine whether a retrograde vakri graha will give fruits or not.
 - Retrograde usually causes delayed results, but not denied results.
 - However, if there is significant pre-incarnationally planned requirement for payback through the retrograde planet, then it becomes more likely that results are truly denied.
 - D-60 may reveal the downside of an otherwise excellent-looking radix graha.
2. The D-60 can reveal the pre-incarnationally planned under-belly if there is one (Future Point, 2019).

VEDIC PERIOD

Vedas are considered as earliest recorded evidence of wisdom on the earth. Among the four Veda, Atharvaveda is dealing more with Health management which includes Maternity and child health care. In Rigveda and Yajurveda also scattered references are available. There are references about the anatomy and physiology of genital organs, conception, and delivery. Child care also dealt elaborately and includes new-born care, mile stones and management of children diseases.

YAJURVEDA

Anatomical concepts: In Yajurveda vrsana is considered as seat of Retas in male. The word Yoni is used to denote Kshetra or uterus (Garbhasaya), the word Bhasat is used to denote female genital organs and Andsu is used to denote ovaries. Male genital organ is identified as responsible for discharge of retas (semen) as well as mutra (urine).

Physiology of conception: Significance of Rtukala (woman season) is identified and said as essential for conception. Agni dev is described as responsible for giving potent male child and prayers advised to offer along with Somras. Concept of Foetal Development: The seat of foetus is described as Upastha (uterus) in the mother. The layer which covers Garbha is named as Jarayu. It is said that goddess Jala should be prayed to nourish the foetus in best way and Priti. Nutrition for the achievement of high-quality progeny is suggested. It is described that Nabhi is supplying nourishment to the foetus. Nabhi considered as posaka and pranadharaka to the foetus. Foetal nourishment occurs through the Nabhi from mother to foetus.

RIGVEDA

Anatomy: In this Veda also, there are references about the genital organs; different names are given for different organs. Upastha word is used to denote vagina and uterus. The word Bhamsas is used to denote female genital organs and word Sroni is used to denote pelvis. **Mechanism of labour:** An invocation to induce contractions in uterus during the time of delivery is described to facilitate normal labour and similarity is given that, 'as wind ruffles in the pool of lotus on every side', in the similar fashion uterus also get stimulated and the foetus will come down 10 during tenth month. Similar to the agitation in the wind, garden, ocean, uterus also get agitate to descend the ten months gestation covered by Jarayu (foetal membranes), to deliver the foetus. Explanation is given about the child's passage from womb to outside and said that, the child who has reposed for ten months in the bosom of his mother, come forth, alive unharmed as a living form of a living parent.

ATHARVA VEDA

Anatomy: Upastha word is used to denote vagina and uterus. Yoni word is used many number of times to denote entire reproductive tract.

Eugenics: The able-bodied man is only advised to use to get laudable progeny, whose Retss is culled from mountains, cloud, air and atmospheric light'. In this text, it is also said that like the earth conceive the germ of all the beings, in a similar way germ laid by the male into female causes achievement of conception'. It is said that an able bodied man, only should co-habitat with a calm, tranquil woman and this ceremony produces son. In this context, main stress is laid on the essentiality of tranquillity of mind of mother, to achieve conception. Source of getting son is described as the retas (semen) of man, that too when he discharges semen into the woman's womb. In certain conditions baby girl and under other conditions baby boy will born. The drug Apamarga is praised to cure infertility.

Conception:

Female is considered as field for conception (in whom Garbha formation takes place). Fallopian tubes are named as Gavini and Yoni word is used to denote reproductive tract. During the mating of couple Shukra which is situated in the whole body gets activated and comes into the Yoni of female through male urinary organ. This act causes the formation of Garbha. Yoni is considered as the seat of Garbha. The significance of Rtukala is also noted. Preparation of Yoni (reproductive organs) is advised before deposition of Virya in the Yoni for the sake of conception. For proper achievement of conception happiness and normal psychology of woman is considered as important. Details about the drugs and other things which can protect the Prajavati stri (pregnant woman) have also described. Father and agreeable mother are said as competent to tend and foster the child in the womb (K. Bharathi & V. V. L. Prasuna, 2009).

Conclusion

According to experts, what leads to the birth of twins are, when Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and the ascendant are in odd signs and Venus, and the Moon is in even signs; when strong unfavourable planet aspects the Moon or the ascendant; Mercury, Jupiter and Mars are powerful and are in even signs.

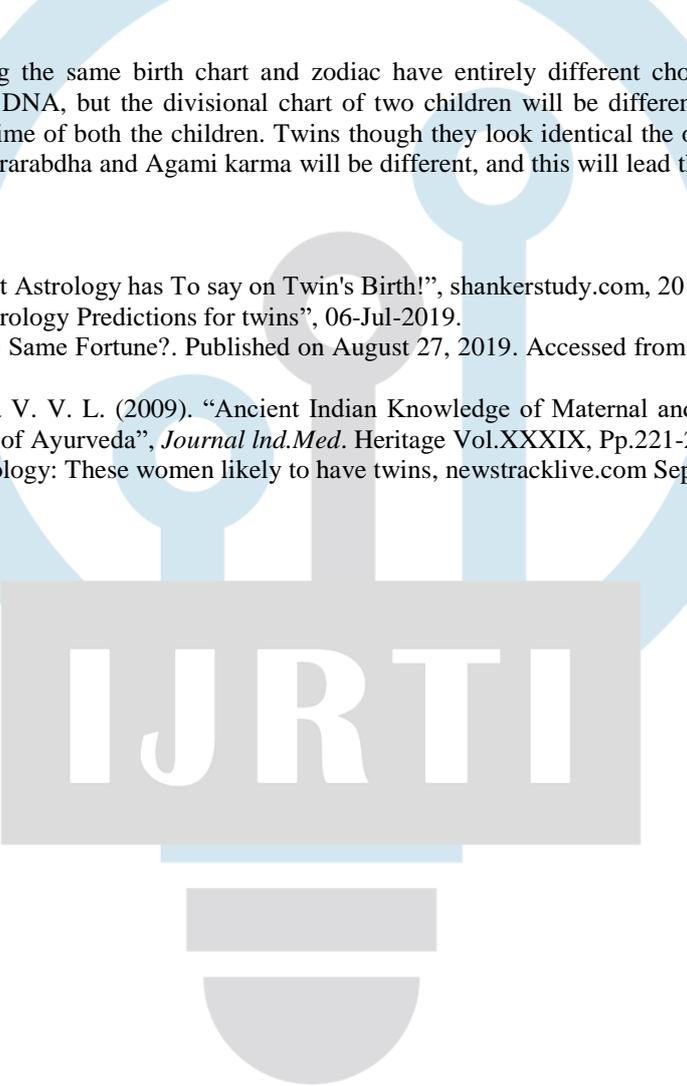
According to expert Astrologer the twins having the same birth chart and zodiac have an entirely different life and fortune. The degree of the rising sign changes every four minutes. So, the twins that were born with a difference of two to three minutes will have the same birth chart. Though all the planetary combinations are the same, they will have a different destiny. It is because the actual and underneath condition will differ as there will be at least difference of seconds in between two children.

The divisional chart will differ due to difference in seconds. Another reason for having a different destiny is they are born on a different orbit. The interpretation of this lies in the theory of karma. Sanchita (deeds of past life), Prarabdha (fruits of deeds of past lives in the present life) and Agami (deeds to be done in the present life) are various types of Karma. Planetary conditions only consider Sanchita Karma that is the karmic results or the deeds stored from the past life. Hence twins with same Sanchita Karma will have the same birth chart but there Prarabdha Karma and Agami Karma will be different so they will have a different destiny.

Although, identical twins having the same birth chart and zodiac have entirely different choices and personality. Twins are identical as they have the same DNA, but the divisional chart of two children will be different as there will be differences in seconds or minutes in the birth time of both the children. Twins though they look identical the orbit on which they are born will be different. It is because there Prarabdha and Agami karma will be different, and this will lead them to live a totally different life and will have a different destiny.

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