Nakshatras-ARDRA (Moist One) THE STAR OF OPPRESSION

- Western star name: Betelgeuse (Alpha Orionis)
- Lord: Rahu (North lunar node)
- Symbol: Teardrop, diamond, a human head
- Deity: Rudra, the storm god
- Indian zodiac: 6° 40' - 20° Mithuna; Western zodiac: 2° 40' - 16° Cancer

Deity: Rudra, the lord of storms
Symbols: A human head, tear drop
Animal symbol: a female dog
Yatna shakti: power to making gains in life through efforts

Barbara Pijan Lama:
Ardra – Raudra
Arudra - Aardhra - Aridra - Raudrapadaa - Raudrarksha - Zaamkara -
ZamkararkshaThiruvaathirai - Thiruvaathira - Lak (Tibetan) "Vutavabya Vabatprabhu"
Aardra:
• wet, moist, damp; dampness, moisture
• fresh, not dry, succulent, green (as a plant), living; fresh, new
• soft, tender, full of feeling, warm; loose, flaccid
• the fourth or sixth Nakshatra or lunar mansion
• fresh ginger

ZAMkara:
• relating or belonging to Shiva
• relating to or derived from or composed by Samkara
• a bull
• the Nakshatra Ardra (presided over by Shiva)
ZaMkararkSa
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raudra
• the Nakshatra Ardra when under Rudra
(Cologne Digital Sanskrit Dictionary)

Valerie J. Roebuck: The Circle of Stars” – Location = Betelgeuse: alpha Orionis
"The Moist One" - "Fresh" - "Wild" The Storm, The Wind, and The Hunt

David Frawley, Fruits of Worshipping Each Nakshatra:
"Rudra desired, "May I become the lord of the animals." One who makes the appropriate offering to Rudra, to Ardra, becomes the lord of the animals.
- Rudra is the lord of the wild animals and all things wild, strange or disturbing. These come through Ardra, which therefore needs to seek control over them. Ardra is ruled by Rudra, the fierce form of Lord Shiva who represents thunder. Thunder power can make a person violent by nature. Native of ‘Ardra’ can be complaining and ungrateful. The animal symbol is female dog (bitch) again confirming violence. This is a ‘teekshna Sangyak’ Nakshatra, leading to destructive acts.

- Ardra is called atikshna Nakshatra with a gift from Brahma of “undefeatable power”. Rudra is the lord of wild animals and storms. Hence knowledge and power becomes a double-edge sword used for destruction.

- Ardra the earth is said to be starting its menstrual course that is "Ambobachi". Arudra means wet or surcharged with water, that is fat. Because the earth is running her menstrual course there are teardrops falling one after another. From Rudra comes all suffering, persecutions and oppressions, anger, ferocity of countenance or gruesomeness of noise. Rudra is another name of Shiva, the "five-faced" [Panchaanana]. In knowledge, asceticism, renunciation, as also in enjoyment, he is the supreme consummation of all desires. He is the blue-throated one, the wielder of the most tremendous powers, what could not be attempted, far less achieved by other Gods, when the churned Ocean at the time of 'Samudra Manthan' exhaled poison Siva achieved quite simply by holding the poison in his throat [turning it blue]. On one side he is the symbol of the most perfect placidity and serenity, on the other hand he is the symbol of all that is terrible. He holds the great serpent on his head and on his forehead crescent Moon with his sweet-soft light. He is at the same time the most peaceful and also the most terrible. And in all these are to be traced the intrinsic characteristics of Arudra. On the surface of it Arudra stands for suffering, hardness, cruelty, murder, prison, theft, adultery, etc. The root characteristic is oppression - in order to purify.

- It is a Mercury+Rahu combination - the combination of intellectual feeling with passionate thinking.

Those born in the Ardra star are soft, stable minded, strong, earning by sacrifice, afflicted by sickness, fear and angry. They are bereft of money and corns. Ardra born people can behave very coolly during the times of extreme hardship and plan their actions accordingly and they get employed in professions that are related with travel and foreign places. One born under this nakshatra is economical, dishonest, ungrateful and sinful and at times they will spend foolishly. They are flexible and open to change, and often make attempts to change their negative traits. Those born under this nakshatra will suffer from heart trouble, paralysis, and stress related ailments.

Rahu is effective in building a strong career in politics. Rahu makes its natives diplomatic and skilled in political affairs. The natives of Ardra are directly influenced by the natural attributes of Rahu. These people join politics or associate themselves indirectly to politics and make a successful career. They are friends with important people of higher society.
Rahu can involve one in areas of life considered somewhat taboo by conventional society such as astrology, metaphysics, occultism, witchcraft, cults, skin diseases, executions and epidemics. Rahu also has a tendency to drive one toward areas where deception and the hidden aspect of something play a large role such as politics, revolutions, drugs, secret societies, mysteries, inventions, scientists, deceit, affairs and taboo sexual appetites.

Those born in the Ardra star are soft, stable minded, strong, earning by sacrifice, afflicted by sickness, fear and angry. They suffer due to hunger, hard bodied, lovable, forget the help rendered by others, experts in trade and commerce, cruel, having many relatives, ill advisers and hate all.

The ruddy Betelgues is an interesting star and is known as the 'Martial Star'. Ardra literally means wet, damp, etc. In human character it is the tenderness, feelings, warmth, etc. The symbol refers to the ideas of oppression, exceedingly tormenting, etc. Devata Rudra is Siva in rodan (crying) and garjan (howling). But this aspect, though it more emphasised is only universe of his role as helper, redresser of wrongs, magical career, 'healer of healers'. Rudra is also often associated with Agni or identified with Agni as the terrifying form of fire. His dwelling place is in the mountains and forest, his domain is over the animals, wild or domesticated.

When Ravi comes here monsoon begins. When Ravi enters Ardra the Hindus observe 'Ambubaaci' for three days and during these three days they do not till the earth or dig or excavate as a token of mother earth having her period during the time and after the period she resumes production.

In Ardra the conception of Rudra is associated with a hunter and a drop of water according to mythology.

Ideas: Wet, moist, damp, soft, tender, full of feelings, warmth, loose, fresh. Fluid, flowing, dripping, melting, weeping, tears, grief, pain. To press, squeeze, crush, smash, to rub into, to mingle with, to be overwhelmed with. To overcome, surpass, to oppress, pressing, hard, tormenting, exceedingly, to destroy, waste, kill, trample down, tread upon. Crying, howling, roaring, dreadful, terrible, hunter, hunts-man, greedy person, cruel. Sun's rays, sun's heat.

North east region: Portion of the human body — Hairs, part of the head covered by the hair, skull.

Ascendant in Ardra: Intelligent, brilliant mind, writing and communication skills, craft speech, good dexterity, ungrateful, deceitful.
The Moon in Ardra: Thirst for knowledge, curious mind, difficult marital karma, delays in marriage, great communicator, orator, ungrateful, mischievous, anti-social.

The moon in Ardra indicates a person with sadness and destructive impulses, but also who is skilled at creating new things out of destruction and renovating old things. They are cold, calculating, stubborn and controlling, with a violent temperament, but can also be strong, stable and sympathetic personalities.
They are religiousness, of responsible positions, artistic, brave, prone to litigations, have laziness, is a leader and passionate
The Sun in Ardra: Social skills, politically minded, mental instability, fickle, critical, dishonest, cunning, fierce activity, restless mind.
Career interests: Writers, teachers, hospice work, social services, sales, public relations, politics, humanitarian projects, athletes, butchers, drug sellers, helping professions of alleviating pain and suffering to others,
Related activities: Fighting, tying or binding with rope, controlling enemies, dealing with poison, things relating to fire, exorcising spirits, having first lessons.
.Health issues: Nervous system disorders, skin sensitivity, allergies, mental disorders, lung problems.
.Shadowy side: Potential abuse of power, lusting after material attainments, causing torment and pain to others, critical and complaining attitude, haughty and ungrateful, hunting and animal killing.

Ardra constellation is the 6th constellation located in the sign of Gemini & has the Navamsas of Jupiter & Saturn. 1st Navamsa is that of Sagittarius, 2nd Navamsa is that of Capricorn, 3rd Navamsa is that of Aquarius, 4th Navamsa is that of Pisces. This must be borne in mind when reading the results of various 4 padas (quarters) as per some scholars, at times one finds the traits of the navamsa sign and lord giving results as per padas

General results of being born in Ardra Nakshatra
1. Extremely sincere in their work and also are too insightful. It is noticed that even when in a slight challenging situation they go through mental torture but paradoxically at times they can keep a very cool head under great stressful situations.
2. If females have the first menses in this Nakshatra, she will have immoral life, defective sexual organ, will give birth to dead children.
3. Normally, a native born in this constellation earns his livelihood away from his home and family. In other words he is settled in foreign places. The period between 32 years and 42 years of age will be the golden period for such natives. He may be employed in transport, shipping, communication departments or industries. He may also earn as a book seller or finance broker.
4. His marriage will be delayed. In case marriage takes place early he will be compelled to live separately from the family either due to difference of opinion between the couple or due to other circumstances beyond his control. When the marriage takes place at a later stage his married life will be good. His spouse will exercise full control over him.
5. He may have some diseases which may term to be sometimes incurable. For example, heart trouble and dental problems. He is also prone to Asthma, cosonophilia, dry cough, ear trouble. Women born in this nakshatra would be prone to menstrual troubles, asthma, and spoiled blood, lack of blood or uterus trouble, ear trouble, mumps, bilious and phlegmatic.
Sun in Ardra

According to Ravana Samhita:
- If Sun in Ardra Nakshatra & aspected by Moon, the native will be troubled by his own relatives and he leaves his native place for his livelihood, but there also he meets with failure initially.
- If Sun in Ardra Nakshatra & Mars aspects, he will be prone to laziness & problems will be created by his enemies.
- If Sun in Ardra Nakshatra & Mercury aspects, he cannot enjoy much benefits in life but his children will get support from the government, he will be subjected to envy from his relatives on account of prosperity of his children.
- If Sun in Ardra Nakshatra & Jupiter aspects, he is an expert in mantras and tantras, does not enjoy good family life, wanders.
- If Sun in Ardra Nakshatra & Venus aspects, the native goes to foreign land and earns reasonable wealth but is lost when the dasa of Jupiter commences.
- If Sun in Ardra Nakshatra & Saturn aspects, the native is cunning and suffers humiliation from the hands of women.

The Sun in the four padas of Ardra nakshatra

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| 1     | 6.40 to 10.00     | Sagittarius         | Highly educated, wealthy, good astrologer, employed in the field of accounts, maths, etc.  
Sun associated with Jupiter & Mercury – twin birth of males takes place.  
Venus associated with Sun could make the native join defence or police departments. |
| 2     | 10.00 to 13.20    | Capricorn           | Witty, affectionate, sweet natured, scholar, sweet speech and liked by family.  
Jupiter on this asterism makes one a minister or highly placed government officer.  
With Saturn, one will be associated with metals but becomes a danger to his wife and children. |
| 3     | 13.20 to 16.40    | Aquarius            | Learns various disciplines, reputed after 40 years. Earns as accountant or financial adviser or from banking institutions. |
| 4     | 16.40 to 20.00    | Pisces              | Noble and of good conduct, learned in the shastras. Attains fame after 39 years, could be a successful astrologers. Attractive personality and wealthy. |
Moon in Ardra

- If Moon in Ardra Nakshatra & aspected by Sun, the native acquires knowledge in various metaphysical sciences, but cannot accumulate wealth.
- If Moon in Ardra Nakshatra & Mars aspects, the native is learned, has a tall personality.
- If Moon in Ardra Nakshatra & Mercury aspects, the native gets good help from the government.
- If Moon in Ardra Nakshatra & Jupiter aspects, he is learned to be a teacher or a lecturer or a person imparting knowledge to others.
- If Moon in Ardra Nakshatra & Venus aspects, he will have all the comforts of life.
- If Moon in Ardra Nakshatra & Saturn aspects, he is poor.
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<td>Sagittarius</td>
<td>Irritable temper and not good at heart. Moon with Mars, the native may earn his income as an artisan or metallurgist, as skin dealer or as a pottery maker. If ascendant falls in Revati and Jupiter is in this segment (Ardra) with Moon, the native will attain a high status in life and earn ample wealth.</td>
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<td>Capricorn</td>
<td>Will be engaged in the mechanical line. If Venus aspect the Moon, the native will be an expert musician, mastery over various musical instruments.</td>
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<td>Aquarius</td>
<td>Is intelligent, ever joyful disposition an eloquent speaker. If the ascendant falls in Rohini the native can have huge saving. However, if the Moon is in fall and the ascendant is Krittika or Rohini, his co-born will suffer from mental problems or brain disorder.</td>
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<td>Pisces</td>
<td>Is extravagant, will have perverted learning. Devotion to god. The native acquires wealth through fair means. However, he cannot enjoy a happy family life due mainly to the frequent disputes arising out of difference of opinion. In most of the cases, it has been seen that the male native whose Moon is placed in this segment will be lower in rank than his wife and the female native repents later on due to such low position of her husband in the professional field. This indicates that both husband and wife will be employed in more or less same level.</td>
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