

ASTROLOGICAL MISCELLANY

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However, a minute analysis of the chart clearly reveals the reasons for the failure of the exalted planets.

"Firstly, Jupiter will be at 29° 03' Gemini, if Lahiri Ayanamsa is used, and not in Cancer. This straightaway demotes Jupiter from the status of exaltation. The Sun being in the 6th, having just passed the point of deep exaltation, is badly afflicted by association with malefic Mars and the aspect of retrograde Saturn from the 12th, a Dustana. The other luminary Moon also becomes ineffective, since he is way ahead of 3° the point of deep exaltation. Effectively, he is in his Moolatrikona and not in exaltation. Venus too is weak and short of the required 27° longitude of the point of deep exaltation. Even if he were to be at his peak point, he would have got a mere 0.125 *Rupas* in terms of strength being in an enemy's house.

"While Devakeralam says that a planet in retrograde motion is strengthened, Uttarakalamritam reiterates that a planet in retrogression but located in the sign of his exaltation should be considered to be in debilitation. DR. B. V. RAMAN goes further by saying 'When an Uccha planet is aspected by another Uccha planet, the native heads for bankruptcy and he may have to work all his life in a low paying job with not much prospects.' Therefore, retrograde Saturn in effect acts as if debilitated by virtue of Ucchabhanga Yoga and consequently severely afflicts the native's career and financial prospects.

"While Saturn, Venus and Mercury are malefics, Jupiter is a Maraka. Therefore, in reality the native is not bestowed with Panchagraha Uccha Yoga. However, the position would not have been so bad, but for the other afflictions in the chart, like presence of Mandi in the Ascendant, 10th lord in 6th, Rahu in Dhanastana and severe damage caused to the 10th house and its lord in the 6th by the Nodes.

"There seems to be no notable improvement in the Navamsa as well, since all the concerned planets are afflicted one way or the other and

inspite of the 10th being aspected by benefic Navamsa Ascendant lord Jupiter. Rahu being the Avayogi for the native, his problems aggravate even further.

"Surprisingly, a very strong Shadbala weight-age and a fair score on Ashtakavargas of the concerned planets have also not helped the native. Perhaps, this is something more for your readers to probe.

"The native can look forward to some better days at the fag end of the ongoing Saturn Dasa by virtue of his Varga strength. Similarly, being a Scorpio born, he may also benefit during the oncoming Mercury (though combust) Dasa by virtue of his positional strength. Some of the strong Yogas bestowed on him may also extend some helping hand at their effective time" points out our reader.

Sun Saturn Opposition

Though five planets are exalted all become weak as the Sun and Saturn oppose each other. Jupiter aspected by Saturn is also weak being at 0° 32' of the sign. The Moon is with malefic Mars and also hemmed between Sun and Ketu. The dispositor of Venus, Jupiter who is weak and inimical to him aspects the former. As such all the planets by aspect or opposition fail to give the benefic results of exalted planets. The native's job is due to the 6th house position of Saturn from the Moon. The Ascendant is also hemmed between malefic Rahu and Saturn" points out reader Sohan Singh Bodal of Hoshiarpur.

Too Many Doshas

Reader Nagesh Ramteke of Bhilai lists the factors responsible for the native's status:

"From the Ascendant : Rahu in the 2nd, house of wealth, is in his Neechastana. Mercury, the lord of the 11th which indicates income, is combust. Ketu is in the 8th in Neechastana. Ketu aspects the 11th and 2nd houses. Saturn and Mars aspect the 2nd house. Rahu aspects the 5th and Venus. Rahu and Saturn are on either side of the Ascendant generating a Papakartari Yoga. The Sun, lord of the 10th, is in the 6th in a Trika Bhava.