

Debilitation/Exaltation

1. In KAS, do we always consider exaltation and debilitation as sources of strength and weakness respectively by virtue of their sign placement, or by the number of bindus?

This concept can be stated in more precise terms in Ashtakavarga: A planet is said to be *debilitated* when it gets less than 3 points in its Ashtakavarga.

The planet that gets more than 4 points should be said to be exalted. The planet that gets 4 points is said to be neutral.

It is immaterial which sign or house a planet is in. The actual results coincide with the results given in the texts when they are judged to be exalted or debilitated based *only* on the Ashtakavarga power. In other words, the results are a direct result of the *points* each planet receives in its ashtakavarga – and is *not* dependent on the sign or the place the planet is situated in. An *exalted* planet means it has more than 4 points in the sign where it is situated (*even when in dusthanas*), and is *debilitated* when it has less than 4 points.

2. Can you tell us more about the effects of the planets that are posited in the 12th from house B?

Any planet being situated in the 12th from house B, even though it is a strong karyesh (significator), may not give the result. It should be considered debilitated. (Krushna writes: *You may suggest another name for this so there is no confusion with the debilitated planet as per sign* – like when referencing Jupiter in Capricorn).