

Houses

1. We have discussed the problems due to the 6th lord. For a Scorpio ascendant, 6th and 1st lords are Mars. How is Mars behaving if he is placed in the 1st house? Is he still that bad?

For Scorpio lagna, the sixth lord is also Mars. The person always has to face hidden enemies, but he will have the capacity to overcome them. In this case, Mercury is Lord of A for individuality. The person has many tricks to handle his opposition. Here, Mars is lord of E, which helps him. The person sometimes becomes difficult to handle as there is more anger. Mars here aspects the 4th house, 7th house, and 8th house. Therefore, results and happiness from these houses are reduced. A similar case is with the Taurus lagna. Here the 6th lord is Venus, which aspects the 7th house, and can give multiple extra marital relations. In both the cases, the person takes less care for his spouse. (Only true if the sixth lord has more points.)

2. I need some clarifications about 6th lord. First: In lesson 19, in the rules for 6th lord, rule 2 states: "If the lords of D and E are samdharmi to the 6th lord, or if they are in the navamsha of the 6th lord, then the result of house B is even more reduced" This indicates that D and E lords are also affected by the 6th lord.

Second: In your email dated 1st September (2001) addressed to Margarita, Vikas, and other list members, there is a portion that reads, "Here Mercury is with 17 points (max) and it is lord of E, so it can give the marriage. Being lord of E, we do not consider that it is in the constellation of Jupiter and situated in the same Navamsha with Jupiter." Jupiter in this case is 6th lord. Can you please guide us which rules are applicable in which cases, because these rules seem to indicate different things?

Both statements are correct. There are two aspects to the event:

1) When the event will happen. Here the lord of house E can give the result. Now if we are considering the quantum (quality) of the result, as lord of E is in the constellation of the 6th house (which is 12th from B), so will the happiness from marriage will not be satisfactory. When we have to answer only when the event will happen, for Lords of D or E, we do not consider the sign or constellation, because they are more eager to give the result. So they can give the result in their sub. When the lords of D or E are in the constellation or Sign of the sixth lord however, the overall result is reduced. One needs to be able to differentiate between the date of an event and the quantum of the result.

3. Coming back to the issue, we then see that Sun and Moon as 6th lords do not show so much malefic effect. So it is better if they have more points. Is that right? Also, this also implies that Aquarius and Pisces ascendants have some inherent advantages, other things being equal, as they have Sun or Moon as the 6th lords, which do not cause problems. Is this correct? I am sure you will add other qualifications and I would like to see those.

Sixth lord in any house reduces the result of that house. In general, we treat planets with more points, as benefic. For the sixth lord it is not so. The sixth lord will *reduce* the results, even if it has more points. For getting the actual result of the sixth lord, treat the points of the sixth lord as 8 *minus* the points. Remember, the Sun and Moon are not treated as 6th lord planets!

1st House: Sixth lord in first house reduces bodily happiness, more enemies, unlucky.

2nd House: In second house, it is bad for family; family will break up; some problem with heredity property.

3rd House: No attachment to brothers and sisters.

4th House: Accidents, much difficulty in acquiring property.

5th House: Enmity with children, loss of wisdom, problems with authority.

6th House: More bodily trouble, always struggles to face enmity.

7th House: Less marital happiness, disputes in partnerships, more quarrels.

8th House: Reduces life span; rise in the life will be with more difficulty, or no rise at all; problems with regards to writing wills.

9th House: Disfame

10th House: Always differences with superiors; less success in own business.

11th House: Enmity with friends; No big gain.

12th House: Loss of money; imprisonment.

All the above results are experienced when the sixth has more points. When it has less points, it will be reduced. Jupiter as the sixth lord and with more points gives loss of the pleasure due to that house and also gives a malefic result for the houses it aspects. Mars and Saturn as sixth lords are better than Jupiter. Sun and Moon give no effect.

Now, sixth lord for Lagna becomes the lord of House E. When we are searching for the result for the First house, (Individuality) the sixth house becomes House E. The more powerful sixth lord will give good individuality. If this lord receives more points in the worksheet for the first house, the person will defeat his competitors and enemies, and will gain a good name for himself.

For finding success, we refer to the points in the 3rd, 6th, 10th, and 11th houses. Here, more points in the 6th house compared to the 3rd house gives a good reputation. The sixth lord also indicates victory over competitors or enemies. So as the lord of E, it gives good results for the 1st house. The result is experienced in the sub of the sixth lord.

4. I think in all this discussion about samdharmis, there is one point that was missed in your clarifications. You have always mentioned the problems related with the 6th lord of a chart. What about the 8th and 12th lords in a chart, which are considered more malefic in Vedic Astrology? Is any special consideration to be given to them?

Only the sixth lord, does mischief with the results. Regarding the 8th lord and the 12th lords, my experience is different, which anyone can check. The 12th lord enhances the results of the house it is situated in. If it has more points, it gives much better results. Even if it has less points, it still gives good results. Suppose the 12th lord is situated in the 4th house, with less points. The person may not own his own home, yet he receives all his happiness from his family. He may live in a rented house, or there may be a situation where he may not be able to sell his home whenever he so desires. If there are more points, he can own his own house. Similarly if any planet is situated in the 12th house, it will give much better results in its sub. Similar is the case with the 8th lord. It may give better results for the house it is situated in with less effort.

These things have been my experience from reading many, many charts. I agree, in the text, these houses are not considered to be good houses, and their lord is also treated in a similar way. Any planet in the 8th with more points, cannot give marriage in its sub period. But if any planet is situated in 12th, it gives marriage or sometimes extra marital relations, or close friendships with the opposite sex.

I would like to request you to check these results - every chart has an 8th and 12th lord, and must be situated in some house. If in any case, if the results are spoiled may not be due to these planets, there *must* be some other reason. If any planet gets more points in the 8th house, the person may experience a health problem, or death, or some similar situation in the sub of that planet. Here, it may not be the 8th lord. It may be any planet.

5. Thank you. This was a very revealing clarification. I do not think I would take any principle of Vedic astrology for granted any more! In Vedic, we say that the lords of 2nd and 7th are not good because these are Marak sthans. However, in your lessons, you have spoken mainly about the 2nd lord. Can you give us any comments about the 7th lord?

The sub period of 2nd lord is *always* troublesome. It creates worries. For the 7th lord, it is not experienced. Only for Libra and Aries lagna, when 2nd and 7th lord is the same. Yes, for accidents we refer to the 7th house and the planets in 7th house. It might have been called with that reference. It may be with the concept that any planet with more points, gives the result of the 8th house. So if any planet in 7th has *more* points, it may give results for the 2nd house (which is 8th from 7th). At least I have not discovered any such results.

6. Any comments on the 2nd house – maraka sthana?

The planets in the 2nd house with low points (i.e. 1, 2, 3 bindus) as well as the 2nd lord, always give worries for no reason, or an ailment such as a toothache, etc. Now if such a planet is a strong significator for any event, it is quite possible it will *not* give the result. In such a case, any planet in its sight (aspect) can come forward – that is if it has good point strength.