

## *Karaka: Natural & Functional*

### 1. How do we determine the *Natural* karaka and the *Functional* karaka for each house?

The *Natural* karaka (Naisargik) for any house is the karaka denoted from *Kal Purush Kundali* (Chart). This is nothing but a chart with an *Aries* Ascendant. The karaka planet is always the lord of the 8<sup>th</sup> from the house, using the *natural* zodiac.

For example, for Marriage, we use the 7<sup>th</sup> house. The natural 7<sup>th</sup> house is Libra. The 8<sup>th</sup> from the 7<sup>th</sup> (Libra) is Taurus, so Venus is known as the *Natural* karaka for Marriage. Natural karakas are always seen from the Aries lagna.

The *Functional* karaka for any house is the lord of House A, or the lord of the 8<sup>th</sup> from the *Focus House*. So say the *Focus House* we are looking at is the 9<sup>th</sup> House, and we are looking at a native with a Pisces lagna.

The 8<sup>th</sup> from the 9<sup>th</sup> for the Pisces lagna (the 9<sup>th</sup> makes the *Focus House* Scorpio) gives us Gemini (which is House A). Therefore Mercury, lord of Gemini, becomes the *Functional* karaka for the Pisces rising 9<sup>th</sup> house.

Before giving house results, we should look at both the Naisargik (natural) and Functional karakas.

### 2. Krushnaji, you have guided us to study the strength of Karaka using degree and sign. Can you explain how to study a planet using degrees?

If the karaka for any house is strong, then the result for that house can give happiness. The strength (nature of) any planet can be seen from the divisional charts. If any planet is in the sixth house or with the sixth lord in the divisional charts, it can reduce the result for its karkatva. In the Saptamsha chart, we reference children. If the lord of the 12th house or Jupiter is in the 6th house in the Saptamsha chart, then it will not give the result with full strength regarding childbirth. It may indicate some obstruction, delay, or no child.

More practice on charts can give more clarification on certain points. One should have a very good knowledge of Vedic astrology. There are some results given in the text. For example, for the Sun in the 2nd house, the person remains hungry, even if the food is available. This may be due to any reason, he might be observing a fast of a particular day, or due to some other reason (his duty, work load), or he may not be able to take food in time. Jupiter in Libra spoils some results.

Venus in the sixth house may give more chances for a sugar problem. For such results, with this system we can go deeper and can find the period when it will give such a result, and then see the strength of the result. For example, Venus in the sixth

house with fewer points may give diabetes in early age. With more points, no such result will be experienced. If it has 4 points, it may give results in old age.

Saturn in the 12th house makes the person remain awake in the late night hours. If it has fewer points, it also makes the person feel satisfied in what he is earning and s/he has more satisfaction in the job. He will work hard to achieve his goal. He will not compare his earnings with other people. If the same Saturn has more points, the person becomes more giddy or careless about money matters.

So all these things have to be considered towards finding the result. There may be some misunderstanding amongst the members. Their expectation from this system is much more. Some people feel that with this system they will get direct answers. If they are not getting the answers, they then get discouraged. There are so many "ifs and buts" in astrology. With this system however, we can minimize them.

3. Let me try to read my father's chart. When we study the 8th house, Venus gets the highest score. So, it can give death. Lords of D (5th house) and E (1st house) give a rather short life as they get more than 12 points. Venus is lord of house A. It doesn't aspect houses A, B or C. It can give death in its main period. Let us read the 3rd house. Lord of D is weak; lord of E is strong. We cannot make a prognosis from that. Venus is lord of the 3rd house. It doesn't aspect houses A, B and C. It can give death in its period. He died in Venus period Venus sub-period. The problem is this: Venus is *strong* for the 3rd house (it should have to be *weak*). Venus is the strongest planet for the 8th house. OK.

### Questions:

1. When we have a contradiction (Venus is strong for both the 3rd AND the 8th houses), how do we resolve it?
2. He died in an accident. How should it have been possible to predict that?
3. How do we use transits in such a case? He died when Sun was in Mars sign and Ketu Nakshatra. Why?

With reference to your queries and questions asked, I will try to explain the role of Karaka (Natural Karaka - NK and Functional Karak - FK). The karaka planet, indicates how the result will be. For the event of death, Mercury is NK and considering the chart of your father, lord of the 3<sup>rd</sup> house is the functional karaka. The Functional Karaka is more powerful than the Natural Karaka.

Here, Mercury is situated in the 7th house. The 7th house indicates *accidents*. From this we can say that death could be due to an accident. Now Venus is FK situated in 5th house with more points, and becomes *samdharmita* to Mars. In the Navamsha chart, Venus is in the Navamsha of Saturn. Mercury is lord of the 4th and the 7th, and is in the Navamsha of Saturn. From this then, we can say that the death can be related to Mars, Saturn, 4th house and 3rd house, 7th house and 5<sup>th</sup> house. Venus is NK for the 7th house and the 12th house. The 7th house indicates accidents. Mars indicates fire, Saturn oil and land. Fire, oil and land can represent a vehicle – such

as a tractor. So from this, we can interpret it to mean that death can be an accident, while working, by a vehicle. Venus being samdharmi to the 2nd and the 9th lord can indicate not in the home, but at a short distance away.

This same combination can also be represented by *weapon tools* or *instruments* also. A Tractor may be considered a type of ploughing tool. This is in reply to a question by another member. So from the Karaka planet and its situation, we can then figure out the reason for the event.

Now about your query: Venus is situated in house D for the 8<sup>th</sup> house, and it has more points, so it can act as the lord of D. Mars is also situated in the 5th house, so it becomes samdharmi to Venus. As per transit on the 8th of April, the Sun travels thru Pisces and is in the constellation of Mercury. Jupiter has the 2nd highest amount of points and Mercury also has more points as well.

When a planet is strong for the 3rd house and the 8th house, it may not give the result. But here, Venus, which is strong for the 3rd house and also the 8th house, in addition, is lord of the the 3rd house and situated in house D with more points. So it can go more towards the result of the 8th house. In such cases, we must compare the situation before making a decision.

For Leo ascendant, Venus is karaka for the 3rd and the 8th house - in such cases, we must look closer to see its situation. In such a case, some samdharmi will come forward.