

# *Malefic Planets*

## 1. What about traditional planetary classifications such as benefic, malefic, and neutral?

**Benefic planets are those that receive more than 4 points in their ashtakavarga.  
Malefic planets are those that receive less than 4 points in their ashtakavarga.  
Neutral planets are those that receive exactly 4 points in their ashtakavarga.**

## 2. Why are natural malefics good in dusthanas or upachaya houses?

**Because Saturn and Mars, if situated in a dusthana, will aspect a minimum of one of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> houses. The same for the upachaya houses. Therefore, they cannot give the result for the 8<sup>th</sup> house and so it is said that they are good in those houses.**