

# *Upachaya Houses*

## 1. What is KAS primarily based upon?

KAS is primarily based upon the idea of Upachaya Houses. Another term for Upachaya is Upchaya Sthan. “Upachaya” means “houses of growth, heap and prosperity”, while “sthan” means “places”. Most all the planets give benefic results in their Upachaya houses.

## 2. Which houses are Upachaya houses?

Upachaya houses are in the 3rd, 6th, 10th, and 11<sup>th</sup> from *any* house “A”, which will always be found in the 8<sup>th</sup> house from the ascendant.

3. It is my understanding that when a planet is lord of a primary upachaya house (House B or C), this planet will NOT contribute malefic points when aspecting Houses A, B, or C. Is this correct? Will this same primary upachaya lord contribute benefic points, or will this planet simply have no effect either way because of its lordship?

As stated above, upachaya houses are houses 3, 6, 10, and 11 from any house “A”. The 6<sup>th</sup> house from A is denoted as house B, and the 10<sup>th</sup> house as house C. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> from house A are the secondary upachayas (houses D and E). They help by their lordship, or thru the planets situated in those houses having more than 4 points. Their sight (aspect) on the main upachaya houses (A, B and C) is always of a benefic nature. Even if such lords have more than 4 points, it causes no effect whatsoever. In the case where those lords have *less* than 4 points, we count their benefic points for sight.

4. It is my understanding that no malefic effects (points) are contributed by the lords of the secondary upachayas (D and E) when aspecting the primary upachaya houses (A, B, and C), however, benefic effects (points) by these lords ARE contributed, or added to line 12 of the worksheet *IF* the aspect is benefic. My question is this: What is the “rule” for the lords of the primary upachayas when they are aspecting other primary upachaya houses? Is it the same as above (where the malefic points do NOT contribute, but the benefic points DO)?

You understood it correctly that any planet being the lord of D or E house cannot give malefic results due to its sight on upachaya houses or planets. No special treatment is given to the lords of A, B, or C houses. Those are treated similar to other planets. The lords of D and E are doing only benefic work, so no malefic results are considered for these houses.

With reference to these 2 questions, clarifications are as follows:

- a.) Any planet with any points (0 – 8) aspecting the significating house, may NOT give the result in its sub period. Another samdharmi may replace it however.
- b.) The lords of houses D and E or their samdharmi can give the results.
- c.) The lords of D and E are said to be more eager to give the result.

5. What about dual lordship – (when a planet is lording both primary and secondary upachayas?)

In the case of a planet having dual lordship, both as primary and secondary upachayas, then it should be treated as lord of the secondary upachaya house instead.

6. So we now know that a strong significator planet which has sight on (aspects) a primary upachaya house, or houses A, B, or C, will **NOT** give the result in its sub-period\*, and that a samdharmi graha (planet) will come forward to give the result instead. (A planet acting as samdharmi to another planet, while also aspecting A, B, or C, **can** give results even if it aspects A, B, or C, because a samdharmi planet is coming forward to *represent* another planet. So this law is not applicable to samdharmi planets.)

We also know that this law is **NOT** applicable to the secondary upachaya houses (D and E).

**\*Exceptions to rules:** In some cases, **strong** significator planets **can** give the result even if they have sight on A, B, or C houses, but this is applicable **ONLY** for strong planets getting substantial points – say more than 20 – in the worksheet. But these should not be afflicted by the 6<sup>th</sup> lord.

7. Why is it that if a planet is aspecting house A, B or C it will not give the result? I think if we understand this, it would become easier to understand the reason for a planet, if lording houses A or B and if it's a strong significator (strong points in row 17 of worksheet), to give the result.

House A indicates the karkatva (*responder or significator*) for house B. If any planet (being the lord of A) is powerful and has good points for house B, at the same time it is lord of D for the *next event* result due to house B.

For example, the 2<sup>nd</sup> house is House A for *Marriage*. It is also House D for *Children*. Children are not “authorized” (*legitimate*) until the result of the 7<sup>th</sup> (marriage) house happens. The same thing occurs with house B. For house C it is again the *second* step. In other words, it is not connected with *immediate* effects. Think on this matter deeply, and it will become clear.

Now in the case where a planet lords **BOTH** a primary and secondary upachaya house, and that planet aspects, or has “sight” on a primary or secondary upachaya house, the lord of that secondary upachaya house (or its samdharmi) **CAN** bring about the result, because the secondary upachaya lordship takes *precedence* due to

**primary lordship and therefore can bring about the result because lords of D and E (or their samdharmi) are eager to bring about the result in its sub.**