

# **RAHU & KETU**

**(MOON'S NODES)**

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## PREFACE

There are some who will say that the Moon's Nodes (Rahu and Ketu) are worthless. Others will claim they help. Who are you to believe? It is through pain staking effort and the collection of many charts that I have been finally able to understand as to how to use Rahu and Ketu. In the horoscopes of several criminals, Rahu/Mars association will be clearly visible.

Some of the learned authors are of the opinion that Rahu and Ketu do not solely produce any significant effect and their influence is also minimum. But there are some authors who say that Rahu and Ketu may cloud the result of a house by interfering with the Sun or the Moon or both, but they do not work independently. Through the last pages of this book by way of illustration, I have very much proved that Rahu and Ketu do work independently and work powerfully.

If you have been taught that the Moon's Nodes have little or no value and you ignore them completely that is your prerogative. If you want to take the chance with your own chart, that is your right, too. How far they are reliable and to what extent they can be incorporated into your methods of prediction will depend on your studies and research.

So far there is not a single book being written on Rahu and Ketu in India. One of the prime reasons for this neglected area is the lack of available information on Rahu and Ketu. Many authors have not given much importance to the Moon's Node's, and whatever scattered information we get from the different authors through the periodicals is not

enough to justify as a book on Rahu and Ketu. Then there are controversial statements in the texts and the reader is at loss as to make out which is right and which is wrong.

I do not claim that I have originated the text. I have no hesitation in admitting that I collected and compiled the text from the various sources. In this strenuous work, *Asirolological Magazine*, Bangalore, India, mostly came to my rescue and my thanks are to those learned authors from whose writings I have taken the advantage of. However, before incorporating them, I have examined and tested them on the touch-stone of experience to avoid erroneous judgment and the consequent disrepute of Astrology and embarrassment and discouragement to the Astrologer.

It is my earnest hope that no astrological student will read and study this book uncritically. In actual fact, the uncritical student, instead of being Astrology's best friend is indeed the worst enemy. Astrology would, at the present time, have been occupying an honoured and revered place among the sciences were it not for him. The principles set forth in its pages should be scrutinised and tested thoroughly, for we do not wish any body to accept them blindly. But they are nevertheless of an importance to be examined by experiments and observations, in order that they may be verified or rejected as invalid.

The book in your hand is the result of my researches and experiments, and I have taken considerable pains to verify the accuracy of predicting events based upon Rahu and Ketu. Start with your own chart first and then thrill yourself with the delight of knowing that even you can count on a bit of luck now and then.

It has to be pointed out to those who are well-versed in the philosophy of astrology, that absolute fatalism is on part

of the credo of the knowledgeable astrology. Allowance has to be made by the factor of environment, which limits opportunity. Such factors are capable modifying forecasts accordingly to the degree to which they are able to limit the terms.

However, this work is capable of considerable extension and improvement. It is my hope that the interest of the reader will be fired to such an extent that he will join silent band of research scholars in the task of verifying these statements, adding to or embellishing them, in order that ultimately the standard book on the subject may at last be written. The day is not far off propounding a clear interpretation of the effects of Rahu and Ketu.

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## CHAPTER I

### Introduction

Amongst the salient features of Hindu Astrology is the importance and recognition that is given to Rahu and Ketu, the two Nodes of the Moon, physically non-existent, yet regarded and treated as full-fledge planets. The Hindus conceived the Moon's Nodes as the cross-roads of magnetic influences full of potency and gave them the status of planets in so far their effects are concerned. The real character of the Indian Astrology can thus be said to be dependent on these two shadowy points.

A knowledge of Rahu and Ketu has existed from ancient times. That is apparent from the known fact that our predecessors of thousands of years ago were able to forecast Eclipses. The names they attached to these points were accordingly somewhat striking. A monster called the Serpent or Dragon, with little variation of form, was used to depict the general influence of these points.

Followers of the so-called *scientific* schools have denied the significance of Rahu and Ketu in astrological studies. They have scouted the idea that mere mathematical points, however important, could have any effect. There was no material body there, so how could they influence? In putting forth our defence, we might ask them what about other mathematical points such as Ascendant, and Mid-heaven. How can they

affect anything ? But they still allow the uses of these two points —Ascendant and Mid-heaven ; and at the same time deny the importance of two points—Rahu and Ketu, which ancients thought so much, as they have no body.

The Earth itself is symbolically presented in the horoscope in two important ways. One is the position of the Earth with reference to the earth's annual motion and this is given by the apparent position of the Sun. The second is the particular point of space and moment of time when a birth takes place, and this is the ascendant.

If you leave out of the Moon's Nodes, you can miss one of the most important luck areas in any chart. There is little doubt that the omission of the Moon's Nodes (Rahu and Ketu) from a nativity is a severe handicap to the interpreter of the horoscope. The subtle relationship between the Sun, the Moon and the Earth plays a large part in the unfoldment of each individual's consciousness. The ecliptic is the plane of the Earth's journey round the Sun. Rahu and Ketu show at which points the Moon is also in alignment with Sun-Earth relationship, thus making possible a more perfect rapport between the three bodies and indicating at which precise point in the zodiac the main effects of such a rapport can be anticipated.

It is really astonishing to note that mere points of intersection of the Earth and the Moon's Nodes should be so strong in their impact on human life. It had been recognised that they produce marvellous effect, at times more than the planets. Since Rahu and Ketu are in exact opposition to each other, the effect of these Nodes should be considered simultaneously.

Second important question is asked from them : How do they suppose that the masses of silicate and metallic ores, gases

etc, which the Spectroscope reveals as the constituents of the Planets, have the long life effects on mind and earthy destiny, which they accept ? Seeing the accordance between the heavenly movements and our mundane affairs, clearly provable as they are, is it not palpable that the apparent astrological effects of the zodiac and planets, ascendant and mid-heaven and other important points are rather the handwriting of God in the Heavens. They are simply used for our guidance and it is our duty to attend them. The advanced student will find much of interest and matter for deep study in noticing the influence of Rahu and Ketu on human affairs.

Rahu is known as the Dragon's Head and Ketu as the Dragon's Tail. This provides a clue to the significance of the Moon's Nodes, for the Head is forward looking, while the Tail represents the past. The position of Rahu represents the qualities to be developed and work to be done during the present incarnation and the position of Ketu shows the qualities developed during past lives and thus indicates attitudes that come naturally to the native. They are classified as Karmic planets. We can thus expect to find the native manifesting a good many of the qualities represented by the sign containing Ketu and to be seeking to express the qualities belonging to the signs in which Rahu is placed. The manner in which these qualities are expressed will be shown by the sign and Houses they occupy and the aspects they receive. A planet in conjunction with Rahu or Ketu has special significance in relation to the things signified by the Node it is with.

We can generally say that Rahu in the first half and Ketu in the second half of a natal chart indicate that the native's position will deteriorate with age. Ketu in the first half and Rahu in the second half suggest that the native will be more



and more prosperous with age. The intensity of effects will, however, be subject to the powers of other planets on Rahu and Ketu.

Well posited Rahu and Ketu with beneficial connections and aspects rise the native to dizzy heights in life. No other planet can be compared to the Nodes in this respect. So, too, the afflicted Nodes strike the native with leprosy, drive them mad or chase them to forests.

According to Hindu Astrology, both Rahu and Ketu are malefics but Ketu is considered to be spiritual causing salvation to human souls and Rahu is more earthly indicating mundane prosperity. The effects of the Nodes are not always evil. They are also productive of what are called : Raja Yogas-indicating power, position and attainments-and these become fully manifest during their main and sub-periods. By and large, the Nodes seem to have a constructive role to play in the long run, for, after making the native pass through various phases of difficulties and sufferings, they will also enable him to progress spiritually. But in cases where the Nodes join 'poisonous parts of the constellation' along with Mars or Saturn without any benefic association or aspect, life will be marked by misery, struggle and misunderstanding throughout.

Ancient sages have called Rahu a diplomat and Ketu, a seer. Rahu and Ketu eclipse the Sun and the Moon representing the soul and the mind respectively. Hence, they have a great influence on the Soul's liberation or rebirth. Rahu or Ketu within two degrees of the ascendant give an unusual type of personality and very distinctive appearance.

**Rahu** has the influence of **Venus** and **Jupiter**. When the native learns the growth at **Rahu**, with **Jupiter/Venus** influence exerted here, he begins to give at this point. **Rahu** is Exalted in **Gemini**, Ruler in **Virgo**, Harmony in **Libra**, Fallen in **sagittarius**, Detriment in **Pisces** and Inharmony in **Aries**.

**Ketu** has the influence of a **Mars** conjunct **Saturn**. When the native learns the disciplinary influence that the **Saturn/Mars** connotation exerts over his **Ketu**, he is meeting destiny. **Ketu** is exalted in **Sagittarius**, Ruler in **Pisces**, Harmony in **Aries**, Fallen in **Gemini**, Detriment in **Virgo** and Inharmony in **Libra**.

**Rahu** is feminine. Its gem is **Agate** or **Lapisluzzili**. **Rahu** rules over three asterisms-**Aridra**, **Swati** and **Satabhisa**. They fall in the signs of **Gemini**, **Libra** and **Aquarius** ruled by **Mercury**, **Venus** and **Saturn** respectively; which form a group of very intimate planets. **Mercury** rules intellect, **Venus** rules pleasure and **Saturn** rules misery, hence **Rahu's** portfolio is to give these in plenty. **Rahu** by nature is said to resemble **Saturn**, who has sway over **Air**, one of the five elements. Incidentally, it may be noted that all these signs, indirectly ruled by **Rahu**, from the **Airy Triplicity**. **Rahu** governs peternal grand-father and maternal grandmother. **Rahu's** period is for 18 years in **Vimshottari Dasa**.

**Ketu** in enunch. Its gem is **Turquoise**. **Ketu** rules **Aswini**, **Magha** and **Moola**, which are situated in the signs. **Aries**, **Leo** and **Sagittarius** respectively. These signs are ruled by **Mars**, the **Sun** and **Jupiter** respectively. These three planets are very intimate friends. **Mars** rules powers, **Sun** rules the soul and **Jupiter** rules the wisdom. A correct blending of these three

characteristics will lead to liberation. Hence Ketu is said to be conducive to liberation. Further, these signs form the Fiery Triplicity. Fire is ruled by Mars, hence Ketu is said similar to Mars in giving effects. Ketu rules maternal grandfather and paternal grandmother. Ketu's period is for 7 years in Vimshottari Dasa.

Rahu gives effects throughout while Ketu in the ending period. Rahu represents the tall, while Ketu the short persons.

## CHAPTER 2

### Rahh & Ketu in Hindu Astrology

It was Rahu (Satan) to awaken the idea of earthy pleasure in the minds of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and thus causing their downfall and not Saturn (Satan). Saturn is too spiritual to be a tempter. However, he is a tester. Though Rahu was very much there in the West, but Roman, Greek and Egyptian mythology ignored him. Even in the East, some of the learned astrologers did not give any serious importance to Rahu and Ketu, though there are stories about the creation of Rahu and Ketu in the *Vedas* and *Puranas*.

**Puranic Tradition :** The origin of Rahu and Ketu is an interesting reading. Mythologically, Rahu is a Giantdemon, a Demi-god, the lower part of whose body ended in a Dragon's Tail or Serpent's Tail. Demon *Swarbhanu*, performed severe penance invoking Lord *Brahma* and the latter appeared before him. *Swarbhanu* asked *Brahma* a boon : to confer on him the status of a planet in the heavens. *Brahma* granted him the boon and disappeared.

Later on, Lord *Vishnu* and *Kurma Avatara* for extracting nectar by churning the ocean—*Kshirasagar*. The *Devas* (gods) and the *Danavs* (demons) churned the ocean to obtain the nectar. *Vasuki*, the Serpent king was the cord to churn the mountain *Mainaka* with ; but to keep the mountain up Lord *Vishnu* took the form of a tortoise and supported the mountain

on his back. Many things were churned out, *Amrita* (nectar) came in the last. By taking Amrita, one becomes immortal. It was prayed by Devas (gods) to Lord Vishnu that Amrita need not be given to demons, lest evil become permanent giving no opportunity to good influences to thrive in the World.

To delude demons with the transient material temptation, Lord Vishnu took the form of an enchantress and also the responsibility of distributing the divine nectar to gods and demons. He made them to sit in two different lines, so that he will distribute nectar to gods only. The demons, captivated by the beauty and form of the enchantress, failed to notice the trick. Swarbhanu, who was different than the other demons and who was interested in the real thing, for he knew its true worth, had infiltrated into the ranks of the gods and managed to partake it. Lord Vishnu also wanted to fulfil the boon given by Lord Brahma to him, so He, too overlooked Swarbhanu's presence.

Sun and Moon (gods) discovered Swarbhanu in the line of gods and on this discovery, the gods became annoyed and appealed to Lord Vishnu to destroy him. Lord Vishnu severed Swarbhanu's head from the body with his *Chakra*, but it was only after he had partaken the nectar and thus became immortal. Lord Vishnu feigned ignorance and acted as if He did so on the hint given by them (Sun and Moon). This made him to develop bitter enmity against the Sun and the Moon.

On Lord Vishnu's chopping-off the head of Swarbhanu, the head was joined to the body of a Serpent and he became Rahu. Swarbhanu got the status of a planet himself as Rahu and his counterpart as Ketu, afflicting the Sun and the Moon eternally.

On account of this incident, the Hindu Puranas have spoken of this eclipse allegorically as Serpent's swallowing of the Sun and the moon on New and Full Moon days.

**Rahu in Vedic Age :** *Vedic* age was the begining of the Astrology age. According to *Rigveda*, Rahu was not a planet but a demon. According to Vedic Sages, the phenomenon of a Solar Eclipse was the result of the Sun being devoured by a demon called Swarbhanu. Here Rahu was considered a demon and not a planet. On New Moon day, the Moon entered the Sun and this caused the phenomenon of Solar Eclipse, when the demon Swarbhanu devoured both. So the conception of Rahu being the eater of the moon and Ketu that of the Sun belongs to a later age. In any case Rahu was not a planet then.

In Vedic conception, the conjunction of the Luminaries on New Moon day created Rahu while the opposition of the Luminaries on Full Moon day created Ketu. The Vedic conception brings out two factors. The spiritual darkness is Rahu and the spiritual light is Ketu.

The Second factor is the linking of the Sun and the Moon with Rahu. The Union of the Soul or the Sun with the Mind or the moon brought out the mightier child of *Maya* (materialistic world) in Rahu. In our daily life, we directly feel the influence of the Sun and the moon only. We thus come to believe that the Luminaries of the Sun and the Moon are, therefore, the supreme earthly planets.

In Puranic legend, Rahu and Ketu are two parts of the same demon, linking Rahu with the upper part of the body suggests all the organs of knowledge and vital organs of action to be in his possession. He is looking down on the earth in

search of the lower part of the body. Thus his interest in the earth is again proved.

In Vedic terminology, Lord Vishnu is the Sun and *Vishnu Chakra*, is ecliptic. The story allegorically refers to the astronomical fact that Rahu and Ketu-the Moon's Nodes-are the points of intersection of the orbits of the Luminaries and a discovery of this fact led to the understanding of the causes of eclipses. Hindus are proud of this fact and also about the antiquity of their civilization.

**Hindu Mythology :** The Hindu Mythological literature speaks of another symbolism of Rahu and Ketu. Rahu and Ketu are supposed to be serpents. One is the Head the other, Tail. (1) Lord Vishnu is reclining on the serpent bed (2) Lord Shiva is wearing serpents as ornaments on head around the wrists and hands (3) Lord Subrahmanya is always with a serpent (4) Lord Krishna danced on *Kalinga*, the several-headed serpent. There are many fables in ancient Hindu scriptures where Serpents played important roles in building or destroying the destiny of an individual. Cobra is said to obey certain laws and it is expected to conform to Truth. It will never bite ordinarily. It has the dreadful yet attractive hood. In Puranas it is said that Cobras are endowed with gems of extreme brilliance.

Why all this fuss about the serpents? It is perhaps due to the fact that the *Kundalini* power coiled in the shape of a serpent beneath the back-bone, when roused and taken to the head, gives abundant spiritual powers. So long the power is incipient, material attachments will hold sway. Rahu can be compared to the coil and Ketu, to the top of the back-bone

possibly the head, brain etc. Thus it is that Ketu said to give liberation and Rahu, attachment.

The very purpose of life is evolution to higher states. Prophets and sages demonstrated that they have controlled the serpents and are ready to help us if we pray to them for liberation or Supreme Wisdom.

**Greek Mythology :** The Python of the Greek Mythology was the huge serpent or monster slain near Delphi by Appollo, but ordinary python is described as a large snake that crushes its prey. The python is different from snake not only on account of its huge size but also on account of the fact that while the snake has speed and is dynamic, the python only creeps and is comparatively speaking static. It has a wonderful power of immobilising its prey by its hypnotic gaze. It draws the prey into its mouth and swallows it.

When we add the epithet *selestial* meaning of the sky, heavenly or divine, it can refer to only one python that has been identified through the ages with the ecliptic belt (Vishnu Chakra). Some refer to it loosely as the Snake and the story of the snake is woven in a thousand patterns in the religious mythologies of the world. The reference of the killing of the Python by Apollo (Sun) near Delphi is also the story of the ecliptic and the Sun.



## CHAPTER 3

### Rahu & Ketu in Western Astrology

Till today most of the learned astrologers in the West do not take Moon's Nodes into consideration. Their arguments are : that since Moon's Nodes are not physical bodies, they do not have any place in predictive astrology. If we accept their approach, then the ascendant and M.C., too, should not be taken into consideration also. These, too, are not physical bodies either. Through the astrological notings and writings of the ancients, it has been found that the Moon's Nodes form an important axis across the chart. Called Rahu and Ketu in Hindu literature, they are frequently called Caput Draconis and Cauda Draconis—Head and Tail of the Celestial Dragon in the West. Hindu astrologers use the symbol to this day and usually treat them as the most potent influence in the affairs of man. To ignore them is to miss a valuable clue to interpretation, for they provide an indication not only of the focus of activity during the life but also of the main purpose behind a particular incarnation. As to the importance of the Moon's Nodes, we may add that no one can live to 40 years of age without experiencing their favour or malice, and in due course of time, both.

1. George White is one of the learned astrologers of the West who, in his book : *The Moon's Nodes and Their Impor-*

*tance in Natal Astrology*, mentioned the importance of Hindu Astrology and astrologers. The author is very correct when he says that though the Nodes are opposite to each other, they do not contract but act complimentary to each other, both in the natal chart as well as by Transits.

George White is the only author to our knowledge who has spoken about the physical stature of the individual by the presence of Rahu near the ascendant though it was not found correct on test. However, some of his observations are startlingly correct and provide the missing link in the predictive astrology.

White, among other writers, has stressed that Rahu in or close to the natal ascendant is indicative of more than the usual self-confidence and not a displeasing 'Lordliness,' whereas Ketu so placed tends to be lacking in self-confidence and in order to make up for the lack, is too much on the defensive. The author says that either Nodes in the First house attracts attention, favourable or adverse, to the native. White gives emphasis to the Moon's Nodes that was oriented or elevated in the natal chart.

2. Ada Muir in his small book : *The book of the Nodes and The Part of Fortune*, has said ! Since great stress was laid upon Rahu and Ketu by ancient astrologers, we would urge students to give attention to the Moon's Nodes especially if Sun, Moon or planets are aspecting these points as a great deal can be learned from these concerning the springs of action.

3. Mohan Koparkar in his book : *Lunar Nodes*, observed Ketu brings the past life, or Karmic, influence through the Nodal axis which is utilised through Rahu in the chart. Thus, Ketu becomes the suction point for all incoming Karmic

energy from the past incarnations. This energy is then processed by that individual and redistributed into this present life with the network set forth by Rahu.

The planets ruling the signs of Rahu and Ketu axis are called the Karmic Controlling Planets. Since Ketu is the inlet point for Karma, the planet ruling the sign of Ketu is called the incoming, or past life, Karmic Control. The planet ruling the sign of Rahu controls the Karmic distribution in this life. For this reason, it is called the Karmic Distribution Control. The Controlling Planets have storing implications depending upon where they fall in the chart and the aspects they make with the Nodal axis. This aspect made by the Controlling Planets to the Nodal axis is of great significance in Karmic understanding.

4. Bernice Prill Grebner, author of *Lunar Nodes—New Concepts*, states : In Sanskrit, Karma means act, deed or work. Whatever your, explanation, it seems to be the point that indicates our destiny. This is especially true concerning Rahu and Ketu, but Saturn also seems to play a major part in our Karmic destiny. We were born during a certain cycle to fulfil a certain action, or a certain Karma. Call it what you will, the fact remains we are required to learn, to do, to compensate, to atone for a certain thing and we can only do that during a certain period in time.

Ketu is the faculty learned from a long period of reincarnation of the soul. Another explanation of Ketu is that it represents the last of a long line of certain hereditary strain. It is a faculty inherited at birth, for which we are not to struggle to achieve. One of the main purpose of our life is to control this gift instead of letting it 'overflow' and control us.

There is a danger of destroying the new growth at Rahu by too much concentration at the Ketu area. We always need to be aware of maintaining a balance at the Nodal axis.

5. De Vore in his : *Encyclopedia of Astrology*, writes : From the position of the Moon's Nodes, we can see whether there was an eclipse condition shortly before or after birth, whether a planet near Rahu or Ketu would shortly be activated by the Moon's transit, or that of the Sun, and similar and sundry factors which the modern astrologer can trace from the ephemeris but often does not. The Nodes themselves merely point to places where something may happen at such times—which itself is of no small matter. Things happen because of the time, the place and the planet and the Node is often the middle factor in that formula.

6. Ronald C. Davison in one of his articles observed Some years ago when investigating the astrological indications of screen and stage talent, I noticed that in a large number of cases, the Lunar Nodes were placed in the 5th and 11th houses, the sectors of the horoscope linked with public entertainment. Sometimes Rahu would appear in the 5th, sometimes in the 11th, there being no marked preponderance either way.

A planet in conjunction with either Node has special significance in relation to the things signified by the Node it is with. There is little doubt that omission of Rahu and Ketu from a natal chart, is a severe handicap to the interpreter of the horoscope. The Nodes in transits often mark the arrival of a significant period in the native's affairs.

7. W. Lilly, the famous 17th Century English Astrologer paid much attention to the Moon's Nodes in his book

*Introduction to Astrology* : The Head of the Dragon is masculine, of the nature of Jupiter and Venus and of himself a fortune. The Tail of the Dragon by nature is quite contrary to the Head, for he is evil.

8. Car Leipter has an interesting interpretation on the Moon conjunction either of its Nodes as "an often unaccountable, instinctive feeling of protection and guidance" not necessary logical, not immediately apparent, yet nonetheless true, as "an equally vivid, instinctive sense of danger" on such occasions. This conjunction with Rahu places emphasis is on the sense of danger. It can be so strong that it is almost a reversion to a primitive type of reaction.

9. Dr. H.L. Cornwell in his : *Encyclopedia of Medical Astrology*, cites the position of Rahu with the ascendant or M.C. as fortunate when conjunct or in favourable aspect with other vital centres of the nativity.

10. Caulson Tumbull says that when the Sun or the Moon is sextile or trine Ketu, the darkness of Ketu is exchanged for Light. Such a sextile or trine was listed as an outstanding help in the chart.

11. Heinz Antoni through his book : *Moon's Nodes in Delineation and Direction*, explained and proved the efficacy of the Moon's Nodes by statistics and many illustrated examples.

12. A.L. Cilliers in his article has said : The ancients saw these two important points opposite each other on the ecliptic stretched across the heavens like a huge dragon lying

in wait of the Sun and the Moon, to swallow them at intervals during the Solar and Lunar eclipses, which occur near the nodal points. It is quite possible that a solitary Node in an otherwise unoccupied house indicates certain events which could not be otherwise deduced from the sign of the cusp of that house and the aspects of its ruler. There is no doubt, whatever that the nodal conjunctions with or squares to the various Planets are of great importance and should never be neglected, though the sextile and trine aspects seem to be rather weaker and of less importance. Western Astrologers would do well to head to the Moon's Nodes more closely.

13. Thyrsa Escobar in her article observed : The Nodes generally considered to be particularly Karmic in their indications. Rahu shows "what has already been learned.", and thus is an area where these lesson—easy or difficult—are to be learned and debts are to be paid. From this stand-point, the Nodal axis may be likened to a balance sheet of personal assets and liabilities in the horoscope which is a kind of Cosmic Ledger for each soul.

14. Curt Knupfer concludes after making his statistical investigations : The results with the Moon's Nodes System was the second best among six different systems which were applied.

## CHAPTER 4

### True Conception of Rahu & Ketu

Rahu and Ketu are controversial figures in Hindu Mythology, Astronomy and Astrology. Whatever may have been the liabilities of mythology, the physics of eclipses tells us that the shadows are caused by the Earth, the Sun and the Moon, and they do not exist by themselves. In solar Eclipse, it is Moon that covers the orb of the Sun and casts its shadow on the Earth and causes the eclipse, In Lunar Eclipse, it is reasonably the Earth that casts the shadow on the Moon and cause the eclipse. But if we see the movement in both the cases, it is the Moon that causes the eclipse by playing hide and seek.

What are Rahu and Ketu. The usual explanation given by some of the learned astrologers is that they are as much physical bodies (planets) as other planets are and they are invisible because their discs are dark. Others are of the opinion that they are points in the ecliptic where the plane of Moon's orbit cuts the plane of Sun's orbit.

Rahu and Ketu pose difficult problems for the astrologer and have been the cause of considerable controversy in the recent past. Authorities differ about them. From what Varahmihira observes in his *Brihat Samhita*, it is obvious that he was aware of the true causes of eclipses and other celestial phenomena.

It must, however, be stated at the very outset that there is a fundamental difference between Rahu and Ketu and the other planets. The other planets are bodies of physical mass, actually existing in the sky and visible to the eye. They have form, shape and colour and their mass, gravity, atmosphere, motion, distance from the Sun etc., have been studied in detail and ascertained. On the other hand, Rahu and Ketu are only two imaginary points in the heavens, without shape or form. They are the points of intersection of the apparent path of the Sun with the path of the Moon. As these paths are nearly circular, the points of intersection are two which lie 180 degrees apart.

Now the basic assumption of astrology is that planets influence the earth and its inhabitants. Man dwells upon the earth and so is influenced by them. The planets possess mass and have force of gravity. They also emit electro-magnetic vibrations. These effect the earth and its inhabitants.

Rahu and Ketu do not exist in the heavens and posses no mass. They are only two imaginary points in the heavens. Then how do they effect the earth and its inhabitants ?

It has already been stated that Rahu and Ketu are the two points of intersection of the path of the Sun and the Moon. The apparent motion of the Sun is due to the revolution of the earth around the Sun. And the Moon revolves around the Earth. Therefore, Rahu and Ketu are the points of intersection of the paths of the earth and the Moon in the heavens.

The Earth and the Moon are two bodies possessing physical mass. They move on defined paths in the heavens. Their movements on their paths create fields of force. The



name of the force is not material. It may be called electromagnetic or any other. The inhabitants of the earth are not aware of the field of force created by the earth, because they are a part of the earth and move along with it. This fact may be explained through an example. The movements of a Railway Train on its track creates a field of force which is noticed by a passerby and not by persons who are in an equilibrium. Similarly, the inhabitants of the Earth are in an equilibrium with reference to the field of force created by the earth during its motion around the Sun.

The equilibrium is, however, disturbed where the paths of the earth and the Moon intersect. It is natural that where two fields of force meet with each other, something unusual should happen. Rahu and Ketu are two Nodes of the Moon, are the two points of disturbance on the paths of the Earth and the Moon. The path of the earths or the apparent path on the Sun is the ecliptic. Thus Rahu and Ketu are the two points on the ecliptic 180 degrees apart and in whose vicinity disturbed condition prevail. They represent the cross-roads on the fields of force of the earth and the Moon.

But what about the influence of Nodes, which are imaginary points? They cannot either emit rays or reflect rays emanating from the other celestial bodies. So what is their position in Astrology.

Latitudes of the planets depend on their Nodes, so the mutual relationship in the position of the planets will not be the same at any two instants in *Kalpa*, (one *Kalpa*, being equal to 1090 *Maha-yugas* and one *Maha-yuga* is of 4,320,000 years), as the periods of revolution of the Nodes are different for different planets. It is said that History repeats itself but

not in a identical manner. This truth is established on a consideration of astrology. The events may be similar but can never be identical.

Since the astrological influence of planets depends on their latitudes, (their Nodes), even though they are imaginary points naturally exercise astrology influence on the earth and the living beings on it.

The effect of Rahu and Ketu forces itself on our attention most clearly at the time of the eclipses of the Sun and the Moon. When the Sun and the Moon come near the Nodes at the time of the Full Moon or the new Moon and a certain other conditions are fulfilled an eclipse of the Moon or the Sun take place. Then the light and other electro-magnetic vibrations coming from the Moon or the Sun are cut off and the normal arrangements which obtains for the earth are disturbed. Persons, who are born at the time of eclipses are always prone to mental abnormality and to other physical suffering. They are also likely to have weak constitutions and short lives. It is known fact that during the period of eclipses and sometimes before and after them, the normal functioning of the human system-such as digestive apparatus etc. is disturbed and that is why it is said that no food should be taken during the period of an eclipse.

But it is not only the Sun and the Moon that suffer when they come in contract with Rahu or Ketu. Other planets also develop abnormal traits when they come in contact with them and their natural qualities suffer, usually for the worse. When Sun comes in conjunction with Rahu, this gives a strong advantage to the Rahu area. The ego and the new activity flow along the same path. Whenever the Sun is loca-

ted is where there is strength, vitality, action and warmth. But when Sun is in conjunction with Ketu, this gives greater difficulty in establishing the new growth. In order to grow and learn, the person must build a strong ego. To cut short, whenever Rahu is in conjunction with any planet, it will enhance the basic quality of that planet.

It is only in recent years that Rahu and Ketu are recognised in Western astrological texts-this is surely a sign of Indian influence on Western astrological thought. Lately few astrologers of the West have written few books proving with illustration that the Moon's Nodes play an important part in human affairs.

## CHAPTER 5

### Rahu & Ketu in Houses

Whenever Rahu will be in the first house, Ketu will naturally be in the seventh house. Their results are complimentary. So when we deal with Rahu in the first house, no separate delineation of Ketu in the seventh house is necessary.

All students of astrology must recognise the law of Cause and Effect, even though they may feel that the fact of reincarnation is not proved.

Rahu is the *giver*, Ketu, the *taker*, and since giving and taking are results of former action, we may more clearly see the justice in present gains and losses as indicated by the House position of Rahu and Ketu. Rahu (unafflicted attracts blessings according to the house it occupies, while Ketu robs us of coveted prizes. Whenever Ketu happens to fall natally, that area of the chart will need more effort from the person than the opposite area. Rahu and Ketu do better in 3, 6, 10 and 11 houses. Cases of abortions, still births, death of children happiness from children, all come within the purview of Rahu/Ketu influences.

**FIRST HOUSE :** This position often signifies that the personal values are more important than general public or partnership. This person needs to learn to do things for himself, to rely on his own initiative. He will need to accomplish things through the power of his personality and develop self

sufficiency. The partnership activities are often a drag for them in many ways but they have to learn to cope with that. Other people or partnerships become a medium of learning experiences without choice.

**SECOND HOUSE :** This condition often signifies unusual financial activities or abilities to deal with earning and managing his own resources. They have to learn to abide by their own resources as it is an inborn instinct for him to depend upon other's finance and resources. He must build his own, if his destiny is to be fulfilled. He should try to stay away from credit matters and other's resources as much as possible. If afflicted, years of affluence are followed by years of privation, so the sound investments should be made to provide for less productive period.

**THIRD HOUSE:** This condition often signifies unusual intellectual ability to share his sense of awareness in his life with those in his social environment and receive from their sense of awareness and impressions. Excellent relationship with brother and sisters are noticed. Benefits from travel and short moves are often noticed in their life. If afflicted, pleasure through short journeys and neighboring cities is denied. Extreme view on national problems are expressed. Ketu in the 9th house in Sagittarius is good for spirituality but bad for worldly luck and good fortune.

**FOURTH HOUSE :** Benefit comes through a parent, probably the mother. Gain is made through immoveable property or mineral wealth. For some reason, home or domestication is highly significant in their life. There may be a problem in connection with a parent or an imbalance in his love for them, loving one more or it could give loss of one at

an early age. Career is given a second priority in their life. Although they have strong self displaying ego, circumstances may not give them the opportunity to be prominent in their field

**FIFTH HOUSE :** This condition often signifies close relationship with children. He is to learn to use his heart and become 'attached' in a very personal way. He needs to love deeply and intensely on a one-to-one basis. They have fairly good success in love/romance, but regarding friendships they may have some disappointments. Pleasure through social intercourse. Speculative gains are shown, unless heavily afflicted. He should develop a great desire to be creative in some endeavour.

**SIXTH HOUSE :** The recuperative powers are great and health can be regained through fasting or avoiding excesses. This condition often signifies work-related areas and their importance in life. With this position he needs to learn to work and be of service to others. For spiritual growth, this is quite a good position of Rahu Afflictions lessen the time available for these studies and increase health difficulties. Ketu in the 12th house in Sagittarius is bad for wordly pleasures, like comforts of the Couch but very good for *Moksha* or salvation, meaning release from the repeated cycle of births and deaths.

**SEVENTH HOUSE :** This condition often signifies that marriage or partnership activities are extremely important in his life. Marriage or business partner is usually more mature than the native. This person has to work with a partner, to learn the balance it takes to do this. Pleasures is obtained through contact with public. They are very charming, diplo-

matice and polite in general expression or communication, Afflictions threatens separation from partners and law suits. Ketu in the ascendant is not conducive to the health of the native. When afflicted, evil results may happen which may adversely affect the native's health, reputation and relation with the Government. Sudden fall from position can happen.

**EIGHTH HOUSE :** This position forces the person to learn to accept another's financial help. Money is obtained through partners. Legacies are promised. Sometime in his life, he will be forced to learn the acceptance of the humility of taking from others. Strong interest in the occult or hidden side of the life is noticed as a rescue from the material world. Learning from the idea or reality of death and regeneration is strongly noticed in this case. If afflicted, fear of poverty, financial losses, physical weakness according to the sign at the 8th house.

**NINTH HOUSE :** When the position is not developed, they have to learn a lot of lessons from their mistakes in many cases, they cannot even communicate their problems. This can also indicate disregard for religion. They will get involved with publication, publicity or some foreign affairs/activities in their life-time due to strange coincidences. He needs to become more objective in his interpretations within his immediate world. Affairs of brothers or sisters are very destined in their life whether they want or not.

**TENTH HOUSE :** This condition often signifies stronger success in the profession or career area but the native will have a checkered career. Avocation should be followed, sometime to the point of sacrificing home and domestic life. This means working for or with the public in some way, and

he will have less time to spend on home matters. Public recognition and honours. Often difficulties during childhood bring about a mother/father complex to this person. They are a lot closer to their father than mother. Their first half of life is not very enjoyable compared to the second half. When afflicted, others contrive to bring about his downfall.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE :** This position often signifies that the person has considered friendship. Friends, in a better position than the native, assist in time of need. Many hopes are realised. Here they must become like an Aquarian in the highest sense of the word; a true humanitarian. Problems and difficulties usually stem out of romances and quite often formation of a successful relationship is very difficult. There next difficulty is with regard to children. Afflictions create enmities and jealousies.

**TWELFTH HOUSE :** The person has a lot to learn in this life time with or without individual choice and needs self sacrifice. It is helping those less fortunate, handicapped, or afflicted. In their work, they are quite methodical, practical, punctual and steady. The digestive system or problems with circulation needs attention in their case. Affliction sometimes result in lack of mental balance, vague imaginations and forebodings. Occult studies should not be indulged in at such time.



## CHAPTER 6

### **Rahu & Ketu in Signs**

Whenever Rahu is in Aries, Ketu will naturally be in Libra. Their axis is always complimentary to each other. So the delineation of Rahu in one sign, will automatically cover the delineation of Ketu in the opposite sign.

1. Rahu/Ketu posited in dual signs and in conjunction with or aspected by the rulers of the 6th or 8th or the 12th house will cause loss of elder brother or father or the native. But if they are connected with an angle or trine ruler, then wealth, power, status etc. will be conferred on the native.

2. Rahu identical to its exalted sign (Gemini) placed in an angle or trine gives political power and fame. He will have all the comforts and will become the chief of his clan.

3. Rahu placed in Taurus, Cancer or Aries gives wealth, education, good servants, pleasing wife/husband and benefits from the government.

**ARIES/LIBRA :** In his past life, the person was lucky and was surrounded by luxuries and comforts. He was engaged in higher spiritual learning and good things in life were the main pursuits of his soul. In this life time, the dramatic instinct is strong and there is usual plenty of self-command. There will be auspicious ceremonies in the house, acquisition of lands,

perfect domestic harmony and happiness. Failure to keep both hands tied up may cause loss of many successful opportunities in the present incarnation.

**TAURUS/SCORPIO:** In his past life, the person was engaged in many underworld activities. Distorted sexual life and misuse of power was the lifestyle. Consequently, he must have undergone several punishments before the present birth takes place. In this life time, he has a sense of mastership and a democratic view of human necessity. There will be pilgrimage to shrines and holy places and increase in philosophical knowledge. He will try all his best to live nicely and comfortably and struggle to, at least, maintain his Karmic status.

**GEMINI/SAGITTRIUS :** The person spent his past life in various philosophical and mystical pursuits. He preferred a life of freedom and independence. In this life, very marked sense of humour coupled with the desire to be just to all, makes him an admirable character. If he tries to isolate and withdraw from the society, the circumstances force him to be with others. He has the power to suggest or transfer ideas to others at a distances and foresee events. He seldom has a chance or opportunity to cultivate his emotional and material base.

**CANCER/CAPRICORN :** In past life, this person has suffered many difficult and confining situations. Domestic life was unpleasant and unhappy. In this life, he will have a keen interest in new ideas and enterprises if they relate to home comforts. Family cohesion is important to him. Some pride is shown and a tendency to boast also. He may show a colder exterior, but you can get to him through proper emotionalism.

He would like to serve the suffers and will have enthusiasm for national service.

**LEO/AQUARIUS :** He has spent his past life in many unusual activities. He hardly had time for his personal needs and worked towards achieving things for others. In this life time, he will have vitality to carry forward large enterprises. He has the capacity to supervise others and capable of undertaking responsibilities very early in life. His mental harmony is possibly his greatest charm. Strong self-conditioning and self-confidence is noticed in him in this life. He will build new houses and will travel in foreign lands.

**VIRGO/PISCES :** In past life, he was almost an incognito person. He did not have many opportunities, because he could not identify them and make use of them. In this lifetime, social desires are very pronounced and there is often much stability and perseverance. He has been given many opportunities in this life, but at the same time, he has to achieve them very methodically. Thus, he cannot just skip and go on to the next game in life. There will be sudden access to much wealth.

**LIBRA/ARIES :** He has spent his past life with a lot of physical activities, temper and aggression. In that life he gained and lost many things simultaneously as he could not learn to balance them. In this life, he will be mild and gentle, and dignified and upright. Whatever he does in this life will have a sense of justice. He will achieve many success in this life without fighting for them and just by utilising his mental energies. He may not be after materialistic comforts and luxuries, but he is always lucky to be in plentiful in that respect.

**SCORPIO/TAURUS:** He has spent his past life in luxuries

and comforts without caring for the higher learnings. He would not listen to anybody and will go with a routine life. In this life time, there is seldom steady accomplishment and mental discord robs him of much pleasure in life. He will go from one extreme stage of living to another during the same life. His hidden motive and energies are strong and he will use them whenever he has to. As long as no body disturbs him, he will be quiet, polite and gentle. He may forget, but never foregives, what others do to him.

**SAGITTARIUS/GEMINI :** The past life was spent in many communicative and intellectual activities. He had to deal with others constantly and had to fulfil what they expected of him. In this life, desire for direct results leads to impatience and impules. Now he is choosing a path of independence and isolation. He will take a keen interest in public affairs, but is apt to overreach himself. He will achieve substantial esoteric knowledge or understanding with or without being too involved in the occult. He is very much interested in the material things as well as in the human emotionalism.

**CAPRICORN/CANCER :** In his past life, home and the surroundings was the key focus. He has spent his past life in various domesticated activities. He could not get a chance to go out and do things. As a result of this, he is required to do lot of things in this life outside home. He is endowed with grace and idealism, has much sympathy for others and interest in seeing those in his own circle accumulate wealth. He is logical in argument, takes an interest in politics, like grandeur in buildings and gives of his substance to the weaker and less fortunate.

**AQUARIUS/LEO :** He was very much self-centered in his

past life and had no time for others. His status was pretty high and commanded a great respect for his powers in the society. Now in this life he is to learn to be humanly, to mix with others and help them to solve their problems. He will have the tendency to neglect home or office routine if these interfere with his social ambitions. His innovations and abilities to tackle situations is quite amazing. Unpredictability is always on his side which he has difficulty dealing with in this lifetime.

**PISCES/VIRGO :** In past life, he was very methodical and detailed oriented to a point of extreme. He spent his past life in substantial discriminating conditions and instincts would not even get close to him at that time. Endurance in research work, persistence and efficiency as well as the desire for the minutest accuracy mark the influence of this lifetime. His decision may not be logical on the surface, but he does not care in that respect. Dealing with people and their emotions is important for him as he likes the exchange of feelings in this material world to keep him happy.

## CHAPTER 7

### **Rahu & Ketu in Aspects**

Aspects in Hindu Astrology are different than the so-called modern aspects. For the purpose of this work, we follow the modern aspects. In our studies, we have observed that aspects with the Moon's Nodes are workable upto 10 degree orb.

#### **Conjunctions to Rahu**

**SUN.** It gives advantage to the Rahu area. This aspects provides strong personal elevation wherever the Sun is located. The destiny often helps them in most of the ways it can during life. Responsibilities are often given to them just as they are ready for them. People do lose their mates somehow, since this automatically puts Ketu in the 7th (marriage) house to the Sun.

**MOON.** This person has a good personality that is well received by the public. This aspect provides great internal emotional satisfaction for these people. In our opinion, Moon conjunct Rahu makes it a more familiar territory than other aspects. Women will play an important role in this department of his life.

**MARS.** This aspect provides strong interest in athletic or physical activities in these individuals. This position over stimulates and sometimes exaggerate sexual arousal. Strong

assistance from brothers and sisters is seen in getting ahead in life or vice versa.

**MERCURY.** They often have good communicative talents and their energies seem to come from some unknown sources. All aspects to Mercury have psychic value. It gives good spirits and cheerful nature. Assistance from brothers and sisters is highly significant in their life and often it is a mutual exchange on a timely basis.

**JUPITER.** It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. In this aspect, higher philosophies and excellent wisdom flow through these people. These aspect does provide good material possessions or often financial self-sufficiency. You can consider it very fortunate if someone is born with Jupiter and Rahu in conjunction.

**VENUS.** The person with this aspect is affectionate and warm-hearted. The good things in life have a tendency to come by them quite easily. This adds to the Venus charm and makes for great popularity. Marriage relationship often are successful for them, at least from the surface of it. We cannot be too sure, that Rahu with Venus is actually as good as it sounds.

**SATURN.** It give considerable patience to fulfil the work of balancing the Nodes. All their learning experiences and limitations are properly analysed and utilised in order not to make the same mistake again. Often this aspect may deny good physical health.

**URANUS.** He is the adventurer and is romantically eccentric. His mind is way ahead of the masses. Considerable utilisation of built-up nervous energy is often well-channelled by

these individuals, depending upon the house location of the conjunction. Rahu with Uranus very often gives stroke and heart trouble, Encourages 'freak' accidents of type which are completely out of the individual's ability to control.

**NEPTUNE.** The idea is to distribute the Neptunian energies, either for good or bad, to the surroundings and associates. Here we have a generous, hospitable, sympathetic nature, ready to help all in need. His sensitivity and awareness is very keen. This seems to be a favourable Karma. Natal charts of many composers or musicians have Nodes with or squaring Neptune.

**PLUTO.** This will give sex problems of some kind or problems concerning partners' money. Basically, it is Karmic lesson, reward or punishment, utilising the Plutonian means. This, all too often, seems to indicate a confrontation with death or problems dealing with the Occult. Rahu or Ketu in conjunction or affliction with Pluto can increase any chances of glandular problems or in the case of women, female organ problems.

### **Oppositions to Rahu**

**SUN.** This gives a greater difficulty in establishing the new growth. This aspect indicates lack of physical vitality and general suppression of ego. Often a conflict from a previous life with the father has brought about this condition and circumstance.

**MOON.** This aspect is Karmic in nature. Circulatory problems of difficulties with digestive system are quite common for these individuals. Possible difficulties can concern home life or can be connected with the public, mother or women in general.



**MARS.** Action and fear need to be balanced. Circulatory problems or blood difficulties can be normal for these people. Indulgence and misuses of physical power, sex and energies in past life have brought this condition in this life.

**MERCURY.** This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. This gives a fluctuating type of mind. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. Nervous system, in general, gets affected due to this aspect.

**JUPITER.** It gives great love of adventure, always seeking new experience of some kind. These people often learn to overcome the materialistic barrier either by choice or by heavenly force. Based upon the rest of the chart happiness from children might be a void issue to these people.

**VENUS.** This does not exactly favour happiness. The person is usually sensitive and cannot express his affection comfortably. They face several hidden problems regarding love/romance. With people of opposite sex, there can be great sacrifice to an ideal love.

**SATURN.** Sacrifice or surrender is the key word here. Success is also hard to achieve where saturn's position is located by sign and house. They just have to go through wordly and unwordly experiences and then the significance of patience. Things have a tendency to occur as late as possible.

**URANUS.** The person with this aspect is eccentric with fitful energy which limits him in making good use of his talents. It is not good for partnership or marriage because it gives too great a desire for freedom. Their methods will be strange as far as others are concerned.

**NEPTUNE.** This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over stimulation of the imagination from over-idealistic thoughts. The aspect will give the individual the ability to inhale spiritual and idealistic goals to organise and restructure the individuality.

**PLUTO.** He seems forced to project himself into a separative action. They will not hesitate to use destruction for the sake of construction but only as a last resort. Keeping the peace and harmony will be their motto.

### **Squares to Rahu/Ketu**

**SUN.** This seems to put a stronger than usual accent on the Sun and its position. Under this condition, one has to adjust the right amount. It is difficult for him to arrive at success in life. The action and stress seem to come out at the Sun position.

**MOON.** This can give problems with health for most of the person's life. This aspect produces peculiar emotional imbalance in that individual. The action and stress seems to come out at the Moon's position and through problems with women. It is best to release the feelings some way.

**MARS.** Along with this aspect comes cruelty or stern nature. It gives impatience and may disturb the physical vitality which can cause physical suffering. Often one finds that they have no energy when they have a lot to do and vice versa. It gives much sexual energy, sometimes to the point of sexual promiscuity.

**MERUCRY.** It may make the person seem aloof. There is a tendency to fault finding exaggeration. They need to feel good, but they are frequently unable to do so for no

specific reason. Hidden tensions with brothers/sisters are often seen.

**JUPITER.** This person is at one extreme or another, never down the middle of the road. Hindrance in good luck or opportunities is often seen in this aspect. For these people learnings from children is quite common and prominent. He can be revolutionary and reckless.

**VENUS:** This aspect tends to break-up his numerous love affairs. It may not deny love in his life but it can put obstacles in the way that he must overcome. The square is no good for lasting love and tend to make the person tyrannical and jealous.

**SATURN.** This is quite a strange aspect to such an extent that limitations in life are doubly significant. This position can give loneliness. The life seems to be fated. Call it, fate, Karma, or what you will, it is that area which we can do little about except surrender to it in strict discipline.

**URANUS.** This person varies from moody and sensitive to reckless. Deliant strange ways and means are utilised to achieve things in life. He has a love for drastic action. It can complete him to take risks, making him accident prone.

**NEPTUNE,** Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. Many times, this aspect indicates two sides to the nature, a pull between undue idealism and over-sensitivity with power hungry selfish gratifications. The Karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position and aspects.

**PLUTO.** He seems forced to project himself into a separative action. In this aspect, the life is full of action and

suppression of action without any significant events. If pre-planned and properly executed, ideas of these people have a substantially great influence over mankind.

### **Trines/Sextiles to Rahu/Ketu**

**SUN.** This aspect provides good popularity, personal elevation and execution of proper ego for that individual. Correct and constructive actions come naturally to successfully fulfil the destiny of the Nodes. Circumstantial assistance in getting recognised in the world is noticed.

**MOON.** This aspect gives a calm and steady emotional nature. In a man's chart, it attracts a woman who will help him. It gives a cheerful temperament. The health is affected beneficially and the personality comes across well with the public.

**MARS.** This aspect provides added physical strength or reserve energies. It can give a feeling of independence because of the 'vital nature' these people have. Assistance from brothers or to them is very prominent in this person's life.

**MERCURY.** This is an intellectually stimulating aspect. Trine aspect is good for an astrologer. All aspects to Mercury have psychic value. Their communication and externalisation has a magnetic force associated with that which others cannot help but notice.

**JUPITER.** Financial good luck and material success without sacrificing any Karmic debt is seen in this aspect. This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal positions and aids in an effective way. In this aspect, proper use of knowledge and wisdom is shown by the indivi-

dual. He is also the philosopher.

**VENUS.** This aspect in a man's chart makes him attract beautiful women with much charm of manner and they can expect better luck regarding money matters. This gives a nature that is dependable and well able to put action behind the feelings of affection.

**SATURN.** This aspect provides excellent working habits to these individuals. Here they have the ability to see the serious broad view and stick to it. In this aspect, the harder the person works, the better will be his rewards. Emotional and spiritual maturity is seen even in early childhood.

**URANUS.** He can express himself best through humanitarian and social reform. Brilliant ideas and innovative things are often associated with this aspect. One good thing about these people is know how to, and when to, use their unusual energies.

**NEPTUNE.** This person is talented in music and the arts, or has a great appreciation of them. This aspect provides strong sense of spirituality or even mediumistic attitude to the individual. It inclines him to metaphysical studies. He seeks the seemingly impossible.

**PLUTO.** Even the good aspects to Pluto can be separative, but the separation is for good. Their temper, when not in control is quite destructive, not only to them, but to their surroundings as well. It denotes force and depth.

## CHAPTER 8

### **Combinations of Rahu or Ketu with the Planets**

It is rather difficult to give all the combinations of the Rahu or Ketu with the planets, but in this chapter, we will provide some of the important combinations which the readers will find useful in predictive astrology.

#### **SUN**

1. Association of Rahu with Sun, Mars and Saturn nullifies all the other good combinations of the horoscope.

2. Combination of the Sun, 10th lord and the ascendent lord aspected by Rahu makes the negative proficient in religious scriptures. Some result is indicated if Rahu is in combination with Mars and the 2nd house lord.

3. Rahu, 2nd from the Sun and 9th from Saturn confers spirituality and turns the native into a religious leader.

4. Rahu square to Sun and trine to Saturn or Rahu placed 3rd or 8th from the Sun or Saturn confers royalty on the native in most of the cases.

5. The best position of Rahu is to be posited in the 1st house along with Saturn, the Sun and the Moon having the 9th respect of Jupiter.

6. Rahu with the 7th lord in Sagittarius or Pisces makes the native adulterous and if the Sun joins with them, he will have sexual relations with the women of high born families.

7. Rahu in the 6th, Saturn in the 8th. Mars and the Sun in the 12th house causes the native to lose his mother in his 12th year.

8. Rahu in the 5th, Moon in the ascendant, Venus in the 2nd and Sun/Mercury in the 12th house; the person will be greatly troubled by his wife and children.

9. Moon joins Rahu, Saturn joins Mars and placed in the ascendant, it is evil for the mother. However, if Sun/Mars do not aspect Saturn, there will be comforts of the Mother till late in the life.

10. Mars in the 11th house with Rahu and the Sun in the 5th house, the native will lead a life as a chief of the town.

11. Rahu in the 7th house aspecting Venus or Venus in the 7th house from Rahu and if from Venus, Sun/Mars are in the 3rd house, the person will fall from a tree and die.

12. Person is not born on Thursday, Jupiter joins Rahu, Mars join Saturn and Moon joins Sun. the native will become lame.

13. Rahu in the 2nd house with Sun, Mercury, Venus and Saturn, the mother dies soon after the delivery.

14. Venus in the 7th house; Sun, Mars, and Jupiter are placed in a sign owned by an evil planet and Rahu is placed in a sign of malefic planet, the native will suffer from chronic illness.

15. Rahu in the 5th house and the ascendant lord is in association with the Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. the child will die soon after birth.

16. Rahu in the 2nd house. Sun in the ascendant, Mars in the 3rd house. Mercury in the 12th house and Venus is exalted in Pisces, the native will enjoy royalty.

17. Moon in the 2nd house. Rahu in the 3rd house, Jupiter in the 4th house, Mercury in the 12th house and Saturn in the 11th house or 6th house, with exalted Sun in Aries, gives rise to exceedingly powerful *Raja Yoga*. If of a Royal birth, the native is sure to become an Emperor.

18. Conjunction of Rahu and the Sun in the 4th house is not favourable. There will be many financial troubles, fear to enemies, and failure of plans. There may be the problems of children also. Finally the native will leave for another town or country.

19. Rahu conjunction Sun in the 7th, the native will loose his wealth through the association of women.

20. Rahu conjunction Sun in the 10th house will bring elevation in native's life, but the political career will be a failure. He will have many ups and downs in life. Rahu conjunction Sun in the 9th house will give higher learnings and foreign travels.

21. Conjunction of Rahu and the Sun is bad in Aries, Gemini, Libra, Scorpio and Aquarius. Sun conjunction Ketu destroys the house where they are placed.

22. Rahu or Ketu in close conjunction to the Sun in the 8th house curtails the longevity.

23. Rahu conjunction the Sun in Leo is termed favourable. Similarly conjunction of Rahu and the Sun in the 1st, 3rd, 5th or 12th house is excellent. It will bring fame, social elevation, dignity etc. but the relations between the father and the Sun will not be cordial.

24. If Rahu or Ketu conjunction the Sun is afflicted, placed in malefic houses or aspected by malefic planets, it causes loss of profession and prestige. There will be frustrations and comforts of the children will be denied.



25. If Rahu is 5th from the Sun and Jupiter and 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th or 12th from the Moon, a public leader is born.

26. Rahu in square aspect to Saturn, the Sun the Moon and Jupiter, the politician is born. Jupiter in trine aspect instead of square, shapes the administrators amongst them. Alternatively, Rahu in the 2nd, 6th, 8th or 12th house from Saturn, the Sun, the Moon and Jupiter gives rise to a politician and administrator.

27. Capricorn ascendant, the native is classified as lucky if Rahu is not with Jupiter, Moon is with the Sun and Mars is with Saturn.

28. Rahu in the 8th house aspected by Sun/Saturn and not aspected by the benefics; 8th or 12th year will prove critical for the native.

29. When Ketu is in Sagittarius upto 3°-20', and the Moon and Sun have the same declinations, then whatever may be the other combination denoting rank, status and position the person cannot rise in life.

### MOON

1. Saturn in the 5th house aspected or associated by the Moon and Rahu conjunction 5th house lord brings about the loss of children. The same results are indicated, when Rahu is associated with Jupiter, lord of the ascendant is with Mars and the ruler of the 5th house is weak.

2. Rahu in the 6th, 8th or 12th house with the Moon and Saturn and aspected by the lord of the ascendant bring about the death in bad circumstances.

3. With the aspect of Rahu on Saturn, when the Moon is very weak, will lead the native to undergo the operation of the head.

4. Rahu produces white leprosy when combined with Mars or Moon.

5. If Rahu is 8th from Saturn, 10th from Jupiter and 3rd from the Moon, a great scientist is born.

6. Ruler of the ascendant with the ruler of the 6th house and Rahu in the sixth house, the native will die by poison at the hands of a woman. Some result is produced if Moon is in the ascendant and Venus is with Rahu or Ketu.

7. Rahu with Moon in the 9th house and Jupiter in the 10th house the native will be blessed with lucky and beautiful children.

8. Capricorn ascendant, Ketu 7th to Moon and 4th to Venus, there will be 3 marriages or there will be three women in his life. No cordial relations with the children. The residence will be old and mother's comforts are denied. The native will also suffer from the heart disease. Such a Moon brings disease and trials.

9. Capricorn ascendant, Saturn 8th to the Moon and Rahu 5th to the Moon, the mother of the native is rendered. Unfortunate. There will be freckles on the face or birth-marks on the body.

10. Jupiter and Moon in the 12th house are classified as unfortunate, but if Rahu or Ketu stays with them, the defect is cancelled and classified as fortunate.

11. Rahu in the ascendant without Moon or any benefic planet, Saturn in the third house and malefics in the 4th, 7th and 10th houses, the person will have nothing but sufferings all through the life.

12. Rahu in the 4th house with the Moon in the 8th houses and malefic are in the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses, the longevity of the native is short.

13. If Rahu with the Moon, Mars and Saturn stays in either the 7th or 9th house, then the health will be disturbed on the 7th day or in the 7th month.

14. Rahu in Aquarius, Mars in Capricorn, Moon and Saturn in Virgo with Jupiter in Leo, the native will become a king.

15. Rahu in the ascendant or in the 8th house and is aspected by the Moon, the 10th day will be evil. (b) Rahu in the 4th house Moon in the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th house, the 20th year will be critical. (c) Rahu in the 4th, 6th or 8th and the Moon in the 8th, the 20th day will be evil. (d) Rahu in the 8th house and the Moon is in the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th house, then the life is short. (e) Rahu in the ascendant, the Moon in the 6th house, the native may suffer from convulsions or fits. (f) Rahu in the 8th house with a weak Moon shows falling sickness. (g) Rahu in the 4th house with the Moon in the 6th or 8th house, the life will be short.

16. Rahu with the Moon in the 3rd house, mother will die at an early age.

17. Rahu/Moon conjunction without benefic aspects give rise to all sorts of mental diseases. Other planets develop traits when conjoined with Rahu or Ketu. (b) The conjunction taking place in the 3rd house gives one anxiety on account of one's own perverted thinking. The sister becomes widow.

18. Moon in Capricorn aspected by Jupiter and Rahu in Virgo, one may have number of children out of which two or three would survive.

19. Rahu's association with Moon alone in soft constellation is good for intuition. But if Mars join the combination, it will have a very undesirable effect. The person may suffer from hysteria, swellings and epileptic fits. One may become sensitive and apt to suffer through contact with the rougher side of life. He will be highly stung and liable to nervous exhaustion.

20. Moon/Mars/Rahu or Moon/Saturn/Rahu or Mercury/

Mars/Rahu or Mercury/Saturn/Rahu associations, especially in Sagittarius, Aries, and Scorpio or in the constellation ruled by Mars or Saturn is a dreaded combination unless there are beneficial aspects. The person's life, coinciding with the operation of main periods of any of the planets concerned, is liable to be shattered and frustrated. Headstrong, restless and intolerant of restraint, ill-controlled temper inclines the person to go to extremes.

## MARS

1. Mars, Jupiter and the ruler of the 5th house are in conjunction and aspected by Rahu from the ascendant, death of children is indicated.

2. Rahu and Venus in the 4th house while Mars or Saturn is posited in the ascendant produce a mark at the heel or left-leg.

3. Rahu in the 7th house and Mars in the 4th house, the native will behave like an animal to satisfy his lusts.

4. Rahu in the 7th house, Mars in the 6th house and Saturn in the 8th house, the wife will be short lived. This combination will destroy the brothers as well.

5. When 6th house ruler aspected by Rahu or Ketu is in Aries, or Scorpio or in ascendant with Mars, thieving, cheating and lying tendencies will be prominent in the native.

6. Combination of Rahu with Mars and Saturn in the ascendant gives rise to the diseases of the generative organs.

7. Combination of Rahu with Mars and Saturn makes the native accident prone. The house position will indicate the part of the body to be afflicted or shatters the prosperity of that house.

8. Combination of Rahu with Mars and Saturn in the 8th

house makes the person perverse, cruel and immoral. There will be sudden rise and sudden fall.

9. If Mars or Jupiter is with Ketu in the 3rd house in conjunction with the lord of the 2nd house, the native can shine well as an author or an editor.

10. Rahu or Ketu with Mars and Saturn in the 9th house the father will die after untold hardships.

11. Capricorn ascendant, Rahu 3rd to Mercury and Mars 3rd from Rahu, there will be prominent birth-Mark or a scar on one of the legs.

12. Rahu in Gemini, Mars in Leo, Saturn in Libra and Venus in Virgo, the mother will die early.

13. Mercury 8th to Mars and Rahu 5th to Mercury, the person will have an stomach ailment and will have financial problems.

14. Rahu, Mars and Jupiter together in the 6th, 8th or 12th house, the native will earn the displeasure of the ruler.

15. Mars or Venus or Mercury in the 10th house, identical to its own sign with Rahu, there will be sudden gains and sudden fall.

16. Rahu in the 10th house, Jupiter in the 8th house and Venus is 4th to Mars, the person will get his hands or feet injured. He will become paralytic and thereby incapacitated professionally.

17. Rahu in the 4th house, Mars in the ascendant and Saturn in 12th house, 8th month will be critical (b) Rahu in the 3rd house, Mars and Saturn in the 2nd house, longevity can be estimated as one year. (c) Rahu in the 7th house with the Moon, Mars and Saturn, the 7th day or the 7th year can be critical for longevity. (d) Rahu or Ketu in the ascendant, and ascendant lord joins Mars, the 18th year will be critical.

18. Mars/Rahu in the 3rd house kills the elder brother or

the native will be the eldest. He will be slave to his emotions. People will have no regard for him. If Rahu/Mars are in Gemini in the 3rd house, the native will live for 74 years and will die on a Wednesday morning when the Moon is in *Revati* asterism.

19. Mars/Rahu in the 4th house : (a) If benefic—the subject will gain through metal, gold, silver etc. and through cloth etc. He might get a legacy as well. (b) If afflicted—there will be loss of wealth and losses through enemies and rogues. Various types of obstacles and delays arise.

20. Mars/Rahu in the 5th house, there will be no male issue or issues dies. Rahu in the 5th house in Aries or Scorpio or aspected by Mars brings about the loss of sons.

21. Mars/Rahu in the 7th house gives more than one wife and indicates love affairs before marriage.

22. Mars/Rahu in the 8th house spoils the health, gives middle age and death as a result of poison or being bitten by poisonous insect.

23. Mars conjunction Ketu, there will be fear about male children, of weapons, of ill-health. There will be loss of wealth, family troubles, divorce and death but towards the end of Dasa of Mars or Ketu, there will be an increase of luck and much benefit.

24. Mars/Ketu in the 4th house, fear will arise due to either of the following : (a) sons, (b) weapons, (c) diseases. Loss of wife and loss of wealth has to be apprehended. At the close of Ketu Dasa, there will be happiness and gains.

25. Mars/Ketu in the 5th house, there will be an emotional problem in the 18th year, possibly a love affair. The hair will begin to fall—premature baldness. There may be as many as three marriages.

26. Rahu in Gemini and Mars in Leo, the native will enjoy all sort of comforts, authority and will become the king.

27. Mars/Rahu in the 10th or 11th or 2nd house produce detective writers. Makes the native rich by understand and questionable means.

28. Mars in close conjunction to Rahu or Ketu makes a person violent. Such a person cannot control his anger and sometimes murderous tendency appears. Rahu/Mars association also gives suicidal tendencies, specially in certain destructive parts of different asterisms' Rahu/Mars/Moon in the asterism of the ascendant brings about suicide by the native.

29. Rahu in the 2nd house and Mars in the 7th house, the wife will not survive.

30. Rahu in the 6th, Mars in the 5th Venus in the 8th and the Sun in the 9th, the person will lead his country or the nation.

31. Rahu/Mars in the 6th house and Mercury in the 10th house, the native will rise to an authoritative position and will have an excellent career.

32. Rahu and Jupiter in the 8th house causes stomach diseases. If the parts of the constellations involved are those of Mars or Ketu, one undergoes an operation. If for this combination. Mercury is in the 3rd house, he will undergo the operation in a foreign country.

## MERCURY

1. Combination of Rahu/Mercury/Saturn in the 10th house sometimes results in the amputation of the leg.

2. Combination of Rahu or Ketu with the ascendant lord and the Moon or with Mercury in a house will indicate the skin disease on the part of the body ruled by that house.

Rahu produces white leprosy when combined with the ascendant lord and Mercury.

3. Rahu aspected by Saturn, Venus and Mercury becomes very powerful to do good. Although Rahu is stated to be friend of Mercury, Venus and Saturn, but the conjunction with these planets causes more affliction than otherwise. In fact, Rahu is no one's friend.

4. Capricorn ascendant, Rahu 3rd to Mercury, success as a farmer or dairy owner. Large number of cattle and wealth through animals is indicated. He will enjoy great comforts.

5. Mercury/Jupiter in the 2nd house and Rahu identical to Gemini, the native will be benefitted by three well-to do relations.

6. Rahu conjunction Jupiter in the 7th house and Mercury in the 9th house, the person will leave his country of birth and will live in foreign lands.

7. Rahu in the 12th house with Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn in the 5th house; it will be bad for the longevity of the native.

8. Rahu in an angle (1-4-7-10) with Saturn, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury, the person will be a healthy strong man with good children, honour etc. and long lived.

9. Rahu or Ketu with Mercury and ruler of the 2nd house posited in the 6th give rise to disease of the mouth, ear and nose.

10. Rahu 8th from Mercury, the parents will be sickly and rendered unfortunate.

11. Mercury 2nd to Rahu, the native will leave the country of birth and will reside in a foreign land.

12. Rahu 7th to Mercury may leave the chicken-pox or small-pox on the body.

13. Rahu/Mercury in the 4th house gives gains and



money. It gives high position and social status, but if the sign is Pisces, there will be sorrows due to relations, friends and children.

14. Mercury with Ketu or Rahu in the 6th or 12th house and heavily afflicted gives rise to a disease which cannot be diagnosed or cured. Even nervous breakdown or insanity is caused.

15. Rahu conjunction Venus in the 4th house will give all comforts and pleasures but if Mercury joins them, the native will indulge in sexual excesses, damaging his health.

16. Rahu conjunction Mercury in the 5th house, it may affect the brain.

### JUPITER

1. Capricorn ascendant, Rahu in the 10th and Jupiter in the 8th house, the native may possibly suffer from rheumatism, paralysis or polio.

2. Jupiter in the ascendant and Rahu in the 8th house give a mark on the left hand. Same results will be produced if Rahu/Jupiter are in the ascendant and 8th house is occupied by malefics.

3. Rahu conjunction Jupiter in Leo gives long age. Same will be the results if Rahu alone stays in Aries or Virgo.

4. Saturn conjunction Rahu or Ketu, but under the benefic rays of Jupiter, produces a great *Yogi*.

5. Rahu in square or trine to Jupiter or in trine to the Sun creates writers.

6. Capricorn ascendant. Rahu 4th to Jupiter and Venus 4th to Rahu, the person will be lucky and prosperous. In addition to wealth, he will enjoy name and fame but there will be fluctuations too.

7. Rahu in the 3rd house, Saturn in the 2nd house and Jupiter in the ascendant, the native destroys his mother and

also kills his brothers.

8. Ketu conjunction Saturn in the 3rd house and Jupiter in the 9th house, the person born will be outside wedlock.

9. Rahu conjunction Jupiter in the 8th house, there will be a stomach ailment and also the birth-mark near the naval.

10. Rahu in the ascendant, Saturn in the 7th house and Venus conjunction Jupiter in the 12th house, the child will live for one year.

11. Rahu in Taurus in the 9th house with Venus and Jupiter, the person will live for a very long age.

12. Jupiter in Aries and Rahu with Venus occupies the 10th house, the person born will be prosperous and fortunate. He will enjoy some sort of authority also.

13. Jupiter in the 10th house, Rahu in the sixth house and Venus in the 2nd house, the native will rise to great heights even if born under humble circumstances.

14. Jupiter conjunction Rahu or Ketu, without any benefic makes the native scoff at religion and higher value of life but if aspected by benefics, the native will love and respect the learned and religious people.

15. Rahu conjunction Jupiter in the 4th house with benefic aspects will make the native religious and God fearing. He will have wealth and prosperity, and will distinguish himself as a lawyer.

16. Jupiter conjunction Ketu destroys the fruit of the house in which it takes place.

17. Jupiter conjunction Rahu in favourable signs in 1st, 5th, 9th or Jupiter aspecting Rahu when placed in the 1st, 9th or 10th house, the native rises very high and will be respected by all.

18. Capricorn ascendant. Jupiter conjunction Rahu in the 9th house. The subject will rise high and will enjoy all

sorts of comforts but nearly 5% of his children will die.

19. Rahu conjunction Jupiter in the 5th house, there may be loss of issues or abortions.

## VENUS

1. Rahu/Venus in the 4th house will give all sorts of gains including money and lands. There will be domestic peace, harmony and comforts. Relations and friends will be of great help.

2. Rahu in the 8th and Venus in the ascendent, there will be a mark on the head or left ear.

3. Rahu in the 12th house, Saturn in the 3rd house and Venus in the 5th house, the right eye will be defective.

4. Saturn/Ketu in the 3rd house, Rahu aspects Venus in the 5th house, there will be fascination for the opposite sex.

5. Venus in the 7th house aspected by Rahu, the native may suffer from cholera or diarrhoea.

6. Venus conjunction Rahu in 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th or 12th house is bad but is good in other houses. Venus trine Rahu give the native excellent moral character.

7. Venus conjunction Ketu gives perverse sex outlook.

## SATURN

1. Rahu in Capricorn or Aquarius and Saturn 8th to Rahu the native takes interest in occult sciences.

2. Rahu conjunction Saturn in the 9th house, there will be displeasure with the parents or the rulers and fear of fall from a high position. The native may leave the country of birth or town of residence.

3. Saturn conjunction Rahu in the ascendant, the mother

would have suffered from labour pains and the native will suffer ill-health in his childhood and the wounds will afflict him in young age.

4. Rahu in the 10th house and lord of the 10th house with Saturn posited in the 3rd house, the native will be wealthy, religious and learned.

5. Rahu or Ketu with Saturn and 4th house ruler, placed in the 8th house will give stomach and digestion troubles.

6. Saturn conjunction Rahu or Ketu in a malefic house gives suicidal tendency and criminal bent of mind.

7. Saturn in the constellation of Rahu and Ketu in the constellation of Saturn, involving the 8th house, denotes predisposition to paralytic strokes.

### HOUSES

1. Rahu invariably occupies the cadent houses from the major planets in the cases of ordinary men.

2. Rahu's association with the rulers of the ascendant and the ruler of 6th house brings about poisoning from snakes, women, and fear from thieves.

FIRST HOUSE. Rahu in the ascendant and the ascendant lord in 10th house shows that the time of delivery the native issued leg foremost.

2. Rahu in the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th house aspected by malefics, it is evil on the 10th day or in the 10th year.

3. Rahu in the ascendant identical to Leo with benefic aspects gives a kingly life. Rahu in the ascendant identical to Aries. Taurus or Cancer protects the native and bestows all the comforts.

4. Rahu in Gemini or Virgo and placed in the 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th, 10 or 12th house, the person will be charitable, grateful, God-fearing. He will have no sufferings and will

be blessed with all sorts of comforts.

5. Ketu in the ascendant identical to Capricorn or Aquarius bestows on the native wealth and children.

6. Rahu in the ascendant while lord of the ascendant is associated with a malefic gives the native troubles from thieves and cheats.

7. Rahu in the ascendant in Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius or Aquarius gives the native a lean body.

8. Rahu or Ketu in combination with the lord of the ascendant and 6th house and placed in 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th or 10th house may result in the chain imprisonment of the native.

9. Rahu or Ketu when posited in the 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th or 10th house and is associated with the rulers of one of these houses bring about prosperity and fortune to the native. Their conjunction with the rulers of 5th or 9th house is beneficial any where in the chart. They confer happiness, children and wealth, on the native.

**SECOND HOUSE.** Rahu or Ketu in 2nd or 7th house in conjunction with or aspected by the ruler of the 15th or the 9th house, bestows wealth, long life and authority.

**THIRD HOUSE.** Rahu with the ruler of the ascendant in the 3rd house makes the person one of the twins.

2. Rahu posited the 3rd, 6th, or 11th house with the aspects or associations of benefic planets removes all the troubles and difficulties of human life.

3. Rahu in the 3rd house (afflicted) kills the eldest and the youngest brother, Ketu in the 3rd house destroys all or brings in troubles from then.

4. Rahu in the 3rd house with the ruler of the 3rd house makes the native bold within but he will behave like a coward. Ketu in the 3rd house with the ruler of the 3rd

house makes the native coward within, with an outward show of bravery. Rahu or Ketu in the 3rd house with a malefic gives rise to the disease of the neck.

**FOURTH HOUSE.** Rahu in the 4th house with evil planets in the ascendant and the 7th house and malefics in the 2nd or 12th house, the 7th day after birth will become very critical. Rahu in the 4th house afflicted by malefics may bring about the death in the first year of birth or in the 10th or 14th year.

2. Rahu in the 4th house indicates that the native will have a closed mind. He will never open his head to any one. When afflicted, it induces the native to put up an outward appearance of a good and religious man and act accordingly though inwardly he may be quite the opposite.

**FIFTH HOUSE.** Rahu exalted or debilitated in the 5th causes sorrow through children.

2. Rahu or Ketu in the 5th house with no benefic aspect reduces the comforts. There will be fear of all types including fear of women and serpents. Children and family members will be the source of worry, and the native will have weak memory. If Rahu aspects the 5th house, the son will deride and disobey.

**SIXTH HOUSE.** Rahu in the sixth house gives wounds or scar marks on both the legs of the native Ketu in the sixth house brings in cuts or wounds or scar marks near the eyes or on the belly.

2. Troubles from evil spirits are produced by Rahu or Ketu in the 6th house with aspects of malefics and with evil *amsas*.

3. The mere occupation of the 6th by Rahu with the malefic aspects gives the native lying or cheating disposition.

4. Rahu in the 6th house with the ruler of the 1st and

6th houses and other malefics, makes the person sickly and short tempered.

**SEVENTH HOUSE.** Rahu in the 7th house with the 7th lord identical to Sagittarius or Pisces, the person will have sexual relations with religious and respectable girls.

2. Rahu or Ketu in the 7th house brings about sexual union with women during their periods. The native's wife will have a long, hanging and ugly breasts.

3. Rahu or Ketu in the 7th house aspected by malefics indicate that the wife of the native will not be chaste and will be interested in other men. If Rahu or Ketu are heavily afflicted, the native will not have a wife or if he marries, the wife will die in a very short time.

4. Ruler of the 7th house aspected by malefics and combined with Rahu or Ketu, the native will be prone to commit adultery.

5. Malefic Rahu in the 7th house, death can be apprehended in the 10th year. When Rahu is inimical and occupies the 7th or the 9th house, it is evil for the native in his 16th year.

**EIGHTH HOUSE.** Rahu or Ketu in the 8th house or associated with 8th lord, indicates typhoid or like fevers.

**NINTH HOUSE.** Afflicted Rahu in the 9th house gives tendencies for cruel deeds. A hard hearted and merciless leader is born when Rahu or Ketu is placed in the 9th house and 9th lord is debilitated.

2. Rahu or Ketu posited in the 9th or 10th house in conjunction with the lord of the 5th or the 9th house will bestow all sorts of luxuries and the comforts on the native.

**TENTH HOUSE.** Rahu in the 10th with benefic planets gives the native pilgrimages to holy places and shrines. The second half of life will be prosperous and fortunate.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE.** Rahu in the 11th house is bad for children but brings about large number of friends even amongst the great.

**TWELETH HOUSE.** Rahu in the 12th house lands the native in wasteful expenditure.

2. Rahu's association with the ruler of the 11th house results in the loss of a limb when the 12th house is occupied by the malefics.

3. Rahu in the 12th house with the ruler of the ascendant and aspected by the 6th house ruler, gives all sorts of mental and physical worries.



## CHAPTER 9

### **Rahu & Ketu in Vimshottari Dasa**

As said earlier in this book, though Rahu and Ketu are not physical bodies in the heavens, but they have been given the status of planets in Hindu Predictive Astrology. Naturally they cannot be ignored in Vimshottari Dasa System also. Rahu's period is for 11 years and Ketu's 7 years. Rahu and Ketu do not rule any signs like other planets but the fact that a major share of Vimshottari Dasa period has been apportioned (25 years) to these two planets speak volumes of their importance Rahu and are termed *Karmic* planets and their Dasa periods and sub-periods are quite interesting in a sense that they do bring the native back to the Karmic or destined path. Freewill almost does not exist in terms of Node's periods.

Similarly the Dasa periods and sub-periods of Karmic Controlling Planets (rulers of the signs occupied by Rahu and Ketu) are to be interpreted in a different manner, but that is not the subject of this book. For other planets, either they are considered from the natal ascendant or from the place occupied by them is to be treated as Acendant for that planet's Dasa, but for Rahu and Ketu, we are to incorporate both the schools.

For interpreting Rahu and Ketu Dasa, we are to consider the houses occupied by them, the signs in which they are placed along with the position of the planet ruling the sign occupied by Rahu or Ketu and the aspects they receive.

There will be so many promutations and combinations, that a complete delineation is not possible in one small chapter of this book but we will try to give some broad outlines for the guidance of the learned readers. For illustration, we take the example given in Chapter 17, "*Karmic Destiny*" of this book. Ketu is in Aries in 4th house ruled by Mars and for interpreting Ketu Dasa, the position of Mars (Karmic Controlling Planet) in natal chart is equally important. Mars is in Libra in 10th house. Had Mars been exalted in the Ascendant, Ketu Dasa results would have been totally different than what they had been now, i.e. Mars in its Fall in the 10th house. The native had to change as many as six professions and he could hardly stay on one job for two years. Ketu Dasa proved to be the most unfortunate part of his life. In addition, the learned reader must also consider the stellar position of Rahu and Ketu. If they are placed on the asterisms of Yoga-karka planets, their results will be considerably modified to do good.

Some of the broad outlines to be followed in connection with their Dasa result interpretations are as under :

1. In Hindu Astrology, (6th, 8th and 12th houses are termed as *Dussthana*s (malefic house). Whenever Rahu or Ketu is placed (a) on the asterism of the ruler of the 6th, 8th or 12th house, (b) placed in 6th or 8th or 12th house, (c) associated or aspected by the ruler of 6th or 8th or 12th house; the native will be subject to disturbing influences. By modifications due to benefic planets, the evil will be minimised, but cannot be nullified altogether.

2. Similarly, angles (1-4-7-10) and trines (5-9) are termed as benefic houses and whenever Rahu or Ketu is placed (a) on the asterism of the rulers of these houses, (b) in these houses (1-4-5-7-9-10), (c) related to be rulers of these houses by aspects or associations; their Dasa periods will be favourable.

3. When Rahu or Ketu happened to be (a) in 2nd, 3rd or 11th house (b) or associated or aspected by the rulers of these (2-3-11) houses, (c) or placed on the asterism of the rulers of 2nd, 3rd, or 18th house, mixed results will occur and will not be powerful either way.

4. When Rahu or Ketu is placed on the asterism of Ketu, various unpleasant events will take place in its period, but if Rahu or Ketu is placed on the asterism of Rahu, it will give good results. (In Hindu Astrology, Rahu and Ketu are termed as malefics, but so are the Sun and Mars. Our experience says that when it comes to worldly affairs, Rahu is to be taken as benefic and Ketu as malefic. Reverse will be the case, if the subject is engaged in religious and spiritual pursuits).

5. As said earlier, Rahu and Ketu do not own any sign. So Rahu and Ketu will give the results of the houses in which they are posited, the results of the owners of the houses occupied by them and also the results of the planets with whom they are associated.

6. Technically all the planets are classified either as malefics or benefics but in practical application it is not so. Every planet stands to be modified by its location, aspects etc. For example, Mars is malefic but it is the only planet of *energy*. Person without energy is as good as dead. It will be upto the person concerned to use this energy constructively, subject to Mars position in the natal chart. One cannot be an athlete and earn international reputation without Mars' energy, then how this planet can be termed as malefic? Same is the case with all the other planets including Rahu and Ketu.

(a) When favourable, Rahu will confer on the native all round prosperity, high position of authority, all kinds of

virtues and wealth. The native will resort to holy shrines, will acquire sacred knowledge and power. If afflicted, the period will be liable to dangers from poison, reptiles, diseases and troubles all over the body, danger from missiles and fire, enmity with the mean, a fall from a tree and torments from enemies.

(b) When favourable, Ketu Dasa will bring success in all undertakings, acquisition of wealth through bloody deed, good fortune through a foreign king, attempts at poetical composition and destruction of enemies. When afflicted, Ketu will cause to the native intense miseries, all his efforts will become fruitless; he will be doing only unprofitable things, there will also be loss of position of low class, he will suffer from rheumatism or sharp pain in the heart, tuberculosis, shaking all over the body, misunderstanding with the religious persons. He will further commit the worst follies.

7. In between Rahu and Ketu, Rahu's Dasa is always more favourable and powerful than Ketu. Even if Ketu Dasa is favourable, the person should be cautious, because Ketu takes away at the fag end of its Dasa, whatever it has given earlier to the nature. The benefits of Ketu Dasa are seldom durable and lasting. Rahu's results, either for good or for bad, are generally permanent and lasting.

8. Rahu or Ketu natally in the signs (Capricorn or Aquarius) of Saturn does not give favourable results in their Dasa periods.

9. Ruler of 2nd or 7th house is a death inflicting planet and even if Rahu or Ketu is well placed in angles or (trines (1-4-5-7-9-10), but if they are associated with the ruler of 2nd or 7th house, they can bring death in their main periods or subperiods. By their simply location in 2nd or 7th house, without any malefic association, will not confer on them the

death inflicting powers. On the other hand, if they are associated with benefic planets, they can bring fortune and prosperity in their main and sub-periods.

10. When it comes to Signs, Rahu and Ketu are powerful in dual (3-6-9-12) signs and if (a) the ruler of the sign so occupied also happens to be the ruler of 1-4-5-7-9-10 house, the native is guaranteed peace, prosperity and fortune in their periods or subperiods, (b) on the other hand, if such ruler owns 6th, 8th or 12th house, it will take away the good qualities of the sign and will inflict miseries and sufferings. Same results will be of low potency if Rahu or Ketu are placed in moveable signs (1-4-7-10) or fixed signs (2-5-8-11).

11. If Rahu or Ketu (a) is placed in 6th or 8th or 12th house and associated with benefic planets or, (b) if they are placed in 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th or 10th house and associated with malefic planets, they will first give happiness and prosperity but in the end will inflict lot of miseries and sufferings.

12. If Rahu Dasa happened to be the 5th or 7th from the Birth Dasa, it will prove to be malefic; all sorts of misfortunes and miseries will be inflicted on the native. So much so, that he can even meet the unnatural death.

### **Rahu Dasa**

The onset of Rahu Dasa will be with unpleasant experience well marked in the life of the person. The end of Dasa, too, may not be good. The end of Mars Dasa and the commencement of Rahu Dasa—say the period of six months—has been said to be bad and painful as a rule.

Rahu, in Pisces, in its Dasa gives benefic results for first 15 years but during the last three years (during Rahu/Sun, Rahu/Moon and Rahu/Mars), takes away all whatever is given earlier. Some of the authors have divided Rahu in three parts

of six years each. First part will be sorrowful, second will be happy and the last will be destructive.

### **Rahu in Houses/Signs**

While giving the Dasa results of Rahu through houses, it is presumed that the planet does not stand for any modification either for good or for bad. No separate delineation is given for Rahu and Ketu in the Signs; as First house and Sign Aries will give, more or less, the same results. If the sign is different than the house, it will be for the learned reader to blend the qualities of both and predict the outcome accordingly.

**FIRST HOUSE/ARIES.** The native will rise to a place of eminence in the world, will be happily placed in life, will be physically strong, will have a brilliant appearance and his prosperity will be on the increase as his life progresses.

**SECOND HOUSE/TAURUS.** There will be success or acquisition of family acquisition of good children, good meals, earning money by lectures, eloquence in speech and the consequent approbation of the audience in the assembly.

**THIRD HOUSE/GEMINI.** One ought to expect friendship with the help from brothers, hearing of agreeable news which please the mind, the exhibition of one's valour, leadership in an army attainment of some honour, help from people and a priase by others of his virtues and good qualities.

**FORTH HOUSE/CANCER.** Help to relations, success in agriculture, friendship with females, acquisition of vehicles, new land, new house, wealth, higher status (promotion) may be expected.

**FIFTH HOUSE/LEO.** The native may expect the birth of a son, respect and merriment with relations or the post of a councilor under kings. He will feed others and enjoy all kinds of dainties in plenty. He will accomplish recognition of his creative ability.

**SIXTH HOUSE/VIRGO.** The native will be able to subdue all his enemies by doing daring acts. He will enjoy perfect health, will be highly liberal-minded, will be very powerful and will live in all splendour and prosperity.

**SEVENTH HOUSE/LIBRA.** The person acquires new clothes, jewels, new bed etc. He will be contended, will fully enjoy all pleasures in the company of his beloved. He will be very powerful and perform marriages or similar auspicious festivities in his family and undertake pleasure trips.

**EIGHTH HOUSE/SCORPIO.** If favourable, one ought to expect the complete discharge of debts, his own elevation, cessation of quarrels and acquisition of moveable properties.

**NINTH HOUSE/SAGITTARIUS.** The person in the company of his wife, children, grand-children, relations etc., will enjoy continuous prosperity, happiness and wealth; will perform meritorious deeds, receive royal favours, will be God fearing, having respect for religious literature.

**TENTH HOUSE/CAPRICORN.** The person will bring to a successful termination any business or undertaking originated by him; he will lead a happy life, he will become widely renowned, settle himself on a permanent position; will do cleverly what is good and proper, or he will get happy news and will command great respect.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE/AQUARIUS.** The person will have an uninterrupted influx of wealth, will meet with his kith and kin, will be served by the servants and sub-ordinates, and there will domestic happiness and great prosperity.

**TWELFTH HOUSE/PISCES.** There will be much spending of money by the native for the cause of the good. He will do meritorious acts, and thus ward off the several sins already committed.

## **Rahu Dasa Sub-Periods**

**RAHU/RAHU.** 2y 8m 12d : If Rahu is in Cancer, Scorpio, Virgo or Sagittarius, the native will command authority, and respect. There will be financial gains, too. There will be prosperity in business and promotion in service. Long travel in the West will bring earnings and learnings. If Rahu is in 3rd, 6th, 10th or 11th natal house and associated with benefic or Yoga-Karkas planets; the native will command respect from the rulers and gains thereby. There will be domestic peace and happiness. If Rahu is placed in 6th, 8th or 12th natal house associated by malefic planets, there will be miseries and sufferings. He himself or family members will suffer from physical ailments. Loss of money by theft. Wife and children will suffer, brother will become the cause of worry and the native will earn the displeasure of the government. If a planet happens to be the ruler of 2nd and 7th houses and is placed in the 7th house with Rahu, the person will suffer practically in all the departments of his life.

**RAHU/JUPITER.** 2y 4m 24d : If Jupiter is in 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th or 10th house from the ascendant identical to its own or exalted sign. there will be gains in properties, place of mind, destruction of enemies, great comforts and respect from the government. There will be prosperity all round. The person will be required to travel to foreign countries on a very important mission of the government and will return back after attaining great success and honour. He will have respect for learned and religious people. He may perform the marriage of his son or some other suspicious or religious ceremonies. If Jupiter is in its fall or in debilitation and placed in 6th, 8th or 12th natal house and associated with malefic planets, there will



be loss of property, failure of business, reversion in service and loss of reputation and honour. Family members and he himself will suffer from one disease or the other. If Jupiter is in 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 2nd or 3rd from Rahu with powerful benefics, it will enhance the results of these house. The person will be religious and will be doing charitable deeds. In the last two months of the sub-period, there will be losses of the elder brother, sufferings to the brothers and father and the native himself will suffer from physical ailments. Death may come during this sub-period if Jupiter is 6th, 8th or 12th from Rahu being the ruler of natal 2nd or 7th house.

**RAHU/SATURN.** 2y 10m 6d : If Saturn is in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th or 10th house identical to its own or exalted sign or is in 3rd or 11th natal house, there will be acquisition of vehicles, honour from the government. There will be marriage ceremonies in the family. He will build landed properties, but the earnings mostly will come from scheduled caste persons or muslims or christians. If he takes travels towards West to the foreign countries, there will be loss of money and reputation. After failures and poor health, he will return back to his country. If Saturn is in its fall or debilitation and is placed in 6th, 8th or 12th natal house, there will be danger from the enemies and the ruler. Family members will suffer physically. Domestic peace and harmony will be disturbed and the close relations will become the source of worry. There will be failure of business. If Saturn is 6th, 8th or 12th from Rahu and afflicted by malefic, the native will suffer from heart trouble, loss of respect and reputation, quarrels and sufferings through the hands of enemies. Foreign travels will bring failures. If Saturn happens to be the ruler of the 2nd or 7th house, there is a danger of premature death.

**RAHU/MERCURY.** 2y 6m 18d. If Mercury is in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house indential to its exaltation or own sign, the person will rise to a high status, there will be peace and prosperity, financial gains from business, higher learnings and acquisitions of superior vehicles. The person will perform auspicious ceremonies, such as marriages etc. He will receive financial honours and social recognition from the rulers. Married life will be very happy. If Mercurry is in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house from Rahu, the native will enjoy sound health. He will be happy and will earn the name and fame. By doing charitable deeds and helping the suffers, he will earn a great honour. He will devote most of his time in religious learnings and teachings. If Mercury is in natal 6th, 8th or 12th house in a sign of Saturn or in conjunction with Saturn or 6th, 8th or 12th from Rahu in association with malefics, he will not have respect for religions and learned people, worldly comforts will be denied, will tell lies, and will be mentally sick. There will be danger from the enemies, king and the snakes. Quarrels in the domestic life, death of a son or a teacher, loss of money and punishment from the authorities are some of the other indications of this manifestation. If Mercury, in this position, happened to be the ruler of the 2nd or 7th house, there will be poverty and also there is a danger of premature death.

**RAHU/KETU.** 1y 0m 18d. Both the planets are Karmic and the native is to pay for the past Karmas now. There will be unpleasant and tiresome journeys, loss of finances, death of cattles, physical ailments etc. If Ketu is in conjunction with the 8th house ruler, it will give mental and benefic planets, there will be financial gains and physical comforts. He will buy the landed properties, will be honoured by the government and will perform auspicious ceremonies. If Ketu is associated with the Ascendant lord, the native will gain psychic and

intuitive powers and will have comforts. If in conjunction with the ascendant lord there will be financial gains. If Ketu is placed in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th or 10th house, the sub-period will be benefic but, placed in 8th or 12th house, there will be physical diseases, fear from thieves and the fire. It will also indicate separation from the parents, quarrels with the brothers, mental worries and displeasure from the superiors. If Ketu is in conjunction with the ruler of the 2nd/7th house, there will be physical sufferings.

**RAHU/VENUS.** 3y 0m 0d. If Venus is in natal 1st, 4th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house with powerful benefic planets, there will be all round happiness, financial gains, marriage of the son, domestic peace and happiness and honours from the ruler. If Venus is exalted, or identical to its own sign, the native will build his own palatial mansion and perform several auspicious ceremonies. There will be much gains from the business or profession. If Venus is in natal 6th, 8th or 12th house, in its fall or debilitated sign or associated with malefic planets, (Saturn, Mars, Rahu), there will be physical ailments, disputes and separation either from the father or the son, loss of brothers, sufferings to relations and quarrels with son-in-law and superiors. There will be great miseries and sufferings. If Venus is in 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th or 11th from Rahu and is associated with benefic planets, the native will be honoured with the highest award of the nation and will command much respect and authority. If Venus is in 6th, 8th, or 12th from Rahu and afflicted by malefics, the native will suffer from venereal diseases, there will be danger from the poison, snakes, thieves and the king. Loss by death or separation from wife and son is also visible. He may suffer imprisonment also. If Venus is afflicted by the rulers of 2nd/7th houses, there is a

danger of premature death.

**RAHU/SUN.** Oy 10m 24d. If Sun is in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th or 11th house identical to its own sign or exalted sign, and also associated with benefic planets, there will be respect from the ruler, financial gains and acquisition of landed properties. He may be appointed as a ruler of a small town or a village. If Sun is in conjunction with the rulers of 9th and 1st and is aspected by the ruler of the 10th house, the native will be respected and honoured by the king and will be sent to foreign countries on important missions. He will be appointed on some responsible and authoritative position. His desire will be fulfilled and his children will also bring him honour and gains. If Sun is placed in 6th, 8th, or 12th house from Rahu, and is in debilitation, he will suffer from chronical diseases difficult to diagnose, displeasure of the ruler, increase of enemies, unpleasant foreign travels, fear from thieves and fire. If Sun is in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th from Rahu, he will be honoured in foreign countries, there will be general prosperity and gains. If Sun is in conjunction with the rulers of 2nd/7th houses, he will suffer from incurable diseases,

**RAHU/MOON.** 1ly 6m 0d. If Moon is natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house identical to its exalted or own sign, and associated with the benefics, he will become the king or will be respected by the kings. There will be financial gains, he will enjoy sound health and comforts from wife, children, and friends. If the Moon is waxing, all the highest honours and luxuries will be conferred on him. If Mo on is in 1st, 4th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th from Rahu,

he will have the blessing of Goddess Laxmi. There will be all round prosperity, financial gains and honours. If Moon is in 6th, 8th or 12th from Rahu, there will be danger from evil spirits and wild animals, loss of finances and honour, and sufferings from chronic diseases. He may be subject to hospital confinement or sufferings through the hands of robbers and thieves. If Moon is afflicted with the rulers of 2nd/7th houses, there is a danger of premature death.

**RAHU/MARS.** 11y 0m 18d. If Mars is placed in natal 1st, 4th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house identical to its own sign or exalted sign and is associated with benefic planets, the native will regain his lost property or estate and authority. There will be addition to the landed properties, birth of a fortunate son, and general prosperity. If he is a king, he will regain his lost territory and if he is contesting elections in a Hemocratic country, his winning at the polls and elevation to the authoritative position is a foregone conclusion. If Mars is in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house from Rahu, he will have foreign travels, will be appointed as ambassador to foreign countries or will gain the highest rank in Military service. Children will be the source of happiness. Brothers will bring happiness and there will be financial gains. If Mars is in 6th, 8th or 12th house from Rahu and afflicted by malefics, there will be loss of wife and children, sufferings through the brothers/sisters or vice versa, loss of property and change of residence. There will be all sorts of problems and worries. First 1/3 part of the sub-period will be very bad, there will be some relief in the rest of 2/3 period. If Mars is associated with the rulers of 2nd/7th houses, the native will suffer from constant fears and poor health.

## **KETU DASA**

Ketu plays a major role in keying the astute astrologer where the ripe Karma explode with a vengeance. Ketu is a very sinister indicator, radiating the very worst Saturnian woes and calamities. The Dasa period of Ketu is for 7 years.

Ketu is the Inlet Karmic planet and during this Dasa period, the native is to pay for his past Karmas. Mostly, the outcome will be bad.

### **Ketu in Houses/Signs**

**FIRST HOUSE/ARIES.** The native may be imprisoned. He will lead the life incognito, will suffer from fear, disease and mental anxiety, will participate in funeral rite, or will leave the work and take up another's task, will suffer loss of position and other misfortunes.

**SECOND HOUSE/TAURUS.** The person will behave stupidly in a public assembly, will not be true to his word, or to his family, will receive evil tidings or write bad letters, suffer eye-trouble, will be foul-tongued, spend heavily and fear of the sovereign.

**THIRD HOUSE/GEMINI.** There may be demise of his brother, evil counsel will prevail in his undertakings and there will be trouble through secret machinations of internal enemies, humiliation, discomfiture and loss of pride thereby.

**FOURTH HOUSE/CANCER.** There will be distress to the native's mother, sickness to his dear friends, dangers to his lands and house, and from water.

**FIFTH HOUSE/LEO,** The person will loose a son. He

will have aberration of mind, deception, a wearisome wandering, trouble in the stomach, displeasure of the sovereign and bodily weakness.

**SIXTH HOUSE/VIRGO.** The native will be troubled by thieves, suffer reverse, defeat and various diseases. He will do wicked acts and servile duties. He will be despised and scandalised and will suffer from wounds.

**SEVENTH HOUSE/LIBRA.** There will be distress to the native's son-in-law, there will be separation from his beloved. Something untoward will happen to him through the opposite sex. He will have intrigues with wicked women, suffer from diseases in his private parts and will be wandering.

**EIGHT HOUSE/SCORPIO.** The person concerned will suffer from excessive sorrow, want of sense, carnal appetite, jealousy, unconsciousness poverty, fruitless rambling, calumny, sickness, humiliation and death.

**NINTH HOUSE/SAGITTARIUS.** The person will have to incur the wrath of the deity that had been worshipped formerly and suffer something untoward. There will be trouble to his wife and children. He will do wicked acts. One of his elders or his father may die, and he may suffer from penury.

**TENTH HOUSE/CAPRICORN.** Anything done by the native becomes fruitless. He will further suffer loss of honour, will be wicked in his behaviour and will be absent in foreign places. There will be inauspicious happenings. He will lead a bad life and suffer troubles.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE/AQUARIUS.** The native will have to hear evil tidings. There will be trouble to brothers or

sickness to children, he will suffer misery, deception and ear disease.

**TWELFTH HOUSE/PISCES.** The person concerned will suffer from various diseases, dishonour and bondage. All his wealth will disappear.

### **KETU DASA SUB-PERIODS**

**KETU/KETU.** 0v 4m 27d. If Ketu is placed in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house and is associated with the lord of the 1st or 9th or 10th or Venus, there will be financial gains, acquisition of cattles and animals, happiness from wife and children and honour from the ruler, but the native will remain mentally disturbed. If Ketu is in natal 6th, 8th or 12th and is associated with malefic planets, there will be heart trouble, loss of honour and wealth, sufferings to wife and children and destruction to moveable properties. If Ketu is in 2nd or 7th house and associated with the ruler of the 2nd or 7th house, there, will be physical sufferings, mental worries and loss of close relations.

**KETU/VENUS.** 1y 2m 0d. Venus in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house, exalted or identical to its own sign and associated with the ruler of the 10th house, there will be honour and gains, prosperity and comforts and social elevation. If Venus is associated with the ruler of the 9th and 10th; instant substantial financial gains, restoration of lost territory or property and pilgrimage to the religious shrines will be the outcome. The native will get honours and donations from the ruler. If Venus is in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, or 11th from Ketu, the native will enjoy good health. There will be acquisition of moveable and immoveable properties, auspicious ceremonies, domestic



comforts and honours from the king. Venus in the 6th, 8th or 12th house from Ketu and associated with malefics, there will be sudden unpleasant events, loss and destruction of properties. Venus in natal 6th or 8th house in conjunction with any debilitated Planet, there will be enmity from brothers and close relations, physical diseases and sufferings, loss of honour and reputation, and physical sufferings to wife and children. If Venus is the ruler of 2nd and 7th natal houses, there will be physical and mental sufferings.

**KETU/SUN.** 0y 4m 6d. If Sun is in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th or 11th house identical to its own or exalted sign and associated with benefic planets, there will be financial gains, comforts and prosperity and recognition to the services rendered. He will perform many auspicious ceremonies and will develop insight and psychic powers. If placed in 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th from Rahu, there will be financial gains and birth of a lucky child, will enjoy sound health and develop self-confidence. He may become the ruler of a small town, or city, will have many successful and pleasant journeys. Sun in 6th, 8th or 12th house associated with malefics, there will be separation from parents, displeasure from the ruler, danger from the thieves and the snakes, migration to foreign countries, destruction of properties under government orders, and many physical ailments. If Sun is in 6th, 8th or 12th from Rahu and associated with malefics, there will be no earnings and the native is to suffer and starve. The entire possessions will be destroyed and the native will be ruined. First  $\frac{2}{3}$  part of the sub-period will be very evil and there will be some relief in the end of the sub-period. If Sun is afflicted being the ruler of 2nd or 7th, there is a danger of premature death.

**KETU/MOON.** 0y 7m 0d. Moon in natal 1st, 2nd, 4th,

5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house identical to its own or exalted sign, the native will be close adviser to the king. He will get gifts and donations from the king and will be prosperous and happy. There will be substantial gains from the business. If Moon is waving, the native will build charitable institutions, will be religious, and will enjoy all the happiness and comforts from the wife and the children. If the Moon is in 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house from Ketu, he will be respected and surrounded by friends and relatives. He will have financial gains and acquire properties. There will be success in all his undertakings, but in the end, he may earn the displeasure of the ruler and may be exiled. If the Moon is weak and located in natal 6th, 8th or 12th house, there will be obstacles in all his undertakings, failures of enterprises, physical and mental worries separation from parents and destructions of possessions. If the Moon is in the 6th, 8th or 12th from Ketu, these will be nothing but suffering and worries all round. If Moon happened to be the ruler of the 8th natal house and afflicted by the rulers of the 2nd or 7th house, there is a danger of premature death.

**KETU/MARS.** 0y 4m 27d. Mars in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th or 10th house identical to its exalted or own sign and associated with the benefic planets, will give financial gains, acquisition of landed properties, and some title will be conferred on the native. If Mars is associated with the rulers of the 9th and 10th houses, there will be gain in the immoveable properties and prosperity there from. If Mars is placed in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house from Ketu, the native will enjoy the comforts from children and friends and will have a social recognition. If Mars is placed in natal 6th, 8th or 12th house or 2nd to

**Ketu**, the person will die. If due to some other benefic aspects, the native survives this sub-period, he will have nothing but sufferings and miseries in all the departments of his life. If Mars happens to be the ruler of natal 2nd/7th houses, he will be subject to physical and mental tortures and may die premature.

**KETU/RAHU.** 1y 0m 18d. If Rahu is placed in natal 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house identical to its own or exalted sign, there will be sudden and instantaneous financial gains, and protection and honour from a foreign ruler. The native can acquire assets and landed properties. The beginning of sub-period will be malefic but the middle and the end of sub-period will prove to be the suspicious one. If Rahu is in natal 8th or 12th house with malefic planets, there may be the birth of a son, but the native will suffer from physical ailments hard to diagnose and cure. If Rahu is in natal 2nd or 7th house, there will be fear, quarrel and danger.

**KETU/JUPITER.** 0y 11m 6d. Jupiter in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th house identical to its exalted or own sign and conjunction with the ruler of the 1st or the 9th or the 10th house, will give financial and property gains. There will be domestic peace and harmony, birth or marriage of a son, pilgrimages to holy places. The native will be engaged in religious and charitable pursuits. He will meet success in all his enterprises and will represent his country in foreign missions. He will earn international recognition. If Jupiter is in 6th, 8th or 12th house from Ketu and is debilitated, he will have nothing but fear and will destroy all the good things. There may be separation from the wife and

children and many sufferings. Beginning of the sub period will be good but the end will be miserable. If Jupiter is in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house from Ketu, associated or aspected by benefics, the native will be respected and honoured, will travel to the foreign country on some important mission. He will have a big family to be looked after, but in the end, there will be change of residence (house or town or country) and worries and difficulties. If Jupiter is the ruler of the 2nd or the 7th house, it can cause premature death.

**KETU/SATURN.** 1y 1m 9d. There will be sufferings to or from the brothers physical ailments and mental worries and anxieties, loss of property and finances due to the displeasure of the ruler, dismissal or reversion from the employment, exile or imprisonment and danger of theft. If Saturn is in natal 8th or 12th house, the native will be dull, idle and mentally sick. Saturn identical to Pisce, Libra, Capricorn or Aquarius in natal 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th or 11th house associated with benefic planets, the native will meet success in the enterprises and there will be financial gains. The native will be free from debts, will have pleasure travels and journeys, will earn the goodwill of his masters and will have a happy home. Saturn in 6th, 8th or 12th from Ketu afflicted with malefics will bring physical sufferings, mental worries, obstacles in enterprises and the death of one of the parents. Saturn being the ruler of the 2nd or 7th house can cause premature death.

**KETU/MERCURY.** 0y 11m 27d. Mercury in natal 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th or 11th house identical to exalted or own sign, will give all sorts of comforts to the native. There will be financial gains, birth of a son, auspicious ceremonies;

will be doing charitable deeds. This is the time when the native will develop psychic powers. If Mercury is associated with the rulers of 9th and 10th houses, there will be increase in prosperity and fortune, and the native will move in the company of religious and learned persons. If Mercury is in 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th or 11th house from Ketu, the person will be free from sickness and disease and will enjoy sound health. There will be a birth of a son, financial prosperity, social elevation and recognition and gains in business. If Mercury is in natal 6th, 8th or 12th house in conjunction with or aspected by Saturn, Mars or Rahu, the native will earn the displeasure of ruler and there will be loss of property and vehicles. He is likely to be imprisoned or exiled. The beginning of the sub-period will be favourable, but in the end, there will be separation from the wife and the son and unpleasantness. Same will be the results if Mercury is placed 6th, 8th or 12th from Ketu. If Mercury is the ruler of the 2nd or 7th house, there is a danger of premature death.

## CHAPTER 10

### Rahu & Ketu in Transits

Very little importance is given to the Transits by Hindu astrologers though Dr. B. V. Raman has said in his *Hindu Predictive Astrology*; The Dasa results stand to be modified by the effect of *Gochara* or transiting planet."

Natal planets work as Aerials of Wireless Receiving Sets in Human body. Here is Planets (Human Aerials) pick-up the radio-activity from the Cosmos, transmit it to human body, producing psycho-physical changes. Transits are more powerful and enable us to predict the effects of the current period. In Hindu Astrology, it has been suggested that the Transits should be considered from the position of natal Moon, but our experience has shown that transits work better from the natal Ascendant than the natal Moon.

Since the Moon's Nodes are given in all Ephemerides, it is a simple matter for the student of place them in the chart and notice the position and aspects. As said in earlier pages, our studies have proved that Rahu and Ketu have a strong bearing on events in one's life; naturally their transits cannot be ignored. The learned readers will find much of interest and matter for deep study in noticing the transits Rahu and Ketu through the houses, on natal planets and when natal planet transit over Rahu and Ketu in their own horoscopes. Transits of Rahu and Ketu are very interesting and important when it comes to Hindu Predictive Astrology.

In the life of an individual, the Node transits its own place in about 18.2/3 years and is opposite to its place in 9.1/3 years. These are important years and should be noticed for the effects of the Nodes. If the Nodes were adversely aspected at birth, then these years are of sorrow and trial according to the house position of the Nodes, while if they are well aspected at birth the 18.2/3 year periods mark at a time of the acquisition of some desired object.

The transits of the Nodes through the Houses of the birth-chart should be noticed as they will have a powerful effect. To put the matter briefly, the transit of Rahu through any house enables us to add to our acquisitions according to the nature of the house. As Rahu has the influence of Jupiter conjunction Venus, it gives intense appreciation and respect for the area by house where Rahu is located or transiting. There is popularity in this place with optimism and cheerfulness. This is a lucky place. However, to be more accurate, also take the sign occupied in consideration. Rahu in the 5th house in Gemini will be different than what it will be if it is in the sign of Sagittarius. Every student will have to use his experience, intelligence and discretion. Ketu has the influence of a Mars conjunction Saturn. In Ketu, too much of the Saturn accent can produce fear and hold the Mars action back. This can give poor timing, Mars represents energy and Saturn, a cycle of time. With the Combination, we need to take stock of the issues involved and do something about them. There is an ambition for power where Ketu is located by house. The trick is to use the energy of Mars in the right amount by the disciplining of Saturn in an area of selfless service rather than over-possessiveness.

### **Rahu through the Houses**

**FIRST HOUSE:** The native should develop self-confidence

and learn to do things by himself. He should not rely on any body but on his own initiative. At this time, life will bring him into the situation where he will have to act under his own discretion and determination. He should develop a personality that the world recognise him as an "individual" and he needs to take personal stand on things. Rahu transits in the first house is constantly forcing him to project himself depending on the sign position. The sign will indicate the reason for the projection of self. He will need to accomplish things through the power of his own personality and develop self-sufficiency.

**SECOND HOUSE:** This transit of Rahu through the second house will help the native to come closer to the culmination of his heart's desire in personal possessions. If it is the money, he is interested, Rahu will help provide the means of acquiring; if it is fame, it is closer to his grasp; and if it is knowledge, he will find the Teacher. With Rahu's transit in the second house, he should learn to develop practicality, physical endurance and perseverance. Temperamentally, he would like to depend on other's money and resources, but he is to learn to build his own if he wishes to be successful. He should try to build financial securities to his family members and dependents on him. This is the time, with wise judgement, when he will be able to build his reputation and draw the attention of influential persons which will prove to be an asset for his future enterprises.

**THIRD HOUSE:** Happiness will come to the native and to the close relatives mutually. Both will be helping and cooperating with each other. This will prove favourable time for travels and journeys for pleasure or for learnings. This is a good transit for third house affairs i.e, study, teaching, lecturing, writing, travels and publishing. Wise decisions at this time regarding partnership, relation with others, ambitions and career, whether professional, business, domestic or social will go a



long way or future prosperity. With this transit, the native is promised benefits in his immediate environment and he can enlarge his sphere of action by working and going ahead with the matters that are close at hand. Matters of small significance, apparently, are not to be neglected or over-looked, because if worked out properly, these may prove prosperous for future.

**FOURTH HOUSE:** It is the time for development of the domestic life and benefits will come through the home and the mother. Change of residence (house to town or even the country) is visible for batterment. The native will either be able to buy landed properties or make the additions and alternations in the present properties. This is the time when the person should build his future securities, but at the same time, he may be burdened with the problems of his parent or differences may develop between him/her and the parent. This is the time when the person can build generous and harmonious domestic life, if he develops the attitude of forgive and forget the past disharmony. It may be possible for him to be benefited financially through law. However, this is not the time to start a new but to complete the old on gainful basis.

**FIFTH HOUSE:** This is the time when the native need to love deeply and intensely on a one-to-one basis and the pleasure comes through the social intercourse. It may be difficult for him to find a permanent love as he will work on the spurt of his emotions. It may not be possible for him to express his love fully and so he may be misunderstood. This is not the favourable time for child-birth, and children born with this transit can prove to be the cause of unhappiness later in life. If other transits are favourable, say Jupiter is also transiting the fifth house at this time, children born will be lucky, prosperous and will be the source of happiness to the native. The

same will apply to speculative business. The transit can be positive or negative subject to the manifestations of other transits. Fifth house rules over creative ability and if the energy of transiting Rahu is properly blended, the native can create something unique provided such indications are available in the overall pattern of the horoscope.

**SIXTH HOUSE:** This transit of Rahu tells to learn to work and be of service to others. He must learn to help others with no personal interests. However, he should not overstrain himself in doing so and he must take good care of his own physical health, and concentrate on health matters. In return, the person will be equally served by others. The native is advised to be practical than imagine. However while helping others, he should use his discrimination; attend to details and discipline himself. Matters which may seem of routine, relating to career of partnership activities, may prove of great importance for future if attended methodically. He should take stock of personal service assets. Generous, constructive service pays worth dividends.

**SEVENTH HOUSE:** The person should overcome a tendency to go alone and this is the time when he will be benefited by working with others. Transit of Rahu through seventh house will help the native to enter in public life and get success as the all round cooperation will be forth coming. This transit should also bear favourable fruits whether it is a marriage or opportunities are favoured. If already married, life will be happy. Seventh house rules over opponents, so either the person can win over his oppositions or, if afflicted, can involve himself in law and court-proceedings. A deep understanding will steer clear his way and will lead to success.

**EIGHTH HOUSE.** With this transit, eighth house affairs

will come to forefront. It is the house of sexpotential and the person needs to learn the depth of experience in sex, its proper and beautiful purpose and the regeneration and rejuvenation it brings to human beings. If afflicted, it can cause many emotional problems. Things which have been kept a secret or looked will demand the native's attention now. In addition, eighth house also has to do with other's money and either he will gain or lose subject to the over-all pattern of the horoscope. This transit promises legacies and other's money but these are lost if other transits are not favourable. Sometimes, this can place the native in a humiliating and a awkward position forcing him to accept financial help from others. Excess of sex indulgence can cause the diseases of the generative organs. Sometimes the death of some close relation is also accompanied with this transit.

**NINTH HOUSE:** Transit of Rahu through ninth house can bring a new light or religious and philosophical ideas. The native should become more objective in his thinking and studying, expanding mentally and spiritually. Long travels and journeys can be undertaken for higher learnings and expansion. Opportunities along lines of publishing, communication and distribution will come and the native should take the advantage of them. Be creative and self expressive in these fields. If afflicted, it can give him the tendency to defy law in some-way or gives the inclination to find ways of working deviously within the law. This can also indicate disregard for religion. Brothers and sisters can become helpful or vice-versa.

**TENTH HOUSE:** It is a period of public recognition and added honours for the services rendered. Vocation or profession will need the person's attention to the extent that he may be required to neglect his home and domestic life.

This will mean that he will be working with the public or for the public in some way. Through very substantial effort and great exertion, success in public life will be attained but will require personal sacrifice. Transit of Rahu through the tenth house will give the urge to be a protector of great masses of people and to be a leader amongst them. Plan a sound expansion programme. He should take advantage of nearby opportunities which will lead him into a wider field of influence. Advancement is sure in social or business position, more remunerative activities or intangible but nevertheless important benefits.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE:** It is the house of things hoped for and with this transit of Rahu through the eleventh house, new friendships are formed and many of the native's dreams materialise. Much depends upon whether the sign involved is masculine or feminine to denote the type of friends most favourable to the development of this house. He needs to learn the art of friendship and to become involved in some type of social endeavour or reform action. And besides, some or all of these persons will be the means of gain, the avenue to opportunity, and the source of benefit to the person. On putting it to test, the person will realise its truth. Financial benefits may result from club affiliations or fraternal societies. If in business, expect increased revenue and upsurge in revenue making activities.

**TWELFTH HOUSE:** The native is called upon to render service to others and demands self-sacrifice. It is helping those less fortunate, handicapped or afflicted. The person must learn compassion, accept others as they are and help them in spite of any differences. This is the position of Karma, and seems to call for some kind of payment. Here the native should

learn more about health preservation and the store of occult knowledge is added to. Certain intuition will come to him, certain dreams, perhaps. This transit is an invaluable period of preparations, if he had nothing to offer, he will gain nothing. What he is and had been doing during this period, will be the basis of his expansion in the future. It is good for making headway in activities connected with the institutions.

### **Ketu through the Houses**

The transit of Ketu through a house seems to announce that the time has arrived for him to discard or eliminate something which he had outworn, similar to the casting-off of a garment that is no longer suitable.

**FIRST HOUSE:** The native is called upon to assume more arduous and burdensome duties. It will be the part of wisdom for him to direct his activities and govern his life systematically, refusing to be the playing of chance, to think clearly and plan his days, so that they will be filled with the things worth doing. Although, he may experience set-backs and sudden reversals not to his liking, yet, by holding steadily to a single focus instead of scattering mental impulses, he will find his attention wonderfully compensated in the days to come. The problems in life seem to be very much concerned with self, and he tries too hard to be a "special" personality. Self-confidence may need to be reinforced by his recognition of efficiency gained through past or present experience.

**SECOND HOUSE:** The person will be dissatisfied with the working conditions or with the money earned. It may give him many changes in the jobs, or more than one source of income at one time. He will always be honest and sincere to his work and the source of earning, with the result that he

may be confronted with the financial difficulties. Transit of Ketu through the second house can give an inability to completely earn one's own way. Satisfaction and success in this area is usually delayed. Past debts become due and are demanded. Sudden changes in income and finances. Older persons and friends, either bring money or cause unexpected reverses or both. To conclude, this transit is not termed favourable for finances and possessions.

**THIRD HOUSE:** This gives a strong psychic tie to brothers and sisters and could bring loss of one through death or separation. Ketu here denotes a duty in caring for brothers and sisters who may continually drain him. With the transit of Ketu through the third house, it will be difficult for the person to finish his formal education. Neighbours may become the source of worry and cause problems. This is an influence that causes impatience and the person will become prone to many accidents if other transits are unfavourable. Tiresome and unpleasant journeys are some of the other indications. His mind is more serious and there is a need for weighed decisions. Here the person is given an opportunity to learn life's lessons. He may learn something through experience and responsibilities connected with the relatives and community life.

**FOURTH HOUSE:** This transit may bring many changes in his residence. Domestic peace and happiness will be disturbed. The person would like to live a quiet and retired life in seclusion and peace. He would not appreciate public or social life. There may be sorrow due to the death of a parent or he may be required to play a parental role for somebody. Whatever errors he has made in the past will demand amends.

If there are any lingering problems, they will continue until he has resolved them in one way or the other. He should not risk permanent assets, credit, reputation; because he will not be able to build them again. Estate matters has its ups and downs.

**FIFTH HOUSE.** This transit is bad for children. Either it can bring loss to them or they can become the source of worry and anxiety. Child birth should be avoided with this transit, as the children born at this time are likely to be deficient. There will be dissatibation in affections and emotions. This position delays a permanent love relationship. Receiving love is denied until enough is given. Creative ability can be either high or low subject to other transits. Matters rooted in past claim attention. Handle them with regard to inner values. Progress of his interests may be slow and he needs to be patience. Avoid any speculative venture as these are likely to result in losses. Any new enterprise should be avoided as far as possible and if it is a must, do it by careful preparation only.

**SIXTH HOUSE.** Here Ketu gives an instinctive knowledge on health matters and a drive to learn more concerning this. It gives a desire to serve others and a constant change of working conditions. Transit Ketu through the sixth house also denotes mysterious illnesses, which are difficult to diagnose. Transit Ketu conjunction natal Neptune compounds and accents the problems and the native may always be running to the doctor. He is to find solutions to personal problems, if any, by cultivating a deeper interest in his work. In making service a personal keynote, the native can develop hitherto latent abilities which can be more publicly recognised later on.

**SEVENTH HOUSE.** This is a bad transit concerning partnerships and unions. The person can become so involved that he may loose his individuality in others. There is a danger here

for the native to indulge in all kinds of relationships. If unmarried, marriage is not possible during this transit and if married, it will be a Herculean task to get it going. There may be parting due to death or divorce. Marriage in the "ideal sense" may be many times tried and many times denied. The person is not rational, where the partnerships are concerned. He is capable of counseling others, despite his own personal problems or more probably because of them. This is not a good time also to deal with the public. Court proceedings should be avoided as far as possible or proceed carefully where it cannot be avoided. When collaborating, adopt the reasonable lead to others, especially if they have had more practical experience in the matter.

**EIGHTH HOUSE.** Transit Kétu in the eighth house gives a desire to be supported by another or the partner's money is extremely important to him. This transit will give an extreme interest in sexual matters as true regenerative and rejuvenative force. This transit will also provide the knowledge and talent for handling other people's money. He is not afraid of the thought of death or dying. Death seems to play an important part as a rejuvenative force in his life. Sexual potentiality will be low and he will not care much for the sexual satisfaction of the partner. The native should take extra care while handling other's money, other's possessions, insurance matters; all need more than careful handling.

**NINTH HOUSE.** With this transit, the person deepens his interest in serious subjects or continued study with a practical and lasting application. Whether it be supervised study or knowledge acquired through his reading or practical experience, it can be applied to advantage in his career later. It is important that he establishes long-range plans towards a



definite objective and should not think for immediate gains. He should talk over matters with those close to him. Local activities tend to become broader in scope. Decide current issues on the basis of future trends. While planning for future, he should take the advantage of his past experience. This transit may coincide with travel, closer touch with distant people and conditions, or a wider perspective even though he stays close to his own locality.

**TENTH HOUSE.** Transit Ketu through the tenth house brings disappointment and dissatisfaction with regard to his vocation, bringing many changes. Ketu here gives a tendency to resist control by others. At its best, the power and success attained in the world must be used to assist to give to others. When he will be able to do this, then destiny for this person will be met. At its worst, when used for vain self-glory, he will fail. Here the upper most thought should be the control of selfish desires, ambition and power. He should try to hold what-ever gains he has already made and should try to win the goodwill and sympathy of those who count in his world. Work with time. The person should be patient when he encounters delay and consider this to be an opportunity for further preparation.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE.** The native is likely to suffer real discomfort in close relationships between the members of the opposite sex. Time and time again, he will find himself cherishing the memory of old friends from whom he is apart. His associations will be based upon serious rather than frivolous interest. If unmarried, he may find romance through match making acquaintances or congenial interests. If married, he and his mate can blend mutual pleasures to accomplish more well founded and lasting happiness.

**TWELFTH HOUSE.** It gives a drive to seek seclusion and an inclination to meditate. The person will feel happy while working with the sick and serving mentally sick. This transit is Karmic and there is a very definite secret sacrificial service of some kind involved. With this transit, the person may have a martyr complex which must be used at its highest in sacrificial service and delving into the secrets of the subconscious, bringing them to the light of the conscious mind. This is the area of self-denial, sacrifice excessive dutifulness, compulsions, rebellion, self doubt, self-acceptance, self-assurance, wholeness of personality, inner faith in himself as a full person wholly in contact with the life he is leading. Settle both accounts, both emotional and financial. He may also be aware of shortcomings in himself and in others.

We have not dealt with the transits of Rahu and Ketu through the signs. Transit through the First house will also mean transit through the sign Aries ; and it is for the learned student to blend the quality of both the signs and the houses when differently placed to come to a conclusive opinion.

Through Rahu and Ketu, we are taught flexibility and how to adjust ourselves to our environment and the pleasure or pain of this adjustment is an indication of our progress.

## CHAPTER 11

### **Transit Rahu & Ketu Aspecting Planets**

Moon's Nodes (Rahu and Ketu) always travel in retrograde motion in the zodiac at the rate of 18 months in each sign approximately, and the cycle repeats in every 18.2/3 years. Transiting conjunctions and oppositions of either Rahu or Ketu to the natal planets are of great importance. The other aspects being minor, are not considered here. Transiting aspects of Nodes to natal planets are different than the transiting aspects of planets to natal planets. These are Karmic configurations and bring the person back to its normal pattern of destiny. Thus, the Freewill has the most significant freedom to the two transiting connections, i.e., when the destined Nodes are making significant aspects to the natal planets, the free-will existence is at its minimum i.e. at this time the native pays for his past karmas. In other words, it is the time when Destiny plays its important role in his life and he has very little to choose. This is like a person tied to the pole with a chain, who is asked to go anywhere he pleases as long as he does not break the chain. Destiny is a guide line, which has forceful powers over the native's journey through life. If he does not 'believe' in Nodes, he will miss some of the best aspects to his chart. If the person craves something with all his heart, why not he should gauge his efforts to coincide with the luckiest possible dates?

#### **Rahu conjunction to Planets**

**SUN.** This transit is Karmic and signifies the events of

ego/ identity/personality. The urge for him to be in prominence and limelight will be strong. Success or failure will mainly depend on his own outlook to the development at this time. This is the time when he should keep himself active in the performance of worthwhile tasks. Usually this is the time when he can expect a greater amount of success. This is the time of reward collection provided he has earned it. This is the time when he may feel that he can conquer the world, but it will be wise on his part not to over-do it. If he puts his best foot forward, there is hardly anything which he may not be able to achieve and so when he sees that this aspect is approaching, he should do his best to lay the foundations to stabilise his position in the world. Before this aspect, he may find himself in a temporary confining or binding period to be followed by substantial freeness afterwards. More than often, this aspect brings recognition and a personal elevation at this time. When transiting Rahu trines a natal Sun and/or Jupiter, this is a 'luck' aspect and needs only minor planets to set it off.

**MOON.** With this transit, native's sub-conscious mind is working overtime making him more creative, causing happiness to those dear and near to him. This often leads to gloomy days before the transit completes, but he will have a sign of relief and a smile on his face when this transit passes on. It will be good for him if he shares the happy influence with some one so that he can take the full advantage of it. Women, in general, will play an important role in his life at this time. This transit will make him more practical than imaginative with the result that he will pay more attention to his business which will yield good returns. This is also the time to collect money due to him. A suggestion he makes to others at this time prove useful,

but he must keep an close eye on what he is doing for himself. His suggestions to public issues is helpful to those who are in doldrums. An important interview could work out to his advantage which will have lasting value.

**MARS.** This transit would give tremendous amount of energy and urge to do things which the person would not want to do in normal course. Whatever he is going to start now should move forward progressively for a long time. The person should stick to his chosen path or action, get around it tactfully, don't let others to interfere to cause him to lose his temper or his good judgement. He should use his own direction. In female's chart, this transit signifies a strong male figure and his dominance in her life at this time. His creative energy is at high peak with this transit, but he must not loose it by haste, excess or over-enthusiam. Accident prone tendencies overwork, and crossing the endurance limit should be carefully watched as he still has the control over the output of his energies. High blood pressure and irritable behaviour is quite common with this transit, By acting with common sense and caution, the person can make the best of this time. Select what is sound and reject the erratic.

**MERCURY.** This is a positive transit with regard to the activities of natal Mercury and is likely to bring sudden changes. It will prove profitable to alter some of his working methods in his work or at home. It will prove beneficial to switch from the old to the new with a minimum of misunderstandings. Change in his jobs or communicative patterns are often associated with this transit. Here the nervous energy is quite highly excited but it is consumed within the soul. Strain in the brain gives it a fatigue test which helps evaluate his mental stamina and capacity. He

is equally likely to get involved with the affairs of the brothers and sisters at this time. He should try to understand the viewpoint of those, he is interested in but at the same time he is not to be imposed upon, or lured into some emotional matter that is basically unstable and undesirable. If Mercury was retrograde at birth, coast along with the tide rather than push forth. He can make the best of this period by the controlled and purposeful use of his excellent and intellectual endowments.

**JUPITER.** This is the time when the person will have substantial control over his finances and philosophies. This is a cycle of develop opportunities with self-confidence, but stays within the framework of the conventional and utterly realistic world. His general attitude is well balanced by his desires and proper circumstantial support. At this time he may be doing something different than what the circumstances want him to do. Be conservative—it pays high dividends now. Basically this will turn out to be an excellent decision in the long run as he does not fight too vigorously with the circumstances. During this transit, he should consolidate his high aims and purpose. His popularity increases with charm and generosity of heart and mind with interest in others. There is a danger of over-abundance in day-dreams, wrong kinds of ambitions and a failure to cooperate with others. He is prone to gain weight, so he should watch his diet and all health measures.

Case histories shows that someone has had a totally demolished car. The individual himself is hardly ever injured and we are not able to decide whether this is 'lucky' because of Jupiter crossing Rahu or 'unlucky' (the car badly smashed) because of Jupiter opposition Ketu. A paradoxical event often arises, then, confusing us as to which is lucky

and which is unlucky. Perhaps Jupiter conjunct Rahu spared the individual's life who knows? Or perhaps the event would not have occurred at all if Jupiter had not been opposing Ketu.

**VENUS.** For love and romance, it is rather a cooling down influence, it is a disturbing one but has a stabilising influence. The person should be careful that he is not lured in some emotional affairs that is basically unstable and undesirable. Some sober and harmonious relationship may develop making him happy as well as bringing him prosperity in the material well-being. As this time, however, over indulgence needs a control. If he marries at this time, it is likely to be for love and money both. Financially, this is a pretty good aspect, but if he knows what he is doing. Business will be good. Income will be stable if not in abundance. There is a tendency for over-enthusiasm. He should take good care of his money—he tends to spend too much on a good time. This is a rare combination and human relationships should be happy. The achievements, if well deserved will come to him at this time.

**SATURN.** With this transit, he may have been doing good job but his efforts will not be appreciated. Life limitations may reach a peak instantly and then things quiet down substantially. Saturnian problems get more acute or he gets aware of those problems at this time. This is the time when he should forget that the world owes him a living. Old habits that were hard to break, now seem easier to cope with. That transit is quiet known for many learning experiences that he goes through irrespective whether he wants to learn them or not. Change follows change, what existed yesterday does not exist today. What was security yesterday, is no more security today; but with this transit,

the native will be able to compromise with the situations quickly. This also brings about his limits of patience and his limits of patience and his general stamina to face the situations. But be confident that all the testing is done for his own benefit without breaking him completely apart during the test. Older persons, older ideas and methodology play an important role in his life at this time. Their assistance is well worth looking into as a guiding source for his spiritual growth during this transit.

**RAHU.** At this time, the person will do well to save whatever income he may get and to examine business changes carefully before committing himself. What is available at this time may be good, but it may not come out to be as promising as it looked to be. He should also respect his food habits and avoid any type of indulgence. He should avoid anything risky, but a progressive change is welcome and he should be on the look out for opportunity that is both exciting, profitable and sound. Be generous, broad minded, friendly and sociable. However, proceed carefully in dealing with superiors, credit, reputation etc., for something ahead. Adhere to what is sure and stick to the scheduled way of life.

**URANUS.** Basically, this transit is more of a constructive outlet or favourable events forming situation. A great deal of optimism and stimulated ego plus the desire for self-assertion comes to the fore. The native should not take undue risk, or rely too much on his own ability to speak his mind or to act too eccentrically. Be deliberate and forceful at the same time and he can find usual luck in the months ahead.

**NEPTUNE.** Transit of Rahu over Neptune is Karmic and often brings about various psychic or spiritual experiences



connected with the past life activities and their manifestations in this life. Often a deep rooted creative talent comes out without prior warning at this time and amazes others. Self-delusion or loss of individuality may occur if Neptune was afflicted in the natal chart. Rahu conjunction Neptune is more of a soft transit, bringing about better qualities of Neptune, such as idealistic behaviour, general happiness through high imagination and fantasies etc.

**PLUTO.** Transiting Nodes over Pluto are not highly significant as it is a very slow moving planet and the effects occur on many people simultaneously. Thus, the influence is felt more on a generational level than on a single identity. As a result of this, there is not much individuality involved in these transits.

### **Ketu conjunction to Planets**

**SUN.** This is the time when the person be letting himself in for some disappointment and he has to go through quiet a squeezey period. Sudden and unexpected problems occurs at this time which can land the person in troubles. If he is engaged in a speculative ventures at this time, there is the possitively that he will receive little or no return from his investments. He is well advised to observe rigid economical control at this time. With this transit often an inferiority complex lack of self-image and self-respect is noticed. If he is already lying low, this transit may not be of any significance to him. This aspect is equally bad for his physical health due to the lack of vitality. This aspect can also bring possible sickness, death or regenerative process in his close family members, especially to his father or male figure. Fatigue, resentment, rebellion, pride, self-indulgence, physical and emotional excesses, stub-bornness—all

must be cured. At this time, if he will insist in going his own way, he may have to face many problems of his life or he may suffer ill-health from nervous strain or overwork.

**MOON.** This transit followed by depression and isolation with or without any reason. Do not let melancholy and gloominess overtake the native. Affairs of mother or 'woman' in life are important and often their hindrance would be a negative aspect for him. He should try to maintain his patience with regard to home affairs and things connected with the home. Many restrictions at home are visible. Fundamentally, this transit is not favourable and makes it difficult for him to run normal life. He should keep an close watch on the health of his mother and problems from excessive or fertile imagination. Renovating old property now can prove more satisfactory than buying the new one. If somebody is trying to take advantage of him, he should say so on his face and don't let him impose on him. He is to take an affirmative stand and let others know that he will not tolerate an attempt to take advantage of him.

**MARS.** This is the time when the persons is likely to make considerable mistakes in this undertaking with the result that they likely to go wrong. There may be pressure from the persons around him to make an change, but he is to conserve his energies and reassert on the right things decided by him in past. He is to avoid unpleasantness with his associates and keep his emotions under control. Accident prone tendencies are quite likely and his health problems need prompt attention. Low blood pressure or weak energies, when trying to do a large project, occurs with this transit. In a female chart, dangers, difficulties, and sorrow from male figures are visible and should be avoided.

Temperamental difficulties cause future problems. Female physiological cycle often gets distorted at this time. Health is to be protected by avoiding over-work and from debilitating affects of nerves, worry, haste, impatience etc. He will have to mark the time and it is advised to do it with a good grace, i.e. he must learn to compromise with the circumstances rather trying to fight with them.

**MERCURY.** At this time, a non-communicative period is almost forced on the person whether he likes it or not. Nervous energy builds up at this time and it certainly needs a positive outlet. If not properly channelled, this cause a nervous breakdown. Balancing of the energy and its proper utilisation is a must at this transit. If the person is handling large sums of money for others or responsible for a financial accounting, he needs to be especially alert at this stage. The person should not neglect his obligations to someone who has been helpful to him regardless of how minor he feels the consideration was. Mental alertness may pay him handsome dividends. Unattention to the wealth of knowledge which can be accumulated now would be a foolish mistake. Avoid any long term planning or long travel under this transit. In case of it being a negative transit, business changes may force him to bow to the wrong individual.

**JUPITER.** Unforseen and unexpected expenditure may come with this transit that the native never planned before. This transit is likely to give him sudden depletion of financial resources. This aspect will bring the native some unexpected expenses which he has not planned before. This transit may be termed as negative when it will confront him in all directions. So he should accept whatever comes his way even though it may be much less than his expecta-

tions. It is advised that the native should harmonise his desires with the things as they are and not in following expensive day dream. Lie low, take what comes and he should protect his health and position by avoiding excesses. This is a time when he should pay for past karmas and naturally it will cause great strain. Here the native's philosophies are tested and he is forced to abide by his own rules and regulations. Thus, he cannot do anything he likes and get away with it. Try to avoid borrowing and it must be only done when there is no other alternative. Do not disturb domestic security and happiness by temperament or impatience. At this point, loss of weight is quite likely unless his natal chart has a lot of nervous creating aspects.

**VENUS.** It is not a good transit for love and romance affairs and it can cause the native a great amount of trouble and also may end abruptly. He may go wrong in his judgements and should protect himself from the possibility of appointments. It is not a good time to get married. If married, it will need great amount of sacrifice by both the parties to keep this relationship alive. Generally divorces and separations come under this manifestation. Financially, too, this is not a favourable time. Sudden losses and difficulties can crop up. He should keep his expenses for entertainment and recreation to a minimum. He is advised to participate in diversions which can provide him with amusement, yet do not put strain on his financial resources. This is not a good time to go for holidays or pleasure trips. Business may not be good. Do not make any change in the constitution of business at this time and also do not think for any expansion. He should try to hold what he possesses—financially or emotionally and should wait till the storm passes over which will not take long.

**SATURN.** This is negative transit depending upon the strength of Saturn in the person's horoscope. He should avoid breaks wherever possible. He is to protect his health by plenty of sleep and rest. In natal Saturn is not very prominent, the effects may not be noticed externally, though he will know that something is happening, but he cannot put his finger on it. General restrictions, physical weakness, melancholy or isolated attitudes and behaviour are all at the door of this transit. Avoid nervous traits, mental fatigue, worry etc. Probable sickness or death in a near family, especially of older relations, is noticed. Circulatory problems weak bones, colds etc., are normal Saturnian problems which will come to surface now. In general, this is a discouraging transit that often distorts and disintegrates the individuals on many fronts. If the natal Saturn/Nodes aspect is favourable, then the transit may not afflict the native much, and at times can be beneficial even. General focus and areas of obstructions will come from the house ruled by Capricorn in the natal chart.

**RAHU.** This is a time when there could be a tendency to slow down things or even to complicate them; but it also lends strength and depth to the native's present opportunities. This aspect gives impetus to his aspirations and brings a certain degree of luck that can be very beneficial if he keeps his feet on the ground. He can also benefit by keeping his eyes open, grasping what comes his way with courage and confidence and avoiding actions and plans that could undermine his security by being on a shaky foundation. There is a tendency, however, to do nothing and leave things as they are. Thus it becomes like a short-circuit aspect to whatever area it represents in his natal chart.

**URANUS.** This transit is indicative of influences that are on a slightly destructive and discouraging level. This causes circumstances to appear to oppress his individuality. The person cannot rebel to good purposes, he must confirm, so relax and ride loose in the saddle of fate. He must move with care to avoid unhappiness and set-backs. Play safe all along the life. Efforts to force his will on others can lead to life, while discontent will cause a sense of frustration and unhappiness.

**NEPTUNE.** The transit is slightly unfavourable and distorted, bringing about the lower, qualities of Neptune such as self-intoxication, excessive delusion and imagination, drugs, alcohol etc. The person is to keep his feet on the ground and avoid serious errors of judgement. Be realist, face and facts, and thus gain inner power from close contact with the things as they are.

## CHAPTER 12

### Transiting Planets Aspecting Nodes

#### Conjunction to Rahu

**SUN.** This transit is good and the person's approach will be in harmony with prevailing social conditions. He is likely to earn name and fame. Children will be the source of happiness and his good fortune will be equally active in speculation. Married life will be happy and he will be well respected in his social environments.

**MOON.** This transit is favourable and will prove good for public relations. Native's business will prosper, family popularity will improve and he will have healthy working environments. He will value family traditions and will give due respect of his parents. Mentally he will be at ease and peace.

**MARS.** The person will work hard to get public recognition, especially that which pertains to sports or physical competition. He will try to rise in his professional or business activities and it will also give him political ambitions. His emotions will be in harmony with prevailing social trends and he will command respect in his environments.

**MERCURY.** The native will receive personal publicity and social recognition through communications or his personal ideas and communications will receive social approval. It is a favourable time for any type of communi-

cations including long travels and journeys. The person will get popularity among his friends brothers/sisters, neighbours and work associates. The relations and friends will be the source of aspirations and happiness to him. Intellectually, he will be in high spirits.

**JUPITER.** During, this transit, the native will get increased social prestige, public recognition and support for personal beliefs and ideals. There will be active participation in religious philosophic, educational or cultural trends, and the native will be benefitted therefrom. If Rahu is in Sagittarius or Pisces, the transit of Jupiter will bring misfortune. If Rahu and Jupiter are in conjunction and Jupiter transits that sign or its trines, the period will bring misfortune to the native. We have experienced tremendous luck while transiting Jupiter alone was trining Rahu in our natal chart. Some luck will come to him without exertion.

**VENUS.** This transit will bring social popularity, harmonious awareness of expected social behaviour, and acceptance of popular social attitudes. Emotionally, he will be in agreement with prevailing attitudes and popular trends. At this time his artistic and creative ability will be high and he will get popular recognition. If unmarried, the native stands a good chance to get married and if married, he will be able to iron the differences, if there are any.

**SATURN.** This time will have a need for social conformity as a mean of protecting personal security. He will not have much of the respect for the prevailing social culture and customs. He may face professional, business or financial problems which will cause him mental depression. Worries and anxieties will dominate during this transit and the native may feel lonely. However, if he is engaged in selfless service to serve



the masses, transit will prove to be very much favourable for him.

**URANUS.** The person is likely to get involved in latest forms of social and cultural experiments. He will not believe and respect the prevailing customs and will become rebellious, if forced upon. His interest in business and gadgets will be designed to exploit prevailing beliefs. Looking from the worldly point of view, this transit will be termed as benefic, because whatever, he will do now, it will result in success.

**NEPTUNE.** This transit will bring him intuitive awareness and prophetic insight into prevailing conditions. He will not blindly follow the religion and will have his own conception about the current affairs. He will search for truth. He will feel happy to serve the sufferers and down-trodden. Any amount of suffering will not disturb him now. This way he will be paying his karmic debts.

**PLUTO.** This transit will help the native to understand and take advantage of mass psychology, and will give him penetrating insights into the motivating forces. He will like to work in cooperation or in group-work and will oppose the authoritarian trend. In case he is involved in the worldly affairs, he will equally exploit business and professional trends for personal gains.

### **Conjunction to Ketu**

**SUN.** This transit is bad. He will be burdened with the responsibility of children and they may become the source of worry to him. Any speculative venture will result in losses. Domestic peace and harmony is likely to be disturbed and married life will be unhappy. The person should try to be

careful as he is likely to earn the displeasure of the government and socially he may be placed in unhappy environments.

**MOON.** This is a disturbing transit and his emotional attitude will be out-of-harmony with the prevailing family traditions. This transit is not good for public relations or public contacts also and he will try to avoid them. Business activities will be slow and the person is likely to develop differences with his parents. Serious or pessimistic outlook towards life.

**MARS.** The person may desire for a power and authority which he does not deserve. There will be a lack of popular support for his personal ambitions. He will have problems in business and will get unpopularity in his professional or political actions. He may be conservative in his outlook.

**MERCURY.** The person will be critical to the general views of the society and it will be a unfavourable time for public relations or dealing with communications media. The native will be burdened with heavy work responsibility. The mental outlook will be conservative and he will be reticence in expressing his ideas. Not favourable for long travels.

**JUPITER.** There will be lack of public support for personal, educational, religious and cultural goals. He will look to the prevailing conditions with critical eyes, but he will have respect for the religion and the social customs though he will have his ways of doing the things. He may not do or accept which is being done normally.

**VENUS.** Socially the person will be reserved and there will be lack of interest in social activities that do not serve a useful purpose for him. He will have reserved emotional, social, romantic and artistic outlook. Business will be slow and there may be financial problems. It is not an auspicious

time to get married and if married, there may be domestic unhappiness. Try to avoid any confrontation as far as possible.

**SATURN.** The person is likely to get involved in antisocial activities or will have reclusive behaviour. He will not have much of the respect for religious ceremonies and festivities. He will have negative outlook towards the life with the result that he will get frustrated and depressed when desired success will not be forthcoming. It is a malefic transit and to be handled cautiously. Quite often, the person will witness the death of a relative or some other person, he knows. However, the relative or acquaintance is not always a close one, so this may not be as personally unfortunate after all. During this period, the native is not advised to start anything new.

**URANUS.** During this transit, friends and associates will term the native eccentric and unpredictable. He will rebel against the current social culture and beliefs. For worldly life, i.e. for gains and comforts, this is not a favourable transit. However, if the native is engaged in some spiritual pursuits, he may see the light.

**NEPTUNE.** There will be confusion in social purpose and lack of understanding from surrounding culture. At times, he may like to withdraw from social involvement and be of his own. If the native's pursuit will be in the direction of spiritualism, he will see the light but if he is involved in the materialistic world, he will have nothing but the sufferings and disappointments.

**PLUTO.** This transit will make the native rebellion against the traditional cultural standards and social laws. He will like to go deep behind the religious background. His business activity will be related to antiques, re-use of old, discarded items etc. He will look more in the past than in the present. It is a difficult transit for worldly comforts.

## CHAPTER 13

### Kala-Sarpa Yoga

Yogas (combinations of planets) play an important role and enjoy a very prominent position in Hindu Astrology. Kalasarpa yoga is regarded as one of the dreaded evil yogas having significance in Mundane Astrology. Hindu ancient astrological literature is more or less silent about it. Even the learned commentators did not make any detailed scrutiny as to the effects of this yoga in natal astrology. Lately some of the learned astrologers have come forward to evolve a pattern for assessing the evil effects of this yoga. This yoga is not fairly common (taking Uranus, Neptune and Pluto into consideration) but can be traced in the horoscopes of both great and small. To the research scholars and practising astrologers, the significance of this yoga cannot be denied.

In our Chapter of *Rahu and Ketu in Hindu Astrology*, we have explained the myth attached behind Rahu and Ketu. Even the Western astrologers have accepted that Moon's Nodes are Karmic and play an important role in an individual's life. In Karmic astrology, it has been found that Rahu is *Kala* or earth-life while Ketu is the *Sarpa* or serpent. Through these nodal axis, we pay for the past Karmas in this incarnation. In some astrological works, we find Rahu as representing Serpent, while in others, those under the influence of Rahu are afraid of Snakes. Who is this snake? Ketu has been symbolised in

**Indian Astrology as Serpent.** Rahu is afraid of Ketu. The Symbol of Serpents is basic in Indian Occult Literature. On the basis of this symbolism, the importance of Kalasarpa Yoga in Hindu Astrology can be well understood.

When the Serpent is having its tail in its mouth, it is an indication of materialisation of the Divine Principle. Astrologically, it becomes an indication of great importance attached to Kalasarpa Yoga, as this yoga has the reference to encirclement of all the planets by these two Nodes (Rahu & Ketu) i.e. when these Nodes hem all the planets within their semicircle. Under this yoga, the native will indulge in all sorts of materialistic gains rightly or wrongly, thus making himself vulnerable to sufferings. Kalasarpa Yoga is branded as the main causative factor for downfall.

Like so many other subjects in Astrology, even this subject is not free from controversies. Different scholars have given different versions as to the formation of this Kalasarpa Yoga. We have come to the following conclusions after our research and experiments.

1. The planets should be hemmed in between Rahu and Ketu and not in between Ketu and Rahu.

2. From the ascendant, Rahu must be in the first six house and Ketu in the remaining six houses.

3. Kalasarpa Yoga is saved, if at least one planet is outside the Rahu/Ketu axis.

4. There is no Kalasarpa Yoga if there is any planet with Rahu or Ketu though it may be between Rahu and Ketu axis. For example, if Rahu is 15 degrees Libra and Moon is 28 degrees Libra in chart, there is no Kalasarpa Yoga as these two planet fall in the same sign. Similarly, if Ketu is 23 degrees Sagittarius and Saturn is 11 degrees Sagittarius, there is no yoga present. Yoga present by the combination

of Rahu or Ketu with a planet will operate independently.

One of the learned astrologers has done some research on the yoga formations of Hindu astrology and has come out with very scientific reasonings in some cases. For Kalasarpa Yoga, he has said that the astrologers must also take into consideration the three lately discovered planets i.e. Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. This is his answer to those learned astrologers who did not find Kalasarpa Yoga operative in certain horoscopes. His arguments as to the importance of this Kalasarpa Yoga is that the Latitudes of all the planets will be of the same sign (North or South) making the chart completely unbalanced, as cosmic forces lack equilibrium. He does not say that it will be completely malefic, but his observations are that the native will be on extremes on either side. With the discovery of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, Kalasarpa Yoga is not easily available in the charts.

To a greater extent he is right, because we have seen the persons having such Kalasarpa Yogas in their charts having risen to high positions. Whether they could hold the position or not, is a different story. We can say with confidence that the persons born with Kalasarpa Yoga do come in prominence. It may perhaps be argued that greatness manifested in such cases may be due to some other benefic yogas and not because of Kalasarpa Yoga. It is debatable whether Kalasarpa Yoga confers only evil or prevents good, for it is seen that such persons very often do not remain ordinary. Even if it is admitted that this Yoga is evil, it is also established with practical illustrations that it cannot prevent the persons, having Kalasarpa Yoga, from achieving greatness. We are not in agreement with the learned astrologers who claim that that the Kalasarpa Yoga destroys all benefic Yogas of

of the horoscope. Any bad aspect of life due to past Karmas can be counteracted to a very great extent by hard work and concentration of mind.

In the charts with this yoga in addition to other benefic yogas, it is observed that such natives show themselves a shade above the average and reveal a deep sharpness in their intelligence, (constructive or destructive) and generally find their rank above the ordinary. This does not mean that they cannot fail in their efforts. It is also not argued that the mere presence of this Kalasarpa Yoga will confer greatness. What is concluded here that this Yoga shows the seeds of ultimate greatness by undergoing the process of pain and suffering resulting in coming to prominence despite difficulties.

In estimating the evil contents of this yoga, classical astrological cannons should not be ignored. In charts of persons born in humble circumstances, this yoga makes such natives industrious, persevering and ultimately reaching the top. Some astrologers think that this Yoga renders life short and deprives the persons of money, inherited or self-earned. These observations might be regarded as limited, being circumscribed by so many other factors also. It is, therefore, quite fair to assume that Kalasarpa Yoga alone cannot afflict untoward miseries unless other evil yogas are present.

Obviously, longevity factors do not need to be stressed because of the presence of the Kalasarpa Yoga. Kalasarpa Yoga does not itself shorten the life unless other life shortening yogas are present.

To Rahu, in spiritual astrology, is assigned the brain where the thousand petaled lotus, the abode of Lord Shiva, believed to be located. Such a planet (having 18 years in Vimshottari Dasa and 12 years in Ashtottari) may not be

regarded as totally evil but might be considered to have some mundane and spiritual good associated with it and if Rahu and Ketu enclose other planets between themselves, not much evil need predicted.

It is also possible that even without attaching much importance to Kalasarpa Yoga in a chart, but subjecting it to critical analytical methods, one can possibly judge with a degree of accuracy the strength of the horoscope and easily predict the events to come even while taking note of the presence of this evil yoga.

It is however, to be observed that salient effects of Kalasarpa Yoga cannot altogether be eliminated. The Yoga, strong or weak leads sometimes to unbearable strains and tensions, delaying success or making success look insignificant in relation to efforts made to achieve it. This Yoga is also found to be associated with frustrations and losses although efforts are made in pursuit of good or genuine and honest. The Yoga perhaps selects the pure and simple, honest and truthful and loyal and hardworking souls for its victims. Such individuals suffer indignities of outrageous fortune despite their 'purest-ray' quality and character. Paradoxically therefore, this yoga appears in charts of blessed souls or those who can endure evil and extract good out of it. God spares His weaker creation from this Yoga lest it breaks them. Knowing these possible capabilities of this Yoga, parents should be wary and take early steps to sufficiently educate and make their children's mind firm to avoid impact of future frustrations, if any, in store for them during Rahu-Ketu periods.

Generally, efforts of Kalasarpa Yoga operate throughout life and especially during Dasa or Sub-dasa of either Rahu or



Ketu, when the intensity either for good or evil would be felt as modified by transits. With this Yoga, there are no oppositions in the chart and this is important. So in transits, if the chain will go for good by conjunctions, trines and sextiles, it will continue for a long period of life. Similarly by Transits, if the planets are afflicted by oppositions and squares, it will equally take a long time for the native to come out of afflictions. 28th year onwards may be worst in such cases when transit Rahu comes to conjunct natal Ketu at the prime of youth.

By positional aspect, Kalasarpa Yoga can only have six formations: (1) 1st/7th houses, (2) 2nd/8th houses, (3) 3rd/9th houses, (4) 4th/10th houses, (5) 5th/11th houses and (6) 6th/12th houses. In different houses, it will manifest differently.

Formation of this Yoga from the 1st to the 7th is not regarded as good for material happiness. Conversely it might be regarded conducive to spiritual pursuits as a result of failure in marriage. But from Mundane point of view difficulties are seen to be experienced in married life and sometimes the very fact of married status becomes oppressise. Here, astrology can come to the rescue and by forwarding the timely advice to the native, he or she can be led to side-track and possibly avoid the marital catastrophe. Understanding is the Keynote of happiness and what cannot be cured must be endured. Astrology thus soothes the native by wise guidance develop forbearance.

Kalasarpa Yoga through 2nd/8th houses is not regarded good for money matters. It is not that he will be short of money, but most of his life he will be working with other's money by fair or foul means. Money may come easily and also may go easily. Either he will be indulging in too much sex

preversion damaging his health and wasting his money or he will be physically too weak to have any sex potentiality. He will suffer from the diseases of sexual organs. In one case, we know the entire legacy was lost by bad health. Positively aspected, persons are usually pretty generous and free with their money, that is, according to their means, whichever way it lies, but are not often really wasteful.

Kalasarpa Yoga through 3rd/9th houses, people who stand as advocates or pioneers of unpopular sciences or doctrines are often round with this yoga, persons whose energies and abilities would bring them to the forefront, if they ran exclusively on orthodox lives, are frequently handicapped due to this Kalasarpa Yoga. To those people, who aim solely at the material foreign investments, must meet a veritable pitfall with this position. Home, as distinct from foreign, commercial travellers may reap some advantage from it. Brothers and sisters will either be the source of happiness or worry subject to the overall pattern of the chart.

Kalasarpa Yoga through 4th/10th houses possess greater power due to the natural Sarpa influences. The Karmic seems to be well defined. These two houses have much to do with family affairs, and this yoga shows difficulties and disappointments, failures and often disgrace. The horoscopes which show trouble or disaster, this position makes them disastrous indeed. There is a danger for a man to be the father of illegitimate children or being himself as a illegitimate child. Sometimes the children can become the cause of discomfort home.

Kalasarpa Yoga through the axis of 5th and 11th house; it is one of the observed manifestations of this yoga that the trust reposed by a native would be misused and friends would prove

self-seekers. Friends are not likely to be of much assistance in life. Loss by and treachery of friends is a pretty sure result of this Yoga. It is common in the horoscopes of great flirts. It is more conducive to flirting than to marriage. There seems to be the possibility towards the production of illegitimate children. This yoga gives the danger of too free a course of life and we do not think ascetics are commonly favoured with this yoga.

Kalasarpa Yoga afflicted through 6th/12th house axis can cause even imprisonment. People born with this yoga are not favoured for Army or Navy employments. Remembering that the 12th house is the house of secret enemies, and also of regrets and self-undoing and that the 6th house has the rulership over health, diseases, work and enemies, this axis can move the native on extremes. Either this yoga will be too bad or too good. We do not see the middle course. On the positive side, the native can take to higher learnings and development of the spiritual self. On the negative side, he can be tormented with diseases, and poor health causing long confinement in a hospital or can prove himself to be an enemy to the civilised world.

Why is Kalasarpa Yoga important in Mundane astrology and ignored in Natal astrology? In Natal astrology the devastating effect of the yoga is concerned with a family only while the ruin of a state involved with far-reaching consequences for lakhs and lakhs of families forming as a nation. The intensity of Yoga effects is felt in the minimum in individual cases but assumes maximum proportions in national sphere. Rahu makes an individual interested in self to the exclusion of others; thus the individual is earning for enjoyment for earthly pleasures for himself and his family. When

he comes under the influence of Ketu, he is no more interested in the welfare of self and family, but in the benefit of the society and deprivation of enjoyment for self and family. He parts with his savings for establishment of schools and colleges, makes a gift of his house for hospital etc., and thus bring misery for self and family. Thus Kalasarpa Yoga for individual simply means ruination of family.

But when the supreme executive of a state is subject to Kalasarpa Yoga, he fights his border states to gain territory and other concessions. The native under such a King or Prime Minister or President becomes prosperous and more and more powerful. Later the influence of Ketu comes in. The Supreme executive is not ready to subordinate national interests to international consideration. The bordering states, that had so long clamoured about their territories, get back those territories. Flood and earthquakes in foreign lands result in sending money and materials for the relief of the suffering humanity. The supreme executive is no more interested in the increased national wealth but spends money out of the treasury. Thus, on all sides, the state is ruined with calamities involving all the citizens.

The net results of the observed effects of this yoga would suggest that astrologers should take care to assess the efficacy of this Yoga vis-a-vis the effects of other astrological phenomena and then with a keen analytical approach and making synthesis of the various effects noticed, make observations about the evil or modified effects resulting from the Yoga.

## CHAPTER 14

### Eclipses' in Nativities

Astronomy is the science of the heavenly bodies : the Sun, Moon, Planets, Comet and Fixed Stars. It treats of their magnitudes, motions, distances, constituents, etc. Astrology is the science of heavenly influences as related to the earth and its inhabitants. Astrology and astronomy are as true now as ever before. In ancient times astrology was a science, religion and art combined, and as such has outlived all sectarian bigots and religious hypocrites.

Astronomically, an eclipse is the interposition of a dark celestial body between a luminous one and the eye, or the passing of a luminous body into the shadow of another body. Eclipses of the Sun always happen at New Moon and eclipses of the Moon at Full Moon. Eclipse of the Sun always comes on from the West, and passes over eastward, while eclipse of the Moon comes on from the east and passes westward. Ancient astrologers discovered the regularity of the reoccurrence of eclipses after a period of 18 years and odd. How they arrived at this result, we do not know, as eclipses are not always visible in any single place.

The ancients had only eclipses, transits and the New Moons from which to make their predictions, and they were able to trace definite connection between the changes taking place in the heavens and the course of human events. The significance of an eclipse having been determined by its sign position,

usually comes to pass exactly at the time when one of the major planets afterwards makes its transit, more so by conjunction or opposition. The duration of an eclipse depends on the amount of time of obscuration, which shows as many years for hours of obscuration in Solar Eclipse and months in Lunar Eclipse. A solar eclipse in fixed signs: (2-5-8-11) will last for several years; in moveable signs: (1-4-7-10), the effects are over in a far more brief space of time; but in common signs (3-6-9-12), the effects commence much sooner, and continue for a long, while in force and affect mankind far more powerfully. If an eclipse occurs during the time when a Comet is visible it usually, foretells the birth or death of some eminent person or powerful ruler.

Eclipse may operate unfavourable in a horoscope when they fall in conjunction with, or opposition to any important points such as the Sun, Moon, malefic planets, Moon's Nodes and other sensitive points or parts of the natal horoscope. On the other hand, if they fall in sextile or trine to the Sun, Moon and sensitive points, when in conjunction with benefic points—Jupiter, Venus, Neptune—the action is favourable. The permissible orb is 5 degrees.

Transits over eclipse positions affecting the significators will have the maximum effect, according to the planets concerned. Planets, that become stationary when in the act of transit over the radical place of the significator, have greater effect than those that are direct in that department of life indicated by the planet or significator so affected. In this sense, Mercury relates to the intellectual life, mental faculties, business, trade, journeys and general activities. Venus may be significator of domestic and social affairs. Venus also indicates sisters and Mars indicates brothers. Jupiter indicates uncles and Mercury

indicates aunts. The Sun denotes the father, and the Moon the mother. Saturn also sometimes indicates the father, and Venus the mother etc. Uranus indicates uncles and the grand parents or scientific people. Neptune indicates cripples or mystical friends.

Considerable information about the affairs of men and nations can be gleaned from the solar and lunar eclipses. Not only are they unfailing indicators of chronology but also valuable promoters of good or evil. *Sepharial*, the celebrated English astrologer says in his "Theory and Practice of Eclipses" that the Sign occupied by the eclipsed luminary and the House in which it falls has the greatest degree of significance. In his : "New Dictionary of Astrology," he writes as follows :

"As regards individuals, eclipses have not a great significance, unless falling on the places, radical or directionals, of the significators, i.e. the Sun, Moon, planets, Mid-heaven and the Ascendant, when they have the greatest significance of disaster, tribulation, sickness and even death, but the latter more especially when the said significator has vital prerogatives and is badly afflicted radically or by direction. Falling on the Moon, they denote hurt to the mother, on the Sun to the father, on Jupiter to uncles, on Mars to brothers on Venus to sisters and on Mercury to aunts."

Another well known British astrologer Vivian E. Robson, writes thus: "An eclipse falling on any planet in the map is of great importance and is usually adverse, as it cut off the things signified by the body in the radical map. Unlike an ordinary new or full Moon, an eclipse lasts Much longer than a month and its influence is often felt for a long time. The effects of an eclipse of the Sun are said to last for as many years as the eclipse is in hours in duration, and those of the

Moon for as Many months. As the lunar eclipse effects will felt stimulated by directions or transits, the most marked effect will always occur when a planet is in transit over the eclipse point, the nature of the effect being shown by the nature of the transiting body, Mars causing cuts and burns, Saturn, falls and so on. The affairs of the house in which the eclipse fall in the radical map will also be disturbed. Although usually adverse an eclipse may be sometimes produce ultimate good, and in the case of an eclipse falling on Jupiter, and to a lesser extent when on Venus, the immediate result is unpleasant but the final result is advantageous. Eclipses are of extermie importance and should always be most carefully studied. The most dangerous are those that fall upon the Sun, Moon or Ascendant, as they usually disturb the health and frequently denote death when the directions are sufficiently severe." (*Text Book of Astrology*, pp 207).

Sage *Varahmihira*, who quotes ancient Hindu Rishis has given much information in the *Brihat Samnita*, (Vol-I). Importance is attached to the angle of the Sun or Moon in relation to the place where the eclipse is seen. Did it occur rising or setting? In which section of the heavens—half risen, second section, mid heaven, fifth section or sixth section? This is easily understood. You divide the semi-circle in to six sections of 30 degrees. You get six houses i. e. 7- 12. At point 12 the luminary would be rising, at point 10 it would be in the mid-heaven and at point 7 it would be setting. It is stated that should the eclipse (*Grahana*) occur in the 19th nakshatra from the birth asterism, then that person will feel the ill effects of the eclipse.

So far the horoscopes go, the following are important according to Hindu Astrology:



1. If a lunar eclipse occurs in the *Surya Lagna* (Solar Ascendant), the person concerned will suffer if the disc was not aspected by Jupiter.

2. An eclipse falling on the Sun radix, the father's side will suffer.

3. If on Moon radix, mother's side will suffer.

4. If the solar or lunar eclipse falls in Natal Ascendant, then that person, who owns the horoscope will suffer.

Varahamihira states that "if the Moon should be eclipsed by Ketu, she will destroy property, health and prosperity." Are we to understand by this that when the Moon is eclipsed by Rahu, the converse is the case? It must be so according to the sloka: "*Yorahathi parithyajathi dushtanrahayathi vyajathi vasa rahukh.*" He that is pure, he that does not combine with the wicked, and weak, he that delivers from the oppression of the wicked he is Rahu.

If one has a large family or a host of friends and you have the accurate birth times of these people, you do not have to go far away from home to watch effects as the events happen. Those who are close to you can provide many interesting and valuable facts which will make your research easier. The closer to orb aspects to the cuspal point (*Bhava Madhya*), the more potent is the effect. A six degree orb seems to be the widest that can be used, perhaps later there may be more facts to substantiate a greater orb. In fact, there generally is more activity in the exact degree, or one degree orb.

**FIRST HOUSE.** An eclipse falling in the ascendant will bring changes in the physical make up. The native becomes

accident prone and will have several. One may be involved in an automobile accident and the other may slip at home and meet a bone fracture. Such accidents come to rapid succession, though nothing serious, but enough to cause worry. Just walking down the street becomes a problems. If the eclipse is in favourable aspects, it will bring him personal elevation that is lasting and durable. He will meet success in whatever he will do at this time.

**SECOND HOUSE.** Relates to finances and possessions. If favourably aspected at an eclipse, it will not only enhance the person's assets but will also provide an additional source or sources of earning. This is a good time to try his luck at speculation. Naturally, adverse aspect would indicate loss of finances or failures at financial ventures. Remember to watch when a planet by degree transits an eclipse point, for all squares and oppositions will act in a negative manner, while the sextiles and trides will bring favourable events financially in his life.

**THIRD HOUSE.** If favourably aspected, the person will find relatives, communications any the whole envtronment in harmony. The mail will be full of good and promising news. The adverse aspect may cause him unpleasant and tiresome journeys. Close relations will become the source of worry and will always be demanding much to his dismay. The mail may be delayed or wrongly delivered.

**FORTH HOUSE.** If favouably aspected, the native will enjoy domestic peace and happiness. Family members and parents will become the source of joy to him. Adversely aspected will cause upheavel in the domestic life and a parent will become a great burden or problem to him. If he is in ad-

vanced years, there will be much misery and unhappiness for the rest of the life.

**FIFTH HOUSE.** If favourably aspected, will bring pleasurable and enjoyable associations into the native's life and children will become the source of happiness. Some sort of recognition or elevation will come to his children. If adversely aspected, children will become the cause of worry and suffering to him. He may have some disappointments in his emotional life. If the native is female and she is of a romantic age, many suitors will be attracted towards her. Investments will bring nothing but grief and any sort of speculation will end in heavy losses.

**SIXTH HOUSE.** Rules over health, employment and services. If favourably aspected, it will bring favour and improvement in these departments of the person's life, but with the adverse aspect, he can be sure of some indisposition. Many times, the adverse aspect finds employees hard to handle or employers will be too demanding. He must respect his food habits and must consult the physician even of a minor complaint.

**SEVENTH HOUSE.** Denoting partners (marriage or business), unions and open enemies and are brought to fore at eclipse time. If favourably aspected, there will be cooperation from the partners and social contacts will be pleasing. If adversely aspected, the person will have much bickering and unhappiness in his married life and business partnership. He will just not get along with other people unless he is careful. It may even involve him in litigation and law suits. Contracts (business or marital) should be well studied before he puts his signatures on them.

**EIGHTH HOUSE.** Brings activity other's money is concerned, While a favourable aspect, securities and reserves will increase, he will get legacies and gifts, loans will be easily paid off. Insurance policies will get paid up. With the adverse aspect, there will be drain on his reserves and he will undergo heavy debts. Liabilities will increase and taxation department can prove to be very troublesome for him at this time. There may even be death of some close relation.

**NINTH HOUSE.** The favourable aspects will bring peace, prosperity with regard to his 9th house affairs. It will bring long journeys and travels in his life which are educational and full of pleasure. Adversely aspected, the eclipse here can bring trouble through religious or litigation, which may go against him. Many difficulties will be encountered in travelling to distant places. There will be difficulties and problems in all his enterprises and any amount of labour will not bear favourable results.

**TENTH HOUSE.** If favourable, the eclipse here can bring the native fame and elevation. Working conditions, professional activities and wordly affairs will be to his advantage. If in employment, he can expect a rise and if in business, he will have expansion. With an adverse aspect, he will have nothing but trails and tribulations in his professional career. Sometimes death of a parent or a separation from them may take place under adverse eclipse. Remember that this is the house of native's status in the world, the way other people see him, so be sure that he sees the best side of his nature and individuality.

**ELEVENTH HOUSE.** House the hopes and wishes. It also rules over friends and associates. With favourable aspect,

the person will be surrounded by influential and sincere friends, who will extend full cooperation to enable him to realise his hopes and wishes, even without his knowledge. The adverse aspect will bring him many difficulties through his friends and associates. He will be blamed for the incidents where he is least involved. He may be blackmailed, if contesting for any elected office. All his efforts will end in disappointments and failures. Be sure to choose friends and associates wisely, especially new ones coming into native's life during the eclipse period. The aspects determine the kind of people he attracts under this influence.

**TWELFTH HOUSE.** This is the house of the residuals of past Karmas and the house of sufferings and self-undoings in this incarnation. So either he helps others or he gets helped by others. Under a favourable aspect, he will be the source of happiness and encouragement to the persons confined in hospitals institutions, or Jails. He will be more inclined to religion and spiritualism. Under adverse aspect, he may himself be subject to hospitalisation, confinement or imprisonment. There may financial losses through thefts etc. but under favourable aspect, he will spend the money for good cause, viz. children's marriage. As this is the house of self-undoing, and if the native sees an eclipse point culminating in near future on this house; better be sure that this actions and endeavours are above board.

The major effects an individual may have from an eclipse depend upon where the eclipse falls in one's horoscope. An eclipse should not effect one particularly unless it makes some direct contact with the luminaries, planets, Moon's Nodes or sensitive points. We have seen that an eclipse in conjunction with a natal planet weakens the effect of that planet, as it cuts

off the things signified by that body in the radical map. If the person so affected does not compromise with the situation and attempts to force issues along lines indicated by that planet, he is just heading for the troubles. One will do good to have much self-control at this time. Eclipse opposition a natal planet acts in exactly the opposite manner. It is the opposition point of that planet which gets depressed. Opposition by eclipse intensifies and greatly increases the power of that planet.

Lahiri's Ephemeris for hundred years and many other books list the degrees and signs of eclipses for years ahead, so that the student can take the advantage of favourable aspected eclipses as well as to counteract any inharmonious activities prevalent during an eclipse period. Astrology can be a guide post in enabling us to note the adverse and favourable periods, so we may act and guide our lives accordingly. This may be a new phase to some of the readers but they may get excellent results by watching their own and their family's charts. It will pay rich dividends.

## CHAPTER 15

### **Rahu & Ketu in Female Horoscopes**

The learned readers have already seen through the previous chapters that Rahu and Ketu play an important role in predictive astrology and help in providing the clues to many missing links. In this Chapter, we will specially deal with the part played by Rahu and Ketu in Female horoscopes.

1. If a girl is born in any one of the eleven ascendants, except Aries, with Saturn in Libra, Sun and Mars in the 7th house and Moon and Rahu in the 11th house, she will have all the comforts through life. With Aries Ascendant, the results will be reversed.

2. Moon and Rahu in the 7th house will make the girl wise and if Jupiter is in the 8th house, she will be blessed with several pretty children.

3. Ketu, Jupiter and Venus in the 4th house; the girl will enjoy all the wordly comforts, but at the time of her death, she will have no blood relation alive.

4. Ketu-Mars conjunction in a female horscope is classified as an excellent yoga as Ketu, being spiritual and religious planet, will take away all the evil effects of Mars.

5. Girl born under Leo ascendant with Rahu placed therein will be attractive, beautiful and lovely and will enjoy a comfortable married life.

6. We have said earlier that the effect of one of the Lights (Sun/Moon) with a Node is always strong. The Sun is especially favoured by being North Node, and Rahu and Sun in Leo are very powerful. The conjunction of Rahu and Sun in Leo in 1st, 3rd, 5th or 12th house is excellent. She will be married to a person of high status. She will enjoy good health also. This Sun-Rahu conjunction is equally good in 2-4-8-9 or 11th house. In a female horoscope Sun-Rahu in the 7th house is not termed bad.

7. Girl born with Mercury/Rahu in 1st, 7th or 9th house will get married to a learned husband of status.

8. Rahu in the ascendant produces a good house wife. Rahu in the 2nd house produces an intelligent house wife. With Rahu in the 7th, the girl can not live without marriage, though it may be late in life. Rahu in the 9th will make her religious.

9. Girl born with Venus in Aries and Rahu in the 10th house or 10th sign (Capricorn); she may get married as many as four times.

10. Sun, Mars and Mercury (all three) in conjunction with Rahu or Ketu, in the 7th house, she may not be legally married or she may not be one man's woman.

11. Sun, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter (all four) in conjunction with Rahu or Ketu in the 4th house or the 7th house will make the woman either a widow or a prostitute.

12. Rahu in the 7th house in Aries or Scorpio is an indication of widowhood, if devoid of benefic aspects.

13. Rahu in the 4th house is good for married life, but an afflicted Rahu destroys ancestral property or she feels unhappy in ancestral house. With afflicted Rahu, there will be no



domestic peace and happiness before marriage and it will be only after marriage that she will feel happy provided 7th house and 7th lord are favourably strong.

14. Mars in the 8th is an indicator of widowhood. Same is the case when Ketu is in the 8th house. The event is certain if Mars and Ketu (both) are in the 8th house, unless strong benefic factors counter it. Ketu in the 8th can make her a *vishkanya* (a poisonous girl).

15. Conjunction of Sun and Ketu in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th or 12th may bring about the death of husband in her middle life. The evil of this manifestation is lessend in the 10th house. There is no malefic effect in 6th or 7th house.

16. Rahu or Ketu are not termed favourable in the 7th house for happy cordial relation with the husband. Mars or Uranus in conjunction with Rahu or Ketu in the 7th house is an indication of widowhood.

17. Conjunction of Rahu or Ketu with benefic planets in the 7th house may result in a second marriage. Conjunction of Rahu or Ketu with the ruler of the 9th house, the girl may not be a one man's woman.

18. Ketu in the 12th is bad for a woman at the time of delivery. Ketu in the 9th is equally bad and denies her paternal happiness. Similarly Ketu in the 4th does not give motherly happiness. In some cases, she may suffer at the hand of step-mother.

19. Mars conjunction Rahu in the 5th, the woman is likely to suffer from irregular menstruation or excessive menstruation. Rahu-Mars conjunction in the 3rd, she may have defect in her left leg or birth-mark on that leg.

20. Rahu in the 8th denotes a big family with poor financial condition. She is also likely to have materimonial troubles (8th house rules over sex-potential).

21. Woman with Rahu conjunction Moon, Mars and Saturn will give birth to sickly children,

22. Woman with Rahu in Capricorn ascendant and Jupiter in the 9th will give birth to as many as eleven children, but only five will survive.

23. If there is a Grand Trine between Moon, Jupiter and Rahu, there will be much difficulty at delivery and the children will be unfortunate.

24. Rahu in the 5th will destroy many conceptions. Rahu conjunction Saturn in the 5th house will cause womb diseases and there will be no child-birth. The number of conceptions destroyed in the womb can be ascertained thus : with Venus-6; with Jupiter-5; with Mercury-4; with Mars-3; with Moon-2; and with Sun-one.

25. Libra ascendant, Rahu in Aries. Venus in Cancer and Mars either in Libra or in Aries, the woman will leave her first husband, marry second time and will be morally loose.

26. Moon, Jupiter and Rahu in Taurus trine Neptune, or Rahu in Gemini trine Sun and Uranus or Rahu in Gemini, the 7th lord Jupiter trine Saturn on the cusp of the 7th house or Rahu in Capricorn trine Venus and Neptune or Rahu in Leo square Mars and Saturn but Jupiter sextile to the 7th house lord Sun, Venus in the ascendant, the woman will get happily married.

27. Rahu in Cancer, Neptune square 7th house, the woman will become a widow, Rahu in Sagittarius square Neptune with Saturn in fall and 7th lord Jupiter in fall in the 8th, the girl will become widow shortly after marriage. Cancer Rahu in *Pushya Nakshatra* ruled by Saturn causes widowhood. Rahu in Leo opposition Moon, the 7th lord Mars square Saturn, Neptune square 7th house, Moon conjunction Jupiter in Capricorn, the girl will become a widow at a very young age.

28. Rahu in Virgo square Sun and Saturn or 7th house ruler square Mars and conjunction Saturn and Uranus; delayed marriage but good moral character.

29. Rahu in Capricorn, Moon in Cancer or Uranus in the 7th house opposed to 7th houses ruler Mars or Uranus sextile the Sun, Mercury and Saturn—no marriage. This is possible with Taurus or Libra ascendants only.

30. Rahu in Capricorn, Moon in Cancer, 7th house Jupiter retrograde in the 6th—no child-birth due to menses trouble.

31. Moon conjunction Mars in Sagittarius and Rahu conjunction Uranus in Gemini, the girl will get married at an early age but will be deserted by her husband.

32. Rahu in Capricorn in the 7th house square Saturn girl will get married later in her life.

33. Rahu in Sagittarius, Sun trine Neptune, square Moon, conjunction Mars, 7th house lord in Cancer, married bliss will be denied due to the defect in the husband.

34. Taurus ascendant with Saturn, Rahu in Scorpio, Sun and Venus in Leo, Mars ruler of the 7th house in Aquarius square Saturn. unhappy married life, constant quarrels bringing immorality.

35. Capricorn ascendant, Rahu in Taurus with Mars, the lady can have womb troubles as a result of which she will not conceive. Aspected or associated by Jupiter, she may get children, but all of them may die causing her unhappiness. If Ketu is there instead of Rahu, birth of children will not be denied, but the children will be the source of unhappiness instead of joy. Rahu and Mars in the 5th house on the ascension of Mars, the lady may deliver by a caesarean operation.

36. Female horoscope, Capricorn ascendant. Moon is 5th to Jupiter and Rahu is 5th to Moon, there will be adverse influences due to the child-birth and may also bring the rheumatism of the things.

## CHAPTER 16

### **Rahu & Ketu in Synastary**

The art of chart comparison or synastary is a difficult one, since it calls for of an expertness in analysing the essential personality pattern of both the individuals. This branch of astrology needs for a wide knowledge of human nature. As said in the early pages of this book, astrology is a religious science, occult and art and as such needs some sort of intuitional ability and know instinctively what relationships are good and bad. But persons with good background of natal astrology can also try chart comparisons.

The first step is a quick analysis of the charts of each subject. This is essential in order not to be thrown off track in our synthesis. At all times, one should remember, it is the total person or the entire chart being compared with another complete person, not a list of virtues and vices. So to make our analysis, first pick out the obvious features of the chart. Usually, the outstanding points of an individual are determined by the over-all pattern of the horoscope.

When Rahu and Ketu are opposite one another between the two charts, they seem to understand and help each other the best. Wherever the nodal axis falls on the other's chart is where the area can get out of balance. Ketu always does the teaching. Judgement would have to be made as to whether the Nodes are in aspect to each other before a final delineation can be made. Favourably aspected Nodes between

charts can bring out about lasting influence. Unfavourable Nodes can cause a separative action.

We know that more is needed than Rahu and Ketu alone in our consideration as the placement of each planet has its own say. However, much depend whether the person is accentuating his Rahu or Ketu in his life. It is that basic characteristic that lasts through life and influences every action. In our opinion Rahu and Ketu should be kept separate in our interpretation. They are of separate influences and should be read as such. In between two, it is Ketu which is stronger than Rahu. When Rahu will conjunct a planet, Ketu will naturally oppose it, but it is the conjunction which is important and not the opposition. When it comes between Rahu and the planet ; it is the planet which is stronger than Rahu and it is Ketu which is powerful than the planet. These are some of the salient features of Rahu and Ketu in synastry.

### **Conjunctions of Rahu**

**SUN.** It is a positive strong magnetic attraction and there is a sincere desire to understand and help each other. It is Karmic and the Sun person will come forward to assist Rahu person to grow in strength and vitality to build his destiny. This conjunction adds to the spirituality and self confidence in both.

**MOON.** It is again Karmic as Rahu and Ketu are closely linked with Luminaries. It is something from the past life carried over to this incarnation. The union between the people of opposite sexes seems destined. There is love, strong attraction and spirit of consideration for each other. This aspect will work more favourably in domestic life than outside world.

**MARS.** This conjunction will give ambition, creative

ability vitality etc. in both. Mars person will be able to take Rahu person along with him to achieve success by stimulating energy and drive. In between opposite sexes, it is better to have Mars in the male chart and Rahu in female chart to have the lasting compatibility.

**MERCURY.** One will help the other to stimulate intellectual pursuits and growth. Each other will appreciate one's talents and intellect. Rahu will help Mercury in his/her educational pursuits and can spur to greater mental feats. Mercury's reasoning will keep Rahu balanced.

**JUPITER.** This aspect will help both to develop on spiritual lines. Both will have generosity and tolerance towards each other. Jupiter also helps to develop self-confidence in Rahu and makes him to move forward.

**VENUS.** Both the persons will be sincere in affections and will try not to hurt the feelings of each other. In matrimonial alliance, there is companionship and sympathy between them. However, this aspect may make both the persons extravagant.

**SATURN.** This aspect will increase the sense of duty between the both. Saturn person brings discipline and sense of responsibility to the Rahu person and can prove to be a great teacher. It is not a good aspect to be considered for matrimonial alliance but it will prove good if Saturn is the master and Rahu is the employee.

**URANUS.** Both the persons will respect each other's need for freedom and individuality. Uranus will help to stimulate creative ability of Rahu. Though Rahu may not like to work under Uranus but he will not hesitate in admitting the superiority of Rahu. It is not good for marriage or business partnerships but may work well for social life.

**NEPTUNE.** This can be termed as spiritual and Karmic

contact. Neptune is the planet of past Karmas and Rahu will distribute them in this incarnation. These people can work for great constructive good in the area of love and compassion for others.

**PLUTO.** This contact makes both the person feel that there is strong bond between them, perhaps a bond that even death cannot break. Both will help each other in character improvement.

### **Conjunctions of Ketu**

**SUN.** As said earlier, relations between Luminaries and Nodes are Karmic. This aspect may explain that these two persons have problems in their past lives and will meet again in this life to resolve them. So they will be attracted to each other to work out the problems. Many familiarities will be found amongst them. Ketu person will always have the edge over the Sun person. Ketu will try to dominate the Sun person, with the result resentments tend to build and eventually Sun person seeks a ways to free himself. The relations can never be lasting and permanent, though initial attraction may be there.

**MOON.** Ketu can always arouse the Moon person emotionally. Ketu will be demanding of the Moon with the result unpleasant domestic changes can take place. This aspect will cause fluctuating and disturbing relations between them and may not prove to be lasting. Contacts originally will be due to Karmic conditions.

**MARS.** As said earlier, Ketu is powerful and will dominate over the planets. Here Ketu man will restrict the Mars personal desires, passions, energy and action and will try to subdue him. Between opposite sexes, it may work temporarily but will not last due to rivalry. This aspect is not favoured in matrimony.

**MERCURY.** Ketu person will have greater power over Mercury and has something to teach him. Ketu man will create the situations where Mercury will need serious thinking and this way, he will be able to increase his knowledge. During crisis, they may stay together, but their relations will not last long and finding the suitable opportunity, Mercury person will break and go away. This contact can be said to be good between the teacher and the student.

**JUPITER.** There will be over-flowing of energy and inspiration between both with the result that one will not accept the superiority of the other. Initially Ketu may accept the guideline from Jupiter, but having learnt it, will try to teach him. This will cause resentment and Jupiter may break away from him.

**VENUS.** Here Ketu will try to possess Venus without giving. Initially both will feel the responsibility to each other for the love and affection as their duty, but later on when Venus will find that Ketu is too selfish and demanding, they will separate not to meet again.

**SATURN.** Saturn restricts and restrains and sometimes completely blocks Ketu person's development. Equally Ketu can put strain on Saturn will cause the mood of depression or will give the feeling of too much responsibility on him with the result Saturn will part and separate.

**URANUS.** This is no aspect for compatibility. Such persons can never go together for long, as there will be friction amongst them. Uranus wants to rebel, Ketu wants to hold, resulting in a break. Such persons should not associate in any walk of their lives.

**NEPTUNE.** It can be termed as favourable if both the parties are engaged in the pursuit of psychic phenomena, astro-



logy and occult learning. This combination can again be termed as Karmic. However, this aspect will prove to be the worst and evil, if they are engaged in indulgence of any type. In such cases the relations may not last long.

**PLUTO** This aspect can make them to indulge in sex perversions, if there are other aspects to support it. This aspect will create sex problems even if both the parties are of the same sex. Outwardly, they may look friends but inwardly there may be a desire to harm each other in one way or the other. It is advised that such persons should never come together.

The readers will observe that Ketu conjunction with any planet is never good and Ketu person will always have the dominance over the other.

## CHAPTER 17

### Karmic Destiny

Among planetary Nodes, Moon's Nodes are most important the Moon being the closest light near the Earth. As the influence of the Moon is very strong in a natal chart, so the influence of Moon's Nodes is very important in the life of a soul.

The basic concept is that the Moon's Nodes work as a vacuum tube connecting the past Karmas with the present Destiny. In other words, Moon's Nodes bridge the gap between the previous form of soul to the present soul structure. Moon's Nodes also help to correlate the present soul structure with its possible connection to the future soul form. This automatically brings us to the Hindu concept of some form of reincarnation process. During the course of our visit to foreign countries to speak on Hindu Astrology, we found that more and more persons in the West started in believing the process of Reincarnation and Hindu Philosophy of life.

In Karmic Destiny the first stage is to find out where Rahu and Ketu are placed in the natal chart by Signs and Houses and delineate them by taking into consideration the *elements* of Signs and Houses. Next we are to find the controlling planets (Planets ruling the Signs occupied by Rahu and Ketu) The third stage is to see the aspects between Rahu and Ketu with the natal planets. For conjunctions and oppositions, we have the orb upto 10°, but for other aspects, the orb is not allowed for more than one degree.

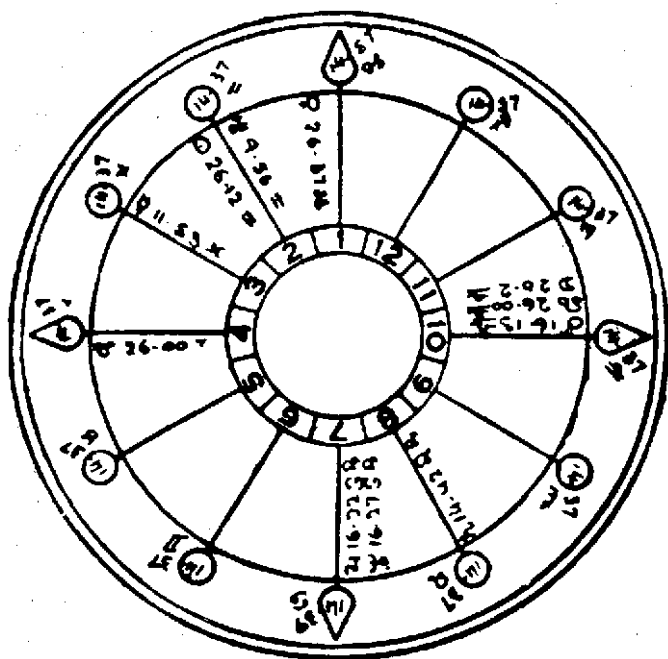
For illustration, we have the author's horoscope. His birth details are :

Place of Birth. 77E30, 30N00

Day of Birth. Tuesday (In Hindu Astrology, day is from sunrise to sunrise. He was born on 10th March 1920, before sunrise, so his day of birth will be Tuesday and not Wednesday).

Date of Birth : 10th March 1920

Time of Birth : 4h 34m 38s a.m. I.S.T.



As a simple rule, Ketu tells us about our past Karmas brought in this incarnation and Rahu will tell how we are

to redeem them. The redeeming net-work of Rahu consists of the Grand Trine houses that include the positions of Rahu in the natal chart. Grand Trines are : 1-5-9; 2-6-10; 3-7-11; and 4-8-12 houses. For example, if Rahu is in the 7th house, its distribution net work will consist of houses 3-7-11. The areas covered by Rahu are quite important in the Karmic growth during your life time.

Since Ketu has been assigned the responsibility of inlet of Karmas from the past life and Rahu is responsible for the redemption of past Karmas in this life, their location through the signs and houses in a birthchart will help us to understand more of Karmic Destiny in this life time. By knowing where the Nodes are in the natal chart, one can estimate a general Karmic attitude or function in one's life. Remember, this does not say what the whole life is going to be, but a general attitude that will guide the soul in this life.

In the example horoscope, Rahu is in the 10th house i.e., 2nd, 6th and 10th are the houses where the native needs the growth in this life time. To conclude, it is the position of Ketu (one incoming point) for the inlet of Karma, but it is the position of Rahu (three houses) for the distribution and utilisation of past Karmas during our life time. In the illustration, the incoming point is the 4th house and he is to distribute and utilise the past Karmas through the 2nd, 6th and 10th houses, during his life-time.

In our illustration, Rahu is in Libra in the 10th house which is in the same as Ketu in Aries in the 4th house. In this case, past life Karmic energy (Ketu) is coming from the Fire (Aries) by sign position and Water (4th house) element by house position. Karmic energy distribution (Rahu) is happening through Air (Libra) element by sign position and Earth (10th house)

element by house position. Thus the basic Karmic energy will be from Fire-Air (by signs) and Water-Earth (by house). Here both the conversions are converging to the common boundry of Air Earth domain. If the native can bridge the gap between the interface of Air and Earth, the rest of the flow will be quite smooth. The Air levels is—Intellectuality and Communications, and the Earth level is—Practicality and Materialism.

One Nodes conversion (Fire-Air) is bringing higher knowledge into something logical that can be easily communicated. The other Node conversion (Water-Earth) is trying to convert understanding of feeling and sensitivity into practical—materialistic attitude. The Karmic process of this person is to learn to use his mind and intellect by planning a practical action which can provide him material significance. Remember that these elemental analysis will not tell us a life-long story but a path that is significant in the life of that person.

The native was given to the wet-nurse to be brought up as his mother was not keeping a good health at the time of his birth. After couple of years, when the wetnurse brought him back, his mother refused to recognise him as her own child. Her arguments were that the wetnurse had changed her baby with somebody's else. In his childhood, he suffered emotionally for want of love and affection from his parents. This is due to Ketu in 4th house, and it was Karmic. But Ketu is in Aries (Fire). This gave him tremendous amount of energy to fight his own way to establish his own individuality and it was again Karmic. Had Ketu been in some other element, i.e., Air or Water or Earth instead of Fire, his Karmic Destiny would have been totally different. Rahu will redeem his Karmic Destiny through 2-6-10 houses as stated earlier, through Air and Earth elements in this incarnation. During this time so far, he had to work very hard. Even today at

this age of 59 years, he works for more than 12 hours a day. This is the 6th house affairs. Financially, (2nd house) he had never been well-off except for a very short period in between. Vocation (10th house), he had changed as six professions so far. Air element—whatever work he did or doing at present in his life, he attained some sort of recognition and he is always a doer—practical (earth element).

**Rahu in Libra and Ketu in Aries:** Previous incarnation of this person was spent with a lot of physical actions, temper and aggression. He had, in that life, achieved and lost many things as he could not learn to understand the significance of balance. In this life time, he will definitely learn and be able to use the concept of balance as applied to 'soul growth.' Everything he undertakes in this life will have a definite sense of justice, priority and deeper significance. His diplomatic talents are well worth nothing in this life. He will achieve things without fighting for them and often others will surrender to him just by his senses and magnetism. Utilisation of mental energies is strongly noticed in this person in this life. Although he may not be after material success, he always manages to be in plentiful in that respect.

**Rahu in the 10th and Ketu in the 4th:** This condition often signifies stronger success in the profession or career area. However, some drawbacks are noticed in the home affairs. Here, the individual converts all the domestic energies into professional direction. Thus, satisfactions and fulfilments through the home are fairly low for him. His individuality and strong ego are worth noticing. Often difficulties during childhood brings about a distorted mother/father complex to him. He is a lot closer to his father than to the mother. However, some of the hostilities or lack of mother element is due

to recent past life complications with her. Sensitivity and emotionalism is something he has to overcome and show an image of tough practicality in this life. His first half of life is not very enjoyable as compared to the second half of life.

### **Controlling Planets**

The planets ruling the signs of Rahu and Ketu are called the Controlling Planets. Since Ketu is the inlet point of Karma, the planet ruling the sign of Ketu is called the past life Karmic Control. The planet ruling the sign of Rahu controls the Karmic Distribution Control. The controlling planets have strong implications depending upon where they fall in the chart and the aspects they make with the nodal axis. This aspect made by the controlling planet to the nodal axis is of great significance in Karmic understanding. Since the Nodes are in exact opposition, the aspects made by the planet to both the Nodes will always be complimentary. For all practical purposes, we should take the shortest or smallest aspect between the controlling planet and the Nodal axis.

Coming back to our illustration, ruler of the sign occupied by Ketu is Mars and the ruler of the sign occupied by Rahu is Venus, i.e. Mars and Venus are the Controlling Planets in this Nativity. Mars is the planet of the past life Karmic Control and Venus is the planet of Karmic Distribution Control.

First we are to consider the position of his Mars. Mars is in Libra in 10th house. Combine the characteristics of all the three elements, i.e. Mars, Libra and the 10th house and we will get the clear picture. The characteristics of Mars—Fire, quarrels, energy, initiative, effort, pain etc., i.e. in his past incarnation, he was quarrelsome, fiery, and full of energy.

As he could not balance himself in past incarnation (Libra sign), he is to suffer in this incarnation in his married life (Libra—sign of marriage) and his vocation (10th house). Mars is the ruler of the 4th he will suffer in his 4th house affairs in this incarnation, i.e. mother, domestic peace and harmony etc. It is due to his past-life-karmic control.

Next planet to be considered is Venus—the planet of Karmic Distribution Control. Key Nodes for Venus are—love, beauty, money etc. Venus is in the first house in Capricorn. We are to blend these three characteristics (Venus, First house and Capricorn) to understand the Karmic Distribution Control in this incarnation. Capricorn is the sign of ambition but of restrictions also and the first house means 'person'. Naturally the present life of the native will be full of ambitions but of restrictions also with regard to the Keynotes of Venus (love, affection and money).

Mars conjunction Rahu in the 10th house, (Orb is 10°) in Libra. This is quite a fortunate and powerful aspect. Strong personal elevation is sought in life, basically due to Karmic hidden support. Money and resources becomes key issues behind the go-getter professional image. Strong tensions with father are noticed since early childhood. Temper and aggressiveness go hand-in-hand to achieve the objective without wasting any time. Physical sex drive is often at its highest and it has certain past-life connections. Sometimes these connections are in the form of unfinished manipulation or simple 'get even' from the previous life. It seems like the Martian energies are coupled with the previous memories and they have a Scorpion touch. Strong assistance from brothers and sisters is seen in getting ahead in life or vica-versa.



**Venus square Rahu/Ketu.** This is quite a frustrating or stressful aspect. However, it does provide a lot of fighting spirit to the native to overcome many obstacles. It seems that he is to learn his Karmic lessons substantially in details. These minute lessons come from many areas of life. This aspect has the most Karmic learning process in native's life. Thus he fulfils substantial balance of Karma in this life alone. Strongly it may not seem so because he is learning from so many directions and without concentrating on any particular area of life. Thus, as he goes through higher reincarnations, he has good and stiff stamina to cope up with added life process. This sounds like basic Karmic training. Affairs of money and possessions are very significant, consciously or unconsciously. Circumstances behave strongly with him in this aspect. When he plans to go after resources and money matters, circumstances force him to become antimaterialistic. On the other hand, if he decides to withdraw from the material luxury, he gets circumstantially tangled with other's resources and their management. Somehow, whatever his choice is, circumstances force him to change his strategy continuously. This goes on until the balance is fully understood.

### **Aspects to Rahu & Ketu**

**Moon conjunction Rahu.** This aspect provides internal emotional satisfaction for him. If not, at last he will provide such satisfaction for others. Basically, this aspect represents better emotional distribution within or without the native. Support from mother or 'mother image' is of utmost importance for him in this life.

The idea to take something from 'mother' and be a mother figure to someone is highly under focus. These people go

through ultra high and low emotional stages in this category. As a result, it is best not to provoke them emotionally at the wrong time. Vivid imagination and stronger sensitivity towards some of the past-life experiences and their illumination is noticed in this aspect. They may go through typical or unusual emotional experiences which could be part of their recent life externalization with a great similiarity to reality.

*Sun trine Rahu.* This aspect provides good popularity, personal elevation and execution of proper ego for him. Circumstantial assistance in getting recognised in the world is noticed. Strong foundation and establishment of identity is done by the help of the father-figure' in life. Success in the public life or even in politics is seen. During his recent life, he had been well recognised for his assistance to others. As a result, in this life repayment is done to him to get somewhere, no matter where he starts in life. Optimistic attitudes and open goals are quite common for him.

### **Dasa Periods**

When it comes to Timing of Events, it is *Dasa Paddhati* (Vimshttari Dasa System) in Hindu Astrology which is unique but if the learned astrologers will not be able to differentiate between the ruling Dasa of Karmic planets and other planets, they ere likely to err. Similarly, the Dasa periods of Rahu and Ketu are also Karmic, and are to be delineated differently.

In our illustration, the native had the balance of Jupiter Dasa for 8 years 9 months at the time of birth. A change came when he entered in Saturn Dasa, i.e. he was completely disowned by his parents and he had to work and earn his own livelihood. During these 19 years of Saturn Dasa, he had been

learning and earning and the life was quite regular and smooth, though progress was very slow. With the change of Mercury Dasa, a complete change came in his life. From employment, he came to the business, but this period was full of struggles, sufferings and fluctuations, though every suffering brought and additional knowledge to him.

With Ketu Dasa, his life was completely changed. As said earlier, this Dasa period was Karmic. Ketu is placed on the asterism of Venus and it became all the more important because Venus is one of the Karmic Controlling Planets. With the beginning of Ketu Dasa, he started from the scrap and reached on the dizzy heights of his life. Such time will not repeat as he will not see Rahu Dasa. He was on TOP in his trade and industry in the country, but before the end of Ketu Dasa, he come to his normal pattern of Destiny i. e. there were times when he had nothing to eat and nothing to wear. He had to go without food and shelter for days together and had to suffer the greatest humiliation of his life. But perhaps God has a purpose behind it. He become religious and spiritualistic from selfish and materialistic approach.

Venus Dasa, planet of Karmic Distribution Control, brought about complete revolution and rejuvenation in his life and he has attained a position which he could have never dreamt of in his early life. Had Venus not been the Karmic Controlling Planet, the results of Venus Dasa would have been totally different. We would rather say, that he is a fortunate man, because most of his Karmic debts of past incarnation were paid during Saturn and Mercury Dasa, Ketu Dasa taught him a lesson and he should have no problem in his old age i. e. upto the age of 72 years. Sun Dasa is likely to prove death inflicting for him as Sun is placed on the asterism of

Jupiter (ruler of the natal 12th house) and the Sun is in the 2nd house being the ruler of the 8th house.

## TRANSITS

We are of the opinion that Transits are more powerful and decisive than Vimshottari Dasa System, and even capable of modifying the Dasa System, though some of the learned astrologers may not be in agreement with us.

All the transiting aspects of Nodes to the planets in the chart are Karmic points or interchange. The aspects of conjunction and positions of any Node are very significant to the planets in the natal chart.

Transit Rahu conjunct natal Ketu : First time this aspect took place in the year 1926 when it coincided with the beginning of Saturn Dasa. Second time this manifestation took place in the year 1948 with the beginning of Mercury Dasa and third time in 1966 in Ketu Dasa. All these conjunctions were bad, and brought about revolutions which became the cause of his sufferings and downfall. These three phases had their distinct characteristics in his life.

Rahu conjunction Rahu—1939-40: He got married and got his first employment. Second time this conjunction took place in the year 1957, when he was released from all the sufferings and bondage imposed on him by Rahu conjunction Ketu in the year 1948 and a new cycle of life began. When this conjunction took place third time in the year 1975-76, his astrological works were recognised and was invited to visit foreign countries to speak on Hindu Astrology. His visit was a great success. In one way it was a great honour to him which comple-

tely change the pattern of his life. This aspect may not operate in his life-time any more.

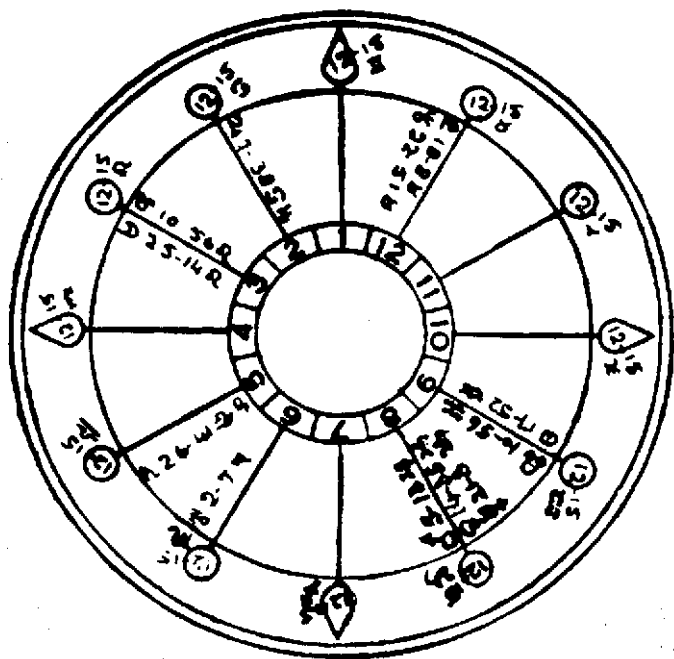
Rahu conjunction Sun in 1951 brought about a financial relief. Rahu conjunction Venus 1952 was the most unfortunate part of his life (Venus is the Karmic Controlling Planet for the present lifetime). If Venus was not the Karmic Control Planet, this conjunction would have meant something different and proved beneficial. Rahu conjunction Saturn in year 1961 brought about his daughter's marriage and a rise in his employment. His salary was just doubled over a night. Rahu conjunction Jupiter/Neptune during this year 1962 brought another improvement in his life. He was again promoted.

Rahu conjunction Pluto (6th House) in 1964 destroyed him almost. Rahu conjunction Mercury in 1969 brought heavy losses in business and he was almost completely ruined. Rahu conjunction Venus in 1971, except his physical survival, nothing was left. With the entry of Rahu in his 12th house opposing Pluto, he had to rebuild his life all over again.

Whenever transit Rahu will come to conduct Ketu or other Karmic Control Planets, the outcome will be malefic. For other planets, it will depend on other factors also.

## Famous People

We start this chapter with the horoscope of Prime Minister Morarji Desai. This is one of the very few horoscopes of the 19th Century, the correctness of which is not disputed.



We need readers' permission to say that let them take his horoscope to any astrologer of the world (irrespective of the school, he follows) and we have our doubts if he can identify this horoscope with the person, who is the Prime Minister of India. However, if you disclose his identify, it will be quite easy for any astrologer to justify his status astrologically.

1. Cyril Fagan and Garth, Allen have said in their researches that for a person to be lucky and prominent, he should have the planets in the Foreground (angles). This importance of the planets in *angles* is equally recognised in Eastern as well as Western School. In this case, there is not a single planet in an angle.

2. "When two planets, each owning a house mutually interchange places, i. e. each occupy the others, house, the action is termed *Parivartana*. When either the lord of the 6th or 8th or 12th house is involved in such a exchanges of houses, it is termed as *Dainya yoga*. The man born in a *Dainya Yoga* will be a fool, will be reviling others and commit sinful actions. He will always to tormented by his enemies, will speak woundingly and will be unsteady in mind." *Phaladeepika* bp Manteswara, Sloka 32-33, Chapter VI. There is a *Dainya Yoga* in this horoscope due to exchange the houses between Saturn and Venus.

3. Some astrologgers will argue that three planets—Saturn, Jupiter and Mars are exalted. But Saturn and Jupiter are retrogrades. *Uttarakalamrita* by Kalidasa (Sloka 6—6. 1/2, Chapter II) has said : "When a planet is retrograde in his motion, his strength is similar to that when in his exaltation. If a planet conjoined with a retrograde planet, the strength is 1/2 a *Rupa*. If a planet be retrgrade in his motion while in his exaltation house, he gets only his *Neechabala* i. e. nothing."

4. *Phaladeepika*, Slaka 5, Chapter XV: "When a house has its lord in the 6th, the 8th, or the 12th, or is occupied by the lord of any of these three, it suffers annihilation, say those that know the properties of a house." In this chart Mercury, Venus and Mars in the 8th house and Laturn, ruler of the 8th is in the 5th house i. e. 7 out of 12 house are rendered weak and powerless. If the readers take thke the newly discovered planets into consideration, then Uranus is in the 6th and Neptune and Pluto are in the 12th house.

The point, we wish to stress, is that without the knowledge of Rahu and Ketu or without incorporating them in the chart, this chart cannot justify the elevation of the person to be the Head of Government.

The learned readers have observed through the earlier pages of this book that the co-relation between the Luminaries (Sun and Moon) has given the birth to Rahu and Ketu. There are very few horoscopes where you will find both the Luminaries with Rahu and Ketu. In this, case Rahu is with Sun and Ketu is with the Moon and this by itself is an important Yaga.

2. Chapter 7, page 33, about Sun conjunction Rahu we have said: "It gives advantages to the Rahu area. This aspect provides strong personal elevation wherever the Sun is located. The destiny often helps them in most of ways it can during life. Responsibilities are often given to them just as they are ready for them." This conjunction takes place in his 9th house and the readers know all about the 9th house characteristics. This conjunction provides the native success in his ambitions.

3. About Moon conjunction Ketu, Goerge White has said "The Moon is greatly strengthened by being with either Node



and rendered much more fortunate provided the North Node is elevated: in fact this is the most essential points of the Moon's dignity. If the Moon, is with either Node and the North Node is elevated, it adds to a person's stature (look to the native's height and social status) and also makes him more fortunate in all the affairs of life." You take out Rahu and Ketu from this horoscope, and it will become powerless.

Rahu conjunction Sun and Ketu conjunction Moon in the horoscope have formed practically the conditions of true eclipse and the learned readers are fully aware that how many times the native has suffered eclipses like conditions in his life.

4. Sun (ruler of the sign occupied by Ketu) and Saturn (ruler of the sign occupied by Rahu) are Karmic Controlling Planets. They are in trine to each other, when the Sun is in conjunction with Rahu. It was this configuration in his horoscope which has elevated him to be the Head of the Government. With incorporating Rahu and Ketu, the learned astrologer will be missing a vital link in the horoscope.

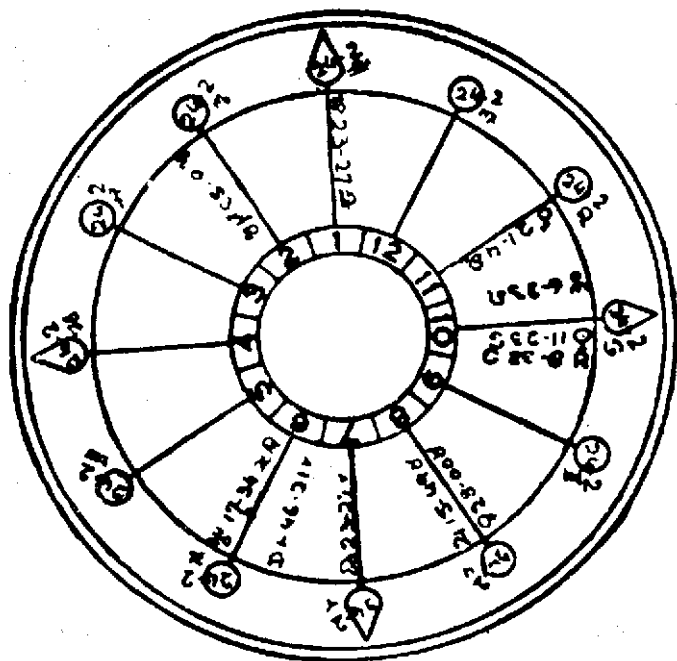
He become Prime Minister during Mercury/Mars. (Mercury is the ruler of natal ascendant and from its location, he is the ruler of the 5th and the houses). Mars, ruler of 3rd and the 10th from Mercury, is exalted and placed in the first with Mercury: There will be domestic peace, financial gains. The native will regain his lost political power due to the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi and will be made the ruler," (*Parashara Hora*). The readers will find it equally interesting to note that Mars is placed on the asterism of Sun and Mercury is placed on the asterism of Moon; when Sun and Moon are in conjunction with Ketu Rahu and respectively giving rise to a powerful *Raja-yoga*.

At the time of elections and his occupying the office of the Prime Minister, Rahu was transiting on his Saturn is the ruler of the sign occupied by Rahu and he is the planet of Karmic Distribution Control. Sun (ruler of the sign occupied by Ketu), planet of Incoming Karmic Control was transiting in his 10th house at that time.

To conclude, his elevation to the present position is purely Karmic and it is at the door Rahu and Ketu.

## 2. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis

40N54, 72W 23, Sunday 28-7-1929, E.S.T. 13-18-42



1. Moon (ruler of the 10th house) with Rahu in the 7th is responsible for her becoming the First Lady of United States of America (wife of the President).

Ketu is the ascendant in Libra (sign of marriage) is responsible to make her widow twice. Sudden fall from the position can happen.

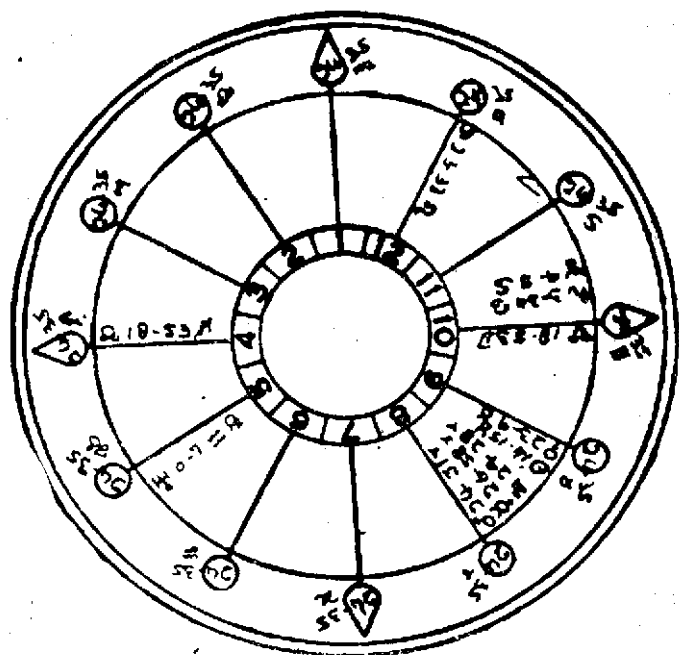
3. Venus and Mars are her Karmic Controlling Planets, who happened to be the rulers of her ascendant and the 7th house respectively. They are also the natural planets of marriage and sex. Venus and Mars in a square aspect, thus denying her the matrimonial happiness in this incarnation. Mars trine Rahu: This aspect provides her added physical strength or reserve energies. It can give a feeling of independence because of the 'vital nature' in her." She may not marry any more now.

President Kennedy was assassinated on 22-1-1963, i. e. when was undergoing Moon/Rahu sub-period. Moon is on the asterism of Ketu and Rahu is on the asterism of Venus, planet of Incoming Karmic Control. Venus is in the 8th (house of death). It was due to her past Karmas that she was to suffer in this incarnation in her married life. At this time, transit Rahu was opposing her natal Saturn, transit Saturn square natal Rahu/Ketu and transit Neptune was on her Ketu in the ascendant.

### **3 President John F. Kennedy**

71 W08, 43 N20, Tuesday, 29-5-1917, E.S.T 14 51 24

1. Ketu in the 10th house in its Fall in the Gemini is by itself enough to indicate that he will not be able to complete his term as President. Ketu in the 10th house is not termed favourable for the second half of life and does not promise lasting prosperity and happiness.



2. Karmic Controlling Planets—Mercury and Jupiter—are in conjunction with Mars (Planet of arms, violence etc.) ruler of the 8th, in the 8th (house of death). With this configuration, it was a foregone conclusion that the native will meet the unnatural violent death. Mercury and Jupiter are placed on the asterism of Sun, ruler of the 12th house—house of self-undoing and sufferings. Prime Minister Morarji Desai, too, has Mars conjunction Mercury (Mercury is the ruler of the ascendant in both the cases) in the 8th house, but for him Mercury is not the Karmic Control Planet.

3. He became President on 21-1-1961 i. e., during Rahu/

Moon and both the planets, in trine aspect, are placed on the asterism of Venus, a Yoga karka planet placed in the 9th house, identical to its own sign, Taurus. He was assassinated on 22-11-1963, i. e. in Jupiter/Jupiter. Jupiter, too, is no trine aspect to Rahu, but has gone on the ascertainment of Sun ruler of the natal 12th house. Jupiter is the planet of Karmic Distribution Control, placed in the 8th house (death) i. e. his violent death was Karmic indicated by the position of Rahu and Ketu in his natal chart.

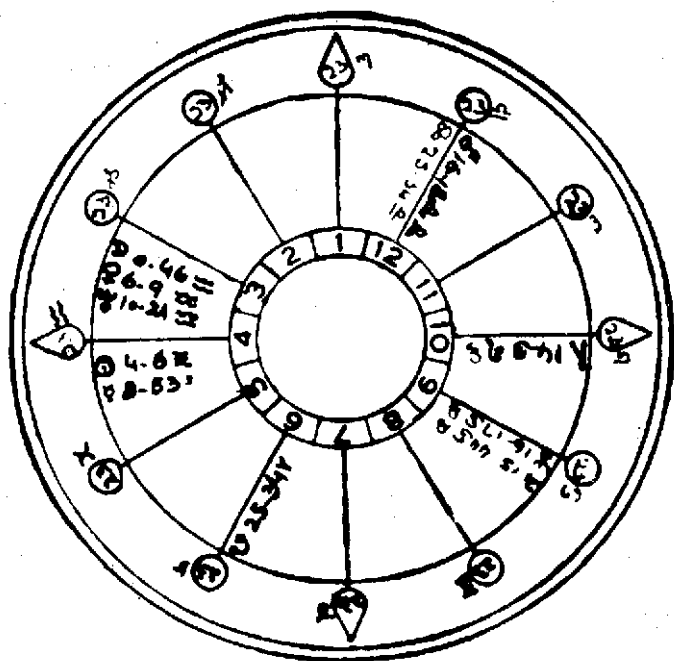
4. 1960-61 : Transit Rahu was on his natal Moon and transit Saturn and Jupiter were on his natal Rahu. All this transit were favourable. 22-11-1963: Transit Rahu came to conjunct his Ketu and we have said in earlier pages of this book that this transit is most unfortunate. This triggering by itself was enough to bring this sad episode of his life.

#### **President Mujibur Rahman**

23N36. 89E53. Wednesday, 17-3-1920, I.S.T. 23-29-50

He became the Head of the Government (Bangladesh) on 12-1-1972, became President on 25-1-1975 and was assassinated on 15-8-1975. We have said in our Article (*Fate & Destiny* October 1975) that was his declaring Emergency and taking over as President which is responsible for his assassination.

It had been repeatedly said that whenever Rahu is in conjunction with any planet, it will enhance the basic quality of that planet. We have also said that wherever Rahu is placed, there will be enhancement in that area. Enhancement does not mean for good it can be bad also subject to the characteristics of the planet and the house. Symbolically, planets and signs are classified as malefics and benefics, but when it comes to actual operation, they can work vice-versa.



Remembering that the 12th house is the house of secret enemies and also of regrets and self-undoing, it must be a bad place for Rahu to lie. Here Rahu is in the 12th house in conjunction with Mars. Mars is the ruler of the ascendant and also the planet of Incoming Karmic Control. It is this configuration in Mujibur Rehman's horoscope which is responsible for his elevation as the Head of the Government and also for his assassination. Sixth and twelfth are rather secret and obscure houses to know much about. This axis is not favoured for the person who become the Head of this States. Here Rahu has enhanced the qualities of Mars, but also of

12th house Mars, as a ruler of the ascendant, conjunction taking place in the 12th house is responsible for his assassination. Since Mars is also the planet of Incoming Karmic Control, this assassination was Karmic due to his past Karmas. Any good astrologer could conveniently see and predict the end of his life in the manner it has taken place, provided he had considered Rahu and Ketu in his horoscope.

Another interesting part of horoscope is that Mars is replaced on the asterism of Rahu when Venus, planet of Karmic Distribution, Control is placed on the asterism of Mars, i. e. Venus is under the sway of Mars and Mars is under the sway of Rahu. To conclude, his elevation and assassination were Karmic and cannot be predicted safely if we do not take Rahu and Ketu into consideration.

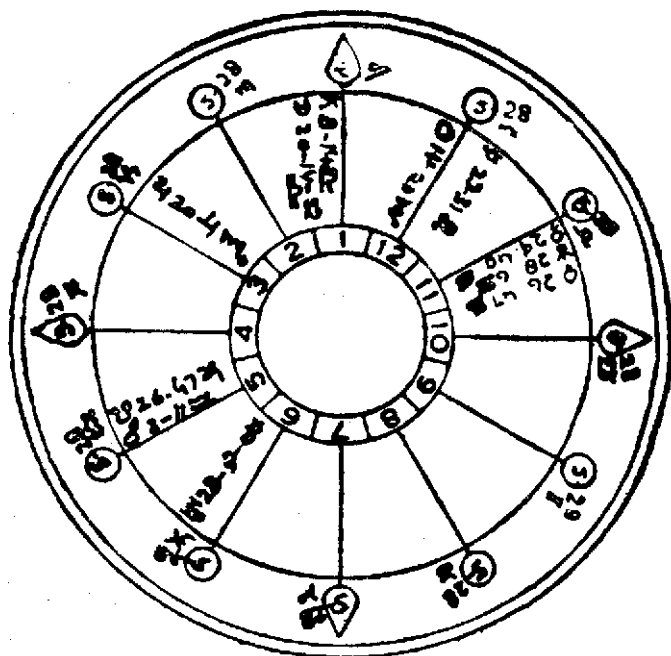
Whenever the lord of the ascendant will be in the 6th, 8th or 12th house in association with Rahu or Ketu or with Karmic Control Planets, there will always be danger of unnatural and premature death.

He became the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 12-1-1972, when he was under Saturn/Moon. He was safe upto Saturn/Mars, but Saturn/Rahu created problems in his political life. There were difficulties, with the result he dissolved the Parliament and became the President, which finally resulted in his assassination.

Transit Rahu was in his ascendant in square aspect to Saturn, Uranus, Venus and Moon. Transit Uranus was on his Rahu and transit Jupiter was on his Ketu. Transit Mars was opposing transit Rahu. In the previous chapters on Transits of this book, the readers have seen that transit Ketu conjunction natal planet and transit planets conjunction Ketu are not termed favourable.

## 5. President Jimmy Carter

84W 24, 32N 02, Wednesday, 1-10-1 C.S.T. 7-14-9a.m.



Like President Sheikh Mujibur Rehman, President Jimmy Carter, too, has his ascendant lord conjunction Rahu, but in his case planet involved is Venus and not Mars and the conjunction takes place in the 10th house and not in the 12th. Due to this change, Jimmy Carter's election was peaceful and constitutional and there is no danger of violent or premature death.

Like President John F. Kennedy, his Karmic Controlling Planets—Moon and Saturn—are in conjunction, but in this



case the conjunction takes place in the ascendant and not in the 8th house. With this change, it can be safely said that he will complete his term peacefully and there will be no untoward incident in his life.

He was elected in Ketu/Venus. Venus is the ruler of the ascendant, Venus is in conjunction with Rahu and Venus is involved in *Parivartana* Yoga (exchange of house between Moon and Venus) termed as *Maha* Yoga, Moon is the planet of Karmic Distribution Control.

Transit Rahu was in conjunction with his natal Saturn—planet of Incoming Karmic Control. Transit Uranus was on his Moon, but the most important transit was of Saturn on his Rahu.

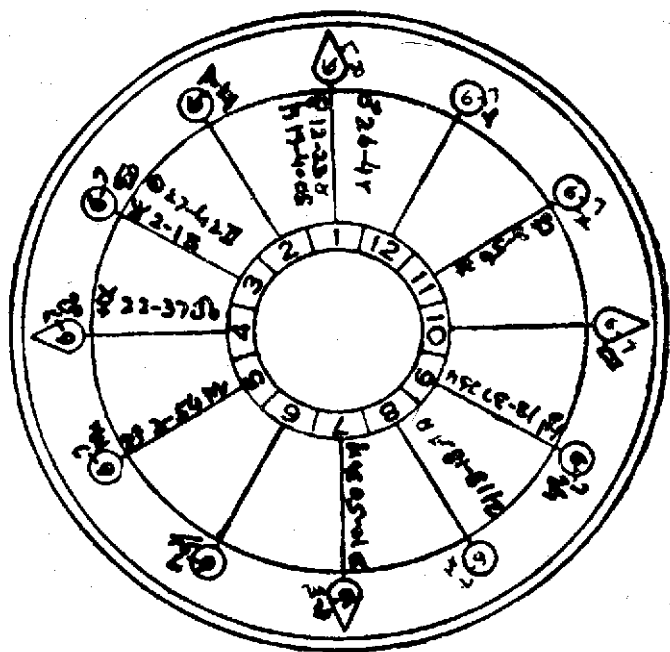
#### 6. President Gerald Ford

95W57, 41N15, Monday, 14-7-1913, C.S.T. 1-32-15a.m.

We were amongst the very few astrologers of the world who saw the fall of President Ford in November 1976 elections, (*Fate and Destiny*, October 1976). To our knowledge perhaps President Ford is the only American who became vice-president first and then president uncontested in a very short period. Naturally, astrologers thought that he will be successful especially when President Carter was not so popular then.

Here again, the nodal axis is important. Though Rahu/Ketu axis through 11th/5th houses is very good but both the planets are in Fall. Karmic Controlling planets are Mercury and Jupiter and they are 6th/8th to each other and in Hindu Astrology, this aspect is termed malefic.

On 1-8-1974, the day he became the President he was under Saturn/Jupiter and Jupiter is the planet of his Karmic Distri-



bution Control. Jupiter is placed on the asterism of Venus, ruler of the ascendant. At that time, Rahu was transiting his 7th house and none planet was transiting on his Rahu/Ketu axis.

On 2-11-1976, he was under Mercury/Mercury, planet of Incoming Karmic Control and Mercury is placed on its own asterism i.e. there was no modification and the President Ford was to pay for his past Karmas through his defeat at the Polls. By this time, transit Rahu shifted to his 6th house to oppose his natal Mars ruler of the 7th and the 12th house. The in-

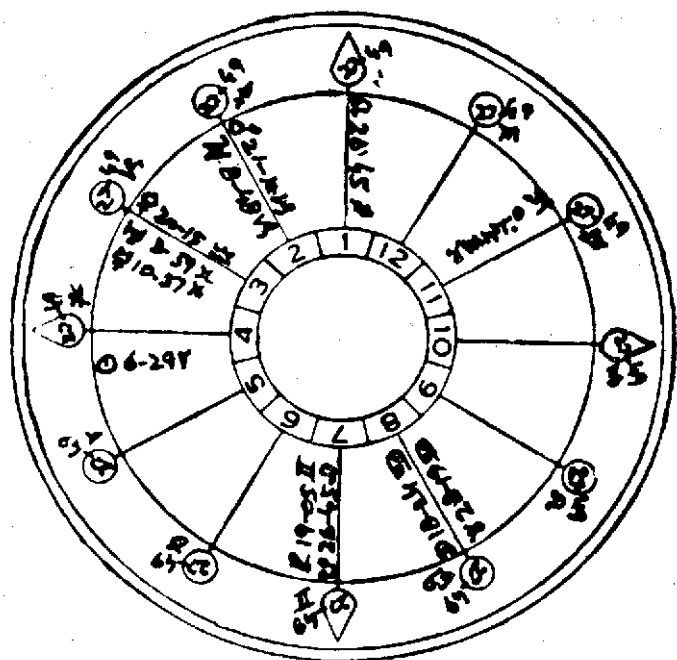
teresting part of the case is that President Ford was defeated by President Carter whose horoscope we have dealt earlier. Both the Presidents have Venus as the ascendant ruler. At this time, when transit Saturn was in conjunction with natal Rahu of Carter, it was in conjunction with natal Mercury of Ford. If the learned astrologers would have given the due weight to Saturn's transit on President Ford's Mercury, planet of Incoming Karmic Control, it would not have been difficult for them to see his defeat against President Carter.

### 7. Queen Elizabeth II

We close this chapter with the horoscope of Queen Elizabeth II of England to answer Peter Vidal's question : "Will Queen Elizabeth Abdicate?" *Sunday Standard* October 2, 1977.

51N32, 00N05, Tuesday, 20-4-1926 GMT 25-40-00

For the foreign readers, who are not fully conversant with Hindu Astrology, we would like to add that in Hindu Astrology, day and date begins with sunrise and not from midnight. Naturally, the Queen was born on Tuesday (and not on Wednesday) on 20-4-1926, at midnight—25-40-00 (1.40 a.m.). Her ruler of Destiny is Mars and ruler of the horoscope is Jupiter (Sidereal Chart). Both the planets are in conjunction in the 2nd house of possessions, where Mars is exalted and Jupiter gets *Neecha bhanga Raja Yoga* (Cancellation of debilitation and giving rise to Royalty). However, there is a *Parivartana Yoga* (exchange of house) also due to the exchange of house Between Mars and Saturn, termed as *Dainye Yoga* and this is bad. But Prime Minister Morarji Desai, too, has this yoga and he has become the Prime Minister of India at the fag end of his life. The author, too, has this *Dainya Yoga* but it could not stop his elevation in the life. After analysing hundreds of



the horoscopes of the persons, we came to the conclusion that this *Dainya* Yoga does provide many difficulties and obstacles in one's life, but it does not stop other good yogas to operate in the horoscope.

Learned and renowned astrologers like C.E.O. Carter and Peter Vidal have put her retrograde Saturn in the natal 10th house, but we believe in Equal House Division and Sidereal Zodiac. With our chart her Saturn is in Scorpio but shifted to 11th house so the evil effect of this retrograde Saturn enumerated by these two learned astrologers does not hold good in our school of thought.

Amongst other factors, it is Rahu rising in her ascendant which is responsible for her royalty. The readers are requested to refer to pages 65/66 of this book where we have delineated Rahu in the first house and in the sign Sagittarius and they will be convinced of our statement. She is not to be blamed as most of the British Empire was liquidated in her father's (King George VI) time.

According to Carter, Jupiter conjunction Mars opposition Neptune (exact) may bring a withdrawal from power and responsibility. Peter Vidal is of the opinion that there are no indications either in the Queen's horoscope or in Prince Charles' horoscope that anything will happen to disturb the status quo of the royals in the next few years although factors occurring in the Queen's horoscope during 1981-82 could at that time result in bad publicity.....Looking further ahead, both horoscopes show adverse major configurations involving Uranus around 1985. At this self-same time, the queen will have Saturn transits over her natal Saturn.

She was Crowned during Venus/Moon sub-period. Venus is placed on the asterism of Jupiter and Moon is placed on the asterism of Mercury. Mercury and Jupiter are her Karmic Controlling Planets. At the time of her Coronation, transit Rahu was on her natal Rahu.

She will be under Mars Dasa upto March 1983 and Mars is placed on its own asterism and is exalted, but we have said in earlier pages that the fag end of Mars Dasa before Rahu takes over is always troublesome. In the year 1982, pointed out by Peter Vidal, transit Rahu will be in conjunction with her natal Ketu and we have also said earlier about this transit as malefic. Here we are in agreement with his observations though our approach is totally different than his.

Rahu Dasa will be the 7th from her birth Dasa about this, too, we have said that it will be very malefic. She cannot outlive Rahu Dasa though Rahu Dasa should not be bad, as Rahu is rising in the ascendant, though debilitated; on the asterism of the Sun, ruler of the 9th house.

During the year 1985, she will still be under Rahu/Rahu, when transit Saturn will come to conjunct her natal Saturn, but it is the transit Rahu opposition Saturn which is important. The configuration is not termed benefic and she will be placed under difficult circumstances. Though our observations are somehow in agreement with Peter Vidal, but we do not accept Saturn transit conjunction natal Saturn is as bad as concluded by him. The readers will agree that without incorporating Rahu/Ketu, a clear cut astrological picture is not formed in Predictive Astrology.

Though hundreds of the cases of Famous People can be cited to prove the validity of Rahu and Ketu in predictive astrology but we felt that these should suffice for the learned leaders. Let them apply the rules given in this book and get convinced that predictive astrology is incomplete without Rahu and Ketu.