

Dasha-Aarambha: The Commencement of a Dasha

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Some Points to Ponder

Vedic astrology is intimately concerned with the moment of commencement: the commencement of life, the commencement of an event, the commencement of a venture, the commencement of a journey, the commencement of a year of life, and the like. It is the moment of commencement with which is inseparably associated the destiny of a given event. The planetary disposition at the time of beginning of an event is represented in the form of a horoscopic chart which is then subjected to astrological analysis in order to decipher the destiny of that event.

Timing of events in Vedic astrology is done by the use of dashas (or operational periods of planets) and Gochara (or the transit of planets). Both need to be integrated carefully in order to make correct predictions. Of the numerous dasha systems available, it is the Vimshottari dasha that is the most commonly employed by practitioners of astrology. Here, different planets have their Mahadashas (MD) or major periods, and each MD has the Antardashas (AD) or sub-periods of all planets, operating during

the main span of the MD. There are further sub-divisions too but we shall stick to the MD and AD only, for the purpose of this subject.

As we have mentioned above, the moment of the beginning of anything is significant. It is surprising, therefore, that not much attention has been paid to the moment of the beginning of a dasha. Sages have strongly emphasized that the planetary disposition at the commencement of a dasha (MD or AD) has a significant role in determining the outcome of a dasha. Of particular importance in this connection is the disposition of the dasha lord. Says Parashara of the dasha lord:

दशारम्भे शुभस्थाने स्थितस्यापि शुभं फलम् ।
अशुभस्थानगस्यैवं शुभस्यापि न शोभनम् ॥

That is: At Dasha-Aarambha (the commencement of a dasha, MD or AD), the dasha lord posited in an auspicious house produces benefic results. Placed in an inauspicious house, however, even an otherwise benevolent planet does not yield auspicious results.

This is a significant statement and deserves the attention of all serious students of astrology.

Significance of the Moon

The significance of disposition of the Moon at the time of Dasha-Aarambha has been highlighted by Kalyana Varma of the Saravali fame thus:

सविता दशाफलाणां पाचयिता चन्द्रमाः प्रपोषयिता ।
राशिविशेषेन्द्रोरतः फलोक्तिदशारम्भे ॥

That is: The Sun ‘prepares’ (makes ready) the dasha results while the Moon ‘nourishes’ (disburses) them. Hence, at Dasha-Aarambha the rashi disposition of the Moon must be specifically assessed.

Kalyana Varma describes the results of varying dispositions of the Moon at the moment of Dasha-Aarambha as follows:

- *Moon in Karka*: Monetary gain; one gets a benevolent wife.
- *Moon in Mesha or Vrishchika*: Associates with (or violates) a young girl; loses (or kills) his wife.
- *Moon in Mithuna or Kanya*: Knowledge of scriptures, acquisition of friends.
- *Moon in Vrisha or Tula*: Enough to eat, drink and make merry; loss of (relief from) enemy.
- *Moon in Dhanu or Meena*: Physical comforts, increased income, respect, overlordship.
- *Moon in Makara or Kumbha*: Association with an older or a wicked woman.
- *Moon in Simha*: Residence in a fort or a jungle, agriculture, working at home, constructing a bridge, discord with wife and son, scarcity of sexual pleasures.

- *Effect of aspects on the Moon*:

- (i) Aspect of Saturn or Mars: Loss of wealth and near ones; physical ailment.
- (ii) Aspect of Mercury: Learning.
- (iii) Aspect of other grahas: The results vary according to the nature of the aspecting planet.
- Auspicious results are indicated when the Moon is:
 - (i) in a rashi belonging to a friend of the dasha lord;
 - (ii) in the sign of exaltation of the dasha lord;
 - (iii) in an Upachaya (i.e., 3rd, 6th, 10th or 11th) house from the dasha lord; or
 - (iv) in the 5th or the 7th or the 9th from the dasha lord.

- Inauspicious results are indicated when the Moon is disposed otherwise than as described above in relation to the dasha lord.

One can thus understand the importance of the Moon at the time of Dasha-Aarambha.

There is another reason why the Moon is important in this context. The nakshatra of the natal Moon is the basis of the dasha order in the life of a native. It is the Moon's nakshatra that decides the dasha operating at the time of birth. The exact longitude of the Moon, in other words the exact position of the Moon in a specific nakshatra, gives us the balance of dasha of a specific planet at the time of birth. The balance of dasha at birth helps us find the ending moment of the dasha at birth. This ending moment coincides with the commencement of the next dasha. It is this commencement of a dasha,

the Dasha-Aarambha, which constitutes the subject matter of our present discussion.

Significance of the Sun

The Sun is extremely important in any understanding of the dashas. An understanding of the Sun's movement is the key to understanding the moment of commencement of dasha or the Dasha-Aarambha. The Sun's one round of the zodiac indicates the completion of one year. This is equivalent to the sojourn of the Sun through the twelve signs of the zodiac.

This solar year, which indicates one complete round of the zodiac by the Sun, or the passage of the Sun through 360 degrees, is the year that is meant when the duration of a dasha is under consideration. Thus, when we say that Jupiter has a Vimshottari dasha duration of 16 years, we mean this to be the time span during which the Sun would make sixteen complete rounds of the zodiac. One year consists of 360 solar days so that one solar day would indicate one degree movement of the Sun. Since there are twelve months in a year, every 30 degree movement of the Sun would correspond to one month in time or one rashī movement of the Sun. Let us make things simpler as follows (**Table I**):

Table I

| <i>Time duration</i> | <i>Equivalent Sun's movement</i> |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 year | = 360 degrees or 12 rashis |
| 1 month (30 days) | = One rashī (1°) |
| 1 day (24 hours) | = One degree (1°) |
| 1 hour | = $2'30''$ |
| 24 minutes | = One minute ($1'$) |
| 24 seconds | = One second ($1''$) |

The above information is required to arrive at the exact longitude of the Sun at the time of completion of the dasha operating at birth. This is derived from the balance of dasha operating at the time of birth.

Finding out the Dasha-Aarambha

Let us take up the example of the late Smt. Indira Gandhi. She was born on November 19, 1917 (Monday); at 23:11 hours IST; at Allahabad, $25^{\circ}N27'$, $81^{\circ}E51'$ (**Chart 1**).

Longitude of the Sun:

$7^{\circ}04'07''31''$ — I

Longitude of the Moon:

$9^{\circ}05'35''17''$ — II

The Moon is in the nakshatra Uttarasadha ($8^{\circ}26'40''$ to $9^{\circ}10'00''$) which belongs to the Sun. Considering the Sun's dasha as 6 years (and each year as 360 solar days equivalent to 360 degrees of the Sun's movement), the balance of the Sun's dasha available at birth would be:

1 year 11 months 24 days
17 hours 47 minutes — III

Now we ignore the completed years for the purpose of determining the Sun's longitude at the end of dasha at birth (because each completed year indicates a complete sojourn of the Sun through 360 degrees or twelve signs of the zodiac). So, we get the value as: 11 months 24 days 17 hours 47 minutes. Converting this into the Sun's longitude, we get:

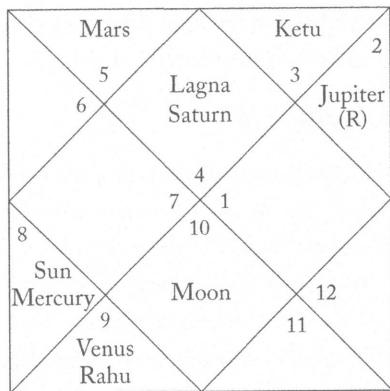
$11^{\circ}24'44''27''$ — IV

Adding I (natal Sun) and IV (dasha balance at birth), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 7^{\circ}04'07''31'' \\
 & + 11^{\circ}24'49''30'' \\
 = & 6^{\circ}28'51''58''
 \end{aligned} \quad — V$$

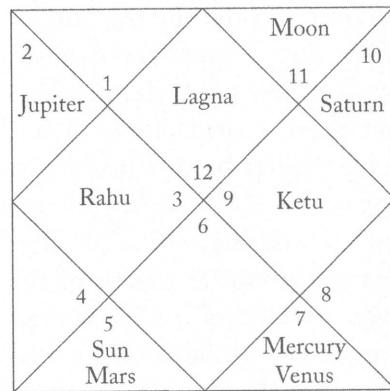
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| | | Jupiter (R) | Ketu |
| | | Lagna Saturn | |
| Moon | Chart 1 November 19, 1917 | | Mars |
| Venus Rahu | Sun Mercury | | |

Lagna $27^{\circ}22'$ Mars
 Sun $04^{\circ}07'31''$ Mercury
 Moon $05^{\circ}35'17''$ Jupiter(R)



$16^{\circ}22'$ Venus $21^{\circ}00'$
 $13^{\circ}14'$ Saturn $21^{\circ}47'$
 $15^{\circ}00'$ Rahu $09^{\circ}12'$

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|--------|----------|------------------|-------------|
| Lagna | | Jupiter | Rahu |
| Moon | Navamsha | | |
| Saturn | | | Sun Mars |
| Ketu | | Mercury Venus | |



We have thus converted the duration of balance of dasha at birth into the extent of movement of the Sun in the zodiac.

This value of $6^{\circ}28'51'58''$ will be the longitude of the Sun when the dasha operating at the time of birth ends or the next dasha begins. This position of the Sun would remain constant for Dasha-Aarambha in case of each planet because the duration of MD of each planet is in the form of complete

Planetary disposition at the time of commencement of a dasha has a significant influence on the dasha results.

years (and no fractions of the year) and each completed year is twelve complete signs the addition of which to the balance at birth would make no difference to the longitude of the Sun at Dasha-Aarambha.

Next, we work out the exact time when the Sun attains this longitude during the year of beginning of a Mahadasha (MD). That moment of time is the Dasha-Aarambha for that MD. Planetary disposition at this moment has significant influence on the results of the MD.

Let us tabulate the Vimshottari dasha for the native to roughly indicate the Dasha-Aarambha, when the balance of Sun dasha at birth is 1 year 11 months 24 days (**Table II**).

Table II

| Graha | Duration (MD) | | | Ends on | | | Time (IST) | | |
|---------|------------------|----|----|---------|----|------|------------|----|----|
| | y | m | d | d | m | y | h | m | s |
| Sun | 1 | 11 | 24 | 15 | 11 | 1919 | 06 | 22 | 59 |
| Moon | 10 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 11 | 1929 | 19 | 48 | 08 |
| Mars | 7 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 11 | 1936 | 15 | 02 | 25 |
| Rahu | 18 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 1954 | 05 | 46 | 19 |
| Jupiter | 16 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 1970 | 08 | 10 | 05 |
| Saturn | 19 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 1989 | 05 | 08 | 20 |

Note: The ending moment of one dasha indicates the beginning (Dasha-Aarambha) of the next dasha.

Principles of interpretation

We have already mentioned some principle of interpretation above, particularly in relation to the disposition of the Moon at the time of Dasha-Aarambha. For an accurate assessment, the analysis should take the following three factors into consideration:

- (a) Lagna at Dasha-Aarambha
- (b) Lagna at birth
- (c) Chandra lagna or the Moon-sign chart

All the three factors indicated above are important. However, it is also necessary to appreciate that some error may creep into the process of deciding the exact lagna at Dasha-Aarambha. Even such basic things as the recorded time of birth or the exact longitude of the Moon at birth may not be accurate. One may, therefore, attach only a reasonable significance to the lagna rising at Dasha-Aarambha. Much greater importance should be attached to the other two factors, viz., the lagna at birth and the Chandra lagna. The method of deciding

When the Moon occupies an Upachaya house from the dasha lord, the dasha yields good results.

the Dasha-Aarambha that we have already discussed above is the one that is likely to give the most accurate results.

Besides the principles mentioned above, a few additional points need to be considered while interpreting the planetary disposition at Dasha-Aarambha. These are as follows:

- When the dasha lord is in the lagna (natal lagna or lagna at Dasha-Aarambha), in exaltation, own sign, in a friends house, associated with or aspected by benefics, its dasha yields good results.
- If the dasha lord occupies any of the Trika houses or is debilitated, combust or in the house of an enemy, its dasha produces inauspicious results.
- The dasha will prove to be auspicious when the dasha lord is in the lagna, or in the vargas of friends or of natural benefics, or located in any of the Upachaya houses (houses 3, 6, 10 and 11).
- A dasha lord will yield only mixed results if it occupies its own house or exaltation sign or Moolatrikona, but is at the same time in the house of an enemy or in debilitation in the navamsha chart.
- Dasha lord bereft of strength does not yield any significant results during its dasha.

When a dasha is likely to yield seriously adverse results, including death, the

following dispositions, as mentioned in the Saravali, tend to cancel the affliction.

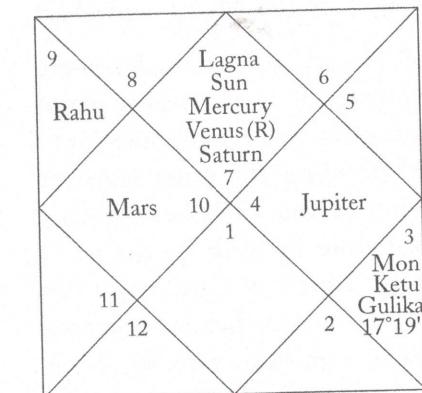
- When at Dasha-Aarambha there is even one strong planet, in the varga of a benefic or of an Adhi-Mitra (bosom friend), and aspected by a benefic, the adverse dasha fails to cause death.
- If the malefic dasha lord at the time of Dasha-Aarambha is weak while the planet causing the cancellation of its maleficence ('Arishta-Bhanga') is strong, the affliction certainly gets cancelled.
- If the dasha lord at Dasha-Aarambha is exalted, or in its Moolatrikona, etc., and victorious in graha-yuddha (planetary war), the dasha fails to produce harmful results.

From the above narration, it is obvious that, while the usual method of dasha interpretation is eminently relevant, sufficient importance must also be given to planetary disposition at the moment of Dasha-Aarambha. In this respect, the dispositions of the dasha lord and the Moon at Dasha-Aarambha are particularly significant.

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| | | Moon Ketu Gulika 17°19' |
| | Chart 2 November 15, 1954 | Jupiter |
| Mars | | |
| Rahu | Lagna Sun Mer Venus(R) Saturn | |

Lagna 20°50'
Sun 28°51'58"
Moon 29°28'

Mars 23°13'
Mercury 09°41'
Jupiter 06°42'



Venus (R) 29°21'
Saturn 20°03'
Rahu 13°11'

Mahadasha and planetary dispositions

We shall take up a few examples of the moments of commencement of a Mahadasha and the impact of planetary dispositions at such a Dasha-Aarambha.

MD of Jupiter: The MD of Jupiter in respect of Chart-1 above starts on November 15, 1954 at 5:46:19 hours (IST). The place of birth remains the place to be considered in making the Dasha-Aarambha chart. The planetary dispositions at the commencement of the MD of Jupiter are shown in **Chart 2**. The longitude of the Sun remains 6°28'51"58".

In the natal chart (Chart 1), Jupiter, retrograde, is the ninth (and the sixth) lord in the eleventh house. It exchanges houses with the eleventh (and the sixth) lord Venus. The dasha of Jupiter, which is also vargot-tama, made the native highly prominent, its culmination being that she became the first woman Prime Minister of India in 1966 during the Vimshottari dasha of Jupiter-Sun. It was the period during which she lost her husband as well as her father. It

was also a period of political struggles in which she eminently succeeded to humble her opponents.

We now consider the planetary disposition from the Dasha-Aarambha.

(a) *From the lagna at Dasha-Aarambha:* The lagna is Tula (Libra) with its own lord (and eighth lord), retrograde, forming potent Raja-yogas and Dhana yogas in the lagna itself. The debilitation of the Sun in the lagna stands cancelled. The dasha lord Jupiter is exalted in the tenth house and the Moon occupies the ninth house. Ketu and Gulika afflict the ninth house (father) while the seventh lord Mars, though exalted in the fourth house, is aspected by the sixth lord Jupiter and is debilitated in the navamsha.

(b) *From the natal lagna:* The dasha lord Jupiter is exalted in the lagna. It happens to be the ninth (and sixth) lord and is aspected by Mars and a malefic seventh and eighth lord Saturn. Both Mars (in the seventh house) and Saturn (the seventh lord) are exalted, but debilitated in

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| Gulika 07°21' | Saturn (R) | Moon | |
| Rahu | | | |
| | Chart 3 November 15, 1970 | | Ketu |
| | Lagna Mercury | Sun Jupi- ter Venus | Mars |

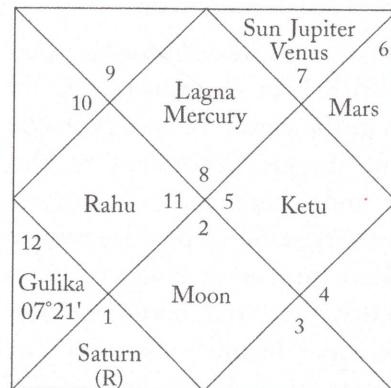
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| Lagna | 21°59' | Mars |
| Sun | 28°51'58" | Mercury |
| Moon | 21°49' | Jupiter |

the navamsha. The Moon is afflicted in the twelfth house. It was a great dasha for her career but there was also tremendous suffering at personal level. The Moon's affliction by Ketu and Gulika in the twelfth house would certainly deprive her of any peace of mind. It was during this dasha too that her spiritual inclinations became more prominent.

(c) *From the natal Moon:* The dasha lord occupies a kendra (the seventh house) in exaltation, promising a dasha of excellence. The Moon, the seventh lord, is grossly afflicted in the sixth house, justifying the death of her husband. During this period, there was also a significant parting of ways with some of her political partners.

MD of Saturn: The MD of Saturn started on November 15, 1970 at 8:10:05 hours (IST). The planetary dispositions at the commencement of the MD of Saturn are shown in **Chart 3**.

Saturn is the key planet for those in politics or in any way connected with the masses. In the natal chart, Saturn occupies



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| Lagna | 21°59' | Mars |
| Sun | 28°51'58" | Mercury |
| Moon | 21°49' | Jupiter |
| | | 22°50' |
| | | 09°42' |
| | | 24°18' |
| | | Venus |
| | | Saturn (R) |
| | | Rahu |
| | | 21°16' |
| | | 25°25' |
| | | 05°17' |

the lagna and aspects the tenth house suggesting a prominent political career. Saturn as the planet of detachment also arouses the spiritual side of the native and suffering on the material plane. Saturn is the adverse lord of the seventh and the eighth houses and exchanges houses with the Moon, the lord of the lagna. Its position in the lagna in the sign of Moon is also not too comfortable. The chart has three exchanges including the Saturn-Moon and Jupiter-Venus. The third is the Sun-Mars exchange, between the second and the fifth lords. It is primarily in these areas that she suffered and succeeded in the Saturn dasha. Eventually, she died also in Saturn MD, in Saturn-Rahu to be precise. Her great achievement during this MD was the defeat of Pakistan in the 1971 war. The most questionable decision of her career during the MD of Saturn was the imposition of national emergency in 1975. In 1977, she lost in elections, a great humiliation to a leader of her stature. And as her critics wrote her off, she came back with a vengeance in 1980. Saturn MD is a story of her regular struggles, wins and losses.

Let us now consider the planetary disposition from the Dasha-Aarambha.

(a) *From the lagna at Dasha-Aarambha:* The lagna is Vrishchika (Scorpio) with its lord Mars in the eleventh, an Upachaya, house. But it gets debilitated in the navamsha and, therefore, indicates an inherent weakness. Some positive energy comes in here from an exchange of Mars and Mercury, the latter occupying the lagna. Mercury's blemish also needs to be taken note of; it is the lord of the eighth house.

The dasha lord Saturn is debilitated and retrograde in the sixth and not in

any way close in beneficence to Jupiter during the Dasha-Aarambha of Jupiter MD. Saturn and Mars in the sixth and eleventh do provide ability to overcome opponents. Gulika in the fifth house is adverse as is the combust and afflicted fifth lord in the twelfth.

- (b) *From the natal lagna:* The dasha lord occupies the tenth house in debilitation. The lagna lord Moon gets exalted in the favourable eleventh, in the second house from the dasha lord. Aspects of Jupiter and Venus improve the condition of the dasha lord, which also attains neecha-bhangha.
- (c) *From the natal Moon:* The dasha lord occupies the fourth house and the Moon occupies the fifth, both favourable, though the dasha lord suffers from the afflictions described already.

In this Dasha-Aarambha chart, it will be seen that there is a more prominent link of the sixth and the eighth houses than in the previous one. This highlights greater struggle and more intrigue. From the Dasha-Aarambha lagna, the sixth and eighth lords exchange houses involving the lagna and the eleventh house. From the natal lagna, the sixth lord and the eighth lord are in mutual aspect, involving houses four and ten. From the dasha lord, the sixth and eighth lords again exchange houses involving houses eight and six respectively.

It will be seen that the Dasha-Aarambha chart will give some vital information about the way a particular dasha would behave. The Dasha-Aarambha chart, however, must be treated as a transit chart. It should not be allowed to take precedence over normal standard technique of dasha analysis.

Relevance of Dasha-Aarambha to Antardashas

WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN that Dasha-Aarambha principles are applicable to the MD of planets. Often, though not always, the planetary disposition at Dasha-Aarambha corroborates the results which are indicated by the MD itself. We shall now see that the same principles are applicable to the AD's as well. We have to understand that, in order to arrive at the beginning of an AD with the same precision that we achieved while determining the beginning of an MD, the duration of the appropriate AD has to be converted to the arc of the Sun's movement in the zodiac. This will help us to arrive at the longitude of the Sun at the time of beginning of the AD. From this longitude of the Sun, we find out the time of commencement of the AD and construct the horoscopic chart for this time.

We shall first consider some AD's in

the MD of Jupiter in the example Chart 1. **Table III** shows the longitude of the Sun at the beginning of the various AD's during the MD of Jupiter along with the date and time of commencement of each AD.

Jupiter-Saturn

(January 1957 to July 1959)

This is when she entered politics. We have already explained the likely favourable influence of Jupiter MD. Saturn (AD) is the most important planet that brought her into politics. She was made the congress president during this dasha. The Dasha-Aarambha chart for Jupiter-Saturn (**Chart 4**) shows Jupiter (MD) in the lagna and Saturn (AD) in the third house, both favourable because of their 3/11 disposition from each other. Malefics in the third house and Gulika in the eleventh (a most desirable

Table III: Date and time of commencement of AD's in the MD of Jupiter, along with the longitude of the Sun

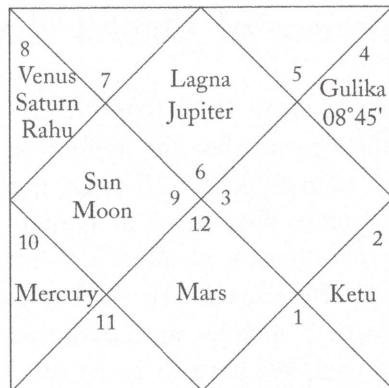
| AD lord | Duration of AD | Equivalent Sun's movement | | | Sun's longitude | Date | | | Time | | | | | | |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------------|----|----|--------------------|------|----|----|------|----|----|------|----|----|----|
| | | y | m | d | s | ° | ' | " | d | m | y | h | m | s | |
| Jupiter | 2 1 18 | | 1 | 18 | | 6 | 28 | 51 | 58 | 15 | 11 | 1954 | 5 | 46 | 19 |
| Saturn | 2 6 12 | | 6 | 12 | | 8 | 16 | 51 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 1957 | 0 | 57 | 56 |
| Mercury | 2 3 6 | | 3 | 6 | | 2 | 28 | 51 | 58 | 15 | 7 | 1959 | 14 | 59 | 15 |
| Ketu | 0 11 6 | | 11 | 6 | | 6 | 4 | 51 | 58 | 22 | 10 | 1961 | 1 | 33 | 05 |
| Venus | 2 8 0 | | 8 | 0 | | 5 | 10 | 51 | 58 | 28 | 9 | 1962 | 0 | 51 | 33 |
| Sun | 0 9 18 | | 9 | 18 | | 1 | 10 | 51 | 58 | 25 | 5 | 1965 | 22 | 05 | 37 |
| Moon | 1 4 0 | | 4 | 0 | | 10 | 28 | 51 | 58 | 13 | 3 | 1966 | 12 | 27 | 26 |
| Mars | 0 11 6 | | 11 | 6 | | 2 | 28 | 51 | 58 | 15 | 7 | 1967 | 16 | 14 | 4 |
| Rahu | 2 4 24 | | 4 | 24 | | 2 | 4 | 51 | 58 | 19 | 6 | 1968 | 18 | 30 | 04 |

Note: (i) The beginning of one dasha indicates the end of the preceding one.

(ii) Adding the equivalent Sun's movement to the Sun's longitude gives the Sun's longitude at the beginning of the next dasha.

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| Mars | | Ketu | |
| | | Gulika 08°45' | |
| Chart 4 Jupiter-Saturn January 1, 1957 | | | |
| Mercury | | | |
| Sun Moon | Venus Saturn Rahu | | Lagna Jupiter |

Lagna 28°22'
Sun 16°51'58"
Moon 13°45'



Mars 20°19'
Mercury 04°07'
Jupiter 08°09'

Venus 21°42'
Saturn 16°01'
Rahu 05°12'

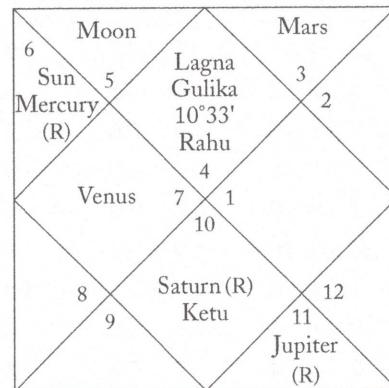
location for Gulika) indicate the vigour with which she could overcome her distractors during this dasha. She manoeuvred the fall of the communist government in the south Indian state of Kerala during this period, something that her father, the then Prime Minister of India, may not have ventured on his own. From the natal lagna, the MD and AD lords occupy the third and the fifth houses. From the natal Moon, the MD lord Jupiter occupies the favourable ninth while the AD lord Saturn occupies the favourable eleventh house.

Jupiter-Venus (September 1962 to May 1965)

It was during this period that she lost her illustrious father, the first Prime Minister of independent India, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. The Dasha-Aarambha chart (**Chart 5**) has Karaka (Cancer) lagna, as in her natal chart. The ninth lord Jupiter is retrograde in the eighth house (in debilitation in the navamsha) while the ninth house is aspected by a retrograde malefic eighth lord Saturn (which too gets debilitated in

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| | | | Mars |
| Jupiter (R) | | Lagna Gulika 10°33' Rahu | |
| Chart 5 Jupiter-Venus September 28, 1962 | | Moon | |
| Saturn (R) Ketu | | Sun Mercury (R) | Venus |
| | | | |

Lagna 03°24'
Sun 10°51'58"
Moon 29°52'



Mars 28°50'
Mercury(R) 27°38'
Jupiter(R) 11°06'

Venus 24°05'
Saturn(R) 11°33'
Rahu 14°13'

the navamsha). From the lagna here, as also from the natal lagna and the Chandra lagna, there is a predominance of malefic influence on the lagna-seven axis. Venus as the fourth lord in the fourth is good for a career in parliament (represented by the fourth house). It was during this dasha that she became a minister in the cabinet of the then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. MD and AD lords have a mutually 5/9 disposition which is highly desirable. It may be recalled that the Indo-China war took place during this period and some of the related events had a role in shaping her destiny, particularly the death of her father and her accommodation as a cabinet minister. The ninth lord Jupiter in the eighth, and the eighth lord Saturn aspecting the ninth indicate the significance of the element of death in shaping her destiny.

Jupiter-Sun (May 1965 to March 1966)

The sudden death of Lal Bahadur Shastri under mysterious circumstances in Russia in January 1966 catapulted her to the position of the first lady Prime Minister of India.

| Moon | Mercury | Sun Jupiter Venus Rahu | |
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| Saturn | | | |
| | Chart 6 Jupiter-Sun May 25, 1965 | | |
| Lagna | Gulika 10°43' Ketu | | |

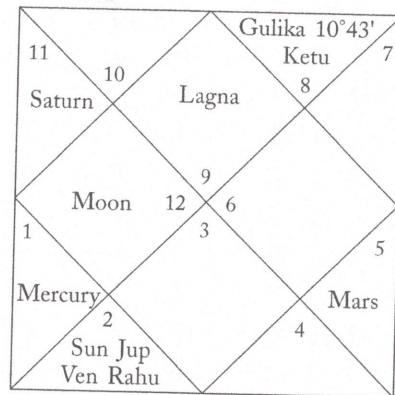
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| Lagna | 27°45' | Mars |
| Sun | 10°51'58" | Mercury |
| Moon | 04°39' | Jupiter |

MD-AD lords Jupiter and the Sun occupy an Upachaya house, the sixth, in the Dasha-Aarambha chart (**Chart 6**). They are the lagna lord and the ninth lord respectively. The Sun gets exalted in the navamsha whereas Jupiter is vargottama. From the natal lagna, the MD-AD lords fall in an Upachaya house, the eleventh. The Moon of the Dasha Aarambha chart occupies an Upachaya, the eleventh, house from both the MD and AD lords.

Jupiter-Rahu (June 1968 to November 1970)

Here again the lagna is Dhanu (Sagittarius) (**Chart 7**) as in the preceding example. The MD lord occupies the ninth house and AD lord the fourth house, though both are 6/8 from each other, hence generally uncomfortable. The lagna is so much at the Sandhi (junctional region, of Vrishchika and Dhanu) that it could well be the ending position of Vrishchika (Scorpio)!

Considering the Dhanu lagna, the lords of houses 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 occupy the seventh house aspected by a debilitated Saturn from the fifth. Mars, Mercury and

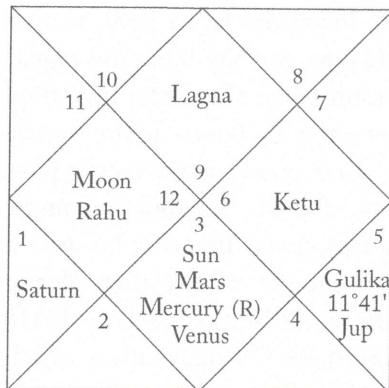


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| 22°00' | Venus | 22°19' |
| 22°30' | Saturn | 22°56' |
| 14°13' | Rahu | 20°30' |

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| Moon Rahu | Saturn | | Sun Mars Mer(R) Venus |
| | | | |
| Chart 7 Jupiter-Rahu June 19, 1968 | | | Gulika 11°41' Jupiter |
| Lagna | | | Ketu |
| | | | |

Lagna 00°02'
Sun 04°51'58"
Moon 24°57'

Mars 05°28'
Mercury(R) 03°31'
Jupiter 07°09'



Venus 04°37'
Saturn 00°12'
Rahu 22°35'

Venus are all deeply combust in the seventh houses. During this dasha period, she confronted head long her erstwhile senior colleagues in the Congress party as they had become too powerful and threatened her supremacy. She managed to sideline, subjugate and destroy them at great risk to her political career. With Gulika afflicting

the ninth house as well as Jupiter, one need not bother much about propriety!

Next we consider some important AD's in the MD of Saturn. **Table IV** shows us the longitude of the Sun at the beginning of various AD's during the MD of Saturn along with date and time of commencement of each AD.

Table IV: Date and time of commencement of AD's in the MD of Saturn, along with the longitude of the Sun

| AD lord | Duration of AD | Equivalent Sun's movement | | | Sun's longitude | Date | Time | | | | | | | |
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| Saturn | 3 0 3 | 0 | 3 | | 6 | 28 | 51 | 58 | 15 | 11 | 1970 | 8 | 10 | 05 |
| Mercury | 2 8 9 | 8 | 9 | | 7 | 1 | 51 | 58 | 18 | 11 | 1973 | 2 | 10 | 48 |
| Ketu | 1 1 9 | 1 | 9 | | 3 | 10 | 51 | 58 | 27 | 7 | 1976 | 13 | 17 | 41 |
| Venus | 3 2 0 | 2 | 0 | | 4 | 19 | 51 | 58 | 6 | 9 | 1977 | 8 | 30 | 59 |
| Sun | 0 11 12 | 11 | 12 | | 6 | 19 | 51 | 58 | 5 | 11 | 1980 | 22 | 47 | 10 |
| Moon | 1 7 0 | 7 | 0 | | 6 | 1 | 51 | 58 | 19 | 10 | 1981 | 4 | 17 | 20 |
| Mars | 1 1 9 | 1 | 9 | | 1 | 1 | 51 | 58 | 17 | 5 | 1983 | 4 | 05 | 44 |
| Rahu | 2 10 6 | 10 | 6 | | 2 | 10 | 51 | 58 | 26 | 6 | 1984 | 3 | 47 | 53 |
| Jupiter | 2 6 12 | 6 | 12 | | 0 | 16 | 51 | 58 | | | | | | |

Note: (i) The beginning of one dasha indicates the end of the preceding one.

(ii) Adding the equivalent Sun's movement to the Sun's longitude gives the Sun's longitude at the beginning of the next dasha.

Saturn-Saturn (November 1970 to November 1973)

This is the same chart (**Chart 3**) that we referred to while dealing with the Dasha-Aarambha for the MD of Saturn. An important observation that needs to be made here is that the third lord Saturn, debilitated and retrograde in the sixth house, is aspected by the sixth lord Mars. This highlights the hostility with neighbours. It was during this period that Pakistan lodged a war with India and met with a humiliating defeat which culminated in its dismemberment so that Bangladesh came into existence as an independent country. The draconian Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) was also passed during this period (in July 1971). Gulika in the fifth aspected by Mars from the eleventh indicates this aggressive mindset.

Saturn-Mercury (November 1973 to July 1976)

The dare-devilry continues in this dasha too. The lagna for the Dasha-Aarambha is Kanya (**Chart 8**). Gulika in the eleventh and the Sun in the third do protect her for the

time being but there is no benevolence in her governance, with malefic preponderance in the kendras. The lagna lord Mercury has been rendered weak by its retrogression, by its debilitation in the navamsha, and by the aspect of a retrograde eighth lord Mars from the eighth house. The MD-AD lords are in mutually favourable 5/9 position. From the natal lagna, the AD lord is in the fourth house; from the natal Moon, it is in the tenth house. The MD lord on the other hand is in the twelfth from the natal lagna and in the sixth from the natal Moon.

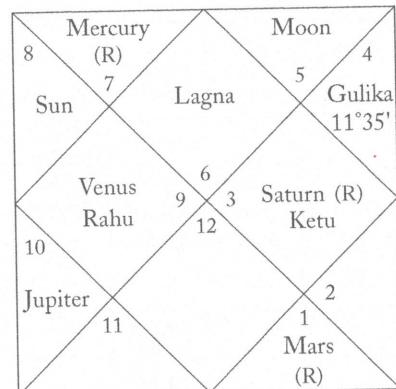
During the present dasha, on June 26, 1975, she imposed National Emergency to save her rule and fully misused the controversial MISA to overcome her detractors whether from her own party or from the opposition. The authority of the courts was subverted, laws were altered to suit her, and numerous national leaders were imprisoned as she and her son Sanjay Gandhi, who had acquired the status of an extra-constitutional authority, tormented the nation. The prominent, but highly controversial, role of her son in governance is obvious from: the presence of a debilitated Jupiter in the fifth house, in

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| | Mars (R) | | Saturn (R) Ketu |
| | | Gulika 11°35' | |
| Jupiter | | | Moon |
| Venus Rahu | Sun | Mercury (R) | Lagna |
| Chart - 8 Saturn-Mercury November 18, 1973 | | | |

Lagna 05°26'
Sun 01°51'58"
Moon 09°21'

Mars (R) 02°16'
Mercury (R) 17°21'
Jupiter 12°41'

Venus 18°54'
Saturn (R) 10°21'
Rahu 05°37'



the seventh from Gulika, and the fifth lord retrograde in the tenth house in RKA; the fifth lord from her natal lagna, Mars, retrograde and vargottama in the tenth house; the fifth lord from her natal Moon, Venus, in the twelfth house, in RKA, aspected by a retrograde Saturn from the sixth house.

Saturn-Ketu

(July 1976 to September 1977)

Parashara does not praise Saturn-Ketu dasha even if Ketu is relatively well placed in the chart. In Indira Gandhi's natal chart, Ketu occupies the twelfth house from the lagna, and also the twelfth from the MD lord Saturn. According to Parashara, Saturn-Ketu is a period of fall from status, fear from opponents, penury, suffering and humiliation. Our native suffered her greatest disgrace when she was humbled at the hustings in March 1977. The Dasha-Aarambha chart (**Chart 9**) shows this in ample measure.

The lagna is Tula (Libra) afflicted by Gulika and Rahu. The tenth house has five planets of which the two important ones, the Sun and the Moon, are not only afflicted by a close proximity of a hostile Saturn but also debilitated in the navamsha. The fourth

lord (Parliament) is deeply combust. All her misdeeds find exposure and finally censure as all the planets occupy the visible half of the Dasha-Aarambha chart.

From the natal lagna, the fourth house is afflicted by Gulika and Rahu. The lagna lord Moon is debilitated in the navamsha and afflicted by its proximity to both the Sun and Saturn. The tenth house has Ketu.

Affliction to the fourth house persists when considered from the natal Moon, in which case, the conglomeration of planets shifts to the seventh house where the sixth, the seventh and the eighth lords join the lagna lord and the tenth lord. Mars in the eighth is an additional affliction.

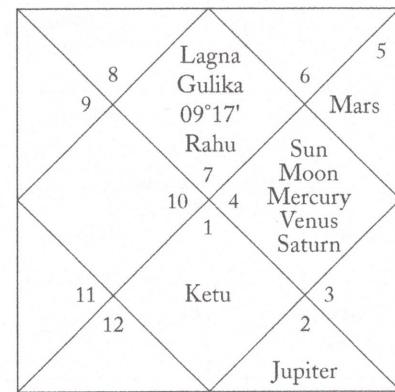
Saturn-Venus

(September 1977 to November 1980)

Her fortune continues to fluctuate during this period. The lagna (**Chart 10**) is Kanya (Virgo) with its lord retrograde in the twelfth house and deeply combust. The lagna has Rahu in it receiving the aspects of the sixth and eighth lords, Saturn and Mars respectively. She came back to parliament after fighting an election from a safe Karnataka constituency but was not allowed to be in

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| | Ketu | Jupiter | |
| | | | Sun Mon Mer Venus Saturn |
| | | | Mars |
| Chart - 9 Saturn-Ketu July 27, 1976 | | Lagna Gulika 09°17' Rahu | |

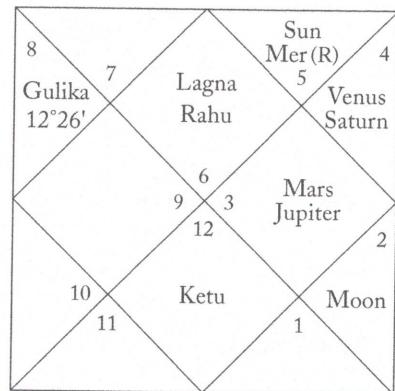
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| Lagna | 24°22' | Mars |
| Sun | 10°51'58" | Mercury |
| Moon | 14°07' | Jupiter |



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| 18°54' | Venus | 21°39' |
| 23°24' | Saturn | 12°44' |
| 03°11' | Rahu | 14°54' |

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| Ketu | | Moon | Mars Jupiter |
| | | | Venus Saturn |
| Chart - 10 Saturn-Venus September 6, 1977 | | | Sun Mer(R) |
| | Gulika 12°26' | | Lagna Rahu |

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| Lagna | 26°26' | Mars | 09°35' |
| Sun | 19°51'58" | Mercury(R) | 18°09' |
| Moon | 25°32' | Jupiter | 09°01' |



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| Venus | 16°33' |
| Saturn | 29°52' |
| Rahu | 22°12' |

there; she was actually expelled from there by a hostile ruling alliance. Jupiter as the fourth lord (parliament) aspects the fourth house from the tenth but is too close to the eighth lord Mars for comfort! The same affliction to the seventh lord Jupiter ensured that she make and break political alliances solely to come to power, without any consideration for right or wrong. Gulika in the third and Saturn in the eleventh do, however, give her courage and the capacity to fight her detractors to the finish. She once again came back to power in January 1980 after defeating her adversaries in the elections, much to the consternation of her critics who had virtually written her off as of no future consequence. The Moon is exalted in the ninth from the Dasha-Aarambha lagna and in the eleventh from the MD and AD lords as well as the natal lagna. Venus AD was also a period of personal tragedy. Earlier in Jupiter-Venus, she had lost her father. In Saturn-Venus, she lost her son Sanjay whom she had chosen as her political successor. This was the greatest setback to her political ambitions. The fifth house (progeny) from the Dasha-Aarambha lagna is aspected by Saturn (sixth lord; accident) as well as Mars

(eighth lord; death). Jupiter the Karaka for progeny is closely conjunct with the eighth lord Mars. From the natal lagna, the fifth house contains Gulika while from the natal Moon, the fifth house is aspected by Gulika.

Saturn-Mars

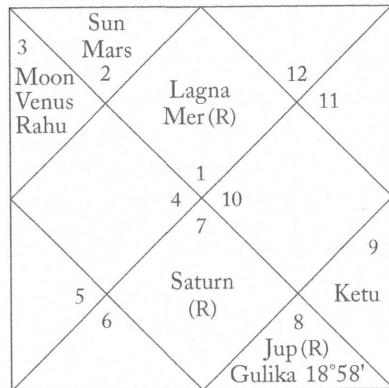
(May 17, 1983 to June 26, 1984)

Militancy in Punjab was raising its ugly head and Indira Gandhi was finding it difficult to contain it. A Sikh separatist leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindrawale, was allegedly posing a threat to peace in the country. Indira Gandhi had to take some stern, even if controversial, action. A military action, Operation Bluestar, was undertaken from June 1 to 10, 1984 to neutralize Bhindrawale and to free from his armed occupation the Golden Temple, the holy shrine of the Sikhs. Bhindrawale met his end on June 6, 1984. The Sikhs in general took this as a desecration of their highest shrine and an affront to their faith. **Chart 11** indicates the conflicts that abound during this period.

The lagna is Mesha occupied by a retrograde sixth lord Mercury, aspected by retrograde Saturn. Its lord Mars, which is also the eighth lord, is combust in the

| | Lagna Mer(R) | Sun Mars | Moon Venus Rahu |
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| Chart-11 Saturn-Mars May 17, 1983 | | | |
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| Ketu | Jup(R) Gulika 18°58' | Saturn (R) | |

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| Lagna | 9°30' | Mars | 6°24' | Venus | 14°44' |
| Sun | 1°51'58" | Mercury(R) | 25°18' | Saturn(R) | 5°41' |
| Moon | 26°34' | Jupiter(R) | 13°49' | Rahu | 1°43' |



second house. The Moon in the third house is in RKA. Natal lagna is aspected by the retrograde eighth lord Saturn and by the retrograde sixth lord Jupiter, while the lagna lord Moon occupies the twelfth house in RKA. From the natal Moon, the lagna lord is retrograde, though exalted, in the tenth house and aspected by a retrograde sixth lord Mercury, while the tenth lord Venus occupies the sixth house in RKA. The contentious sixth house seems to become prominent in this chart. The happenings during this period laid the foundation for the more ominous future events.

Saturn-Rahu

(June 26, 1984 to May 2, 1987)

This was the dasha during which she fell to the bullets of her own bodyguards who were supposed to protect her. This happened on October 31, 1984. The Dasha-Aarambha chart (**Chart 12**) gives us some indication of the nature of this dasha.

The lagna is Vrisha with exalted Moon and exalted Rahu in the lagna. The Moon's association with Rahu, however, is not welcome, nor is the aspect of an afflicted Mars on it from the sixth house. The combust

lagna lord occupies the second house aspected by a retrograde eighth lord Jupiter from the eighth house. Gulika occupies the adverse eighth house in association with the retrograde eighth lord and aspected by retrograde Saturn from the sixth house. From the natal lagna, the tenth lord Mars associates in the fourth house with the retrograde eighth lord Saturn (indicating interruption of karma!) which also aspects the tenth house as well as the lagna. The retrograde sixth lord also aspects the tenth house.

From the natal Moon, the lagna lord is retrograde and exalted in the tenth house, associated with Mars. The tenth lord is combust in the sixth house, in association with the sixth and eighth lords.

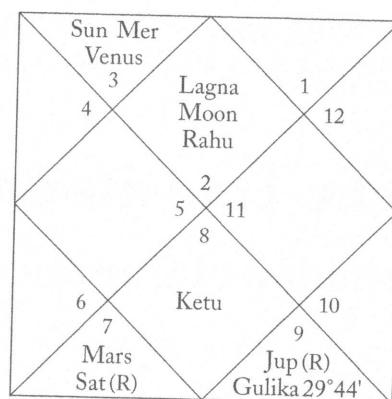
The navamsha is interesting too. Mithuna lagna rises in the navamsha, with the lagna lord Mercury associating with the eighth (and ninth) lord Saturn in the ninth house. The Sun and the Moon both occupy the eighth house. The tenth lord Jupiter occupies the third house, aspected by the lagna lord Mercury and the eighth lord Saturn.

The MD and AD lords are mutually placed in the adverse 6/8 position from each other. The Moon (with Rahu) occupies the

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| | | Lagna Moon Rahu | Sun Mercury Venus |
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| | | Chart - 12 Saturn-Rahu | |
| | | June 26, 1984 | |
| Jup(R) Gulika 29°44' | Ketu | Mars Sat(R) | |

Lagna 19°36'
 Sun 10°51'58"
 Moon 1°08'

Mars
Mercury
Jupiter(R)



18°19'
14°20'
14°55'

Venus
Saturn(R)
Rahu

13°36'
16°18'
12°47'

eighth house from the MD Lord. The native was apparently doing well, with her major distractor having been eliminated only a few days before the commencement of this dasha. However, the seeds for her end were already sown and she was assassinated by her own bodyguards on October 31, 1984.

Conclusion

From the above discussion, we find that the Dasha-Aarambha chart is something that must be studied carefully in order to make a correct assessment of the nature of a dasha. We recommend it particularly in relation to the MD and the AD in case of the Vimshottari dasha. One may employ it in relation to the Pratyantardasha (PD) as well though we have not gone that far. Application of the above mentioned principles in relation to the MD and the AD have given us fairly satisfactory results.

The Dasha-Aarambha chart can be studied like any other natal chart. However, it is essential to draw it correctly. If there is any doubt about its accuracy, one may only consider the transit of major planets in relation to the natal lagna, the natal Moon and the MD and AD lords, at the time of a Dasha-Aarambha. Our own observation is that the Dasha-Aarambha chart only corroborates the effects of a given dasha and does not contradict them. In case one is certain of the accuracy of the chart, it may be of relevance to take note of the actual rashi rising at the time of the Dasha-Aarambha and to see which house of the natal chart has become the lagna at Dasha-Aarambha. This principle is eminently relevant to the Varshaphala or the Vedic method of annual chart analysis. It appears to be equally applicable to the Dasha-Aarambha too. ♡

Malefic Transits on Natal Malefics

Precipitation of Untoward Events

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DASHAS NORMALLY PRECIPITATE events only when some key transits are also in operation. Events must thus happen when dashas and transits work in harmony. When only one factor is operational, the event may be expected or feared, but may not take place in reality.

It is a general rule of astrology that adverse events would take place when dasha and transits are adversely disposed. As the dashas and transits take a more favourable attitude, the adverse influence vanishes and favourable events begin to happen. The dashas and transits thus make the cycles of good and adverse events to go on throughout a native's life. In general, the natal malefics indicate trigger zones in the horoscope. When these trigger zones are activated, they tend to unleash untoward events. The activation of these adversely sensitive areas occurs through dashas and transits. We are particularly considering here the stimulation of the trigger zones by the transit of natural malefics over them.

The magnum opus of Mahrishi Parashara, the *Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra*, unfortunately does not have any chapter devoted to transits. From his great work, however,

important clues can be extracted for use in virtually all circumstances that an astrologer is likely to encounter. One such principle enunciated in connection with the effect of the māraka, or killer, dashas may be found relevant while considering the transit of natural malefics over natural malefics in the natal chart. The relevant principle as mentioned by Parashara states:

सत्यापि स्वेन सम्बन्धे न हन्ति शुभमुक्तिषु ।
हन्ति सत्यप्यसम्बन्धे मारकः पापमुक्तिषु ॥

That is, the māraka does not kill during the Antardasha of a benefic related to it. But it does kill during the Antardasha of a malefic (even) unrelated to it.

The one important point here is that a malefic AD is a negative factor in the horoscope. By a malefic AD is considered not generally a natural malefic but a functional malefic due to the lordship of adverse houses like the sixth, the eighth and the twelfth. A natural malefic under sufficient malefic influence, however, may also be given consideration here. What is thus important is the consideration of a permanent weak spot in the horoscope which can be activated by

the major period or mahadasha of a māraka even when this māraka does not have anything to do directly with such a weak spot. In other words, a māraka dasha would look for an opportunity to strike. The second important point, indicated in this shloka, to ensure the adverse event, is the actual operation of a māraka dasha. Thus we see that there should be an adverse MD to justify an event, and also a sufficiently adverse AD to precipitate the event.

For the purpose of our article we are extending this principle to Gochara or transits. The location of natural malefics (Mars, Saturn, Rahu and Ketu, and to some extent the Sun) in the horoscopic chart represents the permanent weak area or the trigger zone for adverse events. This adverse area would be activated when the natural malefics transit over them. Of course, for any event to actually happen, the MD and AD must indicate the adverse event. It will generally be found that given an adverse MD and AD, the untoward event would be more certain when natural malefics in transit activate the natal malefics, even when they are not directly related to the dasha lords. There is of course no doubt that when the dasha lords are somehow related in the chart to the natural malefics activated by transiting malefics, the untoward events would come to pass with greater certainty and intensity. We could thus discuss the influence of transiting malefics on natal malefics under two main categories:

- I. When the dasha lords have no relation with the natal malefics under malefic transits.
- II. When dasha lords are somehow linked to the natal malefics suffering malefic transits.

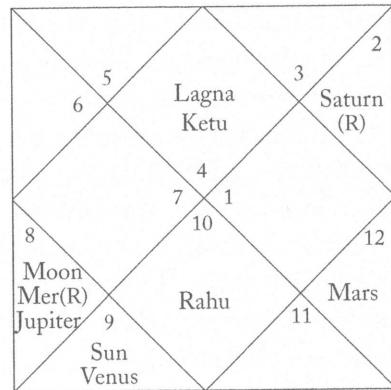
MAHADASHA LORD SANS MALEFIC TRANSIT INFLUENCE

We shall study the results of adverse transits on natal malefics when the MD lord, or even the AD lord, is not involved in any malefic influence. It must be borne in mind that the MD/AD have to be adverse to ensure the precipitation of an adverse event. The malefic transits would activate the trigger zones to ensure the fructification of the dasha results.

Adverse Transit; improving dasha order:

Chart 1 (male native, born on December 16, 1971; at 21:45 hours IST; at 26°N29', 80°E21') shows the lagna lord Moon debilitated in the fifth house, associated with the sixth and twelfth lords, and aspected by the retrograde eighth lord. The lord of the fifth house is placed in the favourable ninth but is debilitated in the navamsha. The fifth house is thus under several adverse influences even though it is occupied by the natural benefics Mercury, Jupiter and the Moon. In fact, the Moon-Jupiter combination here is also the combination of the lagna lord with the ninth lord, and is highly protective. Additional beneficence is added to this house by the exchange of the fifth lord and the ninth lord. There is thus affliction associated with protection. The native has been suffering from paranoid psychotic illness and has been under appropriate treatment since February 1997 (Venus-Venus-Saturn). The MD of Venus started in August 1994. The eleventh lord Venus is located in the sixth house of illness. Normally, when the eleventh lord occupies the sixth house, it leads to multiple ailments. In the navamsha as well as the Drekkana, the eighth lordship of Venus confirms its potential for causing ill health. As the eleventh lord

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| Mars | | Saturn (R) | |
| | | | Lagna Ketu |
| Chart 1 Birth Chart | | December 16, 1971 | |
| Rahu | | | |
| Sun | Moon | | |
| Venus | Mer(R) | | |
| | Jupiter | | |

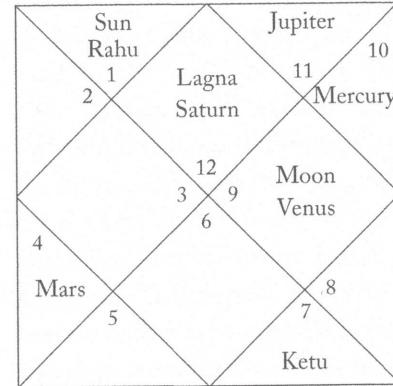


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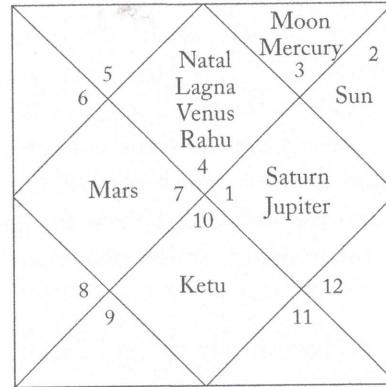
Mars $0^{\circ}07'$
 Mercury (R) $21^{\circ}51'$
 Jupiter $25^{\circ}26'$

Venus $28^{\circ}21'$
 Saturn (R) $7^{\circ}56'$
 Rahu $12^{\circ}26'$

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| Lagna Saturn | Sun Rahu | | |
| Jupiter | | | Mars |
| Mercury | Navamsha | | |
| Moon Venus | | Ketu | |



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| | Saturn Jupiter | Sun | Moon Mercury |
| | | | Natal Lagna Venus Rahu |
| Ketu | Transit | | |
| | June 15, 1999 5:30 Hours IST | | |
| | | Mars | |



Lagna Karka
 Sun $29^{\circ}38'$
 Moon $16^{\circ}37'$

Mars $1^{\circ}20'$
 Mercury $20^{\circ}23'$
 Jupiter $3^{\circ}51'$

Venus $14^{\circ}56'$
 Saturn $18^{\circ}47'$
 Rahu $20^{\circ}11'$

of the natal chart, however, Venus should indicate recovery also. Additionally, natural benefics outnumber the natural malefics in the trines. Saturn, though retrograde, is an asset to health when in the eleventh house even while its adverse lordship afflicts health during its dasha periods.

Venus as the lord of the fourth house in the sixth, especially when associated with a natural malefic, the Sun, makes the native prone to injuries and accidents. It was on the evening of June 15, 1999 that the native sustained a head injury in a village feud. He had to be hospitalised and operated on his head. He has recovered since. The operating dasha was Venus-Moon-Rahu (March 1999 to June 1999). The lagna lord Moon (AD) as we have mentioned is under multiple malefic influences. The RKA (PD) involves the lagna.

As far as the transits are concerned, the natal RKA is being affected by the transiting RKA. In addition, the natal Rahu which is being transited by Ketu is also aspected by Mars and Saturn in transit. The PD lord Rahu is grossly afflicted by transiting malefics, but the MD and AD lords are free from afflicting transits. With the onset of PD of Jupiter (June 25, 1999 to September 15, 1999), the native recovered from the effects of head injury as well as those of surgery. The benefic combination of Moon, Mercury and Jupiter is a strong combination for recovery.

Aspects of Transiting Malefics: Aspects of transiting malefics, in addition to their actual transit on natal malefics, are also adverse.

Chart 2 (female native, born on November 25, 1947; at 4:0 hours IST; at 31°N23', 76°E23') shows a solitary Moon in the seventh house causing a Kemadruma yoga there. The seventh house as well as

Close transits of natural malefics over natal malefics can be dangerous in the presence of an adverse dasha pattern.

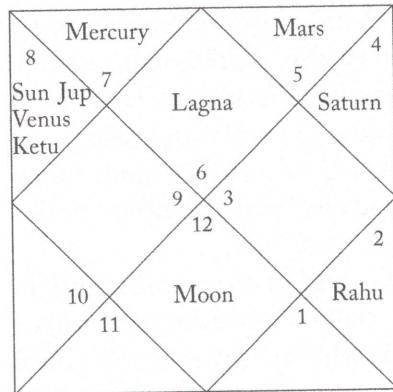
the seventh lord are under the aspect of the eighth lord Mars from the twelfth house. Saturn, the sixth lord, aspects the eighth house. All this is not too good for marital prospects. In addition, the seventh lord from the Moon occupies the eighth house, while the seventh from the Karaka Venus is occupied by Rahu. There is affliction to the 1/7 axis in the navamsha also.

Some time during the early hours of December 6, 1994, the husband of the native committed suicide by consuming poison. Financial straits were the precipitating factor for this.

The operating dasha for the native was Moon-Ketu-Rahu (November 22, 1994 to December 24, 1994). The affliction of the Moon has been mentioned above. Ketu and Rahu involve the Karaka Venus as well as the seventh lord Jupiter. Mars, the eighth lord, aspects the AD lord and the seventh lord placed together in the third house.

The striking factor in transits is the exact transit of Mars on the natal Mars. The natal as well as transiting Mars in opposed by transiting Saturn. Both the transiting Mars and Saturn aspect the AD lord Ketu and the seventh lord Jupiter in the third house. While Mars in transit is exactly on the natal Mars, Saturn in transit is very close to the natal Jupiter. The exact transits of malefics on key areas are quite sinister given

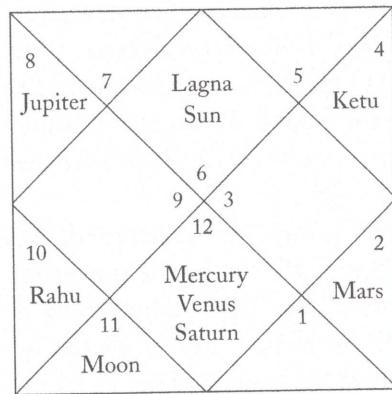
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| Moon | | Rahu | |
| | | Saturn | |
| Chart 2 Birth Chart | | Mars | |
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| | Sun Jup Ven Ketu | Mercury | Lagna |



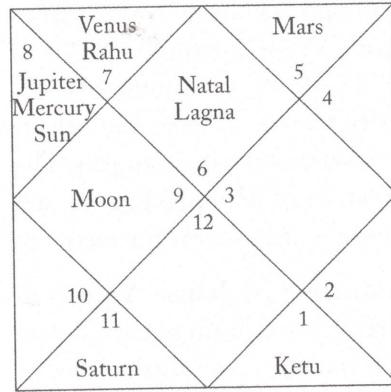
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| Lagna | 29°59' | Mars |
| Sun | 8°41' | Mercury |
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| 4°25' | Venus | 29°43' |
| 19°19' | Saturn | 29°28' |
| 13°47' | Rahu | 0°19' |

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| Lagna | Kanya | Mars |
| Sun | 19°40' | Mercury |
| Moon | 29°08' | Jupiter |

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| 4°28' | Venus | 11°27' |
| 15°04' | Saturn | 12°30' |
| 5°25' | Rahu | 20°43' |

an adverse dasha sequence and an adverse planetary disposition in the horoscope.

Multiple Adverse Transits: When several of the natal malefics are jointly or severally afflicted by malefics in transit, the effects are more intense for the native. **Chart 3** (born on June 28, 1948; at 7:00 AM, time zone 6 hours, daylight saving 1 hour; 41°N51', 87°W39') belongs to a female native who suffered from a malignant lesion of the upper part of the gullet (a rhabdo-myosarcoma of the pharynx) which spread enough to erode the large blood vessels, the carotid arteries, in the neck and resulted in fatal bleeding. The fateful event occurred on March 24, 1970.

The lagna is occupied as well as surrounded by malefics and no benefics occupy the kendras. The Moon receives the aspect of Mars. The aspect of Jupiter on the lagna and the lagna lord is protective but this Jupiter is retrograde as well as the sixth lord. No malefics occupy any of the houses 3, 6 or 11. There is thus an inherent weakness in the chart. In addition, the third house that concerns itself with pharynx is also afflicted; there is a direct malefic Mars in the twelfth from it, and a retrograde malefic Ketu in the second from it, a typical Paapa-kartari yoga, in addition to the malefic aspect of the eighth lord Saturn on it. The third lord, as well as the Karaka for the throat, Mercury, is retrograde in the twelfth house, with no benefit association or aspect. In the navamsha too, Mercury is afflicted by its association with Venus, the lord of the sixty-fourth navamsha, and the aspect of a highly malefic Saturn from the eighth house.

The native died of her ailment in the dasha of Saturn-Jupiter-Rahu (January 5, 1970 to May 22, 1970). Saturn owns the eighth house in the birth chart and occupies

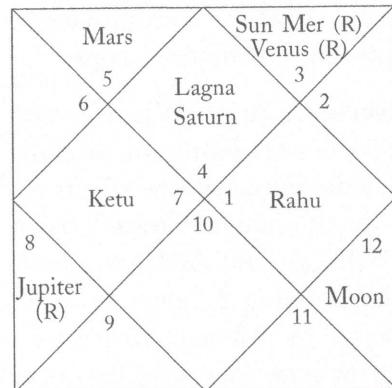
Dashes and transits have to work in unison in order to precipitate an event.

the eighth house in the navamsha. Jupiter, the lord of the sixth, is retrograde in the fifth, is aspected by Mars, and aspects the eighth lord Saturn in the lagna. In the navamsha Jupiter is the lord of the eighth house occupying the eighth in association with the sixth lord. Rahu, in the sign of Mars, is aspected by the eighth lord Saturn; in the navamsha, it receives the aspects of both the sixth and the eighth lords.

Transit position on the day of death shows that Ketu transits the natal Mars in the second house while Mars and Saturn transit the natal Rahu in the tenth house. Transiting Mars is very close to natal Rahu, once again highlighting the principle that close transits of malefics on natal malefics can prove dangerous if the dasha pattern is not favourable. There is no malefic transit over the MD and AD lords though the aspect of transiting Mars does exist on them. The PD lord Rahu is certainly under adverse transit. This chart again proves the authenticity of our hypothesis that adverse transits on natal malefics can be troublesome if the dasha operating at that time is adverse.

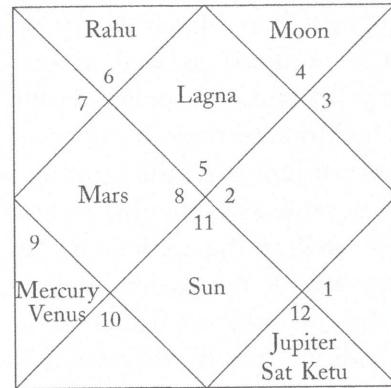
It may also be important to note that malefic transits over the eighth house from the lagna are also to be watched carefully. In this chart, the RKA transits the 2/8 axis, and there is Mars in the natal chart in the second house. So here is a malefic transit over a natal malefic aspecting the eighth

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| Moon | Rahu | | Sun Mer (R) Ven (R) |
| | | Chart 3 Birth Chart June 28, 1948 | Lagna Saturn |
| | Jupiter (R) | Ketu | Mars |

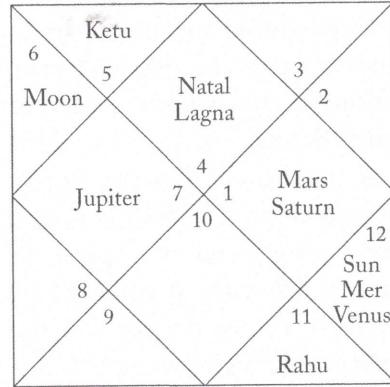


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| Lagna | $3^{\circ}36'$ | Mars | $26^{\circ}23'$ | Venus (R) | $7^{\circ}21'$ |
| Sun | $13^{\circ}32'$ | Mercury (R) | $6^{\circ}59'$ | Saturn | $26^{\circ}49'$ |
| Moon | $0^{\circ}55'$ | Jupiter (R) | $29^{\circ}17'$ | Rahu | $19^{\circ}18'$ |

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| Jupiter | | | |
| Saturn | | | |
| Ketu | | | |
| Sun | | Navamsha | Moon |
| | | | Lagna |
| Mercury | Mars | | Rahu |
| Venus | | | |



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| Sun Mercury Venus | Mars Saturn | | |
| Rahu | Transit | | Natal Lagna |
| | March 24, 1970 5:30 Hours IST | | Ketu |
| | | Jupiter | Moon |



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| Lagna | Karka | Mars | 18°36' | Venus | 23°40' |
| Sun | 9°30' | Mercury | 9°52' | Saturn | 13°45' |
| Moon | 20°04' | Jupiter | 10°58' | Rahu | 18°20' |

house, as well as a malefic transit over the eighth house.

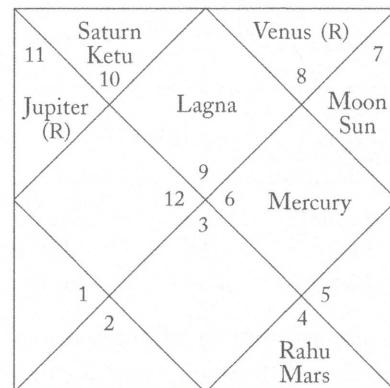
Malefics in the 2/8 Axis: Malefics occupying the 2/8 axis in the natal chart constitute a special trigger zone for adverse events. When adverse dasas operate and also there are adverse transits over this sensitive area, highly adverse results tend to manifest.

Chart 4 (born on October 29, 1962; at 12:10 hours IST; at 22°N39', 77°E13') belongs to a doctor who suffered from a malignant lesion (adenocarcinoma) of his right kidney which was detected in February 1999 when he was running the dasha of Mercury-Mercury-Rahu. The disease was

detected at a time when it had already spread beyond the organ of origin, to the lungs and elsewhere. During this very dasha, the native underwent surgical removal of his diseased kidney and received further treatment in the form of radiotherapy and chemotherapy. The toxic treatment, rather over-treatment, made the matters only worse without causing much relief from the disseminated disease. With the involvement of the dorsal spine, the native suffered paraplegia (paralysis of the lower limbs) with consequent bladder and bowel dysfunction before he met his end in the early hours of July 26, 1999, in Mercury-Mercury-Jupiter (May 1999 to September 1999).

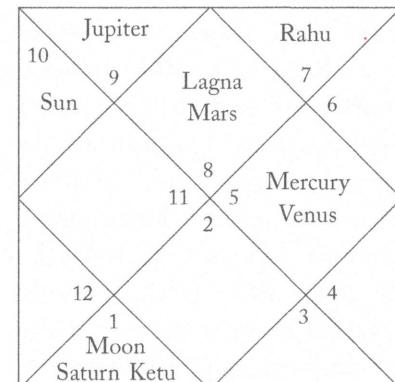
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| Jupiter (R) | Chart 4 Birth Chart October 29, 1962 | | Rahu Mars |
| Saturn Ketu | | | Mercury |
| Lagna | Venus (R) | Moon Sun | |

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| Lagna | 26°38' | Mars |
| Sun | 12°02' | Mercury |
| Moon | 20°07' | Jupiter (R) |

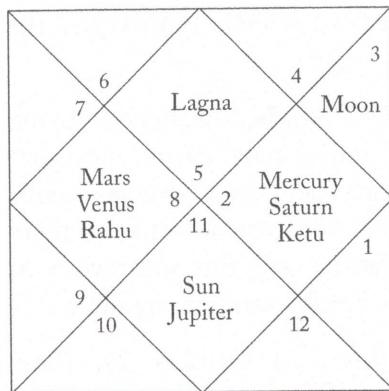


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| 15°20' | Venus (R) | 3°33' |
| 25°56' | Saturn | 11°45' |
| 9°29' | Rahu | 10°45' |

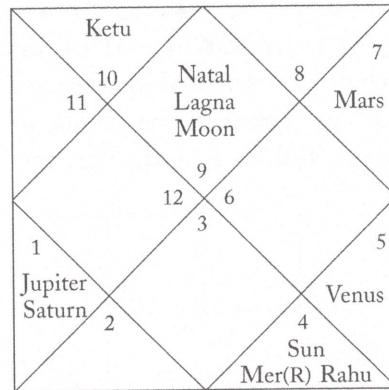
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| | | Mercury Saturn Ketu | Moon |
| Sun Jupiter | Drekkana | | |
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| | Lagna | | |
| | Mars Venus Rahu | | |



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| | Jupiter Saturn | | |
| | Transit July 25, 1999 17:30 Hours IST | | |
| Ketu | | Sun Mer (R) Rahu | Venus |
| Natal Lagna Moon | | Mars | |



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| Lagna | Dhanu | Mars | 14°22' | Venus | 10°53' |
| Sun | 8°16' | Mercury (R) | 10°12' | Saturn | 22°15' |
| Moon | 4°35' | Jupiter | 9°38' | Rahu | 19°08' |

There is a predominance of malefics in the 2/8 axis of the birth chart, with Saturn and Ketu in the second house and a debilitated Mars with Rahu in the eighth house. This seriously jeopardises longevity unless there are strong protecting influences in the chart. The close proximity of Saturn, the Karaka for longevity, to Ketu is another adverse factor; any planet close to Ketu indicates a possibility of damage to its significations. As far as the dasha order is concerned, Mercury (MD and AD) as the seventh lord may be considered a māraka, especially as its dasha is the third in order since birth; the odd dashas are supposed to be adverse and the third dasha is held particularly adverse with natives destined for Alpayu or short span of

longevity. Mercury, however, does not seem to be too bad in the birth chart and one has to examine the vargas to detect its maleficence. In the navamsha, Mercury is the eighth lord. In the Drekkana it is afflicted by all the malefics, viz., Mars, Saturn and RKA. The PD lord Rahu, however, shows gross affliction.

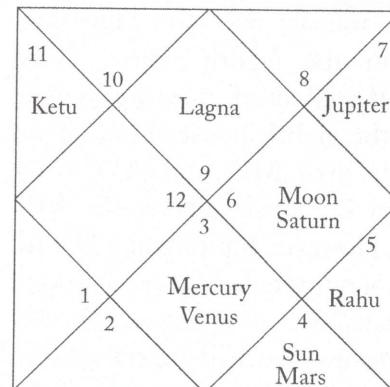
There is no malefic transit over Mercury (MD and AD) nor over the retrograde Jupiter (PD at the time of death). The PD of Rahu, preceding that of Jupiter, is of course involved in adverse transits. Rahu transits the natal Rahu-Mars conjunction in the eighth, while Ketu transits the natal Saturn-Ketu conjunction in the second house. Mars and Saturn cast their additional transiting

aspects on the Saturn-Ketu conjunction. The afflicted 2/8 axis in the natal chart is thus further afflicted by malefic transits.

Malefic Transits on PD lord: It appears that malefic transits over natal malefics create problems even when they have nothing much to do with the MD and AD lords, which must be adverse in their own right to ensure the occurrence of an adverse event. It also appears that the malefic transits, more often than not do involve the PD lord, however.

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| | Chart 5 Birth Chart July 19, 1923 | Rahu | |
| Lagna | Jupiter | Moon Saturn | |

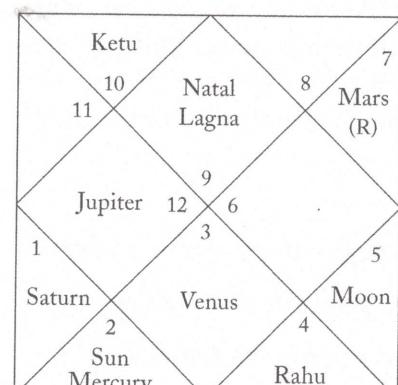
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| Lagna | 10°17' | Mars |
| Sun | 2°59' | Mercury |
| Moon | 12°16' | Jupiter |



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| 9°25' | Venus | 18°34' |
| 29°33' | Saturn | 21°26' |
| 16°30' | Rahu | 19°37' |

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| Jupiter | Saturn | Sun Mercury | Venus |
| | | Rahu | |
| Ketu | | Moon | |
| Natal Lagna | | Mars (R) | |

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| Lagna | Dhanu | Mars (R) |
| Sun | 6°38' | Mercury |
| Moon | 3°51' | Jupiter |



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| 1°47' | Venus | 20°44' |
| 2°04' | Saturn | 16°00' |
| 29°03' | Rahu | 22°25' |

In **Chart 5** (born on July 19, 1923; at 17:15 hours IST; 18°N26', 79°E09'), there is a conjunction of the Sun and Mars in the eighth house. The fifth lord debilitated in the eighth and associated with another natural malefic there does not augur well for the progeny of the native though the combination of the fifth and the ninth lords in the dubious eighth does confer a sort of a Raja-yoga there. Affliction of the fifth lord as well as the Karaka Sun makes one prone to heart disease. Some time after

May 20, 1999 (the exact date is not with us at the moment but must fall within a couple of days of the mentioned date; the major transits will not change appreciably!), the native suffered a fatal heart attack, in Mercury-Moon-Jupiter (May 2, 1999 to July 10, 1999). Mercury MD is the seventh lord (a māraka!) associated with the sixth lord and aspected by Saturn (although there is Jupiter's aspect too). The Moon (AD) is the eighth lord associated with Saturn. Jupiter (PD) is the lagna lord under the aspect of a debilitated Mars from the eighth house.

The RKA transits over the Sun-Mars conjunction in the eighth house. Once again we see the effect of excessive malefic influence on the eighth house. There is no malefic transit over MD and AD lords, though Saturn in transit aspects the MD lord Mercury. However, Jupiter, the PD lord, is transited by a retrograde Mars and aspected by a debilitated transiting Saturn. The PD lord is thus involved in malefic transits. In any case, it is the PD lord amongst the dasha lords that tends to ensure the precipitation of an event.

Another point of importance needs to be taken note of. According to sage Parashara, the blemish of eighth house lordship does not apply to the Sun and the Moon. Our native, however, died in the AD of the eighth

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which get activated to precipitate
adverse events by transiting
malefics over them or
aspecting them.*

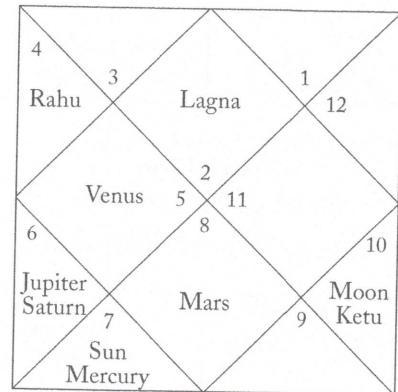
lord Moon. It will be repeatedly seen that, at least in medical astrology, the Sun and the Moon do get blemished by their eighth lordship.

Concentration of Malefic Influences by Aspect: We have already indicated that when multiple malefic factors in the form of natal and transiting malefics, combine in a given area of the horoscope, in the presence of an offending dasha order, definite adverse influences are produced. This is more so, as we have already seen, when such malefic influences concentrate on the 2/8 axis. Two transiting malefics on a single natal malefic, or one transiting malefic on two conjoined natal malefics, are thus to be taken seriously. When numerous malefic influences concentrate in the above mentioned area as we have seen above in chart 4, there is no escape for the native, and there is definite and excessive suffering. The less the malefic concentration, the less the suffering entailed.

The concentration of malefic influences, however, need not be because of conjunction only. Malefic aspects of transiting planets are equally sinister when the dasha sequence is adverse. **Chart 6** (born on October 18, 1980; at 19:55 hours IST; at 30°N23', 76°E46') belongs to a native who developed a benign tumour arising from the pituitary fossa in the base of the skull (and known as craniopharyngioma) which required surgical excision on August 22, 1996, in the dasha of Rahu-Saturn-Ketu (August 1, 1996 to October 1, 1996). The seed for such an illness is there right at the time of birth. In case of an illness of congenital origin, the dasha at birth must be adverse. The native was born in Moon-Mercury-Saturn. The Moon is associated with Ketu aspected by the eighth lord Jupiter. Mercury occupies

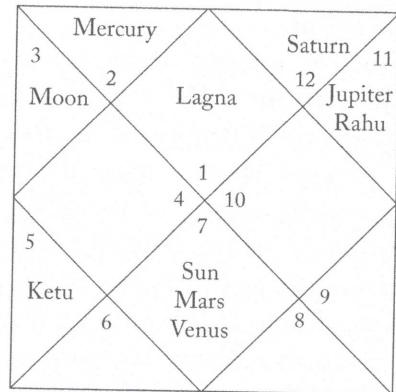
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| Moon Ketu | Chart 6 Birth Chart October 18, 1980 | Venus | |
| | Mars | Sun Mercury | Jupiter Saturn |

Lagna $11^{\circ}43'$ Mars
 Sun $1^{\circ}47'$ Mercury
 Moon $19^{\circ}33'$ Jupiter



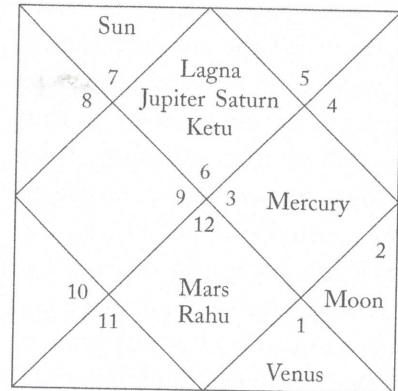
$10^{\circ}57'$ Venus $22^{\circ}18'$
 $25^{\circ}09'$ Saturn $9^{\circ}44'$
 $4^{\circ}39'$ Rahu $24^{\circ}05'$

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| Saturn | Lagna | Mercury | Moon |
| Jupiter Rahu | | | |
| | Navamsha | | |
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| Mars Rahu | Venus | Moon | Mercury |
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the adverse sixth house. Saturn is associated with the eighth lord Jupiter. We have often found affliction of Mercury in cases where brain tissue is involved in disease process, as in this case. It will be seen that in the case

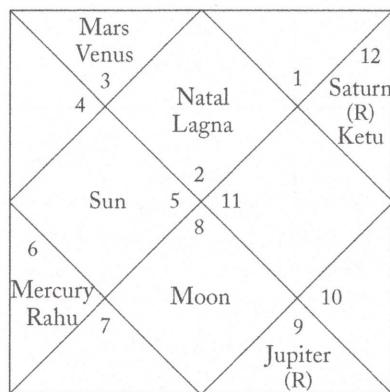
under consideration, Mercury is variously afflicted in the birth chart, the navamsha as well as the Drekkana. The lagna and the second house in these vargas are also afflicted perhaps pointing towards the anatomical

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| Saturn (R) Ketu | | Natal Lagna | Mars Venus |
| Transit Chart | | | |
| | August 22, 1996 5:30 Hours IST | | Sun |
| Jupiter (R) | Moon | | Mercury Rahu |

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| Lagna | Vrishba | Mars | 24°11' | Venus | 19°38' |
| Sun | 5°22' | Mercury | 2°41' | Saturn (R) | 12°39' |
| Moon | 3°29' | Jupiter (R) | 14°16' | Rahu | 14°52' |

location of the lesion.

At the time of surgery, there is no malefic transit over the MD lord Rahu. The natal Saturn, which happens to be the AD lord, is afflicted by transiting Rahu as well as the malefic aspects of transiting Mars and retrograde Saturn. The PD lord Ketu also receives the eighth aspect of the transiting Mars. Rahu (MD), a malefic, in the third must also ensure recovery as should a Saturn (AD) in the fifth because of its location in the twelfth from the sixth and its association with the eleventh lord of recovery. The association of Saturn with the eighth lord must, however, lead to at least some prolongation of the suffering. As a consequence of his treatment, he developed a complication labelled in medical terms as diabetes insipidus (a condition of excessive urine output with passage of dilute urine and consequent thirst and dehydration) because of damage to the pituitary gland. This had to be treated by pituitary extract. The native fully recovered from it in about a year's time but has developed some complications of pituitary dysfunction. It may be noted that here too the transiting malefics did not disturb the MD lord.



To summarise, we have seen that given an adverse dasha, the natal malefics under the influence of the transiting malefics behave as trigger points to precipitate the adverse results indicated by the operating dasha at any given time. These transiting malefics need not involve the dasha lords, especially the MD lord, to precipitate an adverse event though the involvement of the MD lord by them may understandably increase their malefic propensity. The PD lord is often involved in adverse transits. When malefic factors concentrate in an area, they ensure the precipitation of adverse events. Not only actual transit of malefics but also their aspects over natal malefics have the propensity to do evil. The dasha and transit thus act in harmony. A given dasha would indicate a certain event during a particular span of time. The transits cause that event to happen at a certain point of time. The one cannot function without the other. Since we have indicated about the role of a māraka mahadasha, it is perhaps important to work out all the important transits right at the beginning of the mahadasha for the whole span of the mahadasha. In this manner, it would be possible to identify the important

points of time, during the several years of a mahadasha, when a native would require to be particularly careful about himself.

We have already seen how malefic transits over natal malefics cause adverse events when an adverse dasha is operating. Such adverse events occur even when the dasha lord is not under the influence of transiting malefics. We shall now see how adverse transits produce their results when the adverse dasha lord is also being influenced by malefic transits.

MAHADASHA LORD UNDER MALEFIC TRANSIT INFLUENCE

While malefics in transit can precipitate adverse events by their influence on natal malefics, through conjunction or aspect, without directly influencing the dasha lords (especially the MD lord), they must more certainly do harm when the MD and other dasha lords fall under their malefic influence. It can be put in another way also; a malefic dasha is more likely to produce its adverse results through the association of the dasha lord with the transiting malefics. Let us find out.

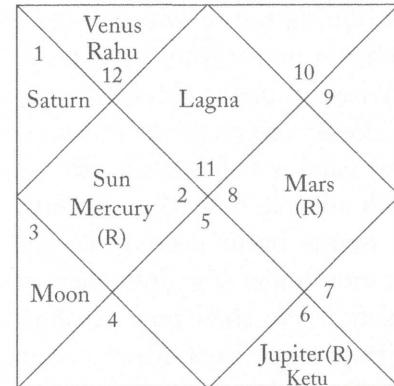
Bad Transit on MD Lord: Chart 7 (born on May 19, 1969; at 1:10 hours IST; at 22°N34', 72°E56') belongs to a native who was detected to have diabetes insipidus (poor concentration of urine with excessive flow, and dehydration) which has been mentioned in connection with the discussion of chart 6 also. Only in this case, the ailment was of an idiopathic nature, i.e., it has not been possible to ascertain its cause. The illness was detected in the middle of October 1996. Of such a disease, it is not possible to pinpoint the exact time of onset and, therefore, the transit chart has been constructed for

A disease that manifests during the dasha of a planet related to the eighth house has the potential to become chronic, or even incurable.

October 15, 1996, a date selected randomly. The operating Vimshottari dasha at the time of detection of the disease was Jupiter-Mercury-Saturn (July 1996 to December 1996). Jupiter (MD) is the retrograde māraka occupying the eighth house. Mercury (AD) is the retrograde eighth lord associated with another māraka, the Sun, and aspected by a retrograde Mars. Saturn (PD) is the debilitated lagna lord in the third. A disease that manifests in the MD of an occupant of the eighth house or in the AD of the lord of the eighth house has all the potential of being chronic or even incurable or with an uncertain diagnosis. Saturn, the PD lord, is important in a similar way. Diseases that result during the dasha periods of Saturn tend to be chronic or incurable and thus defy treatment. In the navamsha, Mercury and Saturn are together where Saturn happens to be the lord of the sixty-fourth navamsha and Jupiter occupies the sixty-fourth navamsha. If a Drekkana chart is constructed, it will be found that Jupiter and Mercury occupy the twenty-second Drekkana where Mercury is also the lord of this sinister Drekkana.

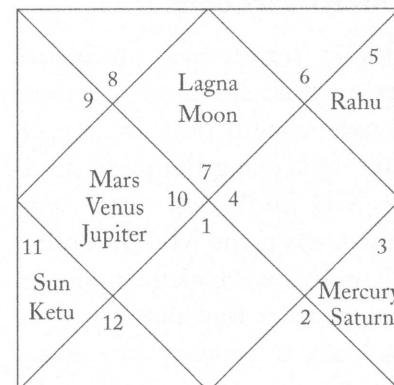
While Saturn and the RKA transit over the natal RKA, they also involve the retrograde MD lord Jupiter in the adverse eighth house. The axis of affliction in the chart is again the 2/8 axis. The native has

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| Lagna | Chart 7 Birth Chart May 19, 1969 | | |
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| | Mars (R) | | Jupiter (R) Ketu |

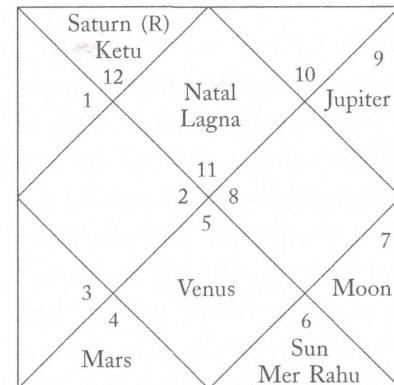


Lagna 3°15' Mars (R) 20°30' Venus 23°10'
 Sun 4°14' Mercury (R) 18°33' Saturn 8°54'
 Moon 1°41' Jupiter (R) 2°42' Rahu 4°57'

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| Mars Venus Jupiter | | | Rahu |
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| Saturn (R) Ketu | | | |
| Natal Lagna | Transit Oct. 15, 1996 5:30 Hours IST | | Mars |
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Natal Lagna Kumbha Mars 27°29' Venus 18°53'
 Sun 28°06' Mercury 15°41' Saturn (R) 8°46'
 Moon 27°10' Jupiter 16°37' Rahu 14°11'

to continuously take medicines (pituitary extract, etc.) to keep his symptoms under control. Unlike in the case discussed above (Chart 6), this patient has not shown spontaneous remission after a period of treatment.

Adverse Transit over Naturally Malefic MD Lord: **Chart 8** (born on January 26, 1933; at 16:45 hours, IST; at $27^{\circ}N57'$, $77^{\circ}E50'$) is distinct from the previous one in that here the adverse transit happens to be over the MD lord which is a natural as well as a functional malefic, the latter because of its eighth lordship. This chart has been earlier discussed in these pages when we dealt with the overcrowded eighth house (*Vedic Astrology Digest Volume 1*, page 97).

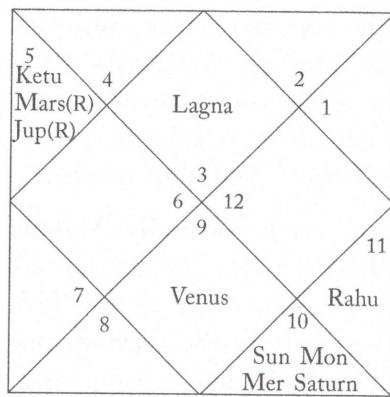
In the early hours of December 21, 1990, the native suffered a heart attack needing hospitalisation and elaborate medical attention. He was later even advised surgery for his malady though the medical opinion changed later. At the time of his illness, he was running the dasha of Saturn-Rahu-Jupiter (November 1990 to April 1991). Saturn occupies the eighth house and lies in close proximity to the Sun. In fact, the Sun and Saturn (the Karaka for the ninth house and the lord of the ninth house respectively) afflict each other in the adverse eighth house; the native lost his father early in life. Now, it is another signification of the Sun that has got affected by Saturn, thereby causing a cardiac illness. Rahu (AD) doubly represents Saturn, as it occupies a sign owned by Saturn. Jupiter (PD) is retrograde and afflicted by a retrograde sixth lord Mars as well as by the RKA. On the day of illness, the transits are somewhat interesting. The MD lord Saturn, itself a natural malefic, is transited by two natural malefics, Saturn and Rahu, in the eighth house. Saturn's

Benefic transit of Jupiter, especially a close transit, either by conjunction or aspect, tends to provide relief from natural malefics transiting over natal malefics.

propensity to protect a native against illness, due to its occupation of the eighth house, especially when Saturn itself is the eighth lord, suffers because of its affliction by the Sun in the eighth house in the natal chart and now by the transiting malefics. It may be noted that the transiting Rahu is exactly upon the natal lagna lord Mercury in the eighth. The Moon in the eighth, especially when afflicted, causes a Balarishta which has some element of Arishta-Bhangha or cancellation of affliction. Transiting Jupiter in the second house from the natal lagna is exactly on the same degree as the Moon in the eighth, thus providing a close aspect on the Moon, perhaps ensuring protection against the possible fructification of the Balarishta combination which we hold to be more or less a permanent weak spot in the chart. Suffering and inherent protection are thus both indicated here. The mahadasha of Mercury which commenced in October 1995 has caused much relief.

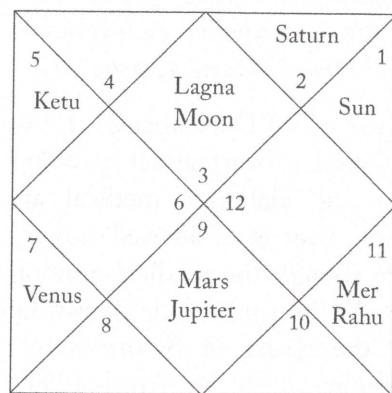
An important feature of this chart is the improved disposition of planets in the navamsha. Whereas the planets in the natal chart are confined virtually to three houses, in the navamsha they are spread over six (excluding of course the RKA). Most of these planets are mutually 3/11 or 5/9 from each other, improving their effects manifold.

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| Rahu | Chart 8 Birth Chart January 26, 1933 | | |
| Sun Moon Mercury Saturn | Mars(R) Jup(R) Ketu | | |
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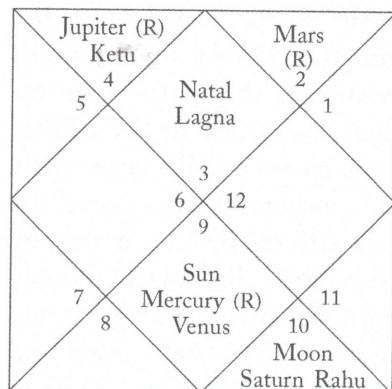


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| Lagna | 29°18' | Mars (R) | 27°10' | Venus | 22°08' |
| Sun | 13°19' | Mercury | 4°41' | Saturn | 14°06' |
| Moon | 19°40' | Jupiter (R) | 29°48' | Rahu | 15°04' |

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| | Sun | Saturn | Lagna Moon |
| Mercury Rahu | Navamsha | | |
| | | Ketu | |



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| | | Mars (R) | Natal Lagna |
| | Transit Dec. 21, 1990 5:30 Hours IST | | Jupiter (R) Ketu |
| Moon Saturn Rahu | | | |



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| Natal Lagna | Mithuna | Mars (R) | 4°45' | Venus | 17°11' |
| Sun | 5°07' | Mercury (R) | 12°46' | Saturn | 0°41' |
| Moon | 16°51' | Jupiter (R) | 19°09' | Rahu | 4°27' |

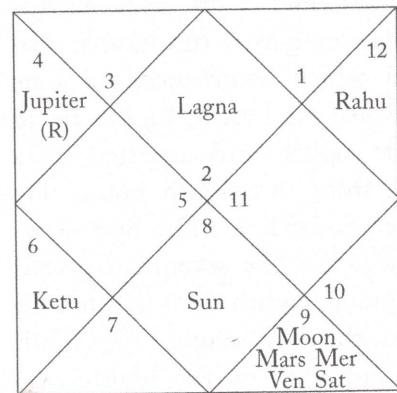
The Problem of Overcrowding: Overcrowding of planets in one house of the horoscope has certain advantages as well as disadvantages. Several planets in a given house make it strong. In addition, people with overcrowded houses tend to rise meteorically at some stage of life though their fall too tends to be likewise. Another disadvantage of overcrowding in a house is the likelihood of there being the presence of some adverse house lords also which may significantly alter any benefits that might accrue from planetary overcrowding. Relevant to our present discussion is also the possibility of there being one or more natural malefics in the crowd, and they would be

affected adversely together at the time of a malefic transit over them.

Chart 9 (born on December 11, 1931; at 17:13 hours, IST; at 22°N55', 78°E47') belongs to Acharya Rajneesh who was a spiritual preceptor and who still has his followers long after his death on January 19, 1990 at 5:30 hours IST. This chart has also been discussed earlier in these pages (*Vedic Astrology Digest Volume 1*, page 90) though not in relation to transits. The native had a highly controversial approach to spirituality though he had his own sound logic which could convince his most vocal critics. During his lifetime he earned the ire and admiration of millions at the same time, thanks

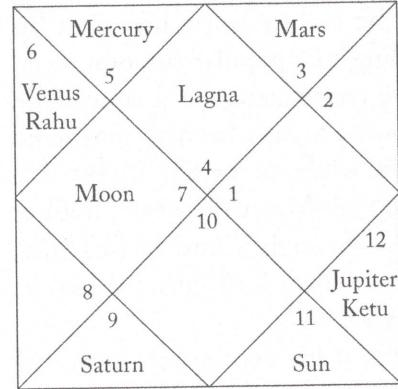
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| Rahu | | Lagna | |
| | | Jupiter (R) | |
| | Chart 9 Birth Chart Dec. 11, 1931 | | |
| Moon Mars Mer Ven Sat | Sun | | Ketu |
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| Lagna | 22°16' | Mars | |
| Sun | 25°34' | Mercury | |
| Moon | 22°20' | Jupiter (R) | |



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| 8°07' | Venus | 19°16' |
| 13°29' | Saturn | 28°33' |
| 29°44' | Rahu | 9°05' |

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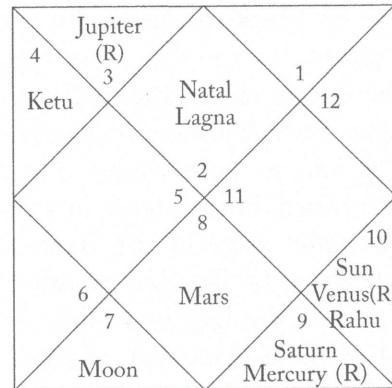


| | | Natal Lagna | Jupiter (R) |
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| | Transit | | Ketu |
| Sun Venus(R) Rahu | January 19, 1990 5:30 hours IST | | |
| Saturn Mercury (R) | Mars | Moon | |

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| Natal Lagna Virasha | Mars | 28°41' | Venus (R) | 4°50' |
| Sun | Mercury (R) | 16°05' | Saturn | 24°00' |
| Moon | Jupiter (R) | 9°15' | Rahu | 28°55' |

to a potent overcrowding of his eighth house. Had this combination obtained in a more beneficial house, his achievements could have been extremely remarkable. His Jupiter dasha which commenced in June 1979 was adverse for health, Jupiter being the retrograde eighth lord aspected by a malefic Mars from the eighth house. He died in Jupiter-Sun-Moon. The Sun occupies a māraka house, the seventh, aspected by the retrograde eighth lord Jupiter. In the Navamsha, the Sun occupies the eighth house and is aspected by the highly malefic eighth lord Saturn. The Moon (PD) is afflicted in the eighth house forming a Balarishta combination with some cancellation of the Balarishta. In fact so much is the influence of the eighth house here that his death, according to a popular rumour, could have been the consequence of a conspiracy. He was rumoured to have been administered a slow poison while in prison in the US during his Jupiter-Mercury period; Jupiter as we know is the eighth lord of intrigues, and Mercury the fifth lord gets afflicted in the eighth house.

At the time of his death, Ketu transited



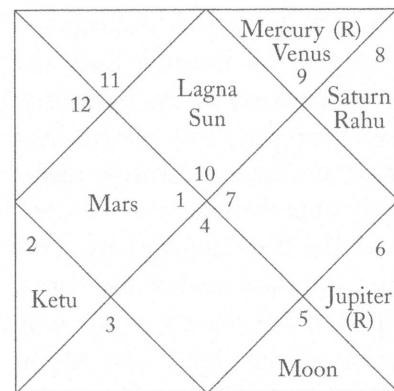
over natal Jupiter (MD), Mars over the natal Sun (AD) and Saturn over the natal Moon (PD). Saturn's transit of the eighth house is also over the natal Mars and Saturn. Thus, not only are the natal malefics transited by natural malefics, even the dasha lords suffer from the same blemish. It has to be a combination of an adverse dasha scheme with adverse transits over key areas of the horoscopic chart to ensure the precipitation of an adverse event.

Adverse Transits and Balarishta: A Balarishta according to astrological classics leads to death of the new born child. The one most important situation leading to Balarishta is the placement of an afflicted Moon in one of the Trika houses, i.e., houses 6, 8 and 12.

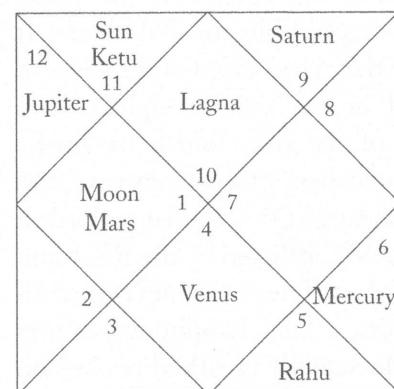
In **Chart 10** (born on January 18, 1957; at 7:22 hours IST; at 32°N59', 75°E07'), the Moon is located in the eighth house aspected by Saturn, a natural malefic. In addition there are two malefics in the kendras and one in a trine. The lagna is occupied by the eighth lord and aspected by its bitterest enemy. Still he survived during childhood.

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| | Mars | Ketu | |
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| Lagna Sun | Chart 10 Birth Chart January 18, 1957 | | Moon |
| Mercury (R) Venus | Saturn Rahu | | Jupiter (R) |
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| Lagna | 0°30' | Mars | 0°24' | Venus | 13°16' |
| Sun | 4°28' | Mercury (R) | 19°02' | Saturn | 17°46' |
| Moon | 0°18' | Jupiter (R) | 8°32' | Rahu | 3°46' |

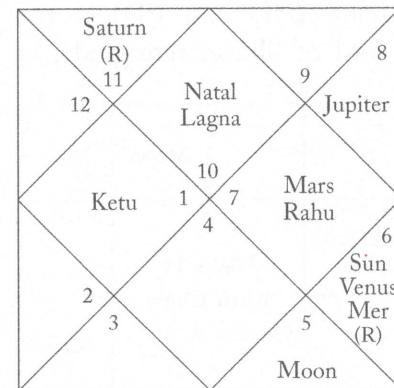


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| Jupiter | Moon Mars | | |
| Sun Ketu | Navamsha | | Venus |
| Lagna | | | Rahu |
| Saturn | | | Mercury |



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| | Ketu | | |
| Saturn (R) | Transit Sept. 23, 1995 19:15 Hours IST | | Moon |
| Natal Lagna | Jupiter | Mars Rahu | Sun Venus Mer(R) |
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| Natal Lagna | Makara | Mars | 17°08' | Venus | 15°21' |
| Sun | 6°16' | Mercury (R) | 26°18' | Saturn (R) | 26°51' |
| Moon | 22°17' | Jupiter | 15°34' | Rahu | 2°51' |



We have often seen that when the lagna is aspected or occupied by its own lord, the Balarishta takes a back seat. The Balarishta does not vanish, however. Only it manifests as the appropriate Arishta-causing dasha arrives. The Balarishta thus remains a potential weak area in the horoscopic chart. This particular chart is unique in that the lagna, the Moon and Mars are placed on the very junctional regions of the signs. The Moon and Mars particularly fall in the Gandanta.

The Balarishta manifested in the MD of the Moon and the AD of Saturn (February 19, 1994 to September 20, 1991). The Moon is the planet responsible for Balarishta. It happens to be the māraka lord of the seventh house, placed in the adverse eighth. It is also the lord of the sixty-fourth navamsha as well as the occupant of the twenty-second Drekkana. Saturn (AD) is the lagna lord in the eleventh house, afflicted by the RKA and the aspect of Mars. The native developed an incurable illness, a fatal lymphoma, during this period. He actually breathed his last on September 23, 1995, in Moon-Mercury-Mercury. Mercury (AD and PD) is the adverse sixth lord of illness, retrograde, in

the twelfth house of confinement to bed as well as release from the world.

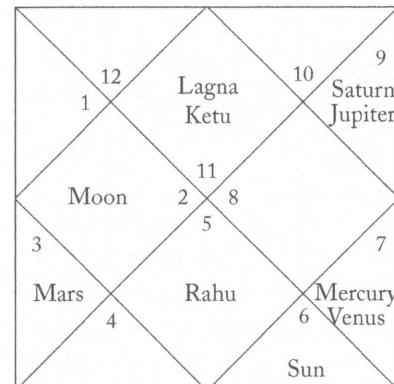
At the time of his death, Mars in the fourth was being transited by Ketu, aspected by transiting Mars and Saturn. The natal Saturn and Rahu were under the aspect of the transiting Saturn. Thus natal Mars, Saturn and Rahu were under malefic transit influence. In addition the MD lord Moon in the eighth also received the aspect of transiting Saturn. The AD and PD lord Mercury was not afflicted by transits. It was thus a māraka dasha coinciding with adverse transits that brought about the end of the native.

Improving PD Offers Relief: During the course of an adverse dasha and transit, the fluctuations in the situation are provided by the changing PD. As the PD improves, the affliction tends to disappear. Obviously both the dasha and the transit must indicate the same event if the latter has to happen. When one of these functionally dissociates from the other, the nature of events would change or the intensity of suffering would alter.

Chart 11 (born on October 8, 1960; at 15:42:19 hours IST; at 23°N29', 80°E07')

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| | Chart 11 Birth Chart October 8, 1960 | | Rahu |
| Saturn Jupiter | | Mercury Venus | Sun |

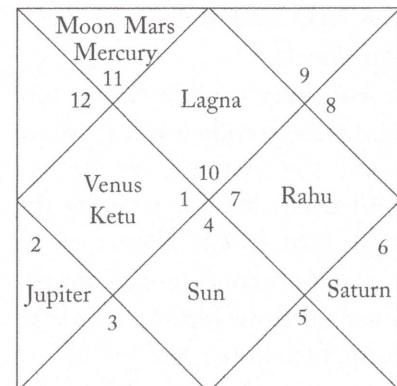
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| Lagna | 10°36' | Mars |
| Sun | 21°49' | Mercury |
| Moon | 4°03' | Jupiter |



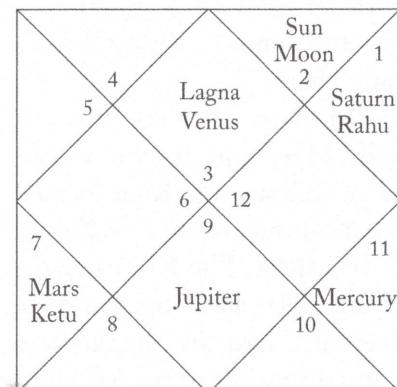
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| 14°52' | Venus | 20°26' |
| 15°30' | Saturn | 18°56' |
| 3°58' | Rahu | 21°51' |

belongs to a female native who suffered from a severe viral infection of the liver, hepatitis-B, in February 1996, and continued to suffer until May 1996. The Vimshottari dasha of Rahu-Moon-Rahu operated from

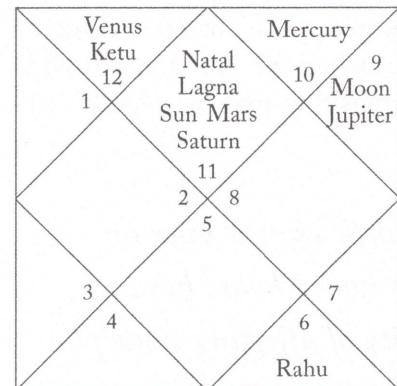
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| | Venus Ketu | Jupiter | |
| Moon Mars Mercury | | Sun | |
| Lagna | Navamsha | | |
| | Rahu | Saturn | |



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| | Saturn Rahu | Sun Moon | Lagna Venus |
| Mercury | | | |
| | Drekkana | | |
| Jupiter | | Mars Ketu | |



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| Venus Ketu | | | |
| Natal Lagna Sun Mars Saturn | | | |
| Mercury | Transit Feb. 15, 1996 5:30 Hours IST | | |
| Moon Jupiter | | | Rahu |



Natal Lagna Kumbha
Sun 1°47'
Moon 6°30'

Mars
Mercury
Jupiter

5°48'
6°04'
15°15'

Venus
Saturn
Rahu

13°09'
29°49'
24°49'

February 10, 1996 to May 1, 1996. Rahu, the MD and PD lord, being located in Simha (Leo), represents the Sun which happens to be located in the eighth house, aspected by the naturally malefic Mars and Saturn.

The Moon (AD) is the sixth lord indicating illness. It was with the onset of the PD of Jupiter (from May 1, 1996 onwards) that the recovery started. Jupiter is the lord of the eleventh house, of recovery, occupying the eleventh house itself. Jupiter as a protector also aspects the MD lord Rahu and keeps the latter under check.

The native had liver trouble earlier too. She had suffered from jaundice at least twice during childhood, the first time at the age of seven or eight when she was running the MD of the sixth lord Moon. Proneness to liver disease is generally considered from the fifth house as well as from Jupiter. It will be seen that both the fifth house and Jupiter are under the influence of the natural malefics Mars and Saturn. There is gross affliction to the fifth house, and some to the fifth lord, in the Drekkana chart.

Transits in February 1996 are also adverse. The Sun, Mars and Saturn transit over the lagna as well as over Ketu located therein. They also influence the MD and PD lord Rahu by aspect. The RKA transits the untoward 2/8 axis, affecting the Sun, the māraka seventh lord in the adverse eighth house, and dispositor of the MD lord Rahu. In this case, the adverse dasha of a malefic (Rahu) placed in a māraka (seventh) house operates when this dasha lord itself is aspected by transiting malefics. As the PD

A malefic transit over an overcrowded house has the possibility of affecting multiple natal malefics at the same time.

changes to that of a more benign graha, the condition of the native improves.

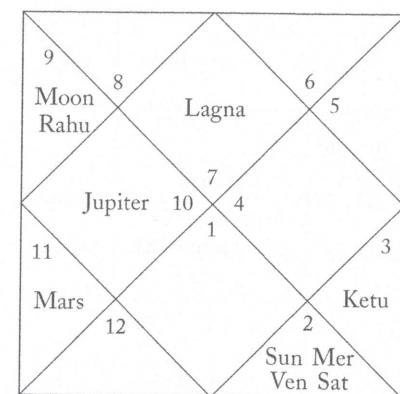
Improving Transits Bring in Relief: Even as improvement in the dasha pattern, especially the PD, tends to bring in relief, so also changing transits, especially improving transits, ensure the end of suffering. An event needs the sanction of both the dasha and the transit if it has to fructify. If the malefic transits change for the better, the adverse events indicated by the dasha tend to show improvement. The dasha and transit, in other words, must only operate in harmony.

Chart 12 (born on May 20, 1973; at 16:37 hours, IST; at 26°N55', 75°E49) belongs to a female native who suffered from fulminating hepatitis in later part of August 1993. She approached us toward the end of September 1993. At that time, besides hepatitis, she had severe jaundice along with massive liver necrosis (death of the liver tissue), Pancreatitis (inflammation of the Pancreas gland), liver failure, and ascites (collection of fluid in the abdominal cavity). Jupiter, the Karaka for liver, is debilitated in the birth chart, and occupies the adverse eighth both in the navamsha and the Drekkana. The fifth house is afflicted by its occupation by Mars aspected by Saturn from the eighth house. The fifth lord Saturn occupies the adverse eighth along with the eighth lord Venus, the twelfth lord Mercury and the hostile Sun, while it receives the aspects of a debilitated sixth lord Jupiter and an adverse Mars. The fifth house and/or the fifth lord in the navamsha and the Drekkana are also afflicted.

The disease manifested in Venus-Ketu-Moon (August 22, 1993 to September 27, 1993). Venus is the afflicted lagna lord and

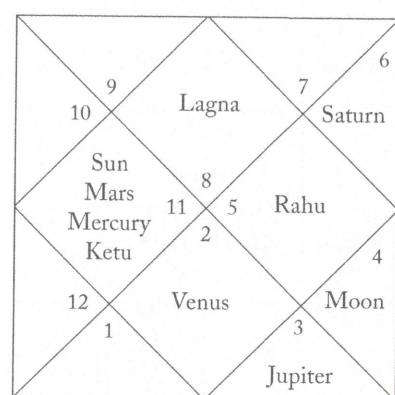
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| | | Sun Mercury Venus Saturn | Ketu |
| Mars | Chart 12 Birth Chart May 20, 1973 | | |
| Jupiter | | | |
| Moon Rahu | | Lagna | |

Lagna 3°35'
Sun 5°48'
Moon 11°14'

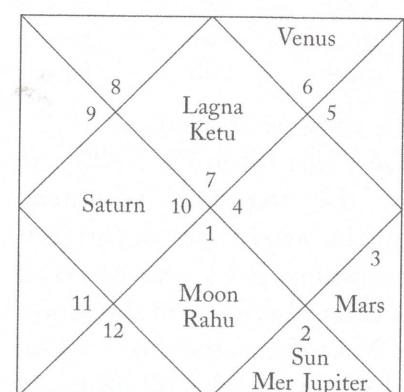


15°08' Venus 16°28'
5°56' Saturn 27°18'
18°28' Rahu 14°55'

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| Sun Mars Mercury Ketu | Navamsha | | Moon |
| | | | Rahu |
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| | Moon Rahu | Sun Mercury Jupiter | Mars |
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| | | Lagna Ketu | Venus |



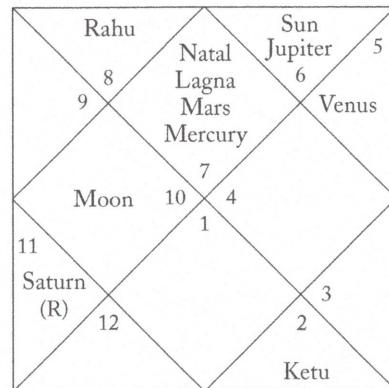
the eighth lord in the eighth house. Ketu (AD) has its dispositor in the eighth house. The Moon (PD) is also under affliction by its association with Rahu. After the Moon would operate the PD of Mars (a māraka,

afflicted in the fifth house) followed by the PD of Rahu. Rahu in the third, with its PD operating from October 21, 1993 to December 24, 1993, is generally a factor for relief (since a natural malefic in the third is

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| | | Ketu | |
| Saturn (R) | Transit Sept. 27, 1993 5:30 Hours IST | | |
| Moon | | Venus | |
| | Rahu | Natal Lagna Mars Mercury | Sun Jupiter |

Natal Lagna Tula
Sun 10°08'
Moon 28°34'

Mars
Mercury
Jupiter

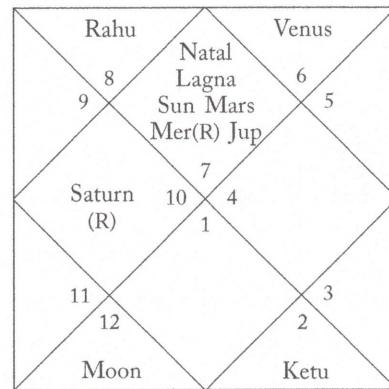


6°10' Venus 12°49'
0°31' Saturn (R) 0°39'
26°40' Rahu 11°27'

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| | Transit Oct. 27, 1993 5:30 Hours IST | | |
| Saturn (R) | | | |

Natal Lagna Tula
Sun 9°49'
Moon 1°27'

Mars
Mercury (R)
Jupiter



26°50' Venus 19°53'
28°40' Saturn (R) 29°52'
3°09' Rahu 9°36'

supposed to be good for health).

On the day (September 27, 1993) she consulted us, the transiting retrograde Saturn was on the natal Mars in the fifth house. The transiting RKA was on natal Saturn which latter also received the aspect of transiting Mars from the natal lagna. Venus, the adversely placed MD lord, was under the influence of transiting RKA as well as Mars.

By the end of October 1993, she had recovered appreciably and the jaundice had regressed substantially. Transits on October 27, 1993 still show the effect of transiting

RKA and Mars over the MD lord Venus as well as natal Saturn. However, by now, the PD has changed for the better while there is improvement in transits. The transiting Jupiter has reached the lagna and aspects the fifth house therefrom. In addition, the retrograde Saturn has shifted out of the fifth house into the fourth. Not only has the PD improved, the transit too has changed for the better.

Conclusions

The important points that become clear from the above discussion are as follows:

1. An adverse dasha (MD) provides adverse results when there are other activated untoward factors in the chart, in the form of malefic AD or malefic transits.
2. Natural malefics in the natal chart act as weak points which when activated by malefic transits ensure the precipitation of adverse results.
3. The natural natal malefics or the malefics in transit need not necessarily be related to the MD lord to produce adverse results. Their relationship with the MD lord, however, ensures a more certain fructification of events.
4. Two or more malefic factors operating in one area are often needed to produce adverse results of some significance.
5. Adverse results tend to regress as the malefic PD (or AD) changes into a favourable one despite an adverse MD.
6. Adverse results also regress when, despite an adverse MD, the transiting malefics dissociate from the natal malefics. ♡