

Kuja Dosham – my take on...

This Kuja Dosham stigma is a serious damaging factor to the prospects of the would be brides and bride grooms. So I will try to discuss this, keeping in mind the accepted meaningful basics of astrology.

Definition:

Kuja situated in 1/2/4/7/8/12 from Lagna or Chandra or Sukra.

Result Mentioned:

Death of the Spouse.

Remedy:

If both the male and female charts have similar dosha it gets canceled.

Exceptions:

Quite a few were suggested.

Here we have five issues:

- 1A. House wise position of kuja.
- 1B. The reference from which we see position of Kuja.
- 1C. Kuja Kills spouse.
- 1D. Dosha saamyam in both the charts nullifies it.
- 1E. There are exceptions.

1A. Kuaj in 1/2/4/7/8/12.

Bruhajjaataka did not mention this at all. So does Saravali and Phaladeepika, which are add-ons to Bruhajjaatakam. BPHS says 1/4/7/8/12. Jaataka Paarijaatam, a popular classic says 2/4/7/8/12, even though it says it is mentioning the principles of Parashara. Mr BV Raman and Mr Sanjay Rath say 2/4/7/8/12. Mr Sheshadri Aiyer and Mridula Trivedi say 1/2/4/5/7/8/12. no point in increasing no of equations to solve a single variable. Let us follow what Jaataka Paarijaata, Mr BV Raman and Mr Sanjay Rath say. These three sources rely on solid parampara. As per BPHS, the three slokas related to Kuja Dosham are available in two flavours of sanskrit slokas. So, let it be.

1B. The reference.

In astrology it's an accepted practice to analyze a chart thoroughly from the lagna as well as from the Moon. No disputes about it. What about the reference of kaaraka? As per BPHS, we do not necessarily analyze all the houses from a kaaraka. If analyzing about father we are advised to see 9th house from the kaaraka, when analyzing about mother see the 4th house from kaaraka Moon. Obviously while analyzing the 7th house we have to see the 7th from the karaaka Venus. But why analyze so many houses from a kaaraka? In this case why analyze 1/2/4/7/8/12? Looks like seeing 7th from Sukra is recommended as per basics. Trying to analyze so many houses from the kaaraka is an attempt to increase no of equations to solve a single variable. not acceptable.

1C. Kuja Kills Spouse.

1C-A.Can Kuja kill?

When the classics in astrology were written, medical facilities were minimal. Death or mortality was a major concern. So, when the classics had mentioned effects of planets, they focused on the two malefic planets among the seven planets. It looks like they saw Sani as somebody who makes a person old, emancipated, lazy, crooked, dirty in looks, appearance and thoughts as well. Kuja is seen as young, firm bodied, strong, energetic and aggressive, hence causing physical damage. So we can say that classics suggest that Kuja can kill.

Varahamihira's baalaarishta adhyaaya in bruhajjaatakam is an unbeatable classic. It does not blame Kuja alone. It gives equal focus on the other paapa graha called Sani too.

A more popular book listing out astrological principles concisely called Poorva Paraashari or Laghu Paraashari or Jaataka Chandrika had surprisingly given unconditional powers to Sani and Rahu to kill during their dasa or bhukti. We have to note that kuja as per this book does not have that special powers.

1C-B. Will he kill spouse?

When we analyze a chart, we predict about the person the chart belongs to. We also dare to predict about his close relatives like mother, father, siblings and spouse. For that, we take reference of the relevant house and the relevant kaaraka. For example, we try to predict about the spouse by reading the chart from the reference of the 7th house and also from the reference of the kaaraka for spouse Sukra. Given a chart we can predict about that person. Accepted. How far can one predict confidently about the relatives? If in a given chart, if matters related to a relative indicate ominous future, is it not a better idea to analyze the chart of that relative also to arrive at a meaningful conclusion?

1D. Dosha saamyam nullifies it.

So, if the man's chart indicates trouble for the life of his spouse, as per the generally accepted remedy, we are supposed to tie him with a woman who too has that indication. Is this in line with basic principles of astrology and common sense? Some astrologers, a few great names too had taken refuge in mathematical algebra to support a fallacious remedial theory, by saying that two negatives make a positive. That, my dear, is Dogmatic.

If a person's chart indicates troubles related to spouse, that person has to avoid marriage or do remedies. Common sense and basics of astrology suggest that If a person's chart indicates troubles related to spouse and if the other person has alpaayush then marriage between those two should be avoided. That is all.

1E. There are exceptions:

The classics have not mentioned exceptions. There is confusion and conflicts in what is mentioned as popular exceptions. Mr BV Raman suggested a few remedies. He is sure respectable. We do not know the source. As usual we are not given any logic behind those exceptions.

When the definition relies on the situation of a single planet, in houses with respect to lagna, why bring in rasis, Aadhipatya etc in to the equation in the name of exceptions? Sorry. His daughter, Mrs Gayatri Devi Vasudev says, exceptions do not work! So, let us leave them a side.

Conclusion:

Definition:

Kuja in 2/4/7/8/12 from Lagna or Chandra. Kuja in 7th from Sukra is also Kuja Dosahm.

Result:

Physical damage is indicated in those areas.

Remedy:

Propitiate Kuja or his Adhi Devata - Subrahmanya.

When definition says death of spouse, we do not want astrologers talking about other aspects of Kuja like aggression leading to troubles in marriage etc. Let us focus on the issue at hand only. Having done that, one has to analyze the chart properly to see the good and bad effects in many areas of life. For that one has to consider all the seven grahaas, all the 12 rassis, all the 12 bhaavaas. One has to consider kaarakas, aspects of planets, strength of planets, the combination of different planets, their combinations with respect to different rassis and bhaavaas as well.

In such a case, why look at Kuja Dosha at all? It's a popular and an unavoidable nuisance. So, we need to know what it is! Just understand what it is. Do not apply it. We can not conclude anything based on placement of a single Graha, that too about a relative of the chart, without looking in to the chart of that relative.

Exceptions – BV Raman – How to Judge a Horoscope – Vol 2:

1. Kuja in 2nd - & that rasi is Mithuna or Kanya.
2. Kuja in 12th - & that rasi is Vrushabha or Tula.
3. Kuja in 4th - & that rasi is Mesha or Vrushchika.
4. Kuja in 7th - & that rasi is Karkataka or Makara.
5. Kuja in 8th - & that rasi is Dhanus or Meenam.
6. Kuja is situated in Simha or Kumbha Rasi.
7. Kuja is conjunct Chandra or Guru.
8. Guru or Sukra is placed in Lagnam.