

The Mathematics of Yogas: *Kujadosha*



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For any *jyotishi* experienced in addressing the issues of an East Indian clientele, the following query may well ring a bell. Typically, it comes from a young lady of marriageable age who hasn't yet experienced the joys of matrimony, and whose unwed state is now of growing concern for her parents, if not indeed for herself.

"Will I ever get married? Or am I cursed with *kujadosha*? Am I *manglik*?"

Typically, the *jyotishi* doesn't hear all this from the same client. That's because *kujadosha* is a North Indian term, while *mangaladosha*, along with its derivative *manglik*, is South Indian. But the import is the same.

Whereas an astrological "yoga" is a pattern typically denoting some benefit, a "dosha" is one that indicates a blemish or defect. Etymologically, the compound word *kujadosha* or *mangaladosha* means the same thing: the blemish due to Mars. But what blemish?

Kujadosha is a pattern wherein Mars afflicts the houses of family or relationship, and is thus at risk of provoking marital discord. This happens when Mars occupies houses 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, or 12, from whence it will either occupy or aspect the 2nd or 7th houses.

From the 1st, 4th, 7th and 12th houses, Mars occupies or aspects the 7th house, thus disrupting the balance of marital equity. From the 2nd, 7th or 8th houses, Mars occupies or aspects the 2nd house, aggravating the security of the family unit. Arguably, Mars in the 7th is the worst of these problematic placements, from whence it disrupts both the family in general and the partner in particular.

However, since Mars is generally irritable in six houses out of 12, what are the prospects that any given horoscope will label its owner as a marriage disrupter? Astrologically, the odds are 50/50. But is a single placement of Mars in a problematic house sufficient to cause such grief?

The short answer is no. With respect to *kujadosha*, it behooves us to examine the matter a little more closely. For starters, although the pattern occurs with equal frequency among men and women, it's generally deemed to be more of an issue for women. That's because society condones men who are aggressive, commanding and forceful (as is Mars's tendency), and yet

discourages women from expressing the same behaviors. And although there are cultural differences between societies, the overarching burden on women is to be “nice” in spite of Mars’s natural tendency.

Before becoming unduly alarmed about the prospect of *kujadosha*, we should consider a more thorough assessment of Mars’s capacity to disturb the domestic/marital situation. This means viewing the house position of Mars from three different perspectives – the ascendant, Moon and Venus. The *lagna* represents the Self, the Moon is the *manas* (sensory perceptions), and Venus is the *karaka* for the affections. To have one or the other agitated by Mars is common enough, but to have all three disturbed would be a much more potent sign of a difficult love life.

What are the odds?

Since Mars can create *kujadosha* in six out of 12 houses, then the chances are 50/50 from the perspective of the ascendant. Likewise, from the Moon, and the same again from Venus. But for *kujadosha* to occur from *all* three, the odds are $1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/8$, or 12.5%.

Following are two examples of full-blown *kujadosha* patterns:

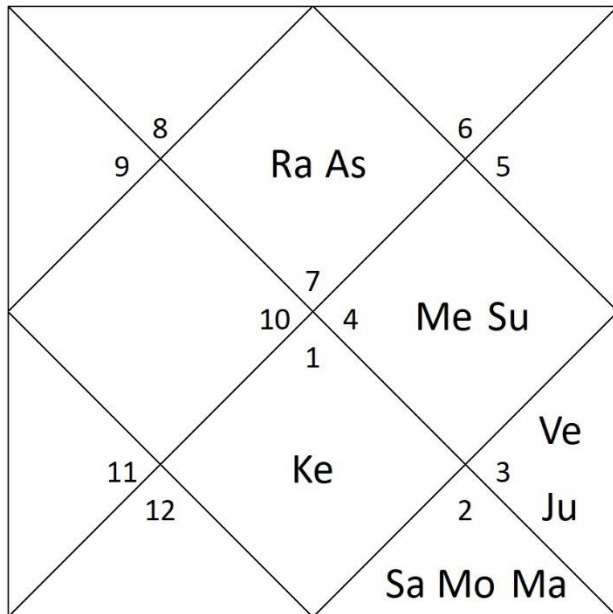
Mo 11:49 JuR 03:31		Ke 14:51	As 10:13
	Sarah Bernhardt		
Sa 09:16			Ve 23:49
	Ra 14:51	Su 08:49	Ma 11:36 Me 24:27

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Ve 5	4	2	1
As			
Ma Me 6		3	JuR Mo 12
		9	
Su 7	8		11
Ra		10	
		Sa	

Sarah Bernhardt was a French stage actress who starred in some of the most popular French plays of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Extremely thin, emotionally unpredictable, and yet possessing the energy of 10 people, she moved in “a halo of glory” that had a magnetic effect on everyone, but especially men. Reputed to have had 1,000 affairs, she herself once declared, “I have been one of the great lovers of my century.” She was married only once for less than a year, telling her friends that she married because marriage was the only thing she had never experienced.

In her horoscope, Mars forms a triple *kujadosha*. It is in the 4th house from the *Udaya-lagna*, 7th house from *Chandra-lagna*, and 2nd house from *karaka* Venus.

	Ke 14:36	Sa 15:19 Mo 16:56 Ma 20:54	Ju 26:18 Ve 29:18
	Benito Mussolini		Me 13:17 Su 13:47
		Ra 14:36 As 28:12	



The chart is a square with a diamond shape inside. The diamond's vertices are labeled with house numbers: 8 at the top, 6 at the right, 2 at the bottom, and 10 at the left. The diamond's edges are labeled with house numbers: 9 on the top-left edge, 5 on the top-right edge, 3 on the bottom-right edge, and 11 on the bottom-left edge. The diamond's interior is divided into four quadrants by a vertical line and a horizontal line. The top-left quadrant contains 'Ra As' and the number 7. The top-right quadrant contains 'Me Su' and the number 4. The bottom-left quadrant contains 'Ke' and the number 1. The bottom-right quadrant contains 'Ve Ju' and the number 2. The diamond's center contains the number 10. The diamond's outer corners are labeled with house numbers: 9 at the top-left, 6 at the top-right, 2 at the bottom-right, and 11 at the bottom-left. The diamond's inner corners are labeled with house numbers: 8 at the top, 5 at the right, 3 at the bottom, and 10 at the left. The diamond's outer edges are labeled with house numbers: 9 on the top-left edge, 5 on the top-right edge, 3 on the bottom-right edge, and 11 on the bottom-left edge. The diamond's inner edges are labeled with house numbers: 8 on the top edge, 5 on the right edge, 3 on the bottom edge, and 10 on the left edge. The diamond's center contains the number 10.

Benito Mussolini was an Italian politician and leader of the National Fascist Party who advocated rulership by an elite warrior class. After becoming the youngest Prime Minister in Italian history, he ran the country like a dictatorship, joining the ill-fated Axis coalition with Germany and Japan in WW2. Although married, he was never faithful, and viewed women as objects to plunder, sometimes several in rapid succession. Senior diplomatic officials knew about his compulsive womanizing, and wags in the foreign service dubbed him Italy's "Seducer-in-Chief." At one period, he claimed to have had 14 concubines, plus countless casual sex partners.

In his horoscope, Mars forms a triple *kujadosha*. It is in the 8th house from the *Udaya-lagna*, 1st house from *Chandra-lagna*, and 12th house from *karaka* Venus.

Although these two examples might imply an over-active libido as being the key driver of marital friction, we should be wary of jumping to such conclusions with the next client who presents a similar pattern. More often than not, *kujadosha* might simply manifest as an argumentative, irascible, or free-spirited individual for whom the give-and-take of marital life presents an existential challenge.

