

Ketu & Rahu Conjunct other Grahas

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Grahas joining Rahu or Ketu always create some great difficulties to the individual. Generally, Grahas joining Rahu create more difficult situations than do Grahas joining Ketu, though Grahas joining Ketu can be very disappointing.

Grahas joining Ketu are hidden to some degree this lifetime and their qualities, though strong, are buried under doubt and insecurity. This is particularly true of the Sun joining Ketu, perhaps the most difficult planet to have with Ketu. The Grahas joined with Ketu represent things that are generally left behind in this life as the karmas revolving around those Grahas are resolved and completed.

Graha joining Rahu are emphasized in the life of the individual, though in generally turbulent, unpleasant and painful ways. These Grahas are very evident in the life of the individual, their evidence being in the visible difficulties they bring. The Moon joining Rahu is perhaps the most difficult planet for Rahu to join, which creates excesses of all types, all of which stem from emotional excess.

When Grahas join Rahu or Ketu, you want them to be in good dignity. Poorly dignified planets will create great disappointments when joined with Ketu and serious life altering difficulties when joined with Rahu. Planets in good dignity, particularly own Rasi or exaltation can be refined to great strengths when joined with Ketu and developed into great strengths when joined with Rahu.

Ketu/Sun

The influence of Ketu on the Sun is to free the native from ego identification. Ketu creates strong self-doubts that cause the native to feel a lack in everything they do. There is a strong need to establish perfection in their actions. This perfection is never realized, and thus a level of accomplishment that would satisfy him is not to be found in the material. All other levels of accomplishment leave a nagging feeling of doubt; what the native is aware of is what he did not do, the perfection they did not accomplish. Until the native is able to free themselves from the attachment of seeing themselves as the doer these painful self-doubts persist. Once the native understands that a perfect accomplishment consists of the results of one's karmas, plus or minus any merits or demerits, plus any grace, then he becomes free of these doubts that are really just the result of being attached to one's role and seeing themselves as the doer.

Ketu influencing the Sun is also indicative of the native having a degree of importance or influence in their recent past lives, as well as having felt accomplished in manifesting their destiny. Again the doubts given by Ketu cause the native to be hidden and feel insecure in order that they free themselves from the limited security given by importance, power and influence.

Ketu/Moon

The influence of Ketu on the Moon indicates a deeper, probing, mentality that generally suffers discontentment in the world. When Ketu influences the Moon, the mentality is not so superficial as to be able to simply enjoy the pleasures of the world. The mind is always looking deeper, beneath the surface, and thus there is always a nagging discontent and questioning. This creates an

introverted mindset, which in a spiritual nativity is conducive to spiritual practices. In other nativities, this may cause introversions and frustrations that may have violent or explosive eruptions. Generally it is found that natives with Ketu influencing the Moon have an interest in psychology.

Another noticeable trait of Ketu's influence to the Moon is to make the native very emotionally controlled and rigid. When they are in a negative mood, there is not a lot anyone can do to cheer them up, they pretty much have to suffer through the mood, after which they will get up feeling just fine. In fact the depths of their moods rarely correlate to what brought the mood upon them. There will usually be associated sub-conscious and past life feelings stirred up by that which triggers the mood. After the mood, the native will appear as balanced and controlled as usual, but one of the reasons the moods are so severe is that the natives do not flow with, and reveal their feelings until a buildup has occurred, at which point they fall into a deep mood. These natives also have an ability to cheer anyone out of a bad mood; this is due to their ability to not let any feelings come through except those that they want to reveal.

In recent past lives, those with Ketu influencing the Moon have established a level of security and safety in the world by controlling their reactions to the many painful things in life. Controlling is one thing; feeling is another, so there is usually some pent-up pain in the native that is released when a mood is triggered. The developmental goal is to purge the mind from subconscious pain, remorse, regret, etc. and to develop a spiritualized mentality that truly remains at peace amidst the varying conditions and reactions of life, rather than a mentality that controls the feelings and reactions.

Ketu/Mars

The influence of Ketu on Mars creates a nativity that in recent past lives has established a security foundation based upon one's strength and will. In this life the native generally has some insecurity and doubts revolving around the use of their will and this causes their will to become humbled. They are generally inclined towards peace, but they may actually have violent thoughts, which may even surprise themselves. There is generally some inability to harness their will according to their demand and this may cause great frustrations and explosions in temper. Often, there will be thoughts of great adventure and heroism, when it comes down to the real thing, however, the native either withdraws, with doubt, from the challenge, or experiences some lack of fulfillment even if becoming the victor in the challenge.

Mars and Ketu are both violent planets that tend to break and injure things; therefore the areas of life that are under the influence of both Ketu and Mars tend to suffer some injury or damage. This completes the karmas of breaking, fighting, etc. from the past lives.

Ketu/Mercury

The influence of Ketu on Mercury indicates a nativity that in recent past lives has established a security foundation in the world that was based upon their intellectual understanding of things, the nature of the world, etc. In this life they experience great doubts with their rational understanding, and they always feel like there is a bit of information missing that they need before they can close the case, make a decision, etc. This forces them to rely on their gut feeling, intuition, taking a chance, etc. in short to force them to go beyond the need of the intellect.

The intellect, having provided such security in the past, is rigid when confronted with ideas or concepts that are at variance with the native's paradigm or understanding, as these new ideas are felt as a threat to one's security. This causes initial resistance and even debate with those bringing new ideas or concepts, and the Ketu/Mercury native will always be able to win an intellectual debate, but

later, when alone, the native experiences doubts once again that force them to acknowledge something outside their understanding.

At worst, this combination may cause one to be indecisive, and experience anxiety if they are unable to listen to their intuition, or do not have faith in a greater guiding principle than their own intellects. On the useful side, this combination gives a great research mind and the capacity for deep thinking.

Ketu/Jupiter

The influence of Ketu on Jupiter indicates a native with some deeper spiritual attachments, ideals, or devotion. Living a life of ideals, spirituality, etc. in the past incarnations has resulted in the ego experiencing a heightened degree of security in the world. Ketu's job as liberator is to now free the ego from any attachment to living a life of ideals. This almost always results in these native at some point in life finding themselves in some circumstance that prevents them from living out their idealistic nature. This generally creates guilt, self-blame, and self-criticism that may be fed by the blame and criticism of others as well. These events serve to free the native from any attachments to doing good, which otherwise could impair one's spiritual growth. The conjunction to Jupiter appears significantly more powerful in this respect.

The influence of Ketu on Jupiter indicating the native having attempted to gain security in recent past lives due to their belief system may also create a huge need to see their beliefs manifested fully in this life. This need is never met, which causes the native to doubt their beliefs. This creates room for the native to advance their understanding, though they are generally not inclined to advance their understanding until circumstances force them to.

Ketu, though a malefic, is beneficial for the spiritual life, thus Jupiter influenced by Ketu also tends to deepen one's insight, knowledge, and spiritual devotion and generally indicates a spiritual or philosophical person of some sort.

Ketu/Venus

The influence of Ketu on Venus indicates a nativity that has developed great tact and diplomacy when dealing with all mundane affairs of life as well as having enjoyed much of the pleasures the world can afford. In this life the native experiences a general discontent with worldly delights, even though there is an initial expectation of fulfillment from these things. In a spiritual nativity this influence may be conducive to developing spiritual devotion.

Venus is a planet of pride, under the influence of Ketu, humility is being developed and pride is never excessive.

Ketu/Saturn

The influence of Ketu on Saturn indicates a nativity that has experienced security as a result of being very responsible in some manner or field and this gives the tendency to feel secure only when one feels in complete control – something that just never happens. In this life, Ketu's goal is to free the native from the need of being responsible in order to feel secure and thus free them from controlling habits. Ketu does this through confrontations with those that cause the native to doubt their capacity to be responsible. These doubts result in the native having the only choice of learning to be happy and secure without being in complete control, instead learning to exercise the control that they are actually in control of while leaving the rest up to the gods.

Rahu/Sun

The influence of Rahu to the Sun indicates an evolutionary urge to develop the personality, individuality, creative will and expression. The native is generally self-willed and appears magnetic, powerful and confident. What the native actually feels, however, is entirely different. They generally feel very insecure and not stable or grounded in themselves. The expression of confidence and power is what they hope to realize, which only happens when they become secure in their individuality. The native projects strength and power, though experiencing doubts and lack of confidence in an attempt to compensate for their weakness. This can never result in their really feeling confident and the result is a breakdown of all that they thought was important to their self-development, in other words an identity crisis.

The urge to develop their creative will causes them to look upon everything that comes their way as an opportunity to manifest their goals or desires. In natives exhibiting self-centered tendencies this may create a personality that believes that everybody else is there for them.

Generally the native has not had his masculine side validated for the qualities that are true to one's self, one's svadharma. This causes inner frustration and turmoil with regards to what one's focus and purpose in life is. Not feeling confident and secure in one's svadharma creates stagnation of the best sides of oneself. Oftentimes the native has had a role placed upon him that was not true to his nature but instead an ideal someone else had for him. This ideal often includes some concept that the native is better than others are or special. This helps to reinforce an expression of confidence and strength over the insecure core of their self and individuality.

In time the native gains opportunities to develop their personalities along their natural lines and to learn that they are no different, better or worse than others, but only different in the roles they play. It usually takes them a long time to feel secure and comfortable with themselves and their place in life.

Rahu/Moon

The influence of Rahu on the Moon results in some weakness in the mind that is in need of strengthening. This is generally the result of the mind not being centered in the heart, instead being centered externally or remaining unfocused. When the mind is centered externally there is discontent and depression that comes from the lack of fulfillment the world has to offer. When the mind remains unfocused there is a higher degree of psychic disorders, and/or a lack of clarity and concentration. Rahu influencing the Moon may give heightened psychic sensitivity but usually this is also accompanied by a weakness that make the native more sensitive to psychic disorders.

Other weakness of the mind caused by Rahu may be various types of mental derangement, but for any serious difficulties other malefic influences must also be indicated. In the horoscopes of natives with strong spiritual tendencies, Rahu influencing the Moon may promote spiritual attunement.

The discontent that Rahu casts upon the Moon is also a cause of addictions. Addictions also serve to make the mind unfocused, which results again in psychic disorders. Rahu may also give a tendency to live in the imagination, in the realm of fantasy, wishes and hopes, which ultimately lead to discontent and depression because in the end the native still lives in the real world.

In female natives the conjunction of the Moon with Rahu creates a strong feminine magnetism, and a strong emotional transparency that is attractive to men. However, the woman herself feels ungrounded and insecure and is often not emotionally healthy enough to enjoy a relationship.

The need for the native, when Rahu is influencing the Moon is to learn to keep the mind focused or to keep it anchored in the heart, the one place of true satisfaction for it. With natives having spiritual tendencies this is an eventual possibility.

Rahu/Mars

The influence of Rahu on Mars indicates a native who is in need of developing the healthy use of their will and power. The native usually has an explosive potential and many power struggles with people. The native may have a lack of confidence in using their will. This may create abusive situations in life as well as anger and frustration whenever one's will is thwarted or challenged. The insecurity revolving around the use of their will that causes their self-esteem to feel threatened may lead to aggressive and abusive behavior. The native needs to learn a proper application of the use of the will, part of which is to know when to use it and when not to.

Rahu influencing Mars indicates ideas in the mind that something must be had at any cost, the option of not having or not winning is out of the question. This may cause over aggressiveness or excess impulsiveness.

Rahu/Mercury

The influence of Rahu on Mercury indicates an intellect that through experimentation, trial, and error, is learning to develop the discrimination that serves to help one make the most beneficial choices in life. The developmental need is to learn to gather facts and information to use as a foundation for understanding in life. The experimental nature of this may indicate a native with an original and inventive mentality. There is generally a tendency towards indecisiveness when making important decisions, which the native always feels unprepared for no matter the advice or information they have gathered. This is due to the difficulty in really understanding what they know. Without real understanding, more facts just lead to more indecision.

Rahu/Jupiter

The influence of Rahu on Jupiter indicates a native in the need of defining their belief system and purpose. There is usually some discontent, unhappiness, or lack revolving around their religious upbringing and this may make one irreligious or disinterested in spiritual values. If there are strong spiritual factors in the horoscope, the influence of Rahu on Jupiter may create an aspiring spiritual personality, but one that is usually more inclined towards preaching and teaching to others, which they do to compensate for their own lack of understanding. They are essentially preaching and teaching to themselves.

The influence of Rahu on Jupiter also indicates a strong need to find meaning and purpose in life. Until this happens, the native usually suffers some discontent and a lack of clear direction. There may be a tendency to become overly enthusiastic about a venture, but only for a short while, after which discontent and purposelessness set in. The native needs to find an inner purpose that gives meaning to life in order to overcome this discontent.

The conjunction of Rahu to Jupiter seems to be much more severe and when under the influence of Mars or Saturn, creates Guruchandala yoga, making one irreligious, a hypocrite and suffering on account of children. In a woman's nativity, this additionally indicates suffering due to having difficulty finding a worthwhile marriage partner. The aspect is not nearly as severe in its negativity. The strong aspect of Jupiter onto Rahu, in fact, eventually alleviates a lot of the trouble indicated by

Rahu. The strong aspect of Jupiter indicates that the native will eventually be able to understand the areas Rahu is influencing and learn to do what is needed to maintain happiness.

Rahu/Venus

The influence of Rahu on Venus indicates a native with a very powerful desire nature that causes disruption with what they want, particularly with regards to relationships. There is generally a tendency to experience powerful hypnotic attractions to individuals of the opposite sex. These attractions are the result of one aspect of the person to whom the native is attracted to seem like the all, when in fact it is only one small aspect that the native is attracted to. This small aspect is something that the native is attempting to develop within himself at the time of the attraction. The result is a tendency to “fall in love” before seeing the person completely for what they are, which results in eventual disappointment or discontentment. Maintaining balance and harmony in relationships are found to be difficult for the native and they need to develop some discrimination with regards to whom they fall in love with, as those people they fall in love with rarely validate their love or fulfill their desire. With this combination there is tendency to desire things that cost too much in time, money or emotional pain or which somehow devalue the person.

Venus represents conscious desires. Rahu represents subconscious desires, primal desires, hopes, wishes, fantasies, strange longings, etc. Putting these together may result in a very compulsive desire nature, which has little chance of fulfillment. The resulting discontent may eventually serve to motivate the native towards some spiritual fulfillment, provided there are strong spiritualizing factors in the horoscope.

Rahu/Saturn

The influence of Rahu on Saturn indicates a native that has difficulty in developing and maintaining security and stability. Those things the native feels attached to, or hopes to acquire security through are often taken away. Outer instability generally results in nerve-wracking conditions, and there is generally some inner instability and tension that makes the experiences of life less enjoyable. The only thing the native can really do to combat this is develop a dispassionate and detached mentality, which is particularly hard for them.

Rahu influencing Saturn also generally indicates a lack of consistent, long-term focus in life. The native will usually have a happier life once they are focused and secure in their path.

Rahu and Saturn are both separating influences, the house that they are both influencing will usually be an area where the native experiences complete or lengthy separations.

Rahu and Ketu give the effects of the Grahas that they Join

In addition to the growth centered effects of the planets joining Rahu and Ketu, these planets also have a very important predictive effect. Rahu and Ketu will in fact give the very specific effects of any planet that they are joined with. Thus any Yogas a joining planet forms will come into effect during the Dasas of Rahu or Ketu as the case may be. Also, the Bhava indications of the joining planet come into effect during Rahu or Ketu's Dasa. The high point of this effect, when you want to predict the effect, is during the Antardasa of the joining planet in the Dasa of the node that it joins. The effect will be productive or destructive dependent upon the Lajjitaadi Avastha of the joining planet.