



Malefics and Benefics by Lagna

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Planets are termed natural benefics and natural malefics. Jupiter, Venus, Mercury and Moon are natural benefics; Saturn, Mars, Rahu and Ketu are natural malefics. Sun is mixed.

Apart from the above, planets are classified as functionally favorable or adverse based on relationships with the twelve different ascendants (lagnas), and these are understood as 'functional' benefic or malefics.

Below is a simple reference:

For ARIES Lagna: Jupiter and the Sun are benefics. Saturn, Mercury and Venus are Malefics.

For TAURUS Lagna: Saturn, Mercury and the Sun are benefics. Jupiter, Venus and Moon are inauspicious. Mars is mixed.

For GEMINI Lagna: Venus and Mercury are the only benefics. Mars, Sun, Moon, Jupiter and Saturn are inauspicious.

For CANCER Lagna: Mercury, Saturn and Venus are malefics. Mars, Jupiter and Moon are auspicious. Sun is mixed.

For LEO Lagna: Mercury, Venus and Saturn are inauspicious planets. Mars, Jupiter and the Sun are benefics. Venus is mixed, while Moon's effects depend on her association.

For VIRGO Lagna: Mars, Jupiter and the Moon are adverse. Venus and

Mercury are the only favorable planets. Sun is mixed.

For LIBRA Lagna: Saturn, Moon and Mercury are auspicious. Jupiter, the Sun and Mars are inauspicious. Venus depends on association.

For SCORPIO Lagna: Jupiter, Sun and Moon are benefics. Mercury and Venus are malefic. Saturn and Mars are of mixed nature.

For SAGITTARIUS Lagna: Venus and Saturn are adverse. Mercury, Mars and the Sun are benefic. Moon is by association.

For CAPRICORN Lagna: Mars, Jupiter and the Moon are inauspicious. Venus, Mercury and Saturn are beneficial. Sun is mixed.

For AQUARIUS Lagna: Jupiter, Moon and Mars are malefic. Venus and Saturn are exclusively benefics. Sun is mixed.

For PISCES Lagna: Saturn, Venus, Mercury and the Sun are unfavorable. Mars, Jupiter and Moon are auspicious.

Note: To understand the position of Rahu and Ketu in the above list please consider the axioms "Shanivaa Rahu" = Rahu will act like Saturn, anf "Kugjavaat Ketu" = Ketu will act like Mars. So look to the natures of Saturn and Mars and apply those to Rahu and Ketu respectively.