



Manglik Dosha & Married Life

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I What is Manglik Dosha?

When Mars is placed in Lagna, 4th, 7th, 8th or 12th house in the horoscope, the native is said to be Manglik or Mangli.

In South India Mars' placement in the 2nd house is also considered for Manglik Dosha.

1.1 How does it affect Married Life?

For a happy married life, the following requirements are most important :

- (i) Good Health
- (ii) Availability of goods and items of necessity like house, vehicle, modern gadgets.
- (iii) Conjugal bliss or sex pleasure
- (iv) Good Longevity and safety from sudden calamities.
- (v) Good purchasing power to spend on planned or sudden expenditures.

The above mentioned requirements are signified from houses 1, 4, 7, 8 and 12 of the horoscope. The 2nd house of the horoscope is also important because it signifies wealth, assets and family relations.

Mars being a malefic planet, its presence in these houses spoils their significations and consequently causes setback to a happy married life.

1.2 Why Mars is singled out?

There are 5 natural malefic planets viz. Mars, Saturn, Rahu, Ketu and Sun in the decreasing order of their malefic intensity. Moon and Mercury are conditional malefics and their intensity is still lower than Sun.

The presence of any malefic planet in house 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 12 shall adversely affect their significations and consequently the marital life but since Mars is the most malefic planet, its affect will be the most adverse.

1.3 Size of the Manglik Population

If we take into consideration all the six houses i.e 1,2,4,7,8 and 12th, then going by the law of averages, 50% of the population is Manglik. In North India, 2nd

house is not considered for Manglik Dosha, so only 5 houses are involved. These 5 houses indicate that on an average 42% population is Manglik.

Thus a large number of people are affected by Manglik dosha and it is worth while to find out the actual truth about this dreaded Dosha in the horoscope.

II. The Origin and Why Manglik Dosha is so dreaded?

Neither Maharashi Parashar nor subsequent classical authors have mentioned any thing about Manglik Dosha. Dr. B.V. Raman in his book "Muhurtha (Electional Astrology)" says "so far as our humble experience goes, it is only in" Kerala Sastra" that mention is made of "Kuja Dosha". The stanza runs thus -

धना व्ययेवा पाताले जामित्रे च अष्टमे कुजा ।

स्त्रीनं भर्तुरु विनाशं च भर्तासनं स्त्री विनाशनम् ।।

It means if Mars is in the 2nd, 12th, 4th, 7th, 1st or 8th house of a female's horoscope, death of the husband will occur; similar situation in husband's horoscope would cause death of wife. There are several variants of this stanza, some exclude 2nd house and include 1st house, like the one mentioned below:

लग्ने व्यये च पाताले जामित्रे चाष्टमे कुजे ।

भार्या भर्तुविनाशाय भर्तुष्व स्त्री विनाशनम् ।।

The meaning is same otherwise. Obviously the Manglik or Kuja Dosha is very fearsome because if a Manglik person is married to a non-Manglik, then death will occur to the non-Manglik partner in terms of these shlokas.

III. Manglik Dosha should be seen from which chart?

The following 'shloka' is generally quoted in this connection :

लग्नेन्दु शुक्राद् दुःस्थाने यद्यस्ति क्षिति सम्भवः ।

तददशापाक समये दोष माहुर्मनीषणः ।।

That means if Mars is posited in a bad house (i.e.



1,2,4,7,8 or 12) from Lagna, Moon or Venus chart, then inauspicious results are seen during its "Dosha" period.

It is obvious that hardly any body would escape the dreaded Manglik Dosha if the same is seen from 3 charts viz. Lagna, Chandra and Shukra. As per prevailing practice in North India, Manglik Dosha is considered from Lagna chart only. Not much importance is attached if a person is Manglik from Chandra Kundli. Shukra Kundali is by and large totally ignored by astrologers.

Therefore for the purpose of our study also, we shall label a person Manglik only from Lagna Kundli. Similarly Mars in 2nd house would be ignored and such a native shall be taken as non-manglik as per the prevailing practice in North India.

IV. Cancellation of Manglik Dosha

If the Manglik Dosha was described as the most dangerous Dosha, which may take life of the other partner, the scholars have been most liberal in describing many ways for cancellation of its dangerous effects. The meaning of 'shlokas' are given in a nutshell instead of their translation.

सप्तमे यदा सौरिर्लग्ने वापि चतुर्थके ।

अष्टमे द्वादशे चैव तदा भौमो न दोषकृतः ॥

(Cancelled if other partner has Saturn in any of 1,4,7,8 and 12th houses)

दोषकारी कुजो यस्य बलीचे दुक्त दोष कृत् ।

दुर्बलः शुभ दृष्टोवा सूर्येणस्मगगतो पिवा ॥

(Cancelled when Mars is weak or combust with Sun or when aspected by benefic planets)

वाचस्पतो नवम पंचम केंद्रे संस्थे जाताऽगंना भवति पूर्ण विभूति युक्ता ।

साधवी सुपुत्र जननी सुखिनी गुणाडढ्या सप्ताष्टक यदि भवेद शुभग्रहोऽपि ॥

(Cancelled in a female horoscope if Jupiter is placed in Kendra or Trikona; the native shall be very talented, fortunate and give birth to a good son)

चर राशि गते भौमे चतुरष्ट व्यये धने ।

लग्ने पापविनाशस्स्यात् शेषे पाप विशेषतः ॥

(Cancelled if mars is placed in a char Rashi)

चतुर्थे कुज दोषस्यात् तुला वृषयोर्विना ।

पाताले भौम दोषस्तु ममा वृश्चिक योर्विना ॥

(Cancelled if mars is placed in 4th house in its own Rashi or in the Rashi of Venus)

न मंगली मंगल राहू योगे । न मंगली चंद्र भृगु द्वितीये ॥

न मंगली केंद्र गते च राहू । न मंगली पश्यतियस्य जीव ॥

(Cancelled when Mars is conjunct with Rahu; or when Moon and Venus are in 2nd house; or when Rahu is placed in Kendra; or when Mars is aspected by Jupiter)

उक्त स्थानेषु चन्द्राच्च गणभेत् पापखेचरान् ।

पापाधिक्ये वरे श्रेष्ठ विवाहं प्रवदेद बुधः ॥

(Cancelled if number of malefic planets in 1,4,7,8,12 houses in male chart are more than in the female chart)

व्यये कुज दोषस्यात् कन्या मिथुनयोर्विना ।

द्वादशे भौम दोषस्तु वृष धौलिक योर्विना ॥

(Cancelled if Mars is placed in the sign of Mercury or Venus)

भौम स्थितेशे यदि केन्द्रकोण तद्दोषनाशं प्रवदन्ति सन्तः ।

(Cancelled if disposer of Mars is located in Kendra or Trikona from either Lagna or Moon chart)

सबले गुरौ भृगौ वा लग्ने धूनेऽपि वाऽथवा भौमे ।

सक्रिणो नीचारिगृहे वार्कस्थेपि वा न कुज दोषः ॥

(Cancelled if strong Jupiter or Venus is placed in Lagna or 7th house; or Mars is retrograde or in Neech Rashi or placed in enemy sign & weak)

पंचक स्थानगे भौमे लग्नेन्दु गुरु संस्थिते ।

बुध स्थिते न दोषोऽस्ति दृष्टं दोष न चिन्तयेत् ॥

(Cancelled if Mars is conjunct with Moon, Jupiter or Mercury or aspected by anyone of them)

स्वक्षेत्रे उच्चराशि स्थिते उच्चार्शे स्वांशगेऽपि वा ।

अंगारको न दोषस्स्यात् कर्क्यां सिंहे न दोषभाक् ॥

(Cancelled if Mars occupies its own or exalted sign or own or exalted Navamsh or occupies cancer or Leo sign)

चतुस्सप्तमगे भौमे मेष कर्क्यालि नक्रगे ।

यदा राशौ शुभ प्रोक्तं कुज दोषो न विद्यते ॥

(Cancelled if Mars is placed in 4th or 7th house in Aries, Cancer, Scorpio or Capricorn sign)

अर्कन्दु क्षेत्र जातानां कुज दोषो न विद्यते ।

स्वोच्च मित्रम् जातानां तत् दोषं न भवेत्किल ॥

(Cancelled if Mars is placed in friendly sign Cancer or Leo or its own or exalted sign)

बुधाश्रयुक्तेप्यथवा निरीक्षते तद्दोष नाशं प्रवदन्ति सन्तः ।

(Cancelled if Mars is conjunct with or aspected by Mercury)

भौमतुल्यो यदा भौमो पापो वा तादृशो भवेत् ।

वर बध्वार्मिथस्तत्र भौम दोषो न विद्यते ।।

(Cancelled when male and female both are Manglik)

अष्टमे भौम दोषस्तु धनु मीन द्वयोर्विना ।

अष्टमे कुज दोषस्यात् कर्कट मकरयोर्विना ।।

(Cancelled if 8th house Mars is placed in 9,12,4, or 10 sign)

गुरु मंगल संयोगे भौमे दोषो व विद्यते ।

(Cancelled when Mars is conjunct with Jupiter)

चंद्र केन्द्र गते वापि तस्य दोषो न मंगली ।

(Cancelled if Moon is placed in a Kendra)

Apart from the above, there are many other condition for cancellation of Manglik Dosha. We must give importance to the 7th house, 7th Lord and Karak for 7th house. If Mars is Lagnesh or a Yogakarak planet or friend of Lagnesh, its malficence is minimised or rather nullified. The inherent strength of the horoscope or presence of auspicious yogas in the Kundli overcomes the dangers of any malefic yoga.

So the cancellation of Manglik dosha must be given due importance while matching the horoscopes.

(v) Public Perceptions about Manglik Dosha

About a decade ago people were not so serious about matching of horoscopes of the boy and the girl before marriage. But now the awareness has steeply increased due to flooding of TV channels whether national or regional, with programmes on astrology. A layman or a semi-literate astrologer thinks about the Manglik Dosha as follows:

-Manglik Dosha is very dangerous and it will cause immense misery in married life

- If a Manglik person is married to a non-Manglik, there would be severe health problems including death of the partner

-Marriage of a Manglik person must take place only with a Manglik person

-Marriage of a Manglik person is generally delayed

-Ill effects of Manglik Dosha do not apply after 28 years of age

-Manglik Dosha is never fully cancelled

Since 40 to 50 percent population is Manglik, it would be in the interest of general public as well as fellow astrologers to find out whether the general perceptions about Manglik Dosha are also endorsed by actual state of affairs, post marriage, of the Manglik persons or how their married life is, compared to non-Manglik persons.

Feedback of about 200 married couples was taken to indicate whether public perception about Manglik Dosha is vindicated by actual lives.

Couples were divided into 3 categories viz.

- Both the partners are Non-Manglik
- Both are Manglik
- One is Manglik and other Non-Manglik based upon horoscopes prepared on the basis of data furnished in the format

It is the (c) category involving marriage of a Manglik with a Non-Manglik person, which is the focus of study.

(IX) Conclusion

The feed back received from 200 married couples clearly demonstrates that fears about Manglik Dosha are highly overstated. Its effect in real life is negligible.

-The cancellation of Manglik Dosha must be given full importance while matching the charts of husband and wife as Manglik Dosha was cancelled in majority of the cases.

-Manglik Dosha should never be considered in isolation. The other relevant factors of matching must be given due importance.

-The meaning of old 'shlokas' on Astrology should not be taken literally, the exception provided should be taken seriously and their applicability in modern context should be suitably modified, wherever necessary.

(V11) Study Results

Quality of Married Life

	Both non Manglik	Percent	Both Manglik	Percent	One Manglik	Percent
Excellent	26	40.00%	12	30.77%	32	33.33%
Good	21	32.31%	11	28.20%	34	35.42%
Average	13	20.00 %	7	17.95%	19	19.79%
Below Average	4	6.15 %	4	10.26%	6	6.25%
Bad	1	1.54%	5	12.82%	5	5.21%
Total	65	100 %	39	100%	96	100