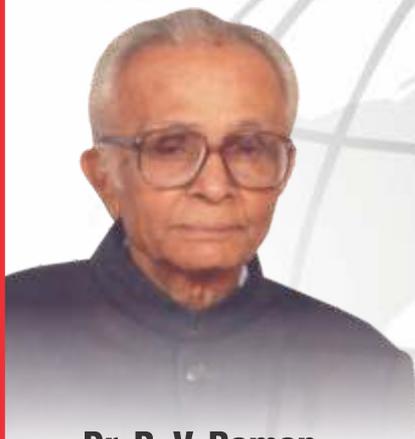


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# TWO PLANET COMBINATIONS AND PERSONALITY IDENTIFICATION

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While the overall character of a person is mainly a result of the planetary influences on a chart, it is possible to decipher the same, to some extent, through the inter-relationship between any two planets in a given horoscope. In this dissertation, let us dwell on a few key two-planet relationships and how they influence the character and mindset of an individual. We will commence this discussion with the notable features of the Sun-Jupiter conjunction.

**According to Jataka Sara Dheepa (Chapter 54, Verse 5), one born with Sun-Jupiter conjunction is a teacher, is affluent, is advisor to a minister, benefitted by friends and is a practitioner of Dharma.**

A person with this yoga has the blessings of God. Generally, it gives protection from accidents. Since Sun is *Pitrukaraka*, one may carry on the same vocation as one's father. In case Jupiter is combust, it may give rise to ailments of the liver. It also gives rise to love of travel. People with Sun-Jupiter combinations always like going out on a vacation whenever possible. They are generally loved by everyone. This yoga always gives rise to monetary benefits from foreigners or from foreign countries. Such people also get plenty of opportunities and usually have a wide social circle. They are usually magnanimous and have generous instincts. Such people are usually upright and due to passage of time become more and more generous and usually like to share their wealth with the less fortunate.

**A person with Venus-Saturn conjunction would do painting, stonework, woodwork, so on and so forth. He is proficient in wrestling.** Persons with Venus-Saturn conjunction are very cautious in romance and are generally possessive in outlook. Their basic needs are unlikely to be fulfilled by their life partners. In case of men, there is a tendency to marry a girl from an aristocratic family. The relationships are karmic in

nature and the chart holder repays debts of his previous lives through these dysfunctional relationships. In case of men, they get the unwanted acquaintance of widows and women of low character. The chart holder is prone to infections of throat and piles. In interpersonal relationships true love and affection are absent since the chart holder is constantly on the lookout for financial security and social status. The person lacks self-love and self-esteem. He could stoop to any level to keep his partner happy. The mate is usually very demanding and is easily able to dominate since the chart holder is highly submissive in personal ties. As Venus represents happiness and is also the planet of luxury, its affliction through Saturn will have an adverse impact on domestic peace and happiness. Such persons are generally pessimistic in nature. Since Saturn receives the benefic influence of Venus, the native is able to put up with adversity and is also able to adjust himself to a subordinate status. The chart holder is self-effacing and lacks self-confidence. The person is artistic and has a profound knowledge of art and beauty. No matter how challenging circumstances are, the person will continue to remain at the mercy of his mate.

**When Mars is in conjunction with Jupiter, the chart holder is a good craftsman, is knowledgeable in Vedas, very intelligent, skilled in speech and becomes famous.** A person becomes highly ambitious if Mars is conjunct with Jupiter. Generally, the native is handsome, attractive to the opposite sex, humorous and has a powerful presence. They are fun-loving, adventurous and are very active. They are very sociable and have a wide circle of friends. In terms of success, the Mars-Jupiter conjunction is a very fortunate one. On the flip side, these natives take big risks in order to protect themselves as business leaders and run the risk of losing their capital, unless guided by competent financial advisors. They are prone to allergic reactions and diseases of the liver, since Jupiter which rules over the liver is afflicted

by Mars. People with Mars-Jupiter conjunction are very creative and fare well in theatrics. They inspire others and due to their fun-loving nature are usually surrounded by large number of friends and admirers. They like to eat out and derive pleasure out of undesirable stuff like alcoholic drinks. Since Jupiter is the planet which drives away misfortune and is afflicted by Mars, such natives meet with misfortune due to one reason or the other, unless in their birth chart, the 9th house is well-fortified. These natives put their desires ahead of those around them and in a way, can be termed as selfish. They are proud of themselves and their families. When their stars are good, they live on top of the world but in a world of fluctuating fortunes, their downward trend would easily change their fortunes overnight and make them victims of the law of karma, unless they perform good deeds in their halcyon days to act as a shield in their testing times.

**When Sun is in conjunction with Mars in a horoscope one becomes mighty, is valiant, noble-spirited, adventurous and has a furious nature. When Sun conjoins Mars one is generally assertive, bold and has a certain inflexible nature.**

The person is argumentative and due to his egoistic nature will go to any extent to defend his viewpoint. The person will do well to become a doctor. If in the above combination, Mercury is also present, one becomes a physician; if not, one becomes a surgeon. The person can become a head of police or the military. One becomes an extrovert and is generally industrious. In religion, one gets addicted to orthodox values. The person adheres to high moral values and principles. The person is endowed with great stamina and will always choose high ideals for which he positions himself as a crusader. Highly short tempered, the chart holder can be provoked for no apparent reason. The person has scant value for time and in the case of consultants, the clients must have the patience to wait, for getting an audience. The chart holder's views are mostly theoretical and may not stand the test of practicality. They are generally not money-minded or commercial in outlook. They have rigid rules on almost everything in life. They have wide, all-encompassing knowledge, which may not be deep. Unless there are other features, the native will possess only superficial knowledge and may not have the drive or desire to analyze the subject in depth.

**When Moon conjoins Mercury one has sterling qualities, is well-versed in epics, loves women, speaks politely, follows dharma and is intellectually inclined. One becomes an intellectual when Moon conjoins Mercury.** One is blessed with an analytical mind. He gains knowledge every day and explores various concepts and theories. He is a good writer and is also a scholar. Generally, the person is straight forward.

On the flip side, the person expects others to perceive things in the same manner as he does. Mercury

governs the intellect, while Moon governs the mind. Hence in this case there is a fusion of mind with the intellect. The function of the brain is to analyze things with a dispassionate mind. In his case, this is not possible and hence there is a complete non-acceptance of views and theories which do not fit in with his version of the truth. What he believes, though relative, he holds as absolute or gospel truth. The person turns angry or bitter when his views are contradicted. The person speaks in a witty and light-hearted way. He loves communicating with his friends. They are generally addicted to the social media. The person is a lover of music and poetry. A person with this yoga will do research in sub-conscious mind and is therefore drawn to hypnotism, mesmerism, and magic. He loves wildlife parks, planetariums, tourist spots, archaeological sites, libraries, and other places of learning. They spend lots of money buying books and journals. However, they are unable to change their views every now and then or pick up new interests and hobbies in order to keep themselves active and in tune with changing times. They are usually up to date with technology and like to own the latest gadgets.

**When Mars conjoins Venus, one becomes a mathematician, is fond of other women, has prominent qualities and is fond of amusing young girls. One becomes exceedingly passionate when Mars conjoins Venus.** The person dislikes boredom and has a passion for excellence in his chosen field of work. In the conflict between love and infatuation, the chart holder is unable to decipher the dividing line, leading to enormous conflicts in interpersonal relationships. On one hand, the person is somewhat dictatorial in outlook but on the other hand, the person is also passionate and sensitive to others' feelings. This is because Mars, the planet of action and aggression benefits by its proximity to Venus, while the feminine energy of Venus getting the aggression of Mars, makes one a charismatic leader. The person is short tempered, impulsive and is also adventurous. Bosses with Mars-Venus conjunction tend to be impatient and impulsive. Though generous by instincts, the person is also selfish in many respects. The person is also susceptible to extreme emotions. The person expects unwavering loyalty from all those near him. The person is hedonistic in outlook and is always on the lookout for pleasures. Problems associated with prostate gland arise as the person crosses middle age. With life partners, he will have a love-hate relationship after middle age. Where Jupiter is also strong, the person is able to apply his inner fire to spiritual self-realization towards the fag end of their lives.

According to Dr B V Raman: "The interrelations between the planetary and stellar positions and the sentiments of men and women are very intimate. Apart from the other astrological considerations, mutual dispositions of Mars and Venus are to

be carefully considered. It cannot be a coincidence that divorce, separation, and crimes of passion increase whenever there is a conjunction of Venus and Mars in the heavens, especially when the constellations involved are those of malefic planets. The Venus-Mars configuration could of course be one of the contributing factors. Children born when there is a Venus-Mars conjunction should be brought up in a disciplined manner and should be made to avoid dissipating habits of immediate pleasure. The adverse effects of the conjunction could be made to express through constructive channels if Jupiter aspects the combination or is or is in a quadrant therefrom. Venus is indeed associated with many fascinating aspects of life. He rules the wife, conveyance, sex harmony and union, art, attachment, family happiness, marriage in general, vitality, fertility, physical beauty, and friendliness. Mars abounds in energy, aggressiveness, fortitude, driving force and in association with Venus, a tendency to excess of sensual gratification.

It is therefore necessary that in the horoscopes of the couple, Mars-Venus conjunction or opposition should have a benefic steadying effect of a favorable disposition of Jupiter; or in the alternative the conjunction or opposition takes place in the constellations of Jupiter, Mercury or even Venus; Jupiter and Mercury being more preferable.

Venus-Mars disposition is an important factor for physical attraction. But in the absence of Jupiter's or even Saturn's benign influence, real compatibility may be lacking. Venus-Mars conjunction makes one fond of pleasure, demonstrative and adds zest to one's sensual life. When Venus and Mars are involved in adverse aspects, difficulty through excesses and trouble through marriage follow as a matter of consequence. Venus in a good sign or constellation can temper the roughness of Mars, but if Rahu is also involved, it makes one lascivious, lewd, and wicked. Whether in the horoscope of a boy or a girl, Ketu-Venus-Mars association (or even mutual aspect) is not desirable unless the constellation involved belongs to Jupiter or Mercury or even benefic Moon, though the last circumstance might render the native's thinking highly sensual. Ketu-Venus-Mars (or Saturn) denotes danger of scandal in marriage. But if the 10th or house of Karma is well disposed, the affliction becomes somewhat tempered.

Let us take the example of a person having Venus-Mars conjunction in Taurus, the Lagna being Scorpio. Venus, Kalatrakaraka in the 7th, is not generally favored by ancient writers on the theory of karakobhavanasaya as the indications of the 7th house are said to be inhibited. Experience has however revealed that this textual dictum is not quite valid. In fact, Venus in the 7th is one of the finest combinations for a fairly happy marriage, denoting affection and attachment between the couple. When in the case under reference, Venus is in Kritika ruled by the Sun and Mars in Mrigasira, the 7th house gains

considerable strength, and the married life will be happy though crossed by frequent emotional clashes. If such a native is married to one who has Taurus rising with Venus and Mars in Scorpio, each will constantly try to appease the dictates of others' emotions and overindulge in sensual pleasures to the detriment of their health. Venus in Taurus is good, but in a fiery constellation (Kritika) it gives rise to stubbornness. In Rohini, on the other hand, the finer qualities of Venus find expression. It is always better to look for trinal or quadrangular dispositions of Mars and Venus from the Lagna or the Moon, no matter even if they conjoin provided, they are in different constellations. A similar disposition in the partner's horoscope is desirable though not essential."

*(Vide Muhurtha-Electional Astrology, pages 62-64)*

**The Moon-Mars conjunction is known as "Chandra – Mangala" yoga. It is otherwise known as: Sasi-Mangala Yoga". A person with this yoga is valiant, wealthy but affected by blood disorders. The person is generally action oriented. The persons are highly competitive, hard task masters and usually end up at the top of the corporate ledger especially in human resources management.** Mars is a planet of desires and hence the native will put his personal desires ahead of those around him. They are usually very selfish but give the impression that they are selfless. Though they may appear to be humble, they are highly egoistic, cutthroat, and merciless in their actions. They are enormously successful and end up getting whatever they want. The person is blessed with a sharp mind, is a deep thinker and has abundant common sense. They are, in one way or the other deprived of maternal affection. The person is extrovert but spends very little time on introspection. The person is of very hot temper and is given to strong emotions. The person dislikes routine life and he has very little happiness in married life. Moon is a feminine planet that denotes emotions, feelings, comforts, and the subconscious. Mars rules fighting, aggression, hostility, quarrels, and desires. Therefore, the person will be unable to remain at peace within himself. The person loses the ability to understand the refined, sensitive, gentle side of life. The person is rarely forgiving and is not at all charitable in outlook. Even though they earn a lot, they spend very little on helping others. A man with this combination will have an unhappy married life. People with this combination should always be on diet and also exercise regularly in order to maintain good health. The person is prone to health setbacks while some keep complaining of health issues even when there is nothing wrong with their health. Some of the lessons this yoga teaches for its chart holders are to cultivate more sensitivity to the problems of those around them, to be generous and to cultivate a sense of harmony. It also teaches the emptiness of the material world and the value of soulful relationships. The person is able to incite strong emotions in those around him.

Film stars with this combination turn out to be celebrities. Politicians with this yoga are sure to emerge mass leaders with an ability to win, elections after election. In every situation, the person loves to perform well and come out with a sterling performance.

**When the Moon conjoins Venus, the person likes to wear good ornaments, is skillful in any job more so in trading activities. The person with Moon-Venus combination bears a pleasant appearance.** The person craves for comforts and luxuries. The person likes partying and is active in social circles. The person avoids tedious jobs and prefers a happy-go-lucky life. He is liked by his mother and females, in general, like him. Women feel comfortable with him and will be more than happy to please him. The person is blessed with a wife, who is youthful and beautiful. The person is optimistic and in an overall assessment of his life, luck favors him more often than not. In case this combination occurs in female chart, the husband is emotional, sensitive, nurturing and caring towards his wife. The person is blessed in respect of all indications of the fourth house and from his childhood days lives in luxurious houses. In career, the person may choose to become a designer or an interior decorator. Though the person is guided purely by his senses, he may still be loyal towards his partners. The person is compassionate and has empathy for others.

**When Venus conjoins Jupiter one is well-educated, expert in Vedas and Shastras, is wealthy, leads a dharmic life and is blessed with a good wife.**

The above-mentioned combination could be termed as a fortunate combination. One is lucky in all areas of life. He is very optimistic and is able to cover people by his witty talk. He provides entertainment to his friends and almost everyone around him. Consequently, he has a wide circle of friends.

Jupiter is a first rate benefic and next in the line is Venus. A combination of those two unleashes extreme positive energy. Since the person is basically an extrovert, there is no real introspection or self-realization. So, this eventually is more of a combination for material success than for any real success in spiritual sadhana. The person may also be at the receiving end of jealous classmates and colleagues. He is usually the teacher's favorite since he knows how to please his bosses and gets things done. In case this combination occurs in a male chart, the wife will be from a wealthy family. She will also be very successful. The wife will also be good looking. The person will receive great help from his mother. The person does well on stage and if trained can become a good musician. The person will be charitable in outlook and tries to do his level best for philanthropic causes.

**When Mars conjoins Mercury, one become unpopular amongst ladies, has relationship or friendship with widows and has little wealth with him. A person is mentally aggressive when Mercury conjoins Mars.**

The person has infinite capacity to solve problems and is best suited for the role of a trouble shooter. The person is highly competitive in outlook and strives to attain goals. He is very good at solving puzzles. The mind is very sharp, and he is quick to understand. The aim of such a person is fulfillment of desires. In that sense, one might say he is rather selfish or self-centered. Since Mercury is a "Soumya-graha" or a "Planet of peace" its association with Mars has an adverse effect on peace of mind. The person has a fiery temper and is highly irritable and anger prone. It is interesting to note that many political personalities and world leaders have this combination. This is because this person has certain natural leadership qualities. Since there is no room for generosity, altruism and other refined qualities, there is very little possibility of this person attaining fulfillment in a spiritual sense. He is constantly irritated by minor issues. Since the mind of this person (represented by Mercury) is influenced by the fiery Mars, there are many works started by him, which remain incomplete. The mind travels faster than actions which require the physical body. Consequently, his dreams may take time to attain fruition and therefore a large part of his life is spent in the dream-world. The person has a wavering mind and constantly changes his plans.

**When Sun conjoins the Moon, the person concerned will be under the thumb of young girls, is diplomatic and very skilled in his job.** The person has tremendous common sense. Since Moon denotes mother, the person derives great deal of maternal affection and craves for happiness through mother. The chart holder works with single-pointed focus and usually is not distracted by temptation. The person is emotional in outlook and sensitive to the feelings of others. He is kind towards animals and to the less fortunate among people. The person is authoritarian and dignified in outlook. Since the Sun "gains" through association with the Moon, the father of this person will have a major influence on his life, thoughts, and actions. There will be a tendency to possess others leading to needless intimacy and absence of fulfillment in very close relationships. His desperate attempts to "possess" others and derive fulfillment out of them has an opposite effect on cultivation of intimacy and friendship in relationships. Unless benefics conjoin or aspect this Sun-Moon yoga, there will be at least two or three failed relationships which do lead to eventual realization of one's own divinity and character. The person runs low on confidence and constantly likes to boost his self-image amongst people in his close circle. The Sun-Moon conjunction is like the proverbial curate's egg – a mixture of good and bad but depending upon what house this conjunction occurs; the effect of this yoga will be felt by the native.