
RAHU - The Shadow, The Mysterious, The Karmic: An Opinion

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ABSTRACT

Like Saturn and Mars, Rahu is a mysterious planet which renders results on the basis of Karma. In the Vedic Astrology, Rahu is the north node of the moon. Rahu is considered the shadow of Saturn. Moreover, Rahu is invisible unlike the other planets of the cosmic sphere. Yet plays a pivotal role to shape the amorphous destiny of humans and has a considerable impact upon the desires, illusions and the spiritual growth. The present paper attempts to bring forth the mythological resources, astrological motives and eventually the results given by different houses, zodiac signs and ascendants. However, it is the 'ultimate deed' which governs the whole celestial phenomenon. A detailed approach to the whole matter, ranging from the planetary position to conjunction to transition and finally the remedial measures, the present research will gradually unfold the unique and enigmatic features of Rahu.

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Introduction

Making an odyssey to the age of mythology, one would discover the evolution of Rahu and its impact on the human life. During Samudra Manthan (The Churning of the Milk Ocean) to obtain the nectar, the Devas and the Asuras accompanied each other. After the nectar was obtained, there was a melee between the Devas and the Asuras. Witnessing such a pandemonium , Vishnu , the Lord of the



Preserver assumed the form of Mohini, the most beautiful maiden in the whole universe. It is to be noted that Mohini is also one of the incarnations of Lord Vishnu, but is not included among the Das Avatars (The Ten Incarnations). She appeared and expressed her desire to distribute the nectar between them. In the course of the whole occasion, Swarbhanu took the guise of Deva and mingled with their clan. However, the trick flunked miserably as the Sun and the Moon recognised his true identity. Mohini transformed herself into Lord Vishnu and beheaded him with Sundaraha Chakra (The Divine Discus). But the nectar managed to reach the bottom of his neck and the torso was left aside. Thus the 'head' came to be known as Rahu and the 'torso' section as Ketu. With the passage of time they came to be known as shadowed planets without any digression to impact the human life and destiny.

Rahu symbolises an insatiable thirst for material success, triumph, popularity and power. The paths to achieve such a status are often crooked and unconventional. Rahu is the (umbra) and Ketu (the penumbra) always form and 180 degree axis encompassing the spheres of life 's direction, emotive struggles, career rise and fall and the final spiritual attainment.

The paper attempts to make an in-depth study on the role of Rahu in all the twelve houses. Further the study provides a deep insight into the phases of Dasha, Antardasha and how proper guidance, regulation, philosophy, discipline and hard work help individuals tide over the immense challenges posed by Rahu at a certain point of time. Infact Rahu believes in Karma and a balanced texture to live a life of true contentment and enlightenment.

The objectives of Study

1. To examine the origins of Rahu as found in the various Puranas (especially Bhagavat and Vishnu).
2. To examine and analyse the role of Rahu during the Samudra Manthan (The Churning of the Milk Ocean) .
3. To examine Rahu 's inexorable impact on each and every aspect of human life (love, marriage, career, familial support, hardships, recognition).
4. To examine and elucidate the psychological and karmic influences of Rahu.
5. To examine and extract Rahu 's influence on mundane and global events like politics, economy, pestilences.



The Scope of Study

The paper aims at giving a deep insight into the massive role performed by Rahu in the realms of shaping human fate, nurturing Karma and the obvious spiritual progress. The scope encompasses the different aspects ranging from the mythological vision to the astrological influence to the karmic implications to the societal and global influences accompanied by certain remedial measures that vary from one to another.

The Relevance of Study

Rahu is a shadowed planet whose role and significance often lie beyond the codes of convention. The north lunar node deserves a comprehensive analysis of desires, illusions, karma and spiritual involvement. However, the relevance of this particular study showcases its placement in the birth chart, paving the path for success, failure, major life events and poignant challenges. Moreover, transits, mahadasha, antardasha bring forth the psychological and behavioral significance, karmic and spiritual important, societal and global impact and above all the practical implementation.

The Methodology

1. Research Design

The study meticulously follows a descriptive and analytical research model, focusing on mythology, astrology and psychology.

2. Data Collection Methods

Primary Sources

Individual birth charts with a specific focus on the position of Rahu and infer its impact on the personal and professional life.

■ Secondary Sources

Vedic texts and Classical texts:

Brihat Parasara Hora Shastra - classical works discussing the Rahu's effects.

Jataka Parijata and Phaladeepika - discussing the impact of Rahu.

Astrological Journals and Research Papers - Contemporary influence and influence of Rahu.



Psychological Interpretations - Rahu 's link with obsession, vaulted ambition and anxiety disorders.

Primary Features of Rahu

Rahu is exalted in Taurus and Gemini. The houses of Venus and Mercury. It is debilitated in Scorpio and Sagittarius. The houses of Mars and Jupiter. Besides, Rahu forms a 180 degree axis with Ketu to reveal one's past life, the current challenges and the future direction.

Let us take a look at the Rahu 's influence in each house:

1st house - Ambitious, Robust Personality, Deceptive tendencies.

2nd house - Money and Wealth, Speech problems, obsession with financial sphere.

3rd house - Sound communication skills, keen intelligence, cunning, courageous, social - media clout.

4th house - emotive struggles, issues with peace, comfort, health problems of mother, problems in basic education, at times foreign settlement.

5th house - Creative ventures, fickle mind, success in speculation, children related problems, obstacle in higher education.

6th house - Destruction of enemies, legal victory, health problems.

7th house - Illicit relationships, foreign spouse, disturbances in marriage(even divorce/ separation at times), delay in marriage.

8th house - Mysticism, profound knowledge on occult science, abrupt transformations.

9th house - A non conformist, voice against the traditional beliefs, support of luck, abroad links.

10th house- High aims, corporate/ political success.

11th house - Strong financial benefits through stock market, share market, lottery and enlargement of social network.

12th house - Unexpected losses, more materialistic, foreign tours.



However, it is to be taken into account that Rahu's vision or dristi is both clockwise and anticlockwise. Rahu has three aspects: fifth aspect, seventh aspect and finally the twelfth aspect. On the other hand, Rahu's combination with certain planets of the solar system gives different results. Let us analyse : -

Rahu + Sun : Ego, Power lover, strain relationship with father.

Rahu + Moon : Nervousness, Lack of Confidence, restlessness, health problems of mother.

Rahu + Mars : Severe anger, aggression, tussel, military success.

Rahu + Mercury : Facial attractions, tech savvy, tricky speeches.

Rahu + Jupiter : Guru chandal dosh - wisdom clouded, spirituality governed by unwanted materialistic thoughts.

Rahu + Venus : Fame, Fascination, Worldly pleasures.

Rahu + Saturn : Blatantly courageous, success in politics, profound hardships.

Moreover, Rahu's dasha is of eighteen years. But the major transits of every eighteen months can trigger sudden changes, breakthroughs and crisis. Except Saturn, Mercury and Venus, the rest are regarded as the foes of this shadowed planet.

Certain remedial measures to pacify Rahu

1. A regular worship of Lord Shiva with all the essential ingredients needed for the Puja.
2. Worshipping Chinnamasta, the most fierce form of Parashakti on definite time zones.
3. Wearing Gomed in the mid finger of the right hand can bring good results in the long run. However, the weight, colour, texture, shape and type should be considered.
4. Making donations can also be useful.
5. Keeping fast and chanting proper mantras can keep the planet in a controlled manner.

Certain Important Personalities

1. Adolf Hitler - Rahu in the tenth house gave him power, authority, leadership and deception.
2. Mahatma Gandhi - Rahu in the seventh house created problems in getting married, forming partnerships, leading to unexpected shifts and changes.
3. Albert Einstein - Rahu in fifth house - extraordinary creative prowess, superb intellect, enabling to think out of the box and break the conventional shackles.

Conclusion

In modern times materialism has become the order of the day. Desire, attachment and illusion have taken a strong place until the time ripens to make each realise the true essence and the definite purpose of life. Rahu reminds us that life is a journey governed by Karma only. It doesn't consider destiny, but work or deed in every single sphere of existence. Rahu 's influence or presence in life acts as a beacon for self discovery, hardships, success, victory and peace. Despite all such stuff, this life deserves to attain a sense of balance between the worldly pursuits and spiritual upliftment.

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