

Benefic Planets

1. What about traditional planetary classifications such as benefic, malefic, and neutral?

Benefic planets are those that receive more than 4 points in their ashtakavarga. Malefic planets are those that receive less than 4 points in their ashtakavarga. Neutral planets are those that receive exactly 4 points in their ashtakavarga.

2. What about traditional aspects? Do they apply?

Standard Vedic aspects apply: All planets aspect the 7th from themselves: Saturn aspects the 3rd, 7th, and 10th from itself; Mars aspects the 4th, 7th, and 8th from itself, while Jupiter aspects the 5th, 7th, and 9th from itself. *However*, the aspects of benefics are *always* malefic, while the aspects of malefics are *always* benefic. This is the special effect we get in KAS – which stands for *Krushna's Ashtakavarga System*.

Benefics (planets with more than 4 points) aspect malefically with equal points. (If Jupiter has 6 points, he aspects malefically with 6 points.) Malefics (planets with less than 4 points) aspects beneficially with their point minus 8. (If Saturn has 3 points, he aspects beneficially with 5 points.) Neutrals (planets with 4 points) aspect neutral with 4 points. (If Mercury has 4 points, he aspects with 4 neutral points.) Refer to Lesson 3 for more clarity

3. Why are natural benefics supposed to be bad in Kendras? Again, natural benefics usually have more than 4 points, meaning that their aspect on the Kendra being aspected will be negative. Since Kendra's are more important houses for action, a negative aspect causes more problems here than on other houses.

You are correct in stating that most of the natural benefics carry more than 4 points. Actually, the worst scenario happens when it has something to do with life or health. All benefic planets, with the exception of Jupiter, have only the 7th sight. The houses that deal with life and health factors are 3rd = A, 8th = B, and 12th = C. The benefic planets in Kendra don't have sight on these houses (except Jupiter in the 7th), so they are not disqualified to give the result, and Jupiter in the 7th means it is in the 12th from the 8th – so again it can certainly give bad results. Thus all benefics in Kendra can give bad results for life and health.