

Jyotish Gems: Same or Opposite of Associated Planet?

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First of all our answer is 'same' when the gem is worn and 'opposite' when the gem is gifted. How can I say with certainty? Because of direct experience, using only fine "jyotish quality" gems with over 15,000 clients since 1975. All our talismans are numbered and we track the owners to see how they are doing. The conclusion, without exception, is that very flawed gems always give bad luck, and gems for one's bad or "pratikul" planets are always bad - and increase the bad influence. On the other hand gems that are fine quality almost always are auspicious, and gems for one's good or "anukula" planets are most always good. Gems increase planetary rays, for better or worse, depending if the planet is well placed or ill placed (anukul or pratikul graha).

A simple analogy is friends and enemies. You never want to strengthen your ill wishers. But associating with and giving strength to your well-wishers and friends gives you benefit. In other words gems work same as their graha. But we must not confuse a graha that's weak with a graha that is pratikul. Your friend may be weak or strong but he is always your friend. And giving strength to your weak anukul planets is sensible, not vise versa.

In order to pacify a pratikul planet one can resort to Ratna-arpana or donating gems to correct receiver, such as donating Gomeda in silver to a leper on a Saturday night during waxing moon is the best way to reduce ill-effects of Rahu, and so on.

Pratikul Planet's gem choosing method for



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overcoming a weak evil planet is based on the misconception that a 'pratikul' (inauspicious) planet is strengthened by wearing its gem and thereby it changes from being inauspicious (pratikul) to become auspicious (anukul).

ILLOGIC: By providing the gem for a malefic planet, benefic results will follow.

Example: A person has Jupiter debilitated and a malefic which is inauspicious or pratikul, but by wearing Jupiter's gem, yellow sapphire, or another yellow Jupiter jewel, it is believed that the 'weak' (troublesome) Jupiter gets strengthened and REVERSES to become



Ketu Catseye Ring

auspicious. Some persons opine that a harmful planet means that the planet's "cosmic colour" is weak.

The gems for the planets are concentrated essential cosmic colour rays; so by wearing the gem for the weak, Pratikul (harmful) colour, that weak colour is strengthened, and when the weak colour is stronger then the harmful influence will be REVERSED, removed or mitigated.

Pratikul means a planet that causes evil influence or suffering to the native as seen through the horoscope. This may be a debilitated planet that is in a dusthana and enemy of the lord of the lagna, or otherwise disposed that the influence simply causes suffering. Anukul Planet's gem choosing method for resorting to or harnessing one's auspicious (Anukul) planet(s) (exalted, mulatrikona, own sign, benefic, great friend, good house, owner of good house, etc.) is based on the concept that lucky planet equals lucky gem!

In all Jyotish there are basically two broad categories of planetary position, viz., favourable (to the chart) (Anukul) OR unfavourable (to the chart). One should avoid their weakness and cultivate their strengths. "Ratna-anukul" means the auspicious gem of strongest

most desirable planet. Example: One has Leo Lagna — their lagna lord is Sun, who is exalted (100% strength) and posited in the 9th house, which is all very auspicious. That person would be advised to use a fine ruby, the Sun's gem, to attract or harness his auspicious influence.

On the other hand if a person had Saturn debilitated (0% strength) and in the 8th house, they would be advised to avoid Saturn's gem, blue sapphire, and all other Saturnine things or activities. And better still they could donate a blue sapphire to pacify Shanideva.

The followers of Anukul-vad believe that the pratikul-graha colour is the unlucky colour, and to magnify that bad colour will simply increase the problems caused by that unlucky Planet. Both methods believe that gems increase cosmic colours of their planets, thus for an Anukuli it is considered to be suicide to increase a pratikul-graha's colour.

In Anukul there is never a case where a Pratikul (harmful to the chart/native) planet's gem should be worn as it will increase the ill fortune; but such gems for a Pratikul planet can be used by DONATING them — giving them AWAY — according to Shastric directions.

A pure anukuli believes that a pratikul-gem is NEVER good to use; it is increasing the cosmic poison, and ill fortune (a person's bad cosmic vibrations) should NEVER be increased. Anukul means a planet that is beneficially disposed either by being strong in own sign, good house, ruler of houses which will bring positive results, or otherwise not ill disposed nor inclined to produce evil influence.

A planet which is good for the chart either naturally or by house rulership, yet somewhat weakened by placement, may be strengthened through the gem, or a planet which already is strong and giving benefic influence may be further strengthened for gains in particular areas of life by wearing the gem.

Dr. Theja Hettiaratchi, Ph.D, FGA, FGG, PG, has written, "The native should avoid the use of gems related to malefic planets in the horoscope. It is always advisable to use the gem, which is related to the benefic

planet of your horoscope. This holds true even during the Mahadasa and Antardasa of the malefic planet."

Jyotishacharya Bal Krishna Singh opines, "Astrologers are of the view that when a planet is posited either in 6 or 8 or 12th house it provides malefic effects. Planets posited in 6, 8 or 12, may yield malefic results, but it is not correct to say that the same planet has become weak."

There is another misunderstanding in the minds of the astrologers that by providing gems to a malefic planet, benefic results will follow. First one should know the difference between the weak and the malefic. The planet will be weak only, if it is posited in the sign of debilitation or when the planet is in the sign, which is detrimental to that sign that means the 7th to the own sign of the planet.

A planet will never simply be weak when it is either posited in 6th, 8th or 12th house of the chart. These houses are called the evil houses or Dusthana. To provide strength and to propitiate the planets are two separate things and it should be understood clearly before prescribing remedial measures.

Do not recommend gems according to major dasa or bhukti lords. Read the chart carefully, and see which planets cause the suffering, whether they are weak or malefic (not by nature but by ownership and occupation). In case of weak planets, Gems are to be provided. When the planets are malefic we should not provide the Gem for that planet. In such case, propitiation of the planets is needed."

In this regard famed astrologer Pt Sanjay Rath has written, "I have been sincerely following the Anukula (benefic planet) school for a long time and strongly advise the gemstone of lord of dharma (9th house) and lagnesha. So kindly follow this as it is a *no risk* method and enhances the good qualities and sattva guna. The continuing debate on anukula (favourable, risk free) and pratikula (unfavourable, appeasement) gemstones. In principle, we strongly support the use of anukula gemstones and would recommend a pratikula gemstone only if it was involved in a strong favourable yoga in a Kendra (quadrant)."

OUR FINDINGS: Our research from 1975 until the present has led us to conclude the following:

- 1) Flawed gems, below 80% clarity, are bad luck.
- 2) Pratikul graha gems are bad luck.
- 3) Fine gems, better than 80% clarity, are good to use.

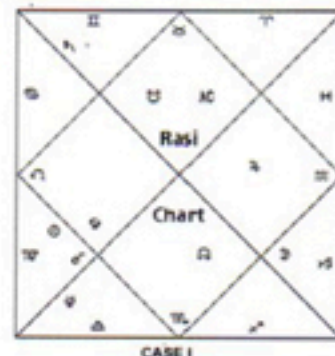
4) Anukul graha gems increase good fortune.

5) Fine "ratna daan" or gifting gems reverse planetary ill effects.

6) Wearing gems or "ratna daran" has gems acting the same as their graha.

Here are Three Example Charts with Gems Recommendations:

This chart shows Taurus lagna with Moon in Capricorn. The lord of the lagna is Venus, and your Venus is placed in the 4th house (happiness, home,



mother) which is a good sign for your whole life. Although you can expect some disputes, which is rather normal, due to 6th house ownership. Venus rules diamonds. So a fine diamond of at least 0.30ct is advisable. But not more than half carat is necessary.

So your best gem choice is: Diamond – Because it is lagna lord and benefic; Diamond – Because Venus is in a good house; Diamond – Because you need to make it stronger (Venus is weak)

Sun, being an acting benefic, in a good house (5th - children) and ruler of the 4th house (happiness) is also a choice (ruby). It is especially good if you are a divorced or a single parent. Otherwise it is too masculine. Venus is your Lagna Lord and is feminine, therefore Venus is the better of the two choices. Venus will increase your happiness and comfort and make you attractive, BUT, ruby will increase your ego and make for leadership and masculine nature.

So of the two conflicting choices I feel Diamond is the best... simply because Lagna-ratna is always the best if possible.

Your Rahu is worst in the 7th (spouse) and can eclipse marriage. But not always literally. On the opposite end is Ketu at his worst in the 1st house (the most important overall house of your central all-life). The easy remedy for both these is wearing of Asta-mukhi (8 faced) and Nava-mukhi (9 faced) Rudrakshas (one each). Make sure to get Himali (Nepali) Rudraksha well formed and easy to count. If you want to save money then get them set in silver rather than gold (but gold is best).

You will soon get the full-chart which breaks down all your different planetary influences into cause and effect based on standard Vedic wisdom. A full list of your life-periods, both major and minor periods, is also given. And the Gem Rx along with a personal letter from me. The hard part is choosing the gem, which can only be done by hand. But that is not all. You can write me any time with questions I'll be happy to answer.

Since 11/2004 you're running your Jupiter Major period — and that will last until 11/2020 when you begin Saturn's Major period. Your Jupiter is in the good 10th house (fame), but is an acting malefic, and rules the bad 8th house and the good 11th house (gain). So this will be a mixed period with some disappointments and some gains, and a general feeling of happiness rather than depressed. But with your Ketu at his worst in the 1st house you will always feel a bit scared of mysterious dangers. In any case you have already passed a few years of your Jupiter period so you know that is how it will be.

Your most important planet, gem-wise, is Mars, as lagna lord, but he's not so good to strengthen because he's already strong plus he owns the evil 6th house. So best to leave him alone. Your best planet to harness is Jupiter: (1) a benefic, (2) in good 2nd house, (3) owner of good 2nd and 5th houses, and (4) in own sign (Sagg). So yellow sapphire or topaz is the best gem for you to harness. Always associate with your best friends, and Jupiter and Moon are your best friends. Avoid your enemies, like Saturn and Rahu and Ketu.

Your next best gem is natural pearl. It doesn't have to be large. Even one carat is good. BUT, it must be REAL pearl (not cultured imitation). This is because your Moon is benefic, in the 4th house (happiness), and owner of 9th house (dharma or fortune).

So ideal talismans for you are a ring with a



Mars Coral Ring

yellow sapphire centre gem, and small natural pearls, one on each side in Moon symbols on our herbal-tube ring design.

Plus wearing a 14 mukhi Rudraksha (Nepalese) in a gold pendant.

Your chart is special with 5 of the 9 planets in the 2nd house (wealth, birth family) all in Sagg., including Jupiter (the ruler of Sagg rasi). Your chart doesn't really have any very weak planets or any very bad planets. The worst planet is Saturn (will delay marriage or give a cold wife) and he's not so bad.

Still, Saturn is kind of always bad, and your life was running smoothly until you started your 19 years Saturn major period on January 2005 and will last until January 2024. Saturn periods are usually considered the worst periods of anyone's life, some worse than others. My own Saturn position is much worse than yours, and I survived.

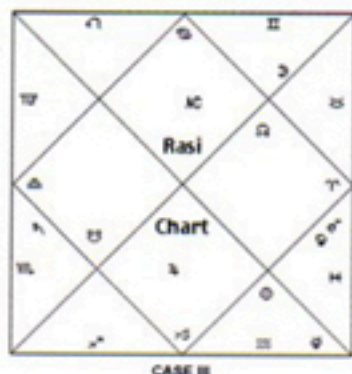
The best way to deal with Saturn is to wear a 14 faced Rudraksha. That's what I do. And prices of these 14 faced Rudraksha are going up all the time because more people find out and benefit... but the supply is very rare.



Rudraksha rarely have 14-faced seeds. The 14 faces Rudraksha will not strengthen Saturn (God forbid), rather it will pacify Saturn and reduce the worry you feel from being in a Saturn major period. You should avoid iron business and blue sapphire. And always wear 14 mukhi Rudraksha.

Since February 2008 until October 2010 you are running sub-period (bhukti) of Mercury, which, in your case is an acting malefic plus owner of the evil 8th house...not so good. But your Mercury also rules the 11th house of gains, and Mercury is in 2nd house of money. So work hard now and it will be fruitful. Then in October 2010 you start the sub-period of Ketu which will be more constrictive than now... so get busy now, please.

According to my reading you have Cancer lagna (rising) just like I do. But unfortunately your Moon is located in the evil 12th house (loss) and so a natural pearl and Moon periods and sub-periods will be periods to take NO risks and protect your assets until Moon has passed. If you wear a Pearl it will lead to losses and/or worries of losses.



You're in the Major period of Jupiter since age 15 so you already have a good idea how it will go on. Unfortunately Jupiter is debilitated or 0% power in your chart so that means this period of Jupiter from age 15 to age 31 will be very weak. But not bad, because Jupiter is a benefic and located in the good 7th house and also lord of the great 9th where Venus is also exalted.

One clear picture from your chart is that your profession will succeed if it is associated with the arts or entertainment industry. Anything from silk to gems, from sex to flowers, from music to movies, from dancers to escorts, artists are ALL ruled by Venus. And with your exalted Venus in the 9th house of fortune, and lord of the 11th of gain... you best bet is to stay close to art and beauty. There you will flourish. If you try to be too religious with your debilitated Jupiter, you will not impress anyone.

So go for art and entertainment and prosper in the material world. And enjoy your karma. I also have

exalted Venus in the 9th house and I'm in the middle of my Venus Major Period. So I'm getting lots of chances to help others.

Even though Saturn in 5th will restrict children, he will also make them long lived (and a bit cold). Still you are out of a Sade Sati Saturn problem period and that won't happen again for about 28 years.

As for gem prescription I can't say natural Pearl because your Moon is in the 12th (loss). But I CAN say Dvi-mukhi Rudraksha for Moon, and THAT is your MOST important planet, being your Lagna Lord. So I advise a 2 mukhi Nepali Rudraksha set on top with a half-carat (minimum) fine diamond.

Please see the example design at - <http://www.agt-gems.com/Rudraksha.html>

You could boost your life by wearing a 2 mukhi and diamond pendant. Diamond because Venus is exalted and in a great house. Moon because it's your lagnapati.

In closing please note the following statement by Pt. Pemmaraju V.R. Rayudu, "The Jyotish gems act SAME as their Grahas (planets) and so the gems should be used for a native's ANUKUL GRAHAS (benefic planets) to harness the benefic influence. The Jyotish gems do not act OPPOSITE of their Grahas and so gems should not be used for a native's PRATIKUL GRAHAS (malefic planets). Thus the malpractice of Pratikul-Vad by some confused and irrational astrologers to the detriment even ruination of their misguided clients can be put to an end."

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