



Timing of Divorce in Vedic Astrology

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In predictive Vedic Astrology (Jyotish), identifying the probability of marital breakdown is only the first step. The critical challenge lies in timing the event: determining the exact planetary period (Dasha) and planetary triggers that transition marital discord into formal, irreversible legal divorce or physical separation.

When a marriage dissolves, it typically executes through the active periods of afflicted house lords, planets linked to Dusthanas (6th, 8th and 12th houses), or the very planets that hastily precipitated the union under afflicted conditions.

1. The Dasha of the Afflicted 2nd Lord & Its Tormentors

The 2nd house (Kutumba Bhava) represents family cohesion, domestic continuity and the preservation of the household (it acts as the 8th house of longevity from the 7th house):

- **Marriage Under an Afflicted 2nd Lord:** If a marriage takes place during the Dasha/Antardasha of an afflicted lord of the 2nd house, the foundation of the family unit is unstable from the start.
- **The Divorce Trigger:** In such cases, the formal divorce or split frequently materializes during the sub-period of the planets causing affliction to that 2nd house lord.

2. Malefics Placed in Dusthanas from Venus & 4th House Affliction

Venus (Shukra) is the foundational significator of marital happiness and relational bonding. Evaluating houses using Venus as an alternate Ascendant (Shukra Lagna) reveals the longevity of love:

- **Malefics in 6th, 8th or 12th from Venus:** If natural malefics (Mars, Saturn, Rahu, Ketu or Sun) occupy the 6th, 8th or 12th houses counted directly from natal Venus, relationship breakdown and divorce become highly probable.
- **The Unavoidable Divorce Combination:** If the 4th house from Lagna (domestic peace, emotional heart and home life) is simultaneously afflicted by malefics, divorce becomes virtually

unavoidable.

- **Dasha Alignment:** In this specific planetary configuration, adversity and separation will attach themselves directly to the operating Dasha that brought the marriage into existence.

3. The 6th House Lord: The Catalyst for Legal Dissolution

The 6th house is the house of litigation, disputes, courtroom battles and separation from partners (12th from the 7th house):

The 6th Lord Under Separative Influence: The lord of the 6th house can directly precipitate divorce if it operates under separative influences while situated in key relationship pillars:

- **In the 7th House:** Directly bringing litigation and dispute into the marital contract.
- **In the 2nd House:** Dismantling family harmony and joint assets.
- **In the 4th House:** Ruining domestic peace and shared living arrangements.
- **In the 12th House:** Causing legal expenditure, loss and physical abandonment.

4. Sub-Period Triggers: The Cruel Irony of "Marriage-Giving" Planets

One of the most dangerous predictive traps occurs when the planet responsible for arranging the wedding is also the architect of its demise:

- **Divorce in the Sub-Period of the Marriage-Giver:** Divorce frequently manifests during the sub-period (Antardasha or Pratyantardasha) of the very planet that brought the marriage, provided that planet is heavily afflicted by separative planets (Sun, Saturn, Rahu, Ketu, 12th lord).

- **High-Risk Dasha Warning:** When a planet forms a structural combination for divorce yet simultaneously holds the portfolio to manifest marriage, marrying during its Dasha/Antardasha is considered highly ill-advised. In such periods, marriage must be postponed or carefully evaluated, as it carries an acute probability of separation immediately following the wedding.

- **Sub-Periods That Spoil the 4th House:** Separation often occurs during the sub-period of a planet that afflicts or spoils the 4th house - especially if that planet owns the 6th, 8th or 12th house. The likelihood of a permanent break increases significantly if that planet is naturally separative by nature (e.g. Saturn, Sun, Rahu) or by lordship.

5. Classical Ascendant Case Rule: Libra (Tula Lagna)

Classical Jyotish provides precise chart-specific rules illustrating how multiple lords interact to force a legal separation:

The Alignment for Libra Ascendant:

- **Mars and Mercury join the 12th House (Virgo):** Mars (ruler of the 2nd and 7th houses - a primary Maraka and marriage lord) conjoins Mercury (ruler of the 9th and 12th houses of foreign travel and loss) in the 12th house of separation.
- **Saturn (4th Lord) falls in the 6th House (Pisces):** The lord of domestic peace and the home (Saturn) is relegated to the 6th house of litigation, debt and conflict.

The Timing: In this setup, divorce will manifest during the active Dasha or Antardasha of either Mars, Mercury or Saturn.

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