

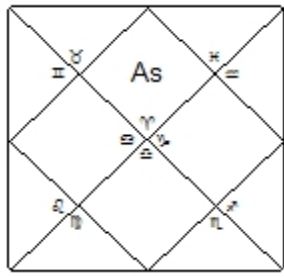
The Unique Qualities of House Lords for Each Ascendant

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When a planet is the significator of a life theme **and** also rules the house that represents that theme (for a specific Ascendant), then that planet becomes the primary significator of the theme. E.g. The Moon signifies Mother, so for Aries rising charts, where the Fourth House falls in Cancer, the Moon becomes the primary significator of Mother, and therefore its condition in the chart deeply reflects ones Mother and her patterns. Likewise, when a planet for a specific Ascendant rules two similarly themed houses, it becomes significator of that theme. E.g. For Leo Ascendant charts, Mercury rules the two main houses of money, the Second and the Eleventh, and so Mercury's condition in the chart greatly determines the financial matters of the person.

Part One: House Lords and Karakas and Rulership of Two Houses

Aries

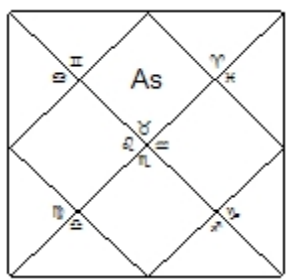


Because the ruler of each house is also the significator of the house's themes in most cases, the Aries Ascendant has the greatest number of correspondences:

| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|--------------|--|
| Mars | First | physical energy, stamina |
| Venus | Second | face, adornments, voice |
| Mercury | Third | (writing) |
| Moon | Fourth | Mother, Manas, water, plants, psychology, etc |
| Sun | Fifth | government, (performing) |
| Mercury | Sixth | maternal uncle, (routines) |
| Venus | Seventh | spouse, marriage, sex drive |
| Mars | Eighth | (sudden accidents, financial crises, confrontations, etc.) |
| Jupiter | Ninth | gurus, mentors, spirituality, long-distance travel |
| Saturn | Tenth | (reputation) |
| Jupiter | Twelfth | (spiritual practice, enlightenment, extravagance) |

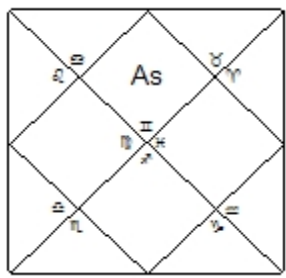
Note: Themes in parentheses may not be classical Vedic significations, but probably do apply.

Taurus



| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|-------------------|---|
| Venus | First & Sixth | health & illness |
| Mercury | Second | (Speech) |
| Mars | Seventh & Twelfth | sexual passion, foreign travel, exile & alienation |
| Saturn | Tenth | (reputation) |
| Jupiter | Eleventh | elder siblings, easy money, fulfillment & other 11 th house themes |

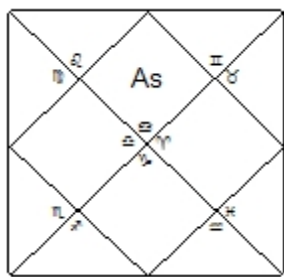
Gemini



| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|--------------|---|
| Moon | Second | (insecurities, the face) |
| Mercury | Fourth | education (especially high school) |
| Mars | Sixth | accidents, acute illnesses, conflict, enemies |
| Jupiter | Seventh | spouse* |
| Saturn | Eighth | longevity, hardship, death, obstacles |
| Jupiter | Tenth | professional life |
| Venus | Twelfth | sexual fulfillment |

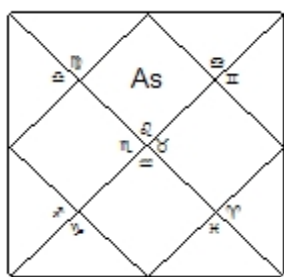
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Cancer



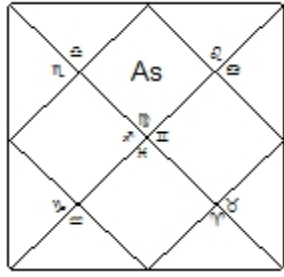
| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|-------------------|--|
| Mercury | Third | (writing and drafting) |
| Venus | Fourth | vehicles, conveyances |
| Venus | Fourth & Eleventh | friendships (fulfillment, social life) |
| Saturn | Eighth | longevity, hardship, death, obstacles |
| Jupiter | Ninth | gurus, mentors, spirituality, long-distance travel |

Leo



| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|-------------------|---|
| Sun | First | self, vitality, popularity, success |
| Mercury | Second | (speech) |
| Mercury | Second & Eleventh | financial matters and status |
| Venus | Third | (art work using ones hands) |
| Mars | Fourth | property |
| Mars | Fourth & Ninth | parents, parental issues |
| Jupiter | Fifth | children, wisdom, good karma from past lives, other 5 th house matters |
| Saturn | Sixth | chronic diseases, longstanding debts |
| Moon | Twelfth | (sleep, anxieties, reactions to loss) |

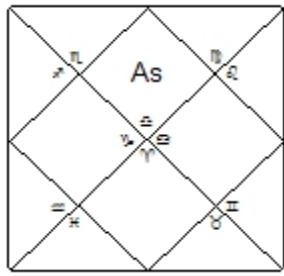
Virgo



| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|----------------|--|
| Mercury | First & Tenth | success |
| Venus | Second | (beauty, adornments, voice quality) |
| Mars | Third | younger siblings, courage, enterprise, and other 3 rd house matters |
| Mars | Third & Eighth | longevity |
| Saturn | Sixth | chronic diseases, longstanding debts |
| Jupiter | Seventh | spouse* |
| Mars | Eighth | (sexual issues & sudden accidents, financial crises, confrontations, etc.) |
| Mercury | Tenth | commerce and business dealings |

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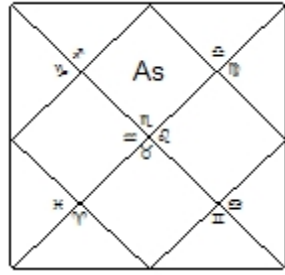
Libra



| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|------------------|---|
| Mars | Second & Seventh | life-threatening diseases, financial dearth |
| Saturn | Fourth | property* |
| Mars | Seventh | sexual passion |
| Venus | Eighth | |
| Mercury | Ninth & Twelfth | spirituality, long-distance travel, foreign residence, pilgrimages) |

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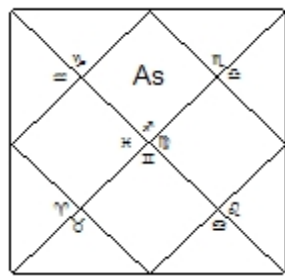
Scorpio



| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|-------------------|---|
| Mars | First | (vitality, health) |
| Jupiter | Second | wealth |
| Saturn | Fourth | property* |
| Jupiter | Fifth | children, wisdom, good karma from past lives, other 5 th house matters |
| Mars | Sixth | acute diseases, accidents, conflicts |
| Venus | Seventh | spouse, sexual desire, marriage |
| Venus | Seventh & Twelfth | sexual patterns & fulfillment, foreign travel & residence, exile |
| Sun | Tenth | fame, authority |

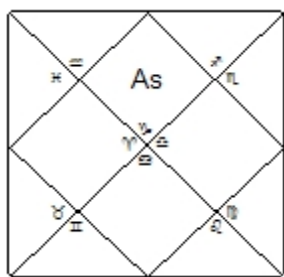
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Sagittarius



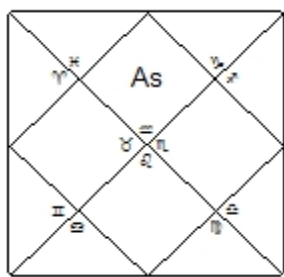
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| Sun | Ninth | Father |
| Mercury | Tenth | commerce, business dealings |

Capricorn



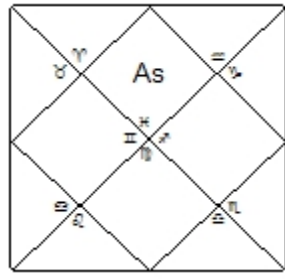
| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
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| Mars | Fourth | property |
| Mars | Fourth & Eleventh | friendship, fulfillment |
| Mercury | Sixth | maternal uncle, (routines) |
| Jupiter | Twelfth | (spiritual practice, enlightenment, extravagance) |

Aquarius



| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|-------------------|--|
| Jupiter | Second & Eleventh | financial matters and status |
| Mars | Third | younger siblings, courage, enterprise, and other 3 rd house matters |
| Venus | Fourth | vehicles, conveyances |
| Venus | Fourth & Ninth | parents, parental issues |
| Jupiter | Eleventh | elder siblings, easy money, fulfillment & other 11 th house themes |
| Saturn | Twelfth | expenses, losses, suffering |

Pisces



| Planet | Houses Ruled | Signified Themes |
|---------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Jupiter | First & Tenth | success & fame |
| Venus | Third & Eighth | longevity |
| Mercury | Fourth | education (especially high school) |
| Venus | Eighth | (sexual issues) |
| Jupiter | Tenth | professional life |
| Saturn | Twelfth | expenses, losses, suffering |

Part Two: How To Apply These Significations

When a planet acts strongly as the significator of a theme:

A. If it is **poorly placed**, the theme is disrupted in the person's life.

A planet that is combust (or the Dark Moon), debilitated, in a Planetary War, in a Dusthana (house 6, 8, or 12), or affected by multiple malefics -- these disrupt the themes represented by a planet.

B. If it is **well placed**, the theme is powerfully augmented in the person's life.

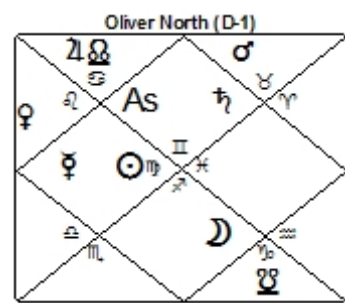
A planet that is in its own sign or exalted, has dig bala, is retrograde (or the Bright Moon), aspected by powerful benefics (without malefic influence), or participates in major yogas **and** in a good house -- these strengthen the themes represented by the planet.

C. If a planet is in an **exaggerated condition** (as significator of a theme) then the theme may be exaggerated and/or unstable in the person's life.

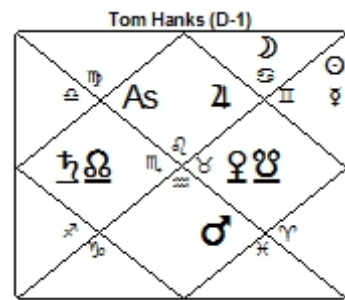
Exaggerated condition includes exalted, retrograde, Dark or Bright Moon, combust, in a planetary war, or debilitated.

Examples:

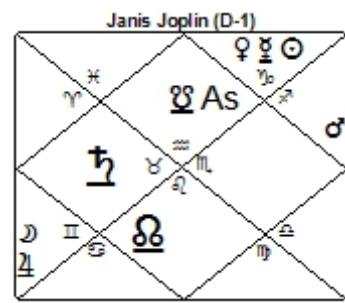
Oliver North, with Gemini Rising, has Mars as a triple significator of accidents because it aspects the 6th house, is the 6th lord, and is the karaka for accidents. During his Mars Dasa, he was in a very serious automobile accident that kept him bedridden for months. Note that in his chart, Mars is poorly placed in the 12th house.



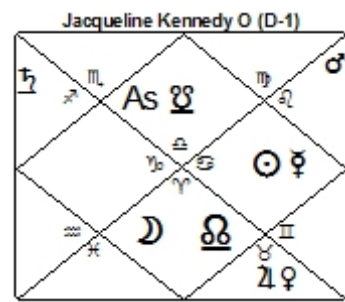
Tom Hanks has Mercury as ruler of both money houses, the 2nd and the 11th, and Mercury is well-placed in its own sign as a benefic (with no aspects from malefics) in a good house. His financial status has been excellent



Janis Joplin has Saturn, the double significator of suffering (karaka and 12th Lord) both aspecting and ruler of her Ascendant in an exaggerated condition (retrograde). The trials in her life were indeed extreme, and she identified with being an outcast, unattractive, and without self-confidence.



Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has Saturn, both Fourth Lord and secondary karaka of property retrograde and unaspected by malefics. One of her first acts as First Lady was to execute a complete restoration of the White House, which has been lauded as a great success. Saturn's exaggerated strength enabled her to undertake a massive project with property.



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