

The Journey towards a successful married life

The aspiration of all human beings after passing the childhood years, is to marry a compatible person and enjoy a happy married life. The most important factor for a happy married life is the selection of a good partner. There are several ways through which a person may find his or her partner in life. The most common method is to get married after a love affair. A young person may casually or otherwise meet another young person of the opposite sex and develop a closer relationship. If the party appears to be suitable for him or her, after a period of intimacy may fall in love. This will culminate in marriage after a long or short period of love making. Another common method is for the parents to seek the services of a marriage broker who will bring two parties together and after both parties agree to arrange the marriage. A recent development is to find a partner through newspaper advertisements in the classified marriage proposal columns. One may insert an advertisement or may go through the advertisements to find a suitable partner. There are also marriage bureaus which bring various parties together for marriage. Similarly web sites are also used for selecting a suitable partner. In addition to these methods friends or relations or a young person him/her self may find a suitable partner from among the relations or very close friends of the family.

Whatever the method used to find a partner, the real test of a partner is found only after marriage. I have come across several marriages breaking down in a short time after marriage in spite the two parties having been in love or intimately known to each other for a long time. Similarly there are successful marriages between young or older persons who had not known each other until they got married.

Unlike in the western countries, in the East, a person marries a spouse with the hope of living together for life. In the west, when a husband or a wife finds that it is difficult to live a happy married life with a spouse, they do not try to prolong an unhappy married life and would obtain a divorce very early. In the East, the tendency is for a man or woman to live together, in spite the unhappiness and to carry on with the married life somehow or other, the reason most often given being "for children's sake". Therefore to get married to a compatible spouse is really a "life and death decision".

Among the Asian countries, the most popular method of finding the compatibility of a spouse is through what is locally known in Sri Lanka, as "Porondam Analysis". An astrologer usually checks the compatibilities between the two horoscopes. There are usually 20 compatibility aspects. And if the favorable elements are above 50 %, it is

usually taken as suitable for marriage. However there are many marriages with high levels of compatibility breaking down, sometimes, very early in married life. It is therefore necessary to find out the real cause/causes of such failures.

The “Porondam Analysis” alone is not enough to determine the suitability of a person for marriage. There are several other factors like the affliction of Mars, similarity of sexual lives, attitudes etc which determine the success of a marriage.

The affliction of Mars (Kuja /Angaharu Dosha) prevails when Mars is in the Lagna, second, fourth, seventh, eighth or twelfth house in a horoscope. The affliction of Mars should be considered both from the Lagna as well as from Moon. This means that affliction of Mars will prevail when Mars is in the Lagna, second, fourth, seventh, eighth and the twelfth from the Lagna or from Moon, with Moon considered as the Lagna.

If the affliction of Mars, calculated from the Lagna is present in one horoscope only, then that marriage cannot be considered to be suitable. Similarly if the affliction of Mars is there in one horoscope only, when counted from Moon as the Lagna, that too is not suitable for marriage. For the marriage to be suitable there should be the affliction of Mars in both horoscopes or it should not be present in both. This should be considered from the Lagna or from Moon separately. It is however not necessary for Mars in one horoscope to have Mars in the identical house in the other horoscope. What is important is to find out whether the affliction of Mars is present or not.

In order to determine the real affliction of Mars, one should also consider the position Mars occupies in that particular house. Each house is in the space of 30 degrees. If Mars is placed in the first 5 degrees (that is any position before 5th degree – from 0 to 4) in a house, the real effects of Mars is in the previous house/ Zodiac sign (Rashi.) Similarly when Mars is after the 25th degree, (the last or last 5 degrees - i.e 26th to 30th), then the real effect of Mars is in the next house/ Zodiac sign (Rashi). For example if Mars is in 03rd degree, in the eighth house, then the real effect of Mars is the seventh house. Similarly if Mars is in 27th degrees in the eighth house, the effect of Mars is in the ninth. This should be considered when the position of Mars is considered for the affliction of Mars.

As indicated earlier, the affliction of Mars will not be present if Mars is not there in the Lagna (as well as in Moon considered as the Lagna) and in the second, fourth, seventh, eighth, tenth and twelfth houses from the Lagna. To determine the real effect of Mars, you should consider the position of Mars too – whether it is in before 5th degree or

after the 25th degree, in that particular house. Similarly, when the affliction of Mars is there in both horoscopes, the affliction of Mars become neutralized and is of no effect

There are also other planetary positions which can neutralize or negate the affliction of Mars

The absence of the affliction of Mars in both or their effects being neutralized by other planetary positions alone is not enough for a successful married life. There are certain planetary positions which obstruct a happy married life. Among them are a few planetary positions which could be considered to be very strong. These take the form of planetary combinations, “drushti” or glances (in astrology this is known as “aspecting”) and various other planetary positions.

Combinations:

Saturn and Mars, Moon and Mars, Moon and Venus, Moon, Venus and Mars, Sun and Venus, Mercury and Saturn, Sun, Mercury and Saturn Sun and Saturn,

Lords of seventh and eighth, Lords of the sixth and eighth, Lords of second and seventh

Dushti/ Glances:

(Drushti/ Glance means that a planet can “ see” another planet which is in a certain number of houses away from it. For example: Sun can see a planet in the third house from Sun. For this house of Sun should be counted as one)

Saturn on Mars Moon on Sun Saturn on Sun Lord of sixth on lord of the eighth

Sun on Venus Mercury on Saturn Lord of the seventh on lord of the eighth

Lords of the second on the lord of the seventh

Specific planetary positions

Jupiter in the seventh

Saturn in the eighth

Mars in the seventh

Mars in the eighth

Saturn in the seventh

Rahu/Kethu in the eighth

The lord of the seventh being in the eighth, eleventh or twelfth,

The debilitation of Venus, Moon or the lord of the seventh

Exaltation of Moon, Moon being debilitated in the zodiac signs of Saturn

Influence of Rahu/Kethu , The four main houses (1, 4, 7 and 10) being void, Erashthakas of Saturn, Sun or Saturn or Moon in the eighth, being conjoined with Mars or Saturn or having Mars or Saturn being in the seventh from Rahu

The planetary positions given above are not favorable towards marriage. Further to this, there are other planetary positions which contribute towards failure in married life. When any of such unfavorable planetary positions prevails in one horoscope it could be neutralized or balanced or nullified by a similar unfavorable planetary position in the other horoscope.

It is therefore very necessary to “match” the horoscopes before entering into marriage. A competent astrologer’s advice is necessary for this. Failure to do this before marriage may result in a failed marriage or a divorce or even the death of the husband or the wife. In other words, the Porondam Analysis alone is not sufficient to make a firm decision on marriage. Other planetary positions too have a considerable impact on marriage. If you enter into matrimony without a proper matching of horoscopes, you run the risk of a failure of married life. Marriage being a life time companionship , you cannot afford such risks.

Many news paper advertisements in the marriage proposal columns indicate that the horoscope is with certain specific planetary positions like the affliction of Mars , the malefic planets being in the seventh and eighth , Saturn and Mars being in the seventh etc. When a good astrologer examines such horoscopes, he may find that those planetary positions and affliction do not really prevail in that horoscope.

Usually a horoscope merely mentions the positions of different planets and other details like the constellation, major periods etc. They usually do not indicate the exact position of a planet in its house – at what degree that planet is placed in the house or Rashi. Therefore one cannot correctly read a horoscope without the actual position the planets are placed in different houses. Sometimes those who do not have a proper knowledge of astrology come to various conclusions without considering at what degree each planet is placed in a house or Rashi. As indicated earlier, the effect of a planet which is in any degree from 26th to 30th, will be really in the next planet. Similarly the real effect of a planet in any degree from 0 up to 04th in a house, will be in the previous house. Therefore considering the planets in the houses indicated in the horoscope alone is not correct . Such considerations lead to false conclusions and incorrect astrological advice to clients. That is very dangerous .

The affliction of Mars, planetary positions of various planets, mental set of the owner of the horoscope, sex life and such other factors should be considered before selection of a partner. They are more important than the Compatibility Analysis . This is for two reasons.

Firstly, the major requirement for a happy and contented married life is the satisfaction of their sex lives. Their sexual appetite, vigor, extra marital tendencies etc should be considered.. A satisfying sex life for both will enhance the bonds of marriage and the love and affection between them.

Secondly there should be a compatible mental set between the two. Their thinking, views and opinions, attitudes to life etc should be similar. It is only when this factor is similar between the two, that they would be without quarrels and disputes which usually arise out of misunderstanding and differences of opinions and attitudes.

A correct analysis of the horoscopes therefore is more important than the usual "Porondam Analysis". A proper matching of horoscopes taking into consideration afflictions of Mars, the nature of their sex lives and mental set will ensure a marriage between two similar individuals. A matching pair of horoscope will mitigate the various types of problems and issues that hinder a successful in married life.

Those who wish to get further details on this subject are kindly requested to read the two books I have written on this subject . They are in Sinhala and were published by "Sadeepa Publications".

Pawul Awul Karana Graha Balaya (Planrary influences which bring misery to married life)

Porondamen Anawaranaya nokarana Vivaha Getalu (Problems in marriage not revealed by Porondam Analysis)