

A S S I G N M E N T O F G E M S T O N E S T O P L A N E T S (Indian Astrology)

Planets, too, have friends and foes. They are exalted in one sign and debilitated or exiled in another. Their placement in the twelve houses of the natal chart plays an important role. To make this statement clearer, I present the following chart.

Astrologers and gem therapists use gems to compensate for the loss of energy caused by the weak planets (i.e., debilitated, exiled, badly-aspected), to provide missing chemicals and reestablish electrochemical balance, or to provide more strength to the exalted favorable planets. Gems can enhance the benevolent effect of the malignant planets. This quality of gems has made them the favorites of astrologers, priests, tantriks, and gem therapists.

In the *Jatak Parijat* there is a verse that assigns the nine gems to the nine planets:

मानिक्यं दिननायकस्य विमल मक्ताफलम शीतगोः।
माहेयस्य च विद्रुमं मरकतं सौमस्य गारुत्मकम् ॥
देवज्यस्य च पुष्परागम् सराचार्यस्य वज्र शनैः ।
नीलं निर्मलमयं योश्च गौदतं गोमेदवैदुर्यकेः ॥

MANIKYAM DINNAYAKASYA, VIMALAM MUKTAPHALAM
SHITGOH, MAHEYASYA CHA VIDRUMUM MARKATAM
SOMYASYA GARUTMAKAM DEVEJYASYA CHA PUSHPRAGAM
SURACHARYASYA VAJRAM SHANAIH NEELAM NIRMALMANYA
YOSHCH GEEDATE GOMED VAIDURYAKEH

Ruby is the gem of the Lord of the Day (the Sun)
Glowing pearl is the gemstone of the cool Moon
Red coral is the gem of Mars
Emerald is the gem of the noble Mercury
Yellow sapphire is the gem of Jupiter, the teacher of the gods
Diamond is the gem of Venus, the teacher of demons
Blue sapphire is the gem of Saturn
Hessonite is the gem of Rahu