



Combust Planets and their Effects

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In Vedic Astrology (Jyotish), when any planet travels too close to the Sun (Surya), it suffers a condition known as Combustion (Sanskrit: Asta or Astangata).

Because the Sun is an intensely hot, blinding cosmic furnace representing the ego, soul and supreme authority, any planet moving into its immediate orbital zone becomes "burnt out" or obscured by the Sun's intense glare.

What Does Combustion Mean in a Kundli?

When a planet becomes combust:

- **Visibility Lost:** Symbolically, the planet loses its independent power and visibility in the sky.
- **Ego Takeover:** The planet's natural qualities get filtered through or dominated by the Sun (ego, father, authority or self-pride).
- **Internalized Energy:** The planet struggles to express its results in the physical world easily, forcing its energy inward or causing delays and frustrations regarding the houses it rules.

Combustion Degrees (Distance from the Sun)

A planet becomes combust when it comes within a specific number of degrees from the Sun:

- **Moon (Chandra):** Within 12° of the Sun (creates Amavasya / New Moon)
- **Mars (Mangal):** Within 17° of the Sun
- **Mercury (Budh):** Within 14° (12° when in retrograde)
- **Jupiter (Guru):** Within 11° of the Sun
- **Venus (Shukra):** Within 10° (8° when in retrograde)
- **Saturn (Shani):** Within 15° of the Sun

*(Note: Rahu and Ketu are shadow points and do not get combust. Instead, they eclipse the Sun!)

Effects of Every Combust Planet

1. Combust Moon (Chandra Asta)

- **Core Impact:** Emotional insecurity, lack of mental peace and internalized anxiety.
- **Key Effects:** Because the Moon represents Manas (mind), its combustion leaves the person struggling to process emotions objectively. The individual may experience extreme sensitivity, low physical vitality or a complicated relationship with the mother figure.

2. Combust Mars (Mangal Asta)

- **Core Impact:** Suppressed anger, erratic physical drive and internal restlessness.
- **Key Effects:** Mars represents courage, action and physical energy. When combust, its raw fire is swallowed by the Sun. This can result in sudden outbursts of temper, passive-aggressive behavior, blood pressure issues or friction with brothers and authority figures.

3. Combust Mercury (Budh Asta) - Budhaditya Yoga Dynamics

- **Core Impact:** Overthinking, subjective logic and communication hurdles.
- **Key Effects:** Mercury is frequently near the Sun, forming the famous Budhaditya Yoga (intelligence). However, if Mercury is too close (combust), intellectual sharpness can turn into ego-driven opinions, nervous restlessness or misunderstandings in speech and writing.

4. Combust Jupiter (Guru Asta)

- **Core Impact:** Struggles with dogma, spiritual doubt and delayed fortune.
- **Key Effects:** Jupiter represents wisdom, mentors and higher philosophy. When combust, a person may struggle to accept advice from elders or teachers, experience delays in wealth and children or hold rigid, prideful beliefs that hinder personal growth.

5. Combust Venus (Shukra Asta)

- **Core Impact:** Unrealistic romantic expectations, relationship friction and hidden desires.
- **Key Effects:** Venus governs love, relationships, luxury and art. A combust Venus often creates high standards in romance that lead to disappointment, struggles with compromise or a

tendency to project personal ego onto one's partner.

6. Combust Saturn (Shani Asta)

- **Core Impact:** Authority clashes, deep frustrations and heavy pressure.
- **Key Effects:** Saturn and the Sun are arch-enemies. When Saturn is combust, the tension between duty (Saturn) and ego (Sun) reaches a boiling point. It can lead to friction with bosses or fathers, feelings of unrecognized hard work and chronic fatigue if work-life balance is ignored.

Is a Combust Planet Completely Dead?

No! A combust planet is not destroyed. While its physical/external results face friction or delays, its significator power (Karakatva) often forces deep self-reflection, making the person work harder to master that planet's lessons.

Furthermore, if a combust planet is well-placed by sign or aspected by benefics like Jupiter, its internal gifts still shine brightly over time.

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