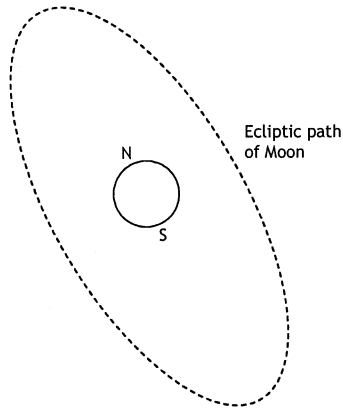


# ASTROLOGY WITHOUT TEARS – The North and South Nodes

I was taught that the North and South Nodes are one of the most important points in your Astrological chart – not all Astrologers agree, but I think studying the placement of your Nodes can give you a real insight into what you are meant to achieve in life.

The Nodes are mathematical points that represent where the orbit of the Moon around the Earth crosses the Ecliptic (which is the apparent path of the Sun around the Earth). The Nodes take about 18½ years to revolve around the Sun, spending 18 months in each sign. The North and South Nodes are always in direct opposition to one another – for example, if you have the South Node in Gemini, you will have the North Node in Sagittarius.

NORTH NODE - closest to the North Pole



SOUTH NODE - closest to the South Pole

In Astrological terms, the North Node (or Caput Draconis, the Dragon's Head) is the highest level you can achieve in your life. It is a quest that you've decided to undertake this time on earth, because in previous lifetimes you never knew how to use this kind of energy. The sign and house the North Node falls in will tell you how you can achieve this.

South Node (or Cauda Draconis, the Dragon's Tail) represents your past tendencies, or past life personality type. The South Node covers talents, memories or knowledge brought into this life from the last one. It can also indicate the path of least resistance, patterns of behaviour that we fall into when we are not analysing situations properly.

## Mid Life Crisis

Astrology has many explanations for the so-called 'mid life crisis', and the attainment of the North Node is one of these. Since the North Node is not usually triggered until after the age of 40, sometimes we panic at the thought that we have not achieved our hopes and dreams by this age.

## Delineations

I have listed below very brief delineations of the North Node in the astrological signs – obviously these will also be influenced by which house they are in, as well as their relationship to other planets / points.

**North Node Aries / South Node Libra:** The highest you can achieve is to be an independent, assertive and confident person, letting go of your need to be reliant on others. In the past, you may have always wanted to 'keep the peace' instead of standing up for what you believe in.

**North Node Taurus / South Node Scorpio:** You will be aiming for stability and security. In the past you have been betrayed, and now you need to learn to trust others. You will need to learn the concept of being powerful within yourself in order to be stable.

**North Node Gemini / South Node Sagittarius:** This placement is the 'wild stallion trying to fight being tamed' – the person who needs to learn to be part of society, to use their intellect and to see both sides of an issue.

**North Node Cancer / South Node Capricorn:** In the past you have been the ambitious person striving for success – after the age of 40, you will want to concentrate on creativity and the family life.

**North Node Leo / South Node Aquarius:** You need to develop your strong leadership skills, and you will be forced to stand alone. This placement is very much a 'rags to riches' life, in which the person will blossom after the age of 40.

**North Node Virgo / South Node Pisces:** In the past you have been over-compassionate, falling for every sob-story, not realising that you have been hurting yourself. You need to learn to say NO, and analyse situations before getting involved.

**North Node Libra / South Node Aries:** With this placement, you need to let go of past arrogance and ego, and learn lessons of cooperation and sharing within relationships. To attain peace and harmony within yourself, you need to be assertive without being aggressive.

**North Node Scorpio / South Node Taurus:** Here you will learn lessons of power and transformation. In the past, you have thought that money and material possessions were all-important, but after 40 you will realise that true power comes from within.

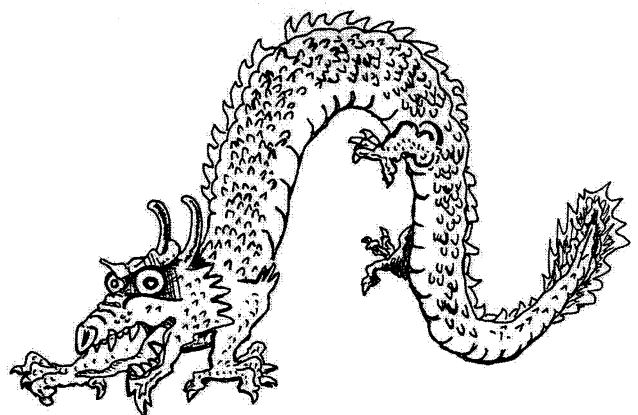
**North Node Sagittarius / South Node Gemini:** Your past has been spent by either being a shallow social butterfly, or by burying your head in books. You will be searching for wisdom, truth and spirituality, finding what is real in order to find inner peace.

**North Node Capricorn / South Node Cancer:** 'The major karmic lesson of the Capricorn North Node is to understand true responsibility.' Let go of the past, and realise your true ambitions.

**North Node Aquarius / South Node Leo:** In the past, everything has revolved around yourself and your intense pride and ego. After 40, you will realise that service to mankind is what you are really here for – the concept of the Universal Brother/Sisterhood.

**North Node Pisces / South Node Virgo:** This placement indicates past rigidity, being critical and worrying – this may have caused health problems. Now you need to let go, to learn faith and compassion through spirituality.

The North Node / South Node axis can tell a lot about where a person has come from, and where they are going to. This article only covers a tiny, tiny part – I strongly encourage you to get your astrological chart drawn up so you can discover your true potential!



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