

North and South Nodes of the Moon

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It is relatively safe to say that the Moon's Nodes have a rather nebulous reputation in astrology, with a wide variety of interpretations and understandings of their use in a natal horoscope. With that in mind, I offer this discussion. It is aimed at intermediate and advanced astrologers, but beginners may find certain parts of the article understandable, and I've provided a listing of the signs that the Nodes have occupied over the last few decades. This makes it easy to identify in what sign the Node resides in your natal chart, even if you do not have a natal horoscope chart available.

What are the Moon's Nodes? The Moon's Nodes are mathematical points. They represent where the orbit of the Moon around the Earth crosses the Ecliptic (which is the Earth's path around the Sun). There are two Nodes, always opposite each other, called the North Node and the South Node. The North Node is where the Moon's orbit rises above the ecliptic, and the south Node is where the Moon's orbit falls below the ecliptic. They are not "planets" or "bodies." The North Node is represented by this symbol: ♁ The South Node is represented by this symbol: ♁

What do they mean? The North Node is Caput Draconis, which means "The Dragon's Head", and is seen to be like Venus and Jupiter. The South Node is Cauda Draconis, which means The Dragon's Tail. Traditionally this is of the same nature as Mars and Saturn. These are, however, traditional interpretations and the modern astrology viewpoint is that the nodes signs and house placements can show this life's karma, the life purpose, and a host of other things.

More about the Nodes

The modern definition of the Nodal Axis (the north node and south node are always opposite) says that the North Node's sign and house placement show the experiences you must seek out to work with karma and to grow spiritually. The South Node's sign and house represents what is "familiar territory" to you—what you brought into this life, and what is the "easy way out."

Interestingly, the Nodal Axis is prominent in Hindu astrology. . In Hindu astrology, the North Node is known as Rahu, and the South Node as Ketu. It is the only aspect of Western astrology that is not grounded in Western mythology.

Interpreting the Nodes.

In my opinion, the Nodal Axis operates on several different levels in a chart.

1. **The Karmic Level.** The North Node is the path you should pursue in this lifetime, and its sign and house placement give you a hint of that path. The South Node is a path you've pursued in other lifetimes, and it should be blended with this life's path (the North Node) to achieve your life purpose. In short, the nodes have to do with the spiritual or soul lessons we encounter in a lifetime, where the rubber meets the road—the rubber being our soul development, and the road being this physical plane of existence. The nodes are, in this interpretation, a spiritual lighthouse. **The goal is to integrate both signs of the Nodal axis to achieve the potential of the axis.**
2. **Bonds, ties and connections.** In keeping with the nodal axis being a "link" to your past, it can represent ties to other people. Strong links between your nodal axis and the charts of others can be most significant. The Moon has to do with memory, so the nodes can symbolize the connections in memory that you have with others. A Mars/Node in conjunction can indicate someone who works with military groups, Mars being the military, the Node being groups.
3. **The "group and association" principle.** The North Node and the nodal axis are frequently seen as areas where you "merge" and lose your personal identity. This is why the "sidewalk" definition

of the Node is groups and associations that you may belong to, and that is a valid interpretation of the nodes since one does lose one's identity with a group—you are one of many.

4. **The pathway to other dimensions.** The Nodal Axis is frequently represented prominently in the chart during highly significant life events. (By “prominent”, I mean it is in conjunction with the angles, with important planets, etc.) Most astrologers are familiar with its role in charts of times of death, and yes, death is certainly a “pathway to another dimension.” However, many difficult events in one's life do heighten one's spiritual awareness. You hear of people “turning to God” and becoming much more spiritual after a crisis. Illnesses can certainly do this, as can significant losses and other difficulties. In my opinion, those events have a purpose of leading one to a more significant appreciation of the spiritual and metaphysical, and of other planes of existence. That is why I suspect we see them in event charts where the event will do a great deal to bringing the person closer to the divine. But the event does NOT mean death.
5. **Tribal purpose.** If the Nodes indicate groups, then the most important group that influences any of us is our family heredity. I also believe there is a family “purpose” embedded in every one on the family tree. You can call this destiny/fate, but I prefer to think of it as the frame around the blank canvas. We can paint any picture we like, but the frame is just so big and so wide. The Moon itself has to do with memory, and I believe that includes genetic memory. Its Nodes could play a major picture in that memory.
6. **An axis of the imaginal,** something beyond concrete, observable reality. This is tied in with what some say about the nodes representing a portal to other dimensions. I sometimes think that the signs of the nodes offer a clue as to how to use one's imagination, and so they can manifest as creative hobbies, to give one instance. But it is not uncommon to find that a strong nodal axis can result in psychic ability, in a keen understanding of the symbolic, and in an understanding of themes and patterns in one's life and how they relate to life events.

The Nodes in the Signs and in the Houses

Understand that the basic premise of the nodal axis is: The North Node indicates what you are here to develop, and the South Node what you have brought forth karmically (and skill-wise, too, sometimes) from past lives. If you don't believe in past lives, you can still see the interpretation of the Nodes as being that the North Node shows talents that you need to develop to obtain your life purpose, and the South Node what innate traits you have that can help you do it. (I also entertain the idea previously mentioned that the North and South Node may have something to do with genetic memory, and with ancestral knowledge brought forth through your lineage.)

Much of the information about the North Node positions can be applied to any axis of the same sign. In other words, if you have the North Node in Aries and the South Node in Libra, those issues would still predominate if you had an Aries ascendant/Libra descendant, or an Aries MC/Libra IC. However, the emphasis with the North Node has to do with talent and lessons learned, and the potential of genetic heritage. Naturally, if the nodes are in conjunction with planets (which puts those planets in opposition to the other node), the lessons of the nodes gain in importance.

Location of the Nodes at the time of your birth

Most people reading this will probably know the location of the Nodes in their chart. However, since there may be some beginners or people who do not have access to an ephemeris, the information below will show the location of the North Node in your chart. The South Node is always the opposite sign of the North Node. Thus:

North Node in Aries: South Node in Libra
 North Node in Taurus: South Node in Scorpio
 North Node in Gemini: South Node in Sagittarius
 North Node in Cancer: South Node in Capricorn

North Node in Leo: South Node in Aquarius
 North Node in Virgo: South Node in Pisces

Locate your birth time frame below, then read on for the definitions of what your particular nodal axis means and famous people who have the nodal axis in those signs. House positions are also included in the descriptions for more advanced astrologers.

June 7, 1913-Dec. 3, 1914: Pisces
 Dec. 4, 1914-May 31, 1916: Aquarius
 June 1, 1916-Feb. 13, 1918: Capricorn
 Feb. 14, 1918-Aug. 15, 1919: Sagittarius
 Aug. 16, 1919-Feb. 7, 1921: Scorpio
 Feb. 8, 1921-Aug. 23, 1922: Libra
 Aug. 24, 1922-Apr. 23, 1924: Virgo
 April 24, 1924-Oct. 26, 1925: Leo
 Oct. 27, 1925-Apr. 16, 1927: Cancer
 Apr. 17, 1927-Dec. 28, 1928: Gemini
 Dec. 29, 1928-July 7, 1930: Taurus
 July 8, 1930-Dec. 28, 1931: Aries
 Dec. 29, 1931-June 24, 1933: Pisces
 June 25, 1933-Mar. 8, 1935: Aquarius
 Mar. 9, 1935-Sept. 14, 1936: Capricorn
 Sept. 15, 1936-Mar. 3, 1938: Sagittarius
 Mar. 4, 1938-Sept. 12, 1939: Scorpio
 Sept. 13, 1939-May 24, 1941: Libra
 May 25, 1941-Nov. 21, 1942: Virgo
 Nov. 22, 1942-May 11, 1944: Leo
 May 12, 1944-Dec. 13, 1945: Cancer
 Dec. 14, 1945-Aug. 2, 1947: Gemini
 Aug. 3, 1947-Jan. 26, 1949: Taurus
 Jan. 27, 1949-Jul 26, 1950: Aries
 Jul 27, 1950-Mar. 28, 1952: Pisces
 Mar. 29, 1952-Oct. 9, 1953: Aquarius
 Oct. 10, 1953-Apr. 2, 1955: Capricorn
 Apr. 3, 1955-Oct. 4, 1956: Sagittarius
 Oct. 5, 1956-June 16, 1958: Scorpio
 Jun. 17, 1958-Dec. 15, 1959: Libra
 Dec. 16, 1959-Jun 10, 1961: Virgo

June 11, 1961-Dec. 23, 1962: Leo
 Dec. 24, 1962-Aug. 25, 1964: Cancer
 Aug. 26, 1964-Feb. 19, 1966: Gemini
 Feb. 20, 1966-Aug. 19, 1967: Taurus
 Aug. 20, 1967-Apr. 19, 1969: Aries
 Apr. 20, 1969-Nov. 2, 1970: Pisces
 Nov. 3, 1970-Apr. 27, 1972: Aquarius
 Apr. 28, 1972-Oct. 27, 1973: Capricorn
 Oct. 28, 1973-Jul 10, 1975: Sagittarius
 Jul 11, 1975-Jan. 7, 1977: Scorpio
 Jan. 8, 1977-Jul 5, 1978: Libra
 Jul 6, 1978-Jan. 12, 1980: Virgo
 Jan. 13, 1980-Sept. 24, 1981: Leo
 Sept. 25, 1981-Mar. 16, 1983: Cancer
 Mar. 17, 1983-Sept. 11, 1984: Gemini
 Sept. 12, 1984-Apr. 6, 1986: Taurus
 Apr. 7, 1986-Dec. 2, 1987: Aries
 Dec. 3, 1987-May 22, 1989: Pisces
 May 23, 1989-Nov. 18, 1990: Aquarius
 Nov. 19, 1990-Aug. 1, 1992: Capricorn
 Aug. 2, 1992-Feb. 1, 1994: Sagittarius
 Feb. 2, 1994-Jul 31, 1995: Scorpio
 Aug. 1, 1995-Jan. 25, 1997: Libra
 Jan. 26, 1997-Oct. 20, 1998: Virgo
 Oct. 21, 1998-Apr. 9, 2000: Leo
 Apr. 10, 2000-Oct. 12, 2001: Cancer
 Oct. 13, 2001-Apr. 13, 2003: Gemini
 Apr. 14, 2003-Dec. 25, 2004: Taurus
 Dec. 26, 2004-Jun 21, 2006: Aries
 Jun 22, 2006-Dec. 18, 2007: Pisces

The Aries/Libra axis (also read for the nodal axis in the 1st/7th house)

The Aries/Libra axis is directly related to one's identity. It means one must develop one's identity, but within the concept of balance. You do not want to throw your partnership efforts awry with this placement. You have an innate talent for kindness and balance, and one of your life purposes is to lead or take initiative while using Libra's gentle approach. Note where Venus (Libra's ruler) and Mars (Aries' ruler) reside in your chart, and what aspect they make. Another interpretation of this axis can mean *the inspiration for action*. In olden days, knights went into battle (Aries, Mars) carrying the scarves of the women (Libra, Venus) they protected. With this axis, it is wise to choose one's inspiration with caution, because it is an underlying component of aggression and action.

The Lessons: Building active partnerships. Independence in relationships. Loving someone else without losing your own identity.

Fulfillment: Boundary definitions, self-focus, breaking new ground, taking risks. Moving away from disharmonious needs of others. Assimilating and asserting independence while having a harmonious relationship with a significant other, or with others.

Potential challenges: You may sometimes feel timid about taking the lead, or about asserting yourself, and want to defer to someone else, such as a partner (Libra). This axis tells you that you should be developing your take-charge skills, and defining your boundaries, not identifying with others, but not excluding those who care about you. Libra's South Node placement can sometimes make you want to have peace at any price. Your North Node Aries shows that there are some things in life worth the fight.

People with this placement:

Advanced astrologers can note how the decanate of the degree of the Node figures into major themes in the lives of these people.

Examples of the first decanate of Aries (00-10 degrees of Aries)

Duke of Windsor, NN in 5 Aries in 2nd house, in conjunction with Mars and the asteroid Hera. He chose love and partnership (Libra) over the throne of England (Aries).

Martha Graham, the world's leading exponent of modern dance, NN in 10 Aries, in conjunction with Venus and trining the Moon.

James Redfield, author of *The Celestine Prophecy*, NN 7 Aries, in conjunction with the Moon and opposing Mars.

Here are examples of the Leo decanate of Aries (10-20 Aries):

Marshall Applewhite, cult leader, North Node in 13 degrees of Aries, falling in the Leo decanate, first house, in conjunction with Uranus. Applewhite was leader of a group called Heaven's Gate, whose members committed suicide at Applewhite's direction. The religion was characterized as a "UFO religion." The North Node in Aries would give credence to his leadership position, and within the Leo decanate it supported megalomania.

Walt Whitman, 17 Aries (Leo decanate, his famous poem was "Song of Myself", a very Aries/Leo title) in conjunction with his Ascendant and Mars.

Neil Michelson, 13 Aries (Leo decanate) on the 11/5 axis, took astrology into the computer era, and is responsible for all of the American ephemerides we use now.

Here are four examples of the NN in the Sagittarian decanate of Aries (20-30 degrees of Aries). All express different aspects of the Sagittarian leadership. For Martin Luther, the Sagittarius influence was clergy and religion; for Neil Armstrong and Edgar Mitchell, it was travel; for Winston Churchill, it was eloquence.

Martin Luther, leader of Protestant reformation, NN in 28 Aries (Sag decanate, which speaks of religion), 9th house (also house of religion), SN in 3rd house in Libra, in conjunction with Jupiter (natural ruler of 9th, related to ecclesiastical matters).

Edgar Mitchell, former astronaut and founder of Institute of Noetic Sciences, NN 24 Aries (Sag decanate of travel and of philosophy) on 8th/2nd house axis.

Winston Churchill, NN in 24 Aries (Sag decanate, which speaks of eloquence) Neptune, 2 minutes from cusp of 8th house and opposing Mercury/Asc.

Neil Armstrong, NN in 27 Aries (Sag decanate of travel), 12th house, widely in conjunction with Uranus, and trine Moon.

The North Node in Libra includes numerous fashion designers such as Bill Blass and Pierre Cardin, as well as great artists such as Michelangelo. Many inventors—who could be expected to have more Aries influence—have the North Node in Libra such as Samuel Morse (21 Libra in conjunction with Neptune, in the Gemini decanate, and he was also an accomplished artist). Alexander Graham Bell and George Westinghouse also have the NN in Libra; Westinghouse in 28 Libra (the Aquarian decanate), and Bell in 19 Libra (the Gemini decanate). Interestingly, their leadership in inventing things (Aries) helped millions of others (Libra) communicate (Gemini, Aquarius).

NN Libra leaders and pioneers also include Annie Besant, NN in 9 Libra in the 7th; astronaut and Sen. John Glenn (22 Libra, 11th house); Helen Gurley Brown, 11 Libra (Aquarian decanate) in conjunction with the MC; John Lennon, NN in Libra, 11 degrees, 12th house; Gianni Agnelli (NN 27 Libra, 10th house).

The Taurus/Scorpio axis (also read for nodal axis in 2nd/8th houses)

Both Taurus and Scorpio are signs that deal with self-worth, and they are naturally positioned as rulers of the 2nd and 8th houses. The sign Taurus is very concerned with possessions, growing things, building material comforts. Scorpio is concerned with the breaking down of things in order to grow them again or transform them altogether. Taurus is very concerned with the material side of life. Scorpio is much more intense, much more obsessive, and attuned to the spiritual side and to other dimensions. Planets in Taurus and Scorpio tend to dominate in the charts of spiritual leaders. The nodal axis in these signs indicates there is a struggle with building up and letting go in the lifetime. Spiritual surrender can be a major issue with a Taurus/Scorpio nodal axis.

The Lesson: Developing awareness of their own needs, increasing self-worth. Blending stability and intensity. Self-indulgence verses self-denial.

Fulfillment: With the Taurus North Node, the emphasis is on stability and security. With a Scorpio North Node, there is a consciousness of letting material plans go, getting in touch with the word “enough.” Both Scorpio and Taurus North Nodes have a tendency to be hedonistic, to want their own comfort levels. Moving beyond the comfort level is an important lesson for them.

Potential challenges: NN in Scorpio can be addicted to danger and mystery, but especially to intensity and obsession. Ruthless in exploring the depths of his/her own soul, and those of others. Basically, the North Node of Taurus needs a stable foundation in which to explore the spiritual side of life as indicated by Scorpio. This is also a very sensual placement of the nodes.

People with this placement:

Karl Marx, NN 8 Taurus in conjunction with the Moon, 2nd house. (Created communist doctrine with emphasis on who should own what—*“from each according to his ability, to each according to his need.”*). **(First decanate of Taurus.)**

Mother Teresa, NN 22 Taurus, Capricorn decanate. Emphasis of her religious order was to own nothing.

Martin Luther King, NN 27 Taurus (Capricorn decanate).

Jackie Kennedy Onassis, NN in Taurus in conjunction with Asc/Desc axis. (Virgo decanate)

People with the North Node in Scorpio include Walt Disney (11 Scorpio, the fantasy Piscean decanate); Ted Turner (17 Scorpio in 11th house; south node in conjunction with Uranus/Mercury); Pope John Paul II (15 Scorpio, also the Piscean decanate); Beethoven (25 Scorpio, Cancer decanate); Edgar Allan Poe (NN 8 Scorpio, in conjunction with Asc. and Uranus).

The Gemini/Sagittarius axis (also read for the nodal axis in 3rd/9th houses)

Because of the mutable nature of both Gemini and Sagittarius, this nodal axis can take many forms. People with this placement usually make good teachers, because of the third house/ninth house emphasis of the axis. Some astrologers feel the lesson of the axis is about learning to communicate without wanting to control or convert. This can also indicate issues to do with children; one can have major influence on a youngster (just as a teacher would) or can somehow become obsessed with a child or a child's needs. (See the example of the Czarina Alexandra below.) The mutable emphasis here also means that people with this placement must learn to communicate empathetically. Often there is a narcissistic focus with this placement, similar to that of a toddler. People with NN in Gemini usually have a life purpose of trying to see things through the eyes of others. This person has a lot of knowledge, and imparting it to others can be a life path, regardless of whether the person becomes an actual teacher or not. Many people with this axis are eternally children or eternally students. This axis can also indicate a high degree of impressionability.

The Gemini/Sagittarius axis also refers to siblings. Many people with this axis had siblings that were much more influential on them than their parents. Any Gemini placement—nodal or otherwise—can give an ability that can only be called strategic mimicry. Twins are mirrors—and they tend to mirror the behavior, even the cadences—of people they admire or people on which they wish to pattern themselves.

The Lessons: Sociability and tact. Accepting people for what they are, not what you want them to be. Getting the experience without missing the meaning. Returning to where you started and “knowing the place for the first time.” Gaining mental focus over dilettante methods, shallow perceptions.

Fulfillment: NN in Gemini can gain confidence in one's own ideas by listening to others; with focus and purpose, can soar into Sagittarian eloquence. NN in Sagittarius excels through education, understanding of cultures different from his/her own.

Potential Challenges: SN in Gemini weakness can mean listening without understanding, talking too much about things they know nothing about, or a curiosity that kills a cat. A typical mutable dilemma is not knowing what you think until you've heard what you have to say and feeling misunderstood. The south node in Sag can sometimes become “over-educated,” or who puts too much emphasis on book smarts over street smarts, or adopt an intellectual snobbery or arrogance. Like SN in Gemini, you can feel misunderstood.

People with this placement:

Czarina Alexandra of Russia (killed by Bolsheviks in 1918), NN in 12 Gemini (Libra decanate)_in conjunction with a Sun/Moon natal conjunction. Her obsession with her son's (Gemini) hemophilia and the questionable Rasputin's (Sagittarius rules religious figures) influence on her because he could control it, indirectly led to the overthrow of the Czar's dynasty. Note Gemini rules young people, and the NN is involved in other structures in the chart that indicate Neptunian influence: Many thought Rasputin used a highly occult form of hypnotism.

Bill Clinton, 17 degrees Gemini, 9th house in conjunction with Uranus, SN in 3rd house. It speaks of his Rhodes-scholar intellectual capability, however, and his reported love for talking continuously about problems, exploring all aspects of them—a very Gemini trait. The 3rd/9th placement of the axis is a double dose of the axis meaning.

Donald Trump, NN 20 Gemini in conjunction with Uranus in 11 house. SN in conjunction with Moon in 5th house. The NN in Gemini can sometimes mean the eternal puer, the man who doesn't always grow up. This of course could also be true of Clinton.

George Bush, NN in 19 Gemini square Jupiter.

OJ Simpson, NN in 0 Gemini, 10th house, in conjunction with Mars. Here is a case of someone operating more on the Sagittarian side of the nodal axis, and Sag is associated with sports. The conjunction to Mars would also reinforce this. Mars also, of course, rules violence.

It is interesting to note that when attempts are made to balance the Gemini/Sag axis, it can frequently result in visionaries or people who operate in other energy fields. (This is obviously helped along if the Node is in conjunction with the outer planets.) Some examples of this are Mama Rosa, who received visions from the Holy Mother (NN in 24 Gemini, 3rd house, in conjunction with Pluto); Uri Geller, medium and telekinetic, 8th house NN in Gemini in conjunction with Uranus; St. Theresa of the Little Flower, NN 1 Gemini, 9th house; Thomas More, NN in Gemini in 11 degrees in conjunction with Uranus and the Sun; Deepak Chopra, NN 13 Gemini, 3rd house in conjunction with Uranus.

Many gifted musical artists (Gemini also implying the conveyance of sound, though Taurus is more often associated with music itself) have this placement too: Enrico Caruso, Franz Schubert, Elton John. On an artistic level, Vincent Van Gogh had this placement.

Some people with the NN in Sagittarius include:

Betty Hill, UFO abductee, NN 2 Sag, 2nd house. Interestingly, many UFO encounters seem to be on highways or while traveling, which ties in with Sagittarius. (On a side note, this has led some to believe that staring at highways while driving can put a person into a hypnotic or altered state, and could be the cause of any visions that occur at the time. This has Neptune implications more than the Node, but the concept of the Nodes as transcending boundaries has to be taken into consideration.)

St. Bernadette, NN 23 Sagittarius, 7th house.
 Henry Ford, NN in 3 Sagittarius, 1st house
 Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, brilliant Jesuit paleontologist and philosopher, NN in 18 Sag (Aries decanate) in conjunction with Desc.
 Franklin Roosevelt, NN in 3rd house in 5 degrees.
 Claude Debussy, NN in 23 Sag, 5th house, SN in conjunction with Uranus
 Billy Graham, NN in 14 Sag, 9th house
 Pablo Picasso, NN in 10 Sagittarius, in conjunction with Moon, 5th house

The Cancer/Capricorn axis (also read for nodal axis in 4th/10th houses)

To reiterate, Cancer and Capricorn are cardinal signs. The interpretation of this axis frequently seems to go astray from that essential fact. Many say that the blending of the Cancer/Capricorn axis is to renounce career and pride, and replace with home and family. That is, unfortunately, a one-note definition of this axis. Blending career and home is probably a more appropriate interpretation, but that too lacks depth.

Because of the Capricorn influence of this axis, many people with the NN in Cancer, especially career women, want to achieve in the outer world before settling down. They make a great many sacrifices of their emotional needs to help feed some vague remembrance of pride and achievement. The axis can sometimes mean making a “family” (Cancer) out of one’s business network (Capricorn). One can consider Adolph Hitler, with this axis, saying that he was “married to Germany.”

Recognition is important to people with the SN in Capricorn, and they frequently are born into situations in which they are denied that recognition. (This presumably is to better develop the Cancerian purpose of this incarnation.)

People with this axis do seem to feel burdened with responsibilities, even those long-since passed. They are usually very hard on themselves. If the NN is in Cancer, one of their roles in this life is to develop the Yin side of their nature, as opposed to the Yang. This involves being vulnerable, and asking for help, something people with this axis are usually reluctant to do.

Most of the experiences Cancer/Capricorn node people have in this life are moving them towards greater sensitivity.

The Lessons: Abandoning the need to control, letting go and letting God. Accepting that we are vulnerable and human. Development of sensitivity. Learning to parent oneself. Finding family everywhere.

Fulfillment: NN in Capricorn creates its own security in the outer world, maintains independence from family. NN in Cancer should pursue taking care rather than taking over. (Working from home is a good metaphor to blend both sign energies.)

Challenges; SN in Capricorn feels put-upon, seeks status, strives in spite of hurting inside. Workaholics generally found with SN in Capricorn. SN in Cancer recreates family, hungers for nurturance though it may not be obvious. This axis also shows up in charts of people who feel some major obligation to their parents or their heritage. In that case, other elements in the chart need to be taken into consideration: there is always the possibility of going to one's grave having lived a life that was never your own.

People with Cancer/Capricorn Nodal axis:

Robert Kennedy, NN 28 Cancer 4th house in conjunction with Zeus (11 children!), which reflects his role as a member of the Kennedy dynasty and the family karma. His brother, US President John F. Kennedy, also had the Cancer/Capricorn axis. (See below.)

Mia Farrow, NN 16 Cancer, 3rd house, adopted many children. However, in her chart, the SN is in conjunction with the Moon. The SN tends to “drain” experiences of a conjuncting planet, and perhaps she was overwhelmed with the Lunar experience (associated with mothering).

Elizabeth Kubler Ross, NN Cancer, 5th house, in conjunction with her natal Sun/Pluto conjunction. She explored death and dying. The use of NN for nurturing, and with Pluto, could show that this would be done for people in transition.

Maria Montessori, first Italian woman to get medical (nurturing) degree; educator; NN 16 Cancer.

People with NN in Capricorn, SN in Cancer:

Oprah Winfrey, NN in 23 Capricorn (Virgo decanate—appropriate for much of the self-improvement activities she sponsors) in conjunction with Chiron (wounded) in 5th house, SN in conjunction with Uranus in 11th house.

John F. Kennedy, NN in 12 Capricorn in 3rd house (of siblings; his presidency was part of his father's thrust to have a son in the White House—when sibling (3rd house) Joe was killed, JFK became the center of the family's destiny), SN in Cancer in 9th, in conjunction with Pluto.

Judy Lewis, love child of Clark Gable and Loretta Young, NN 15 Capricorn, 2nd house, in wide conjunction with Mars.

Jan Auel, author of “Clan (Cancer SN) of the Cave Bear”, NN in Capricorn, 10 degrees, 5th house.

Julie Andrews, NN in Capricorn, SN in Cancer (this axis is appropriate for many of her more famous roles, such as Mary Poppins and the Sound of Music, which dealt with families, nurturing, etc. She has also written some children's books.)

The Leo/Aquarius Nodal Axis (also read for nodal axis in 5th/11th houses)

Anything involving Leo has to do with the will, the ego, and the ability to show love: developing it, especially, to find the strength within oneself. The goal of this axis is to develop this inner strength, to be able to stand alone. People with this axis find they usually have to do that anyway. Leo NN people usually need specific goals, and need to develop the emotional and physical stamina to meet them. There is usually

a need for originality pertaining to the house where the South Node resides, and they should bring creativity to that house's matters.

The Lessons: Enjoying the world rather than saving it. Creative contributions to group efforts. Loving others better because you've developed self-respect and self-love. Regaining contact with self.

Fulfillment: NN in Leo people can find fulfillment in commitment to a creative life, however they choose to define creative (it can be raising children, creating a career, artistry, etc.). NN in Aquarius people should find fulfillment and creating perspective, choosing a social solution instead of personal ones, putting as much stock in friendship as in romance.

Challenges: SN in Leo people, or NN Leo people with problems can become divas, drama queens, have a nobody-loves-me whining way. SN in Aquarius can be overly detached, lets a group control them, subconsciously assume everyone has a superior knowledge except them. There can be difficulty in challenging negative behavior of others. The SN in Aquarius can sometimes be found in individuals who love humanity, but hate people.

NN Leo people sometimes let their audiences (Aquarius) define them (Leo). That may have been the case with Diana, Princess of Wales.

People with this axis:

Diana, Princess of Wales, NN 29 Leo, 9th house, in conjunction with Mars/Uranus/Pluto. SN in conjunction with Moon.

Mahatmas Gandhi, NN 4 Leo, 10th house. Led and inspired (Leo) movement for independence (Aquarian) from British rule.

Rasputin, Russian monk, NN 17 Leo (of royalty), time of birth unknown.

Norman Schwartkopf, NN 9 Leo in conjunction with Ascendant, in conjunction with Venus (another general with strong Venus placement!)

Greta Garbo, NN 28 Leo, 4th house (she wanted to be left alone) in conjunction with Apollon in conjunction with Mercury. SN was in conjunction with Saturn—in other words, the sense of duty and responsibility was dissipated.

North Node in Virgo, South Node in Pisces (also read for nodal axis in 6th/12th houses)

Virgo North Node people have to overcome tendencies to be dependent on others, to live vicariously through other people, to criticize and insist on perfection, and to give up easily. Defining goals is very important for NN Virgo people, and then coming up with the steps to achieve those goals. These people also need to discriminate as to who really needs them and who doesn't. Ethics and value systems mean a lot to these people, but they must take steps to do concrete things about them. It isn't enough to posture about morals; these people should belong to ethics committees of their organizations, and do what they can to emphasize integrity. Escapism (through alcohol and drugs—one of many ways to escape) and day-dreaming can cause them to ignore their responsibilities. Their associations are important, even more so if the 5th/11th houses are involved with the nodal axis. Diet and health conditions are also very important, as would be the case with any Virgo energy. Trusting and bringing their intuition into reality is a major life lesson for them.

The Lessons: Using your imagination for practical concerns. Creating balance between details and oneness. Appreciating that people are separate individuals. Respecting boundaries but not setting up so many of your own that you freeze out others. Putting flesh and bones on dreams.

Fulfillment: NN in Virgo finds happiness in work, organization, practical exercises, analysis. NN in Pisces can be mystical, compassionate, accepting, going with the flow, enjoying solitude.

Challenges: SN in Virgo feels like an indentured servant, can obsess over detail, and be judgmental and a perfectionist. SN in Pisces can feel like a victim, indulge in escapist behavior, not have boundaries. They also can be too sacrificial.

People with the Virgo/Pisces placement:

Musicians: These people obviously had ingrained musical talent, which is signified by Pisces. Amadeus Mozart, NN 12 Virgo in conjunction with Ascendant, though SN in conjunction with Uranus and the descendant. Bob Dylan, 28 Virgo NN in 10th, in conjunction with Neptune. Barbra Streisand, 10 Virgo in 6th house. Arturo Toscanini, NN 23 Virgo, 8th house.

Poets, writers and artists: Emily Dickinson, NN 4 Virgo in 10th house in conjunction with Saturn. Charles Dickens, NN 9 Virgo, 10th house, SN in conjunction with Venus, Pluto.

Pioneers and originalists: SN Pisces understanding was made concrete through people like Joseph Campbell, the great mythologist, 27 Virgo, 12th house; George Patton, general, NN in 22 Virgo 4th house in conjunction with Jupiter (he also believed, very Piscean-like, in reincarnation); Dave Aaron, UFO researcher, NN 1 Virgo; Edward Bach, developer of the Bach Flower Remedies, NN 5 Virgo. Jim Lewis, developer of astrocartography, NN 27 Virgo, 2nd house, in conjunction with Neptune.

Others: Henry Kissinger, NN in Virgo, 4th house, SN in Pisces in conjunction with Uranus, 10th house. JFK Jr., 11 Virgo in conjunction with Asc, in conjunction with Pluto. Prince Rainier, NN 16 Virgo, 4th house. Alice Howell, Jungian astrologer, NN 26 Virgo.

Natal aspects to the Nodes

It has been my experience that planets that are in conjunction with aspects to the North Node (which means oppositions to the South Node) reinforce the Nodal “mission” in the chart. I have also noticed—and not everyone would agree with me—that conjunctions to the South Node tend to weaken the planet’s influence. Physical weakness (and many times laziness), for example, if Mars is in conjunction with the SN. Or there could be some major challenge to be overcome, its origins in the meaning of the planet. (For example, Mia Farrow with the Moon in conjunction with the South Node, has adopted many children, one of whom turned against her by having an affair with, and then marrying, Farrow’s significant other, Woody Allen.)

Books on the Nodes:

The Complete Node Book, by Kevin Burk

Karmic Astrology, by Martin Schulman

New Moon Astrology, by Jan Spiller*

Astrology for the Soul, by Jan Spiller*

*Recommended