

INTRODUCTION TO THE NODES

The Moon's nodes represent the polarity and balance of the spiritual and the worldly.

The nodes, being in relation to our Earth's Moon, have to do with the karmic consequences of our actions, virtues/vices, thoughts and attitudes. The nodes have much to do with giving pointers or hints about the quality of life we co-create on Earth. Also taking responsibility for creating comfort and security (Moon) of others and self, especially in relation to the houses in which the nodes fall in one's natal chart.

One will tend to have the most affinity and success with the lunar node closest to his natal Sun. If your Sun is exactly square to the lunar axis, then you have equal affinity with each -- or caught in the middle, so to speak!

My approach to the Moon Nodes takes a page from vedic astrology and applies it to the west. I believe the vedic perspective on the nodes works better than the popular western approaches.

Nodes very close to the angles of the chart speak of a life of heightened karmic awareness, which is a spiritual grace and blessing.

SOUTH NODE (KETU)

Spirituality.

Metaphysics and esotericism.

Renouncing "the world", i.e. renouncing worldliness.

Releasing or giving up things, persons, and situations

on the material plane, lightening the material load,

simplifying. This can be done voluntarily, gently, or be

forced from apparent outer agents and circumstances,

nevertheless it's your own soul's desire for experience.

To sacrifice or give up the lesser (worldly, obvious) for the greater

(spiritual, metaphysical, seen with spiritual eyes).

Gifts and talents that are easily available,

easily unfolded and expressed further.

Past life connections, old familiarity.

Intuitions regarding past, present and future karma

(consequences of actions) -- what I call "karmic intuitions."

Discernment.

Spiritual endeavors and many other aspects of life operate easily

in connection with the South Node. Do not reject the

South Node just because of possible past life connections.

"Old souls" will fully embrace all the South Node offers.

South Node color associations:

Ordinary: Grey, Black (unclear, uncertain, loss, grief)

Disciple: Indigo (spiritual/esoteric studies),

White (purity of heart), Lavender (surrender,

refinement, high vibratory, crown chakra).
Hierarchical: Light Orange, Saffron Yellow (renunciation, prana),
Gold (spiritual success).

NORTH NODE (RAHU)

Materiality, worldliness.

Challenges, trying, efforting, struggle, tenacity, holding one's own.
Developing talents and willingness to operate in an area,
and do this successfully.

Persistence over time, often best done by applying self, then backing off,
then going at it again after regrouping, over and over as needed,
having a more neutral and willing attitude about outcomes,
being less attached to worldly outcomes in the area of
the NNode, but not going into pathological indifference or
apathy about that area of life.

North Node color associations:

Ordinary: Red, Rust (struggle, conflict, ego).

Disciple: Royal blue (impeccable action), Emerald green
(growth, abundance).

Hierarchical: Gold (victory and success).

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The rulers of the moon nodes have been called "karmic control planets" by vedic astrologer M.C. Jain. These rulers are likely to change or be different from western to vedic astrology. Only if one's western nodes are in the last ~23 degrees of a sign will the rulers of the nodes remain the same in western and vedic. Nevertheless, this idea of "karmic control planets" is worth considering from either western and/or vedic perspectives, for hints as to our own responsibility in co-creating the chain of causation. Find the rulers of the respective nodes -- by sign, house and aspect -- as the rulers will yield additional clues about the nodes and all matters concerned with them. Consider also transits TO those node rulers, and transits OF those node rulers. This topic has yet to be much explored in western astrology, and such a widespread exploration is long overdue. Don't miss a chance to research this area in your own chart, as a starting point.