

# The Lunar Nodes from Pisces and Virgo to Aquarius and Leo

## **Brief Background on the Lunar Nodes**

The Lunar Nodes are not actual celestial bodies. They mark points where the Moon in its orbital cycle crosses the plane of the ecliptic, the apparent path of the Sun. These points are symbolic of some of the more esoteric in Astrology and refer to **themes associated with the evolution of the soul.**

**The South Node** symbolizes accumulated experiences and associated wisdom of the past, while **the North Node** symbolizes the new and points in the direction we are destined and meant to go.

The Lunar Nodes in our Birth Charts are interpreted somewhat differently than those of the Nodes by Transit, as is true of all the planets. So, in their transit cycle processes, which aptly amount to approximately 18.5-month periods for each sign pair, and approximately 18.5 years for the entire cycle of the Zodiac (aptly revealing a fractal ratio), reveal collective themes and orientations. In both cases, as Natal Chart factors and by transit, the planets that rule the signs involved play key roles.

The North and South Nodes of the Moon are mythically likened to a great celestial serpent with a head and a tail. Like the serpent constellation Draco, but unique unto itself, the Moon's Nodal Axis indicates an evolutionary pathway – one that winds, writhes, and turns, along a transformational pathway and reveals a process akin to the snake periodically shedding its old skin, effectively revealing a new one. As well, like a snakes-and-ladders game board, the Lunar Nodes suggest that all paths provide experiences, tests, and lessons that must be passed, sooner or later.... One must have a sense of the spiritual, evolutionary journey that life in the material dimensions implies.

It is common to forget these deeper truths as the pressures and pleasures of our physical embodiment consume our perspectives and beliefs. Yet, in light of the end of our relatively temporary journeys, it is also common to return to a spiritual perspective, often amounting to too little and too late, at least in terms of consciously living in alignment with a deeper evolutionary plan, the deeper roots of which include authentic expressions and engagements, as opposed to conditioned values and attitudes, and to meaningful contributions to the greater collective, as opposed to relatively selfish pursuits that seldom

venture beyond the parameters of our own families, interests and ambitions. Yet, even these probabilities are part of the plan, the process of which implies stages, like grade levels in school from pre-school to doctorate level studies, the higher levels symbolizing more meaningful and relevant contributions, while the lower levels suggest unapologetic oblivion beyond one's own interests and appetites, or even entitled expectation.

### **The Lunar Nodes switch from Pisces and Virgo to Aquarius and Leo on July 28, 2026.**

The North and South Nodes of the Moon, or generally referred to as the Lunar Nodes, have long been considered to be very powerful points associated with our spiritual, evolutionary process. Forming an axis, because both ends are exactly and perpetually 180 degrees apart, it incorporates the principle of polarity.

Although these points are hypothetical, which means they do not technically exist as objects, they do assert a **very significant influence on our lives**. Understanding why this is so provides a unique entry point into the spiritual side of Astrology. The fact that these points are determined by the intersection of the Moon's orbit and the plane of the ecliptic, or apparent path of the Sun from the Earth's perspective, is the first clue and introduces the spiritual focus.

Interestingly, while the planets orbit counterclockwise, the Lunar Nodes move in a clockwise direction. They are turning retrograde, which means they shift counterclockwise at semi-irregular intervals of anywhere from 4 to 10 days or so, associated with the fact that the Moon has an elliptical orbit and its rate of motion also varies for traveling 12-14 degrees per day.

Like the two sides of a magnet, the North Node pulls us towards the themes associated with the sign, degree, and house where it is positioned in our Birth Chart, and the South Node effectively repels us from it and pushes us towards the pull of the North. The same basic principle applies to the 18-month Transit cycle.

Although the South Node does emphasize natural inclinations, proclivities, and strengths, the goal is to use these for the sake of achieving the themes associated with the North Node. This is where an understanding of the principle of polarity comes to the fore. Along with the head and tail metaphor, or the push and pull of the opposite sides of a magnet, we can also think of an arrow with the arrowhead at one end and the feathers at the other. This image creates a clear indication of direction, as well as how the feathers guide and support the direction of the arrowhead to hit the determined target.

**Currently, the North Node is in Pisces, and the South Node is in Virgo.** This cycle began in mid-January 2025. Since Virgo can generally be described as the 'social norm', its destined influence is to 'surrender', a Pisces term, to the destined changes. **When the**

**Nodes change signs in late July 2026, and the North Node shifts to Aquarius,** the general influence will be to break free (an Aquarius phrase) of the grip of the ego, which is instinctively oriented to comfort, familiarity, and security, and control, in varying degrees, of people and circumstances. Since Virgo is ruled by Mercury, and since Uranus, the ruling planet for Aquarius, will be in Gemini in summer 2026, this breaking free process will be from habitual perspectives and interpretations of society and life in general.

### **Overview of the Lunar North Node in Pisces**

When the North Node is in Pisces, the general goal is to see through and beyond appearances. From a soul level, the lesson to be learned is to dissolve mental and emotional patterns that were developed for the sake of security. The destiny is to learn that imagination and inspiration are just as important, if not more so, than logic and facts. Recognize that nature unfolds in cycles with or without intervention, and successful participation in the processes of society often requires peaceful acceptance, surrender, and adaptation. Develop faith that life as a whole is intelligent, purposeful, creative, and loving, and that the flow of destiny is divinely ordained and is not in the hands of a hidden few. The key is to attune to its rhythms to achieve communion and rhythmic harmony with the flow.

### **Overview of the Lunar North Node in Aquarius**

When the North Node is in Aquarius, the general goal is to strike a balance between being personal and impersonal. From a soul level, the lesson to be learned is to participate in the world, as one among equals; neither standing above nor below any other. The destiny is to learn detachment, not in the sense of indifference, but of acceptance of the realities of life beyond status and hierarchy. Recognize the value of friendship and unity that promotes shared ideals and democratic behavior. Develop a sense of universality and appreciation for the rights, freedoms, and creative genius of individuals and groups everywhere.