SOUL MISSION * guidebook

Understand how your NORTH NODE informs your Soul's Mission in this lifetime.



What's Your North Node?

The North Node is one my favorite parts of a natal astrological chart to work with... it describes your life path and purpose; what your soul's up to in this lifetime.

This might well include your career and work — but it's broader and more overarching than **just** career... it's about the soul-level lessons that you came in for.

How to Understand and Work With Your North Node

To illuminate the North Node and get the flavor and depth and nuance of it, it's really helpful to look at its polarity - the South Node, which is exactly opposite on the zodiac wheel.

Your South Node represents the past, your lineage, past lifetimes, and what you came in with.

The South Node often holds a sense of what's needed to release — including ancestral patterns. (Other planets and placements in your chart will illuminate this further).

But what's helpful to understand is that the South Node also carries a sense of past gifts and lessons... it's really illuminating to look at the South Node because it often tells of gifts, talents, and ways of being that we "came in with" - that are so natural to us that we don't even recognize them. There's likely some kind of a sense of a comfort zone to the qualities represented by the South Node.



It's as if you spent lifetimes developing and learning the gifts and lessons of the South Node... that's not what you're here for anymore (even though it might be more comfortable to constantly be in the same lessons!)

The lesson is to embody the highest expression of our South Node qualities and gifts — while stepping into and owning our personal power and mission in this lifetime, via the path and qualities of the North Node.

You can use the journalling prompt beneath each North Node sign description to support you in connecting to your inner truth and guidance, and how this path is meant to show up for you, in this lifetime.

Nuances and Variations

To fully understand and interpret your North Node, you'd look at both *sign* and *house* placement of the North and South Node... as well as how each of them interact with other planets and houses.

In this ebook, we'll explore one major piece to illuminate your North Node – the Astrological *Sign* that your North Node is in.

The sign it's in shows the archetypes and wisdom keepers that hold the lessons, challenges, gifts, and paradigm shifts that you're here to embody and move into.

to your soul's expansion!

North Node in Aries, South Node in Libra

The archetype of Aries is the Warrior. Energized, fiery, ready to blaze the trail and fight for what's right. Aries is traditionally the "first" sign of the zodiac, and there's a startup energy here of passion, of birthing something new... of both inspiration and the action to follow through with making things happen.

Your South Node is Libra... the peacemaker. You've spent lifetimes learning and embodying the lessons of Libra, represented by the scales of justice. You know how to be diplomatic, fair, and balanced in your approach, especially in negotiating with others. You've got a natural penchant for beauty and harmony, and holding a frequency of balance and peace.

Your mission in this lifetime is to embody the Aries energy and asserting who *you* are, what your desires are, and making them happen. Independence and action are the traits you're learning to embrace... and sometimes this means considering yourself *first* for a change.

Reflection: How can I embody my own energy and desires more clearly and fully? What "startup" energy wants to emerge from me? Is there anywhere I'm "keeping the peace" at the expense of what my soul's here to do?



North Node in Taurus, South Node in Scorpio

Taurus is the Sensualist... stubborn as a bull, earthy, grounded, and focused on the experience of living in a physical body here on the planet. Taurus rules the material world, and how we create safety and security for ourselves and our loved ones.

With your South Node in Scorpio, you've done many lifetimes of deep dives into the cauldron of healing. Scorpio is symbolized by the Phoenix rising from the ashes — deep evolution and total transformation. While there's likely a lot of family secrets (either your immediate family or your lineage), and a pull and an old habit of being in the depths and the dramatic transformational spaces... your mission in this lifetime is to own the evolution you've already done at the highest level while embracing the journey of being in the physical, material world.

From walking barefoot on the grass and feeling the wind on your face to creating financial stability that resources yourself and your family... this is your lifetime to embrace the journey of the physical plane and enjoy it. You've done the deep dives... know that you hold the transformation within you, while enjoying the luxuriousness of being alive.

Reflection: Is there anywhere I'm habitually stuck in old drama that's ready to go? Where can I let go of enmeshment or playing out old patters? What am I holding onto that's not even mine? How can I focus on enjoying the expansiveness and abundance of this lifetime?



North Node in Gemini, South Node in Sagittarius

Gemini is the "Messenger" or "Storyteller" archetype, also represented by "the twins".... seeing both sides or more than one side of a story. In the Gemini mansion, we're working with concepts of duality, mental activity, and lots of details. Curiosity and communication are ruled by Gemini, including the worlds of writing, publishing, teaching, learning, and sharing ideas in all the ways.

With your South Node in Sagittarius the Archer, what you're coming in with is a sense of expansion, self-expression, independence, and seeing the bigger picture. Your mission in this life is to learn to hear others, to integrate multiple points of view, and master connection through communication. This mastery could come in the form of gathering data, investigating, writing, publishing, or teaching, and it's possible your life's work will involve these kinds of outlets.

Reflection: Where might I be holding tightly on to my version of a story? How can I expand to hear others' perspective? Where am I called to further explore writing, teaching, or learning in this lifetime?



North Node in Cancer, South Node in Capricorn

Cancer is the Nurturer, symbolized by the crab. The Cancer mansion represents tenderness, emotion, and the deep comfort of being in your own space in your own home.

With a South Node in Capricorn, you know how to be the mountain goat who diligently and steadfastly makes it to the top of the mountain. You've learned lessons relating to being responsible, hardworking, and reliable. While this will be affected by other placements, it's possible you keep your emotions under wraps. You're good in a crisis.

Your mission in this lifetime is to learn to feel. You're here to embody the tender, soft, vulnerable places (that will no doubt feel scary). You can let go of the reliable, responsible veneer (that's often a protective mechanism), and let yourself experience the human experiences of emotion and love.

Reflection: How might I be protecting myself through work, responsibilities, or focusing on what has to be done? Where can I allow myself to experience more intimacy, softness, and emotion? What might want to come through me when I stop working hard and allow myself to be a messy human?



North Node in Leo, South Node in Aquarius

Leo, the Lion, is the center stage, bold, radiant, expressive, joyful creator. Leo is here to shine!

The archetype of Aquarius is the Water Bearer who went out to search for life-giving water, and brought it back to the tribe. The Aquarius mansion also rules science, technology, and progressive thinking. Aquarius is the original radical, marching to their own drum and creating the future that hasn't even been dreamed up yet.

With your South Node in Aquarius, it suggests that you've experienced and embodied the principles of giving back to your community, being the humanitarian, and you've probably done lifetimes of being the visionary in search of the best possible future for humanity.

If your North Node is in Leo in this lifetime.... it's your turn to shine, now.

You know how to serve, you're well-versed in everything the Aquarius mansion represents... your goal in this lifetime is allowing YOU to be center stage and allowing your unique individual essence to be celebrated and expressed.

Reflection: Is there anywhere I'm in a habit of overgiving or over-serving? Where is it time for it to be "all about me," now? What uniqueness of me is here to shine and radiate as a lighthouse for others in this lifetime? And how can I step more fully onto center stage as I embrace BEing this?



North Node in Virgo, South Node in Pisces

The qualities of Virgo are all about being grounded, precise, analytical... and a natural healer.

With your South Node in Pisces, you've probably lived many lifetimes deeply connected to Spirit. Pisces is the world of intuition, mystical connection, and knowing that we are all one. Ruled by Neptune, there's a boundlessness to Pisces.

In this lifetime, your mission has to do with embodying clear boundaries and bringing your natural healing gifts into clarity, focus, and precision. Routines and bringing order are key for you to lean into. Embody the highest expression of your intuitive connection, and know that your mission in this life is to bring your healing gifts solidly into the physical world.

Reflection: How can I bring order, structure, and clarity to my intuitive gifts? Where am I called to embody clearer boundaries to support myself? How can I ground myself and bring my dream-like nature into the physical world?



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North Node in Libra, South Node in Aries

Libra is the peacemaker. Represented by the scales, the Libra mansion is all about balance, fairness, and equality.

With your South Node in Aries, you've already learned and embodied the Warrior energy. You know how to fight for what you believe and stand up for a cause. In this lifetime, your mission is to learn balance with others. Learning to create peace, order, and harmony is the energy you're meant to expand into.

Based on the house placement, you may be here to explore paths such as commitment in a relationship, or building community. Regardless, your path and mission lies in working with others, exploring give and take, and leaning into harmony and balance.

Embody the highest of the ability to harness your energy and powerfully create the results *you* want...while surrendering to the lessons of balance and negotiation that you're here to explore.

Reflection: What ideas am I tightly holding onto, and where can I loosen my grip on "my" way? Where can I invite and embody balance? How can I create beauty and harmony in the world around me?



North Node in Scorpio, South Node in Taurus

The Scorpio mansion is represented by the Phoenix, rising from the ashes. This is the world of deep evolution and total transformation.

With your South Node in Taurus you may have worked hard to survive, in the past. You've learned to ground and resource in the physical world.

Your mission in this lifetime is to embody the best of your Taurean roots, while simultaneously releasing the attachment to the safe, the familiar, and the stable.

Your soul is here to deeply evolve and transform in this lifetime, and perhaps to teach this in some way as well.

With the North Node in Scorpio, the call is to let go of relying on the material world and leap into the mystical to experience the transcendent through complete death and rebirth.

Reflection: Where am I being called to let something "die"? (this might be a belief, an attachment, a path, way of being, or a relationship). How can I lean into trusting my soul's journey and let go of any overattachment to the physical and material world? What is deeply calling to my soul right now?



North Node in Sagittarius, South Node in Gemini

The Sagittarius mansion is all about higher truth.

Symbolized by the Archer, Sagittarius embodies freedom, expansion, exploration, higher education, and seeing the big picture.

Gemini is about gathering lots of information and holding all the facts. The twins represent the "duality" of this mansion, and there's an energy of seeing both (or many) sides of things... and lots and lots of communication. (On a lower level, this can include distractibility and lots of mind chatter)

Other placements will affect the way this shows up... but with the South Node in Gemini, you're likely really good with words. Reading, teaching, writing, or communicating in some way is probably second nature to you. You see all the sides of the story, and could probably win a court case taking any angle you were randomly assigned.

Your mission in this lifetime is to move beyond gathering facts and seeing all the angles into embodying YOUR truth.

Connection to your own higher truth is the journey you're here for (while embodying the best of your natural Gemini gifts).

Reflection: Where am I called to claim my own truth and beliefs? How can I let go of any mental chatter or excessive searching for data, to connect to the truth within? What do I stand for, and what do I believe?



North Node in Capricorn, South Node in Cancer

Ah, Capricorn. The mountain goat, slowly and steadily climbing to the top. The Capricorn mansion is serious, determined, reliable. Capricorn is about planning and achieving goals.

With your South Node in Cancer, you're comfortable in the tender, emotional realms. While this will be impacted by other placements, you're likely something of a homebody, and happiest in your own protected, safe space. You care deeply for others, and you're connected to your intuition.

In this lifetime... your mission is to leave the safety of your shell, and create empires (in whatever way that looks for you). There's probably a lot of tendency to take care of others, but in this lifetime, you're here to build your own dreams.

Lean into the intuitive and emotional nature that's your inherent strength, and you WILL be successful, because that's how Capricorns do. With this placement, career is probably a key part of your path. But you've gotta get out of your comfort zone and create. Planning, structure, and discipline are key.

Reflection: Where is it time for me to go after my own goals, that I may have let go in favor of caring for others? What do I truly want to build? How can I use my inner connection and intuition to create what wants to come through me? Where is structure and planning called for, so I can bring my visions into form?



North Node in Aquarius, South Node in Leo

The archetype of Aquarius is the water bearer who went out to search for life-giving water and brought it back for the tribe. The Aquarius mansion rules science, technology, progressive thinking, and creating the future. Aquarius is the original innovator and rebel, with an independent mind and spirit.

With the South Node in Leo, you've already gone through lifetimes learning to shine and radiate the truth of who you are. You know how to boldly and brilliantly own and express your radiant joy.

Embodying the best of that, your mission in this life is to usher in the future. You're here to download the not-yet-seen-or-created solutions, and to serve humanity through bringing in the new ways of being that haven't even been visioned yet.

While owning your Leo gifts, allow yourself to step into service to humanity that's beyond ego, and simply allow an effortless pouring out of your gifts. Your ways will be unique, different, and probably misunderstood... being okay with not being validated and recognized by the world is part of what you're here for. The importance of your mission is way beyond needing validation. Step unapologetically into the genius that you are, so you can usher in what's next.

Reflection: What are my unique gifts and talents that are asking to be used? Where am I being guided to do things in my own way, instead of following what's been done before? How is my natural genius and unique essence asking to come through, and what wants to be created through my talents?

North Node in Pisces, South Node in Virgo

Pisces is, quite simply, the original Mystic... spiritual, dreamy, and deeply intuitive.

With your South Node in Virgo, you're moving from embodying the practical and analytical qualities of the Virgo mansion into a space of trusting your intuition, leaning into your inner guidance, and letting go of control. You've learned how to inhabit the physical body and being a healer on earth... your mission in this lifetime is to explore and expand into the etheric and spiritual realms.

Stay grounded, embodying the best of your Virgo nature — and lean into and trust that the universe supports you in so much more than your mind could imagine or dream.

Reflection: How can I lean more into trust? Where can I let go of how I think things need to be and allow myself to be guided and supported? How can I embrace my intuition and inner guidance?



EMBODYING YOUR SOUL'S PATH

You are here as a magnificent being with a unique purpose to live and share! Embodying your North Node can clarify your soul's unique path and purpose and what you're here to learn, accomplish, and be in this lifetime.

If you'd like to explore your soul's path further, you can book here: https://rachelhardy.com/soul-star/

