



# Coming Into Alignment With Your Unique Astrological Soul Mission

*Have you ever really sat down and thought about how much  
KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM  
there is packed into each and every Natal Chart?*

*So much wisdom in fact that Astrology can be used  
as a **PATH TO SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT**  
if you know how to use it properly.*



Many of us seekers who have chosen this Astrology-as-a-spiritual-path-to-Enlightenment journey have dedicated lifetimes to being

**initiated into the sacred patterns and secret codes hidden deep within Astrological Wisdom**

so as to pull back the veil and begin to solve the endless riddles of the cosmos - as well as, maybe even more importantly, the endless riddles of ourselves.

**Life is only and ever a hall of mirrors after all.**

And while all that is truly a gift from Divine Source to have the honor of caretaking that Sacred Truth, I have also found that this infinite wisdom can be just as profound on a smaller scale.

Like studying the cosmos through it's smaller fractal of a single cell.



Taking the infinite wisdom of Astrology and summing it up to it's smaller, fractal 'Cliff Notes' essence is a part of MY unique Astrological Soul Mission / Karmic Purpose, and all of my Courses, Workshops, Retreats, Readings and Paintings revolve around doing exactly that.

**So on that note,  
today we're going to go into one of my favorite  
'Cliff Notes of Astrological Wisdom' which I call  
my *Karmic Purpose Mad Libs* Exercise.**

*Remember Mad Libs?  
Those funny fill-in-the blank sheets  
you did with your siblings on road trips?*

I'm about to teach you  
using that same playful game

**the quickest, simplest,  
and most profound way**

to help you answer  
the endlessly asked questions of

**'What did my Soul come here to do?'**  
**'What is the purpose of my life?'**



We all go through life  
bombarded by so many options and choices  
that it takes no time at all to lose track  
of who we are and where we're going.

But knowing the answer to  
*'What is the purpose of my life?'*  
makes those choices almost effortless  
as you can simply ask each new situation,

***'Which one is more in alignment with my Soul Mission?'***

How does the *Karmic Purpose Mad Libs*  
Exercise work you ask?

By simplifying one of my all-time  
favorite concepts in Astrology,  
*the Nodes of the Moon,*  
into a fill-in-the-blank worksheet  
you will be creating by the end of today.

***'What in the world are the Nodes of the Moon and what  
do they have to do with my Karmic Purpose' you ask?***

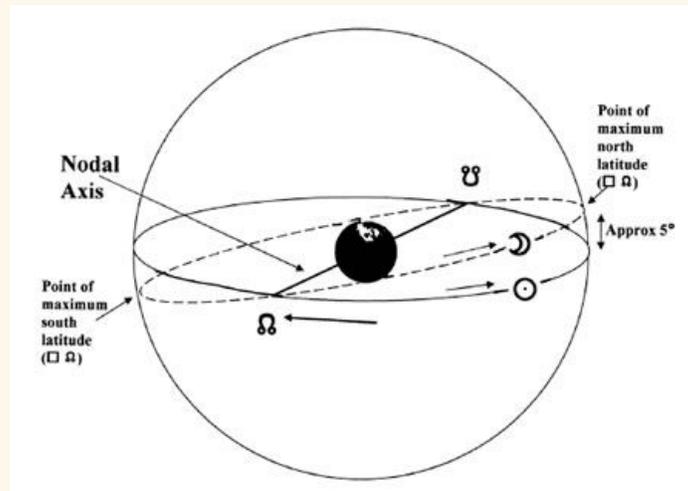
Read on.

## Introduction to the North and South Nodes

### Part 1: Scientific Introduction to the Nodes

Since I always like bringing Astrology back to ‘real life’ whenever possible, let me first quickly explain the Astronomy of the Nodes, for those out there who might be curious.

**The Nodes of the Moon are created from the 2 meeting points of the Ecliptic** (the Ecliptic being the celestial line the Sun moves along as it, from our perspective, circles around our sky) **and the Lunar Orbit** (the Lunar Orbit being the celestial line the Moon moves along as it circles around Earth).



These two ‘celestial circles’ overlap in two spots. We call one spot the North Node, and the other spot the South Node.

Why bother telling you all this?

**Because this scientific definition holds the key to explaining the power of the Nodes.**



In the meeting of the Ecliptic and the Lunar Orbit  
**you have the path of the Sun (our Identity and Ego)**  
crossing and connecting with  
**the path of the Moon (our Inner Emotions and Soul)**  
which combined creates a beautiful sum up  
of the Whole Soul's Self.

For thousands of years, Astrologers have been mapping,  
among other things, the pattern of these Nodes,  
and along the way found that these two spots,

**the North Node and the South Node,**

showed the hidden key to what truly  
fulfilled an individual's soul.

**We Astrologers call this 'soul fulfillment'**

**your Karmic Purpose.**



## Introduction to the North and South Nodes

### Part 2: Spiritual Introduction to the Nodes

Now that we've got your left brain on board,  
*let's go into the fun stuff.*

The deeper meaning of the Nodes revolves around  
a belief that over the course of several lifetimes

**our individual souls have a goal of one true purpose,**

to learn to love, or learn to let go  
or any number of other things shown by  
the Sign and House placement of the North Node,

***all for the greater purpose of deepening  
our understanding of what it means to be human,  
and in the process becoming more whole.***

The **South Node** shows  
what you have accomplished in previous lives,  
and are therefore growing out of so as not to get stuck in a rut,

and the **North Node** shows  
the new, uncharted territory that you're striving towards in this life  
so as to have a fuller understanding of the human experience.



These Nodal Karmic Purposes work slightly differently than obvious purposes such as your Sun because they are much more long term.

While your spirit can't help but focus on your *Sun's* purpose in this life, your *Karmic Purpose (aka your Soul Mission)* takes quite a bit more effort and willpower to manifest - and sometimes is even meant to take lifetimes to fully accomplish.

**The image I like to use to explain all this goes something like this.**

Imagine you as your Divine Higher Self floating around, deciding how you want to play this next round of the 'human game.'

**The whole purpose of this human game is SOUL EXPANSION,**

and you in this Divine Higher State are thinking over where else you have the potential to expand your experience as a Soul.

Your Divine Self then looks over all the past lives your Soul has experienced so far and says to itself (you) -

*"Hmmm, well I seem to have gone into quite a bit of the theme (fill in the blank) in that life, and oh yep, there's a few more experiences of that theme in that life over there, and over there seems to be the rest of it. Ok, I think I'm pretty good on that theme, I don't see much more room to expand with it."*

That 'already experienced' theme would then be represented as the **South Node's Sign and House placement** in your current Natal Chart.

Your Divine Higher Self then *once again* looks over all the past lives your Soul has experienced so far and goes -

*"Hmmm, well I seem to have missed out on the theme of (fill in the blank) in that life, and same goes for that one, and I just scratched the surface of it in a few others. Ok, I think I'll aim towards this theme now since there's so much room for my Soul to grow with it."*

That 'haven't yet experienced' theme would then be represented as the **North Node's Sign and House placement** in your current Natal Chart.

**The South Node represents what we're innately good at, but sometimes takes a good chunk of the first part of our lives to REMEMBER.**

(As most of us grow up in societies that initially teach us to ignore our innate talents and instead do whatever is required of us).



Once remembered, we tend to have a few years of  
***'this is so awesome! I've found my purpose!'***  
But we then quickly start to feel like there's a cap  
to the happiness this energy has to offer us.

**Why? Because true fulfillment comes from EXPANSION.**

And as much as we love and are comforted by our old skill sets, the only real fulfillment these 'already experienced' skills have to offer us is a *solid foundation* to stand on so as to better propel ourselves towards our Soul Mission (aka, our Karmic Purpose in this life).

Then and only then are we ready to start jumping into the scary, unknown, 'leap and the net will appear' endless potential hidden in the realm of our 'haven't yet experienced' North Node.

**For THAT is how we find what truly fulfills our Soul.**

And that journey from innate talents you're comfortable with (*South Node*) to discovering the untapped potential hidden in the deepest recesses of your Soul that, once reached for, can fulfill and empower you in ways you can't even imagine (*North Node*)

is what we will be discovering in the next few pages.

## Quick Sum Up of the North and South Nodes of the Moon

### *The Keys to Understanding your Karmic Purpose*

Node	Description	Keywords
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>South Node</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Area of life that, while initially has to be 'rediscovered' eventually becomes comfortable to the point of feeling routine, boring, and like there's a cap to what it can offer you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Shows what you're learning to move on from.</i></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Past Life Experiences</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your 'Comfort Rut'</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>North Node</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Area of life that always feels unknown and '<i>outside your comfort zone</i>' but if risked, will help you grow and evolve more than you ever thought possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Shows where you're going.</i></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Karmic Purpose</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Soul Mission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">'True North'</p>

Now that you have a decent understanding  
of what the North and South Nodes represent,  
let's go through the steps of  
**FINDING THEM IN YOUR OWN CHART.**

**Step 1 is, of course, pulling up your Natal Chart.**

If you have never done this before,  
I suggest going to [www.astro.com](http://www.astro.com)  
which is my favorite free website  
for calculating a chart.

**For this you will need your Time, Place and Date of Birth.**

If you don't know your birth time,  
put 'unknown' as your time.  
You'll still be able to figure out which  
SIGNS your Nodes are in,

but sadly without the time,  
you will miss out on which  
HOUSES your Nodes are in  
as the time sets the Houses.

*If that's confusing, no worries!  
We'll be going more into Signs and Houses in the next few pages.*

## Pulling Up Your Birth Chart

**Step 1** - Go to [www.astro.com](http://www.astro.com)

**Step 2** - Click on the **Free Horoscopes** tab, scroll down to the *Drawings and Calculations* section, and then finally,

Click on the **Extended Chart Selection** option.  
It looks like this:



The screenshot shows the website www.astro.com with the user name Veronica Smith. The navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Free Horoscopes', 'Astro Shop', 'All about Astrology', and 'Contact'. The 'FREE HOROSCOPES' section is active, displaying a grid of options. The 'Extended Chart Selection' option is highlighted with a yellow box.

FREE HOROSCOPES		
Horoscopes at a glance	Color Horoscope	AstroClick Love
<b>Family Horoscope</b>	Color Oracle	AstroClick Partner
Personal Daily Horoscope	<b>Horoscopes by Liz Greene</b>	<b>Sunsign Horoscopes</b>
Love Horoscope	Psychological Horoscope	Weekly Horoscope
Celestial Events	Career & Vocation	Astrology for Lovers
<b>Port Horoscopes</b>	Relationship Horoscope	<b>Drawings &amp; Calculations</b>
Personal Portrait	The Child's Horoscope	Natal Chart, Ascendant
Port Report Partner	Yearly Horoscope Analysis	<b>Extended Chart Selection</b>
Love, Flirtation & Sex	Astrology for Lovers	Create an Ephemeris

**Step 3** - If this is your first time on astro.com then it will right away send you to the

### Birth Data Entry page

which looks like this:



The screenshot shows the 'Birth Data Entry' page on astro.com. The page has a blue header with the 'ASTRO DIENST' logo and the website URL 'www.astro.com'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'Free Horoscopes', 'Astro Shop', 'All about Astrology', and 'Contact'. The main content area is titled 'Birth Data Entry' and contains a form with the following fields:

- first name:
- last name:  (optional)
- gender:  female  male  event/other
- birthday:  March  year
- hour:  9 (am)  min
- birth town:  Fort Wayne, IN (US) - Indiana, 41n08, 85w08 [other town](#)

Below the form is a link to 'show / hide extended settings'. At the bottom of the page, there is a yellow bar with the text 'please, click "continue" button once done' and a blue 'continue' button, which is circled in red.

**Step 4** - When you hit **continue** it will then send you to the

### Extended Chart Selection page.



**Step 5** - On this **EXTENDED CHART SELECTION** page you'll first want to change the House System to **WHOLE SIGN**.

If you are new to Astrology,  
I strongly suggest starting out with  
reading your Chart in Whole Sign.

**Not only is it the easiest system to read,  
but in all my years of practicing Astrology,  
I have also found it to be the most accurate.**

*But if you prefer another House System,  
then pick your preferred one.*

**Step 6** - Then on this same **EXTENDED CHART SELECTION** page, scroll down to the **Calculation Options** section,

and check the boxes next to  
**True Node** and **Descending Node**.

*Changing the House System and Calculation Options  
looks like this:*

### Extended Chart Selection

**Birth data**

Horoscope for:

Partner:

**Sections** **Round** Special Ephemeris Pullen/Astrolog

Chart type:

Chart drawing style:

Start date (for charts marked with \*)

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**Options for zodiac and houses**

House System:

- default
- Placidus
- Koch
- Campanus
- Regiomontanus
- equal
- equal (midheaven)
- Vehlow
- whole signs**
- whole (1=Aries)
- Meridian
- Porphyry
- Alcabitius
- Krusinski-Pisa-Goelzer
- Azimuth
- Morinus
- Polich-Page
- APC
- Pullen SD (Neo-Porphyry)
- Pullen SR

Zodiac:  Tropical  Sidereal  Draconic  
 Geocentric  Heliocentric  
 topocentric positions  
 without light-time correction

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**Default settings**

Standard drawing:

Reference place:

Reset the form:

**Display and calcul...**

**Calculation options**

- True Node
- Mean Node
- Descending Node
- day formula for Pars...

**Miscellaneous**

- 6 fixed stars in zodia...

**Progressions**

**additional astrology options**

- Uranus - Pluto off
- traditional decans
- Chaldean decans
- Manilius decans
- Egyptian terms
- Ptolemaean terms
- Chaldaean terms

**Aspects**

- to Chiron
- to lunar node and eclipses
- to all objects
- draw no aspect lines
- only major aspects (0,180,90,120,60°)
- quintiles/biquintiles (72°, 144°)
- semisquare/sesquiquares (45°, 135°)
- add orb table in "additional tables"

% Reduce/increase orbs

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**Step 7** - When you've done all that, then hit the **Click here to show the chart** button, *And presto! You now have your Natal Chart!*

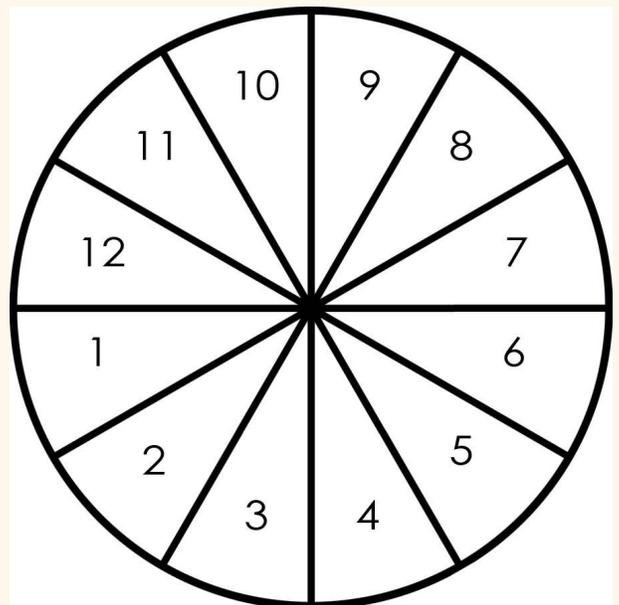
**Now it's time to locate the North and South Node  
in Your own unique Chart!**

The North Node glyph looks like a pair of headphones, and the South Node glyph looks exactly the same only upside down. They will always be exactly opposing each other.

**The Sign Glyphs are located in the yellow outer ring,  
and the House 'pie chunks' are numbered around  
the center point of the Chart.**

Below are the Glyphs for all 12 Signs,  
and the numbered 'pie chunks' for all 12 Houses.

<b>Aries</b> ♈	<b>Leo</b> ♌	<b>Sagittarius</b> ♐
<b>Taurus</b> ♉	<b>Virgo</b> ♍	<b>Capricorn</b> ♑
<b>Gemini</b> ♊	<b>Libra</b> ♎	<b>Aquarius</b> ♒
<b>Cancer</b> ♋	<b>Scorpio</b> ♏	<b>Pisces</b> ♓

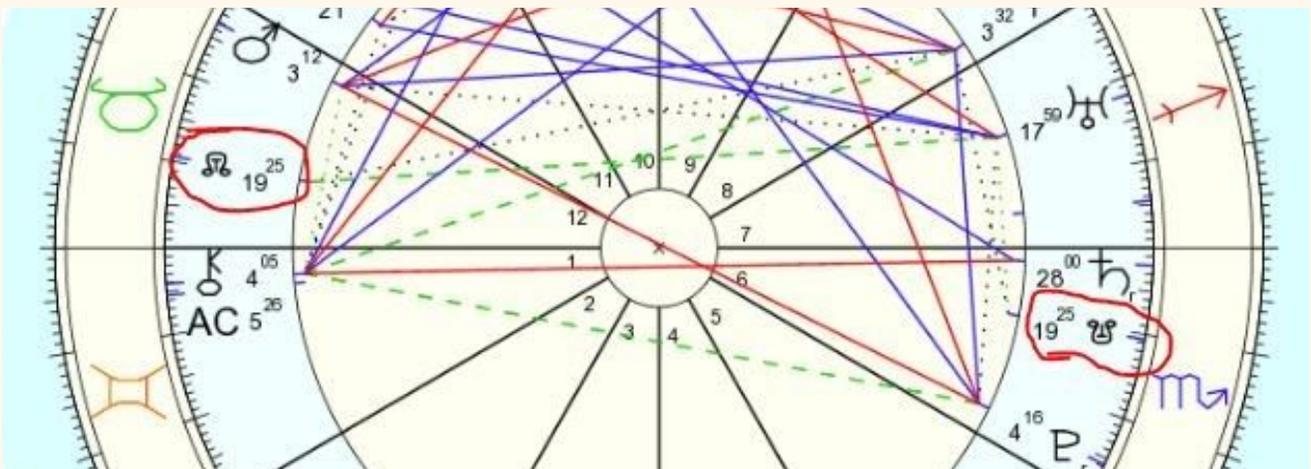


Now find which Sign and House your North Node is in, and write those two things down.

Then find which Sign and House your South Node is in, and write those 2 things down.

<p>South Node</p>  <p>(House) _____</p> <p>(Sign) _____</p>	<p>North Node</p>  <p>(House) _____</p> <p>(Sign) _____</p>
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To give an example of what this looks like, in the Chart below this person has their **South Node** in Scorpio in the 6th House, and their **North Node** in Taurus in the the 12th House.



## Key Phrases for Sign Placements

*Below is a list of 'true essence' decodings for each Sign that you will soon use to discover your unique astrological SOUL MISSION.*

### Signs

- ♈ **Aries** – Confidently being my independent self
- ♉ **Taurus** – Working hard to acquire the pleasures of life and build a comfortable life for myself
- ♊ **Gemini** – Endlessly learning new things by being curious about the world around me
- ♋ **Cancer** – Using my emotional sensitivities to nurture and protect those closest to me
- ♌ **Leo** – Passionately expressing my heart's desires and being the 'star of the show'
- ♍ **Virgo** – Bringing order to chaos and figuring out the details of how to make things work
- ♎ **Libra** – Balancing my needs with the needs of others in a harmonious and diplomatic way
- ♏ **Scorpio** – Diving into the shadows to uncover what deeper meaning lies beneath the surface
- ♐ **Sagittarius** – Finding true meaning and wisdom by exploring life to its fullest
- ♑ **Capricorn** – Taking control of my life and pushing myself / others to accomplish great things
- ♒ **Aquarius** – Inspiring others with my unique 'Big Picture' ideals of what collectively could be
- ♓ **Pisces** – Merging back into the oneness and finding compassion for all who cross my path



## Key Phrases for House Placements

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### Houses

**1<sup>st</sup> House** – Knowing who I am

**2<sup>nd</sup> House** – Being able to fully support myself and stand strong in my values

**3<sup>rd</sup> House** – Communicating with others and appreciating 'my little corner of the world'

**4<sup>th</sup> House** – Creating a safe, cozy home and solid roots for myself

**5<sup>th</sup> House** – Focusing on expressing what 'lights me up' to its fullest and having fun!

**6<sup>th</sup> House** – Taking ownership of and organizing the details of life by creating healthy routines

**7<sup>th</sup> House** – Finding harmony with others and being in partnership

**8<sup>th</sup> House** – Letting my ego die and trusting others to transform me into something more powerful than I was alone

**9<sup>th</sup> House** – Discovering my own truths by going out into the world and seeing 'what else is out there'

**10<sup>th</sup> House** – Making my mark on the world by being a mature leader others look up to

**11<sup>th</sup> House** – Finding a community of like minded souls who share my hopes, dreams and 'Big Picture' goals

**12<sup>th</sup> House** – Healing what lies in my subconscious by letting go and trusting that 'all is well and unfolding as it should'



Now find the House and Sign phrases of your own unique South Node, and the House and Sign phrases of your own unique North Node

**To discover your unique astrological SOUL MISSION,**  
With the following **Karmic Purpose Mad Libs** Exercise.

<b>South Node</b> ♎	<b>North Node</b> ♏
(House #) _____	(House #) _____
(Sign Glyph) _____	(Sign Glyph) _____

**Fill in the Below Sentence to Find Out Your Karmic Purpose**

**“I came into this life having an innate talent ( ♎ ) for**  
(*South Node’s House Phrase*)

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**through** (*South Node’s Sign Phrase*)

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**but now am learning how to evolve into my untapped talents ( ♏ ) of**  
(*North Node’s House Phrase*)

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**through** (*North Node’s Sign Phrase*)

\_\_\_\_\_

**so as to fulfill my soul’s Karmic Purpose.”**



***So what new talents are you growing into in this lifetime?***

By knowing the answer to  
***'What is my SOUL MISSION?'***

You can now use this information as a guide  
**to help you stay aligned and empowered,**  
even when the path before you seems uncertain.

Simply ask each new situation,

***'Which option is more in alignment with my Soul Mission?'***

I hope you enjoyed my *Karmic Purpose Mad Libs* Exercise!

***Want to learn more Astrological Wisdom in my playful style?***

*Read on....*



*If you have a weekend free....*

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