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**The Nodes: An Axis of Priorities - An Intro to Vocational Astrology**  
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**Knowledge Level:** Intermediate - requires basic knowledge of traditional astrological concepts and terminology/jargon.

**Lecturer Bio:** Deja Lewis-Nwlaipenja (she/her/hers) is a Philadelphia-based, traditional astrologer helping people find inspiration using astrology. She serves as Social Media Manager on the Board of the Association of Young Astrologers (AYA), works as a content creator for CUSP, and is the co-creator of [Zodiac Buzzed](#). [Learn more about Deja Lewis-Nwlaipenja on her website.](#)

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**Introduction to Vocational Astrology & The Lunar Nodes (00:00 - 27:35)**

Lewis-Nwlaipenja stated that, while the Midheaven shows our achievements, the nodes and nodal axis show important information about one's calling. The nodes are important to vocational astrology because they tell us where eclipses occur and they call us to find reconciliation between their energies. In natal astrology this axis can feel like a calling, she said, but that isn't necessarily a signification for the type of career a person will have.

Citing Dawn Mountain Press, she stated that, "A vocation is an intrinsically rewarding activity that we want to pursue whether or not we earn money or recognition for it."

Lewis-Nwlaipenja walked the audience through significations and other names for the North Node and South Node then shared the story of the nodes from the Vedic tradition. In essence, the North Node is a place of material increase and activity in the chart, and the South Node is a place of material decrease and release. In her interpretation of the myth of the nodal axis (and all elements of astrology), we should approach the stories with reverence and remember that we must give ourselves time to learn how to reconcile the energetic hunger and release of the nodes.



## **Balancing Our Material and Spiritual Priorities (27:36 - 49:07)**

Lewis-Nwlaipenja asserted that, in meditating and sitting with the energy of our natal South Node, there is an opportunity to bring the calling of the North Node to fruition without allowing it to have an inflated amount of importance over the course of our lives. Our role is to figure out the relationship between the nodal polarities (by sign and house position) to gain a clear sense of our priorities. She then walked through basic significations of the nodes in each house axis:

- First House/Seventh House axis calls the native to balance our independence and autonomy with interdependence and our relationships with others
- Second House/Eighth House axis requires us to balance self-sufficiency and what belongs to you with support from others and what support they offer to you
- Third House/Ninth House axis shows that we need to balance essentials and short-term problems with grander, long-term visions
- Fourth House/Tenth House axis calls for balance in recognizing achievement and our private life
- Fifth House/Eleventh House axis requires the native to learn to prioritize what we create and who we share those creations with
- Sixth House/Twelfth House axis shows where we should balance our physical wellbeing and environment with our spiritual needs


## **Activations of the Nodal Axis and Relevance in Your Chart (49:08 - 53:57)**

She mentioned three types of transits that activate the lunar nodes throughout our lives:

- Nodal Reversals occur when the nodes are in the opposite position as they are in the natal chart. This occurs at ages 9, 27, and 45. This activation asks whether we are paying attention to the correct priorities
- Nodal Squares happen when we're 23. During this time, we may be confused about what priorities we should have.
- Nodal Returns occur at ages 18, 36, and 54. They ask us whether our priorities need a reset.

Lewis-Nwlaipenja stated that the nodal axis is most relevant for a natal chart under three conditions:

- They are in an angular house (1, 4, 7, 10)
- They are conjunct natal planets, especially the luminaries (Sun and Moon)
- The querent is born during or right after an eclipse



### **The Bendings (53:58 - 56:23)**

The bendings are points square to the nodal axis that indicate areas of confusion and uncertainty about which side of the axis to prioritize. These points occur in the opposite modalities of our natal nodal placements.

Lewis-Nwlaipenja advised attendees to look at their own natal lunar nodes and their bendings, their house placement, and the traditional planetary ruler of those houses to identify whether those are areas of life that have been marked by uncertainty.

**Archivist's Note:** Fresh Voices in Astrology ceased operations in 2022 so this lecture is no longer available for purchase on their website. Please reach out to Deja Lewis-Nwlaipenja to order a recording of the lecture and learn additional significations for the nodes, hear audience questions, and review sample charts.

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