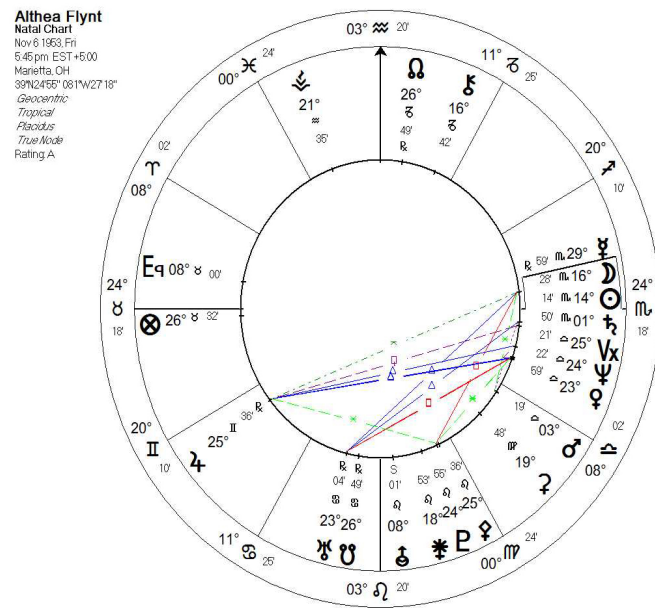


### THE NODES SQUARE THE VERTEX

Celeste Teal noted that individuals with the Nodes square the Vertex can experience a major health issue. There can be a battle with drugs, trauma, tragedy, premature death in infancy, a hereditary health disorder, or a handicap to overcome. She also found that the ruler of the Nodes square the Vertex has a similar effect.

The Nodes square the Vertex can be seen in the chart of Althea Flynt, former wife of Larry Flynt.<sup>4</sup>



“Althea Flynt (November 6, 1953 - June 27, 1987), née Leasure, was the fourth wife of Larry Flynt and the co-publisher of Flynt’s adult magazine, *Hustler*.

...Althea and her three sisters, Sherry, Debbie, and Marsha, and one brother, Richard, came from an abusive home. When Althea was eight, her father Richard shot her mother June and grandfather dead, then fatally shot himself...Althea was put into an orphanage, where she remained until she ran away as a teenager...

Althea was bisexual. She met Larry at age 17 in 1971, when she applied for a job as a stripper at his club in Columbus, Ohio. They were married on August 21, 1976. Althea was *Hustler*’s first

life-size centerfold, and she was involved with the management and publication of the magazine throughout her 11-year marriage; she continued to run the magazine and kept it afloat during Larry’s brief return to religion in 1977.

Althea began using the drugs that Larry was prescribed for pain after he was shot in 1978, and developed an addiction. She was diagnosed with AIDS in 1983; Flynt claims that she contracted the disease from a blood transfusion during a hysterectomy, and that she always used clean needles when using drugs.

Althea died aged 33 when she drowned at the couple’s Bel-Air mansion in Los Angeles, California on June 27, 1987. According to reports, she passed out from an overdose and drowned in the bathtub. Flynt, however, states that by that point she was in the advanced stages of AIDS and would have died within that year, regardless...”<sup>5</sup>

Althea fits the description Teal gives of the Nodes square the Vertex which includes a major health issue, battles with drugs, a trauma and tragedy,. We will examine her chart again when we look at planets conjunct the Nodes. Note also that Linda McCartney had the Nodes square her Vertex. She experienced a major health issues and died prematurely.

### THE NODES AND BODY HEIGHT

Both Judith Hill and Celeste Teal feel that the Nodes of the Moon can influence height. Grebner finds that the South Node conjunct the Ascendant can describe someone very short or very tall—they are seldom average in height.

The North Node on the Ascendant or in the first house can increase height. Also, if either of the Nodes are overhead in the chart it could indicate an increase in height. Teal felt that the North Node tends to tall and lean the closer it is to the Ascendant. The South Node, on the other hand, tends to short and stocky—the closer to the Ascendant being stronger. Height could be decreased with South Node on Ascendant or overhead. Planets aspecting the Nodes can impact this.

The following is the chart of actor Danny Devito. The South Node falls in his first house which could have had an effect