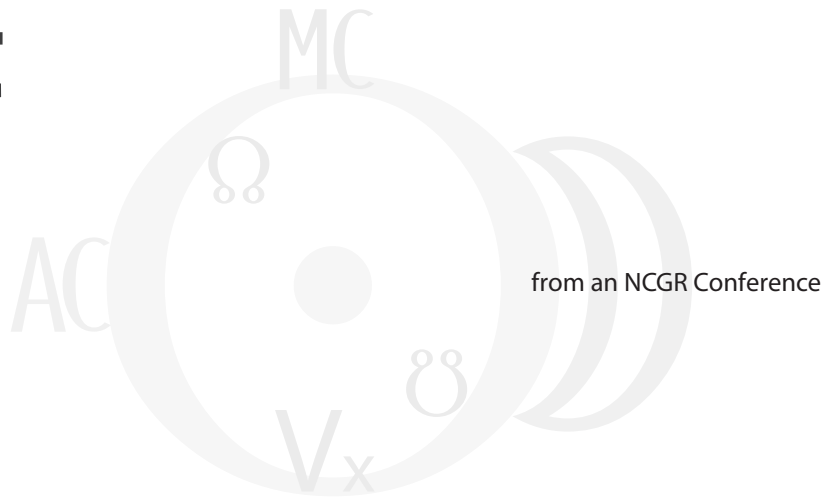


# *Sensitive* points in the **Chart**

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This lecture is geared toward beginners and advanced students to help you understand the sensitive points in the natal chart. These points are: the Ascendant, Midheaven, the Sun, the Moon, the Nodes and the Vertex.

The information on the Nodes and the Vertex is more advanced, but I am going to make it as simple as possible in terms of the Sun, the Moon, the Ascendant and the MC. It is impossible to simplify everything in astrology. The lecture is called “The Sensitive Points in the Chart.” These points are considered sensitive, but you can also refer to them as personal points. To a large extent, these points are personally descriptive as they are based on the moment of birth.

Whereas the Sun can be in the same degree for a day and the Moon for two hours, the points that move the quickest are the most sensitive and personal in the chart. Because these points move very quickly they help to distinguish one birth chart from another and one person from another. Somebody born four minutes before or after you can have a different emphasis in their chart from yours. This becomes more obvious when you get into advanced astrology and the study of harmonics and midpoints. It sometimes explains the difference in the lives of twins. Every minute in a chart can make a difference.

Now the outer planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto and/or Saturn have a strong influence in your life when they are in aspect with one of these personal points—the Sun, Moon, Ascendant, MC or the Vertex. I am not calling the North Node of the Moon a personal point but it is a sensitive point in the chart. We will discuss its influence later on.

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- Libra: can't be alone
- Scorpio: spiteful and sarcastic
- Sagittarius: know-it-all
- Capricorn: pompous, arrogant
- Aquarius: eccentric and rebellious
- Pisces: feels sorry for self, persecution complex

We fall back on these negative qualities when we are not manifesting the positive—which is the North Node—or the negative qualities could be expressed when there are hard aspects to the Nodes. In *The Node Book* by Zipporah Dobyns she describes karmic lessons we have to go through based on the placement of the Nodes. This can include either the sign placement or the house placement of the Nodes. For example, the meanings for Aries-Libra are similar to the Nodes in Libra or the seventh house. Aries is the natural first house so that is where you get “1.” Libra is the natural seventh house so that is where you get “7.” If you have your Nodes either in Aries or Libra or in the first or seventh houses, you may experience the following:

- *Aries-Libra or first-seventh house Nodes:*

Self-will—Aries, first house—and personal freedom against limitations accepted in order to have relationships—Libra, 7th house—with others

So you have to go through lessons where you have to give up certain freedoms in order to have relationships if you have a 1-7 or an Aries-Libra nodal connection. There could be a need to resolve the self-other tension, and there can be delaying and separating tendencies in the area of partnership. The separating can be due to the fact that the Nodes are always opposite each other; hence a separative aspect.

Now, if you have Taurus-Scorpio, or second-eighth house nodal placements—of course you have to blend all this information as most of us have the Nodes in one sign falling in different houses than that sign relates to—it can indicate a perpetual battle in the area of finances and possessions, a sensuality between partners, whether legalized or not, or there can be an internal battle of the appetite. It can be alternately overeating or dieting, smoking or trying to give it up, drinking or abstaining, spending money or trying not to spend, etcetera. This is the conflict with Taurus-Scorpio or second and eighth house nodal placements.

Gemini-Sagittarius or third-ninth house Nodes. A challenge between mental capacity and the area of faith, values and

goals. It can indicate constant mental activity, the potential for much travel, sometimes major involvement with relatives. There can be an urge to gain knowledge and give it to others. It can indicate chronic anxiety or dissatisfaction from unrealized goals.

AUDIENCE: *How do you differentiate between having the North Node in the third or the North Node in the ninth houses?*

DC: It depends on what signs you are talking about but try to think of what the house means. The third house has more to do with the lower mind, the ninth house with the higher mind. So it will have to do with the house combined with the signs. Whatever house the North Node is in will have the South Node in the opposite house. Again, you are trying to develop the sign and house of your North Node and avoid the habitual responses of the South Node.

AUDIENCE: *I have the Nodes in Aries and Libra in the third and ninth houses. The North Node is Libra.*

DC: You would have to study the chart as a whole and then incorporate the meaning with the Nodes. You would also study the aspects to the Nodes, so I can't answer a question like that without studying your chart as a whole. But maybe with your North Node in Libra in the third house you are intellectualizing too much or rationalizing your feelings in close relationships. You need to allow your true feelings to come through. I'm thinking of Libra which has to do with relationships falling in a mental house so there could be issues of mental freedom and relationships, or it could just mean to get in touch with your feelings on this. Again, I don't know your chart so this type of answer doesn't have a lot of meaning without studying the whole chart.

Cancer-Capricorn or fourth and tenth house Nodes can indicate a tension in the early home between the parents; it can be a power struggle on some level—power and success at odds with the neglect of the home for status. So you have home versus profession with Cancer-Capricorn or the fourth and tenth houses. Polarity of dependency/dominance or a need for emotional closeness versus the drive for power which also could be motivated by security needs. So that is the lesson of this polarity.

AUDIENCE: *What is the Capricorn influence?*

DC: Capricorn would be the power part, and Cancer would be the dependency part—home versus profession has to be resolved. Leo-Aquarius or fifth and eleventh house Nodes indicates a polar tension in the areas of romance and friendship. The separating action of the Nodes tends to delay a permanent love relationship and procreation. So it could