

ADDRESS TO THE ASTROLOGY BUFF CLUB

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So what do most of us do to get a truer picture of a person, to really evaluate them astrologically? We erect a personal chart based on the exact time and place of birth. This rather complicated astronomical procedure gives us a Natal Horoscope from which we are able to determine the characteristics, personality traits, talents, potentials and disposition a person is born with. In making our judgement we of course consider the Sun, Moon and the other eight planets, the Ascendant, the Midheaven, the rulers, the houses, the aspects. By using all of these measures we get a very good indication of what a person is like, how ambitious they are, how money or career oriented, if they had a good home life or hated their parents, if they should be bookkeepers or become opera singers. In other words, the 10 planets, 12 signs of the Zodiac and 12 houses correctly calculated and correctly interpreted give us all we need for a concrete, practical and down to earth analysis.

But, and to me this is a great BUT, there are some deeper, hidden personality traits - call them inherited, subconscious, unconscious or karmic - as you wish. Yet these deep and hidden feelings and emotions are very important. They can give you a clue where a person might need help, what direction they subconsciously wish to take. Are they involved in the

personal and material life and want nothing else, or do they hope to evolve onto a higher plane of consciousness. That is why some astrologers, notably Dane Rudhyar and Isabel Hickey put great importance on the Nodes of the Moon and some of the Arabic Points.

As Dane Rudhyar says: "MAN SHOULD BE THE HARMONIZER OF THE FORCES OF HIS DESTINY - THE BUILDER OF THE 'TEMPLE OF SOLOMON'". Yet how can we grow unless we know the nature of the energies we have to deal with. Astrology should help us see, at least intellectually, the vision of our archetypal form - how to help us balance inner and outer emotions, integrate evolvment with day to day living, reconcile the ego with the ID.

The lunar nodes are points where the Moon crosses the path of the Earth around the Sun. the ecliptic. The North Node, also called the Dragon's Head, traditionally is endowed with some of the Jupiter-Venus attributes. It is the point where you receive or take in. The South Node or Dragon's Tail traditionally has Saturn-Mars qualities and is the point where you expend or give out.

Now let's take this a step further. It is basically easier to give than to take. To give makes us feel big, good and even important. To take can make us feel insignificant, ill at ease. As the old saying goes. "Nobody likes the rich uncle". It can be hard to accept graciously, to say 'Thank you'. So what do most of us do - we take the easier way out, the way of the South Node. That is where we feel at home, the area we take refuge in. Yet we should strive to work in those house and sign matters where the North Node is located.

The Moon rules the subconscious and the emotions, thus the Nodes are emotional and subconscious points in a horoscope. Isabel Hickey states that the South Node has to do with the subconscious pattern of the past whereas the North Node represents the new conscious patterns to be unfolded. When we cling to the past and refuse to go into the future we retard our growth and development. The North Node represents new work to be done, new faculties to be developed. The South Node is the line of least resistance and operates with ease because it has become an established pattern, like a comfortable old shoe. The North Node is the challenge, the point of spiritual fulfillment. So it is quite enlightening to look at a horoscope and see what house and sign the Nodes fall in and what aspects they make.

If for example your South Node is in the 4th house and your North Node in the 10th, your past tendencies were those of living a quiet life in a withdrawn manner. Now you must learn to come out into the limelight, come

face to face with people. You should find fulfillment in a career and overcome your subconscious desire to retreat.

But if on the other hand your South Node is in the 3rd house and your North Node in the 9th, you probably put too much emphasis on the mind and not enough on the superconscious. You need to develop a philosophy, an ideal, faith and devotion to balance your tendency towards intellectuality. Travel would also broaden your outlook - while it might be advisable to stay away from relatives that could prove troublesome. (Maybe that's why you should travel??)

When interpreting the Nodes, also consider those planets that are close or in conjunction. Some astrologers feel that planets near the North Node show the qualities to be developed in this life-time, while those close to the South Node indicate qualities developed in past lives. These later qualities are now habitual and therefore require little effort to bring into play. Some astrologers, notably Ronald C. Davison, feel that the planets between the North Node and the South Node, in the order as they fall, show the new faculties which should be developed, whereas those between the South Node and the North Node, the opposite hemisphere, indicate again the workings of past tendencies.

And of course, as always in Astrology, you should not only consult the houses the Nodes are placed in, but also the signs, the rulers and the aspects.

We have briefly talked about the Lunar Nodes. Now what about the Arabic Points or Arabic Parts? The principal is basically the same. The Nodes, as we previously said, are the point where the path of the Moon intersects the path of the Earth around the Sun. Thus the Nodes are interconnected to the Moon and the Sun, the 2 luminaries representing the most integral part of any horoscope, namely your individuality or inner personality and your subconscious and emotional personality. Any planet or point aspecting the luminaries will be of essential as well as instinctive significance.

There are many Arabic Parts, but 2 of the most important ones are figured by using the Sun and Moon and Ascendant relationship, giving you that same interconnection to the luminaries and adding one more dimension, namely your Ascendant.

NOW DO KEEP IN MIND THAT ARABIC PARTS ALL USE THE ASCENDANT AS PART OF THEIR CALCULATIONS AND YOU MUST HAVE THE EXACT TIME OF BIRTH IN ORDER TO FIGURE THEM.

The one Arabic Part most of you will be familiar with is the Part of

Fortune or Pars Fortuna. The formula is Ascendant plus Moon minus Sun. The traditional interpretation is exactly what the name implies, a fortunate point where you can reap earthly benefits. That is the traditional interpretation. Many astrologers don't use the Part of Fortune at all, and I really can't blame them - with this limited interpretation, who needs it!

But let's think logically and at the same time dig a little deeper. The Sun is our growth potential, the 'Reaching out for Life' force that fire brings with it. Remember that the Sun rules fiery Leo. The Moon on the other hand is our emotional subconscious, it is water and water is the primary element of the past, the absorption of that which was. Remember the Moon rules watery Cancer. But the Ascendant is the personality you represent in this life-time, your own personal action, the here and now. Thus the Part of Fortune suddenly takes on a new meaning. Remember the formula - Ascendant plus Moon minus Sun. If the Sun is our growth potential for the future and we subtract it, we remain with that which is already in us, namely our personal past or that which is deeply ingrained in our nature or inherited.

Now let's reverse this procedure. Ascendant plus Sun minus Moon. That is the formula for the Part of Spirit. We now have taken our personality in this life, the Ascendant, added to it the Sun, our growth potential and life giving force and subtracted from it the Moon, our subconscious past. Thus we would interpret the Part of Spirit as our personal future, or that point in the chart that represents the highest ideal we should work toward - not so much on a material plane but on a spiritual, philosophical or esoteric level.

Thus, similar to the South and North Node, the Part of Fortune is where we have been and subconsciously feel happy at while the Part of Spirit is where we should go. When interpreting the Arabic Parts, again look not only for the house positions, but also signs and aspects. The placement will indicate the personal adjustment necessary in order to bring about illumination. The planets in closest aspect will show which attributes of character need work on, whereas the house position will show the area the person feels happiest in, the the area to strive for to fulfill our Karma or destiny in this lifetime.

There is one more Arabic Part I find extremely useful. In fact it is one originally taught to me by Irma Norman. It is called the Web. The Web's formula is Ascendant plus Neptune minus Sun, and it shows where a person is trapped or 'caught in a web', again mostly out of past tendencies using the same reasoning process as before. But here is where Astrology

can be so helpful - the Web is a trap from which you can extricate yourself, once you know where you are trapped.

Of course, as always, we look for the aspects to truly delineate, but the most important interpretation of the Web is the house position. Web in the 10th - you are trapped by your career ambitions or your hunger for power. Web in the 6th - you are trapped by health or diet hang-ups, or you might be a real hypochondriac or maybe you've fallen slave to your own habit pattern. Web in the 5th - too much speculating? too much 'fun and games'? A few love affairs too many? Etc. and so on.

Could we find all these interpretations without Nodes, without Arabic Parts??Probably some of them, definitely those affecting the day to day, concrete, earthbound facts of life. But any one of you who wishes to probe just a little bit deeper into the psyche, who wants to uncover some of the subconscious and more spiritual attitudes, attitudes the subject himself is often not aware of - try working with the Nodes and some of the Arabic Parts and you will be gratified by the results.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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The Part of Fortune has to do with the subconscious patterns of the past, it's where we have been and where we subconsciously feel at home and happy. Yet if we cling to the past and refuse to face the future, we retard our growth and thwart any possible evolution. That is why we should look for the Part of Spirit. It represents the new conscious patterns to be unfolded and is the direction we should seek if we wish to develop our highest potentials.

When interpreting the arabic parts, look not only for house positions but also the signs, the rulers and the aspects. In aspecting, remember that you are dealing with "points" or "parts", not planets, thus the orb should be fairly tight. I rarely give more than a 3° orb. The placement of the parts will indicate the personal adjustment necessary in order to bring about illumination. The planets in closest aspect to the Part of Spirit will show which attributes of character need work on whereas those in closest aspect to the Part of Fortune indicate qualities developed in the past. The house position will show the area the person subconsciously feels happiest in and the area to strive for to fulfill our karma or destiny in this lifetime.

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Symbols for the Arabic Parts mentioned in the article:

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The Web	-	≡