

The Lunar Nodes from Aries and Libra to Pisces and Virgo in 2025

The shift of the Lunar North Node into Pisces occurs on January 11, 2025 and the approximate 18-month cycle ends in late July 2026. The fact that the Lunar Nodes will change signs from Aries and Libra to Pisces and Virgo adds ironic complexity to the plot. While Aries is the 'first' sign of new beginnings and pioneering initiatives, Pisces is the 'twelfth' or last sign.

Among the most significant processes of change this year is that of the Lunar Nodes from Aries-Libra to Pisces-Virgo! The Aries-Libra axis had a lot to do with bringing more definition to our individuality and needs for independence. The Aries impulse tends to be straightforward and matter-of-fact.

Pisces, on the other hand is everything but straightforward. This is one of the reasons that the Fishes are often depicted as swimming in opposite directions. It reminds us that we are both personality and soul. Pisces is about accessing the deeper reaches of our being; breaking rigid patterns and remembering that beneath the day to day drama there rests the inner being and purpose of our life.

Where Aries is about new beginnings and pioneering initiatives, Pisces is symbolic of dreams, imagination, idealism and mysticism, among its more positive attributes. Negatively, Pisces symbolizes illusions, delusions, denials, escapism, addictions and a general mode of rejection of materiality and practicality.

So, the shift of this complex process is especially noteworthy when it is from 1 to 12, from the alpha to the omega, without the natural, cyclic process that would otherwise occur as with Aries to Taurus, then Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius or the 11th sign and then Pisces in the 12th position. Explaining the shift is confusing enough and experiencing it even more so.

As paradoxical as it may seem, the progressing of the Nodes is counter to the direction of the Natural Zodiac. It can perhaps be described as a mode of involution within the evolution. Interestingly, this is also true of the Astrological Ages, as with Pisces, the 12th Sign, yielding to Aquarius, the 11th sign... In any case, it is just the way it is and it was no some obscure invention by ancient astrologers. In fact, it is an awkward and cumbersome fact that, from a logistical perspective, lends a whole other level of complexity to the already specialized model and paradigm within which astrology is categorized.

Brief Background on the Lunar Nodes

The Lunar Nodes are not actual celestial bodies. They mark points where the Moon in its orbital cycle crosses the plane of the ecliptic, the apparent path of the Sun. These points are symbolic of some of the more esoteric in Astrology and refer to themes associated with the evolution of the soul.

The South Node symbolizes accumulated experiences and associated wisdom of the past, while the North Node symbolizes the new and points in the direction we are destined and meant to go. The Lunar Nodes in our Birth Charts are interpreted somewhat differently than those as transiting points, as is true of all the planets. So, in their transit cycle processes which aptly amount to approximately 18.5-month periods for each sign pair, and approximately 18.5 years for the entire cycle of the Zodiac (aptly revealing a fractal ratio) reveals collective themes and orientations. In both cases, as Natal Chart factors and by transit, the planets that rule the signs involved play key roles.

The North and South Node of the Moon are mythically likened to a great celestial serpent with a head and a tail. Like the serpent constellation Draco, but unique unto itself, the Moon's Nodal Axis indicates an evolutionary pathway – one that winds, writhes and turns, along a transformational pathway and reveals a process akin to the snake periodically shedding its old skin, effectively revealing a new one. As well, like a snakes-and-ladder game board, the Lunar Nodes suggest that all paths provide experiences, tests and lessons that must be passed, sooner or later.... One must have a sense of the spiritual, evolutionary journey that life in the material dimensions implies.

It is common to forget these deeper truths as the pressures and pleasures of our physical embodiment consume our perspectives and beliefs. Yet, in light of the end of our relatively temporary journeys, it is also common to return to a spiritual perspective, often amounting to too little and too late, at least in terms of consciously living in alignment with a deeper evolutionary plan, the deeper roots of which include authentic expressions and engagements, as opposed to conditioned values and attitudes, and to meaningful contributions to the greater collective, as opposed to relatively selfish pursuits that seldom venture beyond the parameters of our own families, interests and ambitions. Yet, even these probabilities are part of the plan, the process of which implies stages, like grade levels in school from pre-school to doctorate level studies, the higher levels symbolizing more meaningful and relevant contributions, while the lower levels suggest unapologetic oblivion beyond one's own interests and appetites, or even entitled expectation.

The Lunar North Node in Pisces

In simpler terms, this Nodal Axis shift into Pisces implies a soul searching time for us all. At worst, especially in our materialistic age, this could prove confusion and even cause some to

feel despair. This is especially true with Saturn in Pisces which is where it will be for the better part of this 18-month cycle that begins in January 2025. Because Pisces symbolizes the mysteries of our deeper psyche, of our subconscious, it symbolizes the challenge of navigating complex waters. Moreover, a process of disintegration is implied. During this cycle, life will feel less solid and stable pushing us to be emotionally-centered, faithful and patient.

This should alert the aware to the importance of this time of spiritual activation and awakening. Come on you light workers, activate your full leadership potential now. To work best with the North Node in Pisces, the wise will turn within to meditate, contemplate and find refuge in the deeper reaches of the heart and soul. Learning to follow inner guidance takes practice yet can prove rewarding and liberating. The North Node in Pisces will push us all to align with our soul power!

Positively, the Lunar North Node in Pisces will serve to remind us all of these higher realities of life. In light of the reality of which A.I. is encroaching on us all, this orientation comes none too soon.

The Aries-Libra Lunar Node axis has a lot to do with bringing more definition to our individuality and needs for independence. It is apt that the historic come back by the Republican Party led by controversial, love-him-or-hate-him Donald Trump, activating an unprecedented reversal of the political order occurred in the United States while the North Node of the Moon was in Aries with Mars in Leo, the sign of heroism, and the Sun in Scorpio, the sign of transformations, and death and rebirth. That the victory was probably achieved by way of new coalitions between Democrats and Republicans revealing a bi-partisan, team spirit aligned well with the already germinated soils of Pluto in Aquarius and clear and strong mandate of common sense aspirations to address the struggling economy and declining value of the US dollar, as top priorities.

The Pisces-Virgo Nodal axis brings with it another form of challenge. While Aries is strongly inclined to be straightforward and matter-of-fact, Pisces on the other hand, (of itself, in terms of its archetypal themes, and not specifically referring to people whose Sun or Moon in Pisces) is everything but straightforward. This is one of the reasons that the Fishes of Pisces are often depicted as swimming in opposite directions. Among other things, this image is symbolic of the fact that we are both embodied as ego/personality and soul. Pisces and Virgo share close association with Scorpio and Taurus in terms of health and healing. So, among the more positive possibilities associated with the Pisces North Node will be a shift towards healthier lifestyles and holistic medicine and healing in general.

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of our life. In simpler terms, this Nodal Axis shift into Pisces implies a soul-searching time for us all. How timely when the world is so in need of awakening to deeper truths and higher realities. It is time we more fully awaken and save ourselves from ourselves – our delusions, confusions, deceptions, denials and our accumulated and perhaps instigated divisions – among the oldest of military tactics... The Lunar North Node in Pisces will guide us to avoid the ‘they’ reference, as Pisces reminds us that such separations are mind delusions, and redirect our thoughts and attitudes to ‘we’ or ‘us’. Pisces is a very subtle yet challenging position for the Lunar North Node since it symbolizes the mysteries of our deeper psyche, of our subconscious, thus it indicates a collective deep dive into complex waters.

Neptune entered Pisces in 2011 and we have been dealing with it ever since, such as with THE actual meaning of the term WOKE and the social and political ideals associated with it. At worst, it has produced a lot of confusion, hysteria and division, which is precisely contrary to its ideals. When Neptune enters Aries in late March through October 2026, it will trigger at least assertive, but probably also aggressive attitudes and actions associated with the realization of the many higher ideals associated with the WOKE movement, which is generally recognized as ‘far left political views and activism’. This will be further amplified with Mars difficulty placed in Cancer until April 18, and retrograde there from early January to late February.

So, Neptune shifting back and forth from Pisces to Aries throughout much of the entire Lunar Node Cycle will emphasize both the idealistic and the realistic, and the poetic and the matter-of-fact. Positively, we will arrive at a middle ground between the higher ideals worthy of our acknowledgement and our efforts as well as the practical realities that so significantly need to be addressed as the economy flounders, drug overdose casualties rise and tragic, pathetic and filthy tent cities grow larger by the day. Some will say these are the consequences of capitalism, while others will assert that it is the excesses of liberalism, while others yet look to interference from foreign enemies.

While the North Node is in Pisces, Neptune, the planet of imagination, high ideals and fluid boundaries will be strongly activated. And, especially in the early stages, The Node will be conjunct Neptune, adding gravity to the pull of the lofty ideals briefly outlined. The thing to understand about Neptune and Pisces in this regard is that the ideals envisioned and imagined can seem to be out of touch with reality and common sense.

In this regard, the principle of dreams shifts from having them to experiences that feel or seem like the confusions and non-linearity of being semi-conscious in a dream. In short, it is akin to a process of relative solidity which enters a phase of dissolution and disintegration in both figurative and literal terms. This stands to be especially true while Saturn and Neptune are in Pisces along with the Lunar north Node.

What makes Pisces so mystical is that it can be accurately understood as the sign of the 'disembodied soul, the sign of the 'life between lives', thus its mystical orientations. Pisces is also recognized as the 'reservoir sign', the sign that symbolizes the sum of the 11 other signs. Where Scorpio and the 8th House are symbolic of the transformational processes that support a greater sense of inclusion and engagement with others and society in general, Pisces symbolizes this collectivity in its more synthesized state where all such processes are not so active because the stew is more blended into a potage, as it were.

As the 12th sign, it naturally corresponds to the 12th House. The 12th House can be generally understood as the House of the subconscious mind. Negatively, the influence of Pisces can prove over-imaginative, over-idealistic, confused, inebriated and abandons all notions of common sense. In other regards, Neptune is associated with mysticism and elevated spiritual aspirations on the high end, but denial, confusion and mass deception on the low end. Many will agree that we have all been enduring this trend since Neptune entered Pisces in 2011 and it was amplified by Saturn when it entered in early March 2023. (Interestingly, just a couple of weeks later, Pluto entered Aquarius for the first time.)

Summary Overview of the North Node in Pisces / South Node Virgo:

When the North Node is in Pisces, the destiny call is to see through and beyond appearances. **From a soul level you must learn to** dissolve mental and emotional patterns which, for the sake of security, you developed. **Your destiny is to learn** that imagination and inspiration are just as important, if not more so, than logic and facts, yet these too can become over-emphasized, so discernment of the middle-ground is the ideal. **Recognize** that nature unfolds in cycles with or without intervention and successful participation in the processes of nature requires awareness, respect, cooperative adaptation and gratitude; gratitude for being a part of the drama of life, at all... **Develop** faith that life as a whole is intelligent, purposeful, creative, and loving and that the key is to attune to its rhythms to achieve communion with all that is, both within and without.

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