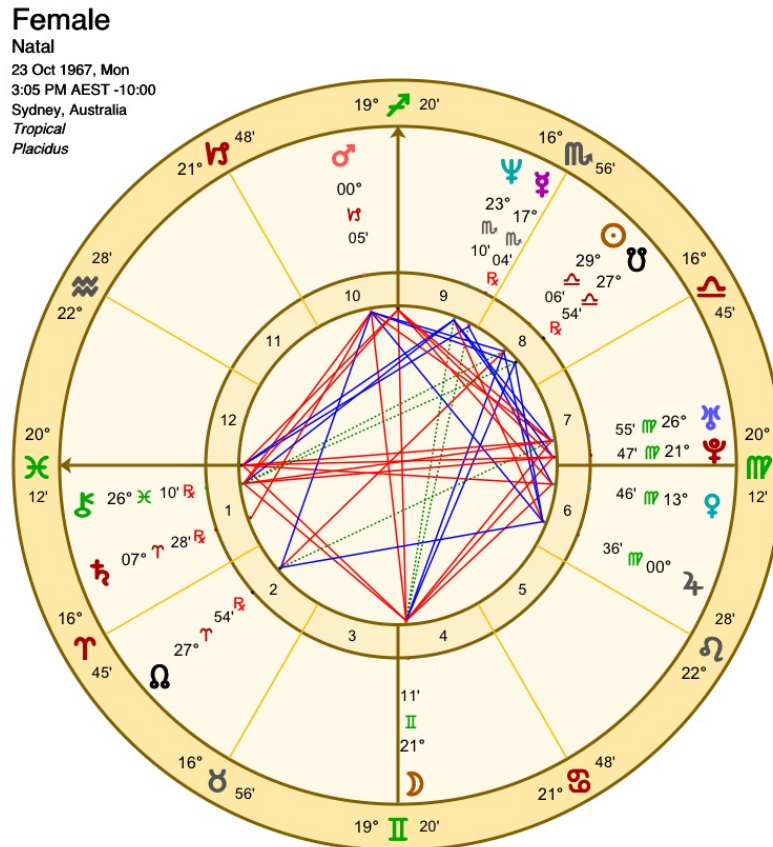


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1. The solar quest in this chart is complicated with the Sun at the final degree [anaretic degree] of Libra in the eighth house, conjunct the South Node and quincunx to Chiron in the first house. How may this be experienced? How can you encourage this woman to work constructively with these energies?



Solar quest is our quest to shine, to find our unique authenticity and that place where we feel most fulfilled and at ease. When our Sun is free to express its energy unhindered, we find that place and truly come home.

The lady brings with her the residual memory of self importance. Perhaps this was a position of authority or influence which she has unconsciously retained (Sun conjunct South Node). This conjunction in Libra suggests that she may have been conferred her status through a partnership, close personal relationship or marriage partner (Sun/South Node in Libra). In the present there could be re-meetings with others from the past and remembrance of these at a soul level (South Node 8th).

Somewhere in the past she lost a sense of her own identity (Chiron in 1st house quincunx Sun). She may have been the good wife standing behind her man, and smoothing the way for his success (ruler of South Node - Venus in Virgo 6th house). The South Node in the 8th house gives us an indication that this woman's past lives or early history contain a great deal of emotional intensity. Perhaps she compromised too much to keep peace in situations that pushed her to the limits of her endurance (Libra 8th house cusp). Or maybe she has had to deal with life and death situations, possibly tragic, or intense sexual experiences, whether these were deep bonding situations with another or darker sexual situations where she was a victim, or perpetrator. Whatever they were they featured prominently and left her feeling emotionally desolate. She has brought forward the task of dealing with them into the present to put to rest the fear, anxiety, and the grief she still carries (South Node 8th).

The North Node points the way to the antidote. She needs to create for herself a safe place, a quiet place to rebuild her strength. A comfortable situation just for the purpose of healing herself. It will be beneficial if she can live close to nature, this will sustain her. If she can create an environment in which to establish roots around a new foundation, it will provide the solace for her to heal her wounds (North Node in 2nd House).

She has a great capacity for love, placing others before herself, supporting their needs and ambitions (Sun in Libra). She may have found herself in roles of subservience (Venus in 6th house), thwarting her own ambitions. No doubt she became very adept at this; burying her desire to shine in her own right in order to allow others to shine, and basking in their reflected glory (Chiron quincunx Sun). Perhaps in time she grew to resent forever denying her own creative yearnings for the sake of maintaining the order and

harmony that was expected of her position (Sun Libra 8th). Perhaps over time habit patterns became so embedded that it seemed impossible for her to know how to free herself of her conundrum (South Node). She is torn between pushing forward to rebirth herself as an individual with greater wholeness or losing herself through merging back into the great unconscious (Chiron Pisces). Humour can be helpful as a way of dealing with what frightens and deeply shocks.

Rather than slipping back into the well worn habit patterns of the past, she needs to sit still, to listen within, to tap into her source and find out what she really feels, and what she really desires (Sun). Her soul's destiny lies not with forever being the peacemaker, the perfect support (South Node Libra). Now is the time to strike out on her own, to forge her own security (North Node in Aries 2nd).

The solar masculine principle within her may have been wounded affecting her self-concept (Chiron quincunx South Node) and her sense of purpose (Chiron quincunx Sun). There may have been damaging issues around her father or men in general which she will need to release before she can be fully free to find her own identity (Sun 29th degree). Then she will be able to focus on more positive self-expression.

If she has not already embarked on the task of manifesting her North Node mission, it is imperative that she does so without delay (Sun 29th degree conjunct South Node). She must complete her understanding of creating balance in her life while honouring her individual identity to express itself, and thus fulfilling her soul quest.

The North Node points the way to resolving the issues around the tension of the Nodal axis. It sits at the tail end of a kite formation involving Jupiter and Mars and her Sun. When she resolves the opposition of Sun/South Node conjunction through the North Node, the full potentials of all planets will be released. Jupiter and Mars, both in 00 degrees,

begin a new planetary cycle in their respective signs. With the resolution of the Nodal story these planets are poised to release confident enthusiasm (Jupiter 00 degrees Virgo 6th) and motivational energy (Mars 00 degrees Capricorn 10th) in new directions. Opportunities could open up for work in an area of the healing arts, possibly in psychological or physical health (Mercury 6th). This would advance her independence skills while following a career path that can be lead to success (Mars in Capricorn 10th) and working in co-operation with others.

She will find that she has a great deal to contribute in these areas, fulfilling her need to be useful and of service (Jupiter Virgo 6th), thus allowing her spirit to radiate (Sun), and bring in the harmony (Libra) for which she longs.

The emotionally intense situations she has been through have made her resourceful and built her inner strength. If she can muster the courage (Saturn Aries 1st house) to break free from her old conditioning and fears (South Node 8th), she will find that she is fully capable of gathering together what she needs to survive on her own (North Node Aries 2nd), building her personal sense of security around what she feels and wants for herself alone. At first it will not be easy. It will seem like foreign ground and she will struggle (North Node). But little by little, if she can keep the goal in sight, she will succeed in attaining peace and her personal independence.

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