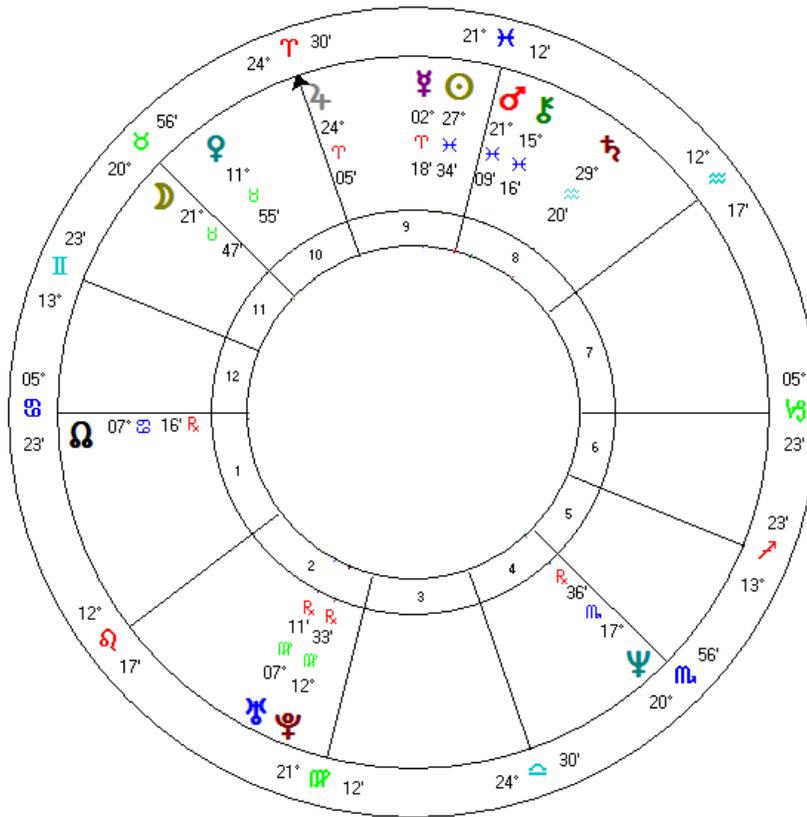


Section 1 Question 4

With the Nodal axis straddling the Ascendant/Descendant and squaring Mercury what challenges may this woman experience as she strives to find her soul purpose and what key areas will be affected? Use house/sign and aspect only.

**Female
Natal Chart**
18 Mar 1964, Wed
1:43 pm AEST - 10:00
Sydney, Australia
33°S52' 151°E 13'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node



Our natal charts tell the story of our inherent potential and development. They hold the promise of who we are, and who we may yet become, and to some, who we have been.

The Nodes of the moon, comprised of a North and a South Node form an axis in the chart, and hold the keys to our past and our future development. The Ascendant/Descendant axis is an integral part of every chart. It relates to our most personal point of entry into this world – the Ascendant, and our most ‘other’ projected point –that which we encounter outside of ourselves – the Descendant. When both the Nodal axis and the Ascendant/Descendant axis align, then there is a great emphasis placed on the destiny of the native being tied into their very being, the way they present themselves to the world, and how they relate to others. If a planet squares the Nodes then it is said to be ‘at the bending’ and becomes a key player in the attainment of the person’s life’s goals and destiny.

North Node in Cancer in the 1st house, conjunct the Ascendant indicates a destiny closely tied to the development of a strong identity and self (conjunct Ascendant) that is nurturing, caring, emotionally intelligent, and family oriented (Cancer). This is someone driven to ‘feel’ their way in life, and to present a motherly, nurturing face to the world (Cancer). They need to embrace the nurturing, intuitive, emotional, soft qualities of themselves and use them to navigate the world, and through this they will be able to best grow and develop towards their destiny and soul’s purpose.

The south node in Capricorn in the 7th house conjunct the Descendant speaks of an ease with relating and relationships, this person is comfortable relating to others, and they do so in a responsible, mature, and somewhat serious manner (Capricorn). They might approach each relationship with the utmost seriousness and responsibility, they might tend to form long term relationships that might border on business like unions. Being the South Node, this dedicated approach to relationships could at times hinder the client’s progress as an individual (Ascendant), as being in a partnership comes easy to them, as opposed to leaving their comfort zone and asserting themselves into the outer world without the support of a partner.

The closing square of Mercury in Aries to the nodes (Cardinal T-square) from the 9th house speaks of the importance of communication in integrating the nodal energies for the development of the personality. As Mercury is at the south bending, it may struggle to express itself freely, thereby a greater need is found for the client to become aware of its role in their life, especially in regards to issues pertaining to higher education, travel, ideas and beliefs, and the universe.

It may suggest someone for whom the search for a belief system or a philosophical framework allows them the freedom to better express their vulnerable and emotional side, and thus let go of relying on relationships (South Node in 7th conjunct Descendant) and the security, material benefits, and structure they provide (Capricorn) and fully become themselves by going forth and nurturing the world (Cancer) by the very act of being themselves (Ascendant).

This can be done by presenting and taking their ideas about their beliefs or philosophies (Mercury in 9th) and sharing them with the world in a pioneering, direct, simple, and enlivening manner (Mercury in Aries). Alternatively travelling (9th house) and exploring uncharted lands (Aries) like a pioneer, and then communicating by writing, teaching, speaking and sharing the emotional impressions and feelings (Cancer) of the places visited with the world in a personal and nurturing manner might be something that allows the client to integrate and realise the promise of the Nodes in this chart. A travel show host with heart, or an activist fighting for the rights of indigenous communities far away (Mercury=messenger, Aries=mercenary/fighter, 9th house=foreign lands) by being a mediator and bringing their plight to the awareness of the people in a subjective and relatable manner.

When young, the Mercury Nodal square may act as an irritant, and may impact the client's ability to communicate effectively – resulting in blockages in personal communication, as well as personal development and soul fulfilment. There might be fears or doubts regarding personal

communication and self-expression, writing, learning, and being able to express oneself and one's ideas in a manner that is understood and well received. The client may feel like they want to reach out and communicate but feel as if they communicated badly when in fact they didn't, or thought they did rather well, when they didn't. They might not trust their own abilities in this, or doubt their ability to learn, write, speak, or teach. With time and by establishing a stronger identity, embracing being open, nurturing and 'feeling' with how they connect with the world, they will learn to trust their instincts and themselves. Learning being open and vulnerable, and sharing that with the world is an important point of connection and self-realisation for the client. The client longs to connect and communicate with the public, especially about philosophical ideas and beliefs, travel, and foreign concepts (Mercury in the 9th). With time the client can come to learn how to best share these ideas and ideals with others in a way that inspires and ignites the minds of others – whether it is through speaking, teaching, or writing, and thus the road to manifesting the soul's purpose will begin.

In conclusion, it is important for the energy of Mercury – the thoughts and ideas of this client – to be given an outlet and to be communicated to other people in a manner that nurtures and brings others comfort. This will allow the client to integrate the nodes, and let the personality develop and form a strong identity to present to the world in the achievement of its spiritual goals of bringing comfort, nurturance, and 'mothering' to the world, while utilising the stability, security, and material boons gained from unions and partnerships to propel and power the personality forwards towards its destiny.

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