

Planetary Nodes: a quick guide

Planetary nodes, just like lunar nodes, are the point at which a planet's path crosses the ecliptic exactly, and therefore has zero zodiacal latitude.

There are north and south nodes, just as with lunar nodes, which for the outer planets are always more or less opposite each other. For the inner planets they may not be, because we, on Earth, are further out from the Sun than they are, and may see inner planet nodes as being relatively close, or even conjunct!

The second page of this document is a scan of pages 162 and 163 of *Dark Stars*, giving an abbreviated ephemeris for the planetary nodes with more-or-less-right average positions for any date in the 20th century. They are usually within a degree, sometimes two: Neptune seems to be the one with the greatest variance, but again, only by a couple of degrees. If you simply want to put the planetary nodes into your birthchart to see if they hit anything, these positions will do.

If you use *Solar Fire* software, then accurate planetary nodes are there at your fingertips. Bring up any chart, and click on 'Reports' on the right-hand-side menu. A new window opens, headed 'Chart Analysis Report'. There is a further list of options in a scroll-down menu on the right, starting 'Chart Analysis', 'Rulerships', 'Horary', 'Aspects List' and so on. Scroll down the list: 'Planetary Nodes' is sixteenth on the list, after 'Star Parans'. (Or at least it is in the version of *Solar Fire* I'm running. Your version may be newer and have even more options.)

Planetary nodes are also given in the *Planet Dance* app, which is free to download, and available for Windows-driven computers and Android-driven smartphones. The nodes are given in the sub-menu 'objects' and then 'nodes'.

Finally, for those who are resolutely non-digital in their astrology, Raphael's Ephemeris lists the dates and times when planets reach their own nodes in the 'phenomena' section on page 39. Not all of the outer planets cross their own nodes in any given year, of course, but the inner planets do.

Nodes can be taken as symbolic of a place or time when that planet's energy is activated and able to be brought down to lower levels, to manifest in our material existence. See if there was a time in the past when a lunar or solar eclipse fell exactly (+/- a degree) on a planetary node in your own chart. Did you experience an event which corresponded to that planet's qualities? Often major events that seem to happen out of the blue, with no major transits or progressions in operation, can be shown by an eclipse on a planetary node. Think of it as a facilitated pathway for the planet's energies, through its own nodes, down through the sun and moon via the eclipse, and finally to you. Experiment and see what you find.

I hope this is useful!

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III. PLANETARY NODES

Geocentric Mean Node Positions 1900-2000

Month	MERCURY		VENUS*		MARS*	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
JAN	27° 17'	24° 2'	20° 10'	29° 59'	6° 26'	8° 32'
FEB	29° 38'	17° 53'	26° 30'	18° 41'	12° 36'	19° 22'
MAR	24° 56'	12° 52'	17° 49'	6° 32'	22° 36'	26° 51'
APR	19° 41'	17° 21'	7° 42'	27° 55'	3° 56'	27° 24'
MAY	12° 10'	3° 55'	25° 19'	24° 59'	15° 39'	4° 2'
JUN	4° 52'	27° 16'	12° 47'	25° 14'	27° 43'	19° 51'
JUL	27° 11'	5° 35'	29° 28'	18° 18'	9° 2'	9° 38'
AUG	21° 47'	4° 37'	16° 58'	24° 40'	19° 54'	13° 50'
SEP	19° 38'	28° 40'	5° 22'	16° 42'	28° 46'	22° 45'
OCT	22° 11'	19° 58'	25° 19'	5° 34'	1° 47'	3° 13'
NOV	3° 47'	11° 18'	22° 35'	24° 16'	10° 28'	14° 59'
DEC	17° 37'	2° 3'	19° 27'	11° 46'	17° 44'	26° 44'

1st of:	JUPITER		SATURN		CHIRON	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
JAN	9° 59'	9° 57'	24° 52'	22° 2'	5° 11.7'	26° 11'
FEB	3° 55'	14° 53'	21° 51'	24° 52'	5° 11.7'	26° 10'
MAR	29° 27'	18° 36'	18° 53'	27° 9'	4° 11.3'	26° 53'
APR	29° 4'	20° 51'	16° 54'	28° 41'	1° 11.25'	28° 13'
MAY	1° 521'	20° 20'	17° 24'	28° 50'	27° 38'	29° 42'
JUN	5° 517'	16° 28'	19° 515'	27° 25'	24° 21'	1° 4'
JUL	9° 548'	10° 13'	21° 549'	24° 47'	22° 41'	1° 57'

1st of:	JUPITER		SATURN		CHIRON	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
AUG	14° 529'	3° 40'	24° 545'	21° 34'	22° 45'	2° 11'
SEP	18° 528'	29° 41'	27° 525'	18° 53'	24° 21'	1° 35'
OCT	20° 548'	29° 43'	29° 529'	17° 35'	26° 56'	0° 19'
NOV	20° 534'	1° 11'	29° 531'	17° 52'	0° 11.5'	28° 36'
DEC	16° 551'	5° 4'	28° 524'	19° 29'	2° 11.59'	27° 16'

1st of:	URANUS		NEPTUNE		PLUTO	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
JAN	12° 5'	14° 47'	11° 855'	9° 55'	19° 50'	19° 19'
FEB	10° 53'	15° 59'	10° 853'	10° 54'	19° 52'	20° 8'
MAR	10° 31'	16° 29'	9° 855'	11° 49'	18° 529'	20° 44'
APR	10° 56'	16° 13'	9° 812'	12° 32'	18° 511'	21° 5'
MAY	11° 57'	15° 12'	8° 859'	12° 48'	18° 517'	21° 1'
JUN	13° 20'	13° 40'	9° 815'	12° 35'	18° 542'	20° 33'
JUL	14° 44'	12° 8'	9° 855'	11° 56'	19° 519'	19° 53'
AUG	15° 52'	10° 58'	10° 849'	10° 58'	20° 52'	19° 4'
SEP	16° 27'	10° 49'	11° 845'	9° 58'	20° 537'	18° 24'
OCT	16° 16'	10° 49'	12° 828'	9° 15'	20° 557'	18° 5'
NOV	15° 17'	11° 51'	12° 848'	8° 59'	20° 555'	18° 9'
DEC	13° 45'	13° 15'	12° 836'	9° 14'	20° 531'	18° 36'

* Periods of Rapid Movement, Venus and Mars

Date	VENUS		VENUS		MARS	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
May 8th	29° 18'	3° 42'	1° 41'	28° 44'	15° 39'	4° 2'
15th	3° 15'	14° 24'	11° 42'	2° 22'	18° 23'	22° 11.5'
22nd	7° 11'	27° 51'	25° 19'	6° 29'	21° 8'	0° 36'
29th	11° 7'	15° 55'	29th	10° 36'	23° 51'	0° 36'
Jun 1st	12° 47'	25° 14'	Dec 1st	19° 27'	26° 34'	22° 28'
8th	16° 40'	18° 16'	8th	13° 43'	10° 28'	14° 59'
15th	20° 34'	11° 57'	15th	8° 15'	27° 31'	17° 43'
22nd	24° 27'	0° 10'	22nd	28° 59'	12° 40'	20° 28'
29th	28° 11'	14° 47'	29th	14° 48'	29° 11.3'	23° 11'
Jul 1st	29° 28'	18° 18'	Jan 1st	20° 10'	19° 115'	25° 57'
8th	3° 523'	28° 56'	8th	0° 59'	4° 10'	2° 11.59'
15th	7° 518'	7° 36'	15th	4° 47'	8° 22'	2° 11.59'