

# Moon's Nodes and Eclipses: Gemini/Sagittarius adventures 2020-22

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## Introduction – the Study

This study explores some areas of my developing relationship with astrology in general and the Moon's Nodes in particular. It also speaks of aspects of my work as an astrology teacher and writer, focusing here on the significance of the Moon's nodal axis and eclipses in both personal and collective life.

Central to the study is my recent exploration of the impact of the Moon's Nodes' journey through Gemini/Sagittarius during 2020-2022 and its powerful symbolic impact on the lives of the four participants who stayed with the study throughout.



This account is aimed at readers who already have a basic understanding of what the Moon's nodal axis represents. For Beginners, there is plenty of useful introductory material to be found on the internet, for example via Cafe Astrology.

## And so to Astrology...

Ever since I began to decipher my own birth chart in the 1980s, discovering that a strange glyph looking like a pair of headphones was exactly conjunct my 28 Taurus Midheaven, the Moon's Nodal Axis and its unfolding path through the heavens has continued to fascinate me.

By the time I became an astrologer, I already had a long background in adult education, including mentoring social work students and offering seminars on topics such as child care law, ethics and confidentiality. The above symbolism was an apt fit for this career path, especially given the Nodes' placing on the ninth/third houses side of the MC, although I had no clue about this in my pre-astrology days!

It was therefore a natural step for me to take my love of adult ed teaching and my varied teaching experience into the context of the astrology practice I set up in 1985 – not long after obtaining a first astrology qualification, the Certificate of the Faculty of Astrological Studies, UK.

I quickly realised that astrology classes the way I ran them provided an excellent context for informal qualitative astro-research. In essence, each group I taught had copies of everyone's chart including mine – with permissions given by each student and confidentiality emphasised by me for all of us including myself. This meant that I could relate the theory of whatever I was teaching, especially with regard to eg the 29-30 year Saturn cycle, the 11-12 year Jupiter cycle – and the 18-19 year Nodal cycle – to our actual experience.

## Mary Shelley: a persistent fascination

I had been re-reading Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" during the 1980s (a long series of Pluto squares from the third house to my twelfth house planets may have had a bearing on this!), looked up Mary Shelley's horoscope, read up on her biography, shared her birth chart with my students – and developed a fascination for that writer and her horoscope which continues to the present day.

As can be seen from the horoscope above, Mary's North Node is in Gemini, the writer's sign, in the mystical, prescient twelfth house, the Nodal axis making a tight T-Square with the third house Mercury/Uranus midpoint. This shows in symbolic form a writer born to send a warning to the far future

regarding the consequences of unleashing futuristic technology on humanity without due regard for ethics, morality or compassion. Frankenstein's lonely Monster, enraged by rejection and loneliness, unleashed chaos on Dr Frankenstein's life and that of his family...

## Nodal observations...

On discovering that Mary had written 'Frankenstein' as a result of a waking nightmare when she was only nineteen, on her first Nodal Return, **I was hooked on the Nodes**. On reflecting on the Nodal Returns to my own prominent ninth house/MC Nodal placement at age 19 and 38, I discovered that those Returns had co-incided with major life changing events both personally and regarding my career. This led me to paying more and more attention to the links between Moon's Nodes, Nodal Returns and their attendant eclipses, and life direction in the lives of my astrology students and clients.

I found repeatedly that where the Nodal Axis was prominent in someone's birth chart, eg linked with the Angles and especially with the outer planets Uranus Neptune and Pluto, then the 18/19 year Nodal cycle and attendant eclipses' returns brought major changes in terms of that person's unfolding life pattern. I also noticed that the pair of houses being transited by the Nodes and eclipses in their retrograde path through the zodiac during those 18/19 year sweeps, represented those areas of life due for times of major shifts.

## Formal Study

In the 1990s, I had the privilege of studying with Dr Liz Greene and the late great mundane astrologer Charles Harvey at the Centre for Psychological Astrology in London, completing my formal studies for the CPA Diploma during 1995-8. In order to obtain this Diploma, in addition to all the other requirements I had to write a 50,000 word thesis on a topic of my own choice. Yes, you've guessed it. My research study became *The Moon's Nodes in Action* – and one of the long case studies was the life of Mary Shelley in relation to her authorship of 'Frankenstein'.

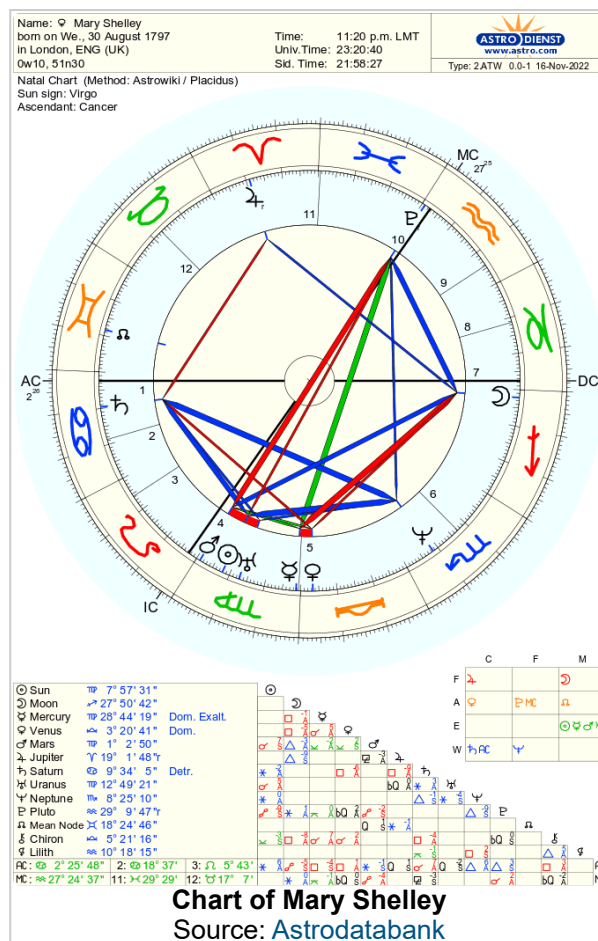
Here by way of personal illustration of the potent symbolism of the *Moon's Nodes in Action*, are two key Nodal links for the beginning and conclusion of my formal CPA studies:

Pluto by transit was conjunct my IC/third house South node at 28 Scorpio the week I began my formal Diploma studies in September 1995. I can still recall the feeling I had then – of having 'come home'. Furthermore, here I quote from *'he Moon's Nodes in Action'*:

*I hope to graduate on 7 November 1998, when the transiting Nodal axis will be at 28 Leo/Aquarius, exactly conjunct Mary Shelley's MC Pluto IC, square my NNode/MC, SNode/IC at 28 Taurus/Scorpio – it's hard even for a persistent pragmatist like me to disbelieve in fated connections when contemplating all this! (i)*

## Continuing interest in Nodal research: Gemini/Sagittarius strikes!

As can be deduced from the subtitle of my 2021 collection of sixty essays, columns, articles and research *Postcards to the Future ie Mercurial Musings 1995 – 2021*, my interests in astrology are wide ranging: but ruling planet, Mercury, conjunct Saturn/Pluto in the eleventh/twelfth houses, square third house Jupiter in Scorpio gives me a particular interest in research. Accordingly, there are several small scale qualitative research case studies in the aforementioned collection.



From May 2020 until mid-January 2022, the Nodal Axis regressed through Gemini/Sagittarius.

I hadn't done a piece of qualitative astro-research since writing "*Jupiter in Scorpio: Lord of the Starry Heavens enters 'The Great below'*" (ii) and had no specific intention of doing so. **However**...here is an extract from what I wrote in a post on my **Writing from the Twelfth House** blog just after the Nodes' Gemini/Sagittarius ingress...if you detect another piece of research coming up, you will be correct!

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*...Honestly, I wasn't going to bother writing about the Nodes' ingress into Gemini/Sagittarius...until it happened on the morning of **Tuesday 5th May 2020** during the first formal zoom tutorial with my small student group.*

*Immediately following this, my week exploded into a flurry of admin, dealing with annoying domestic detail, numerous phone calls at inconvenient moments – eg when I was struggling to make sense of my tax return – zoom chats, teaching, and group participation via two seminars, one on Saturday planned for some time, the other on Sunday, arising from a zoom meeting with a friend and colleague today. This upcoming weekend is suddenly full of zoom, zoom, and more zoom!*

*I haven't been feeling hugely inspired of late, but the extraordinary ramping up of all things Gemini/Sagittarius in my life this week with the Nodes' shift from Cancer/Capricorn has truly got me going. This shift places the North Node in my tenth house, South Node in the fourth house; my week has been characterised thus far by considerable frustration as I struggled to free myself from the grip of admin etc etc centred on matters concerning my domestic life, in order to follow the promptings of the North Node in the tenth and get on with writing my AA Journal column and another piece of writing still gestating.*

*The manifestations of this shift for me were so striking that I really feel inspired once again to return to reflecting on the Moon's Nodes, and in this post, on the significance of ingresses. Planetary ingresses (entries) into signs have fascinated me ever since I began to study astrology and to realise the striking correlation between newspaper headlines on the day after a planet had shifted from one sign to another, and events in the wider world. At one time I had a whole file full of dramatic press cuttings illustrating this eg a photograph of the Japanese city of Kobe on fire following a massive earthquake on 17th January 1995 – just as Pluto shifted into Sagittarius.*

*But what of ingresses which are not planetary, ie the ingresses of the Moon's Nodes which we are discussing here? Is it worth paying attention to these points of ingress in personal life? Or collective life? Have you had any striking experiences this week illustrating the energetic shift of the Nodes from one pair of signs to another? Has your mood lightened (despite lockdown) in response to the Nodal shift from water and earth (Cancer/Capricorn) to air and fire (Gemini/Sagittarius)? (...)*

*(...) Judging from the comments left, both on my own blog/astrology Facebook Page and on the Pages of colleagues who kindly shared the post, there has indeed been a lightening of mood with some of us consequent upon this shift; an increase in matters communicative and educational/philosophically reflective in others; and, like me, downright disruption, despite which I too feel a lightening of mood this week. This has intrigued me, modifying my feelings of exasperation and of being overwhelmed by matters Gemini/Sagittarius! (...)*

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## And then...

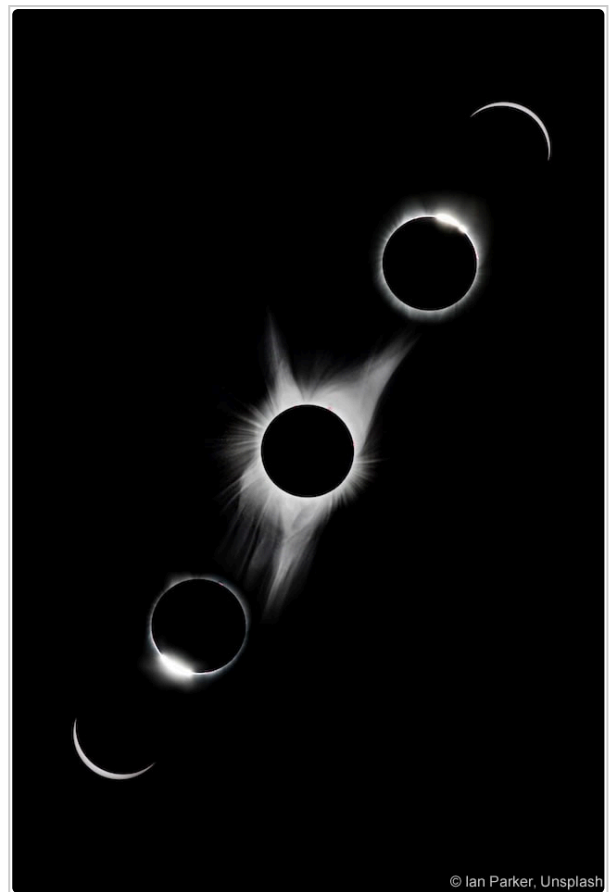
... it suddenly occurred to me (iii) that it might be interesting to put together a small group of my students, ask them to keep notes on key events of both an inner and an outer nature during the period in question ie May 2020 until January 2022, and report back. I included myself in this group, which as time rolled on and covid, lockdowns, etc took its toll in various ways reduced to four of us: Robyn, Sharon, Luna and myself. I wrote some simple guideline sheets, and provided lists of the solar and lunar eclipses of the period in question. Obviously with informal small sample qualitative research like this, or indeed ANY qualitative research study, one has to be aware of confirmation bias in asking participants to record any inner or outer occurrences which they judged worthy of note. But I did ask them to try not to deliberately fit those notes to a Gemini/Sag schema if possible.

I also identified the previous period 18/19 years ago when the Nodes/eclipses had regressed through Gemini/Sagittarius, from 2001-2003, to see if they a) could remember anything significant and/or b) if they could detect a recurring theme or themes.

My aim in this study, in providing both participants' feedback and my own comments where appropriate, is not to go into exhaustive detail but rather to offer readers the **essence** of participants' experiences, mostly in their own words, during an especially challenging period for the whole world, upended as it was by a devastating pandemic and long periods of life-preserving lockdown. Very much in keeping with the restless mutability and adaptability of Gemini/Sagittarius energy, with the Gemini North Node as our guiding North Star, we humans very quickly had to find alternative ways of communicating in lockdowns; much of the world thus took to zoom and similar airy means in order to keep communication networks from breaking down.

## The four participants: mode of approach

I was interested in exploring the relationship between the basic themes set out in the natal Nodal axis and whether there was a developmental relationship between those lifelong challenges and the particular issues brought to each participant during the May 2020 – January 2022 Gemini/Sag period. (Only two of the four participants mentioned links back to the 2001/3 period, and one to the 1983/4 period.)



To that end, I have begun the feedback for each participant with a brief interpretive sketch of their natal Nodal patterns. Their 2020/22 feedback, with some commentary from me, follows on from that introduction. I have set out my own feedback somewhat differently, since I was able to track distinct themes over three whole cycles of the Nodes/eclipses through Gemini/Sagittarius, revealing very clearly the inter-relationships between both the North and South Nodes – and the natal/transiting Nodal interactions.

*Unobservant though it may undoubtedly seem, I had not fully appreciated until beginning to write up this project in the summer of 2022 (with the Nodal Axis now in Taurus/Scorpio from January 2022 – July 2023!) that three of the four participants who stayed with the study all have their natal Moon's Nodes in Taurus/Scorpio...astrological symbolism sure has a wry sense of humour!*

## Participants' Nodal/Eclipse Experiences May 2020 – January 2022

Through years of charting the impact of the transiting Nodes with accompanying solar and lunar eclipses when working with clients, students and tracking my own chart, I have found it clearer, rather than getting unduly focused on interpreting the impact of each eclipse (which might not always be too evident), simply to note the following:

**The backdrop of the pair of signs** being transited (here, Gemini and Sagittarius).

**The foreground of the pair of houses** being traversed by both Nodes and eclipses – *this indicates the main areas for change during the period under observation.*

**Planets or Angles being triggered** by conjunction, square or opposition.

**Opening and closing eclipses** for the whole 18 month or so period.

In the case of this study, the opening eclipse was as follows:

### 5.6.2020: Lunar Eclipse at 15 degrees 42 minutes Sagittarius

The closing eclipse was as follows:



## 4.12.2021: Solar Eclipse at 12 degrees 17 minutes Sagittarius

As Alexander Ruperti so eloquently puts it in *Cycles of Becoming*:

*(...) Eclipses simply measure intense confrontations with all those things in human nature which hinder spiritual progress by keeping one in a rut, albeit a comfortable and happy rut. They are opportunities to use the past and the present - all that one has previously acquired, as well as where he stands at a given moment - in order to build a more creative future. Since they always challenge an individual to discard all limiting influences and to start something new, they may be stressful times (...)(ii)*

I have included each participant's natal chart in a tri-wheel. The natal chart (Whole Sign format) is the inner wheel, the first (lunar) eclipse chart of the Gemini/Sagittarius eclipse season (5.6.2020) is the middle wheel, and the last (solar) eclipse chart of the Gemini/Sagittarius eclipse season (4.12.2021) is the outer wheel. This, together with the brief biographies provided, the thumbnail portraits of their natal Nodal patterns, and the transiting eclipses/Nodes feedback for 2020/22 in particular, offers the reader an opportunity for more in-depth contemplation of each person's Nodal pattern.

Since it would have been too unwieldy and cluttered to include all the notes which the participants kindly kept for the project, I decided it might be interesting to **select just one eclipse, the solar eclipse at 20 Gemini on 10/6/2021**, through which to present four samples taken from the feedback notes sent to me from Robyn, Sharon and Luna. In my own case, I simply went back to my diary for that time period and chose the most significant topics from the notes I'd made.

## Robyn

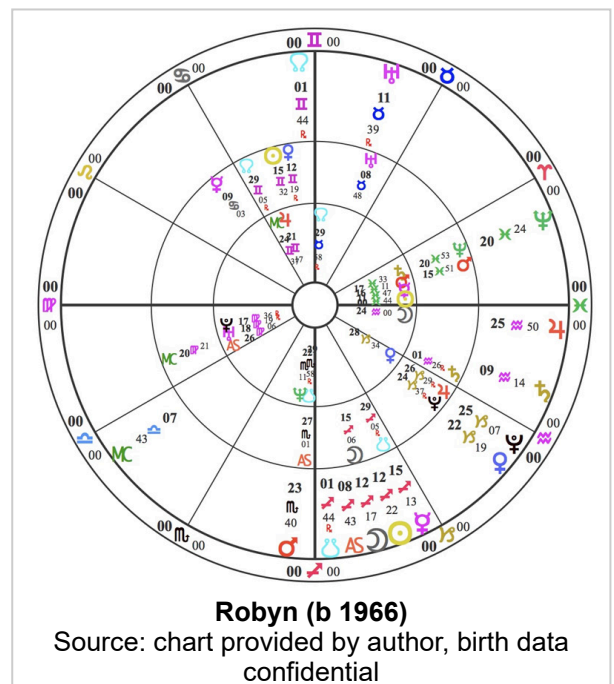
*Robyn is an alternative health practitioner and certified business coach who is also developing a career as a consultant astrologer. Having studied astrology informally for a number of years, she is currently studying with the Faculty of Astrological Studies.*

### Brief interpretive sketch of natal Nodal pattern:

Robyn's N Node in 29 Taurus in the ninth house adds grounding, practical emphasis to her MC/Jupiter conjunction in Gemini and the 10th house. She is clearly destined to be a disseminator of ideas, an educator in various contexts. That close conjunction between Neptune (her Pisces Sun ruler) and the third house S Node in Scorpio, however, shows that healing modalities of one kind or another will be involved in whatever she does. It also indicates that the shadow side of her considerable capacity for compassionate caring will involve a challenge in setting boundaries between what she needs and what others will need from her.

### Feedback for 2020/2022 period:

During the May 2020 to January 2022 North Node in Gemini/South Node in Sagittarius transit period, the Nodal Axis and attendant eclipses were retrograding through her tenth (N Node) and fourth houses.



*...On reflection it feels as if this period was about realigning some things connected to work and how that might look in the future.*

*It felt as if a new more public and visible role necessitated a new space to work from for making new connections. Especially important was the separation between a work space and a home space.*

*Now home and work have distinct areas that create a different kind of structure with new boundaries.*

*{A.W. Note: the work for Robyn's garden 'office' began in June 2021, four days after the 10/6/21 solar eclipse (10th house), and was completed in November 2021 around the time of the 19/11/21 lunar*

eclipse (9th house)}

The work space enables connections, creativity and a sense of privacy. Home offers the same but connected through my personal life.

The working "Robyn" and the other "Robyn" have better balance and different places to be unique...

## Sharon

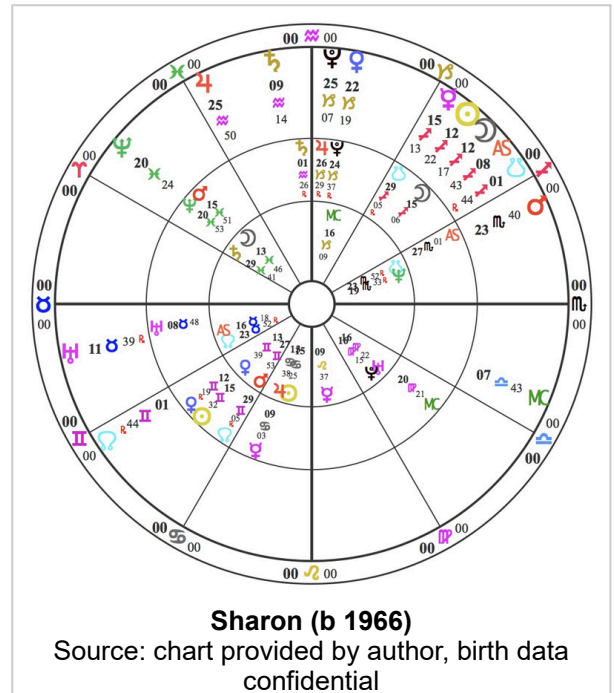
Sharon is an experienced yoga teacher and musician who runs a studio in Glasgow with her partner A. She has been an informal student of astrology for many years and is currently studying with the Mercury Internet School of Psychological Astrology.

### Brief interpretive sketch of natal Nodal pattern:

Sharon's N Node in 23 Taurus in the first house conjunct her Taurus Ascendant, opposite a Scorpio S Node in the 7th house conjunct Neptune/Descendant, indicates a primary grapple to separate her own rooted identity from what her relationships – probably from family of origin onwards – will demand from her in terms of compassionate support and her self sacrifice. However, a considerable ally in this is a ninth house Capricorn MC trine and sextile the above pattern, which brings pragmatism, common sense and a realistic appreciation of the benefits of the material world into strong focus. She too is destined with that combination to be an educator and to bring healing modalities/perhaps musical partnerships into the career picture.

### Feedback for 2020/2022 period:

During the May 2020 to January 2022 North Node in Gemini/South Node in Sagittarius transit period, the Nodal Axis and attendant eclipses were retrograding through her second (NNode) and eighth houses.



...The lunar eclipse in 2020 and also the period slightly before that highlighted the problems I have with my sister. There was an issue with my mother's house, and although it has still not been resolved, it has enabled me to investigate my inner relationship with my sister and the intense personal feelings I have towards her. Coming out of this period has allowed me to let go of my relationship with her, and that has created so much freedom for me!

In terms of my own personal progress I began the MISPA course, enjoying my inner journey. {A.W Note: Sharon applied for the MISPA course at the time of the solar eclipse of 10/6/2021 (2nd house) and was accepted for that autumn intake.} This has helped me greatly come to terms with restrictions of lock down, restrictions on running my business. My journey has been inwardly directed rather than outward. I did, however manage to lease a new car so my shorter journeys out of Glasgow allow me to travel in style!...

## Luna

Luna is a very experienced secondary education teacher of Classics, who has also served as an HM Inspector of Schools. Having studied astrology informally for a number of years, she is currently studying with the Faculty of Astrological Studies.

### Brief interpretive sketch of natal Nodal pattern:

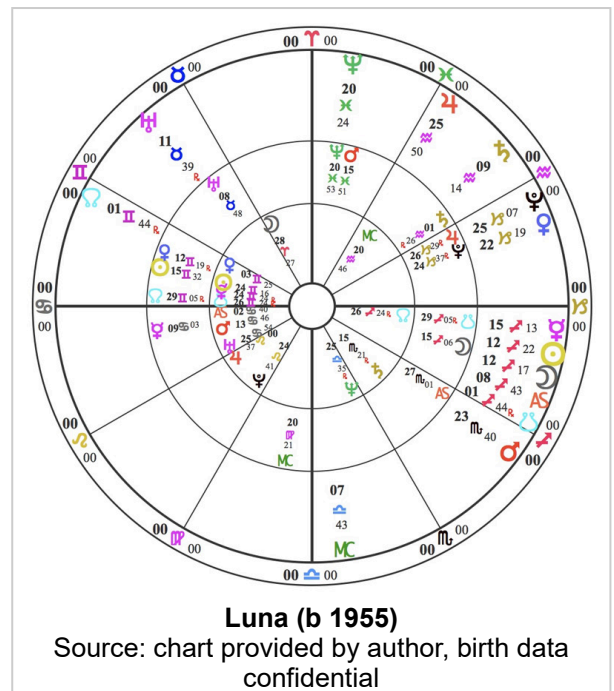
Looking at Luna's horoscope, we encounter a well-stocked twelfth house. Her N Node is in Sagittarius in the sixth house, trine a tenth house Aries Moon. Here is someone with a strong drive to bring educational, Big Picture perspectives into the arena of work and career; that pioneering Aries Moon

strongly suggests someone with a strong sense of mission to 'get things done'. However, the Gemini S Node is closely partnered with a close alliance between the Sun and Mercury in Gemini tucked away in the twelfth house just behind a sensitive, introverted Cancer Ascendant. Luna's marked default tendency is to inhabit her powerful imagination, to dream, to hide away, think her thoughts in her own reclusive world. But clearly that N Node/Aries Moon alliance is not going to let her do so! Also, the N Node's conjunction to a Capricorn Descendant brings a strong sense of duty and responsibility to bear in the area of personal relationships.

### Feedback for 2020/2022 period:

During the May 2020 to January 2022 North Node in Gemini/South Node in Sagittarius transit period, the Nodal Axis and attendant eclipses were retrograding through her twelfth (N Node) and sixth houses.

Firstly, here are **Luna's recollections of 2001-3** period starting with the lunar eclipse on 9.1.2001:



*...On this date I was 45 years old.*

*The Nodal axis could indicate an increase in confidence and direction. I had recently taken on a new job with much more responsibility – a big learning and self-development curve. I think I was successful at this time in establishing positive professional links (in the educational field) and building up a reasonably good reputation.*

*I was given the opportunity to develop my role as I wanted to a certain extent and bring in some innovative ideas and initiatives and be more progressive in my thinking. I think I was more willing to embrace change...*

### Overall thoughts re 2020/22 period:

*...Mainly in 12th – 6th Gemini /Sagittarius, so reinforces natal placement but seems to take it full circle. A lot of emphasis on new learning / consolidating existing learning over the 18 month period. Also reviewing and reflecting in preparation for moving on to a new cycle of life. Completed Certificate exam (for the Faculty of Astrological Studies) and have embarked on Intermediate course. In doing this have used astrology as a tool to reflect on and re-examine life events and put some things to rest in terms of the past. Feeling this has been a period of reconciliation and reflection and also now feel more connected to instinct and spirit and less to my intensely rational self.*

**{A.W. Note:** here is an extract for Luna's feedback given for solar eclipse at 20 Gemini on 10/6/2021: '...As my natal Nodes are Gemini/Sag in 12th and 6th houses conjunct ASC/DESC axis it is hard to differentiate the effect of the current Gemini/Sag axis as it is so much part of who I am. Still feeling effects of the Reverse Nodal Return in sense of feeling things have come full circle... I have in my career and personally tried to utilise information and ideas through service and in doing this gained not only satisfaction but growth. **I have been forced to move out of my comfort zone (A.W.emphasis)**... At this point I feel more philosophical about life's changes and turbulence. The current turning point in my life centres around preparation for ageing – not just mine but my partner. This week he was called back to hospital for routine tests...these issues seem to be surfacing a lot at the moment... Feeling of reaching end of one cycle and beginning of another. Need to embrace change.}

*The period seems to have been about using learning to explore and expand not only on a personal level but to be of assistance to others. Key change to relationship with my husband who is older than me and a little preoccupied justifiably with his own health issues. Nothing serious but has stimulated me to be anxious about him and about the future and to reflect on ageing and death and how things will be moving forward. My role has changed to be more of a facilitator in the relationship and the 'responsible' one which was his in the past and not something I have been comfortable with up to now. On a more global level I have sensed that knowledge is being turned towards more humanitarian and*



planet-centred activities with more of a social / humanitarian consciousness. As human beings we are re-evaluating our priorities and exploring new more sustainable ways of being. We have also been forced to look at politics and politicians with a more ethical rather than material focus...

## Anne W

Anne has had a long and varied career as a writer, adult education teacher, generic and psychiatric social worker, private practice counsellor and consultant astrologer. She also mentors astrology students for the Mercury Internet School of Psychological Astrology. Anne holds the Certificate from the Faculty of Astrological Studies (1983) and the Diploma from the Centre for Psychological Astrology, London. (1998)

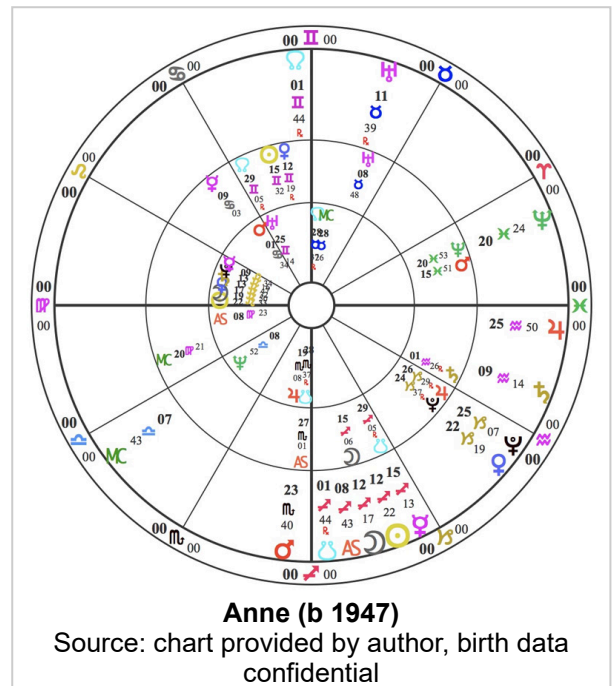
### Brief interpretive sketch of natal Nodal pattern:

AW's N Node in 28 Taurus is exactly conjunct the MC, both in the ninth house – this is most apt for a lifetime focused on a career path with a strong educational emphasis in adult education teaching, the teaching and supervision of students in social work, and the teaching and supervising of students in an astrological context. This practical, worldly, grounded axis square a fiery Sun/Moon/Venus (MC ruler) conjunction in the twelfth house, has been challenging to say the least! At best, it has brought a grounded and realistic perspective to sharing a preoccupation with otherworldly topics and pursuits. At its most difficult, it has made reconciliation between markedly reclusive tendencies and a need to be out there in the world, being useful, a tough business.

### Feedback for 2020/2022 period:

During the May 2020 to January 2022 North Node in Gemini/South Node in Sagittarius transit period, the Nodal Axis and attendant eclipses were retrograding through her tenth (N Node) and fourth houses.

However, AW has chosen to comment on **three** cycles of the Nodes/eclipses through Gemini/Sagittarius, presenting themes common to them all.



... my Nodal/eclipse experiences during the 2020-22 and two earlier times were a powerful reminder that the challenge implicit in the Nodal axis is NOT to respond to the North Node's challenge by moving away and leaving the South Node behind. Far from it. As I say in my research study "The Moon's Nodes in Action":

'...At the heart of the fullest, most creative expression of the struggle both collectively and individually lies a deep paradox – to move on as human beings we must individuate, follow the path of the North Node, and leave the South Node behind. But we must also make the return journey, to honour that which we ideally do not leave behind at all, but incorporate in our movement towards our own destiny...' (iv)

This was certainly true in my case, in the **3/1983–9/1984**, the **2001/3** and **2020/22** periods. With the Nodal axis so closely bound to the MC/IC axis, it has always been the case that a strong sense of vocation has pulled me away from home, roots, security...but Life periodically has hauled me back again, just to remind me forcefully that there needs to be peace and acceptance of the paradox presented by that dichotomy, not warfare between them....

I can look back over no less than three periods now when the Nodes/eclipses were traversing Gemini/Sagittarius, and discern distinct themes in those periods arising clearly from my natal pattern. (One of the advantages of ageing: it's great for studying cycles!!)

**In the earliest period**, I was newly married and having to balance the considerable demands of not only a husband, but a half share in raising his two young children from his first marriage. Also, although still



working as a psychiatric social worker, I had obtained my Certificate from the Faculty of Astrological Studies in the summer of 1983, started teaching my first astrology class that autumn, and during the latter part of 1984 was preparing to move house and go self-employed the following summer. Quite the balancing act; the North Node was pushing me pretty relentlessly, reinforcing my natal N Node/MC v S Node/IC challenge in its transit through Gemini and my 10th house.

**In the 2001/3 period**, a serious family crisis at the onset of my menopause which involved a family member having to return home for refuge and support whilst I was pushing ahead with my career as an astrologer, led to total energy burnout on my part and having to give up my career, retreating for several years until I recouped my energy. Much of this period was spent resting on the sofa with my laptop, catching up on thirty years of reading, writing one book, (*Wisps from the Dazzling Darkness*) and finishing off another research study (*Jupiter Meets Uranus*) which was accepted for publication by the American Federation of Astrologers in 2003, and (eventually) published by them in 2009.

**The 2020/22 period**, covering lockdown and a hard time for us all during the worst of the pandemic, saw me in retreat again, needing peace to recover from the sudden death of my husband Ian in January 2020. From May 2020 onwards, with the N Node in Gemini in my tenth house, I embarked on a book project gathering together 60 essays, mini research studies, articles and columns from 1995 onwards: "Postcards to the Future" was published in paperback form in mid-August 2021.

{**A.W.Note:** from A.W's diary, re solar eclipse at 20 Gemini on 10/6/2021: '...great session on Nodes/eclipses project with student group on 15/6/21. All present... and '...book production and PR going really well. Should have done final read-through by 28/6/21...realise my life is in transition as well as limitations/uncertainties of covid...' There were also several ongoing difficult family issues which flared up around the time of that solar eclipse.}

During the whole 2020/22 period I continued to teach my small tutorial class on zoom, moving from that to developing a mentoring practice for students of MISPA internet astrology school from 2021 onwards...

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## Conclusion

From this final account from A.W, covering three Nodal/eclipse cycles through Gemini/Sagittarius, one can clearly see the inter-relationship between the Natal Nodal challenges and the way the whole transiting Nodal axis with accompanying eclipses have pushed one individual's life further along the path that Destiny lays out for all of us to a greater or lesser extent at the beginning of our lives. As I commented in the Conclusion of my Moon's Nodes research study:



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*...I did not expect my research into 'The Moon's Nodes in Action' to present me with such a strong suggestion that we all have our destiny, and that at certain potent times in life there are events and turning points which are initiations into the furtherance of that destiny – and that outwith our lives there may be some intelligent 'Other' observing and/or guiding that movement. But that is the feeling which persists in me as a result of my work... (v)*

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From Luna's feedback covering two Nodal cycles through Gemini/Sagittarius, one can also see this inter-relationship between natal Nodal axis and her unfolding developmental path. The same holds true for both Sharon and for Robyn although their comments focus purely on the most recent 2020/2022 period.

Readers can see from these insert notes and direct quotes – in all four cases – how the links between participants' natal Nodal patterns and the solar eclipse around 18 months into the Gemini/Sag eclipse season, reveal key developmental points in a significant unfolding process. Also revealed are snapshots of the challenges participants faced and tackled: quoting briefly again from Alexander Rupert's apt observation on the nature of eclipse times:

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*... Since they always challenge an individual to discard all limiting influences and to start something new,*

*they may be stressful times...*

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Or, to quote the great Benjamin Franklin,

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*...There are no gains without pains. (vii)*

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It has been a great pleasure – and challenge – to take on and write up this small but I think revealing and confirming Nodal and eclipses study, focusing on a time which has been exceptionally hard for Planet Earth in general and most of us as individuals in particular. I have found it hard – perhaps because of the personal challenges of this time period – to get to the point of producing a piece of work with which I am reasonably happy. But glad I did! It's not my style to give up easily – nor to let my students down who have been good enough to stay with this project. I do hope that readers who come upon this original piece of research find that it enhances their appreciation and understanding of The Moon's Nodes in Action.

So – my last words reach out to Robyn, Sharon and Luna. Thanks a million!