

## **The Five-Minute Guide to the Planets, Nodes and Angles**

### **SUN**

Illuminates, highlights, exposes. Turns a spotlight onto people, places, situations.  
Shows up, and shows off. Dazzles and stuns.

### **MOON**

The need to be needed. Security. Comfort. Protection. Feeding on all levels.  
Mothers. Maternal instinct. Accommodation on all levels.

### **MERCURY**

Communication. The Roman messenger of the gods. Information, negotiation,  
transportation. In modern life, the worldwide web.

### **VENUS**

Female vanity, insecurity and jealousy in patriarchy. Complicated relationships:  
mother and son. Lovers. Wife and husband. Passion.

### **MARS**

The Roman god of war. Aggression, heat, action. Speed, daring, courage. Attack and  
defence. Battles, feuds, contests and fights.

### **JUPITER**

Expansion, growth and abundance. Empire-building. Optimism. The biggest and  
best. The maximum. What/who is gigantic or big.

### **SATURN**

Burden. Fear and cowardice. Curses and karma. Defences, walls, barriers and  
barricades. Age and time as solutions to all problems.

### **URANUS**

Revolution. Independence. Freedom. Liberty. Liberation. Shock. Electricity.  
Lightning. New inventions. Upside-down situations.

### **NEPTUNE**

Escape. All that is numb to pain. Drugs. Alcohol. Dreams. The spirit world. The sea.  
Alternative realities. The unconscious.

### **CERES**

Compromise. Power struggles. Battles for control. Entitlement. Shared and divided  
organisations and situations. Transformation.

### **PLUTO**

Domination. Obsession. Takeovers. Beginnings, endings and beginnings in a three-  
part cycle. Downfall. Promotion/demotion.

### **NORTH NODE**

Works as one half of a pair with the South Node. A karmic loop. The zodiac sign  
shows the past life theme that repeats. The North Node feels monotonous and  
inescapable, but it educates.

### **SOUTH NODE**

The other half of the North Node-South Node time twist. Like a Lemniscate or a Mobius Strip it folds back on itself. Been there, done that, seen the film! The South Node feels relaxed, detached.

### **ASCENDANT or AC**

Your packaging, presentation or profile in terms of reputation, or image. The zodiac sign of the Ascendant shows how people at a wide distance regard you. It may (or may not) be the real you.

### **DESCENDANT or DC**

Your former, current or potential partner. Your enemy, opponent or rival. The zodiac sign tells you the type, though not always the Sun Sign of these people. What kind of husband or wife?

### **IMMUM COELI or IC**

Where you come from. Your roots, heritage, culture and history. Your family tree and class. Your ancestors. The family theme, on one side. The zodiac sign of the IC reveals your psychological DNA.

### **MIDHEAVEN or MC**

Your peak achievements, which may (or may not) involve your paid career or jobs.

Your calling, vocation or greatest accomplishment. How you hit the heights, spiritually, in this lifetime.