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I am very glad to speak to you this morning about the Moon Nodes and about spiritual growth, but first I have to apologise for my English pronunciation. Sometimes I pronounce words German-like! But I hope you will understand me.

You know, we have a special approach towards astrology, because in my opinion there are three possibilities of how we can use astrology your individual chart. It depends on the question you have in your mind; it depends on what you are looking for. You can look for the future, and you can ask your chart “What will happen next?” but you can also ask for your character, for your trends in life, or your habits and your aims, and on the psychological character-analysis level, you can really find very important answers in your chart. But on the third level, you can also ask your chart about the unfoldment of your inner being, of your inner self.

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I think everybody knows that we have been trained personally for three years by Roberto Assagioli, who was the founder of Psychosynthesis, and in this training we were very much concerned to use and find new ways of using astrology for this inner unfoldment and development. Therefore, our question, especially when we deal with the Moon’s Node, is “How can I grow spiritually? How can I develop into a larger and more expressive life?” and astrology can become a tool of happiness, of wholeness, of healing and in this moment, according to Assagioli saying that he was creating a *psychology of joy*, I think that we were aiming to create an *astrology of joy*, of happiness. When you are dealing with the unfoldment of your inner self you are in link with the Law of Evolu-

tion.

The evolutionary process is going on all the time, and according to your growing out of difficulties you are in link at this moment with the whole of creation. “With the whole” means with the macrocosmic universal being of life. Evolution means that everything that happens to you in life has a deep meaning, and this needing to find out means that you are always in line with the macrocosmic laws. This cosmic consciousness is a very happy and joyful thing. It is where you find yourself in order, you find yourself completely right, and this acceptance of the evolutionary powerful dynamic life is something very special and very different. These are, in my opinion, the things we look at when we deal with the Moon Node, things that are not only in the practical life but also used for spiritual growth.

Moon Node line

The Moon Node, as we understand it, has two opposite points. The North Node is the ascending, and the South Node is the descending point of growing out of any difficulties in life. The line of the Moon Node means going forward on the North Node and going backwards on the South Node. According to classical and traditional astrology, the South Node is compared with Saturnian power, and the North Node with Jupiterian power. Jupiter and Saturn in this line are in opposition, and this opposition of Saturn and Jupiter means the throw back to Saturnian power and the going ahead, the expansion of Jupiterian power. This is the kind of opposition we have to consider when we deal with the Moon Node, with the line of the Moon Node, as we call it. It is not only the one side, it is also the other side.

To understand it really, first I may tell you that growing processes always proceed in three steps. You can either go to the North Node to go forward, you can also go to the South Node and look backward, but according to the three-dimensional world that we live in, there must be something that combines these two opposite polarities. And this is the point, the third point. And always the third point has to do with *synthesis*.

Opposition and conflict

The pairs of oppositions, as you know, are a reality in our lives. We always have to deal with these conflicting opposites of things - of powers, of energies, of people - and this is well-known. This is the second step in the development process. The first step is always the blind Saturnian step. It is the level in which you have no desire to grow out of a situation. It is the first step always aiming for satisfaction on the materialistic side of life, because everything is seemingly in order, but out of this first step sometimes you need some destiny, some painful experiences or some crisis arises because the materialistic attitude does not lead you very far.

At the crisis point - transformation from the first step to the second one - you always have to suffer, whatever that means for you. And on the second step, the second level, it's always the opposition, the conflict and the confrontation in the dualistic opposition of the polarities. And in these polarities, knowing or understanding of life, the Moon Node comes in, because we have one line. On the second level, from the three-dimensional laws or rules of growth, the second one is always the one which hurts us the most. And it's the psychological level from another analogical point of view, and this means that in this learning process of the second level, we can grow out again, into the next one.....may I show it to you in a diagram?

Three levels

The first level is blind, in a way, and you are very much determined by your surrounding

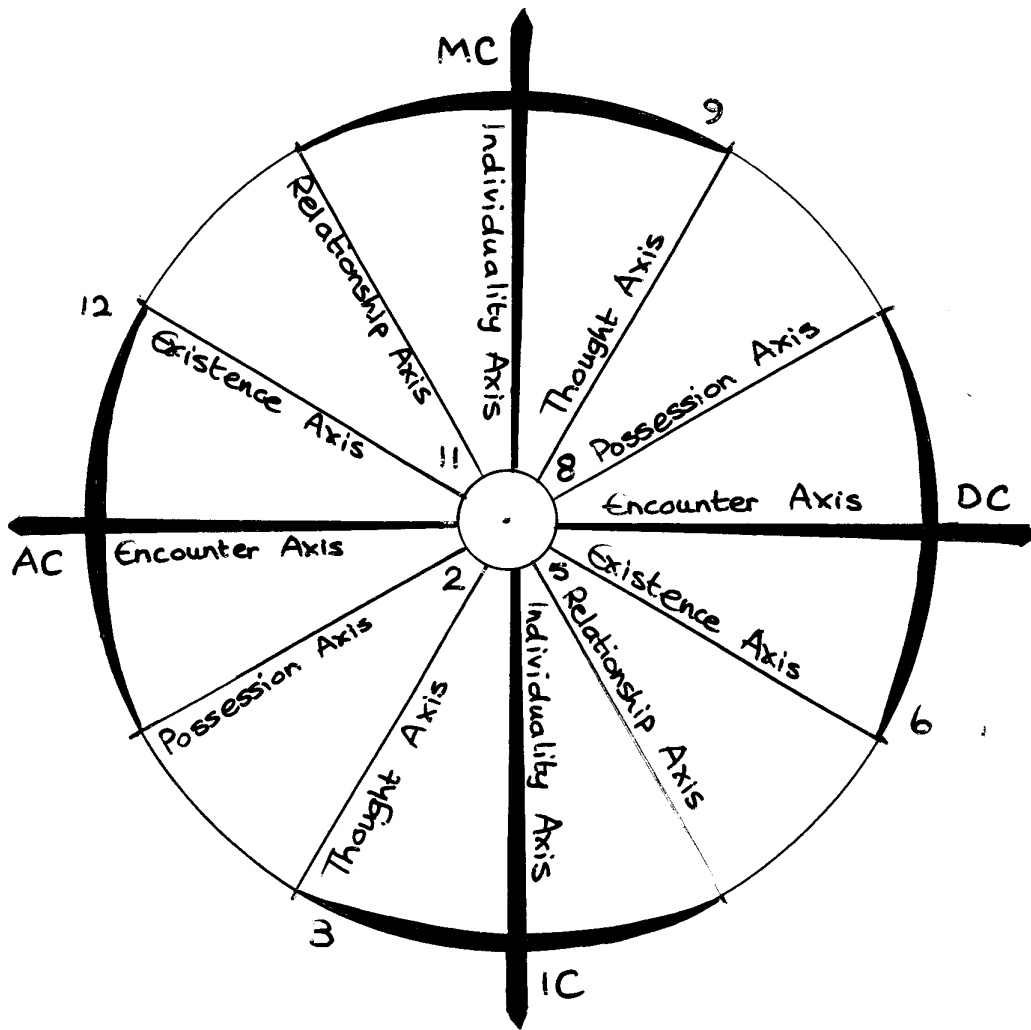
conditions and materialistic drives and fulfilments and satisfactions. On the second level, this is the conflict because it is dealing with this opposition experience. Everybody is bound into this polarity of all the pairs of oppositions - of men and women, of joy and pain, of sympathy and antipathy, of good and bad, of satisfaction and dissatisfaction. You know a lot of duality can be found in pairs of oppositions.

<p>LEVEL 3 <i>* Intelligence</i> <i>* Free Will</i> <i>* Choice</i></p>
<p>LEVEL 2 <i>* Conflict</i></p>
<p>LEVEL 1 <i>* Blind</i></p>

To overcome this conflicting stuff you have to go further into the third level. The third level is always the possibility of discrimination between good and bad. This discrimination means that you are able to make your own choice between good and bad or whatever, and on that level, the unfoldment of the inner self on the third level only, you can reach a kind of knowing about synthesis.

Synthesis

The Moon Node line means to come out of this drawing from one side or the other, of this opposition and polarity power, and it means that you have to reach a state of stabilisation, or equilibrium, a state in your consciousness which can come to link with your inner self. On the third level, psychosynthesis is working. And when we deal with the Moon Node as the way out of difficulties, as the first step for your spiritual growth, we have to expand our consciousness to this third level where free will is also possible. Free will is only possible on the third level, because only on this mental level, as it's called in esoteric terms, can you get a channel built into your mental body which combines yourself, or links yourself, with your inner soul. Do you get me? It's difficult to explain these things in a different language, so I'm looking for the words I know!



The Axis Cross in the House System

Cardinal	House 1/7	1-YOU Axis, Encounter
	House 4/10	Individuality Axis
Fixed	House 2/8	Possession Axis
	House 5/11	Relationship Axis
Mutable	House 3/9	Thought Axis
	House 6/12	Existence Axis

There is discrimination, or you can also call it intelligence, and free choice, and will. As-sagioli has written a book about the training of the will, and he says it's very poor in our days - people do not know what will is all about. I don't know if you've read his book - it's worthwhile to read it - because then you will understand psychosynthesis so much better, and also what the Moon Node can be for you.

The Houses and their axes

This is an introduction to what I will go into later about the Moon Node, as the Twelve Doors of Spiritual Growth. As far I know, it is a very easy way to understand this, for practical use and as a method for using the Moon Node in the House it is in, in your chart, for this first step towards your goal in life. And it's very practical., and you all know the meaning of the twelve Houses so I will not go into this very deeply. It is really the meaning of the House, as such, which is the *practical* step forward in your life. So now I need some slides to show you how we use the Houses and the knowledge of the Houses according to the axis, because I hope you understood that the Moon Node line always has to do with the whole axis. This is because there is opposition - yes? It is the South Node and the North Node that makes a kind of opposition. Therefore it is important to understand how to use the Moon Node according to the axis theme as we show here. (*See diagram on previous page*)

Encounter axis

You see, from the AC to the DC you have the *Encounter axis*. The 1st House is the House of the "I", the ego, and the 7th House is the House of the "You". This confrontation from the "I" to the "You" is the meaning of the Moon Node line in your chart. This means when you have the North Node in the 1st House then the meaning is that you have something in your character to overcome according to the South Node in the 7th House. You tend to live first, on the first step where you still are blind, in a way, you have not awakened. You live the South

Node according to the 7th House. It means that you are going to the other person, doing what he or she wants, that you tend to depend on somebody, and you have to overcome this Saturnian South Node opposition power, therefore you can consciously now turn and look for the North Node, and you have to go towards this North Node with an inner commitment. You know this kind of thing: "Now I want to grow out of it, of the throw-back to the Saturnian South Node".

The 1st House North Node means that you have to go ahead in your egocentric knowing of yourself. It means that you yourself have to go forward to say "Here I am!" and "I am such-and-such - my identity in the 1st House means that I have to show the world that I am somebody". This kind of standing before the world and before the "You" means you have fight for your own ego. It is something you can immediately practise in life when some problems arise on the Encounter axis. It means practically that you have to renounce, in a way, your dependence on somebody, because the South Node is like a trap that you fall into all the time. The South Node means that, because it is the path of your experiences, you easily go to the other person and are willing to do what the other person wants you to do. This is a dependency and nothing to do with free will at all.

Therefore, to overcome this withdrawal, you have to emphasise the North Node, and that's a very practical thing you can do from morning till night if you like. You can train yourself to do this. This is still on the dualistic second level, and to overcome the opposition means that at the end, when you grow out of this back and forth of opposite polarities, then you can choose of your own free will, according to the intelligence, according to the knowing of what you want to do and what you want to aim for, to choose what kind of energy you will use in life. This is always the way out of difficulties. It is the aim, in every life, to become free of the pairs of opposites.

To become free means that you are able, and you understand that you have the possibility to choose for yourself what you want to do. And this is a liberation, this is a joyful recognition - it is a very liberating and healing recognition when you understand for yourself that you can make a free choice. A free step forward - and to use astrology for that reason is really a happy thing!

Possession axis

So we can go through all the Houses now and look at the 2nd and 8th axis. This axis we call the *Possession axis*. It has to do with possessions, but not only on the materialistic level. Again we want to ensure that you understand the real truth in delineating the chart lies in the three-dimensional approach.

Even the axis can work on the materialistic level, the first level. There you can really understand it has to do with the materialistic world and with your possessions and your money and with all the things you know about the 2nd House. But on the second level, again this is always the psychological level, and it's always the same, according to the Law of Analogy.

And it's always the same with three-dimensional thinking. When you can understand what I mean with the three-dimensional thinking then you have the key for interpreting correctly what is in your chart. It's not always true on one level, it's not always the money that you're concerned with in the 2nd House, it can also become very, very important what kind of talents you have. What you possess in characteristics, in power, in strength, you know? These are also possessions, but on the psychological level. There's a difference! And on the spiritual level, on the Possession axis, you can become a very intelligent economist because economy is a cosmic principle and it has to do with using energy correctly. Therefore when you have the Moon Node in the 2nd House, it means that your way out of difficulties is to use your own substance,

your own talents. And to use these means to do so according to economic law, to bring it into the world, according to the Law of Supply and Demand - the Law of Economy. And so when you have the Moon Node in the 2nd House, find out on the three levels, what kind of things you have to *give* to the world, because giving and taking are also of this axis.

Then you know that the 2nd House is also to do with your own self-evaluation. And you think best of yourself when you know you have something to give. Your own worth, your own value is much higher when you have some talents to offer to the world. Then if the Moon Node is in the 2nd House you have something to offer to the world. Then you have to go into a kind of struggle between the opposition, you have to fight for this self-esteem. You have to fight for it to overcome the throw-back in the 8th House. And the throw-back in the 8th House means that you think all the others have much more to give than you. So you are always looking towards others and waiting for their inheritance and what they may give you in the future, and then maybe you will grow. But if you have the Moon Node in the 2nd House you have to say "No - I won't wait any more for the inheritance or whatever they want to give to me. I have good substance in myself and I can count on that". This is the Taurus attitude too. I count on myself and I liberate myself from the South Node throw-back, from the dependence on others and the waiting for them to come...and they will never come...you know? If the North Node is in the 2nd House, it means that you have to depend on yourself, like Taurus - this is survival stuff, you know.

Thought axis

Then we go on to the 3rd House, and the 3rd/9th axis has to do with thinking processes. Again, we have a three-fold development. The 1st House is the ego, and according to my three dimensions it is the first step, the first level. That it's always the

threefold levels, then you know what you have to do. If you've got this, that the analogical law means that this is always the same. And when you've got this key

It's a kind of old mystery, which when you understand the three-dimensional world, then you have a key to understand yourself and the others and whole of evolution and all the problems we have in our days. It's a key. Therefore, the 1st House, according to the first level, the 2nd House, is the conflicting stuff where you have to fight for things and defend your own possessions and substance and talents, and with the 3rd House we have the third level with the analogical field - it is the thinking level.

There is common sense in the 3rd House, the collective conditions, and the 9th House means the ability to think as an individual, to have your own thoughts and ability to think them. In the 9th House, there is the individual who is building his own autonomy and thinking processes. When you have the Moon Node in the 3rd House, it means that you must be able to link up with collective thinking, and link up with the normal way of life in your culture. The 3rd House is also somewhere that you can easily give away what you know. You can share your knowledge and relate to this easily. We sometimes call this House "The Piazza" - in Italy this is the name of the place where people meet each other. There is this kind of sitting around in the street and you speak to each other. If you have the North Node in the 3rd House it means that you must go out and tell people what you think! Don't be afraid that they might refuse you or that they will not take the knowledge and information that you want to offer them.

To overcome the 9th House South Node, you are again in the opposition to fight for the way out, but it means that with the South Node in the 9th House, you think that your own knowledge is much higher than common knowledge. It's about going down, in your consciousness, to listen to the others.

When the ego and the individual 9th House person is very convinced about their knowledge and that he or she alone has the truth, and all the other people are so low-browed, this is a trap you can fall into. The brow is always to do with the thinking/intelligence level. To overcome this kind of sophisticated attitude you have to become humble again. You have to know that in the 3rd House you can learn from everybody. And again you can see that this is a kind of transformation of your consciousness. There is always a kind of overcoming, or renouncement, or something that you have to struggle for, otherwise there would not be this conflicting opposition state in which you have to struggle for something. You have to make the decision that when you have the 3rd House Moon Node you are able to give what you know and to learn and listen to the others. Then you are able to learn for your whole life from everybody.

The 9th House Moon Node is just the reverse. He thinks "I alone have the truth!" like Sagittarians sometimes do! It's always the going back and forth, and then you reach the third level in this opposition - the confronting, conflicting crisis - this means that you then choose for yourself what you do - the free decision. On the third level it means that you have overcome the pairs of oppositions and you can *use them*, consciously. When you need to be in the 3rd House, you go there, and when you need to be in the 9th House, you go there. This is growing into the free use of energy, and the free use of energy is the aim, the goal for everybody. To use astrology for that reason is again, a healing, joyful happening.

Individuality axis

So now we go on to the fourth axis. The fourth axis is called IC/MC, the meridian line, the *Individuality axis*. This is a very deep and important thing, especially in our hemisphere here in Europe - the individuality drive is at this time very conscious. It is a drive, an urge, a power which is pulling everybody in some way or another.

This is especially so when you deal with astrology - had you realised this? You are working on this axis because in the 4th House there is a collective drive, need, meaning of your family, of your tradition etc. And in the 10th House it is just the reverse. Again, the opposition is very hard to deal with. You want to become an individual who is independent, who stands on his own feet, who can decide whatever he wants, and in reality you must always consider the bond with the collective. Without family, without feelings of belonging, you cannot exist. Therefore this axis is a very difficult one.

To become an individual means that you have to struggle for your own independence all the time. And when you have the Moon Node in the 4th House, you have to overcome this kind of separatist attitude. You have to go down again, down to the family, you have to be nice to them because it's the Cancer House as well, and Cancer is a feeling Sign. With Cancer you have to tell others that you love them, that you need them, that you want to belong to them, that you want to take care of them, to become somebody who is not alone. When the South Node is in the 10th, you have to overcome the drive of being somebody, "I am the best, I am the greatest" kind of thing. This you have to overcome with the 4th House North Node, and you have to become humble again.

Do you know what this means for someone who is already somebody in the 10th House? You maybe have this individuation behind you, and it is the conditioning to act wrongly because it is the Saturn point, the South Node. So to grow out of this you have to go down on your knees and become humble again and tell others that you need their love and warmth and reconnect with family life, with all the nice feelings around that go with this. And you know Capricorn and Cancer is the opposition on this axis, on the Sign level. That's something very practical - so it's demanded of you that you learn to grow into more spiritual awareness, into a greater feel-

ing of your own inner self, which links you up with the whole universe.

The North Node is always the door of spiritual growing, and you have to open the door *consciously*. It will not be opened by itself. The South Node is always open, because there you are conditioned, there you are coming from a different point of view, even if you've found out that the line of the Moon Node has to do with a kind of looking into past lives.

This Moon Node line you can turn 180 degrees, and then another large world will open up before you. You can look into the past, and we have built around the Moon Node line knowledge about a different kind of horoscope. We call it the Moon Node horoscope. It is the mirroring horoscope of your past lives. Therefore the South Node is to do with the throwing back into these old conditions which you have exercised in many lives. To overcome these habits, these conditions, you first have to over-emphasise the North Node, but on the third level you have go back to the equilibrium, to the middle point again. I have to say this all the time, because when you think in opposites too much, and in polarities, it's only half of the truth. To overcome it you must over-emphasise it for this stage of development, and then you have to become "normal" again, to become aware of the middle point, of the synthesis, of the third level. Do you understand?

Relationship axis

Then we'll go on to the 5th House. The 5th/11th axis is the *Relationship axis*. We know the 5th House has to do with all this nice erotic love and relationships and so on, and the 11th House has to do with relationship with friends, as you will know from traditional astrology. When you've got the North Node in the 5th House it means that you have to overcome the 11th House North Node first, in the opposition. You maybe have in your conditioning, in your mind, some ideas about the 11th House that you

choose only the best friends, the best people. You have a kind of elitist thinking, and it means that you have to overcome this kind of selectiveness. When you have the North Node in the 5th House it means that you have to contact people on various levels without demanding something, without illusion, without prejudice. You have to see them just as they are. On the erotic level, you contact people on the skin - and this means you have to overcome your own ideas about how things should be. This is erotic and sexual, and with the 5th House Moon Node you have to take on your shoulder the risk, because you don't want to risk anything!

The South Node says, when you go to make a relationship with anyone "We will be hurt". You know too much about the possibilities, so you are too highly selective. The 5th House North Node means that you have to become normal again, you have to be like a child, without too many ideas or too much thinking beforehand. Just find out by experiences what it's all about with love and so on, and this is the 5th House Moon Node - and it's a very nice one! But people with the 5th House Moon Node sometimes hesitate, they still have this 11th House attitude towards contacts. They are afraid of being too near to somebody.

Existence axis

And now we'll go on to the 6th House. This is the 6/12 *Existence axis*, and existence has a very deep meaning. Not only survival ability, but it is also to do with a very spiritual 12th House existence. The 6th and the 12th House axis in opposition means that you have to go very, very deep into the question of existence, even from the philosophical, even from the religious side. When you have the North Node in the 6th House it means you have to be Virgo-like to conquer your life, to control your life, to work properly, to work efficiently, to work really well and to bring something out of your work. And it is only the first step out of difficulties when you have the North Node in the 6th House,

just to get on with what needs to be done. You know, like Virgo seeing disorder: "It is not in the right place, so I'll put it in the right place" - this is a kind of orderly life that you have to create when you have the North Node in the 6th.

You have to do what needs to be done very quickly because the 12th House Moon Node is throwing you back to a kind of dreaming state. You know, you dream, and you think about existence from such a feeling of belonging to the transcendental world, and you do not want to have to deal with all this dirty stuff in the world. You are thrown towards the nice feelings in the 12th House, and to overcome this you quickly have to do what needs to be done just to make order around yourself, to make order in your daily life, to bring order to everything you are doing - to have a controlled life, in a way, and not to hesitate, not to wait for someone else to do the work for you. Then when you go the 12th House you can also give the orders to somebody else and ask for help or assistance or delegate the work. But when you have got the Moon Node in the 6th House you have to do it by yourself, unfortunately! There is nobody around! And you sometimes have the feeling "I have to everything by myself all the time and nobody's helping me". You know this kind of self-pity you will have sometimes, because in the 12th House it's so nice just to dream and to have your silence and your quietness.

To overcome this axis and control the whole opposition means that you have to raise your consciousness into an understanding of deep meanings of life. It is a kind of religious transformation into wholeness, into the unity of the whole, it is a kind of transformation of your consciousness on this axis where it is like, as Shakespeare says, "To be or not to be, that is the question".

This confrontation goes so deeply into your existence, it such a deep struggle belonging to the whole and doing your part in the world consciously, and when you have the

6th House Moon Node it means that you are completely dedicating yourself to the service of humanity. In the end you come to this, because all the other motivations are not interesting enough. All the other motivations are just for earning money, for getting your bread and surviving. This is no longer enough - it does not carry weight any more. Therefore, you have to transform your consciousness into the very large view of life.

7th House Moon Node

Now we'll go on to the 7th House. This is again, the *Encounter axis*. Encounter now means the reverse. When you have the Moon Node in the 7th House you have to link up with the "You". You have to become a part of the other. You have to look for a real partnership where you can give to the other, where you can open up to the "You," to contact and to responsibility. You have to take responsibility for others. You have to bind yourself to others because you have to overcome the 1st House South Node at that stage, and this means that you are much too egocentric. You focus on yourself and do not take any responsibility for others, and this is what you have to overcome. Most people overcome this by falling in love.

Love is the power on this axis which gives you a lot more ability to become yourself. When you separate your ego stuff and your identity too much, in the 1st House, from others, then you build up a wall around yourself and you will be alone all the time. And it's meaningless to be alone all the time. Therefore, when you have the Moon Node in the 7th House it means that you have to open up, to tell others that you cannot stay alone, because you are suffering as you are always separated from others. You must have the *courage* to say this to others - that you need him, or her, and then everything will flow again. It's very difficult to open up the ego stuff; you already saw this is on the Cardinal axis, and the Cardinal principal is about will power. Will Power is flowing on the Cardinal cross, therefore it is not easy, sometimes, to overcome this power

play stuff. You remember I told you about this on the 4th/10th axis? We also have this on the 1st/7th - this power play stuff, this manipulation and controlling of others. To open up means to do something else, to take responsibility and to bind and commit yourself to somebody. Then you will grow when you commit yourself. You will have a nice marriage or a nice partnership - whatever.

Usually, in our experience in our School, the North Node shows a kind of correction of your character. A correction means to become more complete, and you need to understand this kind of thing in order to enlarge your consciousness into evolutionary thinking on such topics as "What is life about? What is evolution about?". You know, you also have to consider this kind of thinking because according to evolution everybody has to incarnate again and again until he reaches the greatest completeness, the greatest perfection. What you have not developed until this point, you will be forced to develop. And this is the meaning of development and growing, and only with this meaning you will understand the Moon Node line. Therefore it is a correction point, it's a correction of your character. You will become more round, as I always say. I am a Taurus - for me all things must be round, must be healthy, must be organic, must be sound - hah! Then I can breathe, then I feel good. And therefore it must have this meaning of growing, otherwise I will not accept anything - it's a different approach towards astrology. So it's important to *practically use your North Node as the first step out of difficulty*. It's a real, practical, useful, working thing.

8th House Moon Node

The 8th House Node is on the Possession axis, the Fixed axis as we call the Fixed cross. On the Fixed cross it means that you want to *keep* something for yourself. The 2nd House Moon Node, as I told you, is where you have to give away what you have collected on every level. In the 8th House, it is the next House on the "You" side, and it

has to do with the rules and the structure of society. On the Possession axis the 8th House means all the possessions which belong to someone else. On the three levels it has to do with the protection of the possessions of the whole society. Therefore we need rules. We need structure, rules, we need policemen, we need soldiers and so on to fight for these rules. And when you have the Moon Node there you have to fight for these kind of rules. You have to give to the king what is the king's, as we say in Switzerland. You have to pay taxes!

The South Node in the 2nd means that you have kept too much for yourself, and now you have to pay your taxes to the government. You have to develop this kind of attitude where you give something away, but because of the 8th House this is difficult. So with the 8th House Node you maybe also have to open up to *take* something as well. Giving and taking is the theme on this axis. Even taking, with the Moon Node in the 8th, is sometimes a problem. You know we also call the 8th House the inheritance House - when you get something from an aunt and so on. Some people, because of the South Node in the 2nd, are refusing this! They are so proud, they rely on their own substance, they don't want to take anything from anybody. This is a different attitude which you must consider.

When the North Node is in the 8th it will be corrected by life; maybe you will inherit something and - hah! - it's a burden. Sometimes it gives happiness when you inherit something, it's helpful in your life, but sometimes it is also a burden. It's this House in which the two extremes are possible. We call it the House of transformation, Scorpio-like. Transformation means death and rebirth. You therefore have to find out what kind of correction you need in your character, then you have to struggle for it, and go forward. Transformation means death and rebirth.

You therefore have to find out what kind of

correction you need in your character, then you have to struggle for it, and go forward and train yourself to use this Moon Node as the door into spiritual growth. To become more round, to become more satisfied, to become more aligned with your own inner self. This is the reason that you have to use the Moon Node as a door for spiritual growth. To become *more* of your inner self you first have to open this door, then you can go to the inner self.

9th House Moon Node

The 9th House Moon Node means, of course, just the reverse from the 3rd. You have to have the courage to stand for Collective meanings, and still have your own meanings. It takes courage because you will have the whole Collective against you sometimes - father, mother, siblings, aunts, the surroundings and neighbours are all against you. With the North Node in the 9th House you have to struggle for the truth you have found in life. This is autonomy, this is individuality, this is a powerful and convincing statement of your own recognition of truth. And when you are convinced about your own truth, with the 9th House Moon Node, then at the end everybody will listen to you because you can become a teacher, as you are able to convince others when you are convinced yourself. Then you will become an authority. But first you have to overcome the 3rd House Moon Node because with this 3/9 axis you sometimes fear that you will be criticised by someone, or that everyone in your surroundings will be against you. To speak your own meaning has strength. First you have to open the door a little bit. With the Moon Node in the 9th House, you must know that this is the way to step out, and that this is now your way of growing. When you know that this is your way of doing it, then (*snaps fingers*) - you are doing it! You will get permission to do it, and when you can also give your clients this kind of permission, it's liberating! It's freeing yourself from guilt feelings too.

The South Node with the Saturnian power in it puts all the guilt feelings on you. When you separate yourself in the 9th House you then have to struggle with the opposition. The pairs of opposition - these are always the conflicting stage, the second one, until you have reached the third level. It's always a fight before you reach this level, but when you reach the third level it's a victory! It means that then you can use the whole axis with free will. According to the demands and necessities of life, you can use the 3rd and the 9th when this is your axis.

10th House Moon Node

The same is so on the 4th/10th axis where the individualisation process is going on all the time when you have the North Node in the 10th House. Then ***you have to become an authority*** in some way or another. You have to grow into independence. You have to struggle for independence, otherwise destiny will push you into this independence.

The 10th House Moon Node means that you have to become very strong inside. Individuation means that you have grown into some mastery of life, but you can only become master of somebody, not of something! You can master the ability to take responsibility of yourself. That's all. It's very easy to say but very hard to do. When you have the North Node in the 10th you have the tendency to go to the 4th, to the South Node. That is because you want the "nest", you want ***not*** to take responsibility for yourself. In your unconscious you want to belong, for example, to a man, to a family, to be protected in the Collective, and be surrounded with motherly feelings and so on. This is a very strong power of throw back.

The 10th House is hard to understand, because it needs to say "yes" to you standing alone, and sometimes this means suffering. It can be a desperate experience, too, to find out that you have to stand alone. Sometimes when you are separated from the ones you love, when they leave you and you are alone, when you say "yes" to this loneliness

then at that moment you will become very strong, and in the end you will never stay with the others as you will ***like*** to stay alone - and then you'll say "yes" to it! The moment you accept the North Node as a way out, as a spiritual growing process, then you are free, and this freedom is fantastic! I tell you - when you get the freedom of the 10th House, it's the highest point in the chart, it's the peak experience, it's a kind of self-initiation, and a self-healing power comes out of your inner self. The inner self, the soul, in the circle in the middle of the chart and the middle point on the meridian axis means that you first have to become an individual, and independent individual, according to spiritual growth.

Before you can spiritually grow, you first have to become very strong, with a strong backbone - this is the meridian axis. When you have integrated this and you've gone through the crisis of loneliness, then you have reached the peak of the mountain and experience, then the whole flow of energy and the integration of the Collective and the individual will makes you a creative person. A will-full, powerful 10th House person. And then you will have success too.

11th House Moon Node

The 11th House is just the reverse of the 5th. (*laughter from Louise & the audience*). You have to become ***selective***, very selective. You have to know about your own possibilities, and you have to grow into a kind of ethical relationship, an ideal kind of relationship. You have to strive towards friendship, and friendship is only possible when there is a very high sensitivity of understanding other people and when there is fairness and tolerance in you. When you are in the 11th House, free, then you will accept the origin of everybody - you know there will be a kind of harmony and tolerance and brotherhood, and all these fantastic ideas of communication for all humanity. You have to struggle for this.

You will find other people who are the

same - it is the elitists that you have to look for - the best humanistically developed person. You must become selective, because with the South Node in the 5th House, where you are playing around with everybody, finding out who is who, you know, all this kind of thing.....(*more laughter*) you have to work on this! Then you will be fine when you find other people who are on the same wavelength.

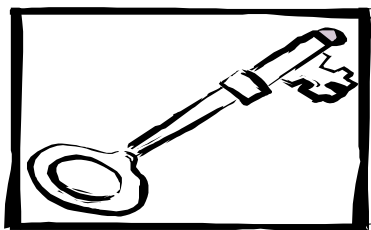
This is the same thing that we always experience in our groups, because then we find each other on the same level, where we **think** the same thing, then everybody understands each other and is tolerant and has a good vision of the future, Everybody at that level will love each other, and then this is something that will make you very open and joyful for the coming New Age. The 11th House is associated with Aquarius, as you know, and somebody has called this in German "The harmony of origin".

12th House Moon Node

And in the 12th House, when you have the Moon Node there, you can look for your own privacy. You have to withdraw yourself from the world, in a way. You must go away into your silent room, or your silent base, and you have to create in yourself a protective inner realm of your own being.

The tape finishes here to applause as Louise, running out of time for this talk, finishes.

"It's a kind of old mystery, which when you understand the three-dimensional world, then you have a **key** to understand yourself and the others and whole of evolution and all the problems we have"



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For more in-depth information on the Moon Nodes, it is recommended that you read:

"*Moon Node Astrology*" by Bruno & Louise Huber, pub. Samuel Weiser Inc. 1995.

"*Moon Node Astrology*" is available from API(UK) Books.

Further reading, referred to by Louise in this talk:

"*The Act of Will*" by Roberto Assagioli, pub. Turnstone Press 1984.