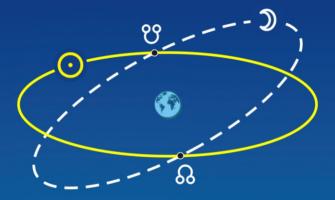
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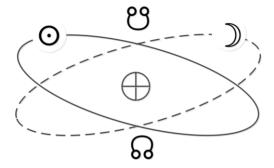
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#### 1. NODE AND ANTI-NODE: AN INTRODUCTION

Node and Anti-Node are two very important principles in Astrology. These are also known as the Ascending node and the Descending node of the Moon. In Vedic Astrology, they are referred to, as Rahu and Ketu. The first understanding that we have to make about Node and Anti-Node is that they are not planetary bodies but formations in the sky. These are two centers of intersection, of the paths of the Earth and the Moon. They are Centers of a three-fold magnetic current of Earth, Sun and Moon.

Node and Anti-Node are very important, to make a complete understanding of the influence of the Planets on the subject and therefore, they are studied along with the Planets. For this reason, they are also seen as one among the planets and we take the name of Rahu and Ketu also, when referring to the 'Nava-Grahas'.

The zodiac signs are twelve in number. The chemistry that the zodiac brings through its twelve sun signs, being transited by nine planets, is of a variety of 108. (12 x 9). There is an awareness necessary, of the energies of the node and anti-node as well, along with the seven planetary lights. We call them as Navagrahas. 'Nava' means nine and 'Graha' means a planet. The Node and Anti-node are also considered along with the seven ray qualities, before an interpretation is made.

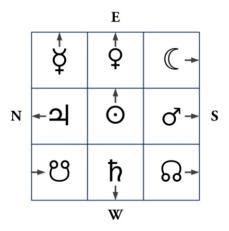
Node is seen as the energy that enables accomplishment, and the Anti-node as the energy that signifies relinquishment. They are also known as the North Node and the South Node or the Positive Node and the Negative Node. The Node or Rahu indicates accomplishment, while Anti-Node or Ketu indicates relinquishment. One relates to expansion, the other relates to withdrawal. Accomplishment or expansion is from within to the outer. That is why, Node is

sometimes considered akin to Jupiter. An accomplishment also has the ability to possess. It also has the characteristic of amassment. When Node is well placed, you will be able to amass or accomplish, and you are positive. Node relates to the positive aspect of the psyche. Anti-node relates to the negative side of the psyche.

In your birth chart, if you have planets proximate to the Node, the positive aspects of those planets are stimulated by the Node. Likewise, if you have planets proximate to Anti-Node or South-Node, there is a stimulation of the negative aspects of the planet which is proximate. That is how, there is an impact of the Node and Anti-Node, as seen in the birth chart.

There is an order of arrangement of the nine energies which you will find in every Temple. This altar is called a 'Navagraha Mantapa' where all the seven planetary energies and the Node (Rahu) and Anti-Node (Ketu) are related to. To the right side of the deity, the Lord of the Temple, the nine planetary

symbols are arranged within the premises of the Temple, in a specific manner and facing specific directions, where there is the Sun leading the arrangement, with the two regents (Mercury and Venus) on either side, and then you have the other planets arranged. Saturn is kept in the back, and on either side of Saturn, the Node and Anti-Node are posited. Other planets are in-between.



Arrangement of Planetary energies in a Navagraha Mantapa

In India, we often see that people frequently wear finger rings, on which all nine planets are

engraved, i.e., the seven planets and the two Nodes arranged in an order of three per row. Generally, they hold such rings to receive a balanced impact of the energies, of all the nine principles (Navagrahas). By this, I am not promoting such kind of rings! It only gives us an understanding, to work out a balanced impact of the planetary energies and the Nodes. These traditions and practices, only tell us, that there is an awareness relating to working with all the nine energies.

#### 2. Positive And Negative

Every planet has its positive and negative aspect. When associated with Node, the positivism grows relating to that planet. When associated with Anti- Node or South Node, the negativism grows, relating to that planet.

Node is the male aspect, and the Anti-Node is a female aspect from the standpoint of the energy. Negative is seen as that, which receives and holds. Positive is that, which liberates to expand. That is the reason, why it is also said that the Positive Node is like the Sun sign Aries, and the Negative Node is like the Sun sign Libra. Further extending the analogy, the Positive Node is taken as the Spring Equinox, March 21st, and the Anti-Node is taken as the counterpart

which is the energy of September 22nd, Autumn-Equinox. Therefore, the horoscope can be divided as the upper and lower part, with Node and Anti-Node as the basis. That is another way of reading the horoscope. In a zodiac, you have Aries on the meridian and the related Equinox. So, that forms the peak of the golden cup, or the upper arc, and then the Anti-Node forms the nadir, the bottom arc.

If the planets in a chart fall only in one side of the horoscope, then such a horoscope is said to be a very conditioned one. If all the planets in the horoscope fall in-between the Node and the Anti-Node on either side, it indicates a kind of strong conditioning by time, for life. It is said that the serpent has bound this native, by head and foot. This conditioning is called '*Kala Sarpa Dosha*', a situation of conditioning by the serpent.

You can also see, how the planets are distributed in a horoscope. One is the Ascendent and the other is the Descendent. Suppose, you have the Node or Anti-Node in the 3rd house. Correspondingly

in the 10th house you have the counterpart. Then, if you have all the birth planets posited in the left or in the right part only, it is said that it is said to be a stagnated horoscope. The native is conditioned by the serpent of time.

It means, the native should learn to stay contented with whatever comes to him, because the serpent does not allow him to expand. You have such symbols in the ancient theologies. Serpent is symbolic of the time aspect in creation. Meditating upon a serpent, that stands on its tail is recommended to come out of such conditioning by the serpent of time. This is how we have to see the Node and Anti-Node in the horoscope.



Symbols set up for worship with Serpent standing on its tail,

and a jewel upon the hood

#### 3. Node - Anti-Node: Transits & Aspects

The North Node (Rahu) and the South Node (Ketu) represent the Equinoxes, the Positive-Negative aspect, and the Male-Female aspect. They exert their influence upon the proximate planets in the horoscope. The Nodes move in an anti-clockwise direction. When you consider the transits, it takes 18 years for the Nodes to complete one circle.

There is a deep symbolism relating to number 18. It works in a very latent manner. We need to look into the movement of the Nodes, in the horoscope. When the Positive Node conjuncts a birth planet, it positively stimulates the activity relating to that planetary energy in you. Likewise, when the Negative Node conjuncts a birth planet, it negatively stimulates

the activity relating to that planetary energy in you. So, in 18 years you will have all the planets relating to your birth chart negatively and positively stimulated.

Let us say, the Anti-Node is transiting birth Jupiter in your horoscope, you tend to be indulgent, and you tend towards more and more, to comfort. That is the negative aspect of Jupiter. If the Node is transiting Jupiter, it causes expansion of consciousness. This is how, you have to observe that the Anti-Node stimulates negative dimensions, and the Node stimulates the positive dimensions, relating to every planet as they transit.

Likewise, there is also the planetary transit in relation to the birth Node and Anti-Node. That also, shall have to be cognised. For example, you may have Jupiter in Sagittarius, which is a good position, but maybe associated with Anti-Node. So, you have to take the conjunction also into account, before you interpret the Jupiter in Sagittarius, which will reduce the positive impact and may not give all the benefits. With respect to the aspects, you only take conjunctions into

account, and nothing else. No squares, trines or oppositions are considered. Look to conjunctions in the progress chart, in the birth chart, and also the transit in the sky to get some more clues about the aspect of time relating to it. If you start looking into the charts with this knowledge, you will be able to see a little bit more and comprehend why it is so.

Generally, the Node and Anti-Node have their impact up to 8 degrees. In terms of transit, Node and Anti-Node take 18 years to make a cycle. It is one and a half year (18 months), in each of the twelve signs. This is the supplementary knowledge, which you should carry when you try to program, on the basis of your chart and progressed chart.

With a careful working with the Node and Anti-Node in every sign, we learn to function with the energy of grip and release with respect to every faculty in about eighteen years.

#### 4. MAGNETIC CENTRES: NODE - ANTI-NODE

The Node and Anti-Node are seen at par with the planets in Indian Astrology. They are however, not like the other planetary bodies in the Solar system. The Nodes and Anti-Nodes are the magnetic centres that have an impact on the personality and on the body. The Nodes are the junction points in the planetary path of the Moon and the Earth. The Moon has its path of movement around the Earth, while the Earth has its own path of movement. When they intersect, you have the happening of an eclipse, and there is an impact upon the planet. All such eclipses have a magnetic impact on the planet.

When the Node is transiting your Ascendent, or the Ascendent is transiting the Node, you have a

chance for expansion. If it is with the Anti-Node, you should think of contraction. It is the serpent whose cooperation you are seeking by following the path of the Nodes. One relates to expansion, the other relates to contraction. In life, you have both the aspects. That is the reason, why, Node is said to be something like Jupiter in its functioning, and Anti-Node is said to be something like Saturn.

The transits of Node and Anti-Node have a great meaning. You should see in your personal chart, through the transits, and recognise the personal eclipses. Just like you see the eclipse in the sky, there are also personal eclipses.

When you are able to trace them, meaning both the solar and the lunar eclipse, they offer a great opportunity for spiritual revelation. Because, there is something magnetic that manifests in you, during that point of time.

The eclipses as they happen upon the planet, transmit substantial magnetic currents to the planet. Likewise, the eclipses happening in your horoscope,

have a similar transmission of certain magnetic currents in you. So, there is also a release from the serpent conditioning.

#### 5. Nodes And Planets

The Nodes indicate conditioning and release. Anti-Node with negative planets is a much more difficult situation. There is more conditioning. When you find such conditioning in the horoscope, you shall have to suggest means for extra effort to expand. When you are conditioned, you need a little more effort!

Meditation upon sound and colour is suggested depending upon the planets which are conditioned by the Anti-Node. If all the birth planets fall either on the left or to the right side of the circle, the symbol of the serpent standing vertically on the tail has to be meditated.

When there is an influence of the Anti-Node on you, you are generally an introvert, a bit cold like

Saturn, and also forgetful. Such forgetfulness is also an aspect of relinquishment. When Anti-Node is at work, there is not only relinquishment and forgetfulness, but also an aspect of things slipping from the hands. If people hold anything, it slips away from their hand! Don't we see things slipping from their hands when people hold? They bring a glass of water, and even before they give it to you, it slips out of the hand! Or, as you take it, it slips from your hands! The slip between the cup and the lip is arising out of the Anti-Node. We may take a cup of coffee in our hands and raise it to our lips, but suddenly the cup slips!

When Anti-Node is at work, you tend to lose opportunities in life. It is out of lack of immediate response to an opportunity, since you are cold. Anti-Node gets you, the habit of being lazy, which has in it, forgetfulness, the slippery aspect and also an aspect of misunderstanding. There is more misunderstanding than understanding of a given situation! If there is a rope over there, in darkness, you think it is a snake! You tend to see something, which is not there.

Of course, we all have this aspect in us, because we all carry the Anti-Node in our chart somewhere! The illusion is cast more by Anti-Node. The influence of Anti-Node makes you shy, withdrawn and unnecessarily scared about things, arising out of the negativism.

When you take the counterpart, the Node, then you have all the reverses. You are active, agile, alert, and ready to catch hold of an opportunity. You do not slip away the opportunities that come to you. You are positive in your attitude, and you are permeating.

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#### 6. Nodes And Houses

First house is generally indicative of the personality. People who have Anti-Node in the first house generally slip many opportunities, and they get more and more timid. If you have Anti-Node in the first house, very proximate to the degree of Ascendent, generally, it does not allow you to have a life partner. Even if you have one, you tend to lose, because it is the quality of the Anti-Node to lose.

Please remember, Wisdom has a remedial measure for all situations. A situation or crisis should not be seen as fatal! Astrology is a great science which throws light upon the problem, and also gives a remedial measure. Every blockage has a remedy! The remedy is through invocation of a greater force,

through sound, through colour or through symbol. The greatest force is what we relate to, through all our theistic practices, is 'That'! The greatest force comes from the Divine!

When you are with 'THAT', all the time, there is no influence of the planets on you. The planetary energies keep a respectable distance, when you are with the boss! The boss here is the Most High! That is why, Astrology works differently with different people. It depends upon the degree of awareness that you carry. If there is the same planetary placement as between a highly individualistic person, a personality-oriented person and a disciple, their working is different! So, when you have found a problem through an interpretation of the astrological chart, do not get into despair. Take the help of a higher one, then the lower one obliges. Astrology indicates the solutions, as well!

Astrology has remedial measures. It enables you to foresee a problem and take to a remedial measure. It is so, with the Nodes also! Essentially in your original status as the embodiment of light,

embodiment of the divine, you are far bigger than the planetary energies. By linking up to the origin, you get that necessary degree of awareness to surmount a problem. Either by sheer will, or by following the advice of Men of Wisdom, you can overcome the conditioning. That is why, Astrology is a complete science. It not only reveals the problems, but also gives the solutions to the problems. Just because you have Anti-Node in your first house, don't condemn yourself. That means, you have a different program to take up, and to work with. This understanding is very important.

When the Anti-Node is in the first house, the Node is in the seventh house. In our charts, when the position of the Node is indicated, you have to immediately see that another 180° apart, you have the Anti-Node. The seventh house is the house of your spouse. The understanding is, since the spouse is very positive, even if you are negative, the relation remains! From the other side it is positive, though not from your side. That is why, the awareness is important! Likewise,

the reverse case also. If you have the Anti-Node in the seventh house, you may get a spouse but there could be a separation later. But if we are able to see these tendencies beforehand, we can take remedial measures. It is therefore, a very good way of working out.

In our natal charts, they print the Node, and you have to immediately see that 180° apart, you will find the Anti-Node. If you have the influence of Anti-Node in you, you don't see that! You slip! With anything, you can take this aspect of positive and negative functioning and keep on applying in varieties of situations, and you get a lot of knowledge just through Nodes and Anti-Nodes.

If the Positive Node is in the first houses, in both charts of the wife and the husband, it is a very good situation. But in this case, in both the charts, there will be the Anti-Node in the seventh house ,which is not such a good situation! In general, when you have the Node or the Anti-Node in the first house, the marital situation gets delayed. Then, you further need to see the other planetary combinations and their

compatibility. That is why, this whole study is for supplementing the existing knowledge, and is not an exclusive thing by itself.

Likewise, is the case with Node and Anti-Node in other houses. It is a simple extension of the logic relating to Node and Anti-Node functioning. In the house where Node is, you receive the positive aspects of that house. In the house where Anti-Node is posited, you have the negative aspects of that house.

If the Anti-Node is in the second house, that, which you expect to receive, you do not receive. You are made to wait! With the Anti-Node in third house, there are problems with the co-born or the fellow beings. Things at home are not to our satisfaction when the Anti-Node is in the fourth house. In the fifth house, there is a difficulty in conceiving children. Remember that it is only a difficulty and not an impossibility. Nothing is impossible from the standpoint of Astrology. You have to take remedial measures that are suggested. It is so, with all the twelve houses. You may make an understanding of all the

twelve houses. The positive side is stimulated, if you have Node, and the negative side is stimulated, if you have Anti-Node.

We may take a hint that worship of Hanuman, the Monkey God and relating to Hanuman Chalisa wards off the negative effects due to the afflictions of the Node (Rahu), Anti-Node (Ketu), Saturn and Mars.

#### 7. NODES AND PERSONAL ECLIPSES

Eclipse is the Node's degree through which Sun transits. That is how, a Solar Eclipse happens on the New-Moon day. Likewise, the Lunar Eclipse happens on a Full-Moon day.

When the Moon conjuncts the Anti-Node or the Anti-Node conjuncts the Moon, we have a Lunar Eclipse. When the Node and the Sun are conjunct, we have the Solar Eclipse.

Likewise in your horoscope, the transit of the Moon, either the birth Moon or the progressed Moon, when it transits your Anti-Node or progressed Anti-Node, you have a personal Lunar Eclipse.

Similarly, with the transit of the Sun, either the birth Sun or the progressed Sun, when it transits your

Node or Progressed Node, you have a personal Solar Eclipse. All these days are to be especially noted for alignment, by the students of Yoga.

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### 8. GOOD FRIDAY AND SOLAR ECLIPSE

It is well known that on the day of crucifixion of Jesus Christ, it was a complete Solar Eclipse. He chose that day and worked for it. He volunteered to be captivated two days earlier, for the good of humanity.

The crucifixion was on the day of a Solar Eclipse. The reason is, it is easy to disappear and to reappear on such days! It is easy to relate to the Father and the Hierarchy, to withdraw into *Samadhi*, you are not even conscious of the body, and you are one with God until you come back. The total eclipse is a great opportunity. Death and resurrection is a drama enacted in the *Ashrams* during the Solar Eclipse times.

The ritual of birth of the saviour which is enacted every year during the midnight hours of 22nd

December. It is the day of Winter Solstice and the birthday of Jesus, the Christ. Likewise, the ritual of death and resurrection is carried out in the *Ashrams* when there is a Solar Eclipse on parts of the globe.

Jesus Christ took the best advantage of the Solar Eclipse for reaching the state of *Samadhi*. Nature also co-operated, and it became easier for him. Three days later, he came back. It was three lunar days and not three solar days. Please remember, it all happened almost in two days, or one and a half day. Many times, we get 2 lunar days within a day, 3 lunar days within two days, and sometimes 3 lunar days within 1.5 days.

Jesus Christ went through the crucifixion on a Friday evening. He journeyed from Gethsemane to Golgotha. It was quite a journey that started 3 o'clock (Jerusalem time) in the afternoon, and slowly he reached the hill of Golgotha around 5 o'clock in the evening. He was anointed, put to the cross and the crucifixion was around the twilight hours after which he reappeared the Sunday morning. There is still a lot of confusion, when we speak about Good Friday and

Easter Sunday. According to the lunar calendar it is 3 days. In India, many follow the lunar calendar. Jesus used the opportunity provided by nature. He moved to higher circles and then returned. He selected a more appropriate time and thus availed the co-operation offered by time!

### 9. ECLIPSE: A DISCIPLINE FOR OCCULT PRACTICE

We try to understand what Solar Eclipse means to us. It is not an eclipse to the Sun God! The Sun is not eclipsed. It is a relative eclipse to the beings on Earth. To us, it is a Solar Eclipse. The Sun is as brilliant, and as lively as it is. To the beings on Earth, it is a relative experience. Even to the beings on Earth, it only occurs to the beings on that part on the globe, where the eclipse is visible. It is not to all the beings on the planet! The eclipse is on account of the interruption of reception to the rays of the Sun to a particular part of the planet. Many eclipses happen, both Solar and Lunar. Some are felt and some are not felt, depending on our location. Sometimes it could be felt in the East. and at some other times, it could be in the West.

We all know, what exactly an eclipse is. When the Moon comes in between the Sun and the Earth, in it's transit, you cannot see the Sun for that moment. It is a Solar eclipse. As Moon moves faster, and when it is through, the Sun continues to be visible again. Wherever it is not daytime on the planet, there, there is no eclipse. Sometimes the eclipse is partial and sometimes it is total.

Likewise, it is, for the lunar eclipse. The Earth comes between Sun and the Moon. The Moon is not visible temporarily, because Earth comes in between Sun and the Moon.

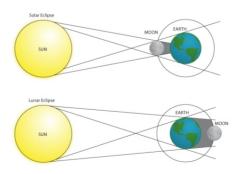


Illustration: Solar and Lunar Eclipse

Understand that, Solar eclipse is Moon obstructing the visibility of the Sun temporarily to the beings on that part of the planet. So, in the Solar eclipse there is a non-visibility of the Sun, and in Lunar eclipse there is non-visibility of the Moon.

During Solar eclipse, we receive partial rays of the Sun as the eclipse approaches. Therefore, you do not get all the Seven qualities of the rays, or all the Seven rays of the Solar ray! Some are missing, and sometimes it is totally not there. Sun is giver of life, and Sun is also the consciousness. So, the life energy is affected, and your consciousness is also affected. If life energy is affected, it affects the health. If consciousness is partly suspended, we experience a kind of non-existence. It is not non-existence; it is an apparent non-existence!

These are the two impacts i.e., to the life and consciousness. Since life affects health, it is recommended that our stomachs are not put to the task of digesting during the time of the eclipse. No cooking and no eating! When there is cooking, the rays

of the Sun have an effect on the cooked food. And when you eat such food, it has an impact on you. If you eat during the eclipse time, the life energy in you is not so complete, and it would have some effect on you and affect your health. Therefore, Wisdom suggests that both the activities of cooking and eating are avoided during the eclipse time. We avoid putting the system to the activity of digestion. When you introduce any food material and even water into the system, the body functioning up to the colon, is active. It is therefore recommended that we cease any intake at least 3-4 hours before the eclipse, so that the digestive activity is almost completed by the time the eclipse reaches us. This is the seers' understanding of the effect of the Solar eclipse on the health aspect. If you are in equilibrium, the change can pass through without any ill effects to you.

Similarly, it is, with the consciousness. There is a temporary disappearance of consciousness during the eclipse time. When consciousness is not, what remains is existence! Therefore, meditations are suggested to experience our individual non-existence and to experience the pure existence. Deep meditations can happen during eclipse time, because there is a temporary cessation of apparent consciousness. The seers have taught us, that, it is a conducive time to reach up to the experience of pure existence. It is especially so, on a day where there is a total eclipse. With such an alignment, you can become one with total existence, that is called Samadhi. Attaining Samadhi is easier at eclipse time, because there is a seeming non-existence. Nature is so silent, even in the woods and forests. In such silence, it is much beneficial for the students of occultism, and the students of Yoga. All exoteric activities are suspended. Not even *Pujas* or worship rituals are conducted. During the time of eclipse, just sit down quietly, close your eyes and stay observing. You are gone! Meaning, you are absorbed into nothingness and then again you come back! Therefore, meditation is recommended during the time of the eclipse. This is applicable only to the places, where the eclipse is witnessed.

There is a special care to be taken, when it comes to pregnant women. It is recommended that they are completely at rest, during the time, because there is preparation of a body progressing within the womb. Suspend any eating during that time, so that the formation of the baby in the womb is not put to any disturbance. If we do not care for this discipline, with the new-born baby, some part may be de-formed, maybe a lip is deformed, or an eye, or an ear, depending on the month of pregnancy. Therefore, they are recommended to be quiet and at rest. Though, the eclipse is generally important to all, it assumes much more importance, where there is a pregnancy.

The persons whose Sun, Moon or Ascendant is around the transition must also be attentive and oriented. For example, if the transition is in Capricorn. Sun is around the 26th degree in Capricorn. If anyone's Sun, Moon or Ascendant is around 26 degrees Capricorn, meaning, plus or minus 8 degrees, (i.e., from 18 degrees Capricorn to 4 degrees Aquarius), he has to be particularly careful because there is an impact.

There is generally an impact on health and on consciousness. For that reason, the discipline of non-eating and meditation has come about from very ancient times.

An eclipse is an excellent time for the Occult students. They can utilise the time to relate to the God absolute, and then experience *Samadhi*.

In India, all Temples are closed wherever there is an impact of the eclipse. All outer activity including worship is suspended. Even the worship rooms are closed! As a precaution, sacred grass called 'darbha' (Sacred grass, also known as Kusa grass) is spread on the floor, so that no water can come through. Sacred grass is used in all rituals and is also spread in the shrine rooms, Temples and cooking places to dispel the negative effects. It serves to insulate against any negative impact. This grass is much used and grown in the Tropics. It is found in California, Mexico, and Venezuela also.

People are recommended to prepare to the eclipse by taking a bath before eclipse and again after

the eclipse. There are two extra baths on such days from head to foot, so that you also consecrate to the event and also to prepare to receive the necessary energies during the time of change. During the change, one is expected to be very quiet and calm. Thereby, they receive better!

The students of occultism may adopt to such discipline to align to the beneficial times of the eclipses.

### 10. ECLIPSES: INITIATION TO SEED SOUNDS

An opportunity like a Solar eclipse or a Lunar eclipse can be favourably utilized to get the seed sounds initiated in us. The Eclipse time is found favourable to stimulate the seed sounds in us. The New Moon time is also very favourable for such activities. However, an eclipse presents a greater opportunity. We must learn how to work with an eclipse. Because we are eclipsed, we are not able to make use of the Eclipse happening in the system!

There are certain fundamentals relating to how to behave with an eclipse. It requires preparation.

o You should get ready, purifying your body before the eclipse happens; that means, take a shower and keep the body pure, keep the mind calm and do not

- engage in speeches. Maintain a quiet attitude and tranquillity as the hour of the eclipse approaches.
- O At the beginning of the eclipse, you can start meditating upon sounds which are interior or a *Mantra* given to you, or keep chanting Ом inside, in the Heart Centre.
- You should not have a heavy stomach, when there is an eclipse. It will have an impact on your Solar Plexus.
- o You must make sure that the bowels are cleared and the stomach is not heavy with food. Then engage with the sound OM throughout the time of the eclipse.
- o Make sure that you don't have any activity in the outer world during the time of the eclipse, so that you can tune up to it.
- o Till the eclipse is over, do not think of any intake, do not think of any speeches, and do not think of any actions.
- o Make a total tuning up with the eclipse and practise the sound with which you are familiar.

The best effects of the sound are realised during that time. Same is the situation when we are entering into the New Moon, and same is the situation whenever we are ending up a cycle and beginning a new one. It can be a Lunar cycle or a Solar cycle. It can be the Full Moon time, 11th ascending and descending moon phases, 8th ascending and descending moon phases, Equinox days, and Solstices. All these days are propitious to practice sound. Likewise, daily, the dawn, the dusk, the noon and the midnight hours are favourable times to practice sound. Initiates make good use of these opportunities presented by time.

When initiates utter, they utter that which is, 'to be'. This is because, they are responsible in their utterances. Through proper utterances, they always maintain the magnetism in them. They are fully aware that, if they make an irresponsible utterance, they get demagnetized. To them, utterance is much more valuable than the most valuable currency on the planet. They do not care for the value of money, but they do care for their utterance, because their utterance is

capable of manifestation. They are able to bring things from the state of imperceptibility, to the state of perceptibility through utterance.

We are also uttering from imperceptible to perceptible layers. But we are not responsible in uttering and hence our utterances may come true or may not come true! An utterance of an average human creates more confusion than construction! An utterance of an overcritical person always creates negative manifestations. So, we learn to work with the utterance responsibly and avail the opportunities such as the eclipses that time offers to progress further!

### 11. VASUKI - THE PATH OF KUNDALINI

Serpent is symbolic of a time cycle, and it comes back again and again. Scorpio is a Sun sign which is proximate to the South Node. That is why, when there is a Scorpio at home, you will have more and more Scorpios taking birth in that house. The serpent is at work!

A Scorpio is never alone. If you are a Scorpio, you will get a child who is a Scorpio by sun sign or by ascendent or at least by Moon. It continues to keep its progeny alive. That is the work of a serpent. You find this exclusively in Scorpio. For generations you will have Scorpios. It is interesting when you see these phenomena. Serpents have tendencies to perpetuate. From Node to Anti-Node, you have the whole ladder.

If you take the Node as the hood of the serpent with the gem over it, i.e., the *Sahasrara*, the Anti-Node represents the tail of the serpent or the tip of the tail. It has the path which is described as the path of *Vasuki*.

The whole path is the path of the time, from the most sublime to the most mundane. So, there is a way to follow the path of the serpent. There is also the constellation of the great dragon called *Aslesha* which is in Leo. Take this as the serpent ladder which conditions as you go down and releases as you go up in your awareness. The whole axis can be seen as the path of *Kundalini*.

The background Lord rests upon the serpent of time, *Vasuki* and has *Garuda* as his vehicle! It is a very profound symbol. If you keep pondering upon all this symbolism, more and more is revealed!

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Node is seen as the energy that enables accomplishment, and the Anti-Node as the energy that signifies relinquishment. They are also known as the North Node and the South Node or the Positive Node and the Negative Node.

Rahu is accomplishment, while Ketu is relinquishment. One relates to expansion, the other relates to withdrawal.



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