

Welcoming In The Year Of The Earth Rat 2008

NEW SEMINAR: 'Comparative Philosophies of East Asia'

This exploration of the fascinating but diverse philosophies behind the primary Oriental Schools of Thought: Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism, will be held on **Sat 15th March 9am - 1pm.**

If you have you ever pondered the true meaning of Karma and Nirvana, been confused about the difference between Zen Buddhism and that represented by the Dalai Lama, or wondered what Confucius really said, then this half day seminar is designed just for you. The seminar will give a brief overview of the fundamentals of each of the most significant East Asian philosophies for anyone who may be curious but finds it daunting to actually try and work it all out. The program is one of explanation only and will not in any way be evangelical. Full course notes and a reading/reference list will be provided along with morning tea.

Cost: nz\$60. As numbers are strictly limited don't miss out! Phone Danny on: 6257-888

Annual Influences In Feng Shui And Why They Are Important

Yes folks, it's that time of year again. As we welcome in the Year of The Earth Rat, it's time to consider your feng shui for the year. Annual audits are important simply to ensure that none of the constantly shifting energies are in conflict with either you personally, the building, or anyone else living or working within it. The main things considered each year are: the position of the Grand Duke, which this year is in the North, the Five Yellows, which move to the South for 2008 and then the location of the other negative numbers. It is always recommended with both the Grand Duke and the Five Yellows, to never arouse them by disturbing the ground in their direction, or by vibrating the building in the sectors in which they are present. This usually means no construction or renovating in either the direction or sector that they fall. In addition if you have a door in either of these sectors, it is usually considered best to close the door for the year and open another in a better sector. (This is impossible to know without a careful check on the specifics of each building) *There are two other similar factors also taken into account and known usually as the 'Pincer's', which also proscribe disturbance.*

The other annual stars treated specifically to avoid harm are the annual star 2, a malevolent influence that's normally treated either with a set of six Chinese coins on a red string or a dried gourd. (Since the 2 is a star of sickness and gourds were traditional medicine phials in old China, it is said that a dried gourd will neutralize this harmful star. The idea of the six coins is one of the complementariness of Yin and Yang and moving

what would otherwise be destructive attributes of the Five Elements into a productive cycle. Star 2, which represents the Mother, is earth element and is pure Yin. Star 6 represents the Father, is metal and is pure Yang. So within Five Element theory, using 6 metal coins to dissolve the earth of annual star 2 provides a perfect balance of Yin and Yang in a productive cycle.)

Next to be treated is the pernicious annual star 7; often ascribed as bringing malicious backstabbing and gossip with it. Since this is of metal element, we usually prescribe three stems of lucky bamboo growing in water to cure its nastiness.

The annual 3 star associated with robbery, conflict and trouble for male teenagers is best treated either with a further set of six Chinese coins on a red string or fire. (Hence the red paper usually suggested). The least negative of the annual influences is star 4. This can easily be dealt with by more fire element.

However, when considering each of these annual influences, more than just a routine treatment of these stars needs to be taken into account. Other aspects such as the sectors in which they fall, and just which individuals might be occupying the specific sector and their own particular Gua Numbers must all be taken into account. Something else that can then be checked at the same time is to see whatever may have been inadvertently added into a room through the year. Clients often spontaneously add things like plants, water features, move beds or even add heavy cast iron objects such as metal occasional tables into a sector, thus frequently altering the feng shui of the building. In fact in places like Hong Kong, staff working in companies where a feng shui master has been called in, know it's more than their jobs are worth to change the positioning of things set out for the feng shui!

So, if things haven't been quite as tickety-boo for you as you think they should have been since 4th Feb, please feel free to give me a call and discuss the benefits of having an annual audit performed.

A Case Study

This case study had a very funny side to it as far as I was concerned, although the lady involved didn't quite see the humour in the situation at the time. (I did simply because as soon as I knew what was happening, I also knew I could just as quickly 'fix it' for her!) The house had been built between 1984 and 2004 and so was in Period 7. The Luo Pan (Chinese compass) readings indicated that the facing direction of the house was Southeast 2. This meant that it was what is usually referred to as a Reversed House. This is due to the fact that the Water Star 7, the Water Star of the period in which the house was built, was in the Northwest sector of the house. This put it at the rear of the house when ideally it should have been at the front; following the simple rule of water at front, mountain at rear. Conversely, the Mountain Star 7 was at the front, when it should by rights have been at the rear of the house. Complicating the situation was the flat and open front lawn thus putting the Mountain Star in the water. When the Mountain Star falls into water, the human harmony factors within the home will suffer. This can be manifested in illness and disharmony between the residents. Mountain Stars falling into water can happen when the

Quote:

The path of least resistance makes all rivers, and some men, crooked.

I don't say we all ought to misbehave, but we ought to look as if we could.

I sometimes wish that people would put a little more emphasis on the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement.

Unknown

exterior landform directly outside the sector in question, is open or has visible water in it. Mountain falling into water can also happen in the interior of a building when for example a positive mountain star such as Mountain Stars 8, 9, and 1 are not in either bedrooms, or enclosed spaces within the buildings. This may happen when one of these stars is in a sector with say an open patio or a frequently used door. Conversely Water Stars can be damaged by going 'Up the Mountain' when a positive water star has rising terrain or a tall building on the exterior of its sector. It can also happen when say Water Star 8 falls in a sector on a floor plan where there is a small room, or a bedroom. Enclosing such a water Star effectively *kills* off its power and will have a detrimental effect on the occupants finances.

A further factor which was disrupting the human harmony was the fact that the house in fact had an open heart to the floor plan when it desperately needed a solid or enclosed centre. Since the Mountain Star at the heart of the house was Mountain Star 8 and we are now in Period 8, the likelihood of increased disharmony between the occupants was further increased.

Shortly after my arrival to do the audit, the lady of the house began complaining vociferously that there was a problem with her son's live-in girlfriend. It seemed the girlfriend kept locking their bedroom door, without the mother's permission. Not only could the maid not get in to clean the room but it was a breach of good manners as far as the mother was concerned. (I was inclined to agree) Neither the son nor his girlfriend seemed to appreciate the mother's grievance and this only added to the tensions. I was intrigued when I realized that the Mountain Star over the sector in which the youngsters' bedroom lay was Mountain Star 4. The bed itself had been placed hard into this sector, in fact as far into the sector as was possible to get it. Conversely, the Water Star paired with this was Water Star 2. When interpreting the numbers some very amusing factors could be discerned. Since 4 represents amongst many things the eldest daughter, which in this case as the only 'daughter' in the house also indicated the daughter in-law and 2 represents the mother, there was trouble brewing by their very combination. With the bed having been placed hard on the Mountain Star 4 and being slept in by the daughter in-law, this truly *built* her strength; gave her ascendancy over the weakened mother and *threatened* the Mother. Why was the mother in such a situation so weakened? The Water Star 2 at a bedroom door cannot compete with the strength of a Bedroom Mountain Star especially, when the bedroom is being used on a daily basis. Sleep on a Mountain Star and you activate it and *kill* the Water Star. This is why a consultant will tell you to sleep in a particular room with the bed in a specific direction and not to sleep in another room. Sometimes all that is necessary when doing the feng shui is to simply change the direction or the location within a room of the bed in question.

Indeed in this particular case, all that was required was to do just that. Simply move the bed from one wall to another, thus reducing the power of the Mountain Star and with it, the power of the live-in daughter in-law to drive her prospective Mum in-law to distraction.

Placing a red object then introduced the fire element and thus brought the Wood of the 4 star into a productive cycle, which further stopped it being so defensive. Thus a classic clash between mother in-law and daughter in-law was resolved peacefully. Harmony once again reigned in the house.

NB: It's interesting to conjecture on the fact that the Base Star in the sector concerned is Base/Earth Star 3. Especially since 3 refers to the eldest son. The eldest son, his wife to be and mum

all in a tizz-wazz until feng shui sorted them out. I still have a smile on my face!

Quotes:

All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work.



I cannot divine how it happens that the man who knows the least is the most argumentative.

Unknown



Face of House: Note Reversed Mountain Star 7 in Centre Sector

		↑ SE2			
6	4	7	5	3	1
5		6		2	
2	9	8	6	5	3
1		7		4	
4	2	9	7	1	8
3		8		9	

Youngster's Bedroom Has 4/2 Combination

Notice Mountain Star 4 paired with Water Star 2 in the lower left hand corner of this adjusted SE2 Flying Star grid.

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