

Events so far in the Year of the Yin Water Snake:



Horror in Spain

In my Annual Talk in February, I predicted that there would likely be significant train and air crashes this year. This was able to be made simply based on the historic record of previous Snake Years. Since the Snake is both a Travelling Horse Star in the Chinese system of the Four Pillars of Destiny and can also be likened to a moving train, simply from its form, it is considered to be an indicator of what might be expected during its year of dominance. Since fire and water do not mix, the fire element of the Snake is considered to *fight* with the water of the year. This can give us an insight as to the overall nature of the year. Those of you at my talk will also recall I also postulated there could be issues with atomic or nuclear energy this year.

1953, was the last year of the Yin Water Snake, a year of a considerable number of major train crashes; the Tangiwai disaster amongst those best remembered by us here in New Zealand, although another equally devastating train crash also took place on the very same day in Czechoslovakia. (*You can read more of this fascinating aspect of the Snake in my book, 'Strange but True Tales of Feng Shui' chapter 19.*)

This *calendar* year so far we have seen major rail crashes in Egypt, Canada, France, Pakistan, Argentina and of course Spain. There have been several minor crashes and incidents in places like Sweden, New York, Sydney and even here in Wellington. There have also been several airplane disasters, the most significant so far in San Francisco.

Just this week there have been reports of major wildfires in the Midwest and West of the USA; Fires which have been described as 'Angry' by one Fire Chief. (*Check out the full report on my Face Book Danny Thorn New Zealand*)

This wild, angry aspect of the fire is related to the

burgeoning nature of the fire of the Snake. August is the last month this year where this fire energy is likely to be of such strength. The next peak in the year's energies will likely be in December when we slam into the month of the Pig. The Pig this year is in clash, so expect upheavals and disruptions during December. This is perhaps a good opportunity to make a timely reminder to all those advised to wear their pendants that you are wearing them 24/7.

Are we experiencing Annual Star 5 Again?

New Zealand's most recent spate of earthquakes, centred around the Seddon area of Marlborough but also directly affecting Wellington in particular, appears to have once again triggered the Annual Star 5. The first quake occurred on Friday 19th July – a 5 centred day in feng shui. As those of you who attended my Annual Talk in February will recall, this year of 2013, is a 5 centred year. This means that the centre of the country is vulnerable to trouble and such *trouble* can be triggered by earth tremors. It is the shaking of the ground that is most likely to arouse this highly pernicious star. Looking to the recent past, we have two examples of the Annual Star 5 being aroused and causing problems of an ongoing basis for their respective countries. The first and closest to home, is that of the Feb. 2011 Christchurch earthquake. As explained previously, that year was a 7 Centred year which put the Annual Star 5 in the East. Given the major quake that had struck Canterbury in September of the previous year, and the ongoing nature of these quakes, it was no great feat of speculation to be able to forecast that the following year, were those quakes to continue, that New Zealand would see the triggering of the Annual Star 5 with the first major shake of 2011. This is precisely what happened, in my opinion, with the Feb. 22nd quake. The same can be said of the Great East Japan Quake of 11th March the same year; in fact just 11 days after the Christchurch quake. This spun Japan into the maelstrom of the Tsunami and the appalling atomic energy issues that will continue to plague her now for years, if not generations to come.

The tragedy of the Great East Japan Tsunami was exacerbated by the fact that in several of the towns and cities that had developed along the coastline, old markers, hundreds of years old, were already known to warn against building so close to the ocean. It seems that the people's ancestors had already experienced such disasters in bygone eras and had

placed these stone markers to warn their descendants; begging them not to build below the marker lines. Gradually in the rush to develop, especially post World War II, these markers had been either overlooked or ignored. A similar ignoring of the wisdom of our ancestors can be seen in the recent Samoa Tsunami. There several villages destroyed by the inrush of the ocean were also developed post the forcing of the people down to the water's edge by Christian missionaries. These do-gooders had, at the point of their muskets in the 1820's, forced native peoples all across the Pacific, to abandon their hinterland villages and migrate to new locations down on the coastal shelves. Here in their sight, the missionaries felt better able to control the people, to keep them away from their *idols* and their traditional ways. All the better too, to get them into their churches on Sundays it seems. (For a fuller understanding of the situation read Chapter 17 Rarotonga and the Missionaries, in my book *Strange but True Tales of Feng Shui*.)

With the Seddon quakes, this year and the Annual Star 5 in the centre, it is likewise easy to see that if these quakes are large enough, consistent enough, as they were in Canterbury in 2011, or just one of the magnitude if the East Japan Quake of the same year, there will be little doubt of the Annual Star 5 continuing to cause New Zealand trouble for the remainder of the year. Fortunately, the Annual Star 5 shifts to the Northwest in 2014 and the Northwest is not an area of the country prone to earthquakes. As this goes to press, we have news of volcanic activity on White Island. A year of fire indeed!

Quote:

For in and out, above, about, below, tis nothing but a Magic Shadow-show, played in a box whose candle is the sun round which we phantom figures come and go. The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam

Recent Feng Shui Student Trip to Wellington:

I recently made a trip to Wellington for a long weekend with a group of my feng shui students. Some of us took the day train from Auckland and thoroughly enjoyable it was too; meeting up with the others already gathered in Wellington. The last time I had taken the day train from Auckland to Wellington was almost forty years ago, 16th August 1977, the day Elvis Presley died; his death was announced over the train's PA system.

We departed Auckland just before 8am and travelled through all four seasons in one day; leaving Auckland in sunshine, ran into fog through the north Waikato. The fog gave way to a steady drizzle through the King Country and National Park and

although it cleared for a time across the Manawatu, darkened skies, rain and a biting wind greeted us as we scooted along the Kapiti Coast and down into to a typically wet and windy Wellington. The train carriages were modern, clean and surprisingly full. There is an open observation car to the front of the train which in spite of the freezing wind the further south we went, proved to be a popular hang out for all passengers. At just \$120 per seat it was I feel value for money and one I will definitely repeat; hopefully before another thirty six years pass!

The first day we undertook a feng shui survey of the parliament buildings, the Beehive and the parliamentary library. In view of the appalling weather we also took a tour of these three buildings available free to the public. Our guide was just great, informative and very enthusiastic. One interesting thing we learned was that the general consensus is the Beehive doesn't work! Not as a building that is. With all those round angles, it's hard, if not downright impossible to get a square room in it. They should have consulted a feng shui master before they built it.

Due to the inclement weather on day two, we spent the day warm and dry, if noisily, (it was school holidays) in the halls and galleries of Te Papa. Day 3, dawned bright and sunny and with not a zephyr of wind to disturb the calm. Alison, my Wellington based student, kindly took us on a great tiki tour of the coastal road and then for dinner that evening before we caught the late night red eye flight home.

Face Book:

Well, it's finally happened. I've joined **Face Book!** There you will find links to my latest Newsletters, news threads that interest me which are related to feng shui, and any events I might be planning such as my Annual Talk. I have also been posting information everyday on the Chinese calendar which will shortly link to a whole new section on my website called the Chinese Almanac. There you will find useful insights to the Year, the Month, and the Day, with helpful commentaries that can be used to help you plan your month.

Review of My Services:

- ☛ Land and Site Pre-Inspections / New Building Advice
- ☛ Audits on Existing Buildings - Domestic and Commercial
- ☛ Four Pillars of Destiny Charts (Chinese Astrology)
- ☛ Public Speaking Engagements

Produced and Distributed by:

Feng Shui Consultants New Zealand

09- 6257-888

fsc@fengshui88.co.nz

www.fengshui88.co.nz

International Copyrights apply