

Beware the Horse in June:

June, the month of the Horse starts from 6th June and ends on 7th July. This year, the month of the Horse is a month in which we will all need to take extra care, particularly anyone with either Horse or Rat in their Four Pillars. The month sees the Heavenly Stem of Yang Metal sitting on top of the Horse. Since the character for Yang Metal symbolises that of big metal weapons such as tanks and large armed ships and planes, we can expect these to be employed militarily through the month. The fire of the Horse for the month of June; as for the year, is that of the flickering, explosive fire of yin fire; often seen to be explosive gun fire. These two elements of Yang Metal and weak fire from the Horse are clearly then in a destructive relationship. The present murderous blitzkrieg by extremist Isis in Iraq, which has seen savage fire fights, tanks on the highways of that country and appalling mass killings in this month of June, are but examples of the kind of energies unleashed by the month of the Yang Metal Horse. One thing is for sure, June 2014 promises to continue to be an eventful month.

July will likely be a less violent month with the Heavenly Stem of Yin Metal sitting on the Goat. This is a more harmonious relationship. Yin metal can be likened to a small knife, a dagger; whereas the Goat is of earth element and often referred to as a garden. The image of a knife, engendered by the yin metal suggests knifings and stabbings, often covert and thereby, assassinations. Remember with Yin elements, the actions are often hidden, covert, and even mysterious.

The other month this year that is likely to be the second most difficult of the year is December, the month of Yang Fire sitting on the Water of the Rat. Water and Fire are in one of the more complex relationships within the theory of the Five Elements. Whilst its true there is an aspect of complementariness between fire and water; as with Yin and Yang/husband and wife but there is also a strong relationship of conflict between them. This means the month of Yang Fire on the Rat will see large fire on top of water. This may suggest an ocean volcano; let's hope it just doesn't presage an atomic explosion!

Quote

It's easier to build a child than repair an adult.

Unknown

All eyes on Ukraine

A Book Review:

The Red Prince

The secret lives of a Hapsburg Archduke

Anyone with an interest in the causes of today's events in the Ukraine may find Timothy Snyder's biography of Austrian Archduke Wilhelm von Hapsburg helpful. This colourful, enigmatic scion of the mighty Hapsburg Dynasty that ruled over much of Europe from 1276 to the end of World War I and the Emperors of which were the Holy Roman Emperors between 1440 and its final demise at the hands of Napoleon in 1806, is his subject; and what an enigma his life was. Born into the grandeur of the Hapsburg Empire, Wilhelm was to end his life 'disappeared' at the hands of Stalin's thugs.

By 1918 and the end of the First World War Wilhelm von Hapsburg, a member of the Hapsburg family, rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, was desperately seeking meaning to his life. WWI had seen the collapse of his family's 800yr domination of European politics and he was at a quandary as to how to return meaning to his life. He developed a passionate interest in the Ukrainian cause in seeking independence from the might of the Russians and the Germans to the west. Post war, neither side recognised the legitimacy of the Ukrainian cause and both were equally determined to deny the Ukrainians a separate homeland. Bolshevik brutality dominated and the Ukraine got swept up into Stalin's USSR; only finding eventual independence on the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Therein lays the present Russian claim to the Crimea, at the heart of today's crisis in Ukraine. Timothy Snyder's book provides a fascinating insight into the world of post WWI real politics and by extension, today's machinations between East, West Ukraine and the Crimea.

However, as with Syria, there is a feng shui component to recent events in the Ukraine, in particular Kiev. To understand these we need to look to the Time/Space aspects of classical Chinese feng shui to find it, in particular the Flying Star School. This has as its basis the concept that time influences space and that by knowing the time period, we can make certain predictions for that period. In the current Period of 8, those locations with water to their southwest and land mass, especially mountains, to their northeast will prosper. Perth and Fremantle in Western Australia is one good example of this

dynamic as is Mumbai, India. However, the contrary is also true; those with water to the northeast will see the human harmony suffering. In other words, when water comes to the northeast, the people hurt. This was seen in rather spectacular fashion with the big floods in Queensland in 2010-2011. By the same rule, we can see that current trouble spots, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, all have water to their northeast: Tunisia, Libya and Egypt. Syria with its north-eastern border defined by the waters of the mighty Tigris River, may be commanding the most attention at the moment although events in Iraq are about to eclipse even these. In the case of Kiev however, there is the mighty Dnieper River directly to the northeast of the city. Sadly, this landscape effect of needing landmass to the northeast and not water, will last through the Period of 8 which does not end until Feb 2024.

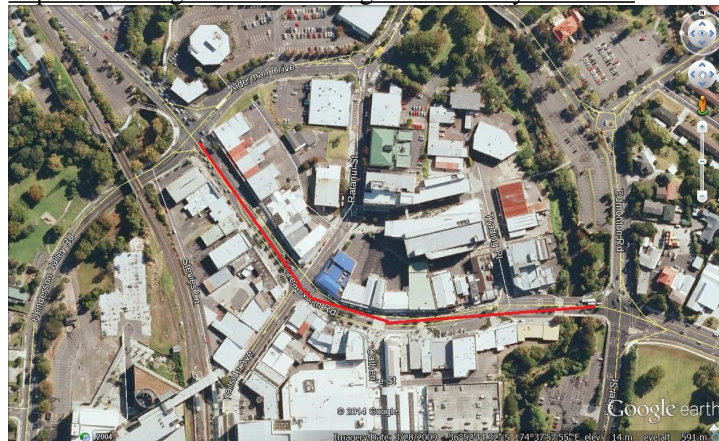
Quote

Love can neither be bought nor sold; its only price is love. Unknown

What's up with Auckland's West?

Is the recent tragic stabbing of yet another dairy owner, this time in Henderson, a reflection of the feng shui of the suburb? Public commentary has focussed blame on poor parenting; while media have pointed to a lack of policing, although the police have refuted this. There have in fact been several such events in the past few years at and around the intersection of Rainside Ave and Great North Rd Henderson. Looking at the vicinity using GoogleEarth one can easily see why this particular area has this kind of tragic event happening. There is a significant drawn bow formed by the wide convex curve formed along Great North Rd between Alderman Drive and Edmonton Rd and centred on Ratanui St. In classical Chinese feng shui terms, such sweeping street forms project a sha qi or cutting energy onto whatever they reach. These are considered serious and are recognised for consistently being sites of nasty accidents and physical violence. Another such site; one that has for years baffled road engineers, is the 'Hi-way of Death', that stretch of State Hi-way One between Mercer and Meremere which continues to be a site of frequent road accidents. It is here, that the mighty Waikato River curves in a markedly north-easterly swerve and 'attacks' the hi-way. There is another of these, just a little further south on the Waikato River at Rangiriri; site of the opening battle of the Waikato Wars in November of 1868. I have written about the affect of Drawn Bows in my book **Strange but True, Tales of Feng Shui** and in my Blog article on Auckland's Chancery Lane.

<http://www.fengshui88.co.nz/blog/142-chancery-lane.html>



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What's up with Banksie?

Colourful though he may be, love him or loathe him, and coming from very humble beginnings indeed, John Banks is the quintessential self-made man; one who has certainly lived his life in the public eye. It's funny however, just how often such men who appear to rise to dizzying heights from obscurity, also have just as spectacular falls from grace. I will shortly post an article on Banksie, where you will be able to read what his Four Pillars reveal about his current disgrace and what I believe is likely to be the outcome of his August 1st court appearance.

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Michael Schumacher on road to recovery

In my Blog article on the tragic accident experienced by Formula One super star Michael Schumacher, I had postulated he could well recover: see my blog at: <http://www.fengshui88.co.nz/blog/153-michael-shumakers-tragic-accident.html>. Happily it was reported on 18th June that Mr Schumacher has not only woken from his long coma but has been moved to a residential recovery centre where it is hoped he will be able to recuperate; although doctors have warned he is likely to remain an invalid. It will be interesting to see how he does with time. He may surprise us yet. Doctors praised the first response team saying that without their early intervention, he is unlikely to have survived at all; bearing out the significance of Noblemen in Chinese Four Pillars of Destiny.

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