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FENG SHUI BASICS

Feng Shui (literally "Wind and Water" in Chinese), is all about balance and harmony between us and our environment. Just like the Yin and Yang energies, Feng Shui is about balance. Where there is light, there will always be darkness; where there is fire, there will always be water; and so forth.

Feng Shui teaches that every individual interacts differently to their environment. Sometimes, a particular environment – such as a house or office – is so suited to you that you find that everything in your life is great. However, if you have troubled relationships or financial woes, it is quite likely that there is some discord or imbalance between yourself and your environment, manifesting in your daily life.

By subtly modifying your environment, you will be able to restore this balance, and consequently improve your life. Modifying your environment can be as simple as changing the angle or position of your work desk, or by buying Feng Shui items such as mandarin ducks and placing them in proper locations in your home or office.

There are many systems of authentic classical Feng Shui. This article describes the Xuan Kong (pronounced "Shu-en Kong") system. Xuan Kong (literally "Mysterious Void" in Chinese) is a complete system which includes complicated formulae to calculate optimal positioning and composition of an environment.

EIGHT MANSION (PA-KUA) SCHOOL OF FENG SHUI

There are a few sub-schools within the Xuan Kong system, including the popular Flying Stars school. The descriptions in this article are based on the Eight Mansion school, also known as the Pa-Kua school. In the Pa-Kua technique, the compass is divided into eight directions, each of which is depicted by a trigram. Each of these directions have different significance. For example, one of the Pa-Kua directions is the personal or relationship direction, which will be of the most interest to someone with

troubled relationships. Furthermore, the significance of each direction differs for each individual.

To find out how each Pa–Kua direction affects you personally, you will need to calculate your Kua Number. You can do this by using the Kua Calculator at:

<http://www.mandarin-ducks.com/dragongate.html>

The calculator will provide you with your Kua Number, and more importantly, what each Pa–Kua direction means to you. In short, four of those directions will be positive and favorable to you, while the other four will have negative connotations for you.

The eight Pa–Kua directions can be briefly summarized as follows:

Sheng Chi (Life Generating) – This Pa–Kua direction is your prosperity and wealth direction. You would focus on this direction if you are interested in financial strength.

Tien Yi (Heavenly Doctor) – This direction is your health direction. You would focus on this direction if you are interested in health and physical matters.

Nien Yin (Relationships) – This direction is your relationships direction. You would focus on this direction if you have troubled relationships and would like to improve your love life and/or your marriage.

Fu Wei (Stability) – This direction is your stability and knowledge direction. You would focus on this direction if you want to achieve tranquility and knowledge.

Ho Hai (Mishaps) – The first negative Pa–Kua direction is your accident or misfortune direction. You would focus on this direction if you want to reduce unforeseen accidents or loss.

Wu Gwei (Five Ghosts) – This direction is your financial loss direction. You would focus on this direction to prevent theft and other financial woes.

Liu Sha (Six Killings) – This direction is your "evil" direction. You would focus on this direction to ward off malevolence against you.

Chueh Ming (Total Loss) – This direction is your loss and death direction. You would focus on this direction to reduce physical loss and death around you.

For more information on the Nien Yin (Love and Relationship) corner, you can read:

<http://www.mandarin-ducks.com/love.html>

Steven maintains the Mandarin Duck Feng Shui website at <http://www.mandarin-ducks.com>. It provides information on how mandarin ducks are able to help improve relationships using Feng Shui principles.

Buying a New Car? Use Feng Shui to Select Your Success Color

By Kathryn Weber

With September's arrival comes the annual car buying season. But while selecting the type of car comes easily to most people, making a decision on the color of a car can be a stumbling block. Some people simply go with their favorite color, while others mull over color choices by considering factors such as climate, type of vehicle use, or the most practical choice, going with what is least likely to show dirt. But what if even that fails? Then try feng shui. Yes, feng shui, the Chinese guide used for arranging homes and offices, can also be used for selecting colors based on an individual's own personal feng shui.

According to personal feng shui, each person has an individual feng shui number that is based on gender and date of birth. This number, also called a "kua" number is associated with a color. By selecting the correct color for an individual's particular feng shui number, the driver will experience better luck over all because the color is harmonized with that individual.

Use personal feng shui to select a "success" color, which can be helpful when buying that luxury sedan. More into soccer practice than boardrooms? Choose a "family" color. Both colors are determined by the driver's kua number. To determine the driver's kua number, and subsequently the color of car that is appropriate, use the instructions below and then check the chart that follow for selecting a success or family color. Now, who should drive the Mary Kay pink Cadillacs? Anyone with a number 3 kua number!

The calculation is as follows:

-Take the year of birth, i.e., 1971

-Add the last two years together ($7+1=8$)

For men, subtract the number from 10 ($10-8+2$); 2 is the kua number

For women, add 5 to the number ($5+8=13$; $1+3=4$); 4 is the kua number

For years such as 1982 which have a double digit, be sure to reduce to one number

$8+2=10$ ($1+0=1$)

$10-1=9$ (Kua for men)

$5+1=6$ (Kua for women)

Kua Number

1

Money/Success Colors: Green, Purple

Family Colors: Red, Purple, Burgundy

2

Money/Success Colors: Yellow, Brown, Beige

Family Colors: Silver, Gold, White, Pearl

3

Money/Success Colors: Red, Pink, Burgundy
Family Color: Green

4

Money/Success Colors: Blue, Black, Purple
Family Colors: Dark Green, Brown

5

Money/Success Colors: Yellow, Brown, Beige
Family Colors: Gray, Silver, Gold, White

6

Money/Success Colors: Gray, Silver, White
Family Colors: Yellow, Brown, Beige

7

Money/Success Colors: Gold, Silver, White/Pearl
Family Colors: Yellow, Brown, Beige

8

Money/Success Colors: Yellow, Brown, Beige
Family Colors: Gold, Silver, Gray, White

9

Money/Success Colors: Color Dark Green, Brown
Family Colors: Blue, Black, Purple

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