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### PREDICTIONS FOR 2023 (Year of Water Rrbbit)

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GEOMANCY: A SYSTEM OF CONSTRUCTING A PREDICTIVE FIGURE ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF EARTH MAGIC - Paul Ng

#### A. OVERALL PROJECTION

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#### Yi-Jing Analysis

The Yi-Jing "Wind-Fire Family" has a good balance of Yin and Yang. Hence the world may come out of last year's turmoil and improve. However, problems among countries will still continue.

#### Life Chart Analysis

The four columns of this year are "Water Rabbit" year, "Wooden Tiger" month, "Water Snake" day and "Fire Snake" hour. This year favors elements of "water, wood, fire" and negative with "earth, metal". It would therefore favor businesses to do with trading, financial, educaion, logistics, travel, internet and textile. There could be troubles with businesses to do with the law, metals, cars, insurance, medical and esthetics. Big swings will be with the hi-tech sector. The world will continue to be volatile.

#### Flying-Star Analysis

The controlling star "Four" will enhance new thinking and education. However, the governing trigram "Wind-Mountain Gradual Process" indicates the world to be improving, both economically and politically. Slowly but surely the world will ease off problems in the past few years.

Generally speaking, unfavorable countries are

those in the East, Southeast, West and Northwest, such as USA, Europe and Southeast Asia. Countries that may do better include Australia, India, Canada and even Russia. China is in the center of the "Learning Star". She would initiate many new technologies, resulting in a stronger country.

The following would outline an analysis of orientations, businesses, politics, economies, climate and health, totaling 6 important factors affecting all of us.

#### **Locations and Orientations**

#### Central (Positive)

The controlling force is the central "Wind-Mountain Gradual Process" trigram. There are 3 Yins and 3 Yangs, hence well balanced. It represents China. With well balanced strength and softness, she would not fear external powers. With its many innovations, the country would drastically improve.

Middle East countries would score better than last year.

#### East (Negative-Positive)

The "2-Black" Illness Star lands in the East. Luckily, the "Earth-Sky Peace" trigram also co-exists. Hence eastern countries will see their economies improve. However, there may still be plenty problems to do with diseases. Typical places are China's coastal cities and also Japan.

#### South-East (positive)

This is the "4-Green" Learning Center. It favors cultural, education and Hi-Tech sectors. However, this region would also have problems with wind and flooding, especially in areas around South-East Asia, the Caribbean, Florida in USA, SE Ontario in Canada, etc. Nevertheless, economy in these areas would improve a lot from last year.

#### South-East (Very Negative)

This is the "3-Blue" Argument Center. There



would be many arguments among Southeast Asian countries. There would also be plenty of flooding in places such as China's Southeast coastal provinces, Caribbean countries, Florida, Canada's South Ontario, etc. There would be controversy with many government policies, plus officials stepping down.

#### South (Very Positive)

This is the "8-White" Money Star location, together with the "Mountain-Thunder Nourishment" trigram. Many Southern countries would experi- ence their economy to improve. Typical countries are Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, etc. Even Australia, South America and many Africa countries would see improvements.

#### South-West (Very Positive)

This is the "1-White" Romance Center. There would be plenty of external help. Most happenings would be smooth. Typical countries are Spain, Portugal, France, etc.

#### West (Very Negative)

This is the "6-White" travel and "Triple Conflict" legal center. Many western countries, such as USA and UK, would go through a period of instability in their economy and social order. Issues with guns and murders would be commonplace. There would also be issues with energy sources.

#### North-West (Very Negative)

This is the "5-Yellow" Trouble Center, compounded with the trigram of "Earth-Fire Darkening". There would be troubles with economy, social stability and energy issues among Northern European countries.

#### North (Half-Half)

This is the "9-Violet" Joy Center. There would more good news than bad in northern places, such as Canada and Russia. However, northern regions are also prone to fire problems.

#### North-East (Half-Half)

This is the "7-Red" Receding Center. There would be social instability in Northeastern countries, including politics. However, their economy should strive forward. Typical places are Northern Europe, Canada's Quebec and Northeast USA.

#### **Analysis of Businesses**

Business involving "Water, Wood, Fire" would do well, but not "Earth, Metal". With the "4-Green" in the controlling center, there would be advances in the education and hi-tech sectors.

Let us examine various businesses.

#### **Real Estate**

Because of various government interventions, real estate would continue to be unstable and more polarized. In general, favourable areas are those in the regions of Central, East, South, Southwest and Northwest. Unfavourable ones are the West, Northeast and Southeast areas.

China's real estate market would pick up in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangdong. However, because of government control, the prices would be stable.

In USA, South regions such as Texas and Florida would do well, so as North California. Most other states are flat.

Canada's real estate market tend to be not as volatile as last year. There may be many law suits in the Vancouver area. In Toronto, areas such as Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Toronto center would do well. Aurora and Newmarket become more steady. There may be many movements in Etobicoke and Mississauga. Other areas such as Hamilton, Milton and Waterloo are stable.

South East Asia, including Hong Kong, real estate would tend to be slow.

#### Energy

Oil and gas prices would stay high. This may fortify the urge for electric cars and cars with other forms of fuel. Many countries may suffer from shortage of natural energy sources.

#### Electronics

The Hi-Tech sector may see some innovative breakthroughs. There would be 6G technology in China. Apple, Microsoft and Google would continue to lead the crowd. There would be many mergers popping up.

#### Medical

Natural healing ways would become more recognized and popular. Chinese medicine would also be more accepted. However, controversy between traditional and non-traditional medicine would continue to be an issue.

#### Food

After 3 years of pandemic, the food sector finally catches up. However, food costs due to supply chain problems may continue to haunt the market, causing big burden for people.

#### Metals

Metals sector would be more volatile, still due to supply chain problems. However, there would be new material popping up from time to time.

#### Automobiles

Cars sales be volatile. Back order from the past year may leave backlogs to be resolved. There would be more electrical cars, which may be encouraged and sponsored by many government bodies.

#### Travel

The travel sector may finally catch up. It should almost reach the pre-

pandemic level.

#### Textile

The textile sector is more stable than the past years. Their manufacturing sources may become most extreme - with cheaper models manufactured in many third-world countries and high-end ones done in China instead.

#### **Banking and Financial**

The stock market would continue its normal violent swings. Bank stocks would continue their upswing. There would be big dangers in crypto currency and other conceptual currencies.

#### Favourable Businesses (Fire, Water, Wood)

#### Fire-oriented Businesses

- Education
- Electronics
- Show business
- Energy

#### Earth-oriented Businesses

- Real Estate
- Development and Construction
- Pharmaceutical
- Food

#### **Analysis of Politics**

The governing star is "4-Green", plus the central trigram "Wind-Mountains Gradual Progress". The controlling trigram is "Wind-Fire Family". There would still be wind and fire among countries, even among their normal allies. Relations among nations become very witty and hard to trust each other.

#### Canada

Canada is into a year of "9-Violet" Joy sign and "Fire-Wind Caldron" trigram. There would be plenty of arguments among political parties. Mediation may be required from time to time. However, the results tend to be better than last year.

#### USA

USA is into a year of "6-White" Travel sign and "Heaven-Water Conflict" trigram. There would be lots of lawsuits, both domestically and internationally. Gun problems would become worse and unrepairable.

#### China

China is in the "4-Green" Learning sign and "Wind-Mountain Gradual Progress" trigram. Politics and social affairs would become more stable, resulting in big improvements for the nation's strength. The never-ending conflicts between USA and China would result in China's lead.

#### Hong Kong

Hong Kong is at the "3-Blue" Argument Center. Its trigram is "Thunder-Lake

Marrying Maiden". This would result in endless controversy in her policies.

#### Taiwan

Taiwan is at the "2-Black" Illness center, but with the "Earth-Heaven Peace" trigram. The ruling party would become unstable, caus-



ing internal conflicts. USA would continue to sell Taiwan used weaponry.

#### Japan

Japan is also at the "2-Black" Illness center. With the "Earth-Heaven Peace" trigram, She would enjoy a more mid-of-the-road ruling party. Behind the scene, Japan would continue to expand its military might.

#### South Korea

Korea is at the "7-Red" Receding center. Its "Lake-Earth Approach" trigram

would ensure good results even if things start low.

#### North Korea

North Korea is also at the "7-Red" Receding center. She would expand her nuclear tests and army. The ruling remains stable.

#### **Other Southern Countries**

Countries such as South America, India, Africa and Australia would enjoy the "8-White" Money center. Together with the "Mountain-Thunder Nourishment" trigram, political situations tend to be calmer than last year.

#### Western European Countries

Western Europe would enjoy the "6-White" Travel sign, but suffer from the "Heaven-Water Conflict" trigram. There would be plenty of argument and lawsuits. There would also be more interactions among countries.

#### Other European Countries

Most European countries may suffer from the "5-Yellow" Trouble sign. Together with the "Earth-Fire Darkening" trigram, both political and social order would be volatile. Gunmen with mental problems would pop up from time to time.

#### Middle East

Most Middle East countries would enjoy the "4-Green" Learning sign. Politics would be more stable than last year.

#### Russia

Russia is at the "9-Violet" Joy sign and the trigram "Fire-Wind Caldron". International conflicts would continue. She would come up with new policies. Her relations would greatly improve with both China and India.

#### **Analysis of World Economy**

The governing signs "4-Green" Learning Star and "Wind-Mountain Gradual Progress" trigram would imply the world's economy to improve. Hi-Tech could be the leading factor for economic revivals.

**CHINA** would see her economy surpass last year by a big margin. Her social and technological developments cannot be matched by any country in the world.

SOUTHEAST ASIA is in the "3-Blue" Argument center. Economies may show volatilities.Unstable governments may further fuel recession.

JAPAN is in the "2-Black" Illness center. Her economy would always bounce back even after a fall. However, every now and then, the pandemic may still hang over her head.

**KOREA** is at the "7-Red" Receding center. Her economy may take a surprise beating. Surprising water issues such as flooding may affect it further.

**INDIA** is at the "8-White" Money center. Her economy would improve. Both energy and hi-tech sectors would lead the way.

USA is at the "6-White" Travel center. However, her "Heaven-Water Conflict" trigram, together with "Triple Conflict" power may put a damping effect on her economy. These would include gun problems. It's over- involvement in too many countries would make her economy and stock markets extremely volatile.

**CANADA** is at the "9-Violet" Joy center. She would do better than last year financially. New flux of immigrants would benefit the country enormously. Her real estate market would also become more stable.

RUSSIA is also at the "9-Violet" Joy center. However, it's unfavourable

relations with Europe and USA may cause her economy to be very volatile.

**EUROPE** is in the "6-White" Travel center. With the trigram "Heaven- Water Conflict", there would be many lawsuits involving hi-tech. Her overall econo-

my would still be unstable.

As a whole, the world's economy would continue the period of major adjustments. New forms of economy would appear. Banks' interest rates would remain high.

#### A Special Look at the Canadian Economy

Main directions would be a continuation of last year.

1. Fiscal deficits would continue to be a norm of life.

2. Interest rates will stay high.

3. Canadian \$ would not fluctuate too much against the US dollar.

4. TSX would still see huge fluctuations.

5. Centralization of power among corporations would not change and cost cuttings by consolidating and eliminations of departments and staff would continue.

6. Both Private and Public sectors would continue to fight inflation.

7. Economic growth would be around 2%.

8. Unemployment rate would stay around 6%.

9. Economy may actually improve over the past year.

10. This year is a rebuilding year for Canada. There would be new policies and new ways to do business.

#### **Analysis of World Climates**

This year's governing trigram is "Wind-Fire Family".

The world would suffer from plenty of wind and fire problems. Volcanoes

could happen many times.

Central regions would suffer more from wind problems. They are represented

by Middle East and China's Sichuan, Central Pacific Ocean, etc.

South East regions would experience water and thunder issues. Southern areas may see

more volcano and earthquake activities.

Southwest areas may suffer from water problems.

Western regions such as California and British Columbia may see forest fires

and some earthquakes.

Northern areas may experience fire issues.

Midwest in USA would continue to suffer from many tornados.

#### **Analysis of World Health**

The most common health issues this year would be related to the liver, gallbladder and pancreas.Viruses would become part of human life. The sources would likely be in the Eastern regions of the world.

#### **Projection For The World Stock Markets**

- February: Positive
- March: Positive
- April: Positive-Negative
- May: Positive
- June: Positive
- July: Negative-Positive
- August: Negative
- September: Negative
- October: Positive
- November: Positive
- December: Positive
- January: Positive-Negative

#### Conclusion

The driving force of our planet Earth is continuous transformation of Yin (negative) and Yang (positive) energies and cycles. By knowing the rules of nature, we can avoid many pitfalls and have better chances to succeed. Hence I shall share these predictions with my readers around the world for reference and guidance.





### HOROSCOPE PERSPECTIVES 2023 (Year of Water Rabbot)

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#### RABBIT 1999 1987 1975 1963 1951 1939

You have a very strong learning sign. Your people relationship is also good. There would be plenty of help. However, as a rabbit in a rabbit year, it is a conflict with gambling and speculations. Also pay attention to your health.

**WORK** You favour to do work related to human resource, such as public relations, wedding planning, entertainment, media agency, etc. Analytical work, such as education, is also good.

WEALTH Regular income is good. No gambling.

**RELATIONS** Your people relations are stable but your love life is flat.

**HEALTH** You may suffer from various small ailments. Exercise and rest well.

#### Highlights of Rabbit of Individual Years

**1999** Work tends to be up's and down's. Usually it would begin hard and end up good. Love is flat.

**1987** Your authority would improve and highly regarded by your superior. You would have to work very hard.

**1975** You may receive more help from the female leader. You favour mobile work.

**1963** Your people and peers relation is good. Pay more attention to your health. Your love life is flat. Avoid gambling.

**1951** You may feel lack of energy to handle things. Your children may consume much of your energy. Let go and

take it easy.

**1939** Your health seems to be going downhill. Don't worry about things. Energize your longevity.



#### DRAGON - 2000 1988 1976 1964 1952 1940

Dragon is into a people-conflict year. Your relationships may become volatile. However, your mind is clear. This should help you get out of trouble.

**WORK** You favour work to do with problem solving. Medical work is also good for you. Even spiritual work such as religions, would be in your favour.

**WEALTH** Your income would be stable. However, don't be a debtor or creditor.

**RELATIONS** Your love relationships would be unstable. Keep your calm. Your work relations with business partners should be fine.

**HEALTH** Your health is actually better than last year. You can even help other people.

#### Highlights of Dragon of Individual Years

2000 You tend to give more than receive. Stay away from partnership work. Your love life is flat.

**1988** You would have much help in your work. If you like to start a business, this year should be favourable. If you are still single, you can consider marriage.

**1976** You would be quite spiritual and healthy. Your people relations are good. Your regular income should be stable.

**1964** Your would have good support from your boss.

You would enjoy your new authority.

**1952** You would get along well the opposite gender. Enjoy your social activities. Your health would be good.

**1940** Your health may be going downhill. Pay more attention to it. Be relaxed and happy.



There is plenty of help.

**1989** You should do well financially. Your investments should be favourable. Even your work would improve.

**1977** You would enjoy your new authority. Your work is good. If you are employed, there is a chance for promotion. If you are self-employed, consider expansion.

**1965** You would work well with your boss. Work is stable. There are chances to travel for work too.

**1953** Your peer relations are good. You would be healthy. There are plenty of travel opportunities.

**1941** Your health tends to slide downwards. Take things easy. Relax..

#### SNAKE 2001 1989 1977 1965 1953 1941

You have plenty of lucky signs, which may help you get out of trouble. Your travel sign is also strong. Enjoy your mobility. Beware of the health of your elder family member.

**WORK** You favour to work with people, such as public relations and Human Resources. Trading, logistics, travel, transportation, etc., are all good for you. You should do well too if you are in the financial sector.

**WEALTH** Your wealth should be related to mobility and people help.

**RELATIONS** Neither big connectivity nor conflicts. Your love life is stable but not sparkling. Hence it would be lasting.

**HEALTH** You health would be much better than last year.

#### Highlights of Snake of Individual Years

**2001** You should do well in school. You would get along well with your friends.



#### HORSE 2002 1990 1978 1966 1954 1942

The Horse has breaks with rabbit. However, your romance sign is strong yet unstable. There would be a lot of joyful events.

WORK - You favour to work with people oriented business, such as entertainment. Business to do with exploration and excavation is also good.

**WEALTH** Your money seems to come and go easily. Hence stay away from gambling and



#### speculations.

**RELATIONS** In this breaking year, watch out for your relationships. This may not be a good year to get married if you are single. Be soft and giving.

**HEALTH** You would be prone to accidents. Pay attention to your waist and kidneys; otherwise your overall health should be good.

#### Highlights of Horse of Individual Years

**2002** You work well the opposite gender. However, you tend to argue with people. Be patient and keep your cool.

**1990** Your income is proportional to your hard work. In relation, be softer and giving.

**1978** Your people relationships are volatile but good overall. You would have help from other people.

**1966** You may bear more responsibilities with your new authority. Be careful about people issues.

**1954** You may be prone to accidents. Drive and work carefully. Take your time.

**1942** Pay more attention to your health, especially to do with your bones.

**WEALTH** Your regular income is good. Help from other people may improve your wealth more.

**RELATIONS** Your people relations are good. If you are single, consider marriage. If you are married, you should be more loving.

**HEALTH** Your health would be good. Sports are good for you.

#### Highlights of of Sheep of Individual Years

**2003** Your peer relations are good. There would be plenty of help from your friends. Your romance is favourable.

**1991** The more you help other people, the better you do for yourself.

**1979** Be careful about backstabbing and legal conflicts. Keep a low key and take a step back from time to time.

**1967** You may gain more authority and responsibilities. If you are employed, you may get promoted. If you are self-employed, expand your business.

1955 Your health and people relations are both stable.

**1943** Pay attention to your kidneys and bladder. You would have many friends to help you enjoy old age.



#### SHEEP 2003 1991 1979 1967 1955 1943

The Sheep connects well with the Rabbit. Hence there would be plenty of help. However, there may be jealousy and legal issues from time to time. Be careful of accidents.

**WORK** You favour to be in the legal sector, such as a lawyer or immigration consultant. Surgeons, butchers and spiritual work are also favourable.



#### MONKEY - 2004 1992 1980 1968 1956 1944

The Monkey may go through a period of volatilities. Most work may require a tough beginning before coming easy. If married, be careful of arguments. Be conservative.

**WORK** You favour conservative work, such as accounting. You also favour work dealing with the law, such as lawyers and police.

**WEALTH** Your income is proportional to your hard work. Don't be greedy. No gambling or speculations.

**RELATIONS** Your relations are flat and at times tend to argue. Be soft and giving.

**HEALTH** You are healthy. Just don't overwork. Know your limits.

#### Highlights of Monkey of Individual Years

**2004** You would have much help from your superior. There are plenty of romances and arguments.

**1992** You work well with the opposite gender, especially if they are your boss.

**1980** You would go through volatilities at work. Your hard work would pay off for good outcome.

**1968** You favour team work. Your people relations are good. There would be new opportunities.

**1956** You are at retirement age. Your experience may benefit the younger generation. Don't overwork.

**1944** You mix well with the younger folks. You may even tend to be childish.



#### ROOSTER 2005 1993 1981 1969 1957 1945

MThe Rooster and the Rabbit are opposite. Hence money may come and go easily. No gambling and speculations. Your spiritual mind and sixth sense is strong. You should be a good leader. **WORK** You should be good at management work. Spiritual endeavours are also favourable, such as religions and philosophy. Stay away from gambling businesses.

**WEALTH** Your regular income is better than speculate ones. You may frequently travel or spend money to enhance your home.

**RELATIONS** Be careful about people relations. If you are still single, don't marry this year. Married ones may tend to argue. Be soft and patient.

HEALTH - Be careful of accidents. Drive carefully. You are also prone to sickness. Exercise and rest well. Stay away from work that is too strenuous.

#### Highlights of Rooster of Individual Years

**2005** You are prone to spending money. Your school work may need more hard work. There would not be much romance. Focus on your studies.

**1993** Your peer relations are fine. While partnership is ok, there may still be many disagreements. Be reasonable.

**1981** You would be helping your subordinates a lot. You would also tend to over spend money. Consider traveling or renovate your home.

**1969** Both conflicts and harmony co-exist. Hard work would be inevitable.

**1957** Most things would be unstable. Be conservative. No speculations.

**1945** Be careful of accidents and illnesses. Stay away from dangerous work. Relax and enjoy your old age.







#### DOG - 2006 1994 1982 1970 1958 1946

Dog connects with the Rabbit. Hence there would be plenty of help. Your people relations and romances would be good. Both work and business should advance.

**WORK** You favor work with education or analysis. There are chances for promotions and business expansion.

**WEALTH** Your wealth is proportional to your authority and knowledge. Overall, your income is better than last year.

**RELATIONS** This is a connecting year for relations. Consider marriage if you are single. Take your beloved one to holidays if you are married.

**HEALTH** You are healthy and full of energy.

#### Highlights of Dog of Individual Years

**2006** You should do well in school. Your relations are also good.

**1994** You should get plenty of help from your seniors. Your work would be good, with some advancement.

**1982** Your people relations are very good. If you are still single, this may be a good year for you to wed. Your work and income would be stable.

**1970** At a senior position, you build very good relations with your subordinates by guiding them. Hence you earn a good reputation for yourself.

**1958** Most things you want to do are sluggish. Take it easy and keep it simple.

1946 You would have a surge of energy at this

senior age. Try to participate in more social activities.



#### BOAR - 2007 1995 1983 1971 1959 1947

Pig and Rabbit form a golden combination. Hence the Pig would do very well this year. Work would be smooth. There would be plenty of travels.

**WORK** You favor work with mobility rather than behind the desk. Favorable work would include trading, logistics, travel. Also favorable for you are real estate construction and financial. If you are a surgeon, you would also do marvels.

**WEALTH** The more mobile, the better you do. Both regular income and investments are good.

**RELATIONS** You have excellent people relations. Love life is also good. If you are still single, consider marriage. If you are married, you can rekindle your love more.

**HEALTH** You are into a healthy year. There may be small accidents at times. Take your time at work.

#### Highlights of Boar of Individual Years

**2007** You are somewhat prone to accidents and bleeding. Don't do risky sports. Your studies would be outstanding.

**1995** You would have much help from your boss and seniors. Your travel sign is strong. Your love life is phenomenal.

**1983** Your peer relations are good. Team work is favorable. There would be many out-of-town trips.

**1971** You may become advisor to other people. You favor to work in a community. Your authority would

**1959** Your hard work would pay off. Be careful of accidents that may lead to bleeding. Be more conservative at work.

**1947** The older you get, the stronger you seem to be. You would have many friends. You would make much money and enjoy spending as well. Lots of travel for you.



#### RAT 2008 1996 1984 1972 1960 1948

Rat and Rabbit have some conflict. Be careful of people and legal issues. However, your romance sign is strong. You may talk a lot. Your money sign remains good.

**WORK** You favor the financial and trading sectors. Entertainment sector is also good. You would do well if you are a speaker.

**WEALTH** Your money sign is good. You should do well in investments and speeches.

**RELATIONS** Your romance sign is significant, which helps your people relations. If you are married, you should be more loving. If you are single, consider marriage.

**HEALTH** You are healthy overall. Just pay attention to your liver and kidneys.

#### Highlights of Rat of Individual Years

**2008** Your people relations are fine. You would favor team work.

You should also do well in studies.

**1996** Your romance sign is strong. However, there could be arguments between lovers.

Beware of a third party involvement. You favour a speaking job.

**1984** You would get much help from your seniors. Trading would be good for you. Your money sign is good.

**1972** Your relation with the opposite gender is good. You may even get much help from them. You may talk a lot in your line of work.

**1960** Beware of controversy. Watch out what you say and promise. Think twice before talking.

**1948** You have very good people relations and lots of friends. You remain strong for your age.



#### OX 2009 1997 1985 1973 1961 1949 1937

The Ox enjoys good money sign. Your arts talents are also good. You would be authoritative. However, you may suffer from a loneliness sign and accident sign.

**WORK** You should do well in businesses to do with design, such as artist or architect. Business and management are also in your favour.

**WEALTH** Your income and your authority are proportional. Feel free to do investments.

**RELATIONS** Because of your loneliness sign, you may not have too many romances. You should focus more on your work and do well there.

**HEALTH** Overall you are healthy. You tend to be prone to accidents such as falling or



twisting. Don't over work.

#### Highlights of Ox of Individual Years

**2009** Your income is proportional to your hard work. Your focus on studies should help you achieve high marks.

**1997** This is a half-half year for you. Most work needs extra effort. Nonetheless, your income is still good.

**1985** You would have much help from your seniors. There would be plenty of opportunities to make money. Your love life is a bit flat.

**1973** You have a lot of help from your friends. Co-operative work is good. Married couple's relations would be stable.

**1961** You may have many minor ailments. Rest well and exercise more. Your money sign is flat.

**1949** Watch out your health situation, especially to do with the spleen and stomach. Rest well and exercise more.

from the spouse. You would make good money in problem solving businesses.

**RELATIONS** Your romances may be weak. There could be problems between couples. Be patient and giving.

HEALTH Be careful of accidents. Drive carefully.

#### Highlights of Tiger of Individual Years

**2010** Work more and play less. You are prone to accidents and bleeding. You are also prone to illnesses. Exercise properly and rest well.

1998 - You would have a lot of help from your friends. Team work is good for you. Your love life is flat but stable.

**1986** You may get promoted to more authority. You favour both politics and the army.

**1974** Be careful of travel accidents. Also look after your relations well. Be mindful and humble.

**1962** Your people relations are good. Your work and money signs are stable.

**1950** Be careful about possible surgery and bleeding. You may be prone to illnesses. Hence exercise and rest well.



#### TIGER - 2010 1998 1986 1974 1962 1950 1938

The Tiger is prone to accidents and bleeding. Watch out health issues

and conflicts in relations. You would be attracted to cars this year.

**WORK** You favour work to do with blood, such as surgeon or butcher. Medical work is good for you this year. Car or airplane sectors are also in your favour.

WEALTH The married ones would get much help



# "Everything in life contains Yin Yang"

#### by Ian Barnett

Sifu says "everything in life contains Yin Yang..."

Before meeting Sifu... my life was complicated. I lied most days because no one believed my truth. When I would explain how I was feeling, what I was experiencing and how life was to me... I was laughed at. Punished. Told to be more realistic and to not be so dramatic.

When I was about 5 years old I was featured on the worlds largest Christian Television Network, 100 Huntley Street. David Mainse had just launched his 24/7 Prayer line. During his televised show, he used me to pray for people to heal, to pray for things in their life. I was 5.

Shortly after people knew, and were talking about my ability to have prayer answered... I was molested in the Church Private School. In hindsight it could have been coincidence... but I can't help but feel I was targeted. My life spiralled. It became quite confusing. By 14 I had spent over 6 weeks in hospital for things like suspected Tuberculosis, Meningitis and a ruptured appendix that almost took my life. That was my first coma, a medically induced one, and it was wild to wake up from.

My stories were never believed. My experiences rarely understood. My friends used my abilities as entertainment. By the age of 15 I became addicted to heavy drugs like MDMA, cocaine and more. I stopped doing them around 18 or so after some friends were killed, and my father had become paralyzed - only able to move his face.

After dropping out of high school... I became the Senior Vice President of a multi-national marketing agency earning 6 figures at the young age of 25. I found myself alone writing strategy, giving Fortune 100 companies critical advice, and guiding the futures for our many clients. Things just always came to me... it was as if I was a magnet for thought, success and attention. But just as quickly as I attracted the good... I also attracted the bad. I was too Yang. Too flashy. Too much.

I have been hit by 16 cars... 3 times my car was a complete write off... twice while riding a bike... and one time, I was a passenger in an accident that put me in a traumatic coma due to an excessive head on impact.

My life was always this game of escaping circumstance, and I became a master of it. It was as if I

knew what would happen next... and I was almost always able to, just, avoid it. During this period, I made large amounts of money... yet never had any. I knew everyone... yet had no friends. Everyone knew me... but I did not know myself.

In 2004 I bought a run down home with a dream of fixing it. I heard stories that every couple that lived in that home had become divorced. 6 months after buying it - I was divorced. My second marriage in the home - divorced very quickly. This is when I realized that I was not paying attention.... this is when I realized that I was forcing myself through life and not listening to what life was offering...

While spending 7 years alone, raising a little girl... and dating most of Toronto... I built a successful company and sold it for over \$20,000,000 to one of Canadas wealthiest men. Yet, I received almost none of the money, and never felt happy. Things always seemed to not go my way..... and I poured myself into my daughter. This is when I finally started to pay attention. I became reclusive, I started to remember my ability to pray... and I began to write letters to the woman I dreamed of being with. Every night I wrote another story to her. I approached about 1,000 stories when suddenly I received a text message from someone I only met twice - she said "lan, I found the perfect woman for you....". It was such interesting timing, from such an unexpected person. Fate gave me no choice but to agree to meet this "perfect woman". Our first date went well... and 2 weeks later I found myself sitting in an office with two walls covered with accomplishments, 1 wall over flowing with black binders, and another wall full of.... Everything. The Chinese man in front of me looked about 50... sounded like he was 1,000 and told me he was 70.

It was the weirdest experience of my life.

To sit in front of this Chinese man who this girl I just met took me to... to have my Life Charted and to determine if we were a good match...? I had this "I know everything" attitude on me... and listening back to my recording I sounded like such a fool. Pretending to be something I wasn't.

During my Life Chart Sifu explained my life pattern in detail. He told me why I had experienced so many marriages, car accidents and traumas. He lightly explained my strong spiritual sign and at the end of the life chart, he suggested I join his Qi Gong group. I didn't. I thought it was all absolutely crazy. I had spent my whole life hiding, running from and avoiding admitting who I am and what I know I am able to do..... and here I found myself in front of a man who is comfortable talking about anything. A man able to explain the universe, how it works and why I feel the ways I did. It was a lot. I felt understood for the first in life. I felt scared, I felt confused and I felt like I needed to hide again. I remember wanting to be as free and comfortable as Sifu.

I successfully avoided joining the Qi Gong group for a few weeks... then I had some dark blood in my stool, and my doctor scared me by telling me I was to go to get checked for cancer. That girl I was dating told me to go back to Sifu... so I did. He told me I was fine and not to worry... but that this scare should be a good lesson for me... and that I should take my health into my own hands and join his Qi Gong.

#### Very reluctantly..... I did.

I could not sit on the floor. I could not close my eyes. I could not handle being in the basement...... yet...... watching the freedom in which the disciples moved..... listening to the things people were saying..... experiencing the energy and hearing the stories of miracles..... I was intrigued. With daily pain in my body and a very troubled mind... I found solace in that basement... and discovered what commitment means.

Sifu came alive for me... his compassion... his leadership... his commitment... his knowledge and his funny way... it all caught my attention. I found myself looking forward to his next class... yet scared each time that I went. Then out of the blue one day... Sifu patted me on the back and said "You should join our Tuesday class too.....". At the time, Tuesday nights were reserved only for Disciples and people with health concerns. The Tuesday Lessons were different... I remember standing close to the wall in an attempt to hide from the others... I remember closing my eyes tight and wanting to run away... yet at the same time... loving the experience of feeling the others in the room. I remember feeling their pain... I remember wanting to help them... I remember crying... and moving to the visuals I was seeing... like I was performing surgery on the people in the room... I felt like I was 5 again...

only this time... I was safe.

After about 2 years of driving 45 minutes each way to every Lesson Sifu offered.... My life started to truly improve. My pain was no longer... and my lies were disappearing. Just when I was starting to feel myself, it was decided that I would become Disciple 107.

It would take hundreds of pages over many books to tell just some of the stories, some of the lessons and some of the magic I have witnessed with Sifu. To explain how he has given me life... allowed me to be me... how he has guided me through the confusion in my mind... and taught me who I am... I would need a lifetime.

I married that girl who took me to see Sifu, and today we have 2 more children together. Being blessed with Angie as my life partner is like living with Sifu... she extends his lessons... she explains his stories... she is why I have been able to learn so much from Sifu. Sifu is my teacher, Angie is my Tutor.

People often ask me, "should I get my life charted?".

My answer is... yes. Yes because my life was a beautiful train wreck charging down the tracks... my Life Chart gave me the understanding required to access another way. To avoid another accident. To stop my pattern of getting married to someone new every 5 years. To understand myself. To become myself. Qi Gong has provided me with the power to achieve that other way... and to connect with who I am.

Sifu... I thank you for the love you have for the world. I thank you for the knowledge you share so precisely. I thank you for the many lesson, the support and the guidance. I thank you for causing me to be comfortable with who I am and what I am able to do. Your humility has impacted so many... your abilities have improved the lives of millions of families around the world... and your generosity continues to flow. You are what this world needs... thank you for all you do.

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#### 1Q:. What is Feng Shui?

**Paul Ng :** Feng Shui is the science and technique to harmonize between mankind and the surroundings, but it did not begin that way. Feng Shui began about 5,000 years ago in the time of the Yellow Emperor (Huangdi), the first emperor of China.

He was fighting all the tribal forces, so he invented something called the compass. The compass would give him the directions, where to go and where the places would be.

He would also examine the layout of the mountains, river, water, and lakes in order to set up the military strategy. So surprisingly enough, the origin of Feng Shui was for military purposes.

As time passed, Feng Shui was applied to building of houses and palaces, to bring in the best settings for , harmonization of the energies. Then it gradually became a very important tool for burials, especially for

China and many other countries in the world.

Accordingly, good Feng Shui used on burials can benefit the descendants from three to five generations.

From military to housing, all the way to burials, and then to today, including businesses, etc .Feng Shui can improve the energy of human living. Obviously some people may get away without Feng Shui . But using it wisely is the norm.

2Q: Is Feng Shui and Bagua related?

**Paul Ng :** Bagua is the philosophy of zero and one, so it is an underlying principle of all sciences in the world. It was created as early as about 7,000 years ago, even before the Yellow Emperor.

It was originally used to define locations, weather and climates.

Based on the way China was like, the wind would usually come from the southeast. So southeast would be defined as wind.

A lot of the highlands were on the northeast, hence they defined northeast as mountains. Also defined north as the core area. So that was the origin of what Bagua was.

Now Bagua is represented by two symbols: a straight line and a dotted line. They believed that the earth came from the universe. So the universe is the top line and the earth is the bottom line. Between the universe and earth, we have creatures like humans and other creatures, so the middle line is called mankind.

Heaven, earth, mankind. So the number is three. Each line has a yin and yang, a solid line and dotted line respectively. The different combinations are compounded to make up the Eight trigrams of Bagua. "Ba". means the number eight. "Gua" means trigram.

Then from zero and one, we derive many sciences, including Chinese medicine, Chinese form of physics, and also Feng Shui and life reading.

All of this originated from Bagua.

#### 3Q: I am new to Feng Shui, where do I start?

**Paul Ng:** For a layman, Feng Shui is to examine the surroundings. They should look at the at the kind of houses or buildings around the neighbourhood. Also the kind of people who live there.. The environment is very important.

For example, to build a mansion in a poor area, that would really devaluate this mansion. On the other hand, in a well-to-do area, if you build a rundown shed in it, that kind of destroys the environment. So it's a matter of matching.

Beginners should look at their situation, their position in society, including their income to make the judgement of where to go. The environment may have trees but should not be too dense, which could be dangerous.

Look at the house, it should be a fairly smooth house, not something really pointy. These are some very basic principles.

#### 4Q: What direction should my head be facing when I am in bed? Is there a relationship between Feng Shui and directions?

**Paul Ng :** Directions are the result of the magnetic field from the universe and the earth. The larger the mass, the more magnetic force it would have, so as humans, we carry our own magnetic force in our body. When our magnetic force in the earth and magnetic force jive, that will bring us an easier life.

On the other hand, if they contradict, that can cause enormous hardship. Directions can only be derived by looking at the dates of birth of the person. So everyone is different.

The birth date of a person would make up an element. The five major elements are metal, water, wood, fire and earth. Each one of us belong to a particular element, from which we would determine the directions..

For example, a metal person should not face fire and fly south. A metal person should face west because west is metal. So this is one of the many examples where directions are very important.

#### 5Q: Mirrors are always used in Feng Shui. What is the reason behind that? Is it good Feng Shui to have a mirror in the bedroom?

**Paul Ng:** Mirrors are for the purpose of absorbing energy. Because of that, it has to be placed in the right position. Mirrors should not be directly pointing at the main entrance of the house. So when you open the door and walk into the house, you should not be looking at a mirror right away.

In a similar concept, sleeping is a quiet enjoyment. So when we (for example) wake up and sit up, you just don't want to confront the mirror directly facing you. It could be quite scary when you are half awake, and see a big shadow in front of you, which was actually yourself!

That is regarded as bad energy or taking away energy. However, if the mirror is on the side wall, then it is quite acceptable. The second purpose of the mirror is to make the area look more spacious.

So mirrors are important and are good but they should be used properly. You should know what you are doing before you play with them.

#### 6Q: It seems like most people are interested in using Feng Shui to become more wealthy. Is this true? How do you find the Feng Shui money and wealth area?

**Paul Ng:** Feng Shui for sure is widely used to enhance wealth. But it's not just wealth to be enhanced. In today's world, more importantly could be health. Wealth and health go together hand-inhand. And then relations, you want to move into a house and promote good relations with each other, especially couples. Good energy is needed for kids to study well. You want your children to be able to attend good schools and universities. All these things have to do with Feng Shui.

Obviously money still comes up front because you need money to pay the mortgage and daily expenses. So it is important to locate the money centre in a house. Define where it is and how to set it up. That still stands out as one of the most important of the four factors.

## 7Q: What is a life cycle? And how should I consult a Feng Shui consultant about my life cycle?

**Paul Ng:** Everything has a life cycle. Every business has a life cycle, so does every house and every human individual.

The human life cycle can only be determined by

doing a life reading or also known as the life charting of the individual. From the beginning to the end of a life of a human being, every 5 years should be a small life cycle and every 10 years will be a major life cycle.

As for a house, it will go through 10 and 20 year cycles. So 10 years will be a minor cycle and 20 years will be a major cycle.

So that means good Feng Shui or bad Feng Shui may not be forever, it has a period. We calculate the period, which is called timing.

That also means that Feng Shui is not just about looking at the shape, but you also have to calculate the timing and to combine between timing and shape to come up with the best solution.

#### 8Q: Should I consult a Feng Shui consultant once a year to define what I should or should not do for the year? And why I would need to do that?

**Paul Ng :** You have to divide it into two different parts. One is the individual person. Another would be the environment, which could be the house or the business. I would say that is highly recommended because by doing that, we would know what to do and what not to do for the year.

For example, certain periods in the year, we may have some major issues, such as illnesses or accidents. By charting beforehand, we can minimize the bad effects and also we would not lose sight of good opportunities. So that is for the benefit of a person.

In terms of a house, besides the major settings in the beginning ,a yearly reading will also enhance the underlying permanent settings. For example, every year, the money centre may move to a different corner, if we can capture that, the effect is very instant.

Yearly settings are based on the permanent settings, but the combination of both, can maximize the benefits. So yes, I highly recommend people to do it yearly.

#### 9Q: Why is Feng Shui related to my birthday?

**Paul Ng :** Every person has different settings. Settings are based on the person's elements and the elements can only be calculated from the birthday of the person.

For example, a metal person will favour houses fac-

ing east-west, whereas an earth or water person will be more north-south. Those kinds of elements can only be determined based on the birthday of the individual.

#### 10Q : If I Feng Shui'ed my house, will there be a need to re-do a Feng Shui examination after a while? And if so, what would that time span be?

**Paul Ng:** Because a house goes on a 10 and 20 year life cycle, I would suggest every 5 years, which is a quarter part of the cycle.

Minimum once every 5 years at least or no more than 10 years, the house should be examined again.

## 11Q: If a church or cemetery is beside my house, what can I do with Feng Shui?

**Paul Ng :** Both churches and cemeteries are regarded as yin energy. Yin meaning negative energy or ghostly energy. That is particularly true in certain places such as Hong Kong, because land was so scarce there. Most cemeteries in Hong Kong are packed and scattered all over the place.

In Canada, we are very fortunate with space. I have designed 4 cemeteries in the Greater Toronto Area. Basically all these cemeteries in Canada are like gardens and parks. People like to walk there or jog there without any fear.

As far as churches are concerned, it depends on the shape of the building. Pay attention to those that tend to be very pointed like an X shape which looks like an axe cutting into the house. But most churches are fairly rounded and not so pointy and Catholic churches (the ancient ones), they're very artistic too, like a museum. Also we have to take into consideration of the distance and the size of the cemetery or the church and also the relative position to where you live before you can decide if it is good or bad.

#### 12Q: What are the basic things to check when I plan to buy a new home regarding Feng Shui perspective? Externally and internally?

**Paul Ng:** The first thing to look at the outside is the road or street or the avenue that leads to the house. Feng Shui is two words. Feng means wind, which blows things away. Shui means water to collect energy.

That means the best road would be a slightly winding road. If the street is too long or too straight,



when there are strong winds blowing, it will be fast and cannot be stopped. So you need a slow moving road to balance the energy collection.. That is the Yin and Yang effect to look for.

Second thing to look for is that the street should not be too steep. Same idea, too steep is like moving too fast, it cannot be stopped. And it would be a bit dangerous too.

Number three, the house should not be shaded too much by trees. I have seen in a lot of older neighborhoods that the trees are so huge and surrounded the house so badly that sunlight could not get in . There was too much yin energy. Because we are in a living world, we need more yang energy, that means more brightness, more sunlight from outside.. Also, on the outside, you do not want the main entrance of the house to have things like a light post or tree with very long trunks facing you. There are two kinds of trees, one is a long trunk with leaves further up and another would be with leaves growing further down. So as long as this is not a pure trunk that looks like a light post, that will still be acceptable.

The next thing to look for, is to make sure your main door outside is not directly facing the gap between two houses, because that is called the tunnel force (English) or in Chinese the heavenly saber force. It is bad for health. So these are the basic things to avoid at the outside of a house.

For the inside, it's very complicated. One thing to look for is to make sure the foyer is wide and deep enough, because that part is like a reservoir. You need a big reservoir to hold energy, to hold water, to hold money.

As the staircases are concerned, whether or not it is facing the front door, as long as they are further away, at least 10 feet away, that would still be acceptable. These are very fundamental things to look for.

## 13Q: I plan to buy a house but there are two big trees in the front yard blocking the view from the front street, is that good or bad?

**Paul Ng:** If there are two trees, it's not too bad. One tree is bad, but all trees are different. If the tree has leaves coming almost to the ground, so it is not like a post, then it is ok.

If it is a single tree, unless the leaves are really low, it will look like a stick toward the door, so it is bad.

Two trees are not as bad because it would even out that energy, so it's acceptable.

## 14Q: Is feng shui a religion? Would people think I'm superstitious?

**Paul Ng :** Some people think so, but in reality, because it is practiced by many different so-called masters, a lot of them do get involved in some kind of religion.

That kind of violates the original idea of Feng Shui. Feng shui is a pure science. Like mathematics, like physics, like chemistry, it has its own formulas, equations to do its thing. It has nothing to do with religion or superstition. It is just a misunderstanding that some religious people would think that Feng Shui is a religion or superstitious.

## 15Q: There are many people of different races practicing Feng Shui ? Are there different schools and which one is most credible?

**Paul Ng :** Officially Feng Shui began with Chinese culture. When they brought it to other nations, it is being modified and people put in their own elements and different schools emerged.

In the old Chinese customs, Feng Shui had gone

through a long way and originated from I- Ching. The first form of I Ching was dated back to 7,000 years ago in China, a long time ago.

5,000 years ago in China, it began to take shape. 3,000 years ago, it then developed into a more scientific and organized approach..

Officially-to-date, there are five major schools of Feng Shui.

One school was kind of based on the I Ching, the 8 trigrams. Another one was based on the flying stars, which is further splitted into three combination schools. Lastly, another one is called the three origin school.

Finally the newest and most scientific one is called the school of time and space. That's the one I belong to - time and space, because Feng Shui settings are not permanent and not forever. There's a time span to it. So centers do change over time, so the time factor is taken into account, whereas the other schools mainly work on the shape.

Basically there are five schools and the Westerners created many different things of their own, which I don't want to comment on.

16Q: In Feng Shui, people are always talking about the direction of objects and the positions they are placed either inside or outside. Does that mean we cannot move our furniture or our plants after the environment has been Feng-Shui-ed ?

**Paul Ng:** Yes and no. On the yes side, directions are very important because different directions carry different forms of energy. But this kind of energy has to match with the people using it. Each person also has their own elements and carries their own energy, so you have to match two of them like marriage.

Due to certain restrictions in shape and size, not every piece of furniture can always face a certain direction. For example, when you do Feng Shui in Hong Kong, chances are that you cannot move anything because everything is rigid. There is only limited space you can set. You can use different Feng Shui methods to harmonize it, to change the nature of energy. You can leave it the way it is or you can change it. If you cannot do it either way, you can use other methods to change the energy even with or without changing the furniture. That is why the answer is ambiguous - it is yes and no for that reason.

17Q: If fengshui is related to the people living in a particular home, what if I have a newcomer or partner moving into my place, do I need to change everything?

**Paul Ng :** I would say certain changes may be necessary but not necessarily everything. Whatever should be changed will be based on the element of this person moving in, because it has to have a match with the current resident to form the perfect harmony.

### 18Q: If someone is engaged in illegal business, will a Feng Shui master help him/her?

**Paul Ng:** That's an exciting question. Feng Shui is for the purpose of creating harmony. For some people who are involved in illegal businesses, I would do my best to help and influence them to convert to legal businesses.

### 19Q: What will Feng Shui do to help people if they are in the down time of their lives?

**Paul Ng :** In our human life, our whole life is divided into parts.

Part one is called the bond with factor. All the secrets in our life are hidden in our date, time and place of birth. So in our life, we go through high points, we go through low points. If we are in the low time, we don't know what to do, then we could really be in trouble.

One solution is to make use the earth's energy. The earth factor and the human factor. The earth factor is something we can control. That is finding the right location through the proper Feng Shui setups and to minimize the negative energy and maximize the positive energy in order to elevate the low cycle of the person.

You can also get more involved with the proper people at the proper time to help out. At least the Feng Shui part is something we can control and can do something with.

### 20Q: If a hydro company installs an electric pole in front of my front yard, is that bad?

**Paul Ng :** Yes, because of the microwave energy from electric currents. The key is to make sure the hydro pole is not directly in front of the front door.

Otherwise, it may cause severe health issues, usually affecting the liver or the heart. In today's world, a lot of hydro companies have gotten a little smarter and more considerate. So usually they put it either on the corner of the street or in between two houses, instead of directly in front of a house. Thank goodness they know how to do it now.

### 21Q: My house is situated in a cul-de-sac, facing the exit. Is that bad?

**Paul Ng :** There are several kinds of cul-de-sac I would say primarily three kinds.

One kind is very narrow. If you go in there, you have to make a three point turn to come out. That is the worst because the energy gets stuck and if your house happens to be at the end, it makes it even more worse.

The other kind is like a key, meaning like a circle. So you don't need to make a three point turn, you can smoothly drive in and out. The best is a circle and with a garden at the center.. So this way none of the houses would directly confront the street. Mostly these are wealthy neighborhoods with multi-million dollar houses.

## 22Q: Feng Shui souvenirs, such as a jade necklace, feng shui decoration like a fish tank, will they work ?

**Paul Ng:** The two main things used in Feng Shui are not really related with necklaces.

For the home, usually it would be something like a money box e.g. a piggy bank.

The concept is that it has to have a coin hole, so money can get in easily and hard to get out. Where to put it, will depend on the Feng Shui measurement. The consultant has to measure the house and determine where the wealth center is and put the money box there. If placed in the wrong position, that will have no effect.

The fish tank is a bit tricky because fish tanks are for speculating money. Similarly, you have to calculate and locate where the speculative money center is and put the fish tank there. They always say if the fish dies when it was first put in, it actually blocked away some negative energy for the owner. There is actually some truth to it. If you don't know where the speculative money center is, better not bother putting one.

#### 23Q: To pick a cemetery place, you may consult a Feng Shui master, what about a sea burial or a sky burial or fire burial?

**Paul Ng:** All of them would actually have to get a Feng Shui master involved in order to obtain the best results. Among the forms of burial, the best is obviously earth burial, underground that is. Because in doing so, you get the best benefit from the sky, the earth, and also the environment. So when the DNA of the bones get the nourishment, the descendants would also benefit from it.

For sea burial or water burial. That would be a bit tricky because nobody would know where the body would flow to. So that means the descendants won't get the best benefits of it.

In doing so, you have to pick the oceans or large rivers . If the waters were polluted , it definitely be not good to the living or to the dead.

The other one is cremation, which is kind of the middle of the road, because quite a bit of the bone ashes will still remain, so as long as you put it in an urn and bury it underground or in some kind of mausoleum, the descendants will still get the benefit, but the positioning and the timing have to be decided by a good Feng Shui master. If all the ashes are spread all over the place, that means all the carrying benefits to the descendant effects will be gone. It maybe more suitable for people with no children.

#### 24Q: Can Feng Shui solve or reduce company politics?

**Paul Ng:** Company politics exist as long as there are people interactions, no one can avoid politics. You can say politics is also a science. It depends how you deal with it.

There are two factors to tackle this . Number one is to check if settings of the offices are harmonious or conflicting. If there are lots of sharp angles such as pointed walls, ceiling beams, etc., this is not satisfactory.

The second factor is to check the birthdays of the individuals, are they matching with one and other or are they in conflict?

So those two factors have to be well considered in order to ease off office politics.

### 25Q: What are the qualifications of a Feng Shui master or consultant?

**Paul Ng:** I would suggest any Feng Shui practitioner has to be highly educated because the true master requires two opposite thinking processes.

Number one is logical thinking. How to analyze, how to observe, and put things together.

The other is an intuitive mind. That initial feeling during the process has to be very distinctive.

So , in my opinion, a genuine responsible Feng Shui master must at least have a university degree or similar , because you are doing something very drastic for the public.

A lot of so-called, self-taught masters are people who read a few books, people that attended a few courses and dare to practice Feng Shui in public, they are really destroying the society instead of helping the society.

#### 26Q: Is Feng Shui based on I-Ching? Is that Taoism? Are there any conflicts with other religions?

**Paul Ng:** Feng Shui is by all means a science, very mathematical. So it has nothing to do with any religions or superstitions, even though I would say some so-called Feng Shui masters would bring in religion and bring in superstition into the mix unfortunately.

Taoism was not a religion when it first came out. It's a philosophy and I-Ching is mathematics, it is actually binary mathematics. I- Ching is the first form of computer in the world created in China.

So with that, there's definitely no conflict with any religions or any superstitions. Treat it as a science.

## 27Q: Nowadays, we can find a lot of information regarding Feng Shui on the internet. Why do we still need to consult a Feng Shui consultant?

Paul Ng: Two main reasons:

Reason number one is anybody can claim to be an expert on the internet. There is no checking and creditability is hard to justify

Number two, even though it is correct in some cases, it is too general. Every reading is very specific. Every house, every business and every purpose is very different. So you still need a genuine reputable Feng Shui master to do the work. To help in both the general work and also the specific purpose of the readings.

## 28Q: Since Feng Shui is from ancient China, how are we able to apply it to the western world if human development and history are different?

**Paul Ng:** Because it is a science, it has no national differences. The same principles can be applied anywhere, except the Master has to be familiar with the particular area, like the mountain ranges, the highways, the water ranges, and the population demography as it would be different from place to place.

Familiarity of the Feng Shui master with the area and also the understanding of how the energy flows is very important in applying good analytics. Hence having an experienced Feng Shui Master is necessary to provide good advice.

## 29Q: Are there any connections between Feng Shui and Horoscopes?

Paul Ng: They may look similar, but they are different. Horoscope is based on the galaxies in the universe. The shapes of the galaxy will develop different forms. So you have signs like Taurus, Capricorn, etc. It is a very general concept. It is very good at predicting personalities and some global stuff, but using that to analyze the actual settings in the human life, I think it is a bit deficient. In the Chinese philosophy, Feng Shui is for the material, for the house, for the business, for the city, etc. But there's another side called the life charting, online reading, which goes into much deeper details. It depicts a person's entire life from the beginning to the end, stage by stage, including the inter-relations, including their health, etc. So, in my opinion, Feng Shui is more detailed and can have a deeper profile.

## 30Q: If one were to get advice from a few Feng Shui consultants, is this a wise approach or vice-versa?

**Paul Ng:** Because every master comes from a different background, some are better than the others. If one goes out and gets several different readings and they all say something different, it will be very confusing and one will not know what to follow. I would say the key is, before picking a consultant, check the consultant's background, what kind of work that person has done, how reliable they are,

and when one sees the person, what is the feeling like?

That is very important. And once one finds the one consultant that really works,( results will tell), then they should stick with that consultant instead of constantly changing.

## 31Q: If someone was sick for a long time and tried getting help from Feng Shui, like changing their environment, does that work at all?

**Paul Ng:** It will work. The reason is that we live in an environment surrounded by eight different energies. One of the basic ideas of Feng Shui is to harmonize the home to bring out the healing power, the health power and obviously other power centers such as wealth and relations.

So if one has been working or sleeping in the sick center, that might be a major problem. Feng Shui will either relocate them or do something to re-harmonize that center in order to bring better health to that person.

#### 32Q: In terms of getting a pet, like a dog or a cat, do we need to check their birthday, so as to avoid conflicts with the pet owner's Feng Shui?

**Paul Ng:** With pets, I don't think there is any need to check their place of birth because they belong to a different category. However, they do work out as a very good way to ease off the sentiments of people in the homes, such as old people and lonely people. These pets are like companions. However, one thing to avoid is not allowing them to litter all over the place, it could end up causing a lot of negative energy.

The trickiest pet is fish, because fish represents money and also speculating money in particular, so you have to know where to put the fish tank or aquarium. If they are done incorrectly, it can cause the opposite effects, such as losing money instead of making money. For protection ,you need a good master to help you locate where they should be placed..

33Q: Some condos for sale have stated that the building has been Feng Shui-ed, does the buyer still need to get advice from a Feng Shui consultant on their individual unit?

Paul Ng: Number one, we need to check the qualifi-

cations and reputation of the Feng Shui Master who did the certification of the building. We have to be sure that the consultant is reliable.

Number two, even if the Master is well-certified, it's a general concept. That means the whole building may agree with good Feng Shui principles in general, but you still need specific settings for specific families or specific individuals living in the unit.

So regardless, you still need a good master to do the work for you.

## 34Q: If one were to change careers, will it affect the Feng Shui harmony of their family?

**Paul Ng:** Yes, careers are a very crucial part of Feng Shui because in a Feng Shui setting, you need to determine how to set up based on the kind of work the person or persons do. The nature of the work has to be taken into consideration in order to have the best results.

So the answer is yes, even for changing jobs, you have to check the birthday of the person and determine what kind of work that person should do or should not do, and also look at the timing based on the life cycles to determine whether it is the right time to change. It should be taken into careful consideration and done strategically.



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# PAUL NG

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THE MAN BEHIND THE LEGEND

On a quiet November night, with snowflakes falling gently around a Richmond Hill neighbourhood, a man , dressed in a red traditional Chinese outfit, sits down to be interviewed. With beautiful portraits adorning the walls, Paul Ng, internationally renowned Feng Shui Master, invites us to sit down for a conversation. Ng, commands a room just as easily as any skilled teacher, retaining a gentle authority. It comes to no one's surprise that this is one of the many special qualities that make up such a distinguished Feng Shui, Qi Gong and Tai Chi master.

#### It all Began with Tombstones

Every person's path leads them down different avenues of life. Perhaps yours lead you to a white picket fence with 2.5 kids, or maybe you've built an empire out of nothing but your bare hands. Ng's path gave him an illustrious career in Feng Shui. His path was laying itself out, before he event through of having a career. When asked about how he discovered Feng Shui, he answered, "It all began with tombstones,"

Tombstones, the reminder of mortality, inspired Ng. During his teenage years, he would pass a cemetery on his way to and from his high school in Stanley, Hong Kong. Every night, after he had dinner, he would visit the cemetery, and read tombstones. He was very fascinated by the birth and death dates of the people buried in the cemetery. The more he studied these dates, the more he wondered about the lifespans of people, the finality of death and the true meaning of life. What is the true meaning of life? What is our purpose? How do we reach it? Ng went searching for answers to these questions. He read some of the oldest texts available, cover to cover, hunting for his answers and never quite receiving them. Despite getting no answers, his knowledge of the world expanded and it brought to life a new side of him. He scoured the I Ching, one of the oldest Chinese classics on divination, as well as the Bible. This led to hours of debates with his teachers on the interpretation of ancient texts, often reaching stalemates.

Perhaps Ng has always had an otherworldly connection. Before he could walk or talk, Ng contracted a severe case of measles, leaving him mute. Worried, his mother brought him to a temple in Shau Kei Wan, hoping for some divine guidance. At that time, the temple's diviner advised her to visit a traditional Chinese doctor. There, Ng was prescribed herbal medicine that immediately helped him recover his voice. Never has a mother been so relieved to hear their child cry. To give thanks, Ng's mother visited the temple again and was told that there was too much negative energy within Ng's little body and that he needed to more positive energy. Well, what could add more positive energy than adopting a God as her child's godfather? So, Ng went through the traditional Chinese process of becoming someone's godson. Perhaps this added to Ng's otherworldly senses.

#### Ng, the Scholar

The Hong Kong Ng grew up in is vastly different from

the Hong Kong we think of today. He recalls his neighbourhood, full of unsavoury dealings. From illegal gambling dens to brothels to drug dealings, Ngís childhood neighbourhood had it all. Concerned for their sonís future, as he concentrated on Sphting with his classmates more than school, his parents tried to send him to a better school in Stanley. Hong Kongís schooling system is not as straightforward as Canadaís system. If your age group is for the third grade, then of course you'll be placed in third grade. Not in Hong Kong. At the time, Ng was meant to be in grade six. Unfortunately, after testing, the principal of the school in Hong Kong determined that his level of education was barely at grade four. The principal was ready to reject Ng's enrolment, but Ng's mother negotiated for her son. Under Mrs. Ngís relentless belief in her son's future, the principal relented and admitted Ng into his school for grade six. This was the beginning of Ng's scholarly life.

In the Ørst semester, Ng passed two out of the mandated 11 courses. Øis was not ideal. Ng understood the hard work his parents had put in to get him into this school. He understood that he needed to do better to be able to achieve more. He painstakingly studied for his second semester, passing six out of 11 courses. Not satisfied by his progress, Ng worked even harder, staying longer at school, and making sure he soaked up every ounce of his course work. By the time third semester ended, Ngís marks had improved dramatically, propelling him to third place out of the entire grade.

Underdog stories are always compelling, which is how Ng received his first taste of fame. Ng fondly remembers, in 1960, all the newspapers in Hong Kong ran the iModel Student of the Year since the Start of Hong Kongî story, writing about Ngís amazing progress. Due to his hard work, he earned a seven year scholarship with his school. But, to receive this scholarship, he needed to be at least within the top three of his grade each year. This meant no slacking and an even tougher studying regime, staying longer at school, studying later into the night. Ais regime paid off when Ng received his Hong Kong's Certificate of Education Examination results, opening his dreams for university.

However, Ngís father wanted his son to join law enforcement. Being a filial son was as important as being able to go to university. Struggling between the ideals of his father and his goals, Ng had to come up with a plan. He went to every law enforcement exam possible and failed them all. Ais way, he was able to tell his father that he tried but failed and could pursue tertiary studies. He spent some time at both the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. But schooling for him was also diffcult. Even at a young age, Ng was a

man of principles. When it came to higher education, he had decided that he wouldn't use any money from his parents to finance anymore of his education. This meant he had get full time to work.



To make money to

support his university dreams, he started working. While working, he started applying to universities in Canada. He was soon accepted into the University of Ottawa for Electrical Engineering. What should have been one of the happiest events in his life turned into a nightmare overnight. His student visa to Canada was rejected with no explanation. Ng went to the Canadian Consulate General office every day after work and sat until closing, waiting for an answer. After weeks of sitting, an old man came up to Ng and said to him, in English, iYoung man, don't give up, These words stayed with Ng and is still his motto in life today. Eventually, consulate officials told him that he was rejected because he didn't pass the health requirements.

Ng always knew there was something off about himself, but he couldnít quite pinpoint it. Yes, he couldnít hear as well as people, but he never made it a hindrance for himself. When he was young, he decided he needed to overcome his fear of heights and decided that jumping o⊠ the highest diving board at the local pool was the way to conquer it. Jumping o⊠ the diving board helped him with his fear of heights, but at the cost of his eardrums.

The immigration office told Ng that if the University of Ottawa accepted this handicap, then they would authorize his student visa. At the time, Canada was going through a serious postal strike. With the invention of email far in the future, Ng was forced to send telegram after telegram to the university, without receiving a reply. Finally, the University of Ottawa sent him a letter in mid-august, accepting him into their Electrical Engineering program. So off to Canada he went.

#### Adjusting to Canadian Life

Ng began his Canadian adventure at the age of 21. His first year at the University of Ottawa was pretty rough. He remembers having little to no money mostly surviving o⊠ water. We think of part-time jobs as something simple to get in this day and age, but for Ng, the choices were slim. He first tried working at restaurants, but, due to the language barrier (the people spoke the TaiShan dialect)



he had difficulty communicating with people who worked there.

Next, he tried working in construction. Despite Ng's healthy and hearty stature now, he was nothing more than a beanpole at 21. This meant that a lot

of the work was difficult for him to complete. After he had an accident with a wheelbarrow, his supervisor told him to go paint instead. In November, Ng's friend got him a job at his family's restaurant. The only problem was that the restaurant was in Montreal. Every Friday, he would have to skip half of his last class and take a long bus ride to Montreal to work from Friday night to Sunday, where he would then go back to campus. Yes it was difficult, but at least he was able to support himself.

He enrolled into the University of Waterloo's Computer Science program, after receiving Dean's honour from University of Ottawa. He thought, well, with this many people in this program; there must not be a lot of jobs. Computer Science sounded interesting enough, so Ng went and completed his degree in Computer Science.

Even with a degree from University of Waterloo, finding a job was difficult. He interviewed at an insurance company on the corner of Bloor Street and Mt. Pleasant Road. During his interview, he said that he would work for free for half a year just to gain experience. From there, he moved onto what is now Ernst & Young, within a month. This was 1972.

At Ernst & Young, Ng had a hard time adjusting. Due to his lack of knowledge and his inability to communicate fluently in English, Ng's manager told him to stay in an office and read all the manuals. This sounded like a terrible waste of time, but in 1973, when a system wide error hit Ernst & Young, Ng was the only person who knew how to fix it. Who said reading manuals were a waste of time.

#### The Beginning of his future

By 1976, Ng had made manager and created a system, predominantly used for payroll. This was also the year his life would change.

Back in spring of 1975, a good friend of Ng's introduced him to the Toronto Tai Chi Association in Downtown Toronto. At that time, Ng did not find the class very interesting. A few months later, Ng went back and met Master Mui. Master Mui noticed that Ng limped when he walked, so Ng confessed that he had surgery for his leg and it never regained its strength. When Master Mui asked if Ng had any experience with Tai Chi, Ng answered that he used to practice the Wu style and proceeded to perform it. Master Mui described his Tai Chi as a rusted ship, repairing it would take a lot of effort. Ng decided that if fixing it took so much effort, then he would rather start over. This was the beginning of Ng's relationship with Master Mui and Yang style Tai Chi.

After three weeks of daily practice, Ng's limp was healed. By October, he and Master Mui were trying to figure out how to make the club earn money. Ng implemented some new measures, including charging member fees. These implementations changed the club for the better. Riding on this success, Ng asked Master Mui what his wishes for the club were. Master Mui said: to make the club a non-profit organization, to have ownership of the building they were occupying, and, to spread the club across North America. Ng promised he would make Master Mui's dream come true and set out to do so.

To spread the word, Ng began setting up university clubs. As Ng was building his final university club, he received a message from Hong Kong. His father's health was failing drastically. Ng had a decision to make, to finish implementing the club, or to immediately fly to Hong Kong to be with his ailing father. Ng, a man of his word, decided to finish implementing the club. As soon as he was done, he took the first flight he could find to fly to Hong Kong. Life isn't always what you wish it could be. "I missed my father by a full day," Ng said, spreading his hands in a 'what can you do' sort of way. For Ng, implementing the last club made him miss his final day with his father. By the time he landed in Hong Kong, Ng senior had already passed away.

It was during this time that Ng met Master Yang. Master Yang was the Qi Gong master that was trying to save Ng senior's life. With a little persuasion from his mother, Master Yang agreed to take Ng as a Shaolin disciple. Through Master Yang, Ng met a group of people that



opened his eyes to Feng Shui and Life Reading.

Once the door was opened, a lot of puzzles fell into place and a lot of concepts started making sense. One of his many mentors said to him that he would someday surpass them. That is why they never took on a formal teacher student relationship. As friends, they could advise from the side, proudly watching their friend uncover the mysteries of the universe. Ng treated this as a joke. He was a manager at Ernst & Young, head of the computer department. This was not in the cards for him.

In 1985, he attended a friend's housewarming. While touring the condo, he took a moment to look in the bedroom. Something niggled at him, not sure what was strange, and when he opened his mouth, he told his friend that if she didn't change the way her bedroom was laid out, her husband would leave her. His friend was shocked. How had he known that her husband would leave her? In fact, he had left her exactly a week before. His friend would go through divorce proceedings shortly. At the time of his pronouncement, the many attendees of the party caught



wind of his prediction and actively sought his advice on many things. Through word of mouth, Ng started building clientele and started consulting.

In 1992 he started feeling restless, perhaps he was meant for something different. Through all this, he kept hearing a voice tell him he want meant for something different, something more. This was the year Ng decided to give himself to the people. Towards the end of 1992, Ng decided to run for Member of Parliament in the riding of Scarborough – Rouge River. Despite knowing he only had a 30% chance of winning, he still had to do it. Every door he knocked on, every person he spoke to, every event he attended only reinforced his determination to work for the people. Through his canvassing, he found that it warmed his heart to be able to spend time learning about people. He discovered something through this, he belonged to the people. Ng officially resigned from his corporate position towards the end of 1993 and became a full time Feng Shui and Life Reading Master. Since then, Ng has served customers in over 66 countries and helped and advised thousands of people.

"Everyone has their story and everyone has their path," Ng discovered, through his studies that the answer to our questions were with us all along. According to Ng, there are two codes in our lives. The first code can be found within our genetic material, DNA. The second code is what is known as fate number. This number can be found within our birthdate and birth time. The Chinese have a saying, first fate, second luck, third Feng Shui, fourth karma and fifth education. These are the five things that determine a person's course in life. Ng explains that fate determines a person's highs and lows, while luck is all about grabbing opportunities or avoiding the bad ones. Feng Shui can help with fate and luck. With Feng Shui, a person can make the highs better or avoid the lows as much as possible. People with good fate but bad luck or bad fate but good luck can be helped by judicial use of Feng Shui, and that is how Ng helps people improve their situations.

Although Feng Shui is a wholly Eastern concept, there are many versions of it in Eastern society alone. The Chinese method, as Ng explained, is far more systematic and has become more scientific over the years. Two key things with Feng Shui are that it either makes things happen or prevents things from happening. It is very result oriented, which is what makes it so attractive. As long as something works, it doesn't matter what culture it is from. This is what makes Feng Shui universal.

"Life is not perfect, what you get, you give, what you give, you get," infamous words from Ng. This philosophy is demonstrated by Ng in a very real way. He believes, very strongly, that you cannot plan someone's path for them. This, Ng said with a shake of his head, is where parents often fail with their children. Sagely, Ng explains that there are four principles when it comes to life. There is Learning and Loving, Fear and Greed. A person is a failure if they cannot learn or love. To get over our fear, a person must learn about it and to get over greed, a person must be loving and kind to others. This is Ng's principles when it comes to life.

Ng's philosophy on life explains his determination as a person. Always looking for more answers, learning as much as he can and caring for those around him. When asked, he said that his biggest wish right now, is to be able to flashback through his life and be able to laugh and smile at all of it. He continues to make friends through Feng Shui and Life Reading and teaches Tai Chi and Qi Gong to those that want to learn. Paul Ng is not a simple man, but he is a man that understands his position in the universe, and in turn, uses it to aid others.