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# DAY SELECTION 1

## I. Introduction

To understand *Day Selection*, you must understand:

The stems and branches, and the cycle of sixty

The solar aspect of the Chinese calendar

How to find the stem and branch of the current year, month, day, and hour

How to find the stem and branch of the birth year, month, day, and hour for the client(s)

All of the above was discussed in the *Stems and Branches Class*.

In the *Day Selection 2 Class*, you must also have some background in Feng Shui.

The lunar aspect of the calendar is not used for day selection, at least not for any of the calculations that we include. It is highly recommended that you review the above topics to be well prepared for this class.

## Time in Chinese Thought

In the West, we tend to view time as linear, always moving forward, and not having any variation in quality. One minute of a day equals any other minute. In this sense, time is rather abstract, and has no personality or character of its own. It is simply a measurement. It has no effect on us, other than as units passing, causing aging.

On the other hand, the Chinese have always felt that time is more cyclical than linear. The Chinese have cycles of 9 (stars), 10 (stems), 12 (branches), 60 (stem/branch combinations) and even 180 (cycle of sixty combined with the nine stars). There are cycles of years, months, days, and hours (as well as other cycles).

Where we are within the cycle is more important than where we are in any absolute sense. It defines the quality of that moment of time, and effects people based on this quality. Different times have different effects. A chen (dragon) year is qualitatively different than a si (snake) year. A bing (yang fire) stem day is different than a gui (yin water) stem day. Yet, these are all part of a natural cycling of time. These qualities repeat just like the phases of the moon, the seasons of the year, or the rising and setting of the sun.

Permanence is something we in the west always seem to be seeking. We try to get everything lined up, and then, if we play our cards right, we think we can stay on top indefinitely. Any decline in fortunes probably could have been avoided, if only we had acted differently.

Change is generally predictable and obeys its own laws. If you understand about timing, you can be prepared for the next phase. We don't struggle against gravity or friction; we simply learn the rules and try to use these forces to our advantage. Why not do this with time and change as well?

# Selecting Days

Choosing appropriate activities for a day is called *elective astrology* in the west.

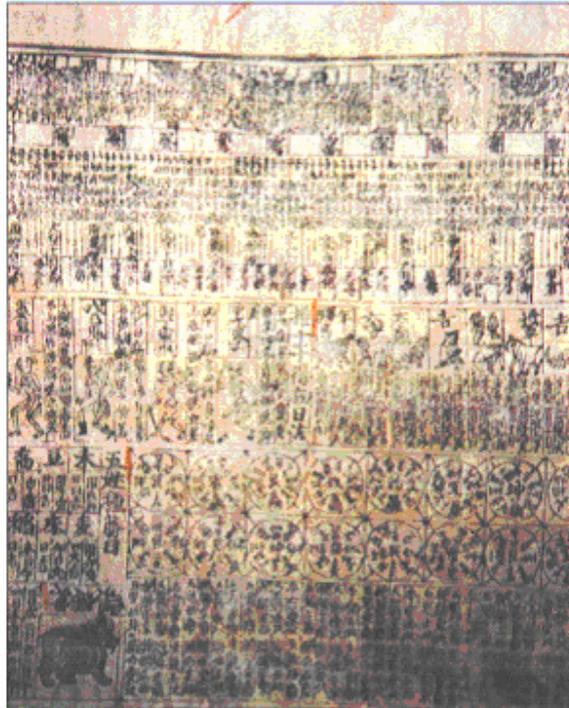
In China, almanacs are published every year. These give information about many aspects of Chinese life, including the astrology and Feng Shui for the year. One of the main functions of the almanac is to help people choose days that are appropriate for various activities. Certain days are auspicious for marriage, business deals, grand openings, or even for getting haircuts. Other days are bad luck for these activities. Some days are considered better to stay home in bed, because the qi of the day does not support positive outcomes. These are days when all important activities are ill-advised for all people. There are also days which are more difficult for certain individuals, but not for the general population.

十年空 丑未年	天羅大退 忌丙丁年	歲太堆黃 〇〇年	地天燥火 子卯酉時	流日太歲 戊寅旬	星曜殺 乙卯寅日	衝射忌 寅申全	冲山發 寅申						
宜此 忌必 俗例	依從 地俗 方取	此例 建避 用	吉放 不忌 新	忌修 方修	忌時 水制	四柱 無沖	太凶 木局	應初 次旬	吉時 不忌	日犯 大忌	三合 貴化	千山 莫支	冲坐 大凶
馬前 疾退 〇年	向煞 權利 未卯亥 年	〇土都 天〇年	坐巡 山羅 猴未 丑年	消滅 殺小 處暑 忌乙 酉日	冲丁 殺辛 未日	山方 殺壬 庚申 日	三殺 忌巳 酉丑						
進宜 補助 令吉	忌修 勿不	忌修 宅修	忌立 南新	忌冲 分金	即日 冲重	日犯 大忌	四柱 大忌						
	古墓 殺忌 〇月	白虎 方忌 〇月	八座 方忌 〇月	劍鋒 殺忌 丑月	文曲 逢甲 辰旬	曜殺 忌丙 寅日	陰府 冬至 至后 忌甲 巳全						
不悞 他事	此忌 祖放	火併 宜修	忌安 修修	忌安 修修	須支 火燭 燭燭	吉時 不忌	日犯 大忌						

Page from an old book on Day Selection

Chinese almanacs were originally tools used only for the king or emperor, to help him rule with his *mandate of heaven*. Certain rites and rituals needed to be practiced at precise times in order to keep his mandate, preserve the social order, and prevent natural or man-made disasters. In legend, the keeping of the calendar began with the Emperor Yao (2356-2254 BCE). Evidence of it exists from the Shang dynasty (c.1500-1100 BCE).





Page from a Tang dynasty almanac found in Dunhuang

Most Chinese who use almanacs to select appropriate days for an activity have no idea how these days are calculated. They simply look up the day in question and check what the almanac says. Most Chinese today either don't use the almanac at all, or only consult it for very important events, such as wedding dates. In addition to listing the big events in life, the almanac can also tell which days are auspicious for moving the bed, praying for good fortune, cutting out cloth for clothes, or digging a well, etc. There is such an amazing array of activities listed as good or bad for each day, that very little room is left for spontaneity, if one follows the almanac in every detail.



# Types of Day Selection

**1. Generic day selection:** selects activities that are good or bad for specific days, without taking the individual into account. For example, some days are said to be *good for marriage* in general.

**2. Personal day selection:** selects activities that are good or bad for specific days, based on the individual's birth information. There are at least two types:

a. Based on a *small part* of the individual's birth information, usually the year stem or branch. Often a day is selected for an activity based solely on this. Sometimes a day that is considered generically good for an activity is ruled out because of the individual's birth information. It may be a good day for weddings in general, but if it conflicts with the individual's birth data, it should not be used. In the class below, we will note these days by putting '(a personal day)' after the heading.

b. Based on the *whole birth chart* of the individual. We cannot discuss this method in this class, because one needs a thorough understanding of four pillars astrology in order to do this. Basically it involves selecting days that contain the *useful spirit* and avoiding days that contain the *harmful spirit* for the individual.

**3. Feng Shui day selection:** We will not discuss this in the *Day Selection 1 Class*. However, the *Day Selection 2 Class* will be on *Feng Shui Day Selection*. An understanding of Feng Shui is a prerequisite for *Day Selection 2*.

There are two types:

a. Choosing a date for *activities* such as moving in, beginning construction, or renovations based on the orientation of the house.

b. Choosing a date for *placing certain things* or *setting the door* in a specific direction.

For a day to be considered acceptable for an activity, it must be good or neutral in all relevant categories. For example, a good day to get married must be generically good for weddings and, at least, not bad for either the bride or groom. For a good day to begin construction on a house, it must be generically good for groundbreaking and, at least, not bad for the owner, nor for the orientation of the house.

# The Effects of Day Selection

Day Selection is like a trigger. These days are just for beginning a project. If a bad day falls on the second or third day of a project, it is not a problem.

Day selection can give a powerful boost to a situation. If a mistake in day selection is made, the situation may have a quick adverse effect. However, one must have a realistic idea of the strength of its effects. Picture sprinters in a race. When the race begins, if one of the runners stumbles, they have a harder time catching up, but it is not impossible. If a couple gets married on a day that is bad for them, it does not mean that they will definitely divorce. However, the beginning of a marriage is a time of adjustment. There is more chance of failure with a bad start, just like a new sprout is more easily damaged than a tall tree. Conversely, getting married on an auspicious day is kind of like giving the marriage a nice dose of vitamins.

The effects of day selection do not last forever. For example, if construction is began on a bad day, it may be easier for someone to be injured during construction, but a year later the chances of injury in that house would be the same as it would have been if construction had began on a neutral or a good day.

To summarize, day selection is concerned with making good starts for your endeavors. However, the effects, whether good or bad, are not long-lasting.

# Quiz 1

1. [True or False] The effects of day selection last forever.  
.....
2. [True or False] Even though a couple is well matched, if they get married on a bad day it will always cause divorce.
3. [True or False] Even if a day is good for weddings, it will not be good for everyone.
4. Day Selection can be based on
  - a. the current time
  - b. birth information of the client
  - c. feng shui of the building
  - d. all of the above
5. [True or False] In Day Selection, we use the Chinese lunar calendar.

# Quiz 1 ANSWERS

1. [**True or False**] The effects of day selection last forever.  
**Answer:** False. They only last a short time, up to a year.
2. [**True or False**] Even though a couple is well matched, if they get married on a bad day it will always cause divorce.  
**Answer:** False. It will give the marriage a difficult start, but the couple may be able to survive.
3. [**True or False**] Even if a day is good for weddings, it will not be good for everyone.  
**Answer:** True. Based on the birth information, it will be bad for some people.
4. Day Selection can be based on
  - a. the current time
  - b. birth information of the client
  - c. feng shui of the building
  - d. all of the above**Answer:** d. all of the above
5. [**True or False**] In Day Selection, we use the Chinese lunar calendar.  
**Answer:** False. We use the Chinese solar calendar.

## II. Days to Avoid Important Activities in General

The most important part of Day Selection is how to avoid getting sick, or tension in a marriage, or receiving a financial disaster, etc. Disasters can be hard to remedy. How to achieve something good is of secondary importance. So we will start with days when it is better to avoid important activities. The days in this section bring bad luck. Even if a day appears good by some other calculation, it should be avoided if it falls under one of these kinds of *bad luck days*.

Below are seven types of days that are best left for unimportant activities. In an almanac, it might say, *Inauspicious day, do not choose any activity*. These are times when the qi is at its weakest or is in opposition to the day.

The first three are *Breakers*. This means that the day has a branch which is in opposition to some other reference point. Oppositions cause conflict, difficulty, and consume the qi rather than supporting it.

### 1. Year Breaker (歲破 Sui4 Po4)

BREAKER or CONSUMER	
Zi	Wu
Chou	Wei
Yin	Shen
Mao	You
Chen	Xu
Si	Hai

Table 1

Breakers are based on the relationship of the branches called *Oppositions*. (Oppositions were discussed in the *Stems and Branches Class*, under the heading of *Branch Relationships*.) Branches in the same row of Table 1 break each other. For example, zi breaks wu. Wu also breaks zi.

In a zi branch year, wu is the breaker. A breaker means conflict. This is a day that conflicts with the current year, for example, a wu day in a zi year, or a mao day in a you year.

Use Li Chun (Spring Commences), the first day of spring, to define the beginning of the year, since this is the first day of the Chinese solar calendar. It always falls on February 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.

A breaker overrides any goodness in a day. Never use this day to do anything important. If you do, it will not go smoothly. It may even cause great trouble. Projects that are begun on a breaker day will not be successful. A marriage that occurs on a breaker day is more likely to break up. If you

begin a construction project on this day, the whole project will be broken. Conflicts will come easily.

## 2. Month Breaker (月破 Yue4 Po4)

The day shouldn't conflict with month branch, either. For example in a si branch month, hai days are the breaker. Don't do anything important on these days.

Always use the solar calendar: the *jie* of the twenty-four jie qi are the beginning of the solar months. The lunar calendar is not used for this.

**EXAMPLE:** Take a page for a month from a calendar, and transfer the stems and branches for each day. Mark the start date of the Chinese solar month. Then check the stem and branch for the year, and for the month, to figure out the year breaker and the month breaker.

2003 is a gui wei year (see the calendar page below). Therefore chou days are the year breaker. This makes August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> year breakers. Don't use them for important activities.

The ji wei month ends on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the month breaker for August 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> is a chou day, coincidentally the same as the year. However, no chou days appear during this time.

The geng shen month begins on August 8<sup>th</sup>. August 8<sup>th</sup> is also the first day of autumn. During the shen month, yin is the month breaker. We cannot use August 9<sup>th</sup> or August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003 for beginning important activities.

### August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1 bing wu	2 ding wei
3 wu shen	4 ji you	5 geng xu	6 xin hai	7 end of ji wei month ren zi	8 year breaker gui chou	9 month breaker jia yin
10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 ding si	13 wu wu	14 ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you
17 ren xu	18 gui hai	19 jia zi	20 year breaker yi chou	21 month breaker bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen
24 ji si	25 geng wu	26 xin wei	27 ren shen	28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 yi hai
31 bing zi						

### 3. Day Breaker (日破 Ri4 Po4)

The *hour* shouldn't conflict with the *day* branch. For example, on a chou branch day, don't begin anything important in the wei double-hour (1 - 3 p.m.). This would include a wedding, grand opening, ground breaking, signing a contract, moving into a house, funeral, burial, etc.

Be sure to correct for Daylight Savings Time, if it is in use.

### 4. Big Consumer (大耗 Da4 Hao4) (a personal inauspicious day)

A big consumer day consumes money, energy, and time. It makes for headaches, lawsuits, accidents, etc. It could hurt one's health, business, or even family members. The big consumer is the same as the year breaker, except that instead of using the current year, you use the branch of the birth year for the *individual*. Therefore, this is a day related to the individual, whereas breakers are universally bad for everyone.

The year of birth should not conflict, even if the day is good otherwise. This day may be good for other people, but it will not serve the individual whom it consumes. Use the year of birth only, not month, day, or hour of birth. Day Selection is different than astrology. The year is the most *external* aspect of a person's birth information, so it easily interacts with the current time.

For example, a client comes to you and wants to have a grand opening for his business. If he was born in a xu year, he should not do this on a chen day, even if it is calculated to be a good day for a grand opening. It may be good for other people to have a grand opening, but it is not good for your client.

For a wedding, the date should not conflict with either the bride's or groom's birth year.

In addition, people whose birth years conflict with each other will tend to have inharmonious relationships. This includes marriages and business partnerships. In some cases, the inauspiciousness of this opposition can be canceled by selecting a date using the three combinations (三合 san he). This is discussed in our class on *Life Partner Selection*.

Remember to avoid the consumer for the individual who is most involved in the activity. For example, avoid a burial on a day that opposes the birth year of the deceased. If possible, one should also avoid burial in a year or month that opposes the birth year of the deceased.

If you were looking for a day for a person born in a *mao* year, you would need to avoid all *you* branch days:

### August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The <i>ji wei</i> month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The <i>geng shen</i> month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a <i>gui wei</i> year.		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>wu shen</i>	bad for <i>mao</i> person <i>ji you</i>	<i>geng xu</i>	<i>xin hai</i>	<i>ren zi</i>	year breaker <i>gui chou</i>	month breaker <i>jia yin</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>yi mao</i>	<i>bing chen</i>	<i>ding si</i>	<i>wu wu</i>	<i>ji wei</i>	<i>geng shen</i>	bad for <i>mao</i> person <i>xin you</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>ren xu</i>	<i>gui hai</i>	<i>jia zi</i>	year breaker <i>yi chou</i>	month breaker <i>bing yin</i>	<i>ding mao</i>	<i>wu chen</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>ji si</i>	<i>geng wu</i>	<i>xin wei</i>	<i>ren shen</i>	bad for <i>mao</i> person <i>gui you</i>	<i>jia xu</i>	<i>yi hai</i>
31						
<i>bing zi</i>						

If a person's luck has been very bad for a long while, they can break through on one of these big consumer days. However, this technique can be dangerous if it is not done properly. **It requires a great deal of knowledge and experience to do this properly.** One would choose a day that is good for money, but the big consumer for the individual. Since the big consumer is also a breaker, it can occasionally be used to break through from bad times to good times. More frequently, this day breaks something that is good.

One can also use the big consumer or the breaker to break something apart: for example, looking for a divorce or to break a contract. However, it is much smoother and less dangerous to avoid these bad days than to try to use them. If they backfire, then much damage can be done.

Let's briefly talk about ethics. If one uses day selection with a heart of compassion, or at least vowing to do no harm, then the feedback to the practitioner will not be harmful. If one uses their knowledge to break up a marriage for selfish reasons and causes harm to others, or to get financial gain they don't deserve, the end results will be detrimental to the person who gave the unethical advice.

## **A Summary of Breakers and the Big Consumer**

### **Avoid:**

- A day that opposes the current year.
- A day that opposes the current month.
- An hour that opposes the current day.
- A day that opposes the birth year.
- If possible, a month or year that opposes the birth year.
- A person whose birth year opposes your birth year.

Some other applications of breakers and the big consumer will be discussed in *Day Selection 2*. There, we will also learn how this applies to selecting days based on a construction site, a building, or a grave orientation.

## Quiz 2

Let's jump ahead to December of 2014. Find the year breakers, the month breakers. Also note the big consumer for a person born in 1988, a wu chen year.

2014 is a jia wu year.

The yi hai month ends December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The bing zi month begins December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	bing wu	ding wei	wu shen	ji you	geng xu	xin hai
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
ren zi	gui chou	jia yin	yi mao	bing chen	ding si	wu wu
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
ji wei	geng shen	xin you	ren xu	gui hai	jia zi	yi chou
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
bing yin	ding mao	wu chen	ji si	geng wu	xin wei	ren shen
28	29	30	31	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice
gui you	jia xu	yi hai	bing zi			

# Quiz 2 Answers

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 wu shen	4 ji you	5 <b>Consumer for chen</b> geng xu	6 xin hai
7 <b>Year Breaker</b> ren zi	8 gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 ding si	13 <b>Month Breaker</b> wu wu
14 ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 <b>Consumer for chen</b> ren xu	18 gui hai	19 <b>Year Breaker</b> jia zi	20 yi chou
21 bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 ji si	25 <b>Month Breaker</b> geng wu	26 xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 <b>Consumer for chen</b> jia xu	30 yi hai	31 <b>Year Breaker</b> bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

In a wu year, zi is the year breaker.

In a hai month, si is the month breaker.

In a zi month, wu is the month breaker.

For a person born in a chen year, xu is the big consumer.

## 5. Four Separators (Si4 Li2 四離)

These are one day prior to the equinoxes and solstices.

One day before	1	Spring Equinox	春分	Chun Fen	Around March 21 <sup>st</sup>
	2	Summer Solstice	夏至	Xia Zhi	Around June 21 <sup>st</sup>
	3	Autumn Equinox	秋分	Qiu Fen	Around September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
	4	Winter Solstice	冬至	Dong Zhi	Around December 22 <sup>nd</sup>

**Table 2**

To find the exact dates for any year, these days must be looked up in the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar*.

Do nothing important on these days. Especially avoid a wedding ceremony, moving, or positioning the bed. It can cause separation or divorce.

However, one can try using this to get a divorce to get rid of an abusive spouse. If you re-position the bed and change the sheets on these days, separation will come more easily. Be extremely cautious using this. Make sure it is being done for a good purpose, and not for selfish reasons. If it is done selfishly, it can cause much harm.

## 6. Four Exhaustions (Si4 Jue2 四絕)

These are the last day of each of the four seasons, or the day prior to Spring Commences, Summer Commences, Autumn Commences and Winter Commences.

One day before	1	Spring Commences	立春	Li Chun	Around February 4th	First Month
	2	Summer Commences	立夏	Li Xia	Around May 6th	Fourth Month
	3	Autumn Commences	立秋	Li Qiu	Around August 8th	Seventh Month
	4	Winter Commences	立冬	Li Dong	Around November 7th	Tenth Month

**Table 3**

To find the exact dates for any year, these days must be looked up in the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar*.

The four exhaustions are worse than the four separators. 絕 Jue2 means exhaustion, extinction, no one to carry on your name. A wedding on this day might mean that no children could be born to this marriage.

August 8<sup>th</sup> of 2003 is the first day of Autumn. Therefore, August 7<sup>th</sup> is one of the four exhaustions. None of the four separators occur in August.

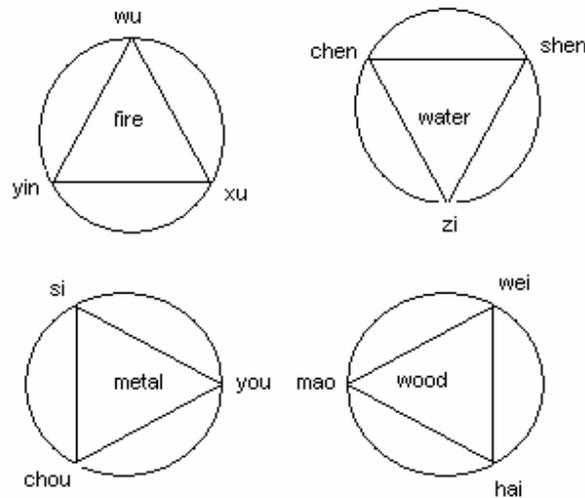
### August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1  bing wu	2  ding wei
3  wu shen	4 bad for mao  ji you	5  geng xu	6  xin hai	7 exhaustion  ren zi	8 year breaker  gui chou	9 month breaker  jia yin
10  yi mao	11 bing chen	12 ding si	13 wu wu	14 ji wei	15 geng shen	16 bad for mao  xin you
17  ren xu	18 gui hai	19 jia zi	20 year breaker	21 month breaker	22 ding mao	23 wu chen
24  ji si	25 geng wu	26 xin wei	27 ren shen	28 bad for mao  gui you	29 jia xu	30 yi hai
31  bing zi						

## 7. The Three Sha (三煞 San1 Sha4)

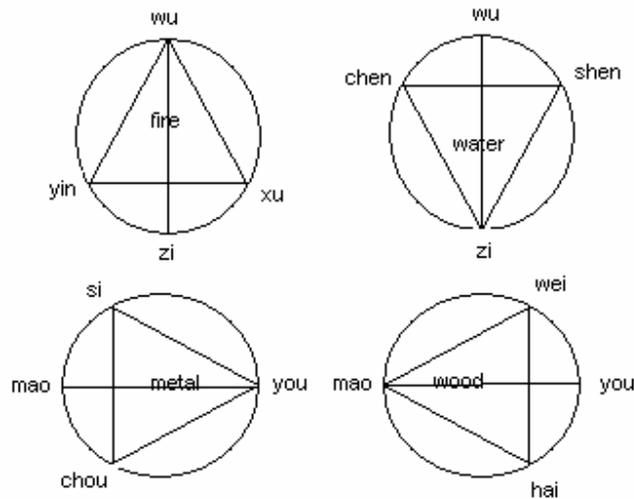
Sha 煞 means some kind of negative or harmful influence in the environment. The three sha are important concepts in Feng Shui. They are also used in Day Selection.

The Three Sha are a little complicated to calculate. It is based on the three combinations (san he) and the six oppositions (liu chong). You may want to review that material from the *Stems and Branches Class*. The following diagram should look familiar to you. It is similar to Diagram 11 in the *Stems and Branches Class*.



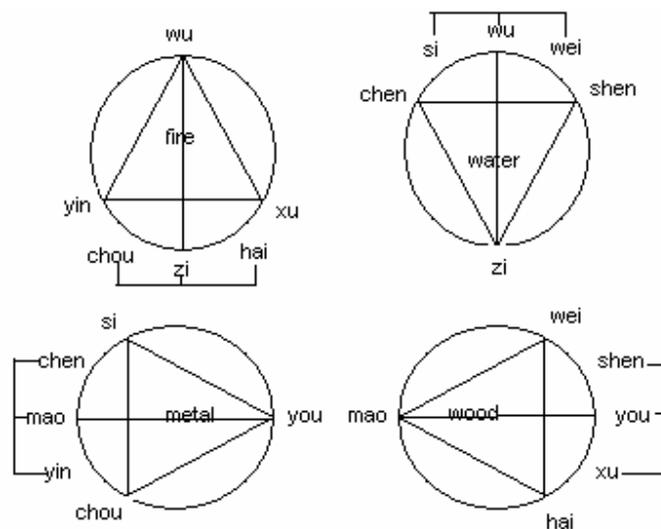
Each group of three branches is associated with the element of the branch that belongs to one of the four cardinal directions. For example, the combination of yin, wu, and xu is associated with fire, since wu is the branch of the south.

In the next step, we find the branch in the opposite cardinal direction. For yin, wu, and xu, we go to zi, in the north, and associated with water. Zi, in the north is opposite to wu in the south. This branch is called Disaster Sha.



Then, we take the branch that is one position counterclockwise from the main direction and call it Robbery Sha. For yin, wu, and xu, have found that zi is Disaster Sha. One position counterclockwise is hai, which is Robbery Sha.

Finally, one position clockwise from the main direction is called Year Sha. For yin, wu, and xu, have found that zi is Disaster Sha. One position clockwise is chou, which is Year Sha.



In years with the branch of any three in a combination, the Three Sha are the same. For example, hai, zi and chou are all sha in yin years, wu years, and xu years. Since there are three sha branches, they are called the Three Sha.

Below is a table which shows the Three Sha for each of the twelve years.

<b>The Three Sha (三煞 San1 Sha4)</b>			
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Robbery Sha</b>	<b>Disaster Sha</b>	<b>Year Sha</b>
Zi	Si	Wu	Wei
Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen
Yin	Hai	Zi	Chou
Mao	Shen	You	Xu
Chen	Si	Wu	Wei
Si	Yin	Mao	Chen
Wu	Hai	Zi	Chou
Wei	Shen	You	Xu
Shen	Si	Wu	Wei
You	Yin	Mao	Chen
Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou
Hai	Shen	You	Xu

**Table 4**

While all three branches are sha, they have different types of influence. You may want to review the four corners, the four directions, and the four earths. These were discussed in the *Stems and Branches Class* in the section on the *Three Combinations*.

### **A. Robbery Sha (劫煞 Jie2 Sha4)**

These are the four corners. They are one position counterclockwise to disaster sha. Robbery will happen within the year if you begin construction on this day. EG: A si day in a chen year, or a hai day in a wu month.

### **B. Disaster Sha (災煞 Zai1 Sha4)**

Similar to robbery sha, but with this one you receive disaster, illness or injury (often related to *peach blossom*, or kidney problems due to too much sex). The disaster sha are located in the four cardinal directions. (Peach blossom refers to romance, wine, and the good life.)

### **C. Year Sha (歲煞 Sui4 Sha4)**

This is one position clockwise to disaster sha. Year sha is located in the four earths. Building on this day brings delays, getting stuck, as one might *get stuck in the mud*, since this is earth sha. It is not as serious as the other two.

It is important to avoid the Three Sha. Don't begin remodeling or building a structure on a sha day. It is bad for any type of construction or disturbing the earth. Therefore, it is especially bad for groundbreaking, digging a grave, burial, digging in the garden, planting a new tree, or any type of construction or demolition. It is not as bad for marriage or other types of activities, but should be avoided, if possible.

The potential problems that result will happen in the same year. Once the next year has come, the danger is past.

The Three Sha are also calculated, based on the month branch.

<b>The Monthly Three Sha (月三煞 Yue4 San1 Sha4)</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>Robbery Sha</b>	<b>Disaster Sha</b>	<b>Month Sha</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> , Yin	Hai	Zi	Chou
2 <sup>nd</sup> , Mao	Shen	You	Xu
3 <sup>rd</sup> , Chen	Si	Wu	Wei
4 <sup>th</sup> , Si	Yin	Mao	Chen
5 <sup>th</sup> , Wu	Hai	Zi	Chou
6 <sup>th</sup> , Wei	Shen	You	Xu
7 <sup>th</sup> , Shen	Si	Wu	Wei
8 <sup>th</sup> , You	Yin	Mao	Chen
9 <sup>th</sup> , Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou
10 <sup>th</sup> , Hai	Shen	You	Xu
11 <sup>th</sup> , Zi	Si	Wu	Wei
12 <sup>th</sup> , Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen

**Table 5**

The Month Sha has the same effect as the year sha, but lasts for a shorter time.

Some other applications of the Three Sha will be discussed in *Day Selection 2*. There, we will also learn how this applies to selecting days based on a construction site, a building, or a grave orientation.

2003 is a wei branch year. This belongs to the combination of hai, mao, and wei. You is opposite to mao. So, shen, you, and xu are the year sha.

The ji wei month ends on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Since the month branch is the same as the year branch, the month sha are also the same as the year sha, from August 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>.

The geng shen month begins on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Shen, zi, and chen are one of the three unities. Wu is opposite zi, so si, wu, and wei are the month sha after August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### August 2003

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The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1	2
3 month and year sha wu shen	4 month and year sha ji you	5 month and year sha geng xu	6 xin hai	7 exhaustion ren zi	8 year breaker gui chou	9 month breaker jia yin
10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 month sha ding si	13 month sha wu wu	14 month sha ji wei	15 year sha geng shen	16 year sha xin you
17 year sha ren xu	18 gui hai	19 jia zi	20 year breaker yi chou	21 month breaker bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen
24 month sha ji si	25 month sha geng wu	26 month sha xin wei	27 year sha ren shen	28 year sha gui you	29 year sha jia xu	30 yi hai
31 bing zi						

You can see, this doesn't leave very many days that can be used. In addition, the person's big consumer may take away even more days, if it does not coincide with one of the other bad days. But think about it. If most days were good, the whole world would be doing much better. It is not common to have good *luck*. Good luck partially depends on finding an auspicious day to begin something.

So for selecting days, the *very best* is to find a day with no breakers, no consumers, no sha, no exhaustions, and no separators. In addition, it should be good for the activity that is to be initiated on that day.

Often, we cannot find the perfect day. For activities unrelated to breaking the earth, construction, renovation, burial and funerals, we can compromise and use a day that has sha, if there are no other problems with it. However, if the activity is breaking the earth, construction, renovation, burial or funerals, the sha days really should not be chosen, as the three sha are specifically related to this.

Using a sha day is acceptable for other activities, such as grand opening, signing a contract, weddings, etc., but it is less than perfect. It passes the test, but with a grade on the lower end of the passing scale.

# Quiz 3

Find the Three Sha for the year and month for December, 2014.  
Check for any of the four separators or the four exhaustions.

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 wu shen	4 ji you	5 Consumer for chen geng xu	6 xin hai
7 Year Breaker ren zi	8 gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 ding si	13 Month Breaker wu wu
14 ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 Consumer for chen ren xu	18 gui hai	19 Year Breaker jia zi	20 yi chou
21 bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 ji si	25 Month Breaker geng wu	26 xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 Consumer for chen jia xu	30 yi hai	31 Year Breaker bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

# Quiz 3 Answers

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 <b>Month Sha</b> wu shen	4 <b>Month Sha</b> ji you	5 Consumer for chen <b>Month Sha</b> geng xu	6 <b>Year Sha</b> xin hai
7 Year Breaker <b>Year Sha</b> ren zi	8 <b>Year Sha</b> gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 <b>Month Sha</b> ding si	13 Month Breaker <b>Month Sha</b> wu wu
14 <b>Month Sha</b> ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 Consumer for chen ren xu	18 <b>Year Sha</b> gui hai	19 Year Breaker <b>Year Sha</b> jia zi	20 <b>Year Sha</b> yi chou
21 <b>Separator</b> bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 <b>Month Sha</b> ji si	25 Month Breaker <b>Month Sha</b> geng wu	26 <b>Month Sha</b> xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 Consumer for chen jia xu	30 <b>Year Sha</b> yi hai	31 Year Breaker <b>Year Sha</b> bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

In a wu year, hai, zi and chou are Year Sha.

In a hai month, the sha is shen, you, and xu.

In a zi month, the sha is si, wu, and wei.

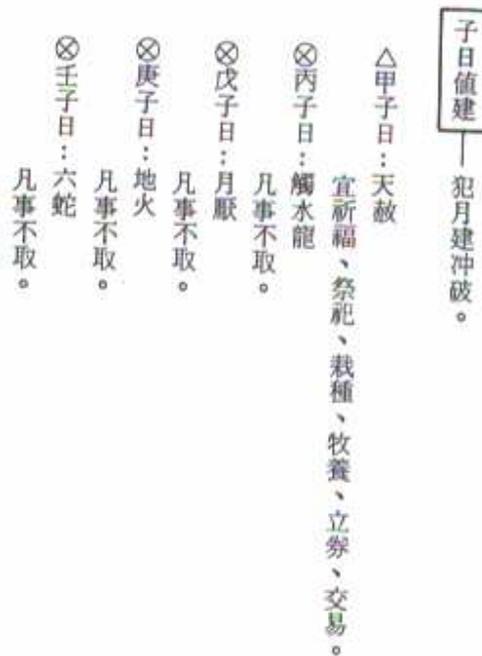
The winter solstice is on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, so December 21<sup>st</sup>, the day before, is a Separator.

### III. Two Series of Stars Used for Day Selection: Two Traditional Cycles

In traditional day selection, there are two series of stars that are commonly used. Every day corresponds to one star from each of these two series. Both series are listed in all the Chinese almanacs.

The word *star* in feng shui, day selection, and Chinese astrology does not necessarily mean an actual star that you can see in the night sky. What it means is the result of a calculation, such as this.

In any case, both of these series of stars are discussed in every book on day selection, so they are a good place to start. However, Master Sang feels that the stars discussed in the other sections of this class have a more profound effect.



From a modern book on Day Selection

# Twelve On-Duty Positions (十二值位)

## Shi2er4 Zhi2wei2

The Twelve On-Duty Positions are calculated, depending on the branch of the solar month and the branch of the day. Once you calculate the first position, the rest simply follow in order, until the new solar month begins.

The Twelve On-Duty Positions (十二值位)												
MONTH Number And Branch	DAY											
	Establish 建 Jian	Discard 除 Chu	Full 滿 Man	Even 平 Ping	Fixed 定 Ding	Hold 執 Zhi	Break 破 Po	Danger 危 Wei	Achieve 成 Cheng	Receive 收 Shou	Open 開 Kai	Shut 閉 Bi
1 <sup>st</sup> Yin	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mao	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin
3 <sup>rd</sup> Chen	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao
4 <sup>th</sup> Si	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen
5 <sup>th</sup> Wu	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si
6 <sup>th</sup> Wei	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu
7 <sup>th</sup> Shen	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei
8 <sup>th</sup> You	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen
9 <sup>th</sup> Xu	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You
10 <sup>th</sup> Hai	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu
11 <sup>th</sup> Zi	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai
12 <sup>th</sup> Chou	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi

Table 6

### Example:

- Using the solar month (*jie* of the *jie qi*), determine the month of the day in question. [April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003 is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or chen month.]
- Determine the branch of the day in question. [April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003 is an yi mao day. Mao is the day branch.]
- Use the above table to determine which position is on-duty that day. [A mao day in the chen month is a *shut* day.]
- The Twelve On-Duty Positions follow in order. [Therefore, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 would be an *establish* day. April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003 would be a *discard* day.]

**Example:**

The ji wei month ends on August 7<sup>th</sup> of 2003. So August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 is in the wei branch month. August 1<sup>st</sup> is a bing wu day. In the above table, you can see that a wu day in a wei month is a *shut* day. August 2<sup>nd</sup> is a ding wei day. In a wei month, a wei day is an *establish* day. This begins the sequence of the on-duty positions again. The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> the follow in order as the *discard*, *full*, *even*, *fixed*, and *hold* days, respectively.

The geng shen month begins on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003. August 8<sup>th</sup> is a gui chou day. A chou day in a shen month is a *hold* day. So the 9<sup>th</sup> is a *break* day, the 10<sup>th</sup> is a *danger* day, etc. **Note that this makes two hold days in a row: August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**August 2003**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1 shut  bing wu	2 establish  ding wei
3 discard  wu shen	4 full  ji you	5 even  geng xu	6 fixed  xin hai	7 hold  ren zi	8 hold  <b>shen month</b> gui chou	9 break  jia yin
10 danger  yi mao	11 achieve  bing chen	12 receive  ding si	13 open  wu wu	14 shut  ji wei	15 establish  geng shen	16 discard  xin you
17 full  ren xu	18 even  gui hai	19 fixed  jia zi	20 hold  yi chou	21 break  bing yin	22 danger  ding mao	23 achieve  wu chen
24 receive  ji si	25 open  geng wu	26 shut  xin wei	27 establish  ren shen	28 discard  gui you	29 full  jia xu	30 even  yi hai
31 fixed  bing zi						

The meaning or usage of the Twelve On-Duty Positions:

- **Establish Day** - good for setting up the posts, beams, or supports for a new house, submitting an application for school. Avoid digging, especially wells. Don't travel by boat.
- **Discard Day** - good for ending mourning and removing any special clothes of mourning. A good day to clean, or sweep away evil (traditionally cinnabar powder was mixed in wine, and sprinkled throughout house). Good for prayer or chanting. Avoid weddings or travel.
- **Full Day** - good for weddings, moving in, or a grand opening. Bad for planting or funerals.
- **Even Day** - good for weddings, remodeling the house, moving in. It is even good for dating. Bad for digging or burial.
- **Fixed Day** - good for chanting, going to church, engagement, or moving in. Avoid travel or lawsuits.
- **Hold Day** - good for planting seeds or weddings. Avoid travel or moving in.
- **Break Day** - (same as the *month breaker*) Good for hunting and fishing. Avoid important things.
- **Danger Day** - Don't do anything risky.
- **Achieve Day** - good for weddings, school enrollment, remodeling a house, and examinations. Avoid lawsuits, as this would make more happen. Don't start bad things on this day.
- **Receive Day** - good for school enrollment, weddings, business, closing a deal, asking for something, or making a proposal. Bad for funerals (another will come soon). Don't visit the sick, as it is easy to receive their illness.
- **Open Day** - good for grand openings, weddings, business expansion, or building an addition. Avoid funerals.
- **Shut Day** - Don't do important activities.

**Note:** For day selection, a cremation is the same as a funeral.

# The Twenty-Eight Constellations (er4shi2ba1 xiu4 二十八宿)

The Twenty-Eight Constellations are actual constellations of stars in the sky. Just as the ancient Europeans watched the sky and came up with constellations such as Orion, Aquarius, etc., the ancient Chinese did the same. However, they came up with different patterns of stars than the Europeans. These twenty-eight constellations have some uses in Feng Shui and day selection.

Although these constellations take up varying degrees of the sky, each is said to preside over one day in this series of stars. This is one criticism of their use for day selection.

Another question is whether they are still relevant today. These constellations were first observed thousands of years ago. Due to something called the precession of the equinoxes, the constellations today no longer have the same relationship to the earth that they did when they were first observed.



Illustration from a Chinese book.

The outer ring contains the twenty-four compass directions used in Feng Shui.

The inner ring contains the twenty-eight constellations.

Inside the rings are the *Five Heavens* (not relevant to this class).

The Twenty-Eight Constellations continuously cycle from 1 through 28, and back to 1 again. Since there are 28, which is evenly divisible by 7, each constellation always appears on the same day of the week.

There is no way to calculate the Twenty-Eight Constellations, except by knowing the date of one of them and counting up or down from there. The constellations are listed in the table below. After that we will tell you how to find them in the calendar.

<b>Twenty-eight Constellations</b>						
<b>Constellation</b>				<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>Good for:</b>	<b>Bad for:</b>
1	角	jiao3	Horn	Thursday	wedding, travel, open door, move	burial, funeral
2	亢	kang4	Neck	Friday	-	wedding, construction
3	氏	di1	Base	Saturday	wedding, buy property, build warehouse	burial, funeral
4	房	fang2	Room	Sunday	prayer, moving, wedding	buy property
5	心	xin1	Heart	Monday	prayer, move, travel	-
6	尾	wei3	Tail	Tuesday	wedding, construction	-
7	箕	ji1	Basket	Wednesday	construction, collecting debts	wedding, funeral
8	斗	dou3	Ladle	Thursday	dig a well, build warehouse	-
9	牛	niu2	Ox-boy	Friday	everything	-
10	女	nu3	Maiden	Saturday	learning	burial, funeral, lawsuit
11	虛	xu1	Void	Sunday	-	Be conservative and humble.
12	危	wei1	Danger	Monday	-	Be cautious. Danger.
13	室	shi4	House	Tuesday	wedding, moving, construction	funeral, burial
14	壁	bi4	Wall	Wednesday	wedding	heading south
15	奎	kui2	Astride	Thursday	travel	grand opening
16	婁	lou2	Mound	Friday	gardening, wedding	heading south
17	胃	wei4	Stomach	Saturday	public events, public service	personal affairs
18	昴	mao3	Pleides	Sunday	construction, buying property	burial, lawsuit, wedding
19	畢	bi4	Net	Monday	construction, burial, funeral	-
20	觜	zui3	Beak	Tuesday	-	everything
21	參	shen1	Orion	Wednesday	wedding, trading, open door	burial
22	井	jing3	Well	Thursday	dig well, prayer, preparing	-
23	鬼	gui3	Ghost	Friday	-	wedding, heading west
24	柳	liu3	Willow	Saturday	construction, wedding	funeral, burial
25	星	xing1	Star	Sunday	wedding, planting seeds	funeral, burial
26	張	zhang1	Bow	Monday	wedding, prayer, expanding	-
27	翼	yi4	Wing	Tuesday	-	everything
28	軫	zhen3	Carriage	Wednesday	buy property, wedding	heading north

**Table 7**

## Horn (Jiao) Days

Horn Days are the first of the Twenty-Eight Constellations. They are always on a Thursday. They come every 28 days. Here are the dates of the *Horn* days, for some time into the future:

May 25, 2006	October 9, 2008
June 22, 2006	November 6, 2008
July 20, 2006	December 4, 2008
August 17, 2006	January 1, 2009
September 14, 2006	January 29, 2009
October 12, 2006	February 26, 2009
November 9, 2006	March 26, 2009
December 7, 2006	April 23, 2009
January 4, 2007	May 21, 2009
February 1, 2007	June 18, 2009
March 1, 2007	July 16, 2009
March 29, 2007	August 13, 2009
April 26, 2007	September 10, 2009
May 24, 2007	October 8, 2009
June 21, 2007	November 5, 2009
July 19, 2007	December 3, 2009
August 16, 2007	December 31, 2009
September 13, 2007	January 28, 2010
October 11, 2007	February 25, 2010
November 8, 2007	March 25, 2010
December 6, 2007	April 22, 2010
January 3, 2008	May 20, 2010
January 31, 2008	June 17, 2010
February 28, 2008	July 15, 2010
March 27, 2008	August 12, 2010
April 24, 2008	September 9, 2010
May 22, 2008	October 7, 2010
June 19, 2008	November 4, 2010
July 17, 2008	December 2, 2010
August 14, 2008	December 30, 2010
September 11, 2008	

To find the other 27 constellations, count up or down from the *horn* days.

For example, August 21, 2003 is a *horn* day. We can write that on the calendar below. Counting up from there, August 22<sup>nd</sup> is a *neck* day, the 23<sup>rd</sup> is a *base* day, etc. Counting back from the 21<sup>st</sup>, the 20<sup>th</sup> would be a *carriage* day, the 19<sup>th</sup> is a *wing* day, etc.

### August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1 shut ox-boy  bing wu	2 establish maiden  ding wei
3 discard void  wu shen	4 full danger  ji you	5 even house  geng xu	6 fixed wall  xin hai	7 hold astride  ren zi	8 hold mound <b>shen month</b> gui chou	9 break stomach  jia yin
10 danger pliedes  yi mao	11 achieve net  bing chen	12 receive beak  ding si	13 open orion  wu wu	14 shut well  ji wei	15 establish ghost  geng shen	16 discard willow  xin you
17 full star  ren xu	18 even bow  gui hai	19 fixed wing  jia zi	20 hold carriage  yi chou	21 break <b>horn</b>  bing yin	22 danger neck  ding mao	23 achieve base  wu chen
24 receive room  ji si	25 open heart  geng wu	26 shut tail  xin wei	27 establish basket  ren shen	28 discard ladle  gui you	29 full ox-boy  jia xu	30 even maiden  yi hai
31 fixed void  bing zi						

#### Examples:

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 is an *ox-boy* day, which is overall good for everything. However, it is also a *shut* day. *Shut* days are not good for important activities. Avoiding harm is more important, so we cannot use August 1<sup>st</sup>. (However, Master Sang does not feel that these days are as important as year or month breakers, so while the day is less than perfect, actually, we can use it for some things.)

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003 is an *establish* and a *maiden* day. An establish day is good for certain types of house construction, but not for digging. It is also good for submitting an application to school, but bad for boating. A maiden day is good for learning, but bad for burial, funerals, and lawsuits. Here, there are no contradictions, so we can use this list of good and bad activities.

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 is a *discard* and a *void* day. Both are not generally auspicious days. There are no beneficial activities listed for *void* days. It is a day to keep a low profile. *Discard* days are good to end mourning, to clean, and for prayer and chanting. They are bad for activities outside the house, such as weddings and travel.

These examples should give you insight into how to use these two groups of stars. But remember, if one says an activity is good and the other says it is bad on a particular day, it is best to avoid that activity.

# Quiz 4

2005 is a yi you year.

The geng chen month ends on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The xin si month begins May 5<sup>th</sup>.

May 5<sup>th</sup> is the first day of summer.

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 are horn days.

Place the Twelve On-Duty Positions and the Twenty-Eight Constellations on the month below.

## May 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 yi you	2 bing xu	3 ding hai	4 wu zi	5 ji chou	6 geng yin	7 xin mao
8 ren chen	9 gui si	10 jia wu	11 yi wei	12 bing shen	13 ding you	14 wu xu
15 ji hai	16 geng zi	17 xin chou	18 ren yin	19 gui mao	20 jia chen	21 yi si
22 bing wu	23 ding wei	24 wu shen	25 ji you	26 geng xu	27 xin hai	28 ren zi
29 gui chou	30 jia yin	31 yi mao	2005 is a yi you year	The geng chen month ends on May 4 <sup>th</sup> .	The xin si month begins May 5 <sup>th</sup> .	May 5 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of summer.

# Quiz 4 Answers

## May 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 hold room yi you	2 break heart bing xu	3 danger tail ding hai	4 <b>achieve</b> basket wu zi	5 <b>achieve</b> ladle ji chou	6 receive ox-boy geng yin	7 open maiden xin mao
8 shut void ren chen	9 establish danger gui si	10 discard house jia wu	11 full wall yi wei	12 even astride bing shen	13 fixed mound ding you	14 hold stomach wu xu
15 break pliedes ji hai	16 danger net geng zi	17 achieve beak xin chou	18 receive orion ren yin	19 open well gui mao	20 shut ghost jia chen	21 establish willow yi si
22 discard star bing wu	23 full bow ding wei	24 even wing wu shen	25 fixed carriage ji you	26 hold <b>horn</b> geng xu	27 break neck xin hai	28 danger base ren zi
29 achieve room gui chou	30 receive heart jia yin	31 open tail yi mao	2005 is a yi you year	The geng chen month ends on May 4 <sup>th</sup> .	The xin si month begins May 5 <sup>th</sup> .	May 5 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of summer.

May 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> are in the chen month. In a chen month, a you day receives the *hold* position, so May 1<sup>st</sup> is hold. Then the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> would follow in order with break, danger, and achieve, respectively.

The si month begins on May 5<sup>th</sup>, which is a chou day. A chould day in a si month receives the *achieve* position. Note that there are two achieve days in a row at the change of the Chinese solar month. At every change of month, the position is repeated like this. May 6<sup>th</sup> follows achieve with receive, and the cycle continues.

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 are horn days, the first of the twenty-eight constellations. April has 30 days, so April 28<sup>th</sup> is horn, the 29<sup>th</sup> is neck, and the 30<sup>th</sup> is base. This makes May 1<sup>st</sup>, the first day of the month in question, a room day. Add the constellations one by one until the end of the month. Then you can check to be sure that May 26<sup>th</sup> came out as a horn day, just to double check.

# IV. Selecting Days for Specific Activities

## A. Love, Marriage, and Family

### 1. Selecting a Wedding Day

**AVOID:**

- The wedding year, month, and day cannot oppose the birth year of either partner.
- The wedding day cannot be a year or month breaker.
- The wedding hour cannot oppose the day.
- It is strongly preferable that a wedding day not be one of the three sha for the year or month.
- Also see Section 2, below, for *sleep alone days*.

**SELECT:**

- It is good if the wedding year, month, or day is part of the three combinations with one or both of the partners' birth year. See the examples below.
- It is good if the wedding is held on a *Happy Spirit Day* (see **Table 8**, below):

<b>Xi Shen (Happy Spirit) 喜神</b>			
<b>CURRENT MONTH</b>			<b>Xi Shen Day</b>
1st	yin	February 4-5	xu
2nd	mao	March 5-6	hai
3rd	chen	April 5-6	zi
4th	si	May 5-6	chou
5th	wu	June 6-7	yin
6th	wei	July 7-8	mao
7th	shen	August 7-8	chen
8th	you	September 8-9	si
9th	xu	October 8-9	wu
10th	hai	November 7-8	wei
11th	zi	December 7-8	shen
12th	chou	January 6-7	you

**Table 8**

A *Happy Spirit Day* is good for getting married, conceiving a baby, a marriage proposal, etc. It is a good day for any type of celebration that relates to love, marriage, and family. It is the same as an *Achieve Day* in the *Twelve On-Duty Positions*. It is the day with the branch that is four positions before the current month branch. EG: a xu day in a yin month.

**Example:**

August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup> of 2003 is a wei branch month. The happy spirit is on a mao day in the wei month. None occur in these seven days.

The shen month begins on August 8<sup>th</sup> of 2003. Chen days are happy spirit days. August 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 are happy spirit days. They are noted in red, which the Chinese associate with auspicious days. Fortunately, they do not fall on breaker days. If they did, we could not use them. If a person born in a xu year wanted to use a happy spirit day this month, he could not, because the chen day is his personal breaker. If the happy spirit coincided with sha days, we could use them, but the day would be less good.

**August 2003**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1 bing wu	2 ding wei
3 month/year sha wu shen	4 month/year sha ji you	5 month/year sha geng xu	6 xin hai	7 exhaustion ren zi	8 year breaker gui chou	9 month breaker jia yin
10 yi mao	11 happy spirit bing chen	12 month sha ding si	13 month sha wu wu	14 month sha ji wei	15 year sha geng shen	16 year sha xin you
17 year sha ren xu	18 gui hai	19 jia zi	20 year breaker yi chou	21 month breaker bing yin	22 ding mao	23 happy spirit wu chen
24 month sha ji si	25 month sha geng wu	26 month sha xin wei	27 year sha ren shen	28 year sha gui you	29 year sha jia xu	30 yi hai
31 bing zi						

**Example 1:** Let's say we needed to pick a date for a wedding in August, 2003.

- We must absolutely avoid all breakers, exhaustions, and separators.
- If the bride is si, we must avoid all hai days (August 6<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>). If the groom is you, we must avoid all mao days (August 10<sup>th</sup>, or 22<sup>nd</sup>).
- It is good if we can pick a happy spirit day: August 11<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>, chen days. These are okay for both partners.
- If we can use the three combinations with the bride and groom's birth year, that is also very good. The bride and groom are si and you, respectively. Si, you, and chou are one of the three combinations. However, chou is the year breaker. So we cannot use it this time.
- If possible, we should avoid the three sha.

We can grade the days of August 2003 for a wedding for this couple as follows:

- A. In this case, the best days are August 11<sup>th</sup>, or 23<sup>rd</sup> as they are happy spirit days with no problems.
- B. Second best is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, or 31<sup>st</sup> as these days have no problems.
- C. A little worse are the sha days, although they can still be used.
- F. The big consumer, breakers, separators, and exhaustions.

Once we pick a day, we also need to look at the time for the event. If we pick August 23<sup>rd</sup>, as it is a happy spirit day that also falls on the weekend (most people want to marry on the weekend), we need to avoid the xu time (7-9 p.m.), as it opposes the chen day.

**Example 2:** Let's pick a wedding date in August, 2003 for another couple.

- We must absolutely avoid all breakers, exhaustions, and separators. We should try to avoid the sha.
- If the bride is mao, we must avoid all you days (August 4<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, or 28<sup>th</sup>). These are sha days, anyway. If the groom is zi, we must avoid all wu days (August 1<sup>st</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup>).
- We can pick a happy spirit day: August 11<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>, chen days. These are okay for both partners.
- If we can use the three combinations with the bride and groom's birth year, that is also very good. The bride and groom are mao and zi, respectively. Hai, mao, and wei are one of the three combinations. Shen, zi, and chen are another set. This is a shen month and a happy spirit day is a chen day. This makes a full combination for the groom, since he is zi. Since the bride is mao, the wei year is part of a combination for her. But choosing the hai hour to complete the combination is not practical, as it is 9 to 11 p.m.

**Example 3:** A couple, with the bride born in a chou year and the groom born in a yin year. This couple should not get married in August 2003, after the 8<sup>th</sup>, because that is when the shen month begins. Shen opposes yin, the husband. In fact, they should not get married this year at all, because 2003 is a wei year, which opposes chou, the bride. If possible, they should wait until next year, or at least until next month.

## 2. Days to Avoid for Weddings or Marriage Proposals (a personal day)

These days bring separation to a couple. It could be a separation that leads to a divorce, or it could be an involuntary separation. For example, one partner may get a job in another city and can only come home on the weekends. We call these *sleep alone stars*.

	孤辰 <b>Gu Chen</b> Solitary Time	寡宿 <b>Gua Su</b> Widow's Lodge
<b>Birth Year</b>		
Hai, Zi, or Chou	Yin	Xu
Yin, Mao, or Chen	Si	Chou
Si, Wu, or Wei	Shen	Chen
Shen, You, or Xu	Hai	Wei
<b>Worse for</b>	men	women

**Table 9**

Men should avoid the *Solitary Time*. Women should avoid the *Widow's Lodge*.

In *Example 1* above, the bride is si. A woman born in a si year should not get married on a chen day. The happy spirit day we picked, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, is a chen day. So we have to revise the wedding date. They cannot get married on August 11<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>, so instead we need to pick one of the alternate days (August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, or 31<sup>st</sup>).

女子甲			四柱六神吉凶		大利丑未月 青利寅申月 翁姑卯酉月 父母戌戌月	
寅日	丑日	子日	冲夫星 忌丁丑日正冲大凶 新娘进门时翁少避	冲胎元 忌丙子日真冲胎元 忌壬子日正冲胎元	夫星未未 天嗣丙寅 胎元丙午	夫星未未 一命官在寅 男女官在戌 夫妻官在申
申日	未日	午日	冲天嗣 正冲大凶偏冲喜用 三合或六合吊化吉	冲母腹	戌年天狗占寅 子年天狗占戌 戌年天狗占申	戌年天狗占寅 子年白虎占戌 子年白虎占申
寅日	丑日	子日	犯驛馬 正官正印或卯時續 帝后敕讓三六合化	犯殺翁	犯三殺	縱有貴人究亦勿用
申日	未日	午日	冲夫星 忌丁丑日正冲大凶 新娘进门时翁少避	冲胎元 忌丙子日真冲胎元 忌壬子日正冲胎元	夫星未未 天嗣丙寅 胎元丙午	夫星未未 一命官在寅 男女官在戌 夫妻官在申
申日	未日	午日	冲命官 三合或六合吊化吉	冲母腹	戌年天狗占寅 子年天狗占戌 戌年天狗占申	戌年天狗占寅 子年白虎占戌 子年白虎占申
			四柱六神吉凶		一九二一	
			○己正財 ●庚七殺 ○辛正官 ●壬偏印 ○癸正印		○甲比肩 ○乙吸財 ○丙食神 ●丁傷官 ○戊偏財	

A page on marriage from an old Day Selection book

# Quiz 5

A couple wants to get married in December of 2014. He was born in a mao year and she was born in a si year.

Find the Happy Spirit days. Find the days the couple should avoid: big consumer and sleep alone stars. What are the best days for their wedding? Name three other days that, at least, are not bad for them to marry.

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

# Quiz 5 Answers

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 <b>Happy Spirit</b> ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha Consumer for mao ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha Consumer for si xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 Sleep alone for female si bing chen	12 Month Sha Sleep alone for male mao ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha ji wei	15 <b>Happy Spirit</b> geng shen	16 Consumer for mao xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha Consumer for si gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator bing yin	22 ding mao	23 Sleep alone for female si wu chen	24 Month Sha Sleep alone for male mao ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha xin wei	27 <b>Happy Spirit</b> ren shen
28 Consumer for mao gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha Consumer for si yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

The best days for this couple's wedding are December 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, or December 27<sup>th</sup>, as these are Happy Spirit days with no conflicts for the couple. However, December 2<sup>nd</sup> is still in the hai month, which is bad for the si bride. It is better to use December 15<sup>th</sup> or December 27<sup>th</sup>.

If these days are not convenient, then the couple can use December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, or 29<sup>th</sup>. December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> is not usable as the hai month opposes the si bride.

Remember, the time of the wedding cannot oppose the day branch.

## B. Moving and Travel

### 3. Days to Avoid for Moving Residence

The *Yin Mistake* is for anyone born in a yin stem year (yi, ding, ji, xin, or gui).

The *Yang Mistake* is for anyone born in a yang stem year (jia, bing, wu, geng, or ren).

CURRENT MONTH			陰錯 Yin Mistake	陽錯 Yang Mistake
1st	yin	February 4-5	Geng Xu	Jia Yin
2nd	mao	March 5-6	Xin You	Yi Chou
3rd	chen	April 5-6	Geng Shen	Jia Chen
4th	si	May 5-6	Ding Wei	Ji Si
5th	wu	June 6-7	Bing Wu	Bing Wu
6th	wei	July 7-8	Ding Si	Ding Wei
7th	shen	August 7-8	Jia Chen	Geng Shen
8th	you	September 8-9	Yi Mao	Xin You
9th	xu	October 8-9	Jia Xu	Geng Xu
10th	hai	November 7-8	Gui Chou	Gui Hai
11th	zi	December 7-8	Ren Zi	Ren Zi
12th	chou	January 6-7	Xin Hai, Gui Hai	Gui Chou

**Table 10**

#### Also avoid:

- The move-in day cannot oppose the birth year of the resident. If there is more than one occupant, try to avoid the consumer for all of them. However, if it cannot be avoided for everyone, then at least avoid it for the parents or bosses.
- The move-in day cannot be a year or month breaker.
- The beginning time of the move-in cannot oppose the day.
- A day of the three sha for the year or month should be avoided.

The move in day is the first day you cook and eat there. Bring water to boil. Turn on stove and cook rice. Bring your safe or money box with an odd amount of money \$1.01, for example. (Odd numbers move. Even numbers are stuck.) Move in the altar, if you have one.

**Example:**

In the month below, we find that August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003 is a yang mistake, as it is a ding wei day in a wei branch month. August 15<sup>th</sup> is also a Yang Mistake, as it is a geng shen day in a shen branch month. Both of these days should be avoided as a moving-in date for people born in yang years (jia, bing, wu, geng, and ren stem years). No Yin Mistakes appear in this month.

In addition, the other days marked on the calendar below should be avoided for moving in. The consumers for the occupant's should be avoided. So, if it is a wu branch person, zi days should also be avoided.

**August 2003**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1 bing wu	2 Yang Mistake ding wei
3 month/year sha wu shen	4 month/year sha ji you	5 month/year sha geng xu	6 xin hai	7 exhaustion ren zi	8 year breaker gui chou	9 month breaker jia yin
10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 month sha ding si	13 month sha wu wu	14 month sha ji wei	15 year sha Yang Mistake geng shen	16 year sha xin you
17 year sha ren xu	18 gui hai	19 jia zi	20 year breaker yi chou	21 month breaker bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen
24 month sha ji si	25 month sha geng wu	26 month sha xin wei	27 year sha ren shen	28 year sha gui you	29 year sha jia xu	30 yi hai
31 bing zi						

## 4. Good for Traveling, Going on a Business Trip or Mission (a personal day)

Money Horse: Lu Ma 祿馬	
Birth Year	Day
Yin, Wu, or Xu	Shen
Shen, Zi, or Chen	Yin
Hai, Mao, or Wei	Si
Si, You, or Chou	Hai

**Table 11**

Notice that these days belong to the four corners, which signify movement and activity. This day is a *money horse*. The further it runs, the more it makes. This means the further you travel, the more success you will have. It is not necessary to choose this day for vacation travel, as no financial gain is being sought in that case.

### **AVOID:**

- The travel day cannot be a year or month breaker.
- The beginning time of the travel cannot oppose the day.
- A day of the three sha for the year or month should be avoided, if possible.

**Example 1:** A chou person is going to another country to negotiate a deal. He should leave on a hai day for maximum benefit. Therefore, he should leave on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003, all hai days.

**Example 2:** A wu person wants to leave on an important business trip in August, 2003. She should select a shen day. Unfortunately, shen days are year sha in 2003. Perhaps it is better for her to choose a neutral day.

**Example 3:** A si person also has to leave on an important trip in August, 2003. For si, you, and chou people, the Money Horse day is hai. However, hai opposes the si person. Normally, one would never do anything important on their big consumer day. However, in this case, it is different. The si person may still encounter consuming of time and money, but nevertheless, they will make more money than they spend.

# Quiz 6

1. A family is moving. The husband was born in a geng shen year, and his wife was born in a gui hai year. Which dates are available for them to move?
2. The husband in the above question (geng shen) suddenly finds an opportunity to make a lot of money if he goes on a business to another state. What day should he choose to leave?

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

# Quiz 6 Answers

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha <b>Yin/Yang Mistake</b> ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 <b>Consumer, Money Horse for shen person</b> jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha <b>Consumer for hai person</b> ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator <b>Consumer, Money Horse for shen person</b> bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha <b>Consumer for hai person</b> ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

1. There is no yin or yang mistake for the hai month, which ends December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Yin Mistake is gui chou and the yang mistake is gui hai for the hai month. These days do not occur. The zi month begins December 7<sup>th</sup>. Both the yin and yang mistake for the zi month are ren zi. A ren zi day occurs on December 7<sup>th</sup>, so one should not move on that day. However, we have already eliminated December 7<sup>th</sup>, as it is the year breaker and also year sha. In addition, we avoid si days for the hai wife and yin days for the shen husband. Many days are still available for moving: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Avoid beginning the move-in on a time that opposes the day.

2. Even though it is his consumer day, the geng shen husband should leave on December 9<sup>th</sup>, since it is his money horse. He cannot leave on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Even though it is his money horse, it is also one of the four separators.

## C. Health

**5. Heavenly Doctor (a personal day):** The Heavenly Doctor is a good day for surgery, medical treatment, making up herbal formulas, etc.

Heavenly Doctor (Tian Yi) 天醫			
BIRTH MONTH			Doctor Day
1st	yin	February 4-5	chou
2nd	mao	March 5-6	yin
3rd	chen	April 5-6	mao
4th	si	May 5-6	chen
5th	wu	June 6-7	si
6th	wei	July 7-8	wu
7th	shen	August 7-8	wei
8th	you	September 8-9	shen
9th	xu	October 8-9	you
10th	hai	November 7-8	xu
11th	zi	December 7-8	hai
12th	chou	January 6-7	zi

**Table 12**

This day is based on the *individual's* birth month. Most people can simply read the table. However, for someone born on the border of a month, it is better to look up the exact month of birth in the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar*.

## 6. Day to Avoid Going to the Hospital (a personal day)

Extinction: Jue 絕	
BIRTH YEAR	AVOID
Jia	Shen
Yi	You
Bing	Hai
Ding	Zi
Wu	Hai
Ji	Zi
Geng	Yin
Xin	Mao
Ren	Si
Gui	Wu

**Table 13**

If the heavenly doctor and and extinction turn out to be the same day, choose a different day. For example, a person born in a ren year and a wu month will have si for both the Heavenly Doctor and the Extinction Day. Also, avoid the Extinction Month, if possible.

In addition, avoid:

- The day cannot oppose the birth year of the patient.
- The day cannot be a year or month breaker.
- The beginning time of the procedure cannot oppose the day.
- A day of the three sha for the year or month should be avoided, if possible.

**Note: Of course, if it is urgent, go to the hospital or doctor right away, regardless of what day it is.**

**Example 1:** A person born in a chou month has zi as their Heavenly Doctor. If they were born in an yi mao year, then you is their Extinction Day. Also, you is their big consumer. If possible, they should schedule an operation for a zi day that has no breakers or sha. In August, 2003, we can select the 19<sup>th</sup>, or the 31<sup>st</sup>. Since the 31<sup>st</sup> is a Sunday, probably only the 19<sup>th</sup> is available to visit the doctor. August 7<sup>th</sup> is also a heavenly doctor day, but it cannot be used as it is an Exhaustion Day, since it is the day before Autumn Commences.

### August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1 bing wu	2 ding wei
3 month/year sha wu shen	4 month/year sha consumer and extinction for mao year ji you	5 month/year sha geng xu	6 xin hai	7 heavenly doctor for chou birth month, but exhaustion ren zi	8 year breaker First day of Autumn gui chou	9 month breaker jia yin
10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 month sha ding si	13 month sha wu wu	14 month sha ji wei	15 year sha geng shen	16 year sha consumer and extinction for mao year xin you
17 year sha ren xu	18 gui hai	19 heavenly doctor for chou birth month jia zi	20 year breaker yi chou	21 month breaker bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen
24 month sha ji si	25 month sha geng wu	26 month sha xin wei	27 year sha ren shen	28 year sha consumer and extinction for mao year gui you	29 year sha jia xu	30 yi hai
31 heavenly doctor for chou birth month, but doctor is closed bing zi						

**Example 2:** Let's take a gui si year person born on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Since they were born in a wei month, their heavenly doctor day is wu. Since they were born in a gui year, their extinction day is wu. Unfortunately, this person cannot use their heavenly doctor day, and should pick a neutral day to go to the hospital or have a procedure done. Besides avoiding the marked days on the calendar above, they should also avoid hai days, which are the big consumer for this person. They can pick August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, or 31<sup>st</sup>. However, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> are on the weekends, so they probably cannot be used.

## 7. Days to Avoid Visiting the Sick (Rhymed Formula) (忌探病 Ji4 Tan Bing4)

There is a Chinese memorization poem that says:

On Ren Yin, Ren Wu, and Geng Wu,  
Jia Yin, Yi Mao, Ji Mao take care.  
Visiting the sick on these days:  
If disaster strikes, it is severe.

*Do Not Visit the Sick Days* always take place on days with the following six stem-branch combinations: jia yin, yi mao, geng wu, ji mao, ren wu, and ren yin.

These days have unbalanced energy and it is easier to catch an illness from the person you are visiting. In fact, this even includes visiting a person with an injury, such as a broken leg. It is not that it is easier to catch a virus on these days. It is that the qi of illness or injury easily attaches to others, and makes it more likely for them to receive a negative thing for their health.

<b>Do Not Visit the Sick Days</b>	
<b>STEM/BRANCH</b>	<b>ELEMENTS</b>
Jia Yin	Yang wood wood
Yi Mao	Yin wood wood
Ren Yin	Yang water wood
Ji Mao	Yin earth wood
Ren Wu	Yang water fire
Geng Wu	Yang metal fire

**Table 14**

These days have strong energy for transmitting disease. For example, jia yin and yi mao are yang wood wood and yin wood wood, respectively. Wood relates to wind according to the five elements, and wind penetrates. In Chinese medicine, they say that wind brings the hundred diseases with it. In fact, four of the six days have a wood branch. The other two have yang fire branches, and dominate, or are dominated by the stem. This also easily brings illness.

### August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1  bing wu	2  ding wei
3 month/year sha  wu shen	4 month/year sha  ji you	5 month/year sha  geng xu	6  xin hai	7 exhaustion  ren zi	8 year breaker  gui chou	9 month breaker <b>do not visit the sick</b> jia yin
10 <b>do not visit the sick</b> yi mao	11  bing chen	12 month sha  ding si	13 month sha  wu wu	14 month sha  ji wei	15 year sha  geng shen	16 year sha  xin you
17 year sha  ren xu	18  gui hai	19  jia zi	20 year breaker  yi chou	21 month breaker  bing yin	22  ding mao	23  wu chen
24 month sha  ji si	25 month sha <b>do not visit the sick</b> geng wu	26 month sha  xin wei	27 year sha  ren shen	28 year sha  gui you	29 year sha  jia xu	30  yi hai
31  bing zi						

In addition, never go to visit a very sick person on your big consumer day. You are weaker on that day, so it is easier to pick up the sickness qi from the patient.

You should also avoid visiting a gravely ill person whose birth year opposes your own. For example, if a hai person is very sick, a si person should not visit them, as the si qi will harm the weaker hai person.

It is no problem, however, to visit a sick person on a breaker or sha day.

# Quiz 7

1. A person born in a jia zi year, in a chen month needs to have elective surgery done. What are the best dates? What are the neutral dates? Which dates should he absolutely avoid?
2. While the same person in question 1 is in the hospital, he receives some visitors. One was born in a wu year, and the other was born in a hai year. Can both these people visit? What days should be avoided?

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

# Quiz 7 Answers

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 <b>Consumer for zi person</b> bing wu	2 ding wei	3 Month Sha <b>Extinction for person born in a jia year</b> wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 <b>Do not visit the sick</b> jia yin	10 <b>Do not visit the sick</b> Heavenly Doctor for chen birth month yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha <b>Consumer for zi person</b> wu wu
14 Month Sha ji wei	15 <b>Extinction for person born in a jia year</b> geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator bing yin	22 Heavenly Doctor for chen birth month ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha <b>Do not visit the sick</b> <b>Consumer for zi person</b> geng wu	26 Month Sha xin wei	27 <b>Extinction for person born in a jia year</b> ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

1. The best dates for surgery for this person are December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>. These are Heavenly Doctor Days. Neutral dates are December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Besides the consumers, breakers, and sha, he should avoid his extinction days: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>.

2. The wu person should not visit at all if the zi person is seriously ill. His birth year opposes the patients. The hai person should avoid visiting on si days (December 12<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>) as it is easier for him to get sick on those days. He should also avoid December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. These are *Do Not Visit the Sick Days*, and also make it easier for the visitor to pick up an illness. Any other days, including breaker and sha days are okay for visiting.

## D. Resolving Problems

### 8. Resolve Court Case, Have Negotiations (a personal day)

This is a day that is harmonious for you to enter into negotiations and resolve problems. It is similar to a Happy Spirit Day, except that it is calculated from the branch of your year of birth, rather than the branch of the current month.

This day is in the relationship of the Three Combinations with the birth year. That makes it harmonious, leading to an acceptable resolution of the matter at hand.

<b>BIRTH YEAR</b>	<b>DAY</b>
Zi	Shen
Chou	You
Yin	Xu
Mao	Hai
Chen	Zi
Si	Chou
Wu	Yin
Wei	Mao
Shen	Chen
You	Si
Xu	Wu
Hai	Wei

**Table 15**

For example, a person born in a chen year would try to schedule a negotiation on a zi day (except in a wu year or a wu month).

Of course, one must follow the usual rules of avoiding breakers and sha, etc.

## 9. Day to Appeal a Decision (a personal day)

This is for the court date, not the filing date. It could also include appealing a decision made by your boss or your school.

First, find the birth year of the individual. Let's say they were born in a si year. According to the table, you need to find a jia wu day that occurs in the summer. It must be both the season listed *and* the day with that particular stem and branch.

Birth Year	Current Season	Day
yin mao chen	Spring (February 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Ren Yin
si wu wei	Summer (May 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Jia Wu
shen you xu	Autumn (August 7 <sup>th</sup> )	Wu Shen
hai zi chou	Winter (November 7 <sup>th</sup> )	Jia Zi

**Table 16**

This is a hard day to be able to use. If you look at the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar* for 2005, May 10<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> are the only choices for that year for a si person. Some years there may only be one date, not even two. Sometimes the date may fall on a Sunday, which is usually not available for court. Even if it is a date when the court is open, you may not be able to schedule your appeal on that day. There is an element of luck or fate involved in day selection. Even when you know how to choose a day, you are not always able to use it.

Of course, one must follow the usual rules of avoiding breakers and sha, etc.

# Quiz 8

1. A person born in the hai year needs to negotiate a raise with their boss. What would be a good day in December of 2014?

2. This same person needs to appeal a ticket for a parking violation. When should he try to appear in court?

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

# Quiz 8 Answers

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 <b>Day for negotiating for hai person</b> ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha <b>Consumer for hai</b> ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha <b>Day for negotiating for hai person</b> ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha <b>Day for appeals for hai person</b> jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha <b>Consumer for hai</b> ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha <b>Day for negotiating for hai person</b> xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

1. For a person born in a hai year, a wei day is good for resolving court cases or having negotiations. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> are all wei days. However, the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> are also month sha, so they are not considered as auspicious. December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the best day to do it this month.

2. For a person born in a hai, zi, or chou year, the best day to appeal a decision is a jia zi day that occurs in the winter. December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 is a jia zi day. Since this person was born in a hai year, we seem to have found a good day. Unfortunately, it is also the year breaker and year sha. He cannot use it. He will have to take his chances on a neutral day.

## E. Making Money

### 10. Building or Moving into a Warehouse

In the old days, a warehouse was used to store the treasures of a rich man. Today, they store products and merchandise. A warehouse should be safe and full. The days below are all belong to earth-element branches. The earth easily holds and contains things, even valuable things like precious metals, minerals, and gems. That is why these are earth branch days. These days are good for building or moving into a warehouse, or even for museums or other types of places where storage of valuables is important. They can also be used to receive shipments.

<b>Current Year</b>	Jia Yi	Bing Ding	Wu Ji	Geng Xin	Ren Gui
<b>Day</b>	Wei	Xu	all four earth branches	Chou	Chen

**Table 17**

Of course, one must follow the usual rules of avoiding breakers, sha, and the big consumer etc.

As for the pattern, first look at the element of the current year stems. The earth branch that is associated stores the same element according to the Three Combinations. For example, jia and yi are the wood stems. They are associated with the wei branch. Wei belongs to the combination of hai, mao, and wei. Mao corresponds to due east, so it brings the wood element to this combination. Therefore, wei store wood, the same element as jia and yi.

#### **Example:**

2003 is a gui wei year. The year stem is gui. Therefore, a chen day is good for beginning construction of a warehouse, or the grand opening of a warehouse. However, you could not use this in a xu month, or if the owner was born in a xu year, because of the opposition.

### 11. Putting Money in the Bank

These are auspicious days for putting money in a savings account, or something similar. We like money to move, as well as to accumulate. These days are mainly branches of the four corners. (See the *Stems and Branches Class* on the Three Combinations). The four corners have a moving and active nature to them. This helps to make the money *work* for you.

However, for the two earth element stems, any of the four earth element branches are used. In all cases, the branch element is the same as the element of the stem of the current year. For example, ren and gui are the water stems. They are associated with hai, the water branch that is also one of the four corners.

<b>Current Year</b>	Jia Yi	Bing Ding	Wu Ji	Geng Xin	Ren Gui
<b>Day</b>	Yin	Si	all four earth branches	Shen	Hai

**Table 18**

Of course, one must follow the usual rules of avoiding breakers, sha, and the big consumer etc.

**Examples:**

2004 will be a jia shen year. Jia is the year stem. Therefore, a yin day would be good for making deposits. However, 2004 is a shen year. Shen opposes yin. Therefore, we cannot use this day in 2004. Another day will need to be chosen. We can pick a day that is, at least, not bad for this activity.

2005 is an yi you year. Yin is still the day for making deposits. There is no conflict between the yin day and the you year. We still need to be sure it doesn't conflict with the individual, or with the month.

Let's look at an example and work it out on a calendar page. 2003 is a gui wei year. In a gui year, chen is the day to build or move into a warehouse.

In a gui year, hai is the day to put money in the bank

**August 2003**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The ji wei month ends on August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	The geng shen month begins on August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	August 8 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of autumn.	2003 is a gui wei year.		1  bing wu	2  ding wei
3 month/year sha  wu shen	4 month/year sha  ji you	5 month/year sha  geng xu	6 <b>put money in the bank</b>  xin hai	7 exhaustion  ren zi	8 year breaker  gui chou	9 month breaker  jia yin
10  yi mao	11 <b>build or move into a warehouse</b> bing chen	12 month sha  ding si	13 month sha  wu wu	14 month sha  ji wei	15 year sha  geng shen	16 year sha  xin you
17 year sha  ren xu	18 <b>put money in the bank</b>  gui hai	19  jia zi	20 year breaker  yi chou	21 month breaker  bing yin	22  ding mao	23 <b>build or move into a warehouse</b> wu chen
24 month sha  ji si	25 month sha  geng wu	26 month sha  xin wei	27 year sha  ren shen	28 year sha  gui you	29 year sha  jia xu	30  yi hai
31  bing zi						

# Quiz 9

1. A chou person owns a store. The sales are good. So he wants to sell his old warehouse and move his goods into a bigger one. Which days should he use to move his goods into the warehouse?
2. Which day should he use to deposit the money he made selling the old warehouse into the bank?

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

# Quiz 9 Answers

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2014 is a jia wu year.	1 bing wu	2 Good for warehouses Consumer for chou ding wei	3 Month Sha wu shen	4 Month Sha ji you	5 Month Sha geng xu	6 Year Sha xin hai
7 Year Breaker Year Sha ren zi	8 Year Sha gui chou	9 Deposit money jia yin	10 yi mao	11 bing chen	12 Month Sha ding si	13 Month Breaker Month Sha wu wu
14 Month Sha Good for warehouses Consumer for chou ji wei	15 geng shen	16 xin you	17 ren xu	18 Year Sha gui hai	19 Year Breaker Year Sha jia zi	20 Year Sha yi chou
21 Separator Deposit money bing yin	22 ding mao	23 wu chen	24 Month Sha ji si	25 Month Breaker Month Sha geng wu	26 Month Sha Good for warehouses Consumer for chou xin wei	27 ren shen
28 gui you	29 jia xu	30 Year Sha yi hai	31 Year Breaker Year Sha bing zi	The yi hai month ends December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The bing zi month begins December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> is the winter solstice

1. Since 2014 is a jia wu year, the day for warehouses is wei. This is December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. We cannot use December 14<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> because they are month sha. He cannot even use December 2<sup>nd</sup>, because all wei days are his big consumer. He must use a neutral day. He cannot even wait until the next Chinese year: it will be yi wei, which still uses wei for warehouses. And as a wei year, the whole year will oppose him.
2. Yin days are good for putting money in the bank in jia years. December 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> are yin days. However, December 21<sup>st</sup> is also one of the four separators, so it cannot be used. He had best make the big deposit on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

# CONCLUSION

This is a solid beginning for learning Day Selection. You have learned how to avoid harmful days, and how to select a date for a wedding, moving in, beginning a business trip, medical treatment, negotiations or appeals, building a warehouse, or making deposits in the bank. You also learned about the Twelve Indicators and the Twenty-Eight Constellations.

In *Day Selection 2 Class*, you will learn:

- how to pick a construction date based on the orientation of the house,
- how to pick a day for a funeral or burial,
- a few techniques to increase income and the success of a new endeavor,
- how to pick a day to change the door in your house,
- how to combine feng shui and day selection to insure a successful marriage proposal,
- how to combine feng shui and day selection to achieve a successful pregnancy.

We hope you will play with Day Selection, trying to use it when it is practical, but not fretting too much when it is not. Life is full of ups and downs. We try to minimize the problems when we can, but they cannot be avoided entirely. Some things are entirely out of our control.

Always remember that we are influenced by the following:

1. fate
2. luck
3. Feng Shui
4. karma resulting from our good or bad deeds
5. hard work and studying

The biggest influence is fate, and to the surprise of some, the weakest influence is our hard work. Sometimes, if something is fated to go wrong, or if we are in a period of bad luck, we will not be able to select the best date for an activity. We need to accept that life will not be perfect, even if we learn Feng Shui, astrology, and Day Selection perfectly.

However, if we are able to select a good date, we can make our lives a little easier. We hope that you will use this information to benefit yourself and others.

# FINAL EXAM

It is late December 2005. Your friends know you have taken this class, so they are all asking you to help them select dates for their important activities in the upcoming month (January 2006).

## January 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 geng yin	2 xin mao	3 ren chen	4 gui si	5 jia wu	6 yi wei	7 bing shen
8 ding you	9 wu xu	10 ji hai	11 geng zi	12 xin chou	13 ren yin	14 gui mao
15 jia chen	16 yi si	17 bing wu	18 ding wei	19 wu shen	20 ji you	21 geng xu
22 xin hai	23 ren zi	24 gui chou	25 jia yin	26 yi mao	27 bing chen	28 ding si
29 wu wu	30 ji wei	31 geng shen		January 2006 is before Chinese new year. 2005 is an yi you year	The wu zi month ends on January 5 <sup>th</sup> .	The ji chou month begins January 6 <sup>th</sup> .

- One couple wants to get married. He was born in a si year, and she was born in a you year. Which of the following is the best date?  
a. January 17<sup>th</sup>    b. January 18<sup>th</sup>    c. January 19<sup>th</sup>    d. January 20<sup>th</sup>
- Which of the following would also be a good day for the couple in Question 1 to marry?  
a. January 9<sup>th</sup>    b. January 10<sup>th</sup>    c. January 23<sup>rd</sup>    d. January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Which day should they be sure to *avoid*?  
a. January 7<sup>th</sup>    b. January 11<sup>th</sup>    c. January 16<sup>th</sup>    d. January 17<sup>th</sup>
- Another couple wants to move into a new house this month. He is born in a geng zi year, and she is born in a gui mao year. Which day is acceptable for them to move in?  
a. January 19<sup>th</sup>    b. January 20<sup>th</sup>    c. January 22<sup>nd</sup>    d. January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Another friend, born in a mao year, needs to travel out of state on a business trip. Which is the best day for him to leave?  
a. January 4<sup>th</sup>    b. January 28<sup>th</sup>    c. January 10<sup>th</sup>    d. January 24<sup>th</sup>

6. An acquaintance wants to have a face lift. She was born in a ding you year and a gui chou month. When should she have her face lift?  
a. January 11<sup>th</sup>    b. January 14<sup>th</sup>    c. January 25<sup>th</sup>    d. January 9<sup>th</sup>
7. Someone else's father is very ill. The father was born in a wei year. The son was born in a xu year. Which day is okay for visiting the father?  
a. January 15<sup>th</sup>    b. January 23<sup>rd</sup>    c. January 25<sup>th</sup>    d. January 26<sup>th</sup>
8. A friend wants to negotiate a raise with his boss. He was born in a si year. Which is the best day?  
a. January 10<sup>th</sup>    b. January 11<sup>th</sup>    c. January 12<sup>th</sup>    d. January 13<sup>th</sup>
9. The son of a friend was expelled from school for yelling at a teacher. The parents want to appeal this decision. The father was born in a hai year. The mother was born in a yin year. The son was born in a shen year. What is the best day?  
a. January 16<sup>th</sup>    b. January 18<sup>th</sup>    c. January 19<sup>th</sup>    d. January 20<sup>th</sup>
10. A zi person decides to have an important meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. What time should he *avoid* for the start of this meeting?  
a. 10 a.m.    b. noon    c. 2 p.m.    d. 4 p.m.

# FINAL EXAM ANSWER KEY

The following are all the generic days for January of 2006:

## January 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 year sha Deposits full star geng yin	2 year breaker year sha even bow xin mao	3 year sha fixed wing ren chen	4 month sha hold carriage gui si	5 month breaker month sha break horn jia wu	6 month breaker Warehouse break neck yi wei	7 danger base bing shen
8 Happy Spirit achieve room ding you	9 receive heart wu xu	10 open tail ji hai	11 shut basket geng zi	12 establish ladle xin chou	13 year sha month sha Do Not Visit the Sick Deposits discard ox-boy ren yin	14 year breaker year sha month sha full maiden gui mao
15 year sha month sha even void jia chen	16 fixed danger yi si	17 hold house bing wu	18 month breaker Warehouse break well ding wei	19 danger astride wu shen	20 Happy Spirit achieve mound ji you	21 receive stomach geng xu
22 Yin Mistake open pleides xin hai	23 shut net ren zi	24 Yang Mistake establish beak gui chou	25 year sha month sha Do Not Visit the Sick Deposits discard orion jia yin	26 year breaker year sha month sha Do Not Visit the Sick full well yi mao	27 year sha month sha even ghost bing chen	28 fixed willow ding si
29 hold star wu wu	30 month breaker Warehouse break bow ji wei	31 danger wing geng shen		January 2006 is before Chinese new year. 2005 is an yi you year	The wu zi month ends on January 5 <sup>th</sup> .	The ji chou month begins January 6 <sup>th</sup> .

1. One couple wants to get married. He was born in a si year, and she was born in a you year. Which of the following is the best date?

- a. January 17<sup>th</sup>      b. January 18<sup>th</sup>      c. January 19<sup>th</sup>      **d. January 20<sup>th</sup>**

January 20<sup>th</sup> is a Happy Spirit Day and has no problems.

2. Which of the following would also be a good day for the couple in Question 1 to marry?

- a. January 9<sup>th</sup>      b. January 10<sup>th</sup>      c. January 23<sup>rd</sup>      **d. January 24<sup>th</sup>**

January 24<sup>th</sup> is a chou day. Since he is si and she is you, chou completes the Three Combinations, and is therefore very harmonious for the couple. There are no problems with January 24<sup>th</sup>.

3. Which day should they be sure to avoid?

- a. January 7<sup>th</sup>**      b. January 11<sup>th</sup>      c. January 16<sup>th</sup>      d. January 17<sup>th</sup>

January 7<sup>th</sup>, although otherwise neutral, is a shen day. Shen is the husband's sleep alone star.

4. Another couple wants to move into a new house this month. He is born in a geng zi year, and she is born in a gui mao year. Which day is acceptable for them to move in?

- a. **January 19<sup>th</sup>**    b. January 20<sup>th</sup>    c. January 22<sup>nd</sup>    d. January 24<sup>th</sup>

January 24<sup>th</sup> is the yang mistake, which would adversely affect the man, who was born in a yang year. January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the yin mistake, which would adversely affect the woman, who was born in a yin year. January 20<sup>th</sup> is you, which is her big consumer. January 19<sup>th</sup> has no problems.

5. Another friend, born in a mao year, needs to travel out of state on a business trip. Which is the best day for him to leave?

- a. January 4<sup>th</sup>    **b. January 28<sup>th</sup>**    c. January 10<sup>th</sup>    d. January 24<sup>th</sup>

His money horse day is si. January 4<sup>th</sup> is si, but also is month sha, so it is eliminated. January 28<sup>th</sup> is a money horse day, with no sha or other problems, so we select that.

6. An acquaintance wants to have a face lift. She was born in a ding you year and a gui chou month. When should she have her face lift?

- a. January 11<sup>th</sup>    b. January 14<sup>th</sup>    c. January 25<sup>th</sup>    **d. January 9<sup>th</sup>**

January 11<sup>th</sup> is her heavenly doctor, but it is also her extinction day. She cannot use it. The 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are breakers and/or sha. January 9<sup>th</sup> is neutral, so she can use it.

7. Someone else's father is very ill. The father was born in a wei year. The son was born in a xu year. Which day is okay for visiting the father?

- a. January 15<sup>th</sup>    **b. January 23<sup>rd</sup>**    c. January 25<sup>th</sup>    d. January 26<sup>th</sup>

January 15<sup>th</sup> is a chen day. Since the son is xu, it is his consumer. It is easy for him to pick up sickness qi that day. The 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> are *do not visit the sick* days. This leaves the 23<sup>rd</sup> as the correct answer.

8. A friend wants to negotiate a raise with his boss. He was born in a si year. Which is the best day?

- a. January 10<sup>th</sup>    b. January 11<sup>th</sup>    **c. January 12<sup>th</sup>**    d. January 13<sup>th</sup>

January 10<sup>th</sup> is his consumer, so it is out. January 11<sup>th</sup> is neutral. January 12<sup>th</sup> is the best day, based on the si birth year, for resolving court cases or having negotiations. It is not important that this is the yang mistake, as that only applies to moving. January 13<sup>th</sup> is year and month sha, so it is not a very good day.

9. The son of a friend was expelled from school for yelling at a teacher. The parents want to appeal this decision. The father was born in a hai year. The mother was born in a yin year. The son was born in a shen year. What is the best day?

- a. January 16<sup>th</sup>    b. January 18<sup>th</sup>    c. January 19<sup>th</sup>    **d. January 20<sup>th</sup>**

January 16<sup>th</sup> is the consumer for the father. This is not good, since he is the one appealing for the son. January 18<sup>th</sup> is the month breaker and must be avoided. January 19<sup>th</sup> is the consumer for the mother, who will also be making the appeal. Therefore, it will not do. You may notice that January 19<sup>th</sup> is a wu shen day, the best day for making an appeal for the son. However, this day is only special when it occurs in the autumn, and January is in the winter. Even though the son was born in the winter, there is no jia zi day, his special day for making an appeal. This leaves January 20<sup>th</sup> as the best day, since it is neutral.

10. A zi person decides to have an important meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. What time should he *avoid* for the start of this meeting?

- a. 10 a.m.**      b. noon      c. 2 p.m.      d. 4 p.m.

January 10<sup>th</sup> is a hai day. Therefore, the si time should be avoided. Si is 9 – 11 a.m., so 10 a.m. is a bad start time. Even though the person is born in a zi year, it does not matter if the meeting begins at noon, a wu time.