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DAY SELECTION 2 CLASS

Introduction

Welcome to the second class in the Day Selection series. In *Day Selection 1*, we looked at choosing a date based solely on time: the current time and the birth information. In *Day Selection 2*, we will continue to use time data, but we will now incorporate space: the sitting direction of the building, the direction of the door, how directions are affected by the current year or month, directions in which to put specific remedies, etc. This adds a whole new dimension to Day Selection. To get full benefit from this *Day Selection 2 Class*, 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)
- The 24 compass directions

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

You also need to have some knowledge about:

- The year, month, and day breakers
- The Big Consumer
- The Three Sha

These were discussed in the *Day Selection 1 Class*

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

- The *Eight House* or *East-West* system of feng shui is touched upon. This is taught in the *American Feng Shui Institute's Beginning Feng Shui Class*.
- The system of flying stars using the house trigram and the annual star. This is taught in the *American Feng Shui Institute's Intermediate Feng Shui Class*.
- The system of flying stars using the twenty-four compass directions and the year of construction for the house. This is taught in the *American Feng Shui Institute's Advanced Feng Shui Class*.

It is highly recommended that you review the above topics to be prepared for this class.

The lunar aspect of the calendar is not used for day selection, at least not for any of the calculations that we include here.

This class contains material as taught by Master Larry Sang. It was written by Lorraine Wilcox L.Ac. and edited by Hermann Urkauf.



Year information from a Chinese almanac

This is a picture from a Chinese almanac. You can see the eight main directions in the octagonal shape. You can also see it is sub-divided into the twenty-four directions that were discussed in the *Stems and Branches Class*. One of the inner rings shows the flying star for the eight directions for that year. You should already know how to find the annual flying stars. The ring with red and black circles shows the good (red) and bad (black) directions for that year. The bad directions should not be used in building or renovating a house, or as a burial direction for that year. You will learn how to calculate and apply a good portion of this.

The Relationship between Time and Space

As we saw in the *Stems and Branches Class*, time and space are both measured by the stems and branches. However, time and space are not independent of each other. The stems and branches are two types of qi which interact with each other. The stems are a more yang qi that comes from heaven. The branches are a more yin qi that comes from the earth.

Let's take the branches as an example. Midnight is the most yin time of the day (or night). The winter solstice is the most yin time of the year. Both midnight and the winter solstice are the coolest, darkest, and quietest part of their time period. This is water qi. As these theories were developed in the Northern hemisphere, the north is also the cooler, darker direction. Beijing has a much colder winter than Hong Kong. New York has a much colder winter than Miami. So the qi of the north (space) is the same as the qi of midnight or mid-winter (time). Whether we are referring to time or space, this qi belongs to the branch zi.

Of course, the south is the opposite. In the northern hemisphere, the south is hot and bright. Thus, it has the same qi as noon and the summer solstice. These are fire qi. Whether referring to time or space, this qi corresponds to the branch wu.

Now, if something with the qi of zi, whether it is time or space, gets together with something containing the qi of wu, we have a struggle between fire and water. Fire and water are not harmonious with each other, unless they are moderated by other factors. So, as will be explained below, it is inauspicious to move into a house that sits due south (the wu, fire, direction) on a zi (water) day. The qi of time interacts with the qi of space.

Another example of this type of interaction is between an individual and the space around them. A person born in a mao branch year is imprinted with wood qi. In a day, mao is the dawn. In a year, mao is the spring. As for directions, mao is the east. If this mao person lives in a house with a door in you, the metal west direction, it will have certain negative effects for that person, although not on the other people in the house. The you branch represents sunset and the autumn. The metal of the you door chops the wood of the mao person. The qi of time interacts with the qi of space.

The theories of this interaction of time (day selection) and space (feng shui) can be much more complex than in the above examples. The practical use of these theories is explained in this *Day Selection 2 Class*.

The Twenty-Four Compass Directions

To review:

- There are eight directions, associated with the eight trigrams. Each of these eight directions is 45°.

Direction	Trigram	Element	Type	Degrees
North	Kan	Water	cardinal	337.5-22.5
Northeast	Gen	Earth	inter-cardinal	37.5-67.5
East	Zhen	Wood	cardinal	67.5-112.5
Southeast	Xun	Wood	inter-cardinal	112.5-157.5
South	Li	Fire	cardinal	157.5-202.5
Southwest	Kun	Earth	inter-cardinal	202.5-247.5
West	Dui	Metal	cardinal	247.5-292.5
Northwest	Qian	Metal	inter-cardinal	292.5-337.5

- Each of these eight directions is divided into three 15° sections, called the twenty-four compass directions. Actually, in Chinese, they are called the twenty-four mountains.

Direction	Letter	Chinese	Name	Type	Represents	Degrees
North (Kan)	a	子	Zi	Branch 1	Water +	352.5-7.5
	b	癸	Gui	Stem 10	Water -	7.5-22.5
Northeast (Gen)	c	丑	Chou	Branch 2	Earth -	22.5-37.5
	d	艮	Gen	Trigram	Earth	37.5-52.5
	e	寅	Yin	Branch 3	Wood +	52.5-67.5
East (Zhen)	f	甲	Jia	Stem 1	Wood +	67.5-82.5
	g	卯	Mao	Branch 4	Wood -	82.5-97.5
	h	乙	Yi	Stem 2	Wood -	97.5-112.5
Southeast (Xun)	i	辰	Chen	Branch 5	Earth +	112.5-127.5
	j	巽	Xun	Trigram	Wood	127.5-142.5
	k	巳	Si	Branch 6	Fire -	142.5-157.5
South (Li)	l	丙	Bing	Stem 3	Fire +	157.5-172.5
	m	午	Wu	Branch 7	Fire +	172.5-187.5
	n	丁	Ding	Stem 4	Fire -	187.5-202.5
Southwest (Kun)	o	未	Wei	Branch 8	Earth -	202.5-217.5
	p	坤	Kun	Trigram	Earth	217.5-232.5
	q	申	Shen	Branch 9	Metal +	232.5-247.5
West (Dui)	r	庚	Geng	Stem 7	Metal +	247.5-262.5
	s	酉	You	Branch 10	Metal -	262.5-277.5
	t	辛	Xin	Stem 8	Metal -	277.5-292.5
Northwest (Qian)	u	戌	Xu	Branch 11	Earth +	292.5-307.5
	v	乾	Qian	Trigram	Metal	307.5-322.5
	w	亥	Hai	Branch 12	Water -	322.5-337.5
North	x	壬	Ren	Stem 9	Water +	337.5-352.5

The letter in the second column is the designation of the 24 directions on Master Sang's luopan, which is available at <http://www.amfengshui.com/ashop/catalogue.php?cat=1> . A luopan is a Chinese compass, used for feng shui.

Notice that the twelve branches alternate with eight of the stems and four of the trigrams. Half of the twenty-four directions are branches.

Note: When day selection is combined with feng shui, for the most part, only the 15° directions that are branches are used. The stems are sometimes used for selecting the day, but are not used as frequently as part of the directions. The four trigrams that are part of the twenty-four directions (qian in the northwest, kun in the southwest, gen in the northeast, and xun in the southeast) are not used either. For details, see below.

When placed on the luopan, the twenty-four directions look like this:



Part 1: Day Selection Based on the Orientation of the House or Grave Site and the Current Time

Breakers, Consumers, and the Three Sha Revisited

As for time, in day selection we need to take into account the harmony between:

- the current year, month, day, and hour
- the relationship of the client's birth year with the current time
- the client's relationship with other people involved in the event.

Here is a review of what we learned in the *Day Selection 1 Class*:

For Construction, avoid:

- Beginning on a day that opposes the current year (year breaker).
- Beginning on a day that opposes the current month (month breaker).
- Beginning on an hour that opposes the current day (day breaker).
- If possible, beginning in a month that opposes the current year.
- Beginning on a day that opposes your birth year (consumer).
- If possible, beginning in a month or year that oppose your birth year.
- A person whose birth year opposes your birth year.
- Avoid the Three Sha days for the current year and month, especially for the start of groundbreaking, construction, and digging.
- Avoid the Three Sha days for burial.

Now we will learn how the Breakers, Consumers, the Three Sha, the Tai Sui, and the 5 Yellow Star apply to selecting days based on a construction site, a building, or a grave orientation.

1. Year, Month, and Day Breaker

- a. **Construction:** One should never begin construction on a day, month, or year that has the opposite branch as the *direction* of the *sitting* of the building (the house's consumer). For example, on a wu day, month, or year do not dig the foundation or begin construction on a building that sits in the zi direction (which is due north).

As you studied in the Feng Shui classes, the sitting direction is the most important direction for a yang house. It defines the house, and we must be careful not to offend or oppose the sitting direction of the house.

b. Renovations, Remodeling:

- i. If a house is being renovated, one should avoid beginning to remodel on a day, month, or (if possible) year that has the opposite branch as the *direction* of the *sitting* of the building (the house's consumer). For example, if one wanted to remodel any section of a house that sits si (southeast), they should not begin to work on a hai day (opposes the sitting of the house). One should also avoid beginning in a hai month or (if possible) year.
- ii. If a house is being renovated, one should avoid beginning to remodel in an *area* of the house that opposes the branch of the current day, month, or year. For example, if the east

(mao) section of a house is being remodeled, do not begin to work there on a you day, month, or year.

Furthermore, if the whole east side of a house is being remodeled, it *may* include the yin, mao, and chen directions. Then one should avoid beginning to work there on shen, you, and xu days.

Here is an example that takes into account both i. and ii. above: if one wanted to remodel the wu (south) section of a house that sits si (southeast), they should not begin to work on a hai day (opposes the sitting of the house) or a zi day (opposes the area to be remodeled). One should also avoid beginning in a hai or zi month or (if possible) year.

Painting, putting in a rug, hanging a picture, or putting together a desk will not cause problems. It is disturbing the earth, tearing down or building up walls, cutting holes in walls to install a door or window, etc. that will trigger the bad effects.

- c. **Digging:** Do not allow digging to begin in the vicinity of your house in the *direction that opposes the day, month, or year*. For example, do not plant a tree in the shen direction from the center of your house on a yin day, month, or year.
- d. **Moving in:** Do not move into a house on a day that opposes the *sitting* of the house (the house's consumer). For example, do not move into a house that sits in the wu direction (south) on a zi day.

Consequences: One problem is that workers can be more easily hurt if construction begins on a day that violates the prohibited direction(s) for the time period. If you are remodeling or landscaping a house, and continue living in it through the renovations, it is easier for you or one of the family members to have an accident. There may also be delays or unexpected expenses.

Remedies: The best remedy is to avoid beginning construction, renovations, remodeling, or digging in the vicinity of the house during these days, months, or years. If it cannot be avoided, try to insure that no one is staying in the house during the remodeling or landscaping. Complete the construction or renovations as soon as possible. Try not to move into a house until the landscaping is completed.

Offending the year or month breaker is considered a type of sha related to the earth element (sha is a negative influence on the Feng Shui). Metal reduces earth. Therefore metal can be used as a remedy. If the digging is in an inauspicious direction from your house, put something metal in between your house and the construction.

Master Sang almost never recommends using wind chimes for Feng Shui, but this is one case where you can. If they are hung in between the digging and the house, the metal object plus the metal sound will help to neutralize the problem.

On a construction site that offends the year, month, or day breaker, or if the sitting direction of the house offends the time, one can periodically ring a big metal bell or gong.

Note: Most of day selection has to do with the *beginning* of things, such as construction or renovations. The beginning of a project will have the most impact, for good or for bad. It is possible that *continued* construction during a breaker or consumer day will have a negative impact, but the effects will be quite small in comparison (possible a very minor injury, small unexpected expense, or a minor delay). Most people will choose to continue construction through these days and put up with some small inconvenience that may arise. However, there are some preventive measures that can be taken for *continued* construction or digging:

- If possible, do not live in a house during construction, renovations, or landscaping.
- Finish up construction, renovations, and landscaping as quickly as possible. Don't let disturbed earth or partial construction be exposed for long periods of time.
- Use metal remedies around the construction site to neutralize earth sha.
- If you do notice that many types of bad days gang up at one time, you might consider taking a break for that day. For example, if one day is the year sha, the month breaker and the owner's consumer all at the same time, that day has a number of strikes against it. Perhaps you take that day off.

Throughout this class in the examples and in the quizzes, we will not take problems with *continued* construction into account. However, in real life, occasionally it is an issue. But the reality is, delays cost money and it can be quite impractical to stop on-going construction, especially when the risk of problems is relatively small.

Consuming Houses and Doors

One more caution:

- a. **Sitting and Birth Year:** If the sitting of the house opposes the birth year of one of the residents, that will be a *consuming house for that person*. It will tend to use up their money, time, and energy.
- b. **Entrance and Birth Year:** The entrance also should not be in the *consuming direction for an individual*.

However, if the Feng Shui of the house is very good overall, even with a consuming house or door, that individual will still make more money than they spend. While this house is less good for that individual, it may still be acceptable.

If the individual does not use their consuming door, but someone else in the house does, it will nevertheless cause problems for that person. This is because any use of the consuming door leads the consuming qi into the house. The door is called the 氣口 qi mouth in Chinese. You can use the analogy of the human mouth and diet: whatever one eats affects the whole body, not just one part. So whatever qi is taken into a house affects all residents, not just the one who uses the door.

- c. **Sitting/Entrance and Current Year, Month, and Day:** A door or sitting of a house is also consuming when it opposes the *current* year, month, or day. During those time periods, *all the residents* will tend to spend more money.

Note: For finding the direction of the door, the section of the nine palace grid is **NOT** used. Instead, the pie-shaped method is used. There are two ways to do this.

- Use your luopan to make a reading of the house outside. Then bring the luopan inside, to the center of the house and place it so that its box is squared with the walls (assuming the house is all 90° angles). Make sure the side of the luopan with the facing direction is oriented to the facing direction of the house. Do not worry if the needle is a little off when the compass is inside the house, as the metal and electrical currents inside the house can influence it. If the divisions of the luopan were extended out into space, in which of the twenty-four direction would the door fall?
- You can also use a floor plan that is made to scale. Find the center of the house on the floor plan. Enlarge a transparency of the face of the luopan. Place the center of it over the center of the house in the floor plan. Adjust the transparency so the sitting and facing directions are in the correct place. Then, extending the lines out, see in which of the twenty-four direction would the door fall.

Bringing it all Together

EXAMPLES

To follow these examples, please look up the time of construction, renovation, or digging in the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar*.

EXAMPLE 1: It is 1999. Mr. A is having his dream house built. He wants to begin construction in June. He was born in 1959. The house is sitting in the chen (i) direction. What time periods should he avoid for groundbreaking and beginning construction?

- 1999 is a ji mao year. He should avoid you months and days (year breaker).
- 1959 is a ji hai year. He should avoid si years, months, and days (his consumer). June 1st through 5th fall into the end of the si month. This is his consumer, so he should avoid these days if possible.
- The days from June 6th to the end of the June fall into a wu month. He should avoid zi days (month breaker).
- Because of the chen sitting, he should avoid xu years, months, and days (the house's consumer).
- It is good that the house is not sitting in the si direction, as that would be a consuming house for him. He should also be sure that there is no door in the si direction when the house is built.
- To summarize, he needs to start on a day in June of 1999, but on the 6th or later, that is not you, si, zi, or xu.

EXAMPLE 2: Ms. B is renovating her house. She wants to begin construction in May of 2004. She was born in 1963. The house sits in the zi (a) direction, and she is adding a new master bedroom along the northwest, in the xu (u) and hai (w) directions.

- 2004 is a jia shen year. She must avoid yin months and days (year breaker).
- 1963 is a gui mao year. She must avoid you years, months, and days (her consumer).
- May 1st through 4th, 2004 falls into the end of the wu chen month. She must avoid xu days during that period (month breaker). May 5th to the end of May falls into a ji si month. She must avoid hai days, starting from June 5th (month breaker).
- Because the house sits zi, she must avoid wu years, months, and days (the house's consumer).
- Because the construction is in the xu and hai *directions*, she should avoid chen and si years, months, and days.
- To summarize, she should not start renovating on yin and you, wu, chen, and si days. Between May 1st and 4th, she should not begin on xu days, and between May 5th and June 5th she should not begin on hai days. But now she has a problem. May of 2004 falls into parts of the chen and si months. She should avoid these because month opposes the direction. Even the next month, wu should be avoided because the month opposes the sitting. Our first choice is to ask her to wait until the wei month to begin construction. The wei month begins on July 7th of that year. If she refuses to delay, then the month opposes the directions of the renovation (chen and si months) or the sitting (wu month). This is bad, *but not as bad as if the day opposed the direction*. She can go ahead, but should use metal remedies as much as possible. It is beneficial if she is not living in the house during the construction. In addition to not starting on the above days (yin, you, wu, chen or si), she also needs to avoid the month breaker (xu or hai days, depending on when she starts).

EXAMPLE 3: Mr. C wants to add a pool to his back yard. He wants to begin digging out the yard for the pool in August of 2007. He was born in 1968. The house sits in the wei (o) direction. The pool will be in the wu (m) and wei (o) direction from the house.

- 2007 is a ding hai year. He must avoid si months, and days (year breaker).
- 1968 is a wu shen year. He must avoid yin years, days and months (his consumer).
- Because the house sits wei, he must avoid chou days, month, or years (the house's consumer).
- August 1st through 7th 2007 falls into the end of the wei month. Avoid chou days (month breaker). The period from August 8th to the end of August falls into a wu shen month. Avoid yin days (month breaker).
- Because the *digging* is in the wu and wei directions he must avoid zi and chou years, days, and months.
- To summarize, he needs to start on a day in August of 2007 that is not si, yin, chou, or zi. He doesn't need to worry about the month breaker, because, coincidentally, he is already avoiding those days based on the house sitting and the birth year.

EXAMPLE 4: Ms. D is moving into a new house. She wants to move in during November of 2005. She was born in 1971. The house sits in the you (s) direction.

- 2005 is an yi you year. She must avoid mao months, and days (year breaker).
- 1971 is a xin hai year. She must avoid si years, months, and days (her consumer).
- November 1st through 6th 2005 falls into the end of the bing xu month. Avoid chen days. November 7th to the end of November falls into a ding hai month. Avoid si days (month breaker).
- Because the house sits you, she must avoid mao years, months, and days (the house's consumer).
- To summarize, she should not move in on mao and si days. If she chooses the beginning of November, she also needs to avoid chen. The later part of November opposes si, but she is already avoiding that based on the birth year.

Reminder: For the breakers, consuming directions, and Tai Sui, only the 15° directions that are branches are used. The stems are sometimes used for selecting the day, but are not used as part of the directions. The four trigrams that are part of the twenty-four directions (qian in the northwest, kun in the southwest, gen in the northeast, and xun in the southeast) are not used either. For example, if a house is sitting in the ren (x) direction, there is no consuming day for the house. If a door is located in the kun (p) direction, it will never be a consuming door for any of the occupants.

All this gets hard to keep track of. I like to copy the relevant page of the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar* for each situation. Then I cross off the days that need to be avoided as I calculate them. Afterwards, I can select from the days that are left over.

Quiz 1

- 1) When day selection is combined with feng shui, and the 24 compass directions are employed, for the most part, only the 15° that are branches are used. [True or false]?
- 2) Find the year breaker, month breaker, and the day breaker, as well as the person's and the house's consumer for a si person on July 22nd, 2018 moving into a mao (g) sitting house.
- 3) What is the consumer of a chen (i) sitting house?
- 4) With which element should you remedy digging in the vicinity of your house that has begun at an inappropriate time?
- 5) What is a consuming door?
- 6) If possible, a person born in 1986 should avoid a house sitting ...?

Quiz 1 Answers

- 1) True
- 2) Year breaker: chen
Month breaker: chou
Day breaker: you
Person's consumer: hai
House's consumer: you
- 3) Xu
- 4) Metal
- 5) a) a door that lies in the opposite direction as the branch of the year a resident of that house was born in.
b) a door that opposes the current year, month, or day.
- 6) shen; it's a bing yin year.

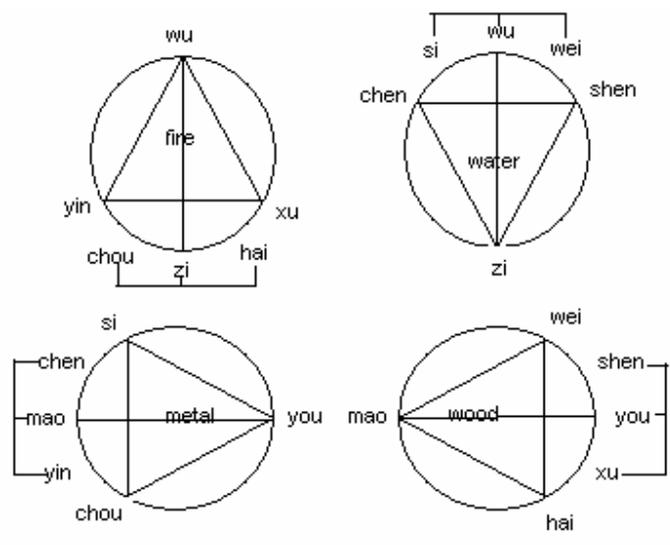
2. The Tai Sui: It is also inauspicious to disturb the earth in the *same direction* as the branch of

the current *year*. This is called the 太歲 *Tai Sui*, or *great year*. There will be more discussion of the *Tai Sui* below.

Note: The Tai Sui is only for the year, although breakers can be for the year, month, day, or even the hour. The Tai Sui is also not a time to avoid. It is only a direction.

3. The Three Sha

The Three Sha can be calculated for the year and month, based on the branch. It can even be calculated for the day branch. This was discussed in the *Day Selection 1 Class*. Now we will look at the Three Sha and *directions*.



The Location of the Three Sha

- a. **Ground breaking, Construction, and Renovations:** One should avoid ground breaking, construction, or renovations *in any direction* for a house that *sits* in one of the Three Sha directions, based on the current year or month.
- b. **Renovations or Disturbing the Earth:** One should also avoid renovations or disturbing the earth in any sha *direction* from the center of the house, based on the current year or month.

In addition, when using the Three Sha as *directions* (not days), we must incorporate the stems into the calculation. There are four groupings of the Three Sha:

- The Three Sha for yin, wu, and xu are hai (w), zi (a), and chou (c).
- The Three Sha for si, you, and chou are yin (e), mao (g), and chen (i);
- The Three Sha for shen, zi, and chen are si (k), wu (m), and wei (o);
- The Three Sha for hai, mao, and wei are shen (q), you (s), and xu (u).

Since each of these sha consists of three branches in a row, we know there must be two 15° sections in between. We must avoid digging or renovations in these directions as well, or construction on a

building that is sitting in one of these directions. These two stems are called *Pinch Sha* 夾煞, as they are pinched in between the Three Sha. Now we have:

- The sha for yin, wu, and xu include hai (w), ren (x), zi (a), gui (b), and chou (c);
- The sha for si, you, and chou include yin (e), jia (f), mao (g), yi (h), and chen (i);
- The sha for shen, zi, and chen include si (k), bing (l), wu (m), ding (n), and wei (o);
- The sha for hai, mao, and wei include shen (q), geng (r), you (s), xin (t) and xu (u).

For example: if your house is sitting ren (x) and facing bing (l), you should avoid beginning construction on yin, wu, and xu days, months, or years, as ren is included in the sha for these times: The three sha for yin, wu, and xu are hai, zi, and chou directions, which now also include ren and gui as *Pinch Sha*.

In this case we say, ‘The three sha are in the north,’ because it includes the whole 45° of north (ren, zi, and gui). Even though the sha extends into the northwest with hai and northeast with chou, it is still traditional to say, ‘The three sha are in the north.’

We also say, ‘The three sha are in the east,’ when the sha is centered around mao. The three sha are in the south when they are centered on wu, and in the west when they are centered on you.

Note: While there are no days to avoid for houses sitting in one of the four trigram directions, now we must consider the three sha for houses sitting in one of the directions associated with a stem. For example, if a house was sitting in the ren (x) direction, we cannot begin construction on it when the three sha are in the north.

The consequences of disturbing the sha were discussed in the *Day Selection 1 Class*, but will be repeated below.

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 time period if you begin construction on this day or in this direction.

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). Disaster Sha is 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.

The remedies are the same as for the breakers. But always remember, it is best to avoid the Three Sha, if possible.

Sitting and Facing, the Three Sha, Breakers, and the Tai Sui

There is another principle about the Three Sha and breakers. You should never sit with your back to these directions, although you can face them.

For example, if you are negotiating a deal at a business meeting, you will be at a disadvantage if you sit in one of these directions. If you are in a situation where you want to win, place your opponent with his or her back that way. If you want a win-win situation, both sides might try to avoid it.

In the old days in China, a king would avoid sending his troops out if his own country was in the direction of the year breaker and his opponent was in the direction of the year branch (the Tai Sui or great year). It would mean that the opponent has the power of the year behind him, while his own troops were affected by the year breaker.

If you want to sue someone, and his or her house sits at the Tai Sui, but yours doesn't... wait until next year. The Tai Sui is a position of strength.

You should not sit in the direction of the year or month breaker or the Three Sha. This is because if you are sitting there, you are sitting in an area that has a negative influence on you. You can face it because you are not *in* the sha, even though you are looking at it. Think of it this way: it is better to be facing a polluted dump than to be sitting in one.

Examples:

Example 1: Ms F is planning to buy company C. Final negotiations are taking place on May 14th, 2004. 2004 falls into a jia shen year, May 14th falls into a ji si month. Ms F should take care not to sit with her back to the yin (e) direction (year breaker) or the hai (w) direction (month breaker) if she wants to avoid giving the other side an advantage over her. Sitting with her back to the shen (q) direction would give her an advantage, boost her power. If possible, she should also avoid si, wu, and wei, the three year sha, and yin, mao, and chen, the three month sha.

Example 2: Your neighbor has, against your will, built a fence along the boundary between your two properties. You are sure he even built it on your side of the property. It is June 2005, falling into a yi you year. Your house is sitting mao (g). Even though you feel the situation is very clear, you should wait until after February 4th, 2006 to go to court to force your neighbor to take down the fence because your house is sitting at the year breaker, facing the Tai Sui.

EXAMPLES

Let us now use the previous examples involving Mr. A, Ms B, Mr. C, and Ms D and take the Tai Sui and the Three Sha into account.

To follow these examples, please look up the time of construction, renovation, or digging in the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar*.

EXAMPLE 1: It is 1999. Mr. A is having his dream house built. He wants to begin construction in June. He was born in 1959. The house is sitting in the chen (i) direction. What time periods should he avoid for groundbreaking and beginning construction?

- To summarize, we already decided that we need a day in June of 1999, but on the 6th or later, that is not you, si, zi, or xu.
- The Three Sha for 1999 (ji mao) are shen, you, and xu. The Tai Sui is mao.
- The Three Sha for the month that begins June 6th (wu month) are hai, zi, and chou.
- Since the house is *sitting* chen, building this house is okay. The *sitting* does not offend the Three Sha, the Tai Sui, or the year breaker.
- For a day for ground breaking, we now need to avoid you, si, zi, xu, shen, hai, and chou. From June 6th 1999, until the end of June, we can choose a yin, mao, chen, wu, or wei day.

EXAMPLE 2: Ms B is renovating her house. She wants to begin construction in May of 2004. She was born in 1963. The house sits in the zi (a) direction, and she is adding a new master bedroom along the northwest, in the xu (u) and hai (w) directions

- To summarize what we determined above, we asked Mrs B to delay renovating her house until the wei month, which begins of July 7th, 2004 because the branches of the month of May oppose the direction of the renovation. She has refused and wants to go ahead in May. We must avoid yin, you, wu, chen, and si days, plus days that oppose the month.
- The Three Sha for 2004 (jia shen year) are si, wu, and wei. The Tai Sui is shen.
- The Three Sha for May 1st through 4th, 2004 (wu chen month) are also si, wu, and wei.
- The Three Sha from May 5th on (ji si month) are yin, mao, chen.
- The yearly and monthly Three Sha and the Tai Sui do not conflict with the *direction* of the renovations. The *sitting* of the house does not conflict with the yearly or monthly Three Sha *directions*.
- Now the days we need to avoid for beginning renovations are yin, you, wu, chen, si, and wei. If the renovations begin after May 5th, we need to add mao to the list for the three sha and hai for the month breaker. If she begins May 1st through 4th, we need to add xu for the month breaker. Factoring in the Three Sha in this case has not made any further problems. Since the month will oppose the direction of the renovation, we still suggest that she use metal remedies as much as possible. It is beneficial if she is not living in the house during the construction.

EXAMPLE 3: Mr. C wants to add a pool to his back yard. He wants to begin digging out the yard for the pool in August of 2007. He was born in 1968. The house sits in the wei (o) direction. The pool will be in the wu (m) and wei (o) direction from the house.

- To summarize from above, we need a day in August of 2007 that is not si, yin, chou, and zi.
- The Three Sha for 2007 (ding hai year) are shen, you, and xu. The Tai Sui is hai.

- August 1st through 7th 2007 falls into a wei month. The monthly Three Sha are also shen, you, and xu.
- August 8th to the end of August falls into a wu shen month. In this case the monthly Three Sha are si, wu, and wei.
- Since the house *sits* wei, and the *direction* of the digging will be wu and wei, the annual Three Sha and the Tai Sui do not conflict with them. The monthly sha and month breaker for August 1-7 have no conflict. However, after August 8th, the monthly sha conflict with the sitting of the house and the direction of the digging. Since the three sha directions should not be disturbed at all, Mr. C. would need to complete the pool before August 8th, or should wait until the next month.

EXAMPLE 4: Ms D is moving in to a new house. She wants to move in during November of 2005. She was born in 1971. The house sits in the you (s) direction.

- To summarize from above, we must avoid mao and si. If we choose the beginning of November, we also need to avoid chen. The later part of November opposes si, but we are already avoiding that based on the birth year.
- Since Ms D is just moving in, and not digging or renovating, the Three Sha and the Tai Sui are not disturbed. She can move in, except for the days mentioned above.

Quiz 2

- 1) What is the Tai Sui for 2004?
- 2) During which days, months, and years should one avoid beginning construction on a house sitting kun (p)?
- 3) During which days, months, and years should one avoid beginning construction on a house sitting ren (x)?
- 4) It is August 24th, 2008. Considering only the yearly and monthly Three Sha, the year and the month breakers: which branches should a house *not* sit in if you want to start construction now?

Quiz 2 Answers

1) Shen

2) None, since it is a trigram.

3) During yin, wu, and xu years, months, or days. During those times, the three sha will be in the north, which includes the ren direction.

4) Si, wu, wei, yin.

4. The Annual and Monthly 5 Yellow Star

Avoiding construction that disturbs the 5 yellow star is considered more a part of Feng Shui than day selection. However, it is important to remember the rules when constructing or renovating a building.

- Avoid construction or renovation in a month or year when the 5 yellow star is at the *sitting* of the building. If construction is done (not just begun), it **MUST** be remedied with metal.
- Avoid renovations in a year or month when the 5 yellow is in the *direction* where the renovation is to take place. If construction is done (not just begun), it **MUST** be remedied with metal.
- Avoid renovations or construction in a year or month when the 5 yellow is in the *center*. If construction is done (not just begun), it **MUST** be remedied with metal.

The old saying, “let sleeping dogs lie” is the best advice for dealing with the 5 yellow star. The more quiet the area with the annual or monthly 5 yellow, the less chance the ‘sleeping dog’ will bite you.

The consequences and remedies for disturbing the 5 yellow star are similar to those for the breakers, above, but may be more severe.

Let us now look at how to take the annual and monthly 5 yellow star into consideration. Below are the annual flying stars for 2005 until 2020:

ANNUAL FLYING STARS	
2005	4
2006	3
2007	2
2008	1
2009	9
2010	8
2011	7
2012	6
2013	5
2014	4
2015	3
2016	2
2017	1
2018	9
2019	8
2020	7
Year starts on February 4 th .	

The monthly flying stars are found from the branch of the year or the annual flying star. Be sure to read the appropriate column to get the correct flying star for the month. To find the exact start date of a solar month, check the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar* for that year.

MONTHLY FLYING STARS			
STARTS	YEARS: 1, 4, 7 Zi, You, Wu, Mao	YEARS: 2, 5, 8 Yin, Shen, Si, Hai	YEARS: 3, 6, 9 Chen, Xu, Chou, Wei
FEB 4-5	8	2	5
MAR 5-6	7	1	4
APR 4-6	6	9	3
MAY 5-6	5	8	2
JUN 6-7	4	7	1
JUL 7-8	3	6	9
AUG 7-8	2	5	8
SEP 7-9	1	4	7
OCT 8-9	9	3	6
NOV 7-8	8	2	5
DEC 7-8	7	1	4
JAN 6-7	6	9	3

Example 1: In a si branch year, what is the monthly flying star for August 1st? The si year is found in the middle column of monthly flying stars. August 1st comes in the month *before* August 7-8, in the month that begins on July 7-8. Therefore, it is a 6 white month.

Example 2: In a year with the flying star of 3, what is the monthly flying star for October 20th? The flying star 3 is found in the last column. October 20th comes in the month that begins on October 8-9. This is also a 6 white month.

The annual or monthly number we have determined in this way is put into the center of the nine-palace grid and floated in ascending order according to the Xuan Kong method learned in the *American Feng Shui Institute's Intermediate Feng Shui Class*.

Note: The following rules are for **any** day during which construction, digging, renovation or remodeling is carried out, **not just for starting** these activities.

- Don't begin any construction or renovation during a month or year when the yellow 5 is at the *sitting* of the building. Don't DO construction at all during this time, if possible.
- Do not renovate or dig in the annual or monthly 5 yellow *direction*.
- Avoid construction and renovation when the annual or monthly yellow 5 is in the *center*.

In most cases, Day Selection deals with the start of an activity. As we have seen with the above information on the 5 yellow star, sometimes even continued activity can cause problems. As discussed in a previous lesson, there are other occasions when continued construction can sometimes cause smaller problems. The following are guidelines (not rules) and are for days during which construction, digging, renovation or remodeling is carried out:

- It is preferable to not work **on days when** a day, month, or year that *opposes* the house *sitting* and/or the *area* of the house being renovated.
- It is preferable not to carry out construction or renovation in *any direction* if the house *sits* in any of the monthly or yearly Three Sha *directions*.

Working on these days should be avoided if possible, but working during these time periods might only bring minor mishaps (such as delays and inconveniences) as a consequence.

However, if two or more such relationships fall on the same day, especially involving the yellow 5 star, one should avoid working at these times. It is always good, at a minimum, to put a metal remedy in this case.

Note that all these involve something in conflict with the house (the 5 yellow in a significant area, the sitting, the center, or the area being worked on). These are not time conflicts (such as the day opposed to month or year). Days interacting with other *time elements* (days, months, years) and not *directions*, only need to be considered when determining the beginning date of construction or remodeling, and not while such an activity is on-going.

EXAMPLES

Let us now include the 5 Yellow Star into our four examples.

EXAMPLE 1: It is 1999. Mr. A is having his dream house built. He wants to begin construction in June. He was born in 1959. The house is sitting in the chen (i) direction. What time periods should he avoid for groundbreaking and beginning construction?

- For a day for ground breaking, we need to avoid you, si, zi, xu, shen, hai, and chou. From June 6th 1999, until the end of June, we can choose a yin, mao, chen, wu, or wei day.
- 1999 is a ji mao year, with 1 White in the center. This results in a monthly 4 green in the center for the month starting on June 6th. Therefore the monthly 5 Yellow is in the northwest, which contains xu (u) and hai (w). With the yearly 1 White in the center, the yearly 5 Yellow is in the south (wu [m]). So the 5 Yellow Star brings no additional restriction for Mr. A's house, which is sitting in the chen (i) direction.

EXAMPLE 2: Ms B is renovating her house. She wants to begin construction in May of 2004. She was born in 1963. The house sits in the zi (a) direction, and she is adding a new master bedroom along the northwest, in the xu (u) and hai (w) directions.

- The days we need to avoid for beginning renovations are yin, you, wu, chen, si, and wei. If the renovations begin after May 5th, we need to add mao to the list for the three sha and hai for the month breaker. If she begins May 1st through 4th, we need to add xu for the month breaker.
- 2004 is a jia shen year, with a 5 Yellow in the center. Therefore we should discourage Ms B from carrying out the renovation, especially since the months she chose are also unfavorable for reasons mentioned above. A shen year has a monthly 9 Purple in the center from May 1st-4th. The 5 Yellow is therefore in the north, zi (a), an additional complication, since the house is sitting zi. After May 4th the 5 Yellow is in the southwest, containing wei (o) and shen (q). At least Ms B should wait until May 5th to start renovating. She shouldn't stay in the house during the renovation. She should put metal in place, and encourage the periodic ringing of a gong while work is taking place.

EXAMPLE 3: Mr. C wants to add a pool to his back yard. He wants to begin digging out the yard for the pool in August of 2007. He was born in 1968. The house sits in the wei (o) direction. The pool will be in the wu (m) and wei (o) direction from the house.

- We determined that the pool needs to be completed before August 8th, or the ground breaking needs wait until the next month, which begins September 8th.
- 2007 is a ding hai year, with a 2 Black in the center. The yearly 5 Yellow is in the northeast, which contains gen (c). Since the sitting is wei, and the directions of the digging are wu (m) and wei (c) we have no conflict. However, after August 8th, the monthly 5 Yellow is in the center, so for this reason, we again recommend to Mr. C to choose a different month.

EXAMPLE 4: Ms D is moving in to a new house. She wants to move in during November of 2005. She was born in 1971. The house sits in the you (s) direction.

- To summarize from above, we must avoid mao and si. If we choose the beginning of November, we also need to avoid chen. The later part of November opposes si, but we are already avoiding that based on the birth year.
- We will not have to consider the 5 Yellow Star in Ms D's case, since she is just moving.

Quiz 3

- 1) In 2008, a wu zi year, during which Chinese solar month(s) should you not start to renovate any house, no matter what the sitting of the house is, based on the monthly 5 yellow star? You are also advised not to do any construction at this time.
- 2) During the same year, 2008, during which solar month(s) should one avoid beginning construction, based on the 5 yellow star, if the house is sitting wu (m)?
- 3) During 2012, a ren chen year, a you (s) sitting house is being built. In which month(s) should one avoid construction, and preferably not do construction at all, based on the yearly and monthly yellow 5?
- 4) In a house sitting chen (i), renovation should take place in the shen (q) direction, during 2015, an yi wei year. During which months shouldn't we begin the renovation, and are advised not to work at all, based on the 5 yellow star?

Quiz 3 Answers

- 1) Ding Si, the 4th month, which begins May 5th. The monthly 5 yellow star is in the center.
- 2) Xin you, month number 8, beginning Sept. 7th. Sitting wu (m), means sitting south. The 5 yellow star is in the south when the 1 white star is in the center. During zi years this is the case during the 8th month, starting September 7th. During this time period it is preferable not do any construction at all. If one does, one should use metal remedies.
- 3) The yin (first month, beginning February 4th) and hai (tenth month, beginning November 7th) months, based on the monthly 5 yellow being in the center. The chen (third month, beginning April 4th) and chou (twelfth month, beginning January 5th) months based on the monthly 5 yellow being in the west.
- 4) During the wu yin (first month, beginning February 4th) and ding hai (tenth month, beginning November 8th) months, when the monthly yellow 5 is in the center. During the bing xu (ninth month, beginning October 9th) month, because the 5 yellow is in the southeast (chen). During the jia shen (seventh month, beginning August 8th) month, because the 5 yellow is in the southwest (shen).

Yin House Feng Shui and Day Selection

Let's talk a little about Yin House, or the selection of grave sites and burial dates. Burial is important for two main reasons:

1. Since the Chinese have great respect for their ancestors, they want the deceased to have a good site and be buried at an auspicious time. This way, the deceased can be comfortable in the next part of their journey, whatever it is.
2. The Chinese also traditionally believed that the burial of an ancestor can affect the next three generations of descendants. If everything is auspicious, it will bring benefit for three generations. If it is not auspicious, it can bring problems, such as illness, loss of money, or even an end to the family line.

Detailed discussion of the principles of Yin House Feng Shui is beyond the scope of this class. However, a few important principles will be discussed below.

The headstone or marker is generally used to determine the sitting and facing of a grave site.

In *Yin House* Avoid:

- Burial on a day that opposes the birth year of the deceased.
- If possible, burial in a year or month that opposes the birth year of the deceased.
- Sitting or facing of a grave site that opposes the deceased's birth year: it is better to avoid this, but it can be done in a very good site.
- A burial day that opposes the sitting or facing direction of the grave site, or a site that opposes the current year or month.
- Also avoid the Three Sha days for burial and directions for the grave site.

In addition, a person whose year branch opposes the year branch of the deceased should not watch them be lowered into the earth and the earth placed on top of the coffin. The strong yin qi of the gravesite can adversely affect this person. There are actually more complex rules for determining who should not watch, but this is the general rule.

If the deceased is cremated, the same principles should be used for interring the ashes or putting the ashes in a niche.

EXAMPLE: In is August 8th, 2006. A friend calls you and says his mother has died. He asks for help in selecting the right day for burial. You tell him that you are not fully qualified, but at least you can help avoid some major mistakes. You find out that she was born in a hai year. The grave is oriented sitting mao (g) and facing you (s).

- Avoid si days, months or years as they oppose the hai birth year of the deceased. Also avoid si orientation for the grave site. This has already been done.
- The current year is xu, and the current month is shen. Avoid chen and yin years, months, and days as these are breakers. Also avoid the xu (u) orientation for the grave as the Tai Sui, and the chen (i) and yin (e) orientations as the breakers. This has already been done.
- Avoid mao and you days as they oppose the grave site.
- The Three Sha for the year are hai, zi, and chou. The Three Sha for the month are si, wu, and wei. The grave orientation is still good, and is not affected by the three sha.

- To summarize, we need to find a day that is NOT: si, chen, yin, mao, you, hai, zi, chou, wu, or wei. This leaves only shen or xu. August 11th or August 13th 2006, are the next available days for her burial.

SUMMARY

When building a new house, avoid:

- 1) Beginning and ongoing construction during a year or month when the 5 yellow star is in the *center*.
- 2) Beginning and ongoing construction during a year or month when the 5 yellow star is at the *sitting* of the building.
- 3) Beginning on a day that opposes the current year (year breaker).
- 4) Beginning on one of the Three Sha days for the year (yearly Three Sha).
- 5) Beginning on a day that opposes the current month (month breaker).
- 6) Beginning construction on one of the Three Sha days of the month (monthly Three Sha).
- 7) Beginning and possibly ongoing construction during a year or month, or on a day that opposes the branch of the house *sitting*. (directional consumer).
- 8) Beginning and possibly ongoing construction if the house *sits* in any of the yearly or monthly Three Sha *directions* (directional Three Sha).
- 9) Beginning on an hour that opposes the current day (day breaker).
- 10) If possible, beginning on a month that opposes the current year.
- 11) Beginning on a day that opposes the birth year (consumer).
- 12) If possible, beginning during a month or year that opposes the birth year.
- 13) If possible, the *sitting* should not oppose the birth year, but it's okay if the Feng Shui is good otherwise.

On any day where points 1, 2, 7, or 8 apply, it is advisable not to continue work on this day. As a consequence of continued working, most likely only small mishaps (like traffic tickets) will occur if work is done. However, in case two or more of these situations fall on the same day, especially involving the yellow 5, no work should take place. If working cannot be avoided, you **MUST** put a metal remedy and/or periodically ring a metal gong on the construction site.

When Renovating or Remodeling, avoid:

- 1) Beginning or ongoing renovation or remodeling during a year or month when the 5 yellow star is in the *center*. (yellow 5 in the center)
- 2) Beginning or ongoing renovation or remodeling during a year or month when the yellow 5 star is at the *sitting* of the building. (yellow 5 at the sitting)
- 3) Beginning or ongoing renovation or remodeling in the annual or monthly *direction* of the 5 yellow star. (directional yellow 5)
- 4) Beginning on a day that opposes the current year (year breaker).
- 5) Beginning on one of the Three Sha days for the current year (yearly Three Sha).
- 6) Beginning on a day that opposes the current month (month breaker).
- 7) Beginning on one of the Three Sha days for the current month (monthly Three Sha).
- 8) Beginning and possibly ongoing renovation and remodeling during a year or month, or on a day, that opposes the branch of the house *sitting* (directional consumer).
- 9) Beginning and possibly ongoing renovation or remodeling during a year or month, or on a day, that opposes the *area* of the house being renovated or remodeled (directional consumer).
- 10) Beginning and possibly ongoing renovation if the house *sits* in any of the yearly or monthly Three Sha *directions* (directional Three Sha).

- 11) Beginning and possibly ongoing renovations or remodeling in any yearly or monthly sha *direction* from the *center* of the house (directional sha).
- 12) Beginning on an hour that opposes the current day (day breaker).
- 13) If possible, beginning to renovate or remodel on a month that opposes the current year.
- 14) Beginning on a day that opposes the birth year (consumer).
- 15) If possible, beginning on a month that opposes the birth year.
- 16) If possible, the *sitting* should not oppose your *birth year*, but it is okay if the Feng Shui of the house is otherwise good.

On any day where points 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, or 11 apply, it is advisable not to work on this day. As a consequence of working, most likely only small mishaps (like traffic tickets) will occur if work is done. However, in case two or more of these situations fall on the same day, especially involving the yellow 5, no work should take place. If working cannot be avoided, you **MUST** apply a metal remedy in the renovating or remodeling area. Avoid living in the house until the work has been completed.

When digging is taking place in the vicinity of a house, avoid:

- 1) Beginning on a day that opposes the current year (year breaker).
- 2) Beginning on one of the Three Sha days of the year (yearly Three Sha).
- 3) Beginning on a day that opposes the current month (month breaker).
- 4) Beginning on one of the Three Sha days of the month (monthly Three Sha).
- 5) Beginning on an hour that opposes the current day (day breaker).
- 6) Disturbing the earth in any (yearly or monthly) sha *direction* from the *center* of the house. (directional Three Sha). You **MUST** put a metal remedy between the house and the digging site if work is going on during those periods.
- 7) Disturbing the earth in the year or month breaker direction or the Tai Sui direction from the center of the house.
- 8) Beginning on a day that opposes the birth year (consumer).
- 9) If possible, beginning during a month that opposes the birth year.

When moving into a new house, avoid:

- 1) Moving in on a day that opposes the current year (year breaker).
- 2) Moving in on one of the Three Sha days of the year (yearly Sha). (lower priority)
- 3) Moving in on a day that opposes the current month (month breaker).
- 4) Moving in on one of the Three Sha days of the month (monthly Three Sha). (lower priority)
- 5) Moving in on an hour that opposes the current day (day breaker).
- 6) Moving in on a day that opposes the birth year (consumer)
- 7) If possible, moving in during a month that opposes the birth year.

Here is the summary by principle, rather than by type of event. Much of this repeats what is listed above

For Construction, Renovation, Digging, or Moving in:

1) Avoid *starting* to work under the following circumstances:

- a) Beginning on a day that opposes the current year (year breaker).
- b) Beginning on a day that opposes the current month (month breaker).
- c) Beginning on an hour that opposes the current day (day breaker).
- d) If possible, beginning on a month that opposes the current year.
- e) Beginning on a day that opposes the birth year (consumer).
- f) If possible, beginning on a month or year that opposes the birth year.
- g) Beginning to build, construct, renovate, or dig on one of the Three Sha *days* for the current *year and month*. (Three Sha)
- h) The Three Sha *days* for burial.
- i) If possible, the *sitting* should not oppose your *birth year*, but this is okay if the Feng Shui is good otherwise. (consuming house)
- j) Any renovation digging in the yearly or monthly breaker direction or the yearly Tai Sui direction from your house. (directional breakers, Tai Sui direction)

2) You should avoid beginning activities under the circumstances listed below. If you want to take every possible precaution, you can avoid all work on one of these days, especially where the 5 yellow star is involved. If you have to work, you SHOULD place the appropriate metal remedies. Also, do not work at all on these days if a few of the following conditions occur at the same time.

- a) Renovations or disturbing the earth in any (yearly or monthly) sha *direction* from the center of the house (directional Three Sha).
- b) A day, month, or year that opposes the branch of the house *sitting* and/or the *area* of the house being renovated. (directional consumer)
- c) Groundbreaking, construction or renovation in any direction if the house *sits* in any of the yearly or monthly Three Sha *directions*. (directional Three Sha).
- d) Any construction or renovation during a month or year when the yellow 5 is at the *sitting* of the building (yellow 5 at the sitting).
- e) The annual or monthly 5 yellow *direction* for renovations and digging. (directional yellow 5).
- f) All construction and renovations when the annual or monthly 5 yellow is in the *center*. (yellow 5 in the center)

Do not live in a house that is being worked on until the work is completed if at all possible. This includes landscaping.

People who are generally inharmonious as spouses or business partners:

- A person whose birth year opposes your birth year.

A Door Causes Consuming when:

- Its direction from the center opposes the current year, month, or day.
- Its direction from the center opposes the occupant's birth year.

Part 2: Day Selection based on Placing Remedies or Enhancements in a Particular Position

This section describes techniques to enhance wealth, find romance, select a day to propose to someone, or increase the odds of conception. All of these techniques involve picking the appropriate day to add a feng shui remedy to a specific section of the house or yard. These are all techniques that combine day selection with feng shui, in order to improve the effectiveness of the remedies and the quality of life.

However, one must remember that your fate and luck are stronger factors than feng shui and day selection. In other words, using one of the techniques for improving wealth can increase your income, but only within the range of what is possible for you personally. Very few people can become millionaires. This can only happen if it is within your fate. Fate can be known by astrology. The same is true for finding a mate or having a baby. These techniques can only make it happen if it is already within the realm of possibility according to your fate. Day selection and feng shui can unlock the door so you can get to the next level, but only if there is something waiting for you beyond the locked door.

A. Wealth

Here we give three different techniques that can help to bring in more money. They all involve doing a certain activity or placing a remedy on a specific day in a specific direction inside or outside the house.

1. Enter Treasure and Welcome Wealth Stars

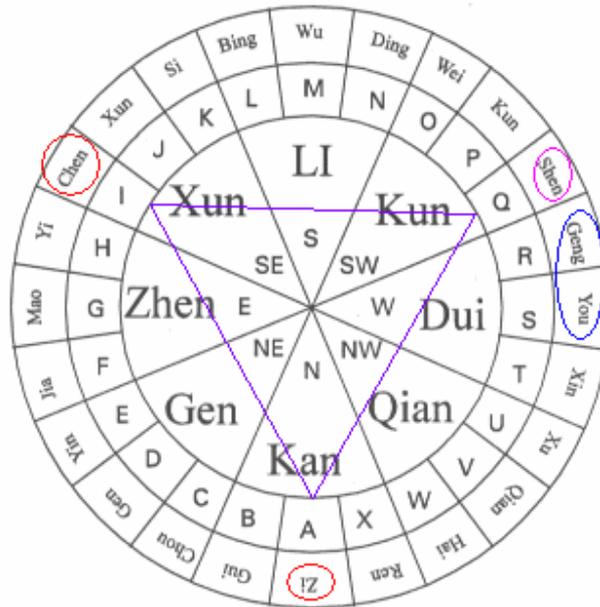
The *Enter Treasure Star* represents a day. The *Welcome Wealth Star* represents a direction.

Enter Treasure Star 進寶星				
CURRENT MONTH	Shen, Zi, or Chen	Si, You, or Chou	Yin, Wu, or Xu	Hai, Mao, or Wei
DAY	Geng or You	Bing or Wu	Jia or Mao	Ren or Zi

How is the *Enter Treasure Star* found? It is found from the *generator* for each set of the Three Combinations. (The generator was discussed in the *Stems and Branches Class* in the section on the Three Combinations.)

For example, shen, zi and chen are one set of the Three Combinations. Shen is the generator, the first one, found in one of the four corners. Shen is a metal branch.

The *Enter Treasure Stars* for shen, zi, or chen are related to shen, and are both of the metal element. One is a stem and one is a branch. Even though the *Enter Treasure Star* is a day, you can see the pattern for finding it by looking at the face of a luopan. If you look at the twenty-four directions, you will see that the *Enter Treasure Star* is the same as the two 15° directions just clockwise to the generator, shen: geng (stem) and you (branch), both metal. Geng and you are the Enter Treasure days for any shen month, any zi month, and any chen month.



The *Enter Treasure Star* is a day with *either* the stem *or* the branch listed. It does not need to have both. In fact, in some cases, that is impossible. For example, since geng is yang and you is yin: there will never be a geng you day. When geng and you are the *Enter Treasure Day*, you can use any geng day or any you day (unless they have some other type of problem, for example a breaker or consumer).

The *Enter Treasure Star* is a good day to receive money. It is also good for grand openings, beginning a new business, a ribbon cutting, the first day of production for a film, the opening for a movie or a play, etc. It is a good day to come back to work after vacation. But breakers, consumers, sha, or other bad stars void it.

EXAMPLE: Let's find the *Enter Treasure Days* for July 2004, a jia shen year, for a chen person.

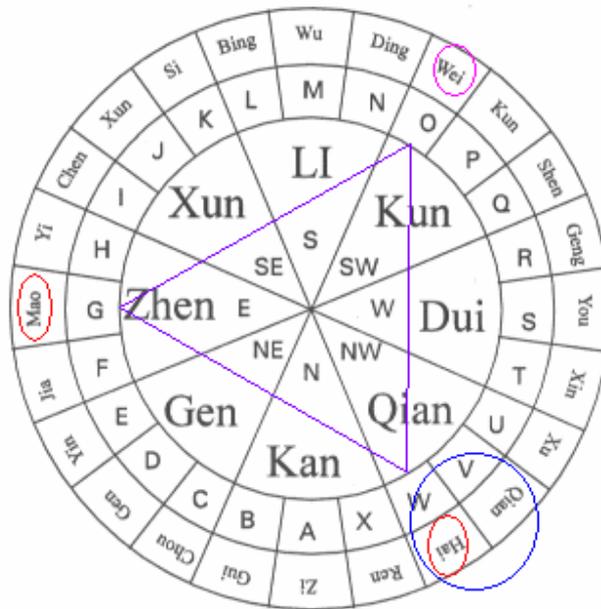
July 1st through July 6th fall into a geng wu month. For wu months, our table shows jia or mao days as enter treasure days (or we could determine that yin is the generator in the three combinations of yin, wu, xu, and find the two directions clockwise from yin, which are jia and mao). We find that July 4th is a *jia shen* day, the only *Enter Treasure Days* in the first few days of July. 2004 is a *jia shen* year, so the year breaker is yin. The yearly Three Sha are si, wu, and wei. The month breaker is zi, and the month sha are hai, zi, and chou. The big consumer for a chen person is xu. July 4th has no sha or breakers. We can use it as an *Enter Treasure Day*.

July 7th through the end of July fall within a xin wei month. Therefore, we look for days with a ren stem or a zi branch. The month breaker is chou. The monthly Three Sha are shen, you, and xu. We come up with July 12th and July 22nd (*ren chen* and *ren yin*), as well as July 8th and July 20th (*wu zi* and *geng zi*). July 22nd conflicts with the year breaker. We can use the other three days as *Enter Treasure Days*.

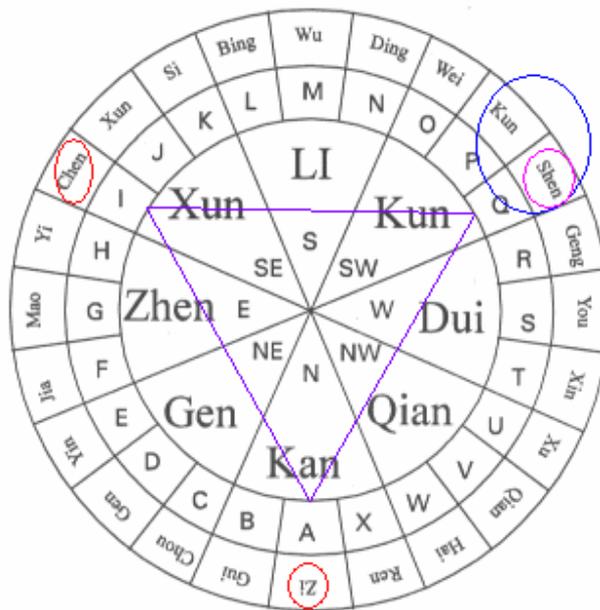
The *Enter Treasure Star* may be used alone for the above activities, or it may be used in combination with the *Welcome Wealth Star*, as described below:

Welcome Wealth Star 迎財星				
CURRENT YEAR, MONTH, or DAY	Shen, Zi, or Chen	Si, You, or Chou	Yin, Wu, or Xu	Hai, Mao, or Wei
DIRECTION	Shen or Kun (SW)	Si or Xun (SE)	Yin or Gen (NE)	Hai or Qian (NW)

The *Welcome Wealth Star* can be calculated based on the current year, month, or day branch. It consists of two of the twenty-four compass directions (each of the twenty-four directions being 15°). Both of these 15° directions will be within the same 45° section of the luopan, and this is always in one of the four inter-cardinal directions. For example, in a wei year, hai or qian will be the *Welcome Wealth Star*. Both hai and qian are in the northwest. So is xu, but xu is not a *Welcome Wealth Star*.



How is the *Welcome Wealth Star* found? Like the *Enter Treasure Star*, it is based on the generator of the *Three Combinations*. It is the same direction as that generator and the 15° direction one position counter-clockwise from it. Using shen, zi, and chen as an example again, we take shen, which is the generator. We use the shen direction, the same as the generator, and also kun, which is one position counter-clockwise to shen.



Here is how you can use the *Welcome Wealth Star*: You will use the fire element to enhance the *Welcome Wealth Direction* on an *Enter Treasure Day*. You can use real fire, or even a lamp with a red bulb. This is called ‘warming up the wealth star.’ Of course, if you use real fire, please be careful and keep safety in mind.

You may do this outside your house as long as it is not a direction of the Three Sha or a breaker. There should not be any environmental sha in that direction, either. There are additional restrictions if you use the fire element inside the house, however. Since the study of Feng Shui is a prerequisite for the class, you should already know how to calculate the flying stars. You can only use fire inside if fire is not harmful. For example, you should avoid using fire if there is a 5 yellow or a 2 black in the area, whether the number is from the house’s chart or the current month or year. Fire is also a poor match for metal numbers, such as a 6 white or a 7 red. However, if there is an 8 white in the area, and no numbers that would cause problems, this is a perfect situation.

Using the *Welcome Wealth Star* inside the house is more powerful than using it outside. However, there can be dangerous side effects if the fire element is poorly placed.

For the year branch, warm the *Welcome Wealth Star* on Li Chun, February 4th or 5th, the first day of the Chinese solar year, or the first *Enter Treasure Day* of the year. Remember, it is based on the branch of the first month, not the year branch. For the month branch, do it on the first day of the Chinese solar month or the first *Enter Treasure Day* of the month. For other *Enter Treasure Days*, you can use the branch of the day to find the *Welcome Wealth Direction*.

In the old days, the *Welcome Wealth* and the *Enter Treasure Stars* were used with ceremonies, prayers, chanting, and talismans. These talismans were usually red with the character fu 福 on it. This character means *blessing*. However, the principle of warming the wealth star is effective without the Chinese customs mentioned above.

EXAMPLE 1: It is Chinese solar new year - February 4th, 2005. Mr. S, a chen person, wants to warm the yearly *Welcome Wealth Star*. His house was built in period 4. It sits at qian (v) and faces xun (j). The year is yi you, therefore the *Welcome Wealth Directions* are si and xun. The year breaker is mao. The yearly Three Sha are mao, yin, and chen. The month is wu yin, so the month breaker is shen and the monthly Three Sha are hai, zi, and chou. The consumer for Mr. S. is xu. February 4th is ji wei. Since there is no conflict, February 4th can be used.

The alternative day, the first *Enter Treasure Day* of the year is February 9th, *jia zi*. There are no conflicts, therefore we could also use February 9th.

Measuring into which palace the si and xun directions fall, we find them in the southeast, which has the flying stars of 4-4 in Mr. S's house. We can put fire, a candle, or a lamp with a red bulb there. Since the yearly and monthly breakers and Three Sha are not in conflict with these directions we could also warm the *Welcome Wealth Star* outside.

EXAMPLE 2: Lets use the same data as in Example 1 to see which days we can use best for warming the *Welcome Wealth Stars* from July 7th, 2005, the beginning of the 6th month (gui wei), to the end of July. The first day of the 6th month is a ren chen day. We cannot use it because it conflicts with the yearly Three Sha.

We cannot use mao, yin, and chen, (year sha), xu (his consumer), nor chou (month-breaker) shen, you, and xu days (monthly three sha). We can use zi, si, wu, wei, or hai days, as these days have not been eliminated.

If we use a si day, we use the southeast, the si and xun directions. If we use a wu day, we use the northeast, yin and gen directions. If we use a wei or hai day, we use the northwest, hai and qian directions. If we use a zi day, we use the southwest, shen and kun directions to warm the *Welcome Wealth Star*.

Let us look now which sectors of the house are suited to warm the Wealth Star. Of the directions we can use (all inter-cardinal directions), the northeast (8-9) is very well suited; the southeast (4-4) is also good. Fire is appropriate in these directions. The northwest and southwest (6-2, 2-6) contain both a 6 (metal), and a 2 (earth). We want to avoid these. The northeast is for yin, wu, and xu days. We can use a wu day. We prefer the northeast since it contains an 8. July 9th (*jia wu*), and July 21st (*bing wu*) are the days we can use from the time period between July 6th and the end of July. August 2nd (*wu wu*) would also be good during the 6th Chinese solar month.

Quiz 4

- 1) With proper use of feng shui and day selection everybody can become a millionaire, true or false?
- 2) On which days can you use the *Enter Treasure Star* between May 6th and the end of May, 2006, if you are a si person?
- 3) What is the first day a hai person could work with the yearly *Welcome Wealth Star* in 2008?
- 4) Which are the directions for using the yearly and monthly *Welcome Wealth Star* in the chen month of 2009?

Quiz 4 Answers

1) False. Destiny and luck are stronger than feng shui and day selection. You can only become a millionaire if it is already in your destiny. However, you can, within the bandwidth of possibilities provided by your fate, optimize your situation through feng shui

2) May 7th, May 17th, May 29th. This period falls within the 4th month, gui si. You can use bing and wu days. It's a bing xu year, so the year breaker is chen. The yearly Three Sha are hai, zi, and chou. The month breaker is hai. The monthly Three Sha are yin, mao, and chen. The person's consumer is hai. We can use either bing or wu days, as long as the branch of the bing days avoids the sha, etc. May 27th is an Enter Treasure Day, but chen is the year breaker and month sha, so it is eliminated.

3) February 4th of 2008 begins a wu zi year, so the year breaker is wu. The Yearly Three Sha are si, wu, and wei. The person's consumer is si. The first month is bing yin, so the month breaker is shen. The monthly Three Sha are hai, zi, and chou. The solar New Year begins on February 4th, a jia xu day. There are no conflicts. For yin months we can use jia or mao days as *Enter Treasure Days*. The first *Enter Treasure Day* is also February 4th, jia xu. So this day is doubly appropriate. The yearly *Welcome Wealth Star* is in the shen or kun direction.

4) Si and xun for the yearly, and shen and kun for the monthly *Welcome Wealth Star* because 2009 is a ji chou year.

2. Golden Carriage Day and Prosperity Direction

a. Golden Carriage Day:

Find the Golden Carriage based on the stem of the current year. This is when the *lucky old man enters the house*.

Current Year Stem	金輿 Jin Yu Golden Carriage
Jia	Chen
Yi	Si
Bing	Wei
Ding	Shen
Wu	Wei
Ji	Shen
Geng	Xu
Xin	Hai
Ren	Chou
Gui	Yin

However, you must pay attention to breakers and consumers. 2000 was a geng chen year. The Golden Carriage day was xu, but xu breaks the year, so it could not be used.

As you know, the door is the *qi mouth* of a building. It is extremely important, because it governs the type of qi that is let inside the building. While it is an expensive renovation, changing the door of a building is often effective as a remedy (assuming an appropriate position for the door is chosen). An auspicious door is especially beneficial for finances, but can also help relationships and health. One of the main considerations is the flying stars at the door. A wang 旺 door is extremely auspicious.

Wang means ‘prosperous, flourishing, vigorous, prolific, productive, brilliant, or bright.’ It is the same wang as in wang shan wang shui. In feng shui and Chinese astrology, it has a technical meaning of something at its peak due to the time, such as 8 white during period 8. The two components of the character are sun and king. It is like the sun at noon. It is like a king who is at the height of power. It is also pronounced similarly to the Chinese word for king.

A wang door is a door in the section of the house that has the same people or money number (also called mountain star and facing star) as the current 20-year period. The wang money number is considered more effective. Below is a table listing the wang numbers for the upcoming years. (Each 20-year period begins around February 4th of the first year for that period.)

Years	Wang Number
2004 - 2023	8
2024 - 2043	9

So, for example, until 2024, a door with 8 on the money side is a wang door, and will bring financial benefit. A door with 8 on the people side will bring better health, and possibly increase the number of people in the house (usually by marriage or childbirth).

You can install a wang door on the Golden Carriage day. You could also use a Golden Carriage day for changing the door based on other feng shui considerations. In any case, using the Golden Carriage day will give an additional boost to the feng shui benefits of moving the door.

EXAMPLE 1: It is 2008. Mrs. G. was born in 1957, a ding you year. She owns a house built in period 7, sitting ren (x) and facing bing (l). She is considering enhancing her money luck by creating a wang door. 2008 is a wu zi year. The *Golden Carriage Day* for a wu stem year is wei. This does not conflict with her consumer (mao), nor with the year breaker, but it does conflict with the yearly Three Sha (si, wu, wei). Mrs. G. will have to wait until 2009, a ji chou year, which has shen as its *Golden Carriage Day*. Neither the year breaker (wei) nor the yearly Three Sha (si, wu, wei) will conflict with a shen day. Mrs. G will have to choose a month that does not conflict with shen or you (such as the 3rd month, jia chen). Then she can install a new door in the northeast (6-8) on a shen day.

b. Prosperity Direction:

You can also place a money icon on a Golden Carriage day in the Prosperity direction (see below) based on your birth year.

Another idea is to place a metal bank in the Prosperity direction of your house on a Golden Carriage day. Then, every day drop your spare change into the bank. The metallic sounds as you drop in the coins, and the accumulation of metal, which represents money, will help bring what Master Sang calls *money luck*.

A door will also bring financial gain if it is in an individual's Prosperity direction (e.g. a new door is built there or using a pre-existing door in that direction). However, this will not benefit all residents of the house, unlike a wang door. It will only benefit the individual whose birth year stem makes it a Prosperity direction. Like the other techniques, it is beneficial to open the door on a Golden Carriage day. As for the direction, you must make sure it is not a breaker or sha for the current year, month, etc., and that the flying stars in that direction are good.

In the table below, the prosperity direction is a 15° section of the luopan. The letter associated with the direction on Master Sang's luopan is included in parenthesis.

Birth Year Stem	祿存 Lu Cun Prosperity Day or Direction
Jia	Yin (e)
Yi	Mao (g)
Bing	Si (k)
Ding	Wu (m)
Wu	Si (k)
Ji	Wu (m)
Geng	Shen (q)
Xin	You (s)
Ren	Hai (w)
Gui	Zi (a)

In some individuals, the prosperity direction is not too beneficial. For example, someone born in a xin mao year would have a you prosperity direction. However, you is also their consuming direction.

Example: It is 2006. Ms J, who was born in 1969, wants to enhance her money luck. She owns a house built in period 7, sitting kun (p) and facing gen (d). We suggest putting a bank in the *Prosperity Direction* on a *Golden Carriage Day*. When and where should Ms J put the bank? 1969 was a ji you year, therefore the bank should be put in the wu direction. We find the south sector of her house to be 8-6 – good. 2006 is a bing xu year. The *Golden Carriage Day* is wei. The year breaker is chen, the yearly Three Sha are hai, zi, and chou. Her consumer is mao. Ms J can use the *Golden Carriage Day* this year. The first month is geng yin, with month breaker shen and monthly Three Sha hai, zi, and chou. No conflict with wei. Ms J can put the bank in the wu direction on February 11th (xin wei) or February 23rd (gui wei).

3. Building a Pagoda or Pavilion to Bring In Money

Building something tall like a pagoda or pavilion in the right place at the right time can bring money. A pagoda is something tall and beautiful. It reflects qi to the house. It must be outside and detached from the house. One can even plant a tree to serve as a ‘pagoda.’

First, select the direction, based on the stem of the current year. Note that each year stem is associated with two 15° sections of the luopan. The letter associated with the branch on Master Sang’s luopan is included in parenthesis.

Current Year Stem	天財方 Tian Cai Fang Heavenly Wealth Direction
Jia	Wu (m) or Wei (o)
Yi	Chen (i) or Si (k)
Bing	Chen (i) or Si (k)
Ding	Yin (e) or Mao (g)
Wu	Yin (e) or Mao (g)
Ji	Xu (u) or Hai (w)
Geng	Xu (u) or Hai (w)
Xin	Shen (q) or You (s)
Ren	Shen (q) or You (s)
Gui	Wu (m) or Wei (o)

This direction cannot be a breaker or a sha for the current year, month, day, etc. Since a pagoda is also similar to a mountain, it can have some side effects for the house, based on the flying stars. If you know how, this should be taken into account.

One can move the structure or plant a new tree each year, if that is practical.

To take full advantage of this technique, the structure or tree should be installed on the proper day. Below is a table that gives one day for each solar month. Since this day is a stem and branch combination, it may not occur in that month every year.

Prosperous Fate Day Luming Ri 祿命日			
CURRENT MONTH			DAY
1st	yin	February 4-5	Jia Yin
2nd	mao	March 5-6	Yi Mao
3rd	chen	April 5-6	Ren Zi
4th	si	May 5-6	Ding Si
5th	wu	June 6-7	Bing Wu
6th	wei	July 7-8	Yi Mao
7th	shen	August 7-8	Geng Shen
8th	you	September 8-9	Xin You
9th	xu	October 8-9	Bing Wu
10th	hai	November 7-8	Gui Hai
11th	zi	December 7-8	Ren Zi
12th	chou	January 6-7	Xin You

Of course, if that day is a breaker, a consumer, or even a sha, it cannot be used.

One can also install the pagoda or a tree on a Prosperity day. This is the same formula as for the Prosperity direction, except that it is applied to the day. Remember, this formula is based on the *birth* year stem, not the current year stem.

The Prosperity day can be used for most things that have to do with money. It should always bring some benefit, unless it coincides with a breaker or consumer.

EXAMPLE : 2005 is a yi you year. Ms H, born in 1958, is a wu xu person. She wants to build a pagoda, in the form of planting a tree. Her house was built in period 7, sitting ren (x) and facing bing (l). Since the year stem is yi, we can choose either the chen (i) or si (k) direction. The year breaker is mao. The yearly Three Sha are yin, mao, and chen. We cannot use the chen direction because of the Sha and also because it is her consumer. She wants to plant the tree in February, a wu yin month. The month breaker is shen and the Three Sha are hai, zi, and chou. These are no problem. Ms H's consumer is chen, also no problem (for si). However, the proper day after February 4th, would be jia yin, which falls into the yearly Three Sha. We need to use the *Prosperity Day*. Ms H is a wu stem person, so we need to use a si day. We have already checked for the si direction, so a si day will be no problem either. We choose February 14th, a ji si day to plant a tree in the si (k) direction.

Quiz 5

- 1) What is the *Golden Carriage Day* for 2012?
- 2) In which house section should we make a wang door for a house built in period 7, sitting chou (c) and facing wei (o)?
- 3) What is the *Prosperity Direction* and the *Prosperity Day* for somebody born in 1959?
- 4) Which day(s) can be used as *Golden Carriage Day(s)* from September 7th to the end of September, 2012, for a person born in 1947, provided the house sector is acceptable?
- 5) Where should a pagoda be erected or a tree be planted in 2010 to bring money?

Quiz 5 Answers

- 1) Chou, since it's a ren year.
- 2) North. The wang number is 8. The North contains 6-8, the wang number on the money side. The East could also be considered as the wang number 8 is on the people side there.
- 3) Wu (m), since it's a ji year.
- 4) September 13th and September 25th. 2012 is a ren chen year. The *Golden Carriage Day* is chou. The year breaker is xu. The yearly Three Sha are si, wu, and wei. 1947 is a ding hai year, so the consumer is si. The period starting September 7th falls into the ji you month. The month breaker is mao. The monthly Three Sha are yin, mao, and chen. No conflicts.
- 5) Xu (u) or hai (w). 2010 is a geng yin year, so xu and hai are the *Heavenly Wealth Directions* for a geng stem year.

B. Love, Marriage, and Family

1. Finding Romance (Peach Blossom)

Peach blossom refers to romance, wine, and the good life. It can get a lot of people into trouble, but if it is used properly, it can help bring romance to a lonely single person. Using this technique will bring suitors, but it does not promise that they will all be compatible or upright. One must use judgment in picking the right person.

Each person has a branch that brings them Peach Blossom qi. This branch can be used as a 15° direction or as a day. It is based on the Three Combinations. For any birth year in one group of the Three Combinations, take the branch that is one position clockwise from the generator. For example, in the combination of yin, wu, and xu, yin is the generator. Mao comes one position after yin, so mao is the Peach Blossom for any person born in a yin, wu, or xu year.

In the table below, note that each birth year stem has one 15° section of the luopan. The letter associated with the branch on Master Sang's luopan is included in parenthesis.

Peach Blossom 桃花		
Birth Year	Direction or Day	Direction, Element, Color
Yin, Wu, or Xu	Mao (g)	East, wood, green, blue-green
Shen, Zi, or Chen	You (s)	West, metal, white, metallic
Hai, Mao, or Wei	Zi (a)	North, water, blue, black
Si, You, or Chou	Wu (m)	South, fire, red, pink

- Determine the peach blossom branch, based on the year of birth.
- On a day of the Peach Blossom branch, place flowers, following the directions below. Of course, the day cannot be a breaker or consumer, and should not be a sha.
- Place fresh flowers in a vase with water. The flowers must be fresh. They cannot be artificial.
- The color of the flowers and the vase should be the color associated with the direction, or the color that produces that direction, according to the five elements.
- Place the vase with flowers in the 15° direction from the center of the house or from the center of the bedroom. It must be measured precisely, and not guessed. The flowers should not be placed in a bathroom, closet, garage, storage area, etc. They should be in an area that you use. It is best if the area has no feng shui problems. Placing the vase in the direction of the house is more powerful than using that direction from the center of the bedroom.
- The flowers must be replaced when they begin to wilt. The water must be kept fresh and clean.
- When you find someone you are satisfied with, remove the flowers.

EXAMPLE 1: a female born in a mao year needs to place the flowers in the zi direction (due north) on a zi day. She needs a blue or black vase and blue flowers (as there are really any black flowers). Or she could have a white or metallic vase with white flowers, since these correspond to the metal element. Metal nourishes water, which is associated with her Peach Blossom qi. She can also mix and match between blue, black, white, and metallic for the flowers and the vase.

When she checks for the 15° north section from the center of her house, she finds that it is the bathroom. So, she places the flowers in the due north of her bedroom.

EXAMPLE 2: A male born in a xu year. His Peach Blossom branch is mao. He must place his flowers due east on a mao day. His flowers and vase should be green, blue-green, blue, and/or black.

2. Successful Marriage Proposal

- Find the House Trigram of 4. This is based on the sitting direction of the house. In the example below, we have a kan house. It is kan because it is sitting in the 45° of north. Since north is associated with the flying star called 1 white, we put 1 in the center, and flow the numbers ascending. Find the palace with the House Trigram of 4. In a kan house, it is in the northeast.
- This section with the House 4 must be the entrance or the bedroom. Therefore, this part of this technique is not possible for every case.
- Use the time when the annual or monthly 1 lands in the same palace. Males can also use a house 4 with an annual or monthly 2. (The annual and monthly flying stars have been discussed in the section on the 5 Yellow Star, above.)
- On a year or month where you find a 4-1 in your entrance or bedroom, place the Peach Blossom vase (described above) in your Peach Blossom direction of your bedroom or your house on a Happy Spirit Day (see below).
- If a male is using a 4-2 entrance or bedroom, they can use something with the color red in the entrance or bedroom. Flowers are not necessary.
- Go and propose on the Happy Spirit Day. The results should be favorable.
- The Happy Spirit Day cannot be the consumer for you or the person you are going to ask to marry. It cannot be a breaker and should not be sha.

Example: the northeast in a kan house in a 7 year:

SE House: 9 Annual: 6	S House: 5 Annual: 2	SW House: 7 Annual: 4
E House: 8 Annual: 5	Kan House House: 1 Annual: 7	W House: 3 Annual: 9
NE House: 4 Annual: 1	N House: 6 Annual: 3	NW House: 2 Annual: 8

This method of feng shui, using the flying stars for the house sitting and the annual number is from an old Chinese memorization poem called the *Purple White Formula* 《紫白訣》 (zibai jue). It is discussed in Master Sang's *Intermediate Feng Shui Class*, or in his book, the *Principles of Feng Shui*, available in our bookstore.

We learned about the Happy Spirit Day in the *Day Selection 1 Class*. It is good for wedding ceremonies, conceiving a baby, marriage proposals, and other activities of this type. (Of course, it is not usable if there are breakers, consumers, or sha at that time).

Happy Spirit 喜神			
CURRENT MONTH			Happy Spirit Day
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

Below are the annual flying stars for 2005 until 2020:

ANNUAL FLYING STARS	
2005	4
2006	3
2007	2
2008	1
2009	9
2010	8
2011	7
2012	6
2013	5
2014	4
2015	3
2016	2
2017	1
2018	9
2019	8
2020	7
Year starts on February 4 th .	

The monthly flying stars are found from the branch of the year or the annual flying star. Be sure to read the appropriate column to get the correct flying star for the month. To find the exact start date of a solar month, check the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar*.

MONTHLY FLYING STARS			
STARTS	YEARS: 1, 4, 7 Zi, You, Wu, Mao	YEARS: 2, 5, 8 Yin, Shen, Si, Hai	YEARS: 3, 6, 9 Chen, Xu, Chou, Wei
FEB 4-5	8	2	5
MAR 5-6	7	1	4
APR 5-6	6	9	3
MAY 5-6	5	8	2
JUN 6-7	4	7	1
JUL 7-8	3	6	9
AUG 7-8	2	5	8
SEP 8-9	1	4	7
OCT 8-9	9	3	6
NOV 7-8	8	2	5
DEC 7-8	7	1	4
JAN 6-7	6	9	3

EXAMPLE 1: In a si branch year, what is the monthly flying star for August 1st? The si year is found in the middle column of monthly flying stars. August 1st comes in the month before August 7th or 8th. It is in the month starting on July 7th or 8th. Therefore, it is a 6 month. The monthly 4 would be in the east.

EXAMPLE 2: In a year with the flying star of 3, what is the monthly flying star for October 20th? The year with flying star 3 is found in the last column. October 20th comes in the month that begins on October 8th or 9th. This is also a 6 month. The monthly 4 would be in the east.

3. Having a Baby

Some couples have problems conceiving a child. Here is one technique that may help. It combines feng shui with day selection.

The element of the annual or monthly number must produce the element of the 1, 6, 8, or 9 of the house trigram in a particular section (but the center section cannot be used for this). This section should be used as the bedroom.

There is a special color associated with each star. 1, 6, and 8 are called the three whites, because the white color is associated with them. This is not the five element color. 9 is associated with purple. That is why these are called the *purple and white stars*. The purple and white stars are always considered auspicious. This theory is from the old Chinese memorization poem called the *Purple White Formula* 《紫白訣》.

Time Star		House Star	
Star	Element	Star	Element
6 or 7	metal	1	water
2, 5, or 8	earth	6	metal
9	fire	8	earth
3 or 4	wood	9	fire

For example, if the bedroom has a 6, based on the sitting of the house, we know it is related to the metal element. Earth nourishes metal according to five element theory. Stars 2, 5, and 8 all are of the earth element, so they feed the house 6. However, 2 and 5 are not auspicious stars at this time, so we should not use them. We need to wait until the annual 8 or the monthly 8 enters this section.

Do not use the 2 or the 5. Their use will cause illness or other problems. In fact, for any of the combinations mentioned above, all the stars will affect the residents in their usual ways, in addition to any effects towards achieving pregnancy. Therefore, you should analyze whether or not it is appropriate to use a particular combination of stars.

EXAMPLE: the East in a Kan House in a 2 year:

SE House: 9 Annual: 1	S House: 5 Annual: 6	SW House: 7 Annual: 8
E House: 8 Annual: 9	Kan House House: 1 Annual: 2	W House: 3 Annual: 4
NE House: 4 Annual: 5	N House: 6 Annual: 7	NW House: 2 Annual: 3

On a Happy Spirit Day, fix the bed:

- put on new sheets and
 - get a new bed or
 - move the bed
 - ◆ You can move the bed into a location with good feng shui
 - ◆ You can choose the woman's 生氣 shengqi direction. The shengqi direction is the letter A direction in Master Sang's *Beginning Feng Shui Class*, or in his book, the *Principles of Feng Shui*, available in our bookstore. This direction is part of the system called *Eight House Feng Shui*, or *East-West Feng Shui*.

You must also *use* the bed on the Happy Spirit Day to have a baby, of course.

There can be no consumers for the couple. There should be no breakers or sha. The feng shui should be otherwise good.

Quiz 6

- 1) When and where does somebody born in 1983 have to put flowers in a vase to further her peach blossom qi? Which color(s) should the vase and the flowers have?
- 2) The year is 2007. Mr. T, a xu person wants to propose to his girlfriend, who was born in a mao year. He finds out that the entrance of his Li house is in the right direction to better his chances for a successful proposal. Which section is the entrance in, and which month and day(s) should Mr. T choose to propose? Make sure there are no conflicts. What else must he do?
- 3) In which sector(s) of a Kan house should the bedroom be in 2005 for a couple to increase their chances of having a baby during this year?

Quiz 6 Answers

- 1) 1983 is a gui hai year, therefore the direction and the day should be zi, the colors blue and/or black (the colors associated with water element and north). The colors could also be white or metallic, the metal colors, as these are productive to water.
- 2) June 13th, or June 25th. The entrance is in the South sector. Therefore Mr. T should put something red there. Another possibility is July 8th, July 20th, or August 1st. In this case he should put red or pink flowers into a red or pink vase and place them in the South.

Mr. T. has two choices. He can either use the house 4 green being visited by the monthly 2 black star during the bing wu month (5th month, beginning June 6th). In this case he should put something red in the South sector. Mr. T's consumer is chen, his girlfriend's consumer is you. The year breaker is si. The yearly Three Sha are shen, you, and xu. The bing wu month starting on June 6th has zi as month breaker, and hai, zi, and chou as the Three Sha. There are no conflicts with the *Happy Spirit Day* yin. Yin days during this period are June 13th and June 25th. The 4-2 combination asks for something red to be put in the South sector.

Mr. T could also propose during the ding wei (6th) month which starts on July 7th because that places the 1 white star in the south along with the house 4 green. The *Happy Spirit Day* is mao (July 8th, July 20th, August 1st). The month breaker is chou. The monthly Three Sha are shen, you, and xu. The 4-1 combination in the South asks for red/pink flowers to be put into a red/pink vase and to be placed there.

The annual 2 is in the center, the annual 1 is in the Southeast. Neither can be used this year.

- 3) In the Southeast, where the house 9 combines with the annual 3.

Day Selection 2 Conclusion

Congratulations! You have just completed studying a very complex level of Day Selection. The rules or guidelines may seem complicated and difficult. There are so many layers to consider. However, day selection can all be boiled down to the following:

1. First eliminate all days that are bad, according to the calendar alone: no breakers, no exhaustions, no separators.
2. If it involves construction or digging, also eliminate days belonging to the three sha. If it does not involve construction or digging, sha makes a day less good, but does not prohibit it.
3. Filter the remaining days according to the people involved. No consumers.
4. If it involves a building (construction, renovations, moving in, grand opening), avoid the consuming day for the sitting of the house.
5. Choose from the remaining days. If it relates to people and families, a happy spirit day is often beneficial, as long as it does not conflict with the above. If it relates to making money, a prosperity day is often beneficial, as long as it does not conflict with the above.

If the project involves construction, renovations, and digging, you must also consider the direction involved.

1. No construction, renovations, or digging in the taisui direction. Also avoid the direction of the annual, monthly or daily breaker or sha directions.
2. No construction, renovations, or digging in the direction of the annual or monthly 5 yellow star. Avoid all construction when the 5 yellow is at the sitting or in the center.
3. Avoid construction when the house is sitting in a breaker or sha direction.

To protect yourself during construction, renovations, and digging,

1. Avoid living in the house until all construction and landscaping is finished.
2. Use metal to remedy the earth sha.

What is needed is practice. After a while, these principals will be easier to remember and follow. Since there are many factors to keep in mind and judgment is also involved, this is an art that requires professional advice. A computer program will not be able to make the same judgments as an experienced professional, and simply looking in an almanac, although helpful, will not factor in the directions of the building or the birth data of the individual in the same way.

We hope you will continue on in your studies. Related classes are:

- *FS360 Life Partner Selection*: This class not only discusses compatibility, but also explain some aspects of selecting a wedding date to overcome certain types of incompatibilities
- *FS260B Tai Sui, Sui Po, Three Sha and Hidden Sha*: This class discusses the various types of sha that prohibits construction, and teaches how to get around the prohibitions using four beneficial stars.

Final Exam

1. Ms P, who was born on September 25th, 1948, wants to start building her new house. She can start anytime after May 10th, 2010. The house is sitting si (k), and facing hai (w). What is the first day she could begin work? On which day(s), if any, is it advisable not to work on Ms P's project during the xin si month?
 - a) 5/13; it is advisable not to work on hai days.
 - b) 5/11; it is advisable not to work on wei and hai days.
 - c) 5/13; no need to avoid any days.
 - d) 5/11; it is advisable not to work on hai days.
 - e) 6/7; it is advisable not to work on wu days.
2. Mr. R, born on March 23rd, 1958, wants to tear down a wall in his house and brick up one door, so that two small bedrooms turn into one big room. It is July 8th, 2009. The rooms are in the south sector of the house (directions bing, wu, and ding). The house itself sits xun (j), and faces qian (v). What is the first day Mr. R can start his project?

Answer:

- a) 7/8
 - b) 7/9
 - c) 7/10
 - d) 7/11
 - e) 7/12
3. Ms U, a you person, wants to build a winter garden in the southwest direction, containing wei (o), and shen (q). Her house sits chen (i) and faces xu (u). It is February 9th, 2014. Which would be the first day on which Ms U could start digging?
 - a) 2/4
 - b) 3/8
 - c) 4/6
 - d) 5/10
 - e) 6/6
 4. Mr. N, born on July 24th, 1985, is moving into a new house. He plans on moving in after April 15th, 2006. The house sits you (s) and faces mao (g). What is the first day Mr. N can use to move in? He is willing to wait some days, but not until the next month.
 - a) 4/19
 - b) 4/24
 - c) 4/27
 - d) 5/9
 - e) 5/19

5. Mr. L is a wu person. On which day(s) can he use the *Enter Treasure Star* during the jia shen month of 2015, an yi wei year. He has a big bill due, so he is willing to do it, even if it is a sha day.
- a) 8/12 and 8/22
 - b) 8/13 and 8/25
 - c) 8/12, 8/13, 8/22, and 8/25
 - d) none
 - e) none of the above
6. Ms K is a wei person. She owns a period 8 house, sitting geng (r) and facing jia (f). Which days during the gui hai month of 2008, a wu zi year, can Ms K use as *Enter Treasure Days*, and which directions should she use for warming the *Welcome Wealth Star* inside.
- a) 11/8, 11/18, 11/20, 11/28, 12/2. Directions: bing (l) or wu (m)
 - b) 11/8, 11/20, 12/2. Directions: hai (w) and qian (v)
 - c) 11/8, 11/18, 11/20, 11/28, 12/2. Directions: none
 - d) 11/8, 11/20, 12/2. Directions: none
 - e) 11/8, 11/18, 11/28. Directions: hai (w) and qian (v)

Final Exam Answers

1. Ms P, who was born on September 25th, 1948, wants to start building her new house. She can start anytime after May 10th, 2010. The house is sitting si (k), and facing hai (w). What is the first day she could begin work? On which day(s), if any, is it advisable not to work on Ms P's project during the xin si month?

Answer:

- a) 5/13; it is advisable not to work on hai days.
- b) 5/11; it is advisable not to work on wei and hai days.
- c) 5/13; no need to avoid any days.
- d) 5/11; it is advisable not to work on hai days.**
- e) 6/7; it is advisable not to work on wu days.

Explanation:

During the 2010, a geng yin year, the 8 white is in the center. Therefore, the 5 yellow star is in the southwest, which contains wei (o) and shen (q). Because this is a yin year, the monthly star in the center is also 8 white during the solar month starting on May 5-6. Since the yearly and monthly yellow 5 stars are not in the center, and don't fall in the sitting direction of the house (si), there are no conflicts so far.

1948 was a wu zi year, so Ms P's consumer is wu. Since 2010 is a geng yin year the year breaker is shen, and the yearly Three Sha are hai, zi, and chou. The period from May 10th to June 6th is a xin si month. The month breaker is therefore hai, and the monthly Three Sha are yin, mao, and chen. We shouldn't begin construction on any of those days. This leaves si, wei, you, and xu as days to start so far.

Hai opposes the sitting si. We have already excluded hai days for starting construction because hai is one of the yearly Three Sha days. The yearly Three Sha are hai, zi, and chou, and the monthly Three Sha are chen, mao and yin. Ms P's planned house doesn't sit in any of these branches. So far, so good.

We should recommend to Ms P to start on a si, wei, you, or xu day. 5/11 is a xin you day, so this is the first day Ms P could use to start construction on her house. It is advisable not to work on hai days, because this day opposes the sitting of the house and is the month breaker and year sha. If work is carried out on a hai day, one should put a metal remedy, and/or sound a metal gong periodically. Each following month should be checked for any additional days to avoid.

- d.** Mr. R, born on March 23rd, 1958, wants to tear down a wall in his house and brick up one door, so that two small bedrooms turn into one big room. It is July 8th, 2009. The rooms are in the south sector of the house (directions bing, wu, and ding). The house itself sits xun (j), and faces qian (v). What is the first day Mr. R can start his project?

Answer:

- 1. 7/8
- 2. 7/9
- 3. 7/10
- 4. 7/11**

5. 7/12

Explanation:

During the Chinese solar year starting on February 4th, 2009, the 9 purple star is in the center, therefore the yellow 5 is in the north, which is the direction containing zi (a). During the month starting July 7th, the 9 purple is also in the center, so the 5 yellow is in the north, containing zi (a). Since the monthly and yearly yellow 5 stars are not in the center, and don't fall in the sitting direction of the house (xun), or in the area Mr. R wants to do renovations, wu, there are no conflicts.

Mr. R's consumer is chen, since 1958 is a wu xu year. July 8th, 2009, falls into a ji chou year. Therefore the year breaker is wei, and the yearly Three Sha are yin, mao, and chen. The xin wei month starts July 7th, and contains July 8th. The month breaker is chou. Shen, you, and xu are the monthly Three Sha. The area of construction includes wu (m), so we must eliminate zi. This leaves us with si, wu, and hai days to start working.

Since the house sits in a trigram direction, we do not need to be concerned about restrictions concerning sitting in the Three Sha directions. Wu is the direction in which the renovation will take place. We have no problems (breakers, sha, or the 5 yellow) with construction in the wu direction.

This leaves Mr. R with si, wu, and hai, days to start working. July 11th is a ding si day. This is the first day to recommend for Mr. R to start renovations.

- e. Ms U, a you person, wants to build a winter garden in the southwest direction, containing wei (o), and shen (q). Her house sits chen (i) and faces xu (u). It is February 9th, 2014. Which would be the first day on which Ms U could start digging?

Answer:

1. 2/4
2. 3/8
3. 4/6
4. 5/10
5. **6/6**

Explanation:

2014 has a 4 green star in the center. The yellow 5 therefore is in the northwest, containing xu (u) and hai (w). Neither the sitting (chen) nor the direction of the construction (wei, shen) conflict with the yearly yellow 5 star during this jia wu year. During the bing yin month of 2014, the 8 white star is in the center. The yellow 5 is in the southwest, conflicting with the direction of the digging. Also, this yin month is the breaker of the shen direction for digging. We need to recommend that Ms U postpone construction.

Ms U is a you person so her consumer is mao. We should not use the next month which starts on March 6th, which is ding mao. Also, the month sha is in shen, you, and xu. We cannot dig in shen.

The next month is wu chen, with a 6 white star in the center, and the 5 yellow star in the southeast, containing chen (i) and si (k). Since chen is the sitting direction, we move on to the following

month, ji si. Ji si has a 5 in the center, so is not good for construction. The month sha also conflicts with the digging.

By now it is June 6th, the start of the geng wu month. The 4 green star in the center puts the 5 yellow star in the northwest, containing xu (u) and hai (w). There are no conflicts with the sitting and digging directions (chen, wei, and shen). The Chinese solar year started on February 4th, 2014. It is a jia wu year, which makes zi the year breaker, and hai, zi, and chou the yearly Three Sha. There are no conflicts with the sitting or the direction of the construction.

Since it is a geng wu month, the monthly breaker and monthly Three Sha are the same as the year sha and therefore no conflict arises with chen, wei, or shen. Ms U is a you person, so we need to avoid mao days. This leaves yin, chen, si, wu, wei, shen, you, and xu days to begin construction.

We need to avoid beginning to dig during years, months, or on days that have branches opposing the sitting or the direction of the renovation and sitting (e.g. chen, wei, shen). These branches are xu, chou, and yin. The wu year and month are not in conflict, but we need to avoid xu, chou, and yin days.

We cannot dig in the directions of the yearly Three Sha, hai, zi, and chou, and the monthly Three Sha, also hai, zi, and chou. Nor can we dig in the *direction* of the yearly Tai Sui (wu), the year breaker (zi), or the month breaker which is also zi. We also do not violate these rules.

The house also doesn't sit in any of the yearly or monthly Three Sha directions. Finally, we find that we can begin working in the geng wu month! Luckily, Ms U is a patient woman, taking feng shui seriously.

Chen, si, wu, wei, shen, and you days are suitable to start construction. June 6th is a wu shen day, the first day we should recommend to start building the winter garden.

f. Mr. N, born on July 24th, 1985, is moving into a new house. He plans on moving in after April 15th, 2006. The house sits you (s) and faces mao (g). What is the first day Mr. N can use to move in? He is willing to wait some days, but not until the next month.

Answer:

1. 4/19
2. 4/24
3. 4/27
4. 5/9
5. 5/19

Explanation:

2006 is a bing xu year. Mr. N must avoid the year breaker chen, and it is preferable to avoid the yearly Three Sha: hai, zi, and chou. April 15th falls into the ren chen month, therefore Mr. N must avoid the month breaker xu, and possibly the monthly Three Sha of si, wu, and wei. The year branch xu opposes the month branch chen, but Mr. N decides to go ahead with moving anyhow.

1985, after February 4th, is an yi chou year – Mr. N must avoid his consumer, wei, as a move-in day. The house sits you. Therefore, Mr. N should avoid mao years, months, and days.

The best days for moving in are yin, shen, or you. April 19th is a wu yin day, the first good day Mr. N can use to move into his new house.

- g.** Mr. L is a wu person. On which day(s) can he use the *Enter Treasure Star* during the jia shen month of 2015, an yi wei year? He has a big bill due, so he is willing to do it, even if it is a sha day.

Answers:

1. 8/12 and 8/22
2. 8/13 and 8/25
- 3. 8/12, 8/13, 8/22, and 8/25**
4. none
5. none of the above

Explanation:

During a shen month one can use geng stem and you branch days as *Enter Treasure Days*. The consumer for a wu person is zi. In a yi wei year the year breaker is chou, and the yearly Three Sha are shen, you, and xu. Mr. L can use the you days, 8/13 (xin you), and 8/25 (gui you) as *Enter Treasure Days* even though you is one of the Three Sha days. It's possible, but not optimal.

Geng days are also *Enter Treasure Days*. The geng days during the jia shen month of 2015 are 8/12 geng shen, and 8/22 geng wu. It is better if Mr. L does not use geng shen, since shen is one of the yearly Three Sha. The month breaker is yin, and the month sha are si, wu, and wei. Mr. L also can also use 8/12 and 8/22, even though shen is one of the yearly, and wu is one of the monthly Three Sha. As with the you days, it's possible, but not optimal.

So 8/12, 8/13, 8/22, and 8/25 can all be used, even if they are not perfect.

- h.** Ms K is a wei person. She owns a period 8 house, sitting geng (r) and facing jia (f). Which days during the gui hai month of 2008, a wu zi year, can Ms K use as *Enter Treasure Days*, and which directions should she use for warming the *Welcome Wealth Star* inside.

1. 11/8, 11/18, 11/20, 11/28, 12/2. Directions: bing (l) or wu (m)
2. 11/8, 11/20, 12/2. Directions: hai (w) and qian (v)
3. 11/8, 11/18, 11/20, 11/28, 12/2. Directions: none
- 4. 11/8, 11/20, 12/2. Directions: none**
5. 11/8, 11/18, 11/28. Directions: hai (w) and qian (v)

Explanation:

During a hai month, ren stem and zi branch days can be used as *Enter Treasure Days*. The consumer for a wei person is chou. During a zi year the breaker is wu, and the yearly Three Sha are si, wu, and wei. The month breaker for a hai month is si, and the monthly Three Sha during this period are shen, you, xu.

During the gui hai month of 2008, ren days are 11/8 ren zi, 11/18 ren xu, and 11/28 ren shen. Zi days fall on 11/8 ren zi, 11/20 jia zi, and 12/2 bing zi. Ms L cannot use ren xu or ren shen days, since they are month sha. This leaves her with 11/8, 11/20, and 12/2 to use as *Enter Treasure Days*.

The year and month sha do not affect the hai (w) direction and never affect the qian (v) direction. During hai months the hai (w) and qian (v) directions, both in the northwest, can be used to warm the *Welcome Wealth Star*. Since the NW sector of a period 8 house sitting geng and facing jia has the unfavorable combination of 2-5, one cannot use it to warm the *Welcome Wealth Star* inside. Ms K will have to take advantage of the *Enter Treasure Days* without warming the *Welcome Wealth Star* during the gui hai month of 2008. However, if there is no environmental sha, Ms K can warm the *Welcome Wealth Star* outside.