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The Taisui, Year Breaker, Three Sha, Hidden Construction Sha and the Four Beneficial Stars

The pre-requisites for this class are:

- FS201 Advanced Feng Shui Class
- AS101 Stems and Branches

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Introduction

In certain years, you cannot do construction, renovate, disturb the earth, or even bury the dead because the orientation you want is unsuitable. Various directions are unsuitable for construction or breaking the earth each year. If they are not avoided, it may bring delays, money loss, or accidents. There are three types of construction prohibitions that are fairly well known among practitioners of feng shui:

- **Taisui** 太歲 (Great Year)
- **Suipo** 歲破 (Year Breaker)
- **Sansha** 三煞 (Three Sha)

All three represent directions. The year breaker and the three sha also represent certain days when breaking the earth should be avoided. These three are all described in detail in our *Day Selection Classes*. In this class, we will discuss only the directional aspect, and not the associated days.

In addition, there is also:

- **Anjian Sha** 暗建煞 (Hidden Construction Sha): This has not been discussed in any other class of ours. It is less well known than the taisui, year breaker, and the three sha. People may accidentally disturb it if they do not know how to calculate it, and wind up with problems.

Fortunately, there are also *four beneficial stars* that can circumvent the negative effects of disturbing all these types of construction sha.

This class will describe the various types of construction sha, their effects, if disturbed, and how to avoid their negative influence using the four beneficial stars.

The Taisui 太歲:

太 tai means supreme or great. 歲 sui means year. This is the star that is supreme for the current year. Since it is the ‘big boss’ for the year, don’t offend it. Don’t make it unhappy. It is more powerful than you and it can take revenge.

This star is in charge of the auspiciousness or inauspiciousness of the year. It can be very good or very bad. In Chinese, they say, “There is nothing more auspicious than working with the taisui. There is also nothing more inauspicious than working with the taisui.”

The taisui is the direction that has the same branch as the current year.

Remember, the Chinese solar year starts from the beginning of spring (立春 lichun, on or around February 4th). In a zi branch year, the north is the taisui because zi is found in the north (it is letter ‘a’ on Master Sang’s luopan).

There is another Chinese saying, “One can sit at the taisui. One cannot face the taisui.” Think of it this way: one could sit on a knife handle without being hurt, but not on the tip of the blade. In the old days, when an army general wanted to mobilize the troops, he would check the location of the taisui. If the taisui was in the north, he could send the army towards the south and feel confident of winning. This would be sitting in the taisui. But if he sent the army north, they would lose. This would be facing the taisui. There are historical battles where this was said to be a factor. For example, at Waterloo in 1815 (an yi hai year), Napoleon’s army was stationed in the southeast and fighting an army positioned to their northwest. The northwest is the taisui in a hai branch year, and so Napoleon lost badly. In addition, the outcome of the first gulf war, and the battles fought by Mao Zedeng’s small group of rebels during the last year of the revolution in China were affected by the taisui.

Don’t break earth or do construction in the taisui. For example, in 2004 (a shen year), the taisui was in the southwest. Because of this, it would not have been appropriate to renovate the southwest section of a house that year. One should not even plant a tree in the taisui direction as you must break open the earth for this.

This prohibition is especially true in the month that breaks (or opposes) the year. If there is no alternative, you can pick a good day and start from a certain direction. This has to do with the four beneficial stars that we will discuss below.

The Suipo (Year Breaker) 歲破:

The suipo is the year breaker, the direction that has the opposite branch from the year branch (taisui). Example: The yin direction in a shen year.



The year breaker is a position of conflict. It is also a 'consumer.' Whenever your door is in the 15° direction of the year breaker, it is easy to spend a lot of money. Money flows out more easily than it flows in. A house sitting in the consuming direction is also affected. You can face the year breaker, but you cannot sit at the year breaker.

The year breaker is more consuming than the taisui. You always lose money with the year breaker. It is never good. The taisui is sometimes good, sometimes bad. When it is bad, the taisui is worse than the year breaker, which is only money loss. When the taisui is offended, you could get killed.

Don't break earth or do construction in the suipo (year breaker). This includes:

- renovating a house sitting in the suipo direction,
- doing renovations in the suipo direction of a house, even if the house is sitting in another direction, and
- doing something outside the house that breaks open the earth in the suipo direction.

If you activate the year breaker, or other bad annual stars, the negative effect will happen during the same year.

It is always best to move out during construction or remodeling. This reduces the chance that any negative influence from the construction will affect you.

The year breaker is always opposite from the taisui:

Taisui 太歲 and Suipo 歲破			
Year Branch		Taisui Direction	Suipo Direction
Zi	Rat	North (a)	South (m)
Chou	Ox	Northeast (c)	Southwest (o)
Yin	Tiger	Northeast (e)	Southwest (q)
Mao	Rabbit	East (g)	West (s)
Chen	Dragon	Southeast (i)	Northwest (u)
Si	Snake	Southeast (k)	Northwest (w)
Wu	Horse	South (m)	North (a)
Wei	Sheep	Southwest (o)	Northeast (c)
Shen	Monkey	Southwest (q)	Northeast (e)
You	Rooster	West (s)	East (g)
Xu	Dog	Northwest (u)	Southeast (i)
Hai	Pig	Northwest (w)	Southeast (k)

Technically, these are 15° directions. However, in practice, it is better to give a little leeway, in case the compass reading is off by a few degrees. The convention is to say that the taisui is in the north, even if in reality, it is only in the 15° of the zi (a) direction. The same is true with the suipo.

Example: 2004 Year Jia Shen 甲申年

SE	S	SW Shen Taisui
E	CENTER	W
NE Yin Suipo	N	NW

Example: 1996 Year Bing Zi 丙子年

SE	S Wu Suipo	SW
E	CENTER	W
NE	N Zi Taisui	NW

QUIZ 1

1. Locate the taisui and suipo for a si branch year in the grid:

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER	W
NE	N	NW

2. Locate the taisui and suipo for a you branch year in the grid:

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER	W
NE	N	NW

3. In a you branch year, you should not do construction on a house that is sitting in
- a. the you direction
 - b. the mao direction
 - c. both directions are bad
 - d. neither direction is bad

QUIZ 1 ANSWERS

1. Locate the taisui and suipo for a si branch year in the grid:

SE si taisui	S	SW
E	CENTER	W
NE	N	NW hai suipo

2. Locate the taisui and suipo for a you branch year in the grid:

SE	S	SW
E mao suipo	CENTER	W you taisui
NE	N	NW

3. In a you branch year, you should not do construction on a house that is sitting in

- a. the you direction
- b. the mao direction** (because it is the suipo)
- c. both directions are bad
- d. neither direction is bad

The Requirements for Construction at the Taisui and Suipo

- You can use the taisui if the **annual** 1 white, 6 white, or 8 white (any of these ‘three white’ stars) is in the direction of the taisui. The qi is good, so you can use it. The construction stirs up the good qi of the ‘three whites.’ But if possible, start in a direction holding one of the four beneficial stars (taiyin, taiyang, longde, or fude, see below). Even if you have good flying stars, it is better to have the four beneficial stars on your side as well. Otherwise, there is still some risk of adverse events.

Example: 1972 year Ren Zi 壬子年

SE 9	S 5 Suipo	SW 7
E 8	CENTER 1	W 3
NE 4	N/Zi 6 Taisui	NW 2

Because the 6 white star is in the north, construction can be done in the taisui direction and you can also dig outside in the north.

- You can also do construction in the taisui if you start construction in the yearly Taiyang, Taiyin, Longde and Fude directions. These four stars will protect you.

As a group, these stars don't really have a name, but you can call them the *Construction Direction Auspicious Stars* 修方吉星. Or, in this class we simply call them the *four beneficial stars*.

The Four Beneficial Stars				
	Chinese	Pinyin	Meaning	Location
A	太陽	Taiyang	Sun	One branch clockwise from the taisui
B	太陰	Taiyin	Moon	Two more branches clockwise
C	龍德	Longde	Dragon Virtue	Skip three branches, it is next
D	福德	Fude	Blessed Virtue	Skip one more branch

Also, taiyang is always opposite longde, and taiyin is always opposite fude.

These stars are located by the 15° area corresponding to a branch. This is the most accurate location. However, experience has shown Master Sang that once the beneficial star is assigned to one of the nine palaces (sectors in the grid), the whole 45° of the palace receives its benefit. In other words, if taiyin is assigned to the zi branch's 15°, you can still receive the benefits anywhere within the 45° of the north.

There is a Chinese saying: "If you want to be wealthy and noble, do construction in the taisui." This means doing construction using the annual three whites and these four beneficial stars.

The absolute best combination is the 8 white star in the same palace as taiyin. Taiyin literally means great yin, and yin always represents gathering, collecting, and storing. Therefore it helps you collect and gather benefits.

Even if you are demolishing a structure, it is best if you begin the demolition in a good direction. Otherwise, adverse effects are possible.

- Avoid doing construction at the suipo (year breaker). But, if you need to use it, you should apply the same method as for the taisui, discussed above. The four beneficial stars will still protect you.

Example: 1972 Year Ren Zi 壬子年

SE 9 Taiyin	S 5 Suipo	SW 7 Longde
E 8 Taiyin	CENTER Zi 1	W 3 Fude
NE 4 Taiyang	N/Zi 6 Taisui	NW 2

If this house is facing north, to the taisui, normally we would say, do not do construction on this house this year. But it has an annual 6 white with the taisui, so we can. The location of any one of the four beneficial stars is a good place to start digging or construction. Start where the best annual flying star is. In this example, the east has taiyin with the annual 8 white.

You can start construction in a section with one of the four beneficial stars, even without an annual 1 white, 6 white, or 8 white, but begin with the section where the beneficial star coincides with the best annual flying star.

Note: In all the nine-palace grids, such as the one above, the color red means an auspicious star. Black is used for bad influences, such as the suipo or other sha. The taisui is in blue, because it is sometimes good and sometimes bad.

The Annual 5 Yellow Star

There are three construction prohibitions related to the annual 5 yellow star:

- We are always told to avoid construction in a section where the annual 5 yellow is staying.
- We should also avoid any work on a house that is sitting in the direction of the annual 5 yellow.
- We should avoid any work on a house when annual 5 yellow is in the center.

This also applies to the monthly 5 yellow.

However, the four beneficial stars also can be used in the same way to overcome the danger of the 5 yellow. However, you may still want to use a lot of metal as a remedy, just to be a little safer.

Example: East, mao sitting house, in a wei branch year with 9 purple in the center.
The owner wants to remodel the house.

SE 8 Fude	S 4	6 SW Taiyang Taisui
E 7	CENTER Wei 9	W 2
NE 3 Longde Suipo	N 5	NW 1 Taiyin

1. The house is not sitting in a direction that is forbidden for construction. So construction may be undertaken.
2. The best directions to begin are the southeast (with 8 white and fude) or northwest (with 1 white and taiyin).
3. The south is okay because there is nothing bad there, but also nothing particularly good. The east and west are also a possibility.
4. The northeast has the suipo, but also longde. The southwest has the taisui, but also 6 white and taiyang. Here, danger mixed with protection. It is best to begin in the southeast or northwest, but if you are a little bit of a risk taker, you could start in the northeast or the southwest. Here there is protection, but the circumstances are not ideal.
5. One should definitely avoid beginning construction in the north because of the 5 yellow. There is nothing to protect you there. However, construction can be done in the north, if it is begun in a section that contains one of the four beneficial stars, such as the northeast.

QUIZ 2

1. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, and the flying stars for a wu branch year that has 4 green in the center:

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER Wu 4	W
NE	N	NW

2. Which sections or direction(s) are best to begin construction in question 1?

3. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, and the flying stars for a si branch year that has 2 black in the center:

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER Si 2	W
NE	N	NW

4. Which sections or direction(s) are best to begin construction in question 3?

QUIZ 2 ANSWERS

1. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, and the flying stars for a wu branch year that has 4 green in the center:

SE 3	S 8 Taisui	SW 1 Taiyang
E 2 Fude	CENTER Wu 4	W 6 Taiyin
NE 7 Longde	N 9 Suipo	NW 5

2. Which sections or direction(s) are best to begin construction in question 1?

Southwest because it has the good stars 1 white and taiyang, or the west because it has the good stars 6 white and taiyin.

3. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, and the flying stars for a si branch year that has 2 black in the center:

SE 1 Taisui	S 6 Taiyang	SW 8 Taiyin
E 9	CENTER Si 2	W 4
NE 5 Fude	N 7 Longde	NW 3 Suipo

4. Which sections or direction(s) are best to begin construction in question 3?

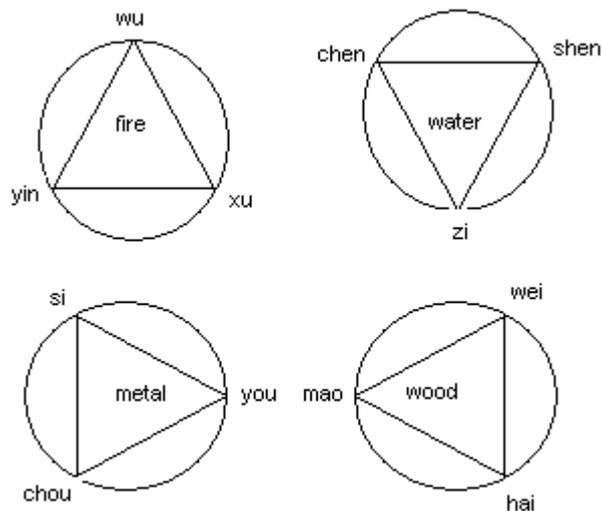
South because it has the good stars 6 white and taiyang, but best is the southwest with the good stars 8 white and taiyin.

The Three Sha 三煞

The three sha are more harmful than the suipo.

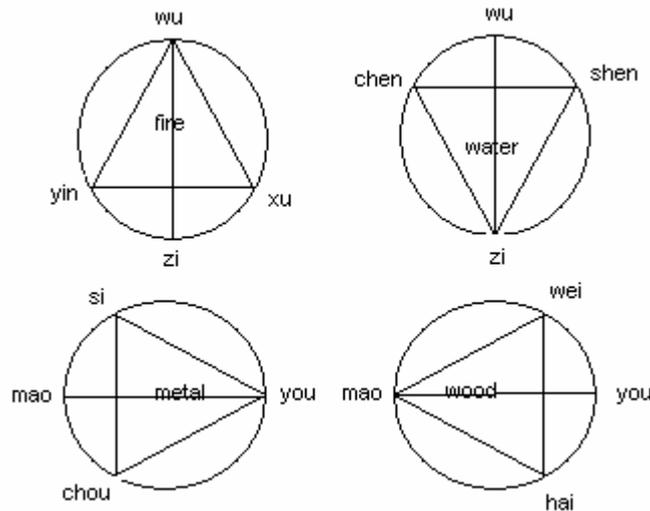
Sha 煞 means some kind of negative or harmful influence in the environment. The three sha are important concepts in feng shui. They are also used in day selection (and discussed a lot in the Day Selection Classes).

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



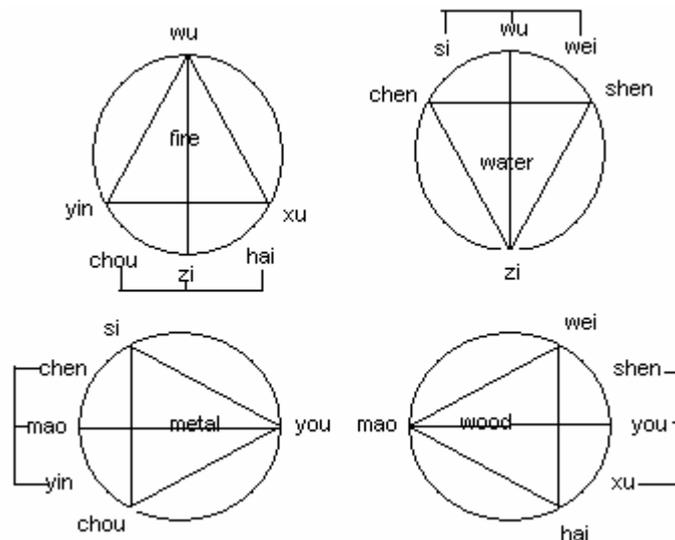
Each group of three branches is associated with the element of the branch that belongs to one of the four cardinal directions. For example, the combination of yin, wu, and xu is associated with fire, since wu is the branch of the south.

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



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

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



You can also find the three sha by taking the three branches AFTER the earth branch of a combination. For example, in yin, wu, and xu, xu is the earth branch. The next three branches are hai, zi, and chou. These are the three sha for the fire combination of yin, wu, and xu.

In the years that belong to one of the three combinations, the three sha are the same. For example, hai, zi and chou are all sha in yin years, wu years, and xu years. Since there are three sha branches, they are called the three sha.

Below is a table that shows the three sha for each of the twelve years.

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

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

A. Robbery Sha (劫煞 Jie2 Sha4)

These are located in the four corners. They are one position counter-clockwise to disaster sha. Robbery will happen within the year if you begin construction in this direction. EG: A si direction in a chen year.

B. Disaster Sha (災煞 Zai1 Sha4)

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

C. Year Sha (歲煞 Sui4 Sha4)

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

It is important to avoid the three sha. Don't begin remodeling or building a structure in a sha direction. It is bad for any type of construction or disturbing the earth. Therefore, it is especially bad for groundbreaking, digging a grave, burial, digging in the garden, planting a new tree, or any type of construction or demolition.

Avoid all sha, if possible. They are extremely inauspicious, especially when they are in the sitting of the house or the section where you want to do construction. The Chinese say: "You can face the three sha, but you cannot sit at the three sha."

Disaster comes fast if you offend the three sha without 'protection.'

Especially avoid doing construction when one of the three sha is in the same sector as the taisui. In 2000 (chen year) the taisui and one of the three sha are both in the southeast.

Example: 2000 year Geng Chen 庚辰年

SE Sha Taisui	S Sha	SW Sha
E	CENTER	W
NE	N	NW Suipo

- Because it is a chen year, the taisui is in the southeast.
- The suipo is opposite, in the northwest.
- Since a chen year belongs to the group of shen, zi, and chen, we look at zi, north, water, which defines this group. Opposite it is south, wu. This is the center of the three sha. The whole group of sha is si, wu, and wei. Therefore the three sha affect the south, and portions of the southeast and southwest.
- This is an especially bad combination since one of the sha coincides with the taisui.

To Challenge the Three Sha

Chinese saying: “If you want to get rich, you can challenge the three sha.”

Find the three sha. If they coincide with one of the four beneficial stars and good annual or monthly flying stars, pick a good day, and you can use this section for construction. (You can do almost anything with the four beneficial stars and the 1 white, 6 white, or 8 white together.)

Example: 2000 year Geng Chen 庚辰年

SE sha 8 Taiyang Taisui	S sha 4	sha SW 6 Taiyin
E 7	CENTER Chen 9	W 2
NE 3 Fude	N 5	NW 1 Longde Suipo

Even though the sha is in the southwest here, you can still do construction in the southwest or in a southwest sitting house, because taiyin will protect you. With the 6 white, the situation is very good!

Taiyin is the moon, and literally means great yin. Since females are yin, in this situation females would bring money to the owner. With taiyang, males would bring money. With the 8 white (gen, the youngest son), young people bring money. With 6 white (qian, the father), old men bring money.

These four stars protect you against all sha and can bring lots of benefit, especially with good annual flying stars. You can also use the monthly flying stars if the annual flying stars are not very good. But the four beneficial stars are more secure than good annual flying stars. They protect you very well.

The calculation of the monthly stars is taught in the Day Selection 2 Class.

Here is a hint for those who have taken the Day Selection classes: If someone's luck has been bad, they can challenge the three sha as above. To pick a day to begin construction or for groundbreaking: Use the month that breaks the year, and the day that breaks the month. For example: a chen year, xu month, and chen day.

QUIZ 3

1. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, the three sha, and the flying stars for a mao branch year that has 4 green in the center:

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER Mao 4	W
NE	N	NW

2. A client's house sits in the west. He wants to make a bedroom addition. Can he do any renovations on his house this year? Why or why not?

3. He wants the addition to be across the south side of the house, including the southeast and the southwest. Is this okay? Why or why not? Can he resolve the problem? If so how?

QUIZ 3 ANSWERS

1. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, the three sha, and the flying stars for a mao branch year that has 4 green in the center:

SE 3 Taiyang	S 8 Taiyin	SW 1 sha
E 2 Taisui	CENTER 4 Mao	6 W sha Suipo
NE 7	N 9 Fude	5 NW Longde sha

2. A client's house sits in the west. He wants to make a bedroom addition. Can he do any renovations on his house this year? Why or why not?

The house is sitting west, in the suipo and the sha. Normally, we say you cannot sit in the sha or in the suipo. In other words, this is not a good year to do construction on this house. However, if started from one of the good directions (the three whites and/or the four beneficial stars), it can be done. The 6 white in the sitting helps, but is probably not enough protection by itself.

3. He wants the addition to be across the south side of the house, including the southeast and the southwest. Is this okay? Why or why not? Can he resolve the problem? If so how?

Yes, he can do it, but it is best to start construction in the south, where 8 white and taiyin are located. These stars will protect him.

Summary

Various Annual Stars							
Year	Taisui	Suipo	Three Sha	Taiyang	Taiyin	Longde	Fude
Zi	Zi	Wu	Si, wu, wei	Chou	Mao	Wei	You
Chou	Chou	Wei	Yin, mao, chen	Yin	Chen	Shen	Xu
Yin	Yin	Shen	Hai, zi, chou	Mao	Si	You	Hai
Mao	Mao	You	Shen, you, xu	Chen	Wu	Xu	Zi
Chen	Chen	Xu	Si, wu, wei	Si	Wei	Hai	Chou
Si	Si	Hai	Yin, mao, chen	Wu	Shen	Zi	Yin
Wu	Wu	Zi	Hai, zi, chou	Wei	You	Chou	Mao
Wei	Wei	Chou	Shen, you, xu	Shen	Xu	Yin	Chen
Shen	Shen	Yin	Si, wu, wei	You	Hai	Mao	Si
You	You	Mao	Yin, mao, chen	Xu	Zi	Chen	Wu
Xu	Xu	Chen	Hai, zi, chou	Hai	Chou	Si	Wei
Hai	Hai	Si	Shen, you, xu	Zi	Yin	Wu	Shen

Diagrams

Below are diagrams that show the location of the taisui, the suipo, the three sha, and the four beneficial stars, based on the year branch.

SE sha	S Suipo sha	SW Longde sha
E Taiyin	CENTER Zi year	W Fude
NE Taiyang	N Taisui	NW

SE Taiyin sha	S	SW Longde Suipo
E sha	CENTER Chou year	W
NE sha Taiyang Taisui	N	NW Fude

SE Taiyin	S	SW Suipo
E Taiyang	CENTER Yin year	W Longde
NE sha Taisui	N sha	NW Fude sha

SE	S	SW
Taiyang	Taiyin	sha
E	CENTER	W
Taisui	Mao year	sha Suipo
NE	N	NW
	Fude	sha Longde

SE sha	S	SW
Taiyang Taisui	sha	Taiyin sha
E	CENTER	W
	Chen year	
NE	N	NW
Fude		Longde Suipo

SE	S	SW
sha Taisui	Taiyang	Taiyin
E	CENTER	W
sha	Si Year	
NE	N	NW
sha Fude	Longde	Suipo

SE	S	SW
	Taisui	Taiyang
E	CENTER	W
Fude	Wu year	Taiyin
NE	N	NW
Longde sha	sha Suipo	sha

SE	S	sha SW
Fude		Taiyang Taisui
E	CENTER	W
	Wei year	sha
NE	N	NW
Longde Suipo		sha Taiyin

SE	S	SW
Fude sha	sha	Taisui sha
E	CENTER	W
Longde	Shen year	Taiyang
NE	N	NW
Suipo		Taiyin

SE sha Longde	S Fude	SW
E sha Suipo	CENTER You year	W Taisui
NE sha	N Taiyin	NW Taiyang

SE Longde Suipo	S	SW Fude
E	CENTER Xu year	W
NE sha Taiyin	N sha	sha NW Taiyang Taisui

SE Suipo	S Longde	SW sha Fude
E	CENTER Hai year	W sha
NE Taiyin	N Taiyang	NW sha Taisui

Hidden Construction Sha 暗建煞

You will get hurt if you violate the hidden construction sha (HCS), which is also known as the flying taisui. This theory was discussed in the Qing dynasty book, *Master Shen's Xuankong Knowledge* (《沈氏玄空學》 Shenshi Xuankong Xue).

The hidden construction sha is a calculation that combines the twelve branches with the flying stars. You determine the location of the flying star that comes from the same direction as the taisui.

Doing construction or breaking the earth in the sector or direction of the hidden construction sha will invite consuming (money loss) and illness. If the hidden construction sha ends up in the center, no construction should be done that year.

This calculation is less well-known than the taisui, the suipo, or the three sha. Sometimes, you might follow all the rules for construction regarding the taisui, the suipo, and the three sha, yet still have a problem. This is because the hidden construction sha was unknowingly violated.

Once again, by selecting the taiyang, taiyin, longde, or fude sector to start the work, the negative effect can be avoided.

If neighbors do construction in your hidden construction sha direction, it will cause you problems. Use metal to neutralize the earth sha.

Method:

1. Determine the direction of the taisui. For example, in a zi year, it is north. In a wei year, it is southwest.
2. Note the flying star whose home is in the same direction. For example, the north is home to 1 white. The southwest is home to 2 black.
3. Fly the stars for the current year.
4. Find the location of the flying star in step 2. This direction contains the flying taisui (hidden construction sha).

Example: 1960 year Geng Zi 庚子年

SE 3	S 8	SW 1 (HCS)
E 2	CENTER Zi 4	W 6
NE 7	N 9 Taisui	NW 5

1960 is a geng zi year: The annual 4 green is in center, so 5 yellow is in the northwest, 6 white is in the west, 7 red is in the northeast, 8 white is in the south, 9 purple is in the north, and 1 white is in the southwest.

1 white comes from the north, just like zi, the taisui for 1960, so 1 white is the hidden construction sha. 1 white is in the southwest. Therefore, the southwest is the location of the hidden construction sha (HCS).

Example: 1984 year Jia Zi 甲子年

SE 6	S 2	SW 4
E 5	CENTER Zi 7	W 9
NE 1 (HCS)	N 3 Taisui	NW 8

1984 is a jia zi year: The annual 7 red is in the center, so 8 white is in the northwest, 9 red is in the west, and 1 white is in the northeast. The year is jia zi, so 1 white (zi) is the taisui. 1 white is in the northeast. Therefore, the northeast is the location of the hidden construction sha.

Example: 2008 year Wu Zi 戊子年

SE 9	S 5	SW 7
E 8	CENTER Zi 1 (HCS)	W 3
NE 4	N 6 Taisui	NW 2

2008 is a wu zi year: The annual 1 white is in the center. The year is wu zi, so 1 white (zi) is the taisui. 1 white is in the center. Therefore, the center contains the hidden construction sha.

Normally, if the center contains the hidden construction sha, all construction or renovation should be avoided. However, it is not practical to avoid all construction for a year. Once again, it can be done if construction is begun in the location of one of the four beneficial stars, especially if this direction coincides with one of the three whites (1 white, 6 white or 8 white. Of course, in the above example, 1 white is unavailable as it is in the center and is the hidden construction sha).

From the above examples regarding the zi branch, you can see that years with the same branch will have different hidden construction sha directions due to different annual flying stars.

QUIZ 4

1. Locate the Hidden Construction Sha (flying taisui) for a hai branch year with 8 white in the center:

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER Hai 8	W
NE	N	NW

2. Locate the Hidden Construction Sha (flying taisui) for a chou branch year with 3 jade in the center:

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER Chou 3	W
NE	N	NW

3. Locate the Hidden Construction Sha (flying taisui) for a shen branch year with 2 black in the center:

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER Shen 2 (HCS)	W
NE	N	NW

QUIZ 4 ANSWERS

1. Locate the Hidden Construction Sha (flying taisui) for a hai branch year with 8 white in the center:

SE 7	S 3	SW 5
E 6 (HCS)	CENTER Hai 8	W 1
NE 2	N 4	NW 9

2. Locate the Hidden Construction Sha (flying taisui) for a chou branch year with 3 jade in the center:

SE 2	S 7	SW 9
E 1	CENTER Chou 3	W 5
NE 6	N 8 (HCS)	NW 4

3. Locate the Hidden Construction Sha (flying taisui) for a shen branch year with 2 black in the center:

SE 1	S 6	SW 8
E 9	CENTER Shen 2 (HCS)	W 4
NE 5	N 7	NW 3

Example Including Everything:

SE 1 Taiyin	S 6	SW 8 (HCS) Suiipo
E 9 Taiyang	CENTER Yin 2	W 4 Longde
NE 5 sha Taisui	N 7 sha	3 NW sha Fude

In this year (yin branch, with 2 black in the center):

1. The best direction to begin construction is in the southeast, because it has 1 white and taiyin. No other directions have a beneficial star plus one of the three whites.
2. The second best directions would be the east and the west because they have a beneficial star plus an annual star that is not bad. There is also no sha or other problem. The south is almost as good because it has 6 white, and no problems.
3. The rest of the palaces all have some kind of problem. Of these, the northwest is best, as it has fude to protect it, even though it has one of the three sha.
4. 8 white in the southwest gives no protection, as it is the anjian or hidden construction sha. We should not begin here.
5. The north should be avoided as it has sha and no protection. The northeast is the worse, as it has sha, the taisui, and no protection.
6. In summary, construction could be done anywhere, as long as it was began in the southeast (first choice), east or west (second choice), or south (third choice).

For Those Who Have Taken the Day Selection Classes

This class is about choosing a direction to begin construction. However, it is also important to choose the correct day. Even if you start from the direction of the four beneficial stars, you must avoid beginning construction on a day that is your consumer, the year or month breaker, the year or month sha, or any other day that is bad for construction. The beneficial stars neutralize problems with direction, not time.

If you have not taken the day selection classes, you have two alternatives: You can take these classes, as day selection is an essential element of feng shui. Or you can use an almanac, such as Master Sang's annual *Feng Shui and Astrology Guide* to pick a date to begin construction. This book is available at:

<http://www.amfengshui.com/ashop/catalogue.php> .

The Thirty-Six Complete Diagrams

Zi Years (1 white, 4 green, or 7 red)

SE 9 sha	S 5 sha Suipo	7 SW sha Longde
E 8 Taiyin	CENTER Zi 1 (HCS)	W 3 Fude
NE 4 Taiyang	N 6 Taisui	NW 2

SE 6 sha	S 2 sha Suipo	4 SW sha Longde
E 5 Taiyin	CENTER Zi 7	W 9 Fude
NE 1 (HCS) Taiyang	N 3 Taisui	NW 8

SE 3 sha	S 8 sha Suipo	1 (HCS) SW sha Longde
E 2 Taiyin	CENTER Zi 4	W 6 Fude
NE 7 Taiyang	N 9 Taisui	NW 5

Chou Years (3 jade, 6 white, or 9 purple)

SE 8 (HCS) sha Taiyin	S 4	SW 6 Longde Suipo
E 7 sha	CENTER Chou 9	W 2
NE 3 sha Taiyang Taisui	N 5	NW 1 Fude

SE 5 sha Taiyin	S 1	SW 3 Longde Suipo
E 4 sha	CENTER Chou 6	W 8 (HCS)
NE 9 sha Taiyang Taisui	N 2	NW 7 Fude

SE 2 sha Taiyin	S 7	SW 9 Longde Suipo
E 1 sha	CENTER Chou 3	W 5
NE 6 sha Taiyang Taisui	N 8 (HCS)	NW 4 Fude

Yin Years (2 black, 5 yellow, or 8 white)

SE 7 Taiyin	S 3	SW 5 Suipo
E 6 Taiyang	CENTER Yin 8 (HCS)	W 1 Longde
NE 2 sha Taisui	N 4 sha	9 NW sha Fude

SE 4 Taiyin	S 9	SW 2 Suipo
E 3 Taiyang	CENTER Yin 5	W 7 Longde
NE 8 (HCS) sha Taisui	N 1 sha	6 NW sha Fude

SE 1 Taiyin	S 6	SW 8 (HCS) Suipo
E 9 Taiyang	CENTER Yin 2	W 4 Longde
NE 5 sha Taisui	N 7 sha	3 NW sha Fude

Mao Years (1 white, 4 green, or 7 red)

SE 6 Taiyang	S 2 Taiyin	SW 4 sha
E 5 Taisui	CENTER Mao 7	9 W sha Suipo
NE 1	N 3 (HCS) Fude	8 NW sha Longde

SE 3 (HCS) Taiyang	S 8 Taiyin	SW 1 sha
E 2 Taisui	CENTER Mao 4	6 W sha Suipo
NE 7	N 9 Fude	5 NW sha Longde

SE 9 Taiyang	S 5 Taiyin	SW 7 sha
E 8 Taisui	CENTER Mao 1	3 (HCS) W sha Suipo
NE 4	N 6 Fude	2 NW sha Longde

Chen Years (3 jade, 6 white, or 9 purple)

SE 5 sha Taiyang Taisui	S 1 sha	3 SW sha Taiyin
E 4 (HCS)	CENTER Chen 6	W 8
NE 9 Fude	N 2	NW 7 Longde Suipo

SE 2 sha Taiyang Taisui	S 7 sha	9 SW sha Taiyin
E 1	CENTER Chen 3	W 5
NE 6 Fude	N 8	4 (HCS) NW Longde Suipo

SE 8 sha Taiyang Taisui	S 4 (HCS) sha	6 SW sha Taiyin
E 7	CENTER Chen 9	W 2
NE 3 Fude	N 5	NW 1 Longde Suipo

Si Years (2 black, 5 yellow, or 8 white)

SE 4 (HCS) sha Taisui	S 9 Taiyang	SW 2 Taiyin
E 3 sha	CENTER Si 5	W 7
NE 8 sha Fude	N 1 Longde	NW 6 Suipo

SE 1 sha Taisui	S 6 Taiyang	SW 8 Taiyin
E 9 sha	CENTER Si 2	W 4 (HCS)
NE 5 sha Fude	N 7 Longde	NW 3 Suipo

SE 7 sha Taisui	S 3 Taiyang	SW 5 Taiyin
E 6 sha	CENTER Si 8	W 1
NE 2 sha Fude	N 4 (HCS) Longde	NW 9 Suipo

Wu Years (1 white, 4 green, or 7 red)

SE 3	S 8 Taisui	SW 1 Taiyang
E 2 Fude	CENTER Wu 4	W 6 Taiyin
NE 7 sha Longde	N 9 (HCS) sha Suipo	NW 5 sha

SE 9 (HCS)	S 5 Taisui	SW 7 Taiyang
E 8 Fude	CENTER Wu 1	W 3 Taiyin
NE 4 sha Longde	N 6 sha Suipo	NW 2 sha

SE 6	S 2 Taisui	SW 4 Taiyang
E 5 Fude	CENTER Wu 7	W 9 (HCS) Taiyin
NE 1 sha Longde	N 3 sha Suipo	NW 8 sha

Wei Years (3 jade, 6 white, or 9 purple)

SE 2 (HCS) Fude	S 7	sha 9 SW Taiyang Taisui
E 1	CENTER Wei 3	5 W sha
NE 6 Longde Suipo	N 8	4 NW sha Taiyin

SE 8 Fude	S 4	sha 6 SW Taiyang Taisui
E 7	CENTER Wei 9	2 (HCS) W sha
NE 3 Longde Suipo	N 5	1 NW sha Taiyin

SE 5 Fude	S 1	sha 3 SW Taiyang Taisui
E 4	CENTER Wei 6	8 W sha
NE 9 Longde Suipo	N 2 (HCS)	7 NW sha Taiyin

Shen Years (2 black, 5 yellow, or 8 white)

SE 1 sha Fude	S 6 sha	8 SW Taisui sha
E 9 Longde	CENTER Shen 2 (HCS)	W 4 Taiyang
NE 5 Suipo	N 7	NW 3 Taiyin

SE 7 sha Fude	S 3 sha	5 SW Taisui sha
E 6 Longde	CENTER Shen 8	W 1 Taiyang
NE 2 (HCS) Suipo	N 4	NW 9 Taiyin

SE 4 sha Fude	S 9 sha	2 (HCS) SW Taisui sha
E 3 Longde	CENTER Shen 5	W 7 Taiyang
NE 8 Suipo	N 1	NW 6 Taiyin

You Years (1 white, 4 green, or 7 red)

SE 9 sha Longde	S 5 Fude	SW 7 (HCS)
E 8 sha Suipo	CENTER You 1	W 3 Taisui
NE 4 sha	N 6 Taiyin	NW 2 Taiyang

SE 6 sha Longde	S 2 Fude	SW 4
E 5 sha Suipo	CENTER You 7 (HCS)	W 9 Taisui
NE 1 sha	N 3 Taiyin	NW 8 Taiyang

SE 3 sha Longde	S 8 Fude	SW 1
E 2 sha Suipo	CENTER You 4	W 6 Taisui
NE 7 (HCS) sha	N 9 Taiyin	NW 5 Taiyang

Xu Years (3 jade, 6 white, or 9 purple)

SE 8 Longde Suipo	S 4	SW 6 (HCS) Fude
E 7	CENTER Xu 9	W 2
NE 3 sha Taiyin	N 5 sha	sha 1 NW Taiyang Taisui

SE 5 Longde Suipo	S 1	SW 3 Fude
E 4	CENTER Xu 6 (HCS)	W 8
NE 9 sha Taiyin	N 2 sha	sha 7 NW Taiyang Taisui

SE 2 Longde Suipo	S 7	SW 9 Fude
E 1	CENTER Xu 3	W 5
NE 6 (HCS) sha Taiyin	N 8 sha	sha 4 NW Taiyang Taisui

Hai Years (2 black, 5 yellow, or 8 white)

SE 7 Suipo	S 3 Longde	5 SW sha Fude
E 6 (HCS)	CENTER Hai 8	W 1 sha
NE 2 Taiyin	N 4 Taiyang	9 NW sha Taisui

SE 4 Suipo	S 9 Longde	2 SW sha Fude
E 3	CENTER Hai 5	W 7 sha
NE 8 Taiyin	N 1 Taiyang	(HCS) 6 NW sha Taisui

SE 1 Suipo	S 6 (HCS) Longde	8 SW sha Fude
E 9	CENTER Hai 2	W 4 sha
NE 5 Taiyin	N 7 Taiyang	3 NW sha Taisui

FINAL EXAM

1. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, the three sha, the hidden construction sha, and the flying stars for a you branch year that has 4 green in the center. Do the calculations yourself, without referring to the Thirty-six Complete Diagrams.

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER You 4	W
NE	N	NW

2. Which direction(s) should absolutely be avoided for beginning construction this year?

3. Which is the best direction for starting construction this year?

4. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, the three sha, the hidden construction sha, and the flying stars for a chen branch year that has 3 jade in the center. Do the calculations yourself, without referring to the Thirty-six Complete Diagrams.

SE	S	SW
E	CENTER Chen 3	W
NE	N	NW

5. Which direction(s) should absolutely be avoided for beginning construction this year?

6. Which is the best direction for starting construction this year?

FINAL EXAM ANSWERS

1. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, the three sha, the hidden construction sha, and the flying stars for a you branch year that has 4 green in the center. Do the calculations yourself, without referring to the Thirty-six Complete Diagrams.

SE 3 sha Longde	S 8 Fude	SW 1
E 2 sha Suipo	CENTER You 4	W 6 Taisui
NE 7 (HCS) sha	N 9 Taiyin	NW 5 Taiyang

2. Which direction(s) should be absolutely avoided for beginning construction this year?

a. Northeast because it has the hidden construction sha and one of the three sha, and no good stars to help it.

b. the east, because it has one of the three sha and the suipo, but no good stars to help it.

3. Which is the best direction for starting construction this year?

The south, because it has the 8 white and fude, both excellent stars. It also has no bad stars.

4. Locate the taisui, suipo, four beneficial stars, the three sha, the hidden construction sha, and the flying stars for a chen branch year that has 3 jade in the center. Do the calculations yourself, without referring to the Thirty-six Complete Diagrams.

SE 2 sha Taiyang Taisui	S 7 sha	9 SW sha Taiyin
E 1	CENTER Chen 3	W 5
NE 6 Fude	N 8	4 (HCS) NW Longde Suipo

5. Which direction(s) should absolutely be avoided for beginning construction this year?

- a. **The south because it has sha and no protective stars.**
- b. **The west because it has the annual 5 and no protective stars.**

6. Which is the best direction for starting construction this year?

The northeast, because it has the 6 white and fude, both excellent stars. It also has no bad stars.