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Locating and Rating the Fourteen Major Stars

The first fourteen stars are the most important. So important, in fact, that some books teach simplified methods of Zi Wei using only these fourteen. The interpretation of these stars will be discussed after we place all fourteen within the chart and rate them.

Five Element Type

In order to locate the first star, Zi Wei, we need to find the *Five Element Type* for the subject of the chart. Look at the palace where the *ming gong* is located. Using the stem and branch combination for the ming palace (not the birth year), check on the following table to find the element type. Write it in the center of your chart.

Branch of Ming Palace	Five Element Type				
	Stem of Ming Palace				
	Jia or Yi	Bing or Ding	Wu or Ji	Geng or Xin	Ren or Gui
Zi or Chou	Metal 4	Water 2	Fire 6	Earth 5	Wood 3
Yin or Mao	Water 2	Fire 6	Earth 5	Wood 3	Metal 4
Chen or Si	Fire 6	Earth 5	Wood 3	Metal 4	Water 2
Wu or Wei	Metal 4	Water 2	Fire 6	Earth 5	Wood 3
Shen or You	Water 2	Fire 6	Earth 5	Wood 3	Metal 4
Xu or Hai	Fire 6	Earth 5	Wood 3	Metal 4	Water 2

Some of you may be familiar with the 60 Jia Zi Nayin (六十甲子納音). The above table contains the nayin element for that stem - branch combination. If you are not familiar with the nayin, it will not impair your ability to follow this material. The nayin are discussed in our *Marriage Partner Selection Class* and in *Case Study 13*.

Notice that the following numbers are associated with the five elements:

Water	Wood	Metal	Earth	Fire
2	3	4	5	6

The significance of these numbers will be discussed in the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Advanced Class*.

Locating the Zi Wei Star (紫微星)

You have already calculated the lunar birth day for your subject and written it in the center of the chart. Use the element type and the lunar birth day to locate the palace of the Zi Wei Star:

Location of Zi Wei Star					
Day of Lunar Month	Element Type				
	Water 2	Wood 3	Metal 4	Earth 5	Fire 6
1	Chou	Chen	Hai	Wu	You
2	Yin	Chou	Chen	Hai	Wu
3	Yin	Yin	Chou	Chen	Hai
4	Mao	Si	Yin	Chou	Chen
5	Mao	Yin	Zi	Yin	Chou
6	Chen	Mao	Si	Wei	Yin
7	Chen	Wu	Yin	Zi	Xu
8	Si	Mao	Mao	Si	Wei
9	Si	Chen	Chou	Yin	Zi
10	Wu	Wei	Wu	Mao	Si
11	Wu	Chen	Mao	Shen	Yin
12	Wei	Si	Chen	Chou	Mao
13	Wei	Shen	Yin	Wu	Hai
14	Shen	Si	Wei	Mao	Shen
15	Shen	Wu	Chen	Chen	Chou
16	You	You	Si	You	Wu
17	You	Wu	Mao	Yin	Mao
18	Xu	Wei	Shen	Wei	Chen
19	Xu	Xu	Si	Chen	Zi
20	Hai	Wei	Wu	Si	You
21	Hai	Shen	Chen	Xu	Yin
22	Zi	Hai	You	Mao	Wei
23	Zi	Shen	Wu	Shen	Chen
24	Chou	You	Wei	Si	Si
25	Chou	Zi	Si	Wu	Chou
26	Yin	You	Xu	Hai	Xu
27	Yin	Xu	Wei	Chen	Mao
28	Mao	Chou	Shen	You	Shen
29	Mao	Xu	Wu	Wu	Si
30	Chen	Hai	Hai	Wei	Wu

Example:

KARMA Gui Si	PROPERTY Jia Wu	CAREER Yi Wei	FRIENDS Bing Shen
PARENTS Ren Chen	Name: AB (male) Date: 8/24/56 Time: 10:50 am Year: Bing Shen		TRAVEL Ding You
MING Xin Mao	Month: 7 Shen Day: 19 th Hour: 6 Si Type: Wood 3		ILLNESS 1 Zi Wei Wu Xu
SIBLINGS Geng Yin	SPOUSE SHEN Xin Chou	CHILDREN Geng Zi	MONEY Ji Hai

- AB is a Wood 3 Type because the stem in his ming gong is xin and the branch in his ming gong is mao.
- AB was born on the 19th day of the lunar month.
- AB's Zi Wei star is found in the xu palace,¹ which also happens to be his illness palace. We know that Zi Wei is in the xu palace because if you look in the Wood 3 column of the preceding table and find the row for the 19th day, you'll find that it tells you 'xu.'

¹ We always refer to palace by its branch (not its stem or category) because the branch is always in the same location in every chart.

Quiz 1

1. Find the element type and then the location of the Zi Wei Star:

Money ji si	Children geng wu	Spouse xin wei	Siblings ren shen
Illness wu chen	Year: jia chen Month: 11, zi Day: 15 th		Ming gui you
Travel Shen ding mao	Hour: 4, mao Element Type:		Parents jia xu
Friends bing yin	Career ding chou	Property bing zi	Karma yi hai

2. Find the element type and then the location of the Zi Wei Star:

Children gui si	Spouse jia wu	Siblings yi wei	Ming Shen bing shen
Money ren chen	Year: xin you Month: 1, yin Day: 12 th		Parents ding you
Illness xin mao	Hour: 7, wu Element Type:		Karma wu xu
Travel geng yin	Friends xin chou	Career geng zi	Property ji hai

3. Find the element type and then the location of the Zi Wei Star:

Property ding si	Career wu wu	Friends ji wei	Travel geng shen
Karma bing chen	Year: gui si Month: 5, wu Day: 5 th		Illness xin you
Parents yi mao	Hour: 5, chen Element Type:		Money Shen ren xu
Ming jia yin	Siblings yi chou	Spouse jia zi	Children gui hai

Quiz 1 Answers

1. Find the element type and then the location of the Zi Wei Star:

Money ji si	Children geng wu	Spouse xin wei	Siblings ren shen
Illness 1 Zi Wei wu chen	Year: jia chen Month: 11, zi Day: 15 th Hour: 4, mao		Ming gui you
Travel Shen ding mao	Element Type: Metal 4		Parents jia xu
Friends bing yin	Career ding chou	Property bing zi	Karma yi hai

2. Find the element type and then the location of the Zi Wei Star:

Children gui si	Spouse jia wu	Siblings yi wei	Ming Shen bing shen
Money ren chen	Year: xin you Month: 1, yin Day: 12 th Hour: 7, wu		Parents ding you
Illness 1 Zi Wei xin mao	Element Type: Fire 6		Karma wu xu
Travel geng yin	Friends xin chou	Career geng zi	Property ji hai

3. Find the element type and then the location of the Zi Wei Star:

Property ding si	Career wu wu	Friends ji wei	Travel geng shen
Karma bing chen	Year: gui si Month: 5, wu Day: 5 th		Illness xin you
Parents 1 Zi Wei yi mao	Hour: 5, chen Element Type: Water 2		Money Shen ren xu
Ming jia yin	Siblings yi chou	Spouse jia zi	Children gui hai

A Series of Stars Placed by the Location of Zi Wei

Now that your chart has the pertinent birth information of the subject, palace stems and branches, palace categories, and the 1 Zi Wei star, you are ready to begin placing in the rest of the stars. This is not done all at once, but by one series of stars after another.

The Zi Wei Star is said to lead out the other stars, because we find it first, and because the location of the other stars are based on the location of Zi Wei.

In the left-hand column of the table below, locate the branch of the palace in which Zi Wei is located. Look in the right-hand columns to find the location of the first series of stars:

Placement of the Stars						
Location of 紫微 1 Zi Wei	2 天機 Tian Ji	3 太陽 Tai Yang	4 武曲 Wu Qu	5 天同 Tian Tong	6 廉貞 Lian Zhen	7 天府 Tian Fu
Zi	Hai	You	Shen	Wei	Chen	Chen
Chou	Zi	Xu	You	Shen	Si	Mao
Yin	Chou	Hai	Xu	You	Wu	Yin
Mao	Yin	Zi	Hai	Xu	Wei	Chou
Chen	Mao	Chou	Zi	Hai	Shen	Zi
Si	Chen	Yin	Chou	Zi	You	Hai
Wu	Si	Mao	Yin	Chou	Xu	Xu
Wei	Wu	Chen	Mao	Yin	Hai	You
Shen	Wei	Si	Chen	Mao	Zi	Shen
You	Shen	Wu	Si	Chen	Chou	Wei
Xu	You	Wei	Wu	Si	Yin	Wu
Hai	Xu	Shen	Wei	Wu	Mao	Si

A Series of Stars Placed by the Location of 7 Tian Fu

The placement of the second group of stars is based on the location of the seventh star, **Tian Fu**.

In the left-hand column below, find the branch of the palace in which 7 Tian Fu is located. Look in the right-hand columns to find the locations of the next group of stars.

Placement of the Stars							
Location of 7 Tian Fu	8 太陰 Tai Yin	9 貪狼 Tan Lang	10 巨門 Ju Men	11 天相 Tian Xiang	12 天梁 Tian Liang	13 七殺 Qi Sha	14 破軍 Po Jun
Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Xu
Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Hai
Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	Zi
Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Chou
Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Yin
Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Mao
Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chen
Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Si
Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Wu
You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Wei
Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Shen
Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	You

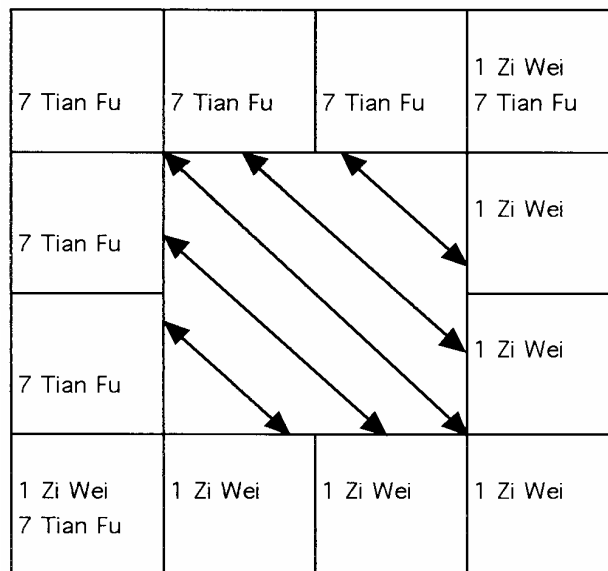
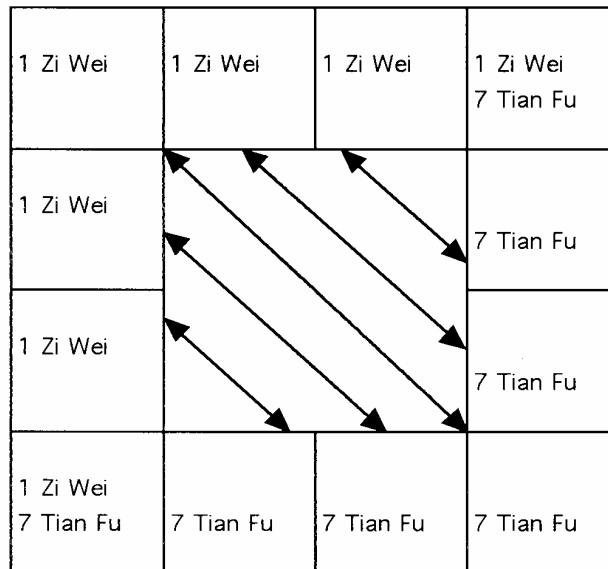
You have now completed placement of the *Fourteen Major Stars*.

Checking the Placement of Stars

After placing the stars, you can check for mistakes by looking for a pattern:

1. If 1 Zi Wei is in the yin or shen palace, then 7 Tian Fu should also be in the same palace.
2. If 1 Zi Wei is in any other palace, 7 Tian Fu should be diagonally opposite it.

This pattern is shown in the following diagrams:



Example:

KARMA 5 Tian Tong Gui Si	PROPERTY 4 Wu Qu 7 Tian Fu Jia Wu	CAREER 3 Tai Yang 8 Tai Yin Yi Wei	FRIENDS 9 Tan Lang Bing Shen
PARENTS 14 Po Jun Ren Chen	Name: AB (male) Date: 8/24/56 Time: 10:50 am Year: Bing Shen		TRAVEL 2 Tian Ji 10 Ju Men Ding You
MING Xin Mao	Month: 7 Shen Day: 19 th Hour: 6 Si Type: Wood 3		ILLNESS 1 Zi Wei 11 Tian Xiang Wu Xu
SIBLINGS 6 Lian Zhen Geng Yin	SPOUSE SHEN Xin Chou	CHILDREN 13 Qi Sha Geng Zi	MONEY 12 Tian Liang Ji Hai

- 1 Zi Wei is placed in the xu palace based on AB's Wood 3 type and his being born on the 19th day of the lunar month.
- Stars 2 through 7 are placed in location by following the table called *A Series of Stars Placed by the Location of Zi Wei*. We look at the row that shows the locations based on 1 Zi Wei in the xu palace.
- This puts 7 Tian Fu in the wu branch palace.
- From the table called *A Series of Stars Placed by the Location of 7 Tian Fu*, we place stars 8 through 14, based on 7 Tian Fu's location in the wu palace.
- Notice that a palace may contain one, two, or none of the *Fourteen Major Stars*. An empty palace takes on the major stars of the opposite palace. In this case, the mao palace is empty, so the two stars in the you palace are reflected in: 2 Tian Ji and 10 Ju Men.

Quiz 2

1. Find the rest of the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Money ji si	Children geng wu	Spouse xin wei	Siblings ren shen
Illness 1 Zi Wei wu chen	Year: jia chen Month: 11, zi Day: 15 th Hour: 4, mao Element Type: Metal 4		Ming gui you
Travel Shen ding mao			Parents jia xu
Friends bing yin	Career ding chou	Property bing zi	Karma yi hai

2. Find the rest of the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Children gui si	Spouse jia wu	Siblings yi wei	Ming Shen bing shen
Money ren chen	Year: xin you Month: 1, yin Day: 12 th Hour: 7, wu		Parents ding you
Illness 1 Zi Wei xin mao	Element Type: Fire 6		Karma wu xu
Travel geng yin	Friends xin chou	Career geng zi	Property ji hai

3. Find the rest of the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Property ding si	Career wu wu	Friends ji wei	Travel geng shen
Karma 1 bing chen	Year: gui si Month: 5, wu Day: 5 th Hour: 5, chen		Illness xin you
Parents 1 Zi Wei yi mao	Element Type: Water 2		Money Shen ren xu
Ming jia yin	Siblings yi chou	Spouse jia zi	Children gui hai

Quiz 2 Answers

1. Find the rest of the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Money 12 Tian Liang ji si	Children 13 Qi Sha geng wu	Spouse xin wei	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen ren shen
Illness 1 Zi Wei 11 Tian Xiang wu chen	Year: jia chen Month: 11, zi Day: 15 th Hour: 4, mao		Ming gui you
Travel Shen 2 Tian Ji 10 Ju Men ding mao	Element Type: Metal 4		Parents 14 Po Jun 2 jia xu
Friends 9 Tan Lang bing yin	Career 3 Tai Yang 8 Tai Yin ding chou	Property 4 Wu Qu 7 Tian Fu bing zi	Karma 5 Tian Tong yi hai

2. Find the rest of the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Children 11 Tian Xiang gui si	Spouse 12 Tian Liang jia wu	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 13 Qi Sha yi wei	Ming Shen bing shen
Money 10 Ju Men ren chen	Year: xin you Month: 1, yin Day: 12 th Hour: 7, wu		Parents ding you
Illness 1 Zi Wei 9 Tan Lang xin mao	Element Type: Fire 6		Karma 5 Tian Tong wu xu
Travel 2 Tian Ji 8 Tai Yin geng yin	Friends 7 Tian Fu xin chou	Career 3 Tai Yang geng zi	Property 4 Wu Qu 14 Po Jun ji hai

3. Find the rest of the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Property 11 Tian Xiang ding si	Career 12 Tian Liang wu wu	Friends 6 Lian Zhen 13 Qi Sha ji wei	Travel geng shen
Karma 10 Ju Men bing chen	Year: gui si Month: 5, wu Day: 5 th Hour: 5, chen		Illness xin you
Parents 1 Zi Wei 9 Tan Lang yi mao	Element Type: Water 2		Money Shen 5 Tian Tong ren xu
Ming 2 Tian Ji 8 Tai Yin jia yin	Siblings 7 Tian Fu yi chou	Spouse 3 Tai Yang jia zi	Children 4 Wu Qu 14 Po Jun gui hai

Notice that this chart and the previous one have some similarities. Zi Wei is in the mao palace in both, so all *Fourteen Major Stars* are in the same palaces in both charts. Even so, ming can fall into any one of the twelve palaces, which will make a huge difference in personality.

In the previous chart, the ming was in the shen branch palace, which is empty. Therefore, it uses 2 Tian Ji and 8 Tai Yin, reflected in from the opposite (yin) palace. In this chart, the ming is in yin, with the original 2 Tian Ji and 8 Tai Yin. Even though the ming contains the same stars in both charts, the other eleven palaces have different stars.

In addition, the location of shen, the body palace is not the same. Further, when we add the rest of the stars in the *Intermediate Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*, there will be big differences. Finally, the timing, which we learn in the *Advanced Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*, will not be the same.

Therefore, these charts have much in common, but also have quite a bit of difference.

Rating the Stars

Whether a star is auspicious or not depends on the branch of the palace in which it is located. The ratings used in the table on the next page are defined here:

Rating	Meaning	Chinese	
1	Excellent	廟	miao
2	Very Good	旺	wang
3	Average	平	ping
4	Poor	閑	xian
5	Bad	陷	xian

The better the rating, the more the star's positive aspects come out. The worse the rating, the more the difficult aspects of the star emerge. If two stars are in the same palace, the one with the better rating will have more influence.

Ratings for the Stars

Palace Branch	1 紫微 Zi Wei	2 天機 Tian Ji	3 太陽 Tai Yang	4 武曲 Wu Qu	5 天同 Tian Tong	6 廉貞 Lian Zhen	7 天府 Tian Fu	8 太陰 Tai Yin	9 貪狼 Tan Lang	10 巨門 Ju Men	11 天相 Tian Xiang	12 天梁 Tian Liang	13 七殺 Qi Sha	14 破軍 Po Jun
Zi	3	1	5	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
Chou	1	5	5	1	5	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Yin	1	2	2	4	4	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	5
Mao	2	2	1	5	1	4	3	5	3	1	5	1	5	2
Chen	5	1	2	1	3	2	1	4	1	3	2	2	2	2
Si	2	3	2	3	1	5	3	5	5	3	3	5	3	4
Wu	1	1	1	2	5	3	2	5	2	2	2	1	2	1
Wei	1	5	3	1	5	2	1	3	1	5	4	2	2	1
Shen	2	3	4	3	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	5	1	5
You	3	2	4	2	3	3	5	2	3	1	5	2	4	5
Xu	4	1	5	1	3	1	2	2	1	2	4	2	1	2
Hai	2	3	5	3	1	5	2	1	5	2	3	5	3	3

Example: AB (male)

KARMA 5 Tian Tong 1 Gui Si	PROPERTY 4 Wu Qu 2 7 Tian Fu 2 Jia Wu	CAREER 3 Tai Yang 3 8 Tai Yin 3 Yi Wei	FRIENDS 9 Tan Lang 3 Bing Shen
PARENTS 14 Po Jun 2 Ren Chen	Name: AB Date: 8/24/56 Time: 10:50 am Year: Bing Shen Month: 7 Shen Day: 19th Hour: 6 Si Type: Wood 3		TRAVEL 2 Tian Ji 2 10 Ju Men 1 Ding You
MING Xin Mao			ILLNESS 1 Zi Wei 4 11 Tian Xiang 4 Wu Xu
SIBLINGS 6 Lian Zhen 1 Geng Yin	SPOUSE SHEN Xin Chou	CHILDREN 13 Qi Sha 2 Geng Zi	MONEY 12 Tian Liang 5 Ji Hai

The ratings of the *Major Stars* are now added into AB's chart, based on the table from the previous page. Note that the ratings are placed after the star's name. We can see that the you palace contains 2 Tian Ji with a rating of 2 and 10 Ju Men with a rating of 1. The high ratings let you know that these stars will be on their best behavior. The you palace is AB's travel palace. Since AB's ming is in mao, the opposite palace, and it has no major stars, 2 Tian Ji 2 and 10 Ju Men 1 are reflected into his ming. The rating does not change in the reflected palace. The interpretation of this will be discussed below.

In the first part of the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Beginning Class*, you learned that the most important palaces are ming, career, and money. These palaces are in the three combinations relationship. Traditionally a triangle is drawn from ming to the other two. In addition, the palace opposite ming is also essential to interpretation, so a line is drawn from ming to travel.

Quiz 3

1. Add the ratings for the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Money 12 Tian Liang ji si	Children 13 Qi Sha geng wu	Spouse xin wei	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen ren shen
Illness 1 Zi Wei 11 Tian Xiang wu chen	Year: jia chen Month: 11, zi Day: 15 th Hour: 4, mao		Ming gui you
Travel Shen 2 Tian Ji 10 Ju Men ding mao	Element Type: Metal 4		Parents 14 Po Jun jia xu
Friends 9 Tan Lang bing yin	Career 3 Tai Yang 8 Tai Yin ding chou	Property 4 Wu Qu 7 Tian Fu bing zi	Karma 5 Tian Tong yi hai

2. Add the ratings for the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Property 11 Tian Xiang ding si	Career 12 Tian Liang wu wu	Friends 6 Lian Zhen 13 Qi Sha ji wei	Travel geng shen
Karma 10 Ju Men bing chen	Year: gui si Month: 5, wu Day: 5 th Hour: 5, chen Element Type: Water 2		Illness xin you
Parents 1 Zi Wei 9 Tan Lang yi mao			Money Shen 5 Tian Tong ren xu
Ming 2 Tian Ji 8 Tai Yin jia yin	Siblings 7 Tian Fu yi chou	Spouse 3 Tai Yang jia zi	Children 4 Wu Qu 14 Po Jun gui hai

Quiz 3 Answers

1. Add the ratings for the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Money 12 Tian Liang 5 ji si	Children 13 Qi Sha 2 geng wu	Spouse xin wei	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 1 ren shen
Illness 1 Zi Wei 5 11 Tian Xiang 2 wu chen	Year: jia chen Month: 11, zi Day: 15 th Hour: 4, mao		Ming gui you
Travel Shen 2 Tian Ji 2 10 Ju Men 1 ding mao	Element Type: Metal 4		Parents 14 Po Jun 2 jia xu
Friends 9 Tan Lang 3 bing yin	Career 3 Tai Yang 5 8 Tai Yin 1 ding chou	Property 4 Wu Qu 2 7 Tian Fu 1 bing zi	Karma 5 Tian Tong 1 yi hai

2. Add the ratings for the *Fourteen Major Stars*:

Property 11 Tian Xiang 3 ding si	Career 12 Tian Liang 1 wu wu	Friends 6 Lian Zhen 2 13 Qi Sha 2 ji wei	Travel geng shen
Karma 10 Ju Men 3 bing chen	Year: gui si Month: 5, wu Day: 5 th Hour: 5, chen Element Type: Water 2		Illness xin you
Parents 1 Zi Wei 2 9 Tan Lang 3 yi mao			Money Shen 5 Tian Tong 3 ren xu
Ming 2 Tian Ji 2 8 Tai Yin 4 jia yin	Siblings 7 Tian Fu 1 yi chou	Spouse 3 Tai Yang 5 jia zi	Children 4 Wu Qu 3 14 Po Jun 3 gui hai

Conventions Used In These Lessons

Traditionally, these fourteen stars are always learned and discussed in the same order. In these lessons, we refer to the stars by number and name. There is some variation in the order of the stars taught in the *Intermediate Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*, but generally all books follow a similar sequence. Because the names are more difficult for those who do not read Chinese, we have assigned the stars numbers according to this sequence.

These numbers are not used by the Chinese and have no significance except to help the student index the stars.

The names of the stars (and all Chinese terminology) are transliterated into our alphabet using the system called *Pinyin*. There is a guide to Pinyin pronunciation in Part 1 of this *Beginning Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*.

We have also given ratings to the *Fourteen Major Stars* using numbers. These numbers follow the names of the Fourteen Major Stars when in a chart, but are not used for any of the other stars (to be learned in the *Intermediate Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*).

Example:

2 Tian Ji 3

This means star number 2 (which is Tian Ji) and it has a rating of 3.

The Twelve Palaces of Zi Wei

The following charts show the locations of the *Fourteen Major Stars*. For each location of 1 Zi Wei, the other thirteen Major Stars also have a fixed location. Once all Fourteen Stars are located, we add the ratings for these stars. Therefore, only twelve charts are needed to show every possible combination of the Fourteen Major Stars. Referring to these charts is more convenient than calculating locations and ratings every time you make a chart.

While there are twelve possible positions for the stars, within each of these twelve charts, it is possible for the ming to be in any one of the twelve palaces. This gives us 144 possible charts. Once we start adding the minor stars in the *Intermediate Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*, there will be uncountable variations within these 144 charts.

8 Tai Yin 5 si	9 Tan Lang 2 wu	5 Tian Tong 5 10 Ju Men 5 wei	4 Wu Qu 3 11 Tian Xiang 1 shen
6 Lian Zhen 2 7 Tian Fu 1 chen	1 Zi Wei in Zi		3 Tai Yang 4 12 Tian Liang 2 you
mao			13 Qi Sha 1 xu
14 Po Jun 5 yin	chou	1 Zi Wei 3 zi	2 Tian Ji 3 hai

6 Lian Zhen 5 9 Tan Lang 5 si	10 Ju Men 2 wu	11 Tian Xiang 4 wei	5 Tian Tong 2 12 Tian Liang 5 shen
8 Tai Yin 4 chen	1 Zi Wei in Chou		4 Wu Qu 2 13 Qi Sha 4 you
7 Tian Fu 3 mao			3 Tai Yang 5 xu
yin	1 Zi Wei 1 14 Po Jun 2 chou	2 Tian Ji 1 zi	hai

10 Ju Men 3 si	6 Lian Zhen 3 11 Tian Xiang 2 wu	12 Tian Liang 2 wei	13 Qi Sha 1 shen
9 Tan Lang 1 chen	1 Zi Wei in Yin		5 Tian Tong 3 you
8 Tai Yin 5 mao			4 Wu Qu 1 xu
1 Zi Wei 1 7 Tian Fu 1 yin	2 Tian Ji 5 chou	14 Po Jun 1 zi	3 Tai Yang 5 hai

11 Tian Xiang 3 si	12 Tian Liang 1 wu	6 Lian Zhen 2 13 Qi Sha 2 wei	shen
10 Ju Men 3 chen	1 Zi Wei in Mao		you
1 Zi Wei 2 9 Tan Lang 3 mao			5 Tian Tong 3 xu
2 Tian Ji 2 8 Tai Yin 4 yin	7 Tian Fu 1 chou	3 Tai Yang 5 zi	4 Wu Qu 3 14 Po Jun 3 hai

12 Tian Liang 5 si	13 Qi Sha 2 wu		6 Lian Zhen 1 shen
1 Zi Wei 5 11 Tian Xiang 2 chen	1 Zi Wei in Chen		you
2 Tian Ji 2 10 Ju Men 1 mao			14 Po Jun 2 xu
9 Tan Lang 3 yin	3 Tai Yang 5 8 Tai Yin 1 chou	4 Wu Qu 2 7 Tian Fu 1 zi	5 Tian Tong 1 hai

1 Zi Wei 2 13 Qi Sha 3 si			
2 Tian Ji 1 12 Tian Liang 2 chen	1 Zi Wei in Si		6 Lian Zhen 3 14 Po Jun 5 you
11 Tian Xiang 5 mao			xu
3 Tai Yang 2 10 Ju Men 1 yin	4 Wu Qu 1 9 Tan Lang 1 chou	5 Tian Tong 2 8 Tai Yin 1 zi	7 Tian Fu 2 hai

The next six charts are identical to the first six except for two things: they are rotated 180°, and the ratings change because the stars are in different palaces.

2 Tian Ji 3 si	1 Zi Wei 1 wu	wei	14 Po Jun 5 shen
13 Qi Sha 2 chen	1 Zi Wei in Wu		you
3 Tai Yang 1 12 Tian Liang 1 mao			6 Lian Zhen 1 7 Tian Fu 2 xu
4 Wu Qu 4 11 Tian Xiang 1 yin	5 Tian Tong 5 10 Ju Men 2 chou	9 Tan Lang 2 zi	8 Tai Yin 1 hai

si	2 Tian Ji 1 wu	1 Zi Wei 1 14 Po Jun 1 wei	shen
3 Tai Yang 2 chen	1 Zi Wei in Wei		7 Tian Fu 5 you
4 Wu Qu 5 13 Qi Sha 5 mao			8 Tai Yin 2 xu
5 Tian Tong 4 12 Tian Liang 1 yin	11 Tian Xiang 1 chou	10 Ju Men 2 zi	6 Lian Zhen 5 9 Tan Lang 5 hai

3 Tai Yang 2 si	14 Po Jun 1 wu	2 Tian Ji 5 wei	1 Zi Wei 2 7 Tian Fu 3 shen
4 Wu Qu 1 chen	1 Zi Wei in Shen		8 Tai Yin 2 you
5 Tian Tong 1 mao			9 Tan Lang 1 xu
13 Qi Sha 1 yin	12 Tian Liang 2 chou	6 Lian Zhen 3 11 Tian Xiang 1 zi	10 Ju Men 2 hai

4 Wu Qu 3 14 Po Jun 4 si	3 Tai Yang 1 wu	7 Tian Fu 1 wei	2 Tian Ji 3 8 Tai Yin 3 shen
5 Tian Tong 3 chen	1 Zi Wei in You		1 Zi Wei 3 9 Tan Lang 3 you
mao			10 Ju Men 2 xu
yin	6 Lian Zhen 2 13 Qi Sha 1 chou	12 Tian Liang 1 zi	11 Tian Xiang 3 hai

5 Tian Tong 1 si	4 Wu Qu 2 7 Tian Fu 2 wu	3 Tai Yang 3 8 Tai Yin 3 wei	9 Tan Lang 3 shen
14 Po Jun 2 chen	1 Zi Wei in Xu		2 Tian Ji 2 10 Ju Men 1 you
mao			1 Zi Wei 4 11 Tian Xiang 4 xu
6 Lian Zhen 1 yin	chou	13 Qi Sha 2 zi	12 Tian Liang 5 hai

7 Tian Fu 3 si	5 Tian Tong 5 8 Tai Yin 5 wu	4 Wu Qu 1 9 Tan Lang 1 wei	3 Tai Yang 4 10 Ju Men 1 shen
chen	1 Zi Wei in Hai		11 Tian Xiang 5 you
6 Lian Zhen 4 14 Po Jun 2 mao			2. Tian Ji 1 12 Tian Liang 2 xu
yin	chou	zi	1 Zi Wei 2 13 Qi Sha 3 hai

Interpreting the Fourteen Major Stars

The first fourteen stars are the most essential in interpreting a chart. Many books on Zi Wei astrology include only these fourteen. What follows is a discussion of each of these fourteen. First there will be a longer description of the star when it appears in ming. This can also be used for interpretation of shen, the body palace. However, while shen represents the time after the person is about 35 years old, they do not lose the essence of their personality from ming. Think of it as the flavor of shen gradually mixing in with the flavor of ming.

After the portrait is drawn for a star when it is found in ming, there will be a short description of the star's effects when it falls in one of the other palace categories.

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All of these fourteen stars have good and bad characteristics, although some are more social and others are harder to get along with. When a star has a good rating, its more beneficial characteristics will be stronger. If the rating is low, the defects of the star will predominate.

None of these stars should be considered good or bad. It takes all kinds to make the world. If everyone were relaxed, content, and easy to get along with, society would not advance.

The best advice is to work to strengthen your assets and soften your deficits. You can use these descriptions of the stars as a guideline for self-development. You have the potential for cultivating the assets of the major star or stars in your ming palace, and can also work on reducing the deficits. Of course, even the assets can become unbalanced if too strong. And in some circumstances, the deficits can be used to bring benefit.

When I (Lorraine Wilcox) first started doing readings, I did a chart for a woman who has a very strong personality. When I saw her chart, it showed characteristics that I thought were 'bad.' I didn't know how to talk to her about it. I hesitantly began giving her the reading, and very quickly she responded, "I love what my chart has to say!" She was very happy with her strong stars, and I learned that even if I don't really like the personality of certain stars, someone else may value them a lot.

Parents can also use this as a guideline for dealing with their children. For example, if a child has 1 Zi Wei, the emperor star in ming, he may easily throw tantrums when he doesn't get what he wants. You may find you can influence him more with praise than with threats. At least you can recognize that he is not just being willful; it is something that is hard-wired into his soul.

1 Zi Wei 紫微 Earth Element

MING: From the name of this style of astrology we know that Zi Wei is honored as the emperor star. Emperors love to command, and there is a tendency to be overly confident or conceited. People with this star in their ming gong are gullible and easily influenced by flattery, so they can be changeable. They are also permissive and tolerant when happy, yet stubborn and intolerant if they feel they don't receive enough respect. They love praise and demand loyalty. Zi Wei tends to be suspicious and is not always honest.

When in adversity, Zi Wei tends to feel quite a bit of pain. However, as emperor, Zi Wei often chooses not to communicate his feelings; Zi Wei believes no one else can understand him.

Zi Wei dislikes sitting alone. This means that the emperor star likes to have certain stars nearby to serve him. Without assistants, he tends to become ill-tempered and solitary. This is most apparent when Zi Wei sits alone in the wu branch palace, the strongest palace for Zi Wei. Here he becomes very unhappy without help.

Without the assistance of its helper stars, such as 23 Zuo Fu, 24 You Bi (the emperor's two assistants), 7 Tian Fu (the emperor's treasury), and 11 Tian Xiang (the prime minister), Zi Wei becomes lost, lonely, and overambitious.² Zi Wei also likes the help of 14 Wen Chang and 15 Wen Qu; these two stars signify education, which helps the emperor to make good decisions.

Zi Wei also does not like to be caught in *Heaven Net* (chen branch palace) or *Earth Net* (xu branch palace).

Physical characteristics: The body is very stocky. Those with pale-colored faces were born into wealthy families. Those with a slightly purple facial color were not born into wealthy families.

² You will learn the location and meaning of any unfamiliar stars in the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Intermediate Class*.
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1 Zi Wei in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Siblings are helpful but may not get along well, since they want to be treated like the emperor.

SPOUSE: You are dissatisfied with your spouse, who wants to be treated like an emperor or empress.

CHILDREN: Children are elegant but difficult to teach. They have their own ideas. There are not many children.

MONEY: Easy money, not from hard work.

ILLNESS: Spleen and stomach; digestive difficulties.

TRAVEL: People will help you during travel.

FRIENDS: Powerful friends, but they are more important than you.

CAREER: You work with high-society people or in a big organization.

PROPERTY: You like high altitude, the mountains, and busy cities.

KARMA: You feel lonely. 'No one understands me.'

PARENTS: Parents tell the child what to do. Poor communication.

2 Tian Ji 天機 Wood Element

MING: Tian Ji is the star of action, or active thought and wisdom. Tian Ji is physically and mentally active. It is studious, always interested in learning new things and techniques, yet lacking in perseverance: a typical Jack of all trades, but expert in none.

People with Tian Ji in their ming gong are sharp, astute, kind-hearted, and good at public relations and negotiation with others. However, Tian Ji is quite sensitive to bad stars, such as 48 Hua Ji. If they are also present, Tian Ji can get into trouble by being too smart; for example by being a know-it-all, or by making mistakes because of doing calculations too quickly.

Some people with Tian Ji in ming have a tendency toward shoplifting. Some may even become a thief; but in any case, Tian Ji will always have a good heart.

If there are no other Major Stars in the same palace, Tian Ji can be argumentative.

Being active and energetic, Tian Ji dislikes staying at home. When it appears, it signifies a busy time with changes in the environment (moving, changing jobs, changing relationships, etc.) and is often unstable due to excessive activity.

Physical characteristics: The face is long and oval. They have a medium build or can be a little thin. They are refined and elegant, with a good disposition. They do not care too much about appearance, unless combined with certain stars.

2 Tian Ji in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Smart siblings. Arguments with brothers or sisters. More sisters than brothers. Half-siblings or one sibling adopted by different parents.

SPOUSE: Unstable marriage.

CHILDREN: Active, smart kids. Step-children or half-siblings. More girls than boys. Sons come late. Miscarriage if with 48 Hua Ji.

MONEY: Earned by working alone. Money is moving, active.

ILLNESS: Liver or gall bladder problems.

TRAVEL: You move far from your birthplace to earn a living.

FRIENDS: You change friends often and have a big circle of friends or community.

CAREER: Artist. Religious career or politics because you can convince others. If in politics, you give ideas to the general: strategist. Not good for a desk job.

PROPERTY: You love to move.

KARMA: You are hungry to receive new things, curious. You have a lot of new ideas. You are generous most of the time but can pinch pennies on petty things.

PARENTS: The parents' lives are not stable.

3 Tai Yang 太陽 Fire Element

MING: Because Tai Yang has the image of the sun, it symbolizes masculinity, heat, radiating outward, and being visible to all. Because of this, it represents brightness, altruism, and generosity. It also tends to show off and is straight-forward, frank, and blunt, with a sharp tongue. It is short-tempered and easily frustrated.

Women with Tai Yang in their ming gong are very competent and ambitious like men.

Tai Yang's brilliance varies according to its different positions in the twelve palaces. It is stronger with the branches that represent spring and summer.

Tai Yang in ming gong is good for people born in daytime; they can obtain fame and wealth easily. Since the sun loses its brilliance at night, people with Tai Yang in ming gong who were born at night have to work exceedingly hard and achieve little.

If Tai Yang is in a ming in you, xu, hai, zi, or chou palace, or if the person is born in the night time or winter months, the person is 'born to be a laborer' (non-stop working). However, those born in the night time will be smart.

For men and women, Tai Yang in ming gong is used to predict their fathers' fate in childhood. When their fathers are deceased, Tai Yang is used by men to predict their own fate and by women to predict their husbands' fate. Both sexes can use Tai Yang to predict their sons' fate in old age. (See 48 Hua Ji in the *Intermediate Zi Wei Dou Shu Class* for details.)

If Tai Yang is in a woman's chart in the ming or spouse palace with a rating of 4 or 5, it means a male or her mate will hurt her.

People with 8 Tai Yin and 3 Tai Yang in the same palace are very changeable. This combination only occurs in the chou or wei palace.

Tai Yang is not well matched with 10 Ju Men. Ju Men is considered a 'dark star' and absorbs Tai Yang's light.

Physical characteristics: The face is square but the four corners are rounded and not angular. The body is stocky. If 48 Hua Ji is attached or Tai Yang has a low rating, they will be skinny. If born in the day time, they will look like an authority.

Note: With Tai Yang, a rating of 1 or 2 is called 'shining.' A rating of 4 or 5 is called 'dark.'

3 Tai Yang in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: If shining, successful siblings. If dark, siblings are unremarkable.

SPOUSE: A wife is aggressive, strong, and masculine. A husband is masculine.

CHILDREN: If shining, an active child. If dark, an isolated child with negative thinking. Mostly boys if in yang palaces, such as zi, yin, chen, etc.

MONEY: Appears better than it is. If shining, you make a lot and spend a lot. You love to show off and want to have good face. With a lower rating, you make less but still spend a lot.

ILLNESS: Eye problems (especially the left), heart and/or blood diseases.

TRAVEL: If shining, people help when you are away from home. If dark, you won't be happy if you have to make a living away from home.

FRIENDS: If shining, lots of helpful friends. If dark, friends don't help.

CAREER: Changing jobs. Good for publicity, broadcasting (disseminating information or things).

PROPERTY: You prefer areas with sunshine. With good stars, such as 45 Hua Lu, you inherit property (but not if dark).

KARMA: If shining, people in high positions help. If dark, you always have negative thoughts and are dissatisfied.

PARENTS: If shining, the father has a good position. If dark and 57 Gua Su is also in this palace, the father dies when the child is young.

4 Wu Qu 武曲 Metal Element

MING: Wu Qu is the star of wealth that comes from hard work. People with Wu Qu in their ming gong are upright, decisive, and distinguished in their careers. They tend to make unilateral decisions and don't work well with others (metal is sharp). They are like military generals, strong-willed and brave. They have strong characters and opinions.

Wu Qu loves money. They are usually lonesome and somber, too focused on their work, and may even be cold-hearted. If Wu Qu is combined with certain other stars, such as 36 Lu Cun or 45 Hua Lu, they will have very good money luck all their life, but loneliness may still be an issue.

Women with Wu Qu in their ming gong tend to exert authority over their husbands and love to compete with men, both at home and in society.

Physical characteristics: The face is pale. They have rough hair, thick eyebrows, a wide forehead, and a square jaw line. If the ming is in zi, wu, mao, or you palace, they have a tall and stocky body. Others are medium sized.

4 Wu Qu in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Siblings have strong characters and are opinionated.

SPOUSE: The spouse acts independently. The wife is opinionated and strong. The husband also is difficult. It is better to get married late. Wu Qu is a 'lonely star' and is related to stars 56 Gu Chen and 57 Gua Su, the sleep-alone stars.

CHILDREN: Difficult to educate.

MONEY: Wealthy people. Good (Wu Qu is metal element, which symbolizes money). Easy to make money with rating of 1 or 2.

Wu Qu and 7 Tian Fu together are the best combination for money (this only occurs in zi or wu palace).

ILLNESS: Lung or large intestine problems.

TRAVEL: You must travel or move far from home to make money. If Wu Qu is with good stars: you have strong money luck when you are away; perhaps you are a wealthy merchant. If travel is in an earth palace, you can be even wealthier, since earth is a 'warehouse.'

FRIENDS: Difficult to communicate and make friends.

CAREER: Good for the army or metal-type professions: engineering, technical trades.

PROPERTY: You have a good house or lots of property.

KARMA: You can make money but are lonesome. If with 36 Lu Cun and a good rating, you are always satisfied, even with just a bowl of rice.

PARENTS: Tough parents. They order the children around.

5 Tian Tong 天同 Water Element

MING: Tian Tong is the star of good fortune. People with Tian Tong in their ming gong are art lovers and collectors. They pay attention to the enjoyment and spices of life, and love a leisurely lifestyle. They are idealists, with many ambitions but few accomplishments. People with Tian Tong in ming are easy-going and things tend to come to them without hard work. They are impractical, dreamers, casual, relaxed, and may even be lazy.

People with Tian Tong in their ming gong are ‘nice guys.’ It is easy for them to get along with other but they can be very sensitive. Tian Tong cries easily. They are not good at arguing or fighting with others. Their feelings can easily get hurt. They lose control emotionally because Tian Tong loves to enjoy life and easily becomes prey to a romantic atmosphere. A geng stem year is especially bad in this respect for 5 Tian Tong, as 48 Hua Ji follows it in that year.

Physical characteristics: Round-faced, innocent looking, with a very good personality.

5 Tian Tong in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Good siblings, easy to talk to.

SPOUSE: Harmonious and sweet, but the spouse may be moody or overly sensitive. Round face, often heavy.

CHILDREN: Nice, cute, but naughty children.

MONEY: Money comes in easily when you need it, but not necessarily a lot of it.

ILLNESS: Kidney, urinary bladder, ear, or bone problems.

TRAVEL: Makes friends easily.

FRIENDS: Harmonious, easy-going.

CAREER: Not ambitious, easy-going. But things come easily to you.

PROPERTY: Possible inheritance. Property comes without much effort.

10 Ju Men and Tian Tong together mean a lawsuit (this combination only occurs in the wei or chou palace).

KARMA: Good! Easy to get along with, nothing bad within. But sensitive and easily hurt. Falls in love easily.

PARENTS: Nice, relaxed parents.

6 Lian Zhen 廉貞 Fire/Wood Element

MING: Lian Zhen loves to excel and is capable of numerous changes. It is good for political and public office. Lian Zhen likes to lead, so it may say what others wish to hear. It uses charisma to achieve its goals. Lian Zhen is easily influenced because it wants to please others and can be good or bad depending on these influences. This can create instability and moodiness. At times, they are temperamental or very suspicious. You cannot always count on Lian Zhen.

This star is associated with peach blossom and loves to make friends. It is well liked by the opposite sex. People with this star in their ming gong like to gamble and drink, especially if the rating of this star is under 3.

Lian Zhen is impatient, adventurous, likes new ideas, and has a good memory. It is also well-known for its sense of humor. Lian Zhen is wild and charismatic.

When Lian Zhen is matched with stars such as 45 Hua Lu and 36 Lu Cun, it can attain eminent fame and celebrity. But when matched with the wrong stars (such as 48 Hua Ji), it can cause death due to a traffic accident or imprisonment. Someone with Lian Zhen and bad stars should stay away from any illegal activities as it is easy for them to go to jail.

Physical characteristics: Big and tall. The hair of their eyebrows is thick but sparse or thick and standing up. They are generally hairy.

6 Lian Zhen in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Some days they're good to you and some days they're bad.

SPOUSE: With a rating of 1 or 2, very social. With a rating of 4 or 5, argumentative.

CHILDREN: Children enjoy examining things; they may take toys apart to understand them, so be careful of electrical toys.

MONEY: Not easy to keep money. With a rating of 4 or 5, you love gambling.

ILLNESS: Many small problems. Since Lian Zhen is related to the fire element, it can signify the heart, heat, and dryness. When older, insomnia. If with 48 Hua Ji, it can mean bleeding.

TRAVEL: You have to work hard. If you travel far to work, you will perform heavy, maybe even coerced, labor. If with 48 Hua Ji, it can mean a traffic accident.

FRIENDS: Easy to get along with, or get help from, the opposite sex.

CAREER: Officer, judge, military career.

PROPERTY: Big changes. Bankruptcy or riches. If with 48 Hua Ji, it can mean a fire.

KARMA: Not stable; unnecessarily busy, changing thoughts.

PARENTS: Difficult to understand, moody parents.

7 Tian Fu 天府 Earth Element

MING: Tian Fu represents wealth and property and is as important as Zi Wei. People with Tian Fu in their ming gong (when properly matched with other stars and a good rating) are entitled to immense wealth. They are conservative, steady, prudent, capable, and experienced. They have a good temperament. They love riches and can be trusted with considerable financial responsibilities. They may have great power or be the boss.

However, people with Tian Fu in the same palace with sha stars such as 38 Tuo Luo, 37 Qing Yang, 18 Di Kong, and 17 Di Jie and a low rating would not hesitate to rob others by hook or by crook; they would exploit every means to reach their objective. They can be cunning and like to get around the law. Tian Fu can also be very moody if bad stars affect it.

Tian Fu helps 1 Zi Wei. It represents the emperor's treasury or storehouse. It is always good if these two stars are together except in the spouse palace. This combination is called "Zi Fu (紫府)." People with Zi Fu in ming are stable, broad-minded, and can accept anything. They have a "thick back" because they can carry any burden. (Zi Fu only occurs in yin or shen.)

Tian Fu never directly associates with the *Four Transforming Stars* (45 Hua Lu, 46 Hua Quan, 47 Hua Ke, and 48 Hua Ji), although one of them may fall in the same palace when associated with another star and thereby have an effect on Tian Fu.

Do not confuse 42 Tian Fu (天福) with 7 Tian Fu (天府).

Physical characteristics: If ming is in zi, wu, mao, you, or chou palace and with a good rating, they are stocky and have a broad back. If ming is in si or hai, they will be tall and slim. All other will be medium sized.

7 Tian Fu in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Siblings love to negotiate. Parents usually favor other siblings over you.

SPOUSE: Spouse is good at managing finances.

A second marriage if 1 Zi Wei and 7 Tian Fu (two very strong stars) are in the same palace. In this case, it is better to marry later in life.

CHILDREN: Very good children! They love their parents and listen to them.

MONEY: Easy to keep money. Good finances. You don't have to work hard to make money.

People with 4 Wu Qu and 7 Tian Fu together have the best combination for money. This only happens in the zi and wu palaces.

ILLNESS: Digestive (spleen and stomach) problems. When older, swollen legs. This star, more than any of the others, signifies someone who is relatively healthy.

TRAVEL: You love to help people and find it easy to get help when needed.

FRIENDS: Powerful friends: rich people, managers, bosses.

CAREER: You are the boss, supervisor, or owner.

PROPERTY: Good or big property.

KARMA: You easily accept ideas or things. You tend to be happy and satisfied.

PARENTS: Parents are accepting of children. They may have money or property.

8 Tai Yin 太陰 Water Element

MING: Tai Yin, like Tai Yang, can change its brilliance according to the time of the day. Tai Yin, the moon, symbolizes femininity. Thus, people with Tai Yin in their ming gong are usually gentle and reserved. People with Tai Yin in ming love the arts, and spiritual or mysterious things. Tai Yin is changeable and easily influenced. It is smart, high class, clean, and care about relationships with others.

Tai Yin in ming gong is good for people born at night. They can obtain wealth easily. Since the moon's brilliance subsides during the day, people with Tai Yin in ming gong who were born in the daytime will travel an uneven and bumpy road in life. Tai Yin is also good for people born in the beginning of the lunar month, when the moon is waxing.

For both men and women, Tai Yin in ming gong is used to predict their mothers' fate in childhood.

When their mothers are deceased, Tai Yin is used by women to predict their own fate; by men to predict their wives' fate; and by both in old age to predict their daughters' fate (see 48 Hua Ji for details).

If Tai Yin is in ming or spouse in a male's chart and has a low rating, he will get hurt by a female.

Physical characteristics: All people with Tai Yin in ming or especially in shen gong tend to be pretty or handsome.

The face is white with a light yellow tone, but if born during the day, they will tend to be darker skinned.

If born during mid-month, the face will look like a full moon. All others will have a pointed chin like a watermelon seed.

Males with ming in zi or wu palace will be big and tall. Those with ming in si or hai palace will be short and small.

For females, those with the ming in zi will be big. Those with ming in wu will be feminine, flirtatious and dependant. Those with ming in you, xu, or hai, will have a voluptuous figure. A woman with a rating of 5 or even a 48 Hua Ji attached to Tai Yin tends to be the prettiest because traditionally the weaker the woman, the more beautiful. This may not be the case today, as many find an athletic female body appealing.

A female with 2 Tian Ji or 8 Tai Yin or both in ming loves to get made up and look attractive.

8 Tai Yin in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Soft, not harsh. However, it is difficult to communicate with them if Tai Yin has a bad rating.

SPOUSE: If with 48 Hua Ji in a male's spouse palace, the wife may die early.

With a rating of 1 or 2, the spouse is understanding.

If born at the beginning of the lunar month (before day 14), the marriage improves with time; if at the end of the lunar month (after day 16), it gets worse.

CHILDREN: Gentle, smart children. They love the arts and spiritual things.

MONEY: You can make money. Tai Yin is good for money because yin gathers. With a rating of 5 you still make money, but less; and it is difficult to keep.

ILLNESS: Kidney, blood, gynecological problems. Diabetes. Mysterious or hidden diseases. Eye problems, especially the right eye. Insomnia.

TRAVEL: Women will help. You love to stay out late.

FRIENDS: Female friends. If Tai Yin is strong, they will help you. If Tai Yin is weak or combined with bad stars, they will hurt you.

CAREER: Stable.

PROPERTY: You like quiet, hidden, not too open places, far from city.

KARMA: Spiritual, romantic (in the sense of the arts). If with bad stars, up all night worrying.

PARENTS: With a rating of 1, good. With a rating of 5, cold parents.

9 Tan Lang 貪狼 Wood/Water Element

MING: Tan Lang is the star of talents. People with Tan Lang in their ming gong can impress others with their eloquence. They are good at negotiation. They have the talent of language, love the arts, appreciate good wine, romance, gambling, and other pleasures in life. They are also interested in metaphysics, spiritualism, religions, and various mysterious things. They are idealists.

Tan Lang is the ‘greedy wolf’ who wants to experience everything from the spiritual to the carnal. This can lead to problems with peach blossom and desire. People with Tan Lang in their ming gong usually suffer emotional frustration. This is usually worse for younger Tan Langs, who may be too wild. They may not be happy when they are young, but if they learn to control their behavior, they improve with age.

The peach blossom aspects of Tan Lang are really brought out in the palaces of the four directions. It is more restrained when found in the four earths, especially chen and xu (heaven net and earth net).

Tan Lang is a star of action, but its type of action is different than that of Tian Ji. Tian Ji’s action is more physical in nature, while Tan Lang’s action is from the inner self. Nevertheless, Tan Lang needs constant movement physically and mentally. They like adventure.

Tan Lang can be very good or very bad. They are free thinkers, revolutionaries, leaders of conspiracies, geniuses, fearless.

Tan Lang and 1 Zi Wei together in ming gong have traditionally been considered bad for women. It signifies a woman who loves to hear good things, is greedy, interested in life’s pleasures, and won’t be told what to do. This is especially true if stars 15 Wen Chang or 16 Wen Qu are not present, meaning she has no education or skills.

Physical characteristics: Long faced, thick hair, all types of body shapes. If female, they are beautiful. If male, they are very persuasive.

9 Tan Lang in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Better if they live apart; otherwise, a bad relationship. Maybe half-brothers.

SPOUSE: Your spouse likes romance, therefore the marriage is not so stable. Your spouse may truly love you but still have a lover as well. Spouse has hobbies and is good at public relations.

CHILDREN: Changeable character. Curious. May like to gamble and drink.

MONEY: You love money but also love gambling. It is easy to get money from the opposite sex.

If 21 Huo Xing is in the same palace, you may hit the lottery or have unexpected money come in a year when this palace is active.

ILLNESS: Gall bladder problems.

TRAVEL: You love excitement, adventure, new and interesting things.

FRIENDS: Diverse friends. They enjoy drinking and gambling.

CAREER: You can be anything. You are talented and seek new adventures.

PROPERTY: No inheritance, you have to get property by yourself. Property comes late in life.

KARMA: Idealistic. Desirous. You love to eat. You love mystery. If together with 17 Di Jie and 18 Di Kong you may become a monk or priest.

PARENTS: Complicated. Poor relationship with the mother (8 Tai Yin is in ming when Tan Lang is in parents).

10 Ju Men 巨門 Water Element

MING: Ju Men represents speech, verbal skills, and eloquence; however, it often signifies difficulty in communicating. People with Ju Men in their ming gong are often involved in gossip and scandals or other trouble stemming from improper speech.

Ju Men is analytical and has a good memory.

Ju Men tends to be jealous or suspicious but is not open about it. People with this star in ming may try to pull strings to get results. Others may not be aware of these interactions taking place behind closed doors or behind their back. Ju Men likes to gossip and do things secretly. Ju Men represents something hidden. That is why it is called a 'dark star.' Ju Men can also have a tendency to shoplift.

Ju Men will pay back good with good and bad with bad, all in double measure.

People with Ju Men in prominent positions are suitable for professions that require using the 'mouth' (politicians, attorneys, teachers, broadcasters, public relations, salespersons, etc.). Ju Men is also connected with pharmaceutical substances or drugs. It loves studying pharmacy and herbs and may represent some kind of unlicensed doctor.

Physical characteristics: Thin lips and a long square jaw.

10 Ju Men in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Difficult to communicate. Gossip, misunderstandings.

SPOUSE: Difficult to communicate. Talkative spouse: sweet if it has a rating of 1, abusive if the rating is 5. Possibly a mistress or hidden relationship.

Separation if with 48 Hua Ji.

CHILDREN: Talkative or sassy, depending on other stars. Difficulty in communicating.

MONEY: Money comes from speaking (sales, attorney, teacher, etc.). There may be secret accounts.

ILLNESS: Digestion, lung, or kidney problems. You may receive a cure from an unlicensed doctor. If the rating is 5, then color-blindness when older.

TRAVEL: Gossip follows you while traveling.

FRIENDS: Lots of gossip.

CAREER: Career uses speech (broadcaster, judge, attorney, sales, etc.). Also, someone working behind the scenes.

PROPERTY: You live in the city (a noisy place). Some like to keep their house fairly dark. It is easy to get lawsuits on this property.

KARMA: Depressed, worried about unnecessary details.

PARENTS: You argue with your parents or they argue with each other.

If with 48 Hua Ji, then the parents divorce.

11 Tian Xiang 天相 Water Element

MING: Tian Xiang represents prudence, thought, and justice. People with Tian Xiang in their ming gong are cautious in nature and able to work with perseverance. However, they lack ambition and usually stay in a passive or dependent position. They are suitable for secretarial and teaching jobs because they can undertake tedious work and tolerate blame from others. Tian Xiang represents the prime minister for the emperor, 1 Zi Wei, so is used to taking orders.

In the old days, Tian Xiang was considered a good star for a female, as she would listen to her husband and obey him.

Because of its passivity, whether Tian Xiang is good or bad depends upon its relationship with other stars. It is good if matched with auspicious stars and bad if paired with inauspicious stars. Combined with 4 Wu Qu, Tian Xiang has a dual personality. If with 14 Wen Chang and 15 Wen Qu, Tian Xiang can be a scholar. Sometimes Tian Xiang is gay or lesbian.

People with Tian Xiang in ming gong can have strong personality changes as their Large (Ten-Year) Cycle changes, depending on the influence of the stars. 6 Lian Zhen also changes and is easily influenced, but one difference is that Lian Zhen wants power, but Tian Xiang does not.

Tian Xiang is never directly associated with the *Four Transforming Stars*, 45 Hua Lu, 46 Hua Quan, 47 Hua Ke, and 48 Hua Ji, although one of them may fall in the same palace as Tian Xiang.

Physical characteristics: They have an ordinary face, and can be any size or shape. If Tian Xiang has a good rating, they are elegant. If with a low rating, they have vulgar tastes. With Tian Xiang, the stars in the parents palace can help give a more definitive picture of the appearance.

11 Tian Xiang in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Mostly good to each other, but if with a bad star, then good and bad.

SPOUSE: Dependent spouse.

If with 4 Wu Qu, the spouse has a split personality: good at times; other times, mean.

If with 48 Hua Ji in the same palace, then “same bed, different dream.”

CHILDREN: Honest, obedient. They love to eat.

MONEY: Signifies financial management, but whether good or bad depends on the rating.

ILLNESS: Urinary bladder problems, diabetes.

TRAVEL: You don't disagree so you are welcome anywhere.

FRIENDS: Most are the same age as you and have the same hobbies.

CAREER: Stable, passive. If with 4 Wu Qu, then you have a side job.

PROPERTY: With a rating of 1, property is inherited and not worked for. With a rating of 5, you won't have property.

KARMA: Depends on the Large (Ten-Year) Cycle to determine good or bad.

PARENTS: Parents are open to the children's ideas.

12 Tian Liang 天梁 Earth Element

MING: Tian Liang can turn misfortune into good fortune. People with Tian Liang in their ming gong enthusiastically help others, as an older sibling takes care of the younger ones. Someone represented by Tian Liang may be a priest, judge, high-ranking officer, or in some type of public service. It is good for a high position or a government job. Sometimes Tian Liang does secret things, like a spy or double agent.

Tian Liang often likes to mind other people's business and can be a bit of a nag because of its desire to help others improve. Tian Liang cannot show its real talents unless there is some trouble to fix. It is happy when someone needs help. Tian Liang has the energy and ability to turn bad into good. However, this means that when Tian Liang comes, you see bad things first; otherwise they can't be changed. The good tends to come later.

Because of its ability to transform bad into good, Tian Liang will not be troubled very much if it falls in the same palace as 48 Hua Ji.

Tian Liang people are prone to showing off and love the limelight. They are quick to react, good at learning, interested in fame more than gain, suitable for public service, and easily promoted. They are good teachers but will not share everything they know.

Tian Liang likes to gamble and also to bluff. It can have problems with drug addiction.

Tian Liang also represents longevity or an older person. If it falls in shen gong it means a long life. Even with a low rating, if Tian Liang is in a significant palace, one can survive a plane crash or other disaster.

If in a female's ming and combined with 47 Hua Ke, she is materialistic and vane. If combined with 14 Wen Chang, 15 Wen Qu, and 26 Tian Yao, Tian Liang can be a high-class female entertainer.

Physical characteristics: Tall and elegant. They are neat and clean, and a little bit fussy about their looks.

12 Tian Liang in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: You take care of others, especially younger siblings. There may be a big age difference.

SPOUSE: Your spouse takes care of you but tells you what to do. The spouse may be older and leave you an inheritance.

Frustrations before marriage: an engagement suddenly and unexpectedly canceled.

The same couple may divorce and remarry each other.

CHILDREN: Children learn fast and love art. They will take care of you.

MONEY: Your money appears good to others but is not really strong. An inheritance or gift from an older person.

If with 45 Hua Lu or 46 Hua Quan, then you love to gamble.

ILLNESS: Stomach problems. Dizziness. Usually small chronic problems but a long life.

If with 48 Hua Ji and either 15 Wen Chang or 16 Wen Qu, then a brain tumor.

TRAVEL: You meet helpful people, especially the elderly.

FRIENDS: Friends are older and helpful.

CAREER: Good as educator, judge, or officer. Sometimes a secret agent. May have another job the main boss doesn't know about.

PROPERTY: You inherit property.

KARMA: You love the arts. You get your own way, so you enjoy life.

PARENTS: Parents are helpful. There may be a big age difference between them or they may have been older when they had you. They may leave you an inheritance.

13 Qi Sha 七殺 Fire/Metal Element

MING: Qi Sha represents aggressiveness, risk, and big changes. It is adventurous and loves to challenge dangerous and difficult situations. Qi Sha certainly is not conservative.

People with Qi Sha in their ming gong are highly rational and independent. They may have strong characters and be quite stubborn. They are willing to confront any situation head on. Qi Sha often suggests a situation or person that cannot be controlled. People with Qi Sha in their ming gong tend to encounter precarious ups and downs in their careers. They are always facing tough circumstances.

Since Qi Sha is always discontent with its present status, it tends to endure a lot of suffering in life.

If together with 37 Qing Yang, 22 Ling Xing, and 98 Bai Hu (even in the three combinations relationship with them), they can easily be involved with gangsters.

People with Qi Sha in the zi branch palace should beware of the danger of drowning.

Qi Sha is never directly associated with the *Four Transforming Stars*, 45 Hua Lu, 46 Hua Quan, 47 Hua Ke, and 48 Hua Ji, although one of them may fall into the same palace.

Physical characteristics: Long square jaw. Mostly big and tall, and looks like an authority.

13 Qi Sha in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: Lonely. 'One is east and the other is west.'

SPOUSE: Spouse has strong character. You marry suddenly.

If with a peach blossom star, a second marriage.

CHILDREN: Few children. Wild children, not easy to control.

If with 37 Qing Yang, a miscarriage or a child with birth defects.

MONEY: Money comes, but also leaves in a rough way. Difficult to keep.

ILLNESS: Lung and small intestinal problems. Accident prone.

If with 54 Hong Luan, bleeding or an operation, especially in a xin stem year.

TRAVEL: Active, moving.

FRIENDS: Strong characters, stubborn. Gangster types.

CAREER: Good for a military general only; otherwise you struggle in your career.

PROPERTY: Changeable. Sometimes buying, sometimes selling. Whether there is profit or bankruptcy depends on the various cycles.

KARMA: You keep busy physically and mentally.

PARENTS: Stubborn, strong character. Parents may hit their children if they don't listen.

14 Po Jun 破軍 Water Element

MING: Po Jun represents a breaking down and breaking through in order to rebuild, throwing away the old to make room for the new. Destruction is considered the necessary first step in the quest for the new. Po Jun loves to make revolutionary changes. If Po Jun falls in zi or wu branch palaces, you break and then rebuild. In other palaces, you tend only to break.

People with Po Jun in their ming gong are aggressive and love to take risks. They have strong personalities and are not easy to get along with. They dare to do or say whatever comes to mind, being straight-forward in speech. Because of this they are often lonely, and don't get along with friends and family. They are frequently suspicious of people and things and like to instigate trouble.

Po Jun represents an unusual personality or situation. It also tends to consume everything (money, energy, etc.) Po Jun likes to go hunting.

Physical characteristics: Thick, stocky and short. Thin short eyebrows. Men with Po Jun in their ming gong do not care about their appearance. Conversely, women with Po Jun are vain and care a great deal about outward appearances.

14 Po Jun in other palaces:

SIBLINGS: They operate on their own. They don't help each other.

SPOUSE: An unusual marriage. For example, the couple may live together first (especially with 4 Wu Qu), have premarital sex, a brother marries a sister-in-law, etc.

CHILDREN: Abortion, miscarriage. Children don't get along.

MONEY: It comes and goes and is not easy to keep.

ILLNESS: Kidney problems. Water in abdomen. Miscarriage.

TRAVEL: Always busy outside the home.

FRIENDS: Friends have unusual characters. Organized crime or gangsters (the latter occurs more frequently with 13 Qi Sha).

CAREER: Changes often.

PROPERTY: Inherits property, then ruins it.

KARMA: If in zi or wu branch palaces, it is good. In other palaces, it is difficult. Busy physically and mentally.

PARENTS: Parents do not have a warm nature. They are unusual thinkers.

Further Interpretation of the Fourteen Major Stars

These fourteen are called the *Fourteen Major Stars*. Any time you see the term *major stars*, it only refers to one of these. Now that you have read our interpretation of the *Fourteen Major Stars*, we offer the following general guidelines for interpretation, comparisons, and groupings that may further clarify their meanings.

- If a palace does not contain any of the *Fourteen Major Stars*, the major stars from the opposite palace are reflected into it. Use the original ratings in the new palace.
- If a palace is empty, its opposite palace will always contain two of the *Fourteen Major Stars*.

Opposite Palaces	
Zi	Wu
Chou	Wei
Yin	Shen
Mao	You
Chen	Xu
Si	Hai

- Palaces in opposite positions have the strongest effect on each other. In fact, if stars that signify good money are in travel (opposite ming), that is better than if they are in ming itself. For example, if 36 Lu Cun (a strong money star) is in travel and 75 Da Hao (the 'Big Consuming Star') is in travel, your money gets consumed easily and you don't get to keep it. Even though you have the money, the consuming comes from outside, outside of your control. Conversely, if 36 Lu Cun is in travel and 75 Da Hao is in ming, you would have more control over how your money is spent. Bad stars (such as 48 Hua Ji) in the opposite palace (travel) can be more damaging than when they are in ming.

- The *Three Combinations* are used to interpret both the palaces and the stars. Stars or palaces that are in the configuration of the *Three Combinations* have a strong effect on each other. These are illustrated below.

The Three Combinations		
Shen, Zi, Chen	Water	North
Si, You, Chou	Metal	West
Yin, Wu, Xu	Fire	South
Hai, Mao, Wei	Wood	East

- It is traditional to draw a triangle on the chart indicating the palaces that are in the three combinations relationship with ming (career and money), and also a line to the palace that is opposite ming (travel). This helps you see the relationships clearly and quickly.
- If two of the *Fourteen Major Stars* are together in any one palace, it may signify two of whatever that palace represents: two marriages, two sources of money, etc.
- If you understand the description of a major star when it falls in ming gong, you can get an idea of its meaning when it falls into another palace that represents a person (spouse, siblings, children, etc.). For example, 10 Ju Men means someone who talks a lot and may tend to gossip, whether it is in ming, or in friends, or in parents.
- Circumstances influence the quality of the stars: What is the branch of its palace? What other stars reside in the same palace? What is its relationship with stars in other palaces, especially those opposite and those palaces in the three combinations relationship? You must read a chart globally, not star by star, or even palace by palace.

Interpretation takes patience and practice. It is not dependent on intuition but on rational analysis. The logic of the system at first may seem elusive because Zi Wei was developed in a different time and culture from the West. However, a keen understanding of psychology and the nature of people is useful. Also, feedback from your subjects will help guide you in your future readings.

Unstable Stars

The following are the four most unstable stars:

- **13 Qi Sha** is dissatisfaction. It uses its will power and determination to control change. It makes way for new events to happen, chooses new roads or directions. It is the most changeable of these four stars.
- **14 Po Jun** is compelled to change. It cannot help it. Po Jun destroys the old and starts again. It breaks and rebuilds. Po Jun frequently burns its bridges. Both Qi Sha and Po Jun are aggressive stars.
- **9 Tan Lang** is the least unstable of these four stars. Tan Lang means a change in thinking more than an environmental change. Associated with wood, Tan Lang is flexible and not distressed by whatever changes come. In fact, Tan Lang thrives on change. It is better at getting along with others and negotiating changes, as it is more gentle and soothing in its thinking and feeling.

Sha Po Lang (from **Qi Sha**, **Po Jun** and **Tan Lang**) means *change*: the three are always in the three combinations relationship. If any one of the three is in ming gong, it signifies a period of instability, change, and unusual life.

- **2 Tian Ji** moves incessantly. Change is due to this movement, not because of a desire for change. Tian Ji can be very irritable if associated with 48 Hua Ji but can be associated with the flow of money if placed with 45 Hua Lu. If Tian Ji is found in the ming of the Small (One-Year) Cycle or of the current year, that year will be very busy with changes in the environment.

The emphasis of these stars depends on the palace that they are in:

- Four Corners: More change and movement.
- Four Earths: Less movement.
- Four Directions: Smarter moves.

These four stars can give us up to 60% of the information in a chart.

Teaching and Learning

The following stars give us information about a person's ability to teach or to learn:

- **12 Tian Liang** learns fast but is secretive. Tian Liang won't share all its knowledge.
- **9 Tan Lang** learns easily and loves to discover secrets. It wants to grasp everything but cannot digest it all. Tan Lang keeps searching but is never satisfied. It develops ideas on its own and does not like to learn by rote.
- **2 Tian Ji** wants new, interesting things. Tian Ji feels it has mastered the subject too soon and then quits, easily becoming a jack-of-all-trades and master of none.
- **11 Tian Xiang** teaches well, but only by rote and without creativity.

Money

The following are considered to be "money stars:" 4 Wu Qu, 8 Tai Yin, and 7 Tian Fu. Other money stars include 36 Lu Cun and 45 Hua Lu. Will someone be wealthy? Look at the money and property palaces, but not career.

Peach Blossom Stars

As previously mentioned, peach blossoms are lovely but fragile, as is youth, beauty, and infatuation. Someone with predominant peach blossom stars is attracted to a social life of romance, drinking, and gambling. In most cases, this is not productive behavior, but it may work well for certain lifestyles or professions that are now accepted in current Western culture. For example, if an actor or singer has a lot of peach blossom in the chart, it may increase their attractiveness to their fans.

If there are two or more peach blossom stars in the ming and/or karma palaces, the subject will do whatever the heart feels in regards to love, without concern for propriety or consequences.

The strongest peach blossom star is 9 Tan Lang. 6 Lian Zhen is a close second.

Other peach blossom stars include 8 Tai Yin, 15 Wen Chang, 16 Wen Qu, 26 Tian Yao, 47 Hua Ke, 54 Hong Luan, 79 Mu Yu, 58 and 111 Xian Chi.

In addition, the palaces in the four main directions (zi, wu, mao, and you) add peach blossom, while the earth palaces (chou, wei, chen, and xu) reduce it.

Example: AB (male)

<p>KARMA 5 Tian Tong 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gui Si</p>	<p>PROPERTY 4 Wu Qu 2 7 Tian Fu 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jia Wu</p>	<p>CAREER 3 Tai Yang 3 8 Tai Yin 3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yi Wei</p>	<p>FRIENDS 9 Tan Lang 3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bing Shen</p>
<p>PARENTS 14 Po Jun 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ren Chen</p>	<p>Name: AB Date: 8/24/56 Time: 10:50 am Year: Bing Shen Month: 7 Shen Day: 19th Hour: 6 Si Type: Wood 3</p>		<p>TRAVEL 2 Tian Ji 2 10 Ju Men 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ding You</p>
<p>MING</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Xin Mao</p>			<p>ILLNESS 1 Zi Wei 4 11 Tian Xiang 4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wu Xu</p>
<p>SIBLINGS 6 Lian Zhen 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Geng Yin</p>	<p>SPOUSE SHEN</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Xin Chou</p>	<p>CHILDREN 13 Qi Sha 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Geng Zi</p>	<p>MONEY 12 Tian Liang 5</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ji Hai</p>

Discussion of AB's Chart: Since AB's ming is in mao and it has no Major Stars, 2 Tian Ji 2 and 10 Ju Men 1 are reflected into his ming from the opposite palace, you (AB's travel palace). The ratings remain the same, whether in the original or the reflected palace. The high ratings of these two stars let you know that they will be on their best behavior. Tian Ji is smart, changeable, active, and quick. It is combined with Ju Men, which represents someone who speaks. The two together have the image of someone who talks fast and talks a lot (definitely true for this person).

AB's career palace has 3 Tai Yang 3 and 8 Tai Yin 3 together in wei. This is the sun and moon together. It makes for a very changeable situation. You would expect him to change careers often since two major stars are in one palace, and these two stars represent the sun and the moon. However, since it is an earth palace, the instability is not extreme.

We already discussed that AB's shen gong is in his spouse palace. This palace (chou) has no major stars, so 3 Tai Yang 3 and 8 Tai Yin 3 are reflected in, with no change of ratings. Spouse is important to AB because shen gong is there, but his spouse will be changeable, because the palace contains the sun and moon together. A changeable spouse is not ideal, as you want someone you can rely on.

AB's story is this: AB was dating a woman for a short while when he was about 30. Soon it became obvious that she had severe problems. It turned out she was schizophrenic and had gone off her medications. Her condition deteriorated and AB broke up with her.

Seven or eight months later, she showed up, very pregnant, saying the baby was his. To make a long story short, she proved unsuitable as a mother. He gained custody of the child and raised her alone.

Since that time, he has been torn between wanting a relationship (shen gong in the spouse palace) and being afraid to marry or live with a woman. In his case, the spouse palace is so unstable (sun and moon together, perhaps the image of schizophrenia) that he was afraid to try again. In part, his reluctance to marry may be because of 5 Tian Tong in karma (si palace). Tian Tong is a nice guy who tries to do the right thing but is easily wounded emotionally.

Please note that these stars do not always cause such extreme cases. There is much more detail to be added in the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Intermediate* and *Advanced Classes*.

Appendix: The Meaning of the Names of the Fourteen Major Stars

It is difficult to literally translate the names of the stars into English. Chinese words have many denotations and connotations that are not obvious to the non-Chinese speaker. These are lost in word-for-word translations. Once given an English name, the stars tend to take on English language connotations and denotations in the student's mind.

The *Fourteen Major Stars* are Chinese archetypes. Any direct translation will tend to oversimplify or change their meaning.

However, we have translated the names of the secondary stars in the text (in the *Intermediate Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*), because those stars are accents or details and not the major portion of the larger picture.

Instead of a direct translation of the names of the *Fourteen Major Stars*, we offer the following discussion.

1 Zi Wei 紫微

Zi Wei is the Emperor Star. *Zi* means purple or violet, an imperial color.

The relevant meaning of *wei* is profound, subtle, obscure, hidden, or concealed.

In this case, the literal translation of the name does not seem to shed light on the meaning of the star. Perhaps the name means "Purple Profundity." However, it is best if we simply think of Zi Wei as the Purple Emperor.

2 Tian Ji 天機

Tian signifies 'heaven,' 'celestial' or 'sky,' referring to the traditional Chinese concept of the heavens, not the Christian or Western idea. Heaven is the upper third of the triad of heaven, man, and earth. Heaven is yang and is used frequently in the names of stars, as well as acupuncture points on the head and upper body.

Ji has many meanings and is hard to render in English. It can mean an engine, machinery, and even airplanes. By extension, it is mechanics in general. This implies perpetual movement, since a machine moves on its own.

Ji also means a pivot or turning point, once again implying movement, changeability or instability, as well as opportunity. *Ji* is used in phrases meaning clever, intelligent, alert, quick-witted, tricky, cunning, and resourceful. In another phrase *Ji* means secret or confidential. One dictionary¹ denotes Tian Ji as 'the secrets of Heaven, something inexplicable.' All of the above ideas contribute to the meaning of the name, Tian Ji.

¹ *Far East Chinese-English Dictionary*, U.S. International Publishing Inc., New York City, 1992.

3 Tai Yang 太陽

Tai means extreme, too much, very big, or great.

Yang is the opposite of yin, and implies heat, light, outward motion, and masculinity. Tai Yang, therefore, is extreme yang-ness. It is also an ancient name for the sun and all that the sun implies: radiating heat, brightness, and visibility.

Both concepts, of great yang-ness and of the sun, are implied in the name Tai Yang.

4 Wu Qu 武曲

Wu means military, martial, valiant, warlike, or fierce.

Qu is song, melody, or music.

Wu Qu is a star that signifies someone who works very hard and focuses on nothing else, like a soldier marching to military music.

5 Tian Tong 天同

For discussion of *Tian*, see 2 Tian Ji.

Tong means same, similar, together, equal, common, or in common; also, to share or agree. Tian Tong is an easy-going, agreeable person. This person would have no problem sharing and would base relationships on similarities, equality, and togetherness.

6 Lian Zhen 廉貞

Lian means honest, incorrupt, upright, and clean, but also low-priced, inexpensive, or cheap. A third meaning is to examine or to inspect.

Zhen is loyal, faithful, chaste, virginity, pure, virtuous, incorruptible, devoted, or dedicated. A second meaning is to divine, to inquire by divination.

This star's name could mean 'to examine the results of a divination.' Perhaps Lian Zhen is the emperor's diviner. This could account for Lian Zhen's changeable nature: basing activities on the results of divination does not always seem consistent to those whose lives are based in the mundane.

The other way of translating Lian Zhen would be, 'Honesty and Purity.' This is not necessarily the nature of Lian Zhen, but Lian Zhen would desire the appearance of honesty and purity, being a bit of a politician.

7 Tian Fu 天府

For discussion of *Tian*, see 2 Tian Ji.

Fu is a government office, treasury or archives, an official residence, or a mansion. One dictionary² describes the phrase ‘Tian Fu’ as a region of abundance, with natural defense against invaders.

For Zi Wei Astrology, we can think of Tian Fu as the Emperor’s treasury.

8 Tai Yin 太陰

Tai means extreme, too much, very big or great.

Yin is the opposite of yang, and implies coolness, darkness, inward movement, and femininity. Therefore, Tai Yin is extreme yin-ness. It is also an ancient name for the moon and all that the moon implies: mystery and a changeable nature.

We can think of Tai Yin as the moon, great yin-ness, and having the characteristics of femininity: changing and mysterious.

9 Tan Lang 貪狼

Tan means to desire more than one’s rightful share, to hope or wish for, to probe or search for, to have an insatiable desire, covet, hanker for; corrupt, greedy, or venal.

Lang is a wolf, a heartless cruel person, cunning and crafty.

One dictionary³ describes the phrase ‘Tan Lang’ as ‘greedy as a wolf.’ Tan Lang is the greedy wolf, but this greed can manifest as desire for physical pleasures or desire for understanding the mysteries of the universe. Tan Lang can be very selfish, or very idealistic, depending on other aspects of the chart.

10 Ju Men 巨門

Ju is great, big, huge or gigantic.

Men means entrance, door, gate or opening.

Since Ju Men relates mainly to speech; one colloquial translation could be ‘Big Mouth.’

11 Tian Xiang 天相

For discussion of *Tian*, see 2 Tian Ji.

There are many modern meanings of *Xiang*. In feudal times, *Xiang* meant the prime minister. This is the position of Tian Xiang: the prime minister for Zi Wei, the Emperor Star.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

12 Tian Liang 天梁

For discussion of *Tian*, see 2 Tian Ji.

Liang means the beams of a house, a bridge, or a ridge.

Tian Liang is the star that is dedicated to service and helping others. Just as the beams support a house, Tian Liang supports those around it.

13 Qi Sha 七殺

Qi is the number seven.

Sha is to kill or slaughter, put to death, fight, go into battle, destroy, weaken, or reduce. The aggressive nature of Qi Sha earns it the name of ‘Seven Slaughters.’

14 Po Jun 破軍

Po is broken, damaged, torn, worn-out, to break, split, cleave or cut, get rid of, destroy, break with, defeat, ruined; to spend (money, etc.).

Jun is armed forces or services, national defense, military, army.

Po Jun could be the army general, using the army to break down whatever resistance exists, and usually leaving it to someone else to rebuild.

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In the *Intermediate Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*, you will learn to factor in 75 more stars. This will turn the sketch into a detailed portrait. Some of these stars will greatly modify the feeling of the sketch you now have, so if some aspects seem a little off, they may come into better focus later.

In the *Advanced Zi Wei Dou Shu Class*, you will learn to make predictions based on different time periods, and there will be a number of case studies to illustrate how to read a chart.

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Answer: Active because ming is in a corner (yin), there are two main stars, and 2 Tian Ji is one of the major stars.

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Answer: No, it isn't. 3 Tai Yang has the lowest rating of 5 in spouse (zi), and Tai Yang, the sun specifically represents a male, her husband. He will be no help, and he may even hurt her.

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Answer: Shen (the body palace) is also in her money palace (xu), so money is important to her, or she has issues with money. She has 5 Tian Tong, so money will come in as she needs it, but this does not mean she will be rich.

5. What type of illnesses is she more likely to have?

Answer: Her illness palace, you, has no major stars, so 1 Zi Wei and 9 Tan Lang are reflected in. 1 Zi Wei represents spleen and stomach issues. These two organs govern digestion in Chinese medicine. 9 Tan Lang represents gall bladder problems.

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