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Introduction

You have now learned how to create and interpret a lifetime (or natal) chart. This class will teach you how to incorporate the elements of time and age into your interpretation. You will learn how to read present situations, predict events in the future, and understand events of the past.

In Part 1 of the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Advanced Class* you will learn:

- The Large (Ten-Year) Cycle
- The Small (One-Year or Current Age) Cycle
- The Current Year Calculations, including twenty-four current year stars
- The Current Month Calculations
- The *Four Transforming Stars* as they change over time

In Part 2 of the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Advanced Class* you will learn how to interpret a chart based on a number of examples and case studies. Part 2 will really help you understand how to read a chart using practical examples and incorporating all of the information we have studied so far.

For the most part, the lifetime chart describes personalities or trends. If you see a sign of a car accident in the lifetime chart, it is of little use because it could happen any time over the course of many years.

The annual and monthly charts are where this information is really useful. You can see a car accident or a lawsuit or a big business deal or a marriage coming and know exactly when it is likely to occur (at least, with skill and practice, you will get better at making this type of prediction). However, the annual and monthly charts are not used to describe personalities or long term trends, because people don't drastically change their personality in a month or a year.

The ten-year (Large Cycle) information is somewhere in between. It may show the tendencies in a career or marriage over a longer period of time. There are often big differences between a person's life in different ten-year periods. You can see changes in personalities, trends, and also certain events in this layer of the chart.

Fate and Luck

There are five influences on our lives. They are listed here in order of their power or importance:

- 命 ming: fate, destiny, decided at birth and cannot be changed, but can be known. Note that this is the same name as the first palace in a Zi Wei Dou Shu astrology chart. In fact, you can call the whole lifetime chart your fate or ming.
- 運 yun: luck, which fluctuates with time, and can be predicted. Luck is what you work with after you are born. In fact, the cycles in the chart, the Large Cycle (ten-year periods) and the Small Cycle (one-year periods) can be called 'luck periods.' The Chinese concept of luck is quite different from the Western concept of luck being random.
- 風水 fengshui: environment. We can manipulate this to reach the higher levels of what our fate and our luck allow. But if your lifetime chart does not show you becoming a millionaire and the current time period does not show you becoming a millionaire, feng shui cannot make you one. It can only help you achieve more of your potential. It cannot take you past your potential.
- 陰德 yinde: practicing virtue without advertising it. This brings us good karma and good will from others.
- 讀書 dushu: education and effort. Even with the best luck, if we sit at home and wait, we will miss out. We must do the footwork.

These concepts can be useful in understanding an astrology chart and in explaining it to your clients.

Age in Chinese Culture

It is important to know the client's age when reading a Zi Wei Dou Shu chart. In this way, we can read the chart for a particular time in the client's life, past, present, or future. However, the Chinese look at age a little differently than people do in the West.

The Chinese traditionally count a baby as one year old at birth. This is because the child has already existed for ten lunar months, almost a year prior to birth in the uterus. It is similar to saying a child is in its first year from the time it is born until it is one year old.

On every Chinese New Year, people traditionally counted themselves as one year older; i.e., on the lunar New Year following birth, a child is two years old.

However, in Zi Wei Dou Shu a person is counted as one year old at birth, and on each birthday thereafter becomes one year older. This makes your Chinese age one year older than your Western age.

You should also note that the birthday is found by the lunar calendar. So if you were born on the 20th day of the 3rd lunar month, you must look in the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar* and find the 20th day of the 3rd lunar month in the current year to know when your birthday is *this year*. This year's birthday will not usually be the same date in the Western calendar as it was the year you were born, because you are matching the phase of the moon this year with the phase of the moon when you were born.

The Large (Ten-Year) Cycle

People's lives go through phases. Some phases are shorter and some are longer. Zi Wei Dou Shu recognizes phases or cycles in a person's life that are ten years long. While there will be ups and downs during those ten years (mostly based on the age and the current year), there will also be tendencies that govern each period of ten years. This is called the *Large Cycle* or the *Ten-Year Period*. It is large compared to the *Small Cycle*, which lasts one year according to the person's age.

The Large (Ten-Year) Cycle is based on the five-element type and the person's status as yin or yang, male or female. These should already be written in the center of the chart.

To review, the numbers associated with each element type are:

Water	Wood	Metal	Earth	Fire
2	3	4	5	6

A person's Ten-Year Cycles begin at the age or number associated with the element type. For example, a Water 2 type's Ten-Year Cycles begin at age 2. A Fire 6 type's Ten-Year Cycles begin at age 6. But remember, a Chinese age of 2 is a Western age of 1. You have to add one year to the Western age.

In the time before the first Ten-Year Cycle, the child does not yet have any independent life from their parents. In this time, the only layers of the chart are the lifetime, Small Cycle Cycle, current year, and monthly calculations.

The first Ten-Year Cycle is always located in the natal (or lifetime) ming gong. The other palace categories follow around the chart in the same manner as in the natal chart. Therefore, during the first Ten-Year Cycle, the palace categories are in identical locations for both the natal chart and the Ten-Year Cycle. However, soon you will see that there will be an additional set of the *Four Transforming Stars* that affects the chart at this time.

Every ten years, a new ming governs the current ten-year period, while the natal ming stays in the same palace and governs a lifetime.

For the ten-year periods after the first, the palaces progress **clockwise** for yang males and yin females. They progress **counterclockwise** for yin males and yang females. This is illustrated in the following table.

It isn't just the ming that moves every ten years; the other eleven palaces also rotate (but **not** shen gong, the body palace).

For example, if a *yang male*'s ming is in the zi palace of the original chart, the ming of his first ten-year period will also be in zi. Parents palace will fall into chou, and the karma palace into yin, etc., in both the lifetime and the first Large Cycle. When the person enters into his second Ten-Year Cycle, his new Large Cycle ming will be in chou, parents will be in yin, and karma in mao.

A *yin male* whose ming is in the zi palace of the original chart will also have the ming of his first ten-year period in zi. Parents palace will fall into chou, and the karma palace into yin, etc., in both the lifetime and the first Large Cycle. This is the same as the yang male. But when he enters into his second Ten-Year Cycle, his new Large Cycle ming will be in hai, parents will be in zi, and karma in chou. The Large Cycle ming has moved one palace counterclockwise, but the direction of parents, karma, etc. is still clockwise. Examples below will illustrate this, or examine the pattern in the table below.

Write the ages for each Ten-Year Cycle in the bottom of each palace.

Write the Ten-Year Cycle's palace categories on the chart on the outside edge of their palaces (see the following examples).

For your convenience, the table of palace categories is given again here:

The Twelve Palace Categories			
Palace	Chinese	Pinyin	
1 Fate	命宮	Ming Gong	
2 Parents	父母宮	Fu Mu Gong	
3 Karma	福德宮	Fu De Gong	
4 Property	田宅宮	Tian Zhai Gong	
5 Career	事業宮	Shi Yi Gong	
6 Friends	交友宮	Shi Ye Gong	
7 Travel	遷移宮	Qian Yi Gong	
8 Illness	疾厄宮	Ji E Gong	
9 Money	財帛宮	Cai Bo Gong	
10 Children	子女宮	Zi Nu Gong	
11 Spouse	夫妻宮	Fu Qi Gong	
12 Siblings	兄弟宮	Xiong Di Gong	

Large (Ten-Year) Cycles													
Person		Ming	Parents	Karma	Property	Career	Friends	Travel	Illness	Money	Children	Spouse	Siblings
Water 2	Yang Male Yin Female	2-11	12-21	22-31	32-41	42-51	52-61	62-71	72-81	82-91	92-101	102-111	112-121
	Yin Male Yang Female		112-121	102-111	92-101	82-91	72-81	62-71	52-61	42-51	32-41	22-31	12-21
Wood 3	Yang Male Yin Female	3-12	13-22	23-32	33-42	43-52	53-62	63-72	73-82	83-92	93-102	103-112	113-122
	Yin Male Yang Female		113-112	103-112	93-102	83-92	73-82	63-72	53-62	43-52	33-42	23-32	13-22
Metal 4	Yang Male Yin Female	4-13	14-23	24-33	34-43	44-53	54-63	64-73	74-83	84-93	94-103	104-113	114-123
	Yin Male Yang Female		114-123	104-113	94-103	84-93	74-83	64-73	54-63	44-53	34-43	24-33	14-23
Earth 5	Yang Male Yin Female	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85-94	95-104	105-114	115-124
	Yin Male Yang Female		115-124	105-114	95-104	85-94	75-84	65-74	55-64	45-54	35-44	25-34	15-24
Fire 6	Yang Male Yin Female	6-15	16-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76-85	86-95	96-105	106-115	116-125
	Yin Male Yang Female		116-125	106-115	96-105	86-95	76-85	66-75	56-65	46-55	36-45	26-35	16-25

Example 1:

<p>KARMA 5 Tian Tong 1 LU 15 Wen Chang KE 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 44 Kong Wang 65 Xun Kong 66 Bo Shi 84 Bing</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gui 23-32 Si</p>	<p>PROPERTY 4 Wu Qu 2 7 Tian Fu 2 18 Di Kong 37 Qing Yang 67 Li Shi 85 Si</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jia 33-42 Wu</p>	<p>CAREER 3 Tai Yang 3 8 Tai Yin 3 20 Feng Gao 21 Huo Xing 26 Tian Yao 54 Hong Luan 57 Gua Su 68 Qing Long 86 Mu</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yi 43-52 Wei</p>	<p>FRIENDS 9 Tan Lang 3 69 Xiao Hao 87 Jue</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bing 53-62 Shen</p>
<p>PARENTS 14 Po Jun 2 17 Di Jie 24 You Bi 32 San Tai 38 Tuo Luo 43 Jie Lu 50 Hua Gai 61 Fei Lian 65 Xun Kong 77 Guan Fu 83 Shuai</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ren 13-22 Chen</p>	<p>Name: AB Date: 8/24/56 Time: 10:50 am</p> <p>Year: Bing Shen Month: 7 Shen Day: 19th Hour: 6 Si</p> <p>Type: Wood 3 YYMF: Yang Male</p>		<p>TRAVEL 2 Tian Ji 2 QUAN 10 Ju Men 1 16 Wen Qu 39 Tian Kui 51 Tian Kong 58 Xian Chi 62 Po Sui 64 Tian Shou 70 Jiang Jun 88 Tai</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ding 63-72 You</p>
<p>MING 22 Ling Xing 25 Tian Xing 76 Fu Bing 82 Di Wang</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Xin 3-12 Mao</p>	<p>Ming Ruler: 16 Wen Qu Shen Ruler: 12 Tian Liang</p> <p>The First Month of a Zi Year is: hai.</p>		<p>ILLNESS 1 Zi Wei 4 11 Tian Xiang 4 23 Zuo Fu 33 Ba Zuo 34 En Guang 52 Tian Ku 71 Zou Shu 89 Yang</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wu 73-82 Xu</p>
<p>SIBLINGS 6 Lian Zhen 1 JI 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 29 Tian Wu 31 Yin Sha 35 Tian Gui 49 Ming Ma 53 Tian Xu 60 Feng Ge 75 Da Hao 81 Lin Guan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Geng 113-122 Yin</p>	<p>SPOUSE SHEN 55 Tian Xi 74 Bing Fu 80 Guan Dai</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Xin 103-112 Chou</p>	<p>CHILDREN 13 Qi Sha 2 42 Tian Fu 59 Long Chi 73 Xi Shen 79 Mu Yu</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Geng 93-102 Zi</p>	<p>MONEY 12 Tian Liang 5 19 Tai Fu 30 Tian Yue 40 Tian Yue 56 Gu Chen 63 Tian Cai 72 Fei Lian 78 Chang Sheng</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ji 83-92 Hai</p>

AB is a yang male because he was born in a yang stem (bing) year. Therefore, his Large Cycles flow clockwise. The cycles all begin with years such as 3, 13, 23, 33, 43, etc., because he is a Wood 3 type.

Therefore, ages 3 to 12 are assigned to his natal ming palace and also become ming for the time when AB was between 3 and 12 years old (in Chinese age). This is in the mao branch palace. Since AB's Large Cycle flows clockwise, assign the next period of 13 to 22 years to the chen palace.

Ming		Parents	Karma	Property	
	KARMA 5 Tian Tong 1 LU 15 Wen Chang KE 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 44 Kong Wang 65 Xun Kong 66 Bo Shi 84 Bing Gui 23-32 Si	PROPERTY 4 Wu Qu 2 7 Tian Fu 2 18 Di Kong 37 Qing Yang 67 Li Shi 85 Si Jia 33-42 Wu	CAREER 3 Tai Yang 3 8 Tai Yin 3 20 Feng Gao 21 Huo Xing 26 Tian Yao 54 Hong Luan 57 Gua Su 68 Qing Long 86 Mu Yi 43-52 Wei	FRIENDS 9 Tan Lang 3 69 Xiao Hao 87 Jue Bing 53-62 Shen	
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Children	Money	Illness	Travel		

Significant events happened in AB's life when he was 30 through 32 years of age. If we want to examine that time, we make the palace that says 23-32 (si) the ming and add the rest of the palace categories around the chart. These palaces are written around the outside of the chart. Analysis will be given later once we have added some more information.

Example 2:

Parents		Karma	Property	Career	
	Spouse 10 Ju Men 3 16 Wen Qu 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 44 Kong Wang 62 Po Sui 66 Bo Shi 78 Chang Sheng gui 24-33 si	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 3 JI 11 Tian Xiang 2 37 Qing Yang 77 Guan Fu 89 Yang jia 14-23 wu	Ming 12 Tian Liang 2 19 Tai Fu 26 Tian Yao 51 Tian Kong 76 Fu Bing 88 Tai yi 4-13 wei	Parents 13 Qi Sha 1 49 Ming Ma 56 Gu Chen 75 Da Hao 87 Jue bing 114-123 shen	
M i n g	Children 9 Tan Lang 1 22 Ling Xing 24 You Bi 32 San Tai 38 Tuo Luo 43 Jie Lu 57 Gua Su 60 Feng Ge 67 Li Shi 79 Mu Yu ren 34-43 chen	Name: CD Date: 8/22/66 Time: 2:48 am Year: Bing Wu Month: 7 Shen Day: 7 th Hour: 2 Chou Type: Metal 4 YYMF: Yang Female		Karma Shen 5 Tian Tong 3 LU 15 Wen Chang KE 39 Tian Kui 54 Hong Luan 74 Bing Fu 86 Mu ding 104-113 you	F r i e n d s
S i b l i n g s	Money 8 Tai Yin 5 20 Feng Gao 25 Tian Xing 55 Tian Xi 58 Xian Chi 64 Tian Shou 65 Xun Kong 68 Qing Long 80 Guan Dai xin 44-53 mao	Ming Ruler: 4 Wu Qu Shen Ruler: 21 Huo Xing		Property 4 Wu Qu 1 18 Di Kong 23 Zuo Fu 33 Ba Zuo 35 Tian Gui 50 Hua Gai 59 Long Chi 73 Xi Shen 85 Si wu 94-103 xu	T r a v e l
	Illness 1 Zi Wei 1 7 Tian Fu 1 21 Huo Xing 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 29 Tian Wu 31 Yin Sha 34 En Guang 61 Fei Lian 65 Xun Kong 69 Xiao Hao 81 Lin Guan geng 54-63 yin	Travel 2 Tian Ji 5 QUAN 63 Tian Cai 70 Jiang Jun 82 Di Wang xin 64-73 chou	Friends 14 Po Jun 1 17 Di Jie 42 Tian Fu 52 Tian Ku 53 Tian Xu 71 Zou Shu 83 Shuai geng 74-83 zi	Career 3 Tai Yang 5 30 Tian Yue 40 Tian Yue 72 Fei Lian 84 Bing ji 84-93 hai	
Spouse		Children	Money	Illness	

CD is a Yang female because she was born in a yang stem (bing) year. Therefore, her Large Cycles flow counterclockwise. The periods all begin with years such as 4, 14, 24, 34, 44, etc., because she is a Metal 4 type.

4 to 13 years of age is assigned to her natal ming palace, and also becomes ming for the time when CD was between 4 and 13 years old (in Chinese age). This is in the wei branch palace.

Since CD's Large Cycle flows counterclockwise, the next period of time (14 to 23 years) is assigned to the wu palace.

This was written in 2006, when CD was 41 years old (Western age plus one); so she is currently in the period of 34 to 43 years. Her current ten-year ming is in the chen branch palace. This places CD's ten-year parents palace in si, her ten-year karma palace in wu, etc.

If she came to you for a reading in 2006, you would look at this layer of the chart to understand her current situation.

The Small (One-Year or Age) Cycle

Our fortunes also go through changes each year, rotating from palace to palace around the chart. All the old books say that it always rotates **clockwise** for males, and **counterclockwise** for females, regardless of whether they are considered yin or yang. We will discuss this issue more below, but first let us look at the traditional way.

The location of the Small Cycle ming gong depends on the branch of the birth year and changes every year on the birthday according to the Chinese lunar calendar. For example, the changes would take place on the 5th day of the 5th lunar month in the current year, not on June 15th.

The birth year branches are divided into four groups based on the three combination relationships. The first year of age will always be placed in one of the four earth branch palaces in the chart. See the following table.

If your current age in the West is 29, you add one to get the Chinese age: 30. Then you would look for the palace that has 30 and call this the ming of your Small Cycle or current age.

After you have placed ming, the other palace categories follow around the chart in the usual order. The parents palace is always one palace clockwise from ming.

Remember, shen gong, the body palace, is not calculated for the Small Cycle; it is only found in the lifetime chart.

Write the Small Cycle ages in the chart, in the bottom of each palace near the Large Cycle ages.

Pencil the small cycle palace categories for the time you are analyzing inside their palaces. Pencils are better because the Small Cycle changes yearly and pencil is easily erased.

You can see that so far, we have three different layers of the chart to inspect: lifetime, ten-year period, and the one-year period based on age.

The Small (One-Year) Cycle														
		Age												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
		37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	
		49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	
		61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	
		73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	
		85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	
		97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	
Year	Branch	Sex	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
Yin Wu Xu	M	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	
	F		Mao	Yin	Chou	Zi	Hai	Xu	You	Shen	Wei	Wu	Si	
Shen Zi Chen	M	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	
	F		You	Shen	Wei	Wu	Si	Chen	Mao	Yin	Chou	Zi	Hai	
Si You Chou	M	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	
	F		Wu	Si	Chen	Mao	Yin	Chou	Zi	Hai	Xu	You	Shen	
Hai Mao Wei	M	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	
	F		Zi	Hai	Xu	You	Shen	Wei	Wu	Si	Chen	Mao	Yin	

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Children	Money	Illness	Travel		

Since AB is a male, the Small Cycle flows clockwise. Yin or yang is not important here.

From the previous table, we find that a person born in a shen branch year goes to the xu branch palace for age 1. The numbers flow around the chart clockwise for AB.

Significant things happened to AB when he was 30 years old in the West, but 31 in Chinese years. Therefore, we make a Small Cycle ming in the chen palace and add in the other eleven palaces if we want to analyze that year. Discussion of this chart will be given later.

Example 2:

Parents		Karma	Property	Career
	Spouse 10 Ju Men 3 16 Wen Qu 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 44 Kong Wang 62 Po Sui 66 Bo Shi 78 Chang Sheng Friends 12 24 36 48 gui 24-33 si	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 3 Ji 11 Tian Xiang 2 37 Qing Yang 77 Guan Fu 89 Yang 11 23 35 47 jia 14-23 wu	Ming 12 Tian Liang 2 19 Tai Fu 26 Tian Yao 51 Tian Kong 76 Fu Bing 88 Tai 10 22 34 46 yi 4-13 wei	Parents 13 Qi Sha 1 49 Ming Ma 56 Gu Chen 75 Da Hao 87 Jue 9 21 33 45 bing 114-123 shen
Ming	Children 9 Tan Lang 1 22 Ling Xing 24 You Bi 32 San Tai 38 Tuo Luo 43 Jie Lu 57 Gua Su 60 Feng Ge 67 Li Shi 79 Mu Yu Career 1 13 25 37 49 ren 34-43 chen	Name: CD Date: 8/22/66 Time: 2:48 am Year: Bing Wu Month: 7 Shen Day: 7 th Hour: 2 Chou Type: Metal 4 YYMF: Yang Female Ming Ruler: 4 Wu Qu Shen Ruler: 21 Huo Xing		Karma Shen 5 Tian Tong 3 LU 15 Wen Chang KE 39 Tian Kui 54 Hong Luan 74 Bing Fu 86 Mu 8 20 32 44 ding 104-113 you
Siblings	Money 8 Tai Yin 5 20 Feng Gao 25 Tian Xing 55 Tian Xi 58 Xian Chi 64 Tian Shou 65 Xun Kong 68 Qing Long 80 Guan Dai Property 2 14 26 38 50 xin 44-53 mao	Property 4 Wu Qu 1 18 Di Kong 23 Zuo Fu 33 Ba Zuo 35 Tian Gui 50 Hua Gai 59 Long Chi 73 Xi Shen 85 Si Spouse 7 19 31 43 wu 94-103 xu		Travel
	Illness 1 Zi Wei 1 7 Tian Fu 1 21 Huo Xing 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 29 Tian Wu 31 Yin Sha 34 En Guang 61 Fei Lian 65 Xun Kong 69 Xiao Hao 81 Lin Guan Karma 3 15 27 39 51 geng 54-63 yin	Travel 2 Tian Ji 5 QUAN 63 Tian Cai 70 Jiang Jun 82 Di Wang 4 16 28 40 52 xin 64-73 chou	Friends 14 Po Jun 1 17 Di Jie 42 Tian Fu 52 Tian Ku 53 Tian Xu 71 Zou Shu 83 Shuai 5 17 29 41 53 geng 74-83 zi	Career 3 Tai Yang 5 30 Tian Yue 40 Tian Yue 72 Fei Lian 84 Bing 6 18 30 42 54 ji 84-93 hai
Spouse		Children	Money	Illness

Since CD is a female, the one-year cycle flows counterclockwise. Yin or yang is not important. From the previous table, we find that a person born in a wu branch year goes to the chen branch palace for age 1. The numbers flow around the chart counterclockwise for CD.

This was written in 2006, when CD was 41 years old (Western age plus one); so her current age ming is in zi. The other eleven palaces follow.

If she came to you for a reading in 2006, you would look at this layer of the chart to understand her current situation.

A Different View on the Small Cycle

In many areas of the chart, the concept of yin or yang, male or female is essential for determining the direction of flow, clockwise or counterclockwise. It is used for the Large Cycle, and also for the monthly calculations, which we will learn below. The old books say only the Small Cycle rotates **clockwise** for males, and **counterclockwise** for females, regardless of whether they are considered yin or yang.

Master Sang has questioned this and has experiment with using yin or yang, male or female to calculate the small cycle as well. Many of his students have also played with this approach. It seems to have some merit, but it is early to say conclusively that we should always use yin or yang, male or female. Therefore, if you are adventurous, you can continue this experiment.

Male	clockwise	Yang Male	clockwise
		Yin Male	counterclockwise
Female	counterclockwise	Yang Female	counterclockwise
		Yin Female	clockwise

You can see that using yin or yang, male or female does not affect every chart. It affects yin males and yin females, but not yang males and yang females. In other words, it affects people born in yin stem years, but not yang stem years.

If you want to play with using yin or yang, male or female for the Small Cycle, locate 1 year of age the same way as above. Then flow the rest of the ages clockwise or counterclockwise depending on yin or yang, male or female.

In Part 2 of the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Advanced Class*, you will find some examples of this.

Notes on the Large and Small Cycles

In this manner we have specific readings for all areas of a person's life for each year of age (Small Cycle) or ten-year period (Large Cycle).

If an event is foretold as happening at an inappropriate age, it may not happen. If the ten-year spouse palace has bad stars for a child, it is not significant (unless the child gets married extremely young). If a traffic accident is predicted when a person is 112 to 121 years of age, there probably is no need to worry about it.

Neither the Large nor Small Cycle has a location for shen gong (the body palace). It is only located in the original natal chart.

Bad stars in the ten-year or current age palaces don't mean all ten years or all year is bad. It is like rainy season; on some days there is no rain. So bad stars do indicate challenges, but you should still counsel the client to appreciate the good times that can still occur during the more challenging period.

Quiz 1

Add the Large Cycle and Small Cycle ages into the following chart. Use the traditional way for the small cycle (males clockwise, females counterclockwise).

Children 11 Tian Xiang 3 17 Di Jie 18 Di Kong 29 Tian Wu 42 Tian Fu 43 Jie Lu gui si	Spouse 12 Tian Liang 1 40 Tian Yue jia wu	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 2 13 Qi Sha 2 yi wei	Ming Shen 20 Feng Gao 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 35 Tian Gui 38 Tuo Luo bing shen
Money 10 Ju Men 3 LU 15 Wen Chang JI 22 Ling Xing 23 Zuo Fu 44 Kong Wang ren chen	male (February 16, 1981) Year: xin you Month: 1, yin Day: 12 th Hour: 7, wu Element Type: Fire 6 YYMF:		Parents 21 Huo Xing 25 Tian Xing 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan ding you
Illness 1 Zi Wei 2 9 Tan Lang 3 32 San Tai xin mao			Karma 5 Tian Tong 3 16 Wen Qu KE 24 You Bi 30 Tian Yue 37 Qing Yang wu xu
Travel 2 Tian Ji 2 8 Tai Yin 4 31 Yin Sha 34 En Guang 39 Tian Kui geng yin	Friends 7 Tian Fu 1 26 Tian Yao xin chou	Career 3 Tai Yang 5 QUAN 19 Tai Fu geng zi	Property 4 Wu Qu 3 14 Po Jun 3 33 Ba Zuo ji hai

1. Which palace holds the Large Cycle ming in 2006?

2. Which palace holds the Small Cycle ming in 2006?

Quiz 1 Answers

Add the Large Cycle and Small Cycle ages into the following chart. Use the traditional way for the small cycle (males clockwise, females counterclockwise).

Children 11 Tian Xiang 3 17 Di Jie 18 Di Kong 29 Tian Wu 42 Tian Fu 43 Jie Lu 11 23 35 47 59 gui 36-45 si	Spouse 12 Tian Liang 1 40 Tian Yue 12 24 36 48 60 jia 26-35 wu	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 2 13 Qi Sha 2 1 13 25 37 49 61 yi 16-25 wei	Ming Shen 20 Feng Gao 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 35 Tian Gui 38 Tuo Luo 2 14 26 38 50 bing 6-15 shen
Money 10 Ju Men 3 LU 15 Wen Chang JI 22 Ling Xing 23 Zuo Fu 44 Kong Wang 10 22 34 46 58 ren 46-55 chen	male (February 16, 1981) Year: xin you Month: 1, yin Day: 12 th Hour: 7, wu Element Type: Fire 6 YYMF: yin male Current year: 2006		Parents 21 Huo Xing 25 Tian Xing 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 3 15 27 39 51 ding 116-125 you
Illness 1 Zi Wei 2 9 Tan Lang 3 32 San Tai 9 21 33 45 57 xin 56-65 mao			Karma 5 Tian Tong 3 16 Wen Qu KE 24 You Bi 30 Tian Yue 37 Qing Yang 4 16 28 40 52 wu 106-115 xu
Travel 2 Tian Ji 2 8 Tai Yin 4 31 Yin Sha 34 En Guang 39 Tian Kui 8 20 32 44 56 geng 66-75 yin	Friends 7 Tian Fu 1 26 Tian Yao 7 19 31 43 55 xin 76-85 chou	Career 3 Tai Yang 5 QUAN 19 Tai Fu 6 16 30 42 54 geng 86-95 zi	Property 4 Wu Qu 3 14 Po Jun 3 33 Ba Zuo 5 17 29 41 53 ji 96-105 hai

1. Which palace holds the Large Cycle ming in 2006?

Answer:

2006 – 1981 = 25.

He would be Western 25 years old, but Chinese 26.

He is a Fire 6 type, so 6-15 years goes in his lifetime ming.

He is a yin male, so the rest of the palaces go counterclockwise.

His current Large Cycle ming is in wu. 2006 is his first year with the Large Cycle ming in this position.

2. Which palace holds the Small Cycle ming in 2006?

Answer:

He was born in a you year, so age 1 is in wei.

He is a yin male, but in the traditional way, all males go clockwise.

Therefore, 26 is in the shen palace, the same as his lifetime ming.

Locating the Monthly Ming

Just as there is a ming gong for the Large and Small Cycles, there is also a ming for each Chinese lunar month.

We always begin with the calculation for a zi year, because that is the first of the twelve branches. The palace of the first lunar month in a zi year is then written in the center of the chart.

Since you will probably look at a chart over the course of some years, you then have the base data to find the monthly ming during any year. In other words, the zi year is used as a landmark for future calculations.

1. To find the ming for the first lunar month in a zi branch year, start from the zi palace.
2. Call the zi palace '1' and count **counterclockwise** up to the number of the birth month, **not** the number of the month branch. (The year and month branch numbers are different from the number of the lunar month.)

Month Branch	Month Number
Yin	1
Mao	2
Chen	3
Si	4
Wu	5
Wei	6
Shen	7
You	8
Xu	9
Hai	10
Zi	11
Chou	12

- From the palace found in Step 2, count **clockwise** to the number of the birth hour branch. (The branches numbers, whether for the hour or year, are different from the lunar month numbers.)

Hour or Year Branch	Branch Number
Zi	1
Chou	2
Yin	3
Mao	4
Chen	5
Si	6
Wu	7
Wei	8
Shen	9
You	10
Xu	11
Hai	12

- This palace from Step 3 is the ming for the first Chinese lunar month in a zi branch year. In the center of the chart, write “The first month of a zi year is:” If you want to look at this month, the other eleven palace categories follow clockwise as usual.
- To find the ming of the first month in any other year, call the palace that contains the ming for the first month of a zi year ‘1,’ and count **clockwise** until you reach the number of the branch for that year. (The year branch numbers are the same as the hour branch numbers, shown in the preceding table, but are different from the number of the lunar month.)
- Each lunar month, the ming rotates according to yin or yang, male or female (clockwise one position for yang males and yin females; counterclockwise for yin males and yang females). For example, if the ming of the first lunar month of a year is found in chen, the second month would be in si for yang males and yin females. If the client was a yin male or a yang female, the second month would be in mao. This is the only step of the calculation that uses yin or yang, male or female.
- Once you find ming, the other eleven palace categories always continue in the usual way: parents is one palace clockwise from ming for everyone.

For the exact dates of these lunar months in any specific year, refer to the *Ten-Thousand-Year Calendar*.

You do not need to constantly calculate the monthly information. We recommend you only do it in a crisis or if you need to make an important decision. It is better to go out and live your life than to be afraid to make small moves without first consulting your chart.

Example:

Parents		Karma	Property	Career	
	Spouse 10 Ju Men 3 16 Wen Qu 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 44 Kong Wang 62 Po Sui 66 Bo Shi 78 Chang Sheng 12 24 36 48 gui 24-33 si	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 3 JI 11 Tian Xiang 2 37 Qing Yang 77 Guan Fu 89 Yang 7 1 11 23 35 47 jia 14-23 wu	Ming 12 Tian Liang 2 19 Tai Fu 26 Tian Yao 51 Tian Kong 76 Fu Bing 88 Tai 6 2 10 22 34 46 yi 4-13 wei	Parents 13 Qi Sha 1 49 Ming Ma 56 Gu Chen 75 Da Hao 87 Jue 5 9 21 33 45 bing 114-123 shen	
M i n g	Children 9 Tan Lang 1 22 Ling Xing 24 You Bi 32 San Tai 38 Tuo Luo 43 Jie Lu 57 Gua Su 60 Feng Ge 67 Li Shi 79 Mu Yu 1 13 25 37 49 ren 34-43 chen	Name: CD Date: 8/22/66 Time: 2:48 am Year: Bing Wu Month: 7 Shen Day: 7 th Hour: 2 Chou Type: Metal 4 YYMF: Yang Female Ming Ruler: 4 Wu Qu Shen Ruler: 21 Huo Xing The First Month of a Zi Year is: wei		Karma Shen 5 Tian Tong 3 LU 15 Wen Chang KE 39 Tian Kui 54 Hong Luan 74 Bing Fu 86 Mu 4 8 20 32 44 ding 104-113 you	F r i e n d s
S i b l i n g s	Money 8 Tai Yin 5 20 Feng Gao 25 Tian Xing 55 Tian Xi 58 Xian Chi 64 Tian Shou 65 Xun Kong 68 Qing Long 80 Guan Dai 2 14 26 38 50 xin 44-53 mao			Property 4 Wu Qu 1 18 Di Kong 23 Zuo Fu 33 Ba Zuo 35 Tian Gui 50 Hua Gai 59 Long Chi 73 Xi Shen 85 Si 7 19 31 43 wu 94-103 xu	T r a v e l
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Spouse		Children	Money	Illness	

CD was born in shen, the 7th month. Calling the zi palace '1,' count seven palaces counterclockwise to wu. She was born in chou, the 2nd hour. Therefore, count two palaces clockwise to wei. The wei palace is ming for the first lunar month of any zi branch year. Wu would be ming for the second, and si for the third month of a zi year. This flows counterclockwise because CD is a yang female.

Parents		Karma	Property	Career	
	Spouse 10 Ju Men 3 16 Wen Qu 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 44 Kong Wang 62 Po Sui 66 Bo Shi 78 Chang Sheng 12 24 36 48 gui 24-33 si	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 3 JI 11 Tian Xiang 2 37 Qing Yang 77 Guan Fu 89 Yang 11 23 35 47 jia 14-23 wu	Ming 12 Tian Liang 2 19 Tai Fu 26 Tian Yao 51 Tian Kong 76 Fu Bing 88 Tai 10 22 34 46 yi 4-13 wei	Parents 13 Qi Sha 1 49 Ming Ma 56 Gu Chen 75 Da Hao 87 Jue 9 21 33 45 bing 114-123 shen	
M i n g	Children 9 Tan Lang 1 22 Ling Xing 24 You Bi 32 San Tai 38 Tuo Luo 43 Jie Lu 57 Gua Su 60 Feng Ge 67 Li Shi 79 Mu Yu 1 13 25 37 49 ren 34-43 chen	<p>↑ Fifth month of a mao year</p> <p>Name: CD Date: 8/22/66 Time: 2:48 am</p> <p>Year: Bing Wu Month: 7 Shen Day: 7th Hour: 2 Chou</p> <p>Type: Metal 4 YYMF: Yang Female</p> <p>Ming Ruler: 4 Wu Qu Shen Ruler: 21 Huo Xing</p> <p>The First Month of a Zi Year is: wei</p> <p>First month of a mao year →</p>		Karma Shen 5 Tian Tong 3 LU 15 Wen Chang KE 39 Tian Kui 54 Hong Luan 74 Bing Fu 86 Mu 8 20 32 44 ding 104-113 you	F r i e n d s
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Spouse		Children	Money	Illness	

If we wanted to find the ming for the 5th month in a mao year, we would then count counterclockwise (yang female) 5 palaces (5th month). This would be the wu palace. The other palaces for the fifth month would go in order clockwise around the chart (parents in wei, karma in shen, etc.).

Quiz 2

Find the monthly ming for June 21, 2006.

<p>Children</p> <p>11 Tian Xiang 3 17 Di Jie 18 Di Kong 29 Tian Wu 42 Tian Fu 43 Jie Lu</p> <p>11 23 35 47 59 gui 36-45 si</p>	<p>Spouse</p> <p>12 Tian Liang 1 40 Tian Yue</p> <p>12 24 36 48 60 jia 26-35 wu</p>	<p>Siblings</p> <p>6 Lian Zhen 2 13 Qi Sha 2</p> <p>1 13 25 37 49 61 yi 16-25 wei</p>	<p>Ming Shen</p> <p>20 Feng Gao 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 35 Tian Gui 38 Tuo Luo</p> <p>2 14 26 38 50 bing 6-15 shen</p>
<p>Money</p> <p>10 Ju Men 3 LU 15 Wen Chang JI 22 Ling Xing 23 Zuo Fu 44 Kong Wang</p> <p>10 22 34 46 58 ren 46-55 chen</p>	<p>male (February 16, 1981) Year: xin you Month: 1, yin Day: 12th Hour: 7, wu</p> <p>Element Type: Fire 6 YYMF: yin male</p> <p>Current year: 2006</p>		<p>Parents</p> <p>21 Huo Xing 25 Tian Xing 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan</p> <p>3 15 27 39 51 ding 116-125 you</p>
<p>Illness</p> <p>1 Zi Wei 2 9 Tan Lang 3 32 San Tai</p> <p>9 21 33 45 57 xin 56-65 mao</p>			<p>Karma</p> <p>5 Tian Tong 3 16 Wen Qu KE 24 You Bi 30 Tian Yue 37 Qing Yang</p> <p>4 16 28 40 52 wu 106-115 xu</p>
<p>Travel</p> <p>2 Tian Ji 2 8 Tai Yin 4 31 Yin Sha 34 En Guang 39 Tian Kui</p> <p>8 20 32 44 56 geng 66-75 yin</p>	<p>Friends</p> <p>7 Tian Fu 1 26 Tian Yao</p> <p>7 19 31 43 55 xin 76-85 chou</p>	<p>Career</p> <p>3 Tai Yang 5 QUAN 19 Tai Fu</p> <p>6 16 30 42 54 geng 86-95 zi</p>	<p>Property</p> <p>4 Wu Qu 3 14 Po Jun 3 33 Ba Zuo</p> <p>5 17 29 41 53 ji 96-105 hai</p>

Quiz 2 Answers

Find the monthly ming for June 21, 2006.

Children 11 Tian Xiang 3 17 Di Jie 18 Di Kong 29 Tian Wu 42 Tian Fu 43 Jie Lu 6 11 23 35 47 59 gui 36-45 si	Spouse 12 Tian Liang 1 40 Tian Yue 7 (1st month of zi yr) 12 24 36 48 60 jia 26-35 wu	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 2 13 Qi Sha 2 1 13 25 37 49 61 yi 16-25 wei	Ming Shen 20 Feng Gao 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 35 Tian Gui 38 Tuo Luo 2 14 26 38 50 bing 6-15 shen
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Illness 1 Zi Wei 2 9 Tan Lang 3 32 San Tai 4 9 21 33 45 57 xin 56-65 mao	Current year: 2006 (bing xu year) First month of a zi year is: wu		Karma 5 Tian Tong 3 16 Wen Qu KE 24 You Bi 30 Tian Yue 37 Qing Yang 4 16 28 40 52 wu 106-115 xu
Travel 2 Tian Ji 2 8 Tai Yin 4 31 Yin Sha 34 En Guang 39 Tian Kui 3 8 20 32 44 56 geng 66-75 yin	Friends 7 Tian Fu 1 26 Tian Yao 2 7 19 31 43 55 xin 76-85 chou	Career 3 Tai Yang 5 QUAN 19 Tai Fu 1 (for 1st month of birth) 1 6 16 30 42 54 geng 86-95 zi	Property 4 Wu Qu 3 14 Po Jun 3 33 Ba Zuo 5 17 29 41 53 ji 96-105 hai

Answer:

We count 1 palace counterclockwise from zi since he was born in the 1st month, yin.

This actually leaves us in the zi palace.

Then we count clockwise to the hour of birth: 7, wu.

This puts us in the wu palace.

So the first month of a zi year is in wu.

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Find the monthly ming for June 21, 2006.

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Answer:

2006 is a xu year, so starting at wu, count clockwise 11 palaces for xu (the eleventh branch).

We end up in chen, which is the first month of a xu year.

June 21, 2006 is in the fifth lunar month. We need to count 5 palaces from chen.

This person is a yin male, so the palaces now go counterclockwise from chen.

This brings us back to the zi palace.

The month that contains June 21, 2006 is the fifth lunar month and the ming for it is in the zi palace.

Interpreting the Four Transforming Stars through Time

The *Four Transforming Stars*, 45 Hua Lu, 46 Hua Quan, 47 Hua Ke, and 48 Hua Ji, transform or modify the star with which they are associated. The table is reproduced here for your convenience.

The Four Transforming Stars				
Stem	45 化祿 Hua Lu	46 化權 Hua Quan	47 化科 Hua Ke	48 化忌 Hua Ji
Jia	6 Lian Zhen	14 Po Jun	4 Wu Qu	3 Tai Yang
Yi	2 Tian Ji	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	8 Tai Yin
Bing	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	15 Wen Chang	6 Lian Zhen
Ding	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	10 Ju Men
Wu	9 Tan Lang	8 Tai Yin	24 You Bi	2 Tian Ji
Ji	4 Wu Qu	9 Tan Lang	12 Tian Liang	16 Wen Qu
Geng	3 Tai Yang	4 Wu Qu	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong
Xin	10 Ju Men	3 Tai Yang	16 Wen Qu	15 Wen Chang
Ren	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	23 Zuo Fu	4 Wu Qu
Gui	14 Po Jun	10 Ju Men	8 Tai Yin	9 Tan Lang

We have learned how to flow the *Four Transforming Stars* for a person's birth year. They are also found for the stem of the palace that contains the ming for the Large Cycle. Every time the person progresses to the next ten-year period, these four stars are recalculated for the palace stem of the new ten-year ming.

In addition, the *Four Transforming Stars* follow the current year and the current month stem. For example, January 29, 2006, through February 17, 2007, is a lunar year with a stem of bing. For this period, these four stars are placed based on bing. Every Chinese lunar New Year, the *Four Transforming Stars* are flowed again for the stem of the current year.

If you need a lot of detail in a reading, you can also flow the *Four Transforming Stars* for the stem of the current month. For example, if the current month is bing shen, the find the *Four Transforming Stars* based on bing. You can find the dates and the stem of each lunar month in the *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar*.

Please note that the *Four Transforming Stars* are **not** found according to the *stem of the ming palace* for the current age (Small Cycle) or current month. They use the actual stem from the calendar, not from your chart.

It is significant when more than one of the same *Transforming Star* is aligned with one palace.

si	wu	wei	shen
chen			you
mao			xu
yin	chou	zi	hai

What does this mean? If you are examining the wu palace, it means a *Transforming Star* in

- wu, the same palace
- zi, the opposite palace
- yin or xu, the palaces in the three combinations relationship

Multiple Lus

The multiple Lus can come from 36 Lu Cun and 45 Hua Lu in the various layers of time:

- from the original natal chart, based on the stem of the birth year.
- Hua Lu and Lu Cun are quite similar, so Lu Cun also counts.
- from the stem of the current Large Cycle ming
- from the stem of the current year
- If you use the current month, then from the stem of the current month.

It is significant if more than one of these is located in the same palace, especially in ming gong, or if they are placed in the three combinations relationship with ming or opposite ming.

If two are related in this way it is called a *double Lu*. A double Lu is considered extremely auspicious.

However, a triple or quadruple Lu is not as good: it means we see money or good things flying all around but cannot grab it ourselves. It is considered ‘fake.’

Remember that when seeing multiple Lus, they are only visible in the smaller time period. In other words, if a ten-year and a current year Hua Lu line up, it is a double Lu for the current year or current age level, but the ten-year chart cannot see the smaller Lu.

Multiple Jis

48 Hua Ji also appears in the chart many times:

- from the original natal chart, based on the stem of the birth year
- from the stem of the current Large Cycle ming
- from the stem of the current year
- If you use the current month, then there is another from the stem of the current month.

One Hua Ji is bad. Two of them in one palace are considered critical; however, three or more in a palace, in the three combinations relationship, or opposite each other are not as bad as two. They mean that something dangerous or scary will happen to you but it will not actually be harmful. Usually once this event occurs, the stars are no longer an imminent danger for the remainder of that time period. In any case, this is also considered 'fake.'

The same idea applies for 46 Hua Quan or 47 Hua Ke. For example, one 47 Hua Ke brings peach blossom; two might mean getting married, but three brings something fake.

One 46 Hua Quan signifies power; two bring lots of power, but three bring something fake.

Of the *Four Transforming Stars*, 45 Hua Lu (money) and 48 Hua Ji (disaster) are the most essential to study. 48 Hua Ji is the more important of the two: Let money come if it will, but better to be warned of impending disaster.

Remember, if you are looking at *Transforming Stars* from different time periods, they only see each other in the palaces from the smallest time period involved. So if a Large Cycle Hua Ji meets a Small Cycle Hua Ji, there is no double Ji in the lifetime or Large Cycle Chart. It only appears in the Small Cycle chart. It can also be seen from the monthly chart because that time period is even smaller.

There are two other aspects of the *Transforming Stars* we must consider:

- If a *Transforming Star* is resident in a palace and another *Transforming Stars* comes in, it activates or stirs up the pre-existing star. For example: If 2 Tian Ji transformed by 47 Hua Ke is in the lifetime chart, it brings fame. If Hua Ji comes into a relationship with this palace for ten years or for one year, the fame will increase (although in this case, bad mixes with good. Perhaps it is notoriety instead of fame). This is why a double Lu or Ji is very powerful – the second one not only adds to the first, but it also activates the first one.
- All *Four Transforming Stars* in one palace or reflected in or in three combinations relationship is extremely good. This person could be a multibillionaire. It brings tremendous opportunity. The *Transforming Stars* can be from different time periods (but then the effect will only occur in the smallest time period involved). But if there are more than one of each of the *Transforming Stars*, it is fake. The person will see the money but cannot get it for themselves. Actually, it may still be a very powerful chart, but it is certainly less good when too many of them meet up.

These stars are extremely important and you frequently need to refer to the table with their location when doing a reading. If you cannot memorize the table, you should bookmark it or make copies of it and keep them in a convenient place. A laminated copy on your desk will be very useful.

You will see an example of reading the *Four Transforming Stars* below and many other examples in Part 2 of the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Advanced Class*.

Example 1:

<p>Ming</p>	<p>KARMA 5 Tian Tong 1 LU (Lu) 15 Wen Chang KE (Ke) 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 44 Kong Wang 65 Xun Kong 66 Bo Shi 84 Bing</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Parents 8 20 32 44 56 Gui 23-32 Si</p>	<p>Parents PROPERTY 4 Wu Qu 2 7 Tian Fu 2 18 Di Kong 37 Qing Yang 67 Li Shi 85 Si</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Karma 9 21 33 45 57 Jia 33-42 Wu</p>	<p>Karma Ke(8) CAREER 3 Tai Yang 3 8 Tai Yin 3 20 Feng Gao 21 Huo Xing 26 Tian Yao 54 Hong Luan 57 Gua Su 68 Qing Long 86 Mu Property</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Property 10 22 34 46 58 Yi 43-52 Wei</p>	<p>Property FRIENDS 9 Tan Lang 3 69 Xiao Hao 87 Jue</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Career 11 23 35 47 59 Bing 53-62 Shen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ji</p>
<p>Lu</p> <p>S i b l i n g s</p>	<p>PARENTS 14 Po Jun 2 17 Di Jie 24 You Bi 32 San Tai 38 Tuo Luo 43 Jie Lu 50 Hua Gai 61 Fei Lian 65 Xun Kong 77 Guan Fu 83 Shuai Ming</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7 19 31 43 55 Ren 13-22 Chen</p>	<p>Name: AB in 1986 (bing yin year) Date: 8/24/56 Time: 10:50 am</p> <p>Year: Bing Shen Month: 7 Shen Day: 19th Hour: 6 Si</p> <p>Type: Wood 3 YYMF: Yang Male</p> <p>Ming Ruler: 16 Wen Qu Shen Ruler: 12 Tian Liang</p> <p>The First Month of a Zi Year is: hai.</p>	<p>TRAVEL 2 Tian Ji 2 QUAN (Quan) 10 Ju Men 1 16 Wen Qu 39 Tian Kui 51 Tian Kong 58 Xian Chi 62 Po Sui 64 Tian Shou 70 Jiang Jun 88 Tai</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Friends 12 24 36 48 60 Ding 63-72 You</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Quan C a r e e r</p>	
<p>S p o u s e</p>	<p>MING 22 Ling Xing 25 Tian Xing 76 Fu Bing 82 Di Wang</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Siblings 6 18 30 42 54 Xin 3-12 Mao</p>	<p>SPOUSE SHEN 55 Tian Xi 74 Bing Fu 80 Guan Dai</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Children 4 16 28 40 52 Xin 103-112 Chou</p>	<p>ILLNESS 1 Zi Wei 4 11 Tian Xiang 4 23 Zuo Fu 33 Ba Zuo 34 En Guang 52 Tian Ku 71 Zou Shu 89 Yang Travel</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 13 25 37 49 61 Wu 73-82 Xu</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F r i e n d s</p>	
<p>Children</p>	<p>SIBLINGS 6 Lian Zhen 1 Ji (Ji) 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 29 Tian Wu 31 Yin Sha 35 Tian Gui 49 Ming Ma 53 Tian Xu 60 Feng Ge 75 Da Hao 81 Lin Guan Spouse</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 17 29 41 53 Geng 113-122 Yin</p>	<p>CHILDREN 13 Qi Sha 2 42 Tian Fu 59 Long Chi 73 Xi Shen 79 Mu Yu</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Money 3 15 27 39 51 Geng 93-102 Zi</p>	<p>MONEY 12 Tian Liang 5 19 Tai Fu 30 Tian Yue 40 Tian Yue 56 Gu Chen 63 Tian Cai 72 Fei Lian 78 Chang Sheng</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Illness 2 14 26 38 50 62 Ji 83-92 Hai</p>	<p>Travel</p>

Analysis: After August of 1986, AB was 31 years of age (Western age plus 1). Therefore, his Large Cycle ming is in si (23-32 years of age). The twelve palace categories are written around the outside of the chart based on this.

The palace stem for Large Cycle ming in si is gui. Therefore, the *Transforming Stars* for the Large Cycle are based on gui and are written around the outside of the chart.

1986 was a bing yin year, so the current year *Transforming Stars* are placed based on bing, the same as AB's birth year stem. This doubles all the *Transforming Stars*. The current year transforming stars are placed in parenthesis in each palace next to the star they transform.

Since AB was 31 years old, his current age ming is in chen, and the rest of the palace categories are written in the bottom of each palace. Now we can analyze this chart.

In 1986, 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. In addition, she was also taking recreational drugs. Her condition deteriorated and AB broke up with her. He turned 31 in August.

Some months later, she showed up, very pregnant, saying the baby was his. He helped take care of her during the rest of the pregnancy, although he did not reestablish a relationship with her. The baby was born in January of 1987 (just before Chinese New Year, so still 1986) and was addicted to cocaine. DNA testing proved the baby was AB's.

Let's see what we can determine from the chart. This will be a brief analysis, based on the *Transforming Stars* and will not take every star into account.

AB's ming for 31 (chen palace) has 14 Po Jun signifying that this is a time of turbulence and change. It has the Large Cycle Hua Lu, so the changes are not all bad. However, 9 Tan Lang is transformed by the Large Cycle Hua Ji in shen. You can interpret this as related to career, since it is in his Small Cycle career palace, but it also has a strong effect on ming since the career palace is in the three combinations relationship with ming. Therefore, this may be a year of extremes, very good and very bad mixed.

At first it looks like the Small Cycle spouse (in yin) has a double Hua Ji. However, the shen palace, opposite, has the Large Cycle Hua Ji, so it is actually a triple Hua Ji, a fake. Therefore the spouse has a very bad or very scary situation, but she does not die, and she does not kill AB or harm his daughter.

AB's Small Cycle parent's palace (si) has a triple Hua Lu (lifetime, current year, and 36 Lu Cun) and a double Hua Ke. The Hua Lu is fake, so it is likely that the parents will want to help him financially, but not much help will actually show up.

The Small Cycle children palace (chou) doesn't seem very significant at this time when it is analyzed alone. It does have 55 Tian Xi, a celebration star. But look at the related palaces:

- A Large Cycle 47 Hua Ke opposite in wei.
- A triple Hua Quan in the three combinations relationship in you. Of course three are fake, but this still shows activity.
- A triple Hua Lu (counting 36 Lu Cun) and a double Hua Ke in the three combinations relationship in si. Once again, the triple Hua Lu is fake, but still shows lots of activity. The double Hua Ke also turns out to be fake because the chou children palace already sees another Hua Ke opposite in wei.

The children palace shows 9 transforming stars in relationship, none of them Hua Ji. Even if they are all fake, this is a very active palace. Although its good power is reduced by the fake combinations, the chart does not show any harm to the child. It is more good than bad.

The daughter was born only days before the year changed, and at this point, AB had only offered financial help. He had not wanted to have an active role in raising her. Let's see what happened when the year changed.

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Children	Money	Illness	Travel		

Analysis: Here is AB's chart for 1987, a ding mao year. The ding mao year began a few days after AB's daughter was born. AB is still 31 years old until August. Therefore, the chart remains the same except the current year transforming stars are re-calculated for the ding year.

To make a long story short, the woman proved unsuitable as a mother. AB called social services out of concern for his daughter's safety and the baby was put in foster care. Very soon he realized that foster care was not good for his daughter either. He eventually gained custody of the child and raised her alone. Let's look again.

The ming, travel, career and money palaces remain unchanged.

The Hua Ji from 1986 has now left the spouse palace in yin, but this leaves a double Hua Ji. This is very bad, but not the worst possible, as a current year Hua Ji is more disastrous than the Large Cycle or lifetime Hua Ji. In any case, the mother descends into her own madness and drug abuse.

The children palace (chou) is still very active with *Transforming Stars*:

- Opposite in wei, the current year Hua Lu shines, along with the Large Cycle Hua Ke.
- The si palace is in the three combinations relationship. It has the lifetime Hua Lu and Hua Ke and the current year Hua Quan.
- The you palace is also in the three combinations relationship. It has the lifetime Hua Quan, and the current year Hua Ke and Hua Ji.

Now, the children palace (chou) sees a double Hua Lu, a double Hua Quan, a triple Hua Ke, and one Hua Ji. While the Hua Ji adds some danger and difficulty, it is overwhelmed by the double Hua Lu and the other beneficial *Transforming Stars*. We can predict a bumpy road for the daughter (Hua Ji), but everything turns out good after all (the accumulation of the other good *Transforming Stars*).

When you see all the *Transforming Stars* accumulating in certain palaces, expect a lot of changes or activity in that palace. Whether good or bad depends on which *Transforming Stars* accumulate.

We did not analyze all the stars in detail in this chart. The point was to illustrate the use of the *Four Transforming Stars*. We will analyze many more charts in Part 2 of the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Advanced Class*.

Quiz 3

Locate the *Four Transforming Stars* for the Large Cycle and the current year (use 2006). Add in the twelve palace categories for the Large and Small Cycles. Then answer the questions below.

Children 11 Tian Xiang 3 17 Di Jie 18 Di Kong 29 Tian Wu 42 Tian Fu 43 Jie Lu 11 23 35 47 59 gui 36-45 si	Spouse 12 Tian Liang 1 40 Tian Yue 12 24 36 48 60 jia 26-35 wu	Siblings 6 Lian Zhen 2 13 Qi Sha 2 1 13 25 37 49 61 yi 16-25 wei	Ming Shen 20 Feng Gao 27 Yue Ma 28 Jie Shen 35 Tian Gui 38 Tuo Luo 2 14 26 38 50 bing 6-15 shen
Money 10 Ju Men 3 LU 15 Wen Chang JI 22 Ling Xing 23 Zuo Fu 44 Kong Wang 10 22 34 46 58 ren 46-55 chen	male (February 16, 1981) Year: xin you Month: 1, yin Day: 12 th Hour: 7, wu Element Type: Fire 6 YYMF: yin male		Parents 21 Huo Xing 25 Tian Xing 36 Lu Cun 41 Tian Guan 3 15 27 39 51 ding 116-125 you
Illness 1 Zi Wei 2 9 Tan Lang 3 32 San Tai 9 21 33 45 57 xin 56-65 mao	Current year: 2006 (bing xu year) First month of a zi year is: wu		Karma 5 Tian Tong 3 16 Wen Qu KE 24 You Bi 30 Tian Yue 37 Qing Yang 4 16 28 40 52 wu 106-115 xu
Travel 2 Tian Ji 2 8 Tai Yin 4 31 Yin Sha 34 En Guang 39 Tian Kui 8 20 32 44 56 geng 66-75 yin	Friends 7 Tian Fu 1 26 Tian Yao 7 19 31 43 55 xin 76-85 chou	Career 3 Tai Yang 5 QUAN 19 Tai Fu 6 16 30 42 54 geng 86-95 zi	Property 4 Wu Qu 3 14 Po Jun 3 33 Ba Zuo 5 17 29 41 53 ji 96-105 hai

1. Look at the Large Cycle (ten-year) parents palace. How many transforming stars affect it?
2. Look at the Small Cycle (current age) career palace. How many transforming stars affect it?

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Answer: The Large Cycle parents palace is in wei.

In it, 6 Lian Zhen is transformed by 45 Hua Lu because the stem of the Large Cycle ming is jia (in the wu palace).

The 48 Hua Ji transforming 6 Lian Zhen is from the current year, but the Large cycle cannot see the current year.

Therefore, the Large Cycle parents palace itself only sees 1 transforming star: Hua Lu. However, this palace is affected by the other related palaces.

Hai is in the three combinations relationship. It has 4 Wu Qu transformed by Hua Ke and 14 Po Jun transformed by Hua Quan, both from the Large Cycle.

Mao is also in the three combinations relationship but has no transforming stars.

The opposite palace (chou) has no transforming stars.

Now we can see that three transforming stars affect the Large Cycle parents palace:

- 6 Lian Zhen transformed by 45 Hua Lu in wei
- 4 Wu Qu transformed by Hua Ke in hai
- 14 Po Jun transformed by Hua Quan in hai

All of these come from the stem of the Large Cycle ming in wu.

2. Look at the Small Cycle (current age) career palace. How many transforming stars affect it?

Answer: The current age career palace is in zi.

Zi has a lifetime 46 Hua Quan transforming 3 Tai Yang from the birth year stem and a ten-year 48 Hua Ji also transforming 3 Tai Yang because the stem of the Large Cycle ming is jia (in the wu palace).

The current age can see all of these because they come from larger time periods, so there are two transforming stars actually in current age career palace in zi.

However, this palace is affected by the other related palaces.

Chen is in the three combinations relationship. It has 10 Ju Men transformed by the lifetime Hua Lu. It also has 15 Wen Chang transformed by the lifetime Hua Ji and the current year Hua Ke.

Shen is also in the three combinations relationship. It has no major stars so 2 Tian Ji transformed by the current year Hua Quan is reflected in.

The opposite palace (wu) has no transforming stars.

The current age career palace can see all these transforming stars because they are from the same or larger periods of time. Now if we add all this up, the total is six transforming stars.

Current Year Stars

There are two more series of twelve stars each, based on the current year branch.

Do **not** place these stars for the branch of the year of *birth*. We place these only for the *current* year branch. For example, in a zi branch year, the first star, 90 Sui Jian, is placed in the zi palace. The rest of the stars follow clockwise in order around the palaces. These stars are in the same palace for everyone in a given year, regardless of their year of birth.

Remember that the year begins on the Chinese lunar New Year, not on January 1st. Every year, these stars change palace, affecting the fortunes for the whole year, but they do not affect the lifetime chart or the Large Cycle reading.

To find the branch of the current year and the date of the lunar New Year, refer to a *Ten-Thousand Year Calendar*.

Current Year Stars												
Current Year Branch	90 Sui Jian 歲建	91 Hui Qi 晦氣	92 Sang Men 喪門	93 Guan Suo 貫索	94 Guan Fu 官符	95 Xiao Hao 小耗	96 Da Hao 大耗	97 Long De 龍德	98 Bai Hu 白虎	99 Tian De 天德	100 Diao Ke 弔客	101 Bing Fu 病符
Zi	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai
Chou	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi
Yin	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou
Mao	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin
Chen	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao
Si	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen
Wu	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si
Wei	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu
Shen	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei
You	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen
Xu	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You
Hai	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu

Current Year General Stars

This group of stars is named after 102 Jiang Xing, the Army General Star, which leads out the others in this group. Place these stars according to the branch of the current year (some people also place them for the birth year). These twelve stars follow clockwise in order around the palaces. The placement of 102 Jiang Xing and the other stars in this series repeats every four years based on the three combinations relationship.

Current Year Stars												
Current Year Branch	102 Jiang Xing 將星	103 Pan An 攀鞍	104 Sui Yi 歲驛	105 Xi Shen 息神	106 Hua Gai 華蓋	107 Jie Sha 劫煞	108 Zai Sha 災煞	109 Tian Sha 天煞	110 Zhi Bei 指背	111 Xian Chi 咸池	112 Yue Sha 月煞	113 Wang Shen 亡神
Yin, Wu, Xu	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si
Shen, Zi, Chen	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai
Si, You, Chou	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen
Hai, Mao Wei	Mao	Chen	Si	Wu	Wei	Shen	You	Xu	Hai	Zi	Chou	Yin

Example:

This was written in 2006, a xu branch year. In that year, stars 90 through 113 were placed into everyone's chart for the duration of that year (from January 29, 2006, to February 17, 2007) as follows:

97 Long De 113 Wang Shen si	98 Bai Hu 102 Jiang Xing wu	99 Tian De 103 Pan An wei	100 Dian Ke 104 Sui Yi shen
96 Da Hao 112 Yue Sha chen	Xu Year (2006)		101 Bing Fu 105 Xi Shen you
95 Xiao Hao 111 Xian Chi mao			90 Sui Jian 106 Hua Gai xu
94 Guan Fu 110 Zhi Bei yin	93 Guan Suo 109 Tian Sha chou	92 Sang Men 108 Zai Sha zi	91 Hui Qi 107 Jie Sha hai

Interpreting the Current Year Stars

90 Sui Jian 歲建 “Year Builder”

- This star is always in the palace with the branch of the current year. It leads out the other stars of this group. It is neither good nor bad; it depends on the other stars in the palace.

91 Hui Qi 晦氣 “Dark Qi”

- Bad luck.

92 Sang Men 喪門 “Funeral Gate”

- Death, funeral, disaster.

93 Guan Suo 貫索 “Chains”

- Imprisonment.

94 Guan Fu 官符 “Closed by Official Order”

- Lawsuit.
- Similar name to Star 77 Guan Fu 官府.

95 Xiao Hao 小耗 “Small Consumer”

- Consumes time, money, and energy in a small way or with small things.
- Same name as Star 69. The difference is that this star moves annually.

96 Da Hao 大耗 “Big Consumer”

- Consumes time, money, and energy in a large way or with big things.
- Same name as Star 75. The difference is that this star moves annually. It is actually the year breaker (which is explained in *Day Selection 1 Class*).

If 96 Da Hao or 95 Xiao Hao fall in the same palace as 69 Xiao Hao or 75 Da Hao, it reinforces the losses. However, it is worse to have Xiao Hao and Da Hao together in the same palace than two Da Haos, as time and money is wasted on everything, from the big to the small.

97 Long De 龍德 “Dragon Virtue”

- Helpful people. Improves bad stars, but only slightly.

98 Bai Hu 白虎 “White Tiger”

➤ Disaster, sickness, death.

99 Tian De 天德 “Heavenly Virtue”

➤ Helpful people. Improves bad stars, but only slightly.

100 Diao Ke 弔客 “Funeral Attendant”

➤ Death, funeral, disaster.

101 Bing Fu 病符 “Disease”

➤ Illness.

➤ Same name as Star 74. The difference is that this one moves annually.

Interpreting the Current Year General Stars

102 Jiang Xing 將星 “Army General Star”

- Leads out the other stars in this group. Good.
- If in ming or shen, then the person makes a living by the “sword” (military, physical, not literary work). This is most applicable if this star is located based on the birth data, rather than the current year.

103 Pan An 攀鞍 “Saddle”

- Good for career and name.
- Also implies the “sword” effects (military, physical, not literary work). This is most applicable if this star is located based on the birth data, rather than the current year.

104 Sui Yi 歲驛 “Year Way-Station”

- Movement, activity if in ming or shen.

105 Xi Shen 息神 “Resting Spirit”

- Depressed or low spirits.
- Do not confuse 73 Xi Shen (喜神) with 105 Xi Shen (息神).

106 Hua Gai 華蓋 “Carriage Canopy”

- Spiritual advancement but lonely, isolated.
- Same name as Star 50. The difference is that this one moves annually.

107 Jie Sha 劫煞 “Robbery Sha”

- Robbery.

108 Zai Sha 災煞 “Calamity Sha”

- Disasters and calamity.

109 Tian Sha 天煞 “Heavenly Sha”

- More sha (evil influence).
- In the parents palace: distant, bad relationship.

These last three are the *Three Sha*, discussed in the *Day Selection Classes*.

110 Zhi Bei 指背 “Behind Your Back”

- Back-stabbing, gossip.

111 Xian Chi 咸池 “Temptation Pool”

- Peach blossom.
- Same name as Star 58. The difference is that this one moves annually.

112 Yue Sha 月煞 “Moon Sha”

- Hidden sha (evil influence). Especially bad for mother or wife if in the parents or spouse palace. Bad for health or relationships.

113 Wang Shen 亡神 “Fleeing Spirit”

- Failure; consumes energy, time, and money.

We only look at these twenty-four stars when analyzing the Small Cycle and the current year. Also, we can look at them when examining the lunar months in a chart, as these stars come from a bigger time period than the month.

However, when looking at the lifetime or Large Cycle palace categories, we ignore these, as the longer cycles cannot see stars from a smaller time period.

The Current Year

There are two ways of looking at a chart for a year at a time. The primary influence is the age of the person. Everyone is a different age, and everyone has their birthday at a different time, so this way of reading shows a lot of detail about the individual's luck for that year. However, the current year also has a tremendous influence on all of it. Of course, information from the current year is the same for everyone. For a complete reading, both factors must be examined.

We have already seen that the *Four Transforming Stars* are located according to the stem of the current year, and the *Current Year Stars* are found based on the branch of the current year.

Each calendar year also has a ming and the other eleven palace categories. The current year ming is found in the palace with the same branch as the current year (starting with the Chinese lunar New Year). For example, 2006 is a xu year, so the ming for 2006 is found in xu palace. The other palaces follow clockwise in the usual order. This is the same in everyone's chart. Of course, the stars found within each palace differ for everyone, as do their Small Cycle ming and other palace categories.

Illness si	Money wu	Children wei	Spouse shen
Travel chen	Current Year: Xu		Siblings you
Friends mao			Ming xu
Career yin	Property chou	Karma zi	Parents hai

This current year ming and other palaces are used as follows:

- You can get additional information about yourself and your situation by reading the stars in the appropriate palace categories of the current year chart. For example, bad stars in the current year ming will detract from your achievement in a year. However, the Small Cycle is more important in this respect.
- Compare the coincident palaces of the current year with the Small Cycle. For example, if difficult stars are found in the Small Cycle money palace which happens to coincide with the current year spouse palace, then it is likely that the person will lose money due to problems with their spouse.

Quiz 4

For a current year of chou, find the current year palace categories and the twenty-four current year stars.

si	wu	wei	shen
chen	Current Year: Chou		you
mao			xu
yin	chou	zi	hai

Quiz 4 Answers

For a current year of chou, find the current year palace categories and the twenty-four current year stars.

Career 94 Guan Fu 110 Zhi Bei si	Friends 95 Xiao Hao 111 Xian Chi wu	Travel 96 Da Hao 112 Yue Sha wei	Illness 97 Long De 113 Wang Shen shen
Property 93 Guan Suo 109 Tian Sha chen	Current Year: Chou		Money 98 Bai Hu 102 Jiang Xing you
Karma 92 Sang Men 108 Zai Sha mao			Children 99 Tian De 103 Pan An xu
Parents 91 Hui Qi 107 Jie Sha yin	Ming 90 Sui Jian 106 Hua Gai chou	Siblings 101 Bing Fu 105 Xi Shen zi	Spouse 100 Diao Ke 104 Sui Yi hai

The Current Year Charts

The following pages show current year charts for each of the twelve branches. These are the same for everyone in a year.

They show the Current Year Stars (90-101) and the Current Year General Stars (102-113) for each year based on the branch.

They also show the current year palace categories for each year based on the branch. Remember that this is superimposed upon the palace categories placed for the subject's current age (Small Cycle).

Inside each chart is a table for the *Four Transforming Stars*: 45 Hua Lu, 46 Hua Quan, 47 Hua Ke, and 48 Hua Ji. The *Four Transforming Stars* are found for the stem of a year. Since yin stems are only found with yin branches, and yang stems are only found for yang branches, there are only five possibilities for the location of the *Four Transforming Stars* in any given year.

Everything on these pages changes on Chinese lunar New Year's day and remains in the chart until the following Chinese New Year.

Remember that everything on these pages affects only the Small Cycle and the month. It has no effect when reading the Large Cycle or the lifetime chart.

These current year charts are used for more than just Zi Wei Dou Shu readings. When an almanac is prepared for a specific year, these charts are also used in determining the fortunes for the twelve animals.

When calculating a chart by hand, it is easier to look up the appropriate current year chart and copy that onto your client's chart than it is to calculate each aspect individually.

Friends 95 Xiao Hao 107 Jie Sha si	Travel 96 Da Hao 108 Zai Sha wu	Illness 97 Long De 109 Tian Sha wei	Money 98 Bai Hu 110 Zhi Bei shen		
Career 94 Guan Fu 106 Hua Gai chen	Current Year: Zi				Children 99 Tian De 111 Xian Chi you
Property 93 Guan Suo 105 Xi Shen mao	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke	48 Hua Ji
	Jia	6 Lian Zhen	14 Po Jun	4 Wu Qu	3 Tai Yang
	Bing	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	15 Wen Chang	6 Lian Zhen
	Wu	9 Tan Lang	8 Tai Yin	24 You Bi	2 Tian Ji
	Geng	3 Tai Yang	4 Wu Qu	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong
	Ren	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	23 Zuo Fu	4 Wu Qu
Spouse 100 Diao Ke 112 Yue Sha xu					
Karma 92 Sang Men 104 Sui Yi yin	Parents 91 Hui Qi 103 Pan An chou	Ming 90 Sui Jian 102 Jiang Xing zi	Siblings 101 Bing Fu 113 Wang Shen hai		

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Property 93 Guan Suo 109 Tian Sha chen	Current Year: Chou				Money 98 Bai Hu 102 Jiang Xing you
Karma 92 Sang Men 108 Zai Sha mao	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke	48 Hua Ji
	Yi	2 Tian Ji	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	8 Tai Yin
	Ding	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	10 Ju Men
	Ji	4 Wu Qu	9 Tan Lang	12 Tian Liang	16 Wen Qu
	Xin	10 Ju Men	3 Tai Yang	16 Wen Qu	15 Wen Chang
	Gui	14 Po Jun	10 Ju Men	8 Tai Yin	9 Tan Lang
Children 99 Tian De 103 Pan An xu					
Parents 91 Hui Qi 107 Jie Sha yin	Ming 90 Sui Jian 106 Hua Gai chou	Siblings 101 Bing Fu 105 Xi Shen zi	Spouse 100 Diao Ke 104 Sui Yi hai		

Property 93 Guan Suo 113 Wang Shen si	Career 94 Guan Fu 102 Jiang Xing wu	Friends 95 Xiao Hao 103 Pan An wei	Travel 96 Da Hao 104 Sui Yi shen			
Karma 92 Sang Men 112 Yue Sha chen	Current Year: Yin				Illness 97 Long De 105 Xi Shen you	
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke		48 Hua Ji
	Jia	6 Lian Zhen	14 Po Jun	4 Wu Qu		3 Tai Yang
Parents 91 Hui Qi 111 Xian Chi mao	Bing	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	15 Wen Chang	6 Lian Zhen	Money 98 Bai Hu 106 Hua Gai xu
	Wu	9 Tan Lang	8 Tai Yin	24 You Bi	2 Tian Ji	
	Geng	3 Tai Yang	4 Wu Qu	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	
	Ren	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	23 Zuo Fu	4 Wu Qu	
Ming 90 Sui Jian 110 Zhi Bei yin	Siblings 101 Bing Fu 109 Tian Sha chou	Spouse 100 Diao Ke 108 Zai Sha zi	Children 99 Tian De 107 Jie Sha hai			

Karma 92 Sang Men 104 Sui Yi si	Property 93 Guan Suo 105 Xi Shen wu	Career 94 Guan Fu 106 Hua Gai wei	Friends 95 Xiao Hao 107 Jie Sha shen			
Parents 91 Hui Qi 103 Pan An chen	Current Year: Mao				Travel 96 Da Hao 108 Zai Sha you	
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke		48 Hua Ji
	Yi	2 Tian Ji	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei		8 Tai Yin
Ming 90 Sui Jian 102 Jiang Xing mao	Ding	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	10 Ju Men	Illness 97 Long De 109 Tian Sha xu
	Ji	4 Wu Qu	9 Tan Lang	12 Tian Liang	16 Wen Qu	
	Xin	10 Ju Men	3 Tai Yang	16 Wen Qu	15 Wen Chang	
	Gui	14 Po Jun	10 Ju Men	8 Tai Yin	9 Tan Lang	
Siblings 101 Bing Fu 113 Wang Shen yin	Spouse 100 Diao Ke 112 Yue Sha chou	Children 99 Tian De 111 Xian Chi zi	Money 98 Bai Hu 110 Zhi Bei hai			

Parents 91 Hui Qi 107 Jie Sha si	Karma 92 Sang Men 108 Zai Sha wu	Property 93 Guan Suo 109 Tian Sha wei	Career 94 Guan Fu 110 Zhi Bei shen			
Ming 90 Sui Jian 106 Hua Gai chen	Current Year: Chen				Friends 95 Xiao Hao 111 Xian Chi you	
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke		48 Hua Ji
	Jia	6 Lian Zhen	14 Po Jun	4 Wu Qu		3 Tai Yang
Siblings 101 Bing Fu 105 Xi Shen mao	Bing	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	15 Wen Chang	6 Lian Zhen	Travel 96 Da Hao 112 Yue Sha xu
	Wu	9 Tan Lang	8 Tai Yin	24 You Bi	2 Tian Ji	
	Geng	3 Tai Yang	4 Wu Qu	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	
	Ren	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	23 Zuo Fu	4 Wu Qu	
Spouse 100 Diao Ke 104 Sui Yi yin	Children 99 Tian De 103 Pan An chou	Money 98 Bai Hu 102 Jiang Xing zi	Illness 97 Long De 113 Wang Shen hai			

Ming 90 Sui Jian 110 Zhi Bei si	Parents 91 Hui Qi 111 Xian Chi wu	Karma 92 Sang Men 112 Yue Sha wei	Property 93 Guan Suo 113 Wang Shen shen			
Siblings 101 Bing Fu 109 Tian Sha chen	Current Year: Si				Career 94 Guan Fu 102 Jiang Xing you	
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke		48 Hua Ji
	Yi	2 Tian Ji	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei		8 Tai Yin
Spouse 100 Diao Ke 108 Zai Sha mao	Ding	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	10 Ju Men	Friends 95 Xiao Hao 103 Pan An xu
	Ji	4 Wu Qu	9 Tan Lang	12 Tian Liang	16 Wen Qu	
	Xin	10 Ju Men	3 Tai Yang	16 Wen Qu	15 Wen Chang	
	Gui	14 Po Jun	10 Ju Men	8 Tai Yin	9 Tan Lang	
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Siblings 101 Bing Fu 113 Wang Shen si	Ming 90 Sui Jian 102 Jiang Xing wu	Parents 91 Hui Qi 103 Pan An wei	Karma 92 Sang Men 104 Sui Yi shen		
Spouse 100 Diao Ke 112 Yue Sha chen	Current Year: Wu				Property 93 Guan Suo 105 Xi Shen you
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke	48 Hua Ji
	Jia	6 Lian Zhen	14 Po Jun	4 Wu Qu	3 Tai Yang
Children 99 Tian De 111 Xian Chi mao	Bing	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	15 Wen Chang	6 Lian Zhen
	Wu	9 Tan Lang	8 Tai Yin	24 You Bi	2 Tian Ji
	Geng	3 Tai Yang	4 Wu Qu	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong
	Ren	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	23 Zuo Fu	4 Wu Qu
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Spouse 100 Diao Ke 104 Sui Yi si	Siblings 101 Bing Fu 105 Xi Shen wu	Ming 90 Sui Jian 106 Hua Gai wei	Parents 91 Hui Qi 107 Jie Sha shen		
Children 99 Tian De 103 Pan An chen	Current Year: Wei				Karma 92 Sang Men 108 Zai Sha you
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke	48 Hua Ji
	Yi	2 Tian Ji	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	8 Tai Yin
Money 98 Bai Hu 102 Jiang Xing mao	Ding	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	10 Ju Men
	Ji	4 Wu Qu	9 Tan Lang	12 Tian Liang	16 Wen Qu
	Xin	10 Ju Men	3 Tai Yang	16 Wen Qu	15 Wen Chang
	Gui	14 Po Jun	10 Ju Men	8 Tai Yin	9 Tan Lang
Illness 97 Long De 113 Wang Shen yin	Travel 96 Da Hao 112 Yue Sha chou	Friends 95 Xiao Hao 111 Xian Chi zi	Career 94 Guan Fu 110 Zhi Bei hai		

Children 99 Tian De 107 Jie Sha si	Spouse 100 Diao Ke 108 Zai Sha wu	Siblings 101 Bing Fu 109 Tian Sha wei	Ming 90 Sui Jian 110 Zhi Bei shen		
Money 98 Bai Hu 106 Hua Gai chen	Current Year: Shen				Parents 91 Hui Qi 111 Xian Chi you
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke	48 Hua Ji
	Jia	6 Lian Zhen	14 Po Jun	4 Wu Qu	3 Tai Yang
Illness 97 Long De 105 Xi Shen mao	Bing	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	15 Wen Chang	6 Lian Zhen
	Wu	9 Tan Lang	8 Tai Yin	24 You Bi	2 Tian Ji
	Geng	3 Tai Yang	4 Wu Qu	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong
	Ren	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	23 Zuo Fu	4 Wu Qu
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Illness 97 Long De 109 Tian Sha chen	Current Year: You				Ming 90 Sui Jian 102 Jiang Xing you
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke	48 Hua Ji
	Yi	2 Tian Ji	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	8 Tai Yin
Travel 96 Da Hao 108 Zai Sha mao	Ding	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	10 Ju Men
	Ji	4 Wu Qu	9 Tan Lang	12 Tian Liang	16 Wen Qu
	Xin	10 Ju Men	3 Tai Yang	16 Wen Qu	15 Wen Chang
	Gui	14 Po Jun	10 Ju Men	8 Tai Yin	9 Tan Lang
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Illness 97 Long De 113 Wang Shen si	Money 98 Bai Hu 102 Jiang Xing wu	Children 99 Tian De 103 Pan An wei	Spouse 100 Dian Ke 104 Sui Yi shen			
Travel 96 Da Hao 112 Yue Sha chen	Current Year: Xu				Siblings 101 Bing Fu 105 Xi Shen you	
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke	48 Hua Ji	
	Jia	6 Lian Zhen	14 Po Jun	4 Wu Qu	3 Tai Yang	
Friends 95 Xiao Hao 111 Xian Chi mao	Bing	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	15 Wen Chang	6 Lian Zhen	Ming
	Wu	9 Tan Lang	8 Tai Yin	24 You Bi	2 Tian Ji	90 Sui Jian
	Geng	3 Tai Yang	4 Wu Qu	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	106 Hua Gai
	Ren	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	23 Zuo Fu	4 Wu Qu	xu
Career 94 Guan Fu 110 Zhi Bei yin	Property 93 Guan Suo 109 Tian Sha chou	Karma 92 Sang Men 108 Zai Sha zi	Parents 91 Hui Qi 107 Jie Sha hai			

Travel 96 Da Hao 104 Sui Yi si	Illness 97 Long De 105 Xi Shen wu	Money 98 Bai Hu 106 Hua Gai wei	Children 99 Tian De 107 Jie Sha shen			
Friends 95 Xiao Hao 103 Pan An chen	Current Year: Hai				Spouse 100 Diao Ke 108 Zai Sha you	
	Stem	45 Hua Lu	46 Hua Quan	47 Hua Ke	48 Hua Ji	
	Yi	2 Tian Ji	12 Tian Liang	1 Zi Wei	8 Tai Yin	
Career 94 Guan Fu 102 Jiang Xing mao	Ding	8 Tai Yin	5 Tian Tong	2 Tian Ji	10 Ju Men	Siblings
	Ji	4 Wu Qu	9 Tan Lang	12 Tian Liang	16 Wen Qu	101 Bing Fu
	Xin	10 Ju Men	3 Tai Yang	16 Wen Qu	15 Wen Chang	109 Tian Sha
	Gui	14 Po Jun	10 Ju Men	8 Tai Yin	9 Tan Lang	xu
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Summary of Changes in Charts over Time

Every Ten Years (changing on the lunar birthday):

- Large Cycle palace categories rotate one palace clockwise or counterclockwise, depending on yin or yang, male or female.
- The *Four Transforming Stars* (45 Hua Lu, 46 Hua Quan, 47 Hua Ke and 48 Hua Ji) change, depending on the stem of the Large Cycle ming.

Every Year on Chinese Lunar New Year:

- The *Four Transforming Stars* (45 Hua Lu, 46 Hua Quan, 47 Hua Ke, and 48 Hua Ji) change, depending on the stem of the current year.
- The current year palace categories changes, depending on the branch of the current year.
- The *Current Year Stars* and the *Current Year General Stars* (90 through 113) change, depending on the branch of the current year.

Every Year on the Lunar Birthday:

- Small Cycle (current age) palace categories rotate clockwise or counterclockwise, depending on male or female (or possibly depending on yin or yang, male or female).

Every Chinese Lunar Month:

The monthly ming changes, depending on the results of the calculation written in the center of the chart and whether yin or yang, male or female. If you like, you can also add the *Four Transforming Stars* based on the stem of the month.

Note that if someone's birthday is near Chinese lunar New Year, their chart remains consistent for a year at a time. But if someone's birthday is in August, for example, then aspects of their chart change every six months: at New Years, and on their birthday.

Interpretation

Lifetime:

1. What is the palace branch of ming gong? (zi, chou, yin, etc.; four directions, four corners, four earths).
2. What are the *Major Stars* in ming? Look at stars 1-14.
3. What are the rest of the stars in ming? Look at stars 15-89.
4. What is opposite ming? What is in the three combinations relationship with ming?
5. What is the ming ruler, or potential of ming?
6. Follow steps 1-5 with shen gong.
7. Interpret the other eleven palace categories for lifetime, including the lifetime *Transforming Stars*. Look at stars 1-89.

Time Periods:

8. Look at the Large Cycle (ten-year) ming and the other Large Cycle palace categories, including the lifetime and Large Cycle *Transforming Stars*. Look at stars 1-89.
9. Look at the Small Cycle (current age) ming and other Small Cycle palace categories, including the lifetime, Large Cycle and current year *Transforming Stars*. Look at stars 1-113.
10. Look at the current year chart. Look at the relationship between the current year chart and the Small Cycle (current age) chart.
11. Look at monthly ming, and give monthly interpretations using all stars from all time periods.

You will not need to use all of this all the time. The level of analysis will depend on the amount of detail you need to know.

Ethics

- Keep other people's chart and readings confidential.
- Don't use information learned during a reading for your own gain.
- Don't develop a romantic relationship (or any other type of dependency) with your clients. You can do a reading for your lover, but don't make love to your client. This sets up an unequal relationship, risks your reputation, and no good will come out of it.
- Help people in desperate situations, even if they cannot pay (or cannot pay the full price).
- Tell people the truth. Never lie.
- Be careful how you say the truth. Don't increase their burden or create worry or problems where there are none.
- Be diplomatic, and phrase problems or character flaws in a positive light.
- Direct people toward their stronger areas and away from their trouble spots.
- Don't tell people what to do; tell them what you see in their charts.

Conclusion

This is the end of the new material presented in our basic series on Zi Wei Dou Shu Astrology. However, Part 2 of the *Zi Wei Dou Shu Advanced Class* contains a number of interesting charts and case studies that will help you put it all together and will illustrate the interpretation of charts. The case studies are step by step examples of how to read a chart. Beyond this, we hope to have other case study classes on-line before too long.

You should remember that experience is also a fabulous teacher. Get to know your own chart really well. It will give you guidance as to how to improve yourself or how to use your talents and strengthen your weak areas. It may give you compassion for yourself as you see certain stars act out in your life.

In my own experience (Lorraine Wilcox), I was no longer extremely young when I first saw my chart. When I learned about difficult stars in my spouse palace, I actually felt relieved. It confirmed my experience, and let me know that I wasn't really bad or willful or hard to get along with for no reason; it was just the cards that I was dealt in this game. Of course, it is still my responsibility to try to get along with a partner, but it was easier to lower my expectations after reading my chart.

Make charts for your friends and family and start doing your own readings. Ask for feedback from these early readings. You will find that people always love to hear and talk about themselves. They will be happy to explain their situations, and then you can see what a chart looks like in the flesh and blood. The more you practice, the easier it will be to see things clearly in the chart, so play with it.

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24 You Bi	右弼	62 Po Sui	破碎	99 Tian De	天德
25 Tian Xing	天刑	63 Tian Cai	天才	100 Diao Ke	弔客
26 Tian Yao	天姚	64 Tian Shou	天壽	101 Bing Fu	病符
27 Yue Ma	月馬	65 Xun Kong	旬空	102 Jiang Xing	將星
28 Jie Shen	解神	66 Bo Shi	博士	103 Pan An	攀鞍
29 Tian Wu	天巫	67 Li Shi	力士	104 Sui Yi	歲驛
30 Tian Yue	天月	68 Qing Long	青龍	105 Xi Shen	息神
31 Yin Sha	陰煞	69 Xiao Hao	小耗	106 Hua Gai	華蓋
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36 Lu Cun	祿存	74 Bing Fu	病符	111 Xian Chi	咸池
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98	Bai Hu	白虎	10	Ju Men	巨門	52	Tian Ku	天哭
84	Bing	病	87	Jue	絕	39	Tian Kui	天魁
74	Bing Fu	病符	44	Kong Wang	空亡	12	Tian Liang	天梁
101	Bing Fu	病符	67	Li Shi	力士	109	Tian Sha	天煞
66	Bo Shi	博士	6	Lian Zhen	廉貞	64	Tian Shou	天壽
78	Chang Sheng	長生	81	Lin Guan	臨官	5	Tian Tong	天同
75	Da Hao	大耗	22	Ling Xing	鈴星	29	Tian Wu	天巫
96	Da Hao	大耗	59	Long Chi	龍池	55	Tian Xi	天喜
17	Di Jie	地劫	97	Long De	龍德	11	Tian Xiang	天相
18	Di Kong	地空	36	Lu Cun	祿存	25	Tian Xing	天刑
82	Di Wang	帝旺	49	Ming Ma	命馬	53	Tian Xu	天虛
100	Diao Ke	弔客	86	Mu	墓	26	Tian Yao	天姚
34	En Guang	恩光	79	Mu Yu	沐浴	30	Tian Yue	天月
61	Fei Lian	蜚廉	103	Pan An	攀鞍	40	Tian Yue	天鉞
72	Fei Lian	飛廉	14	Po Jun	破軍	38	Tuo Luo	陀羅
20	Feng Gao	封誥	62	Po Sui	破碎	113	Wang Shen	亡神
60	Feng Ge	鳳閣	13	Qi Sha	七殺	15	Wen Chang	文昌
76	Fu Bing	伏兵	68	Qing Long	青龍	16	Wen Qu	文曲
56	Gu Chen	孤辰	37	Qing Yang	擎羊	4	Wu Qu	武曲
57	Gua Su	寡宿	32	San Tai	三台	73	Xi Shen	喜神
80	Guan Dai	冠帶	92	Sang Men	喪門	105	Xi Shen	息神
77	Guan Fu	官府	83	Shuai	衰	58	Xian Chi	咸池
94	Guan Fu	官府	85	Si	死	111	Xian Chi	咸池
93	Guan Suo	貫索	90	Sui Jian	歲建	69	Xiao Hao	小耗
54	Hong Luan	紅鸞	104	Sui Yi	歲驛	95	Xiao Hao	小耗
50	Hua Gai	華蓋	88	Tai	胎	65	Xun Kong	旬空
106	Hua Gai	華蓋	19	Tai Fu	台輔	89	Yang	養
48	Hua Ji	化忌	3	Tai Yang	太陽	31	Yin Sha	陰煞
47	Hua Ke	化科	8	Tai Yin	太陰	24	You Bi	右弼
45	Hua Lu	化祿	9	Tan Lang	貪狼	27	Yue Ma	月馬
46	Hua Quan	化權	63	Tian Cai	天才	112	Yue Sha	月煞
91	Hui Qi	晦氣	99	Tian De	天德	108	Zai Sha	災煞
21	Huo Xing	火星	7	Tian Fu	天府	110	Zhi Bei	指背
70	Jiang Jun	將軍	42	Tian Fu	天福	1	Zi Wei	紫微
102	Jiang Xing	將星	41	Tian Guan	天官	71	Zou Shu	奏書
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107	Jie Sha	劫煞	2	Tian Ji	天機			