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The Chinese Month of Sheep/Goat 丁未月**

This is the month of Goat and the flying star 6 arrives!

Star 6 is a solid metal that drain off the annual 2-illness star! In addition, this good combination leads to the up trend in the property and stock markets! Beware of trap...tough..Since next month star 5-sickness star might cause chaotic and turbulent (see next month newsletter). It is recommended to keep CASH in hand towards the end of the month!

Summary:

Kind Sectors: West/Northeast/South

Unkind Sectors: North/Southwest

Sometimes the hardest thing of all is to do nothing

-Take a deep breath, relax all your muscles and let what is be enough.

**ANIMALS AND SYMBOLIC in Feng Shui View
Elephant: Strength and wealth**

The trunk of an elephant drawing water into its mouth is a significant wealth and fortune magnet. It does not matter whether the elephant trunk is pointing upward or downward, it still draws in wealth. From 2004 to 2023, the Southwest sector is said to have auspicious water energies, therefore the elephant should be placed facing this direction to absorb the auspicious energies into the house.

Take a minute to find out when the 'Discovery Channel' next features an elephant, mark it down, and make sure you watch it.

Fish: Abundance and success

Fish are associated with abundance and the pronunciation of the word 'fish', in both Mandarin and Cantonese, is synonymous with extra or abundance; therefore many Chinese people like to keep fish as pets in their homes. In the Feng Shui perspective, since fish cannot live without water and are constantly in motion, a fish tank and water can be used to act like a water fountain to produce the so-called 'water-star effect'. This powerful water-with-fish element should be located in any one of three sectors: The first choice is near your front door, while the second choice is in the water-sector star location (refer to my first book's summary of Period 8 house setting), and the third would be in the Southwest sector of your house in Period 8.

Take a minute to digest the above or simply remember the three sectors that are ideal for placement of fish.

Horse (Pegasus): Endurance and sustainability

A horse, or Pegasus (horse with wings), is a sign of endurance of wealth or sustainability. Horse



is Fire in accordance with the 5-Element theory, so if your favorable element is Fire, you should place this animal in the South corner of your house to ignite or further strengthen the Fire element. If you do not favor Fire, you should let this animal face the road or a source of water, be it a cup or fish tank.

Take a minute to recall if any of your friends' homes have a horse or Pegasus and then call to let them know where to put it precisely. It is a good conversation starter, right?

Lion: Strength and majesty

This beast is widely used for bringing safety to major premises in China and Hong Kong. They are always used in pairs on each side of the house or on each side of a doorway. Lions are not suitable for interiors as they might cause harm to family members. Lions are used to block off conflicts as well as provide balance for too strong of Yin energies. They also help reduce the effects of sharp corners, sharp objects, construction sites, and abandoned sites or buildings. Lions also help to fence off the 'T' junction, cross roads and other unkind energy generators.

Take a minute to recall some of the documentary films about China or Chinese culture, and you bound to see lions outside the front doors of the ancient Chinese. The rational behind it was to chase off wild animals and keep them from entering the house in the ancient days.

Phoenix: Gracefulness and wisdom

The red bird of ancient China evolved into a phoenix in Chinese customs and it has now become a lucky creature that is always paired up with a dragon. The phoenix is more feminine and gentle while the dragon is more masculine and courageous. The phoenix has become a symbol of prestige and nobility, and is also the symbol of the empress (while dragon is the emperor).

Take a minute to appreciate this beautiful creature with nice and colorful feathers.

Tiger: Strength and bravery

Tiger is Wood in accordance with the 5-Elements theory, so if your favorable element is Wood you should place such an animal (statue or picture, of course), in the east sector to strengthen the Wood energies. Tigers also represent courage and bravery.

Take a minute to ponder why Chinese seldom place emphasis on tigers. It is due to the same reason as the lion: Chinese seldom place tigers at home. For a second reason please read the next (44th) minute.

White tiger (Evil)

For the ancient Chinese, the left side is referred to as Green Dragon while the right is White Tiger. Even now, people still believe the left side of the house is more auspicious than the right. The white tiger is a cruel animal and it is believed that bad people will reincarnate and turn into white tigers. White tigers represent all the inauspicious and evil things. Even though white tigers serve to fence off conflicting energies, it is not advisable to place such figurines inside your house.

Take a minute to digest this.

Unicorn: Power and luck

Unicorns are a symbol of power and luck. Besides bringing safety to the house and fencing off



unwarranted energies, unicorn is placed inside the house to bring in more kind energies. This creature can solve the unwarranted energies resulting from the external environment, as mentioned in the previous chapter.

Take a minute to refer back to Minutes 10, 11, and so on, where applicable.

The Book of Tao by Laotze-Tao The Ching

Chapter 5-Heaven and the Sage

Nature is unkind:

It treats the creation like sacrificial straw-dogs,

The Sage is not benevolent:

He regards the people like sacrificial straw-dogs*

How the universe is like a bellows!

Empty, but it gives a supply that never ends,

The more it works out, the more it can bring out.

By speaking too much our wit may be exhausted.

It would be better to keep to the core or centre. (The original true self of human being)

*Nature and the sage are not benevolent for they have to act according to the doctrine of naturalism, cause and effect without bias and with justice. If people have done evil deeds, they have to face resulting consequence.

Chapter Six

The Formless True Immortal

The Spirit of the Valley never dies.

It is named the Mystic Female.

The Door of the Mystic Female,

It is the root of Heaven and Earth. It appears to exist continuously.

The use of this cosmic energy is inexhaustible.

Valley: The valley is a symbol of 'taoistic' emptiness from which cosmic energy is generated.

Mystic Female: refers to mother of creation-the Tao.

信而不明就是迷信-The real master is none other than you!

Master Jiang Dai Hong on (The 5 Songs of Heavenly Feng Shui)-Yin and Yang Feng Shui

天元五歌-蔣大鴻仙師-Part 5 of 5

五.造命歌 5. Life Creation(Auspicious Day Selection)

天時地理聖賢言,堪輿二字義相連,浪說江南無大地,但取年月日時,利真龍大地偏江南,也要天時力相添,初年禍福天時驗,歲久方知地有權.

Through years of observations, experiment and researches, ancient Chinese were able to conclude that stars, earth magnetic field, and time interactions changed the destiny, pattern and the well fairness of living beings. The study of Ham and Yu (topography and time aspect) are closely related and cannot be separated. Many practitioners cannot understand this correlation and made false findings by only using certain 'auspicious' time to make it up. Be it Yin or Yang residential, every spring will dictate the kind or unkind energies' arrival.

諸家選擇紛云紜,拘忌多端誤殺人,此象言吉彼言凶,對盡諸書總不同,三年五載精一日,萬般福澤總成空,古來天子七月葬,庶士踰月禮不曠,年月何嘗有興廢,日時祇有論孤,春秋葬



日滿經書,但辨岡柔內外向.

Many theories and methods of selecting an auspicious date. Too much criteria will end up finding an auspicious day probably 3 to 5 years later, therefore it is best to confine only to day and time. The year and month can be neglected. The selection of an auspicious day for burying the death is many and depending on the nature of such ceremony.

迪書剋擇盡荒唐,斗首元辰失主張,奇遁演禽皆倒亂,不經神授莫猜詳.

Many of published books are ridiculously wrong and baseless. The true Kei Mun Tun Kap and Yik Kam methods were long lost. Beware of false findings that will mislead nation.

世人剋擇重干支,生辰化命兩相持,致使子孫衝犯象,多年不葬孝心重,豈知死者已無命,反氣入地爲復命,復命能司造化權,生者命從葬者定.

Most ordinary people place great deal of emphasis on the interaction Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch of the death and alive for selection an auspicious day, to find out that the only day to bury is probably 3 to 5 years later. Bear in mind the death already without energy in the body and therefore the energy that injected to the graveyard is important. That will bring an impact on the generation well being.

故有先人造命訣,不是干支子平說,渾天寶造候天星,此是楊公親口訣,不怕三殺太歲神,陰府空亡俱沒殺,年剋壓命有何妨,退氣金神皆能發,一卷天元烏兔經,經與人間作寶筏.

Through observation of stars and earth interactions, ancient Chinese found out that many distant stars had impact on earth in many ways.

推原天地始初成,惟有日月是真精,金烏玉兔本一物,五星四氣從此生,人生稟受太陽氣,萬物皆是陰陽明,聖人觀察衍曆法,干支甲子作天經.

Ancient Chinese already figured out that the sun and moon is one. Implying that the moon's light is the reflection from the sun's energy. The creation of 5-elements; metal, water, wood, fire and earth has emerged and resulted in 4 seasons. Movements, thoughts, creations and activities of living beings are influenced by the interaction of Yin and Yang and the 5-elements' energies. Ancient's scholars used the Heavenly-Stem and Earthly-Branch to represent the movement of year, month, day and time.

五行本是陽中氣,神殺何曾別有名,祇將日月司元化,萬物生機握掌心,世間萬物皆有命,不但生人男女定,造物制器可同推,修造埋葬咸取運.

Four seasons are synonymous with 5-elements. Wood represents spring, fire represents summer, metal represents autumn, and water represents winter, while earth represents seasons ending energies. Among sun, moon, 5 elements and 28 other stars, the sun and moon are the most important stars of all, because they have the most impact on earth. Since the movement of sun and moon is so critical, the selection of an auspicious date is required.

日月五星大象同,一時八刻一移宮,造命玄機時作主,毫釐千里不相通.

Five-element, sun and moon movements around the earth in 360 days a year, with the sunrise on the east and set of the west. The constant movement of the stars in the sky at different speed and momentum create different impact of earth. 360 degree is divided by 12 Chinese hours and every hour is divided to 8 parts. Every hour a 30-degree diversion is resulted. The selection of an auspicious date requires an absolute attentive to details.

先將晝夜別陰陽,晝夜晨昏出沒詳,十二宮中三十度,大約六度是分疆,盈縮授時毫末細,量天廣尺未能量.



The yin and yang or day and night of one day are reflected by the moon and sun. The actual time of sunset and sunrise is important. The movement of 360 degree is divided by 12 Chinese hours resulted in 30-degree movement per hour. From hour to hour, there is a deviation of 6 degree and that lead to 24 actual degrees per hour. With the movement of sun and moon at different speed, each year caused a small deviation (plus or minus) of 4 seasons and 24 solar Chinese calendar.

二十八宿七政明,論宮論度要平分,深則論宮淺論度,一分一秒不容輕,命入纏宮別五氣,日月隨度分五行.

Other stars aid the movement of sun and moon. The interactions of stars have different impact on earth. Auspicious stars are welcome and like wise the inauspicious stars generate unkind energies should be avoided. Different combination of stars every 30-degree at different time created different energy of time and space.

詳看星落何地,陽時陰候分邊際,冬夏二至陰陽極,春秋定分是平氣,平氣陰陽用可兼,猶看晝夜與宮垣.

The summer solstice and winter solstice in 24-solar Chinese calendar dictates the Yin and Yang energy of that particular year. Winter solstice is where the sun furthest away from earth in the south while the summer solstice is where sun in at the northern point of north earth. Spring and Autumn Equinox are where the sun's movements reached a state of equilibrium. Where the energies either fire or water.

略過平氣陰陽別,當極之時禍福專,陽令惟用水與土,陰令惟愛火羅土,秋木宜兼水與土,春金宜兼火羅土,春在分後須陰助,秋在分後須陽補.

This implies that summer is full of Yang energies while winter is at the highest energies of Yin. Some combination of four pillars whereby the favorable elements matches the Yin or Yang, Fire or Water will create auspicious setting that produce kind energies to improve the quality of life of living beings and vice-versa. Bridging agent is required when an inauspicious element surfaces. For example, if metal (unfavorable) emerges to strike or obstruct wood, a water element is required to 'bridge' the destructive impact because metal creates water and water in turn, nurtures wood.

宮辰星體兩兼收,度前度後要深求,尤向五星探伏見,逆來順去並遲留.

The nature of stars and the interactions among stars, distances as well as the 'time' or period at the point resulted many settings or combinations. Different combinations resulted different outcomes some are desire and some are not.

三方對照緊相隨,同宮隔宮一例推,拱來有青權力大,日月交授格尤奇.

Life pillar is the most critical pillar in determining a person base. Such person is strong or weak, poor or rich, famous or infamous is dictated by the stars in the life pillar. The two stars that are critical to aid the life pillar are sun and moon. The locations or distances of moon and sun in relation to the life pillar determine the degree of impact.

身當旺命不須恩,但將用曜作根原,平令獨恩難發達,衰時得運獨無愆.

If the star is strong in life pillar, the nurture star is not required since the star can command strong standing in the pillar like wise, if the star in weak in the life pillar, a nurture star is required to help sustain it standing in the pillar. In other words, a nurture star itself is better than the one requires nurturing.



以恩爲用真至寶,以難爲用多真倒,以恩爲忌壽而貧,以難爲忌身不保,本宮端的管初年,宮若不純須舍旃,必取宮星俱妙合,長安花滿任揚鞭.

The fire and water elements (yang or yin) are two interesting and effective agents to provide bridging effect as well as create an equilibrium state of five elements. Certain elements are in your favor because you do lack of such elements. Some are unfavorable for you because you have too much of it. At the same token, too much of your favorable stars (elements) will resulted a state of over-dependent.

就中暗曜最難知,空地翻同實地司,寅戌兩宮光在年,丑亥二曜子中依,更有橫天氣交氣法,寅申有曜亥宮棲,巳丑卯宮亥未酉,短長多少度中移.

If the life pillar is without a main star, the opposite and other pillars' stars will have an impact, but at a smaller scale. This is the he three musketeer's effect. For instance, if Horse pillar does not have a main star, Tiger and Dog pillars' stars will create a synergy.

星書一卷失真詮,果老星宗此的傳,他般格局皆虛假,升殿入垣莫外牽,月逢晦朔皆爲福,何必蟾宮三五圓,但忌陰當薄食,七日之內勿爭先,太白晝見經天日,難忌洪水恩失權.

The seasonal energies are in command in that particular period. The interaction of such energies in relation to other stars dictates the kind or unkind energies as a result. Solar and lunar eclipses in normal circumstances produce unkind energies. This is where the sun or moon's energies being blocked away from the earth. It is advise never to use the date before and after seven days of eclipse.

日魂月魄命之根,五星五德應五倫,掌握乾坤惟此理,璣衡經緯治斯民,劉公昔日真知,此佐命行軍掃大荒,無奈星象多失學,增添宜忌漫評章,天元秘寶今朝啓,傳與義和造福祥.

Sun and moon are the base of life while the five elements also represent, among other, five virtues or values of life; benevolence, righteousness, etiquette, wisdom and honesty. . The study of astrology in the past has long lost and extensive research is required. The purpose is to improve the quality of life.

雲間五歌號天元,雖是微言是至言,其中奧旨須尋味,慎勿參語累微賢.

The knowledge written here is only a tip of the iceberg. The real master is none other than you. Many statistics with facts needed your extensive research and validations. Nevertheless, never teach the false finding and never make false readings.



Stories from Ancient Chinese Wisdom

The Goat and Turtle Race

There was once a goat challenged the Turtle for a race and the turtle agreed to race him the next day. During the race, the over-confidence goat looked down the turtle and said to him 'you will never going to beat me as my speed is much faster than you are' . The turtle replied 'say no more and let the race begin'. Just after the starting point, the over confidence goat asked 'Where are you turtle? You are nowhere to be found'. He then heard voice in front of him and realized that was the turtle. 'You better catch-up, I am in front of you' said the turtle. The goat then runs to the fullest and after a while, he looked around and asked again 'Where are you turtle? You are nowhere to be found'. The voice came out from the woods and said, 'You better catch-up, I am in front of you' said the turtle. The over-confidence goat started to tumble and in deep fear. It was rather obvious that his over-confidence started to diminish, he continues to run to the fullest, and by the time, he reached the finishing point the turtle already there. The goat wept and his confidence was totally wiped out.

(Knowing the race was one-day later, turtle gathered all his family members to line up from the starting point until the finishing point. The intelligence is better than the speed!

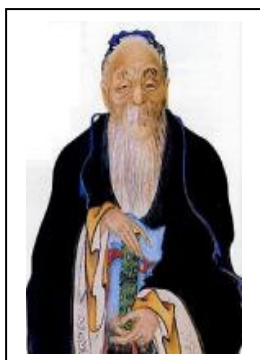
The Smart Kid and the old Wise Man

One day, a smart kid try to challenge an old wise man by asking him a question, "You are a wise man known to have all the answers in life with advance, I am holding a bird in my hand, do you know the little bird 'alive or dead'?. The old wise man was a bit shock, knowing if he answer alive, the smart kid would have killed the bird, at the same token if his answer was dead, he would have set the bird free. The wise man was caught in between hard and a rock place. Guess what the wise man answer was. "The fate of the bird lies in your hand', he then walked away.

(You are in control of your own life)



Confucius Bio



Confucians taught a grassroots philosophy that the foundation of society is filial piety. Obedience to father and elders and magistrates and emperor guarantees social order, stability and peace. Deviations, of any kind (like preferring coffee over tea) insure anarchy.

Emperors loved Confucius's emphasis on obedience, but his warning that unjust government would be overthrown did not go over as well. In 231 B.C, the emperor tried to eliminate Confucius' few volumes.

Confucians crawled back out of wood work, regained the upper hand, and have been stacking China's deck ever since (while being careful to remove all the wild cards)

As youth, Confucius mastered poetry and history classics, and the six arts (ritual, music, archery, charioteering, calligraphy and arithmetic). In his 30s, he became a teacher and devoted his life to insuring that Chinese for the next 3000 years followed suit.

Confucius humbly claimed to be a common man of ordinary intellect, so anyone could follow his lead in seeking perfection through study and conformity to society. But few wanted to follow Confucius's lead because he was usually jobless, homeless, and half-starved.

Confucius' failure ate at him. He said, "It is these things that cause me concern: failure to cultivate virtue, failure to explore in depth what I have learned, inability to do what I know is right, and inability to reform myself when I have defects." I think what really ate at him was his wife, who was also homeless and half-starved.

While claiming to be just one of the boys, the unemployed Confucius said he was unstoppable and immortal until his heavenly mandate was completed. "If Heaven does not intend this culture to be destroyed, then what can the men of K'uang do to me?"

Not much, except keep him unemployed. So at age 56 he left the inhospitable leaders of Lu, who still weren't hiring, and spent 12 years traveling about with a slowly growing following. He returned home at age 67 and died 6 years later, leaving behind 3,000 disciples who were usually jobless, homeless and half-starved. But they kept alive the teachings that would become dear to 2400 years of imperial hearts.

The differences of Confucianism and Taoism

Confucianism emphasizes absolute obedience, conformity, standards, and education to preserve them.

Taoism is the Montessori approach to enlightenment. The emphasis is individual freedom, loose government, and mystical experience. The way is relative for there are no standards for proper behavior or right and wrong.

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Your letters and comments are always welcomed!

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