

*with great power, comes great responsibility*



## I-Ching & The World of Metaphysics

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### **Fate, Destiny, Feng Shui, Good deed and Education (FDFGE)**

‘一命、二運、三風水、四積陰德、五讀書’, Ancient Chinese believed that Fate, Destiny, Feng Shui, Good Deed and Education determine our life journey accordingly. First and foremost our birth details embedded certain codes of life together with destiny will determine our life path. The Fate and Destiny, coiled as DNA or internal factors in modern context, is something that we cannot change. However, we can use Feng Shui, Good Deed and Education to affect our journey of life, such as improving the quality of our lives and enhancing health. You and I agree that only external factors can be changed.

Ancient Chinese believed that some places or locations are more auspicious than others. This belief grew out of the simple realization that every building is affected by the manner in which it faces the mountain or river. For example, the ancient Chinese learned that a house facing south, located halfway up a hill (back supported by the hill) on the north side of a river gets enough sunlight while at the same time it is protected from gusty winds. It was also saved from floods while still having access to water to meet agricultural needs. In such a setting, the house stayed warm in winter, crops grew, livestock flourished and the family prospered. *Feng Shui is about harnessing beneficial energy and evading negative one.*

As for *Good Deed*, giving to needy people requires courage and energy. Such an effort will be rewarded in return as good karma breeds good rewards. After all giving to others makes us feel happy and contented. Good Deed includes donation and charity works especially for the under-privileged people.

Knowledge is power and Education is a must in today's information age. *Education also serves to build a more civilized nation.* History tells us that the best way to achieve modernization is through Education. It is through external factors like Feng Shui, Good Deed and Education that one can alter the quality of life. The world has abundant resources, and we all have the 'right' to benefit from it. Live life with passion and make it meaningful.

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