

*with great power, comes great responsibility*



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**The Chinese Month of GOAT**

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**This is the Year of Ox with Annual Star 9 in command and Star 9 arrives.**

The combinations of annual 9-purple star and monthly star coincidentally is also purple 9 star. This double-star combination see below is hidden with 'tragedy' West Sector and North Sectors would experience a turbulent state that might cause panic and chaotic and yes I mean it, it is a panic and chaotic state! Go to Southeast and South to harness the kind energy and avoid going to North and West. Remember last month we had experienced a coup in Honduras and Chaotic state in Iran. This month we see the worse month for this year. Beware of 9<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Summary:**

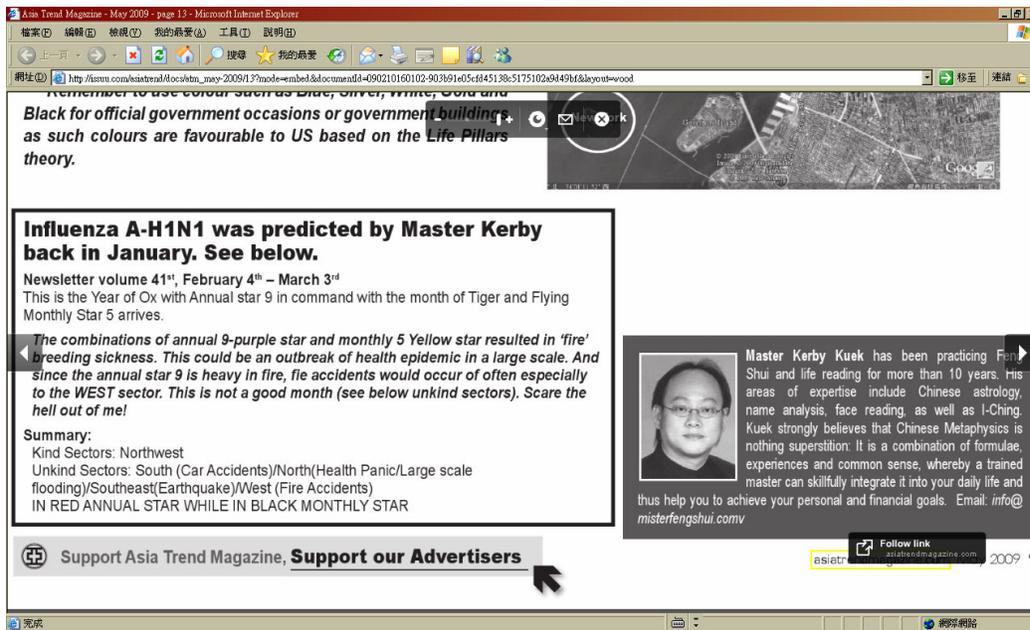
Kind Sectors: Southeast/South/Central

Unkind Sectors: North (Fire/bomb blast/traffic accidents)/West(Traffic Accidents Earthquake)/East (Legal Disputes)

**IN RED ANNUAL STAR WHILE IN BLACK MONTHLY STAR**

Southeast/SHUN <b>8</b> 8	South/LEI <b>4</b> 4	Southwest/KWAN <b>6</b> 6
East/CHAN <b>7</b> 7	CENTRAL <b>9</b> 9	West/TUI <b>2</b> 2
Northeast/KAN <b>3</b> 3	North/HAM <b>5</b> 5	Northwest/KIN <b>1</b> 1





## Chapter 71

### Knowing and Not Knowing

A person understands TAO but does not claim such real understanding  
He is a person of high class in the knowledge of TAO  
A person who is ignorant of Tao claims such understanding  
He is suffering from the illness of exaggeration  
The awakened and enlightened person realizes such illness  
Therefore he will not get such illness  
The Sage is free from such illness because he knows the painful effect

## Chapter 72

### Love and my own self

When people have done evil deeds and have no fear of force  
Great disaster may come  
We must widen our mind so that everywhere is our residence  
We must find our true self, which is eternal  
Because he values his true self, nothing in the world could reject him  
The Sage knows himself but does not show off himself  
The sage cares his true self and disregards fame and wealth  
Therefore he cares for his true self rather than his physical body



## Chapter 73 Cause and Effect

When one is over daring and loves violence he may be killed  
When one is daring but careful he can protect his life  
Both of these are courageous  
One is useful while the other is harmful  
Heaven dislikes violent and brutal persons  
Who can know the reason?  
Even the Sage regards it as a difficult question  
It is Heaven's Way to conquer without striving  
Through Heaven does not speak, yet it can give out good response  
Showing its appearance without arrangement of invitation  
Acting in justice according to the mechanism of cause and effect  
The meshes of the net of Heaven are large but letting nothing escape

## Chapter 74

### Under Tyrannical Rule

Under tyrannical rule, the people are not afraid of death  
Why threaten them with death?  
If the people are afraid of death  
I could lawfully arrest the wrong doer and sentence him to death  
Who else would dare to do wrong?  
There is appointed executioner whose duty is to kill  
To do the killing in behalf of the executioner is like cutting wood for the master carpenter  
In so doing it seldom avoids hurting his own hands

## Chapter 75

### Under Tyrannical Rule

Why the people are hungry?  
It is because they are heavily taxed  
Why are the people difficult to govern?



It is because of excessive interference from their rulers who have selfish desires and aims  
Why are the people not afraid of death and begin to revolt?  
It is because their rulers are indulgent and enjoying luxurious lives  
One who loves simplicity and purity of life truly values his own life

### Chapter 76

#### Hard and Soft

When man is born he is supple and soft  
At death he is firm and stiff  
So it is with all things, Plants and trees are soft and brittle in their early growth  
At their death they become fry and withered  
From the above points one who keeps hard and strong forever is on the way to death  
On the contrary one who keeps soft and supple is on way to everlasting life  
A country relying on the strength of military forces does not conquer  
When a tree is hard and strong it will be cut down  
The humble and weak will be placed above

### Chapter 77

#### Tao is mysterious and abstruse

The Tao of Heaven may be likened to bending of a bow  
The upper part comes down while the lower part goes up  
Of the bowstring is too long it is cut short  
If it is too short, it is added to  
It is the way of Heaven to diminish where there is great abundance and to supplement where is deficiency  
This is not so with men's way  
He takes away from those who have not enough to serve the powerful and the rich  
Who could use one's superabundance to help the poor in the world?  
Only the man in possession of TAO  
Therefore the sage acts but does not take possession  
He accomplishes without claiming credit  
He does not want his meritorious deeds to be seen

### Chapter 78

#### The benefit of softness and weakness

In the world there is nothing softer and weaker than water  
But nothing is superior to it in overcoming the hard  
Nothing can take its place



The weak overcomes the strong and the soft overcomes the hard

This fact is known by all but no one can put it into practice

Therefore the Sage says:

He who could accept calumny and humiliation for the sake of the nation is fit to be called master of the nation

He who could suffer and bear himself sins and disasters of the world is qualified to be king of the world

My words that are really true seem to be paradoxical

## Chapter 79

### The Virtue of Heaven

When reconciliation is arranged after a great hatred

It is sure to leave some hatred behind

How could it be regarded as good and satisfactory?

Therefore the sage could be regarded as keeping the left-tally\*

Contract and would not press for speedy fulfillment of the contractual obligation by the other party

The virtue less is not only pressing for return in respect of money or things given to others.

But the way of heaven is impartial

It is always on the side of the good man

\*Left-tally contract-ancient contract was made by lines cut on bamboo tally slips which were split into two, the lender kept the left-hand portion, while the borrower kept the right portion.

## Chapter 80

### The simple and pure small country dream of utopia

Let there be a small country with a small population

Though there were tenfold or hundredfold very able persons

Yet their abilities should not be fully used

Let the people value their lives and stop migrating to distant places

Though they had boats and carriages they should have no occasion to ride in them

Though they had weapons and armor

They had no occasion to display them

The people were taught to tie ropes for reckoning

Then people would enjoy their food

Despite coarse clothing they felt it beautiful



They found comfort in their homes  
They were happy in their customs  
The neighboring country was within sight  
And the people could hear the barking of dogs and crowing of cocks from their neighborhood  
And the people till the end of their life  
Would never think of migration because they enjoyed simple and pure living

### Chapter 81

#### The Mission of the Sage

Sincere words are not fine  
Fine words are not sincere  
A good man does not argue  
Hw who argues is not a good man  
Wise man may not be very 'learned'  
Learned man mat not be wise  
The Sage does not accumulate wealth and property but only keeps his essence of pure mind  
He works for other people  
And become richer himself  
He gives to other people  
And has greater abundance  
The Way of Heaven  
Is to benefit and bless people and does no harm  
The way of the Sage is to carry out the mission of the Tao and does not strive with anyone

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### Why Water is Black in Color?

In accordance to Chinese metaphysic the general consensus for 5 elements and its colors are as follow:

Water is Black

Wood is Green

Fire is Red

Metal is Gold

And Earth is Brown

The question emerged as why such colors are ascribed accordingly to such arrangement. In the conversation between me and my Master wound often ended up with something to learn and share. During the past 12 years he had visited more than 2000 tombstones in Hong Kong, he was up there at the mountain top during winter, he was there down the risky slope during greenery spring, he was there burnt by sunny hot weather in the summer and he was there with the sunset in the autumn. During his quest for the real 'essence' he had had the 'real 'experiences' that revealed much



ancient wisdom and among others the color ascribed to 5 –elements.

As we already know that spring is blossom with Wood and therefore the color of Wood is logically Green, the Earth is soil and the color is obviously Brown. The summer is red hot and therefore Fire is red, here come the part that many people would not know the crux, why metal is Gold and Water is Black? The autumn sunsets on the leaves as well as on the ground is with bright and sharp Gold color while during Winter which is heavy in Water, the soil on the floor and leafs on the ground were faded into black and grayish color. Such finding is through experienced master and practitioners. Ponder and you might get the answer sooner or later.

### 5 Locations (Shang Era 商代)

Oracle Bones encrypted

East

South

West

North

Center

### 5 Elements (Zhou Era 周代)

Wood

Fire

Earth

Metal

Water

### Spring Season is allotted the following:

East 東

Green 青

Wood 木

Jiao 角

Dai Pu 太皞

Jie Mong 句芒

Hu 户

Eight 八

### Summer Season is allotted the following:

South 南

Fire 火

Red 赤

Jie 徵



Yan De 炎帝  
Ju Rong 祝融  
Kui 竈  
Seven 七

**Autumn (Fall) Season is allotted the following:**

Metal 金  
West 西  
White 白  
Shang 商  
Shao Pu 少皞  
Lu Shoa 蓐收  
Mun 門  
Nine 九

**Winter Season is allotted the following:**

Water 水  
North 北  
Black 黑  
Yue 羽  
Duan Sian 顛 頊  
Yuan Men 玄冥  
Hang 行  
Six 六

**8 Winds 八風**

Northeast 東北風-Flame Wind 炎風  
East 東風-Overflow Wind 滔風  
Southeast 東南風-Fume Wind 熏風  
South 南風-Giantic Wind 巨風  
Southwest 西南風-Desolate Wind 淒風  
North 西風-Uneven Wind 颺風  
Northwest 西北風-Sharp Wind 厲風  
North 北風-Cold Wind 寒風



## Little Filial Manages Home 小孝治家

## Moderate Filial Manages Enterprise 中孝治企

## Filial Devotion Manages Country 大孝治國治天下

The teaching of Tao often places great emphasis on Values and Virtues of individual, such collective of personal values and tributes often ended up with mass management or should I say in more fad term, leadership of a group of people like family, enterprises as well as country. **-The Yin and Yang theory.** The word filial in broader context includes the love for respect, respect especially for elderly, for family, for friends and for human being in general that include your enemy. Such value is often lead or connected to virtues like humanism, trustworthiness, justice, etiquette and camaraderie.

### Little Filial Manages Home 修身治家

This statement is not hard to understand, as this basic inner value would put a family interest especially elderly far beyond personal desire. Such value is and will dictate the level of happiness within the family, and the ability to understand such statement would help individual to manage and lead family. The harmony of a family would be felt and this would serve as a pillar to current social reform catalyst to bring in togetherness and hopefully to reduce divorce rate and other related complicated social problems. Believe in it and you will progress! When the family relationship is in a mess, the need to have merciful parents and filial sons to revert such condition.

### Moderate Filial Manages Enterprise 治企須行孝

This level would only be achieved if one were able to fulfill previous level of Little Filial. This statement would require reader to think and act like a leader, a leader should learn to listen and act accordingly to uphold the interest of a group of people far exceeded a small group of people like family. This value is critical in managing firm and enterprise, small community and a like. Such collective behavioral pattern of groups of people would require individual to think for the benefit of a general consensus and any individualistic style and hero type action would not serve the purpose.

### Filial Devotion Manages Country 治國平天下須以孝道為根本

The basic and most essential value to rule and lead a country or large community is none other than **filial devotion**. When chaos



and bad rulers were rampant in a country, the need to have loyal ministers to revert such condition. This is to let us know that a country leader should love its people and place the interest far exceeded a small group of people especially crony. Such favoritism would jeopardize country interest as a whole. Recently the President of US has put a side religion differences between US and Muslims Communities is an example of Filial Devotion, a devotion to set the world for peace. The President said *'if all sides face the sources of tension squarely and focus on mutual interests, we can find a new way forward.'* A few examples of philanthropists like Li Ka Shi (Hong Kong), Warrant Buffet and Bill Gates that have turned big portion of their wealth into charity contribution to make the world a better place is a typical example of Filial Devotion.

**The need to have filial should be embedded into each individual for betterment for a nation. This should start somewhere and the time is now!!!**

## What is lacking with Flying Star

### Model

The general consensus in regards to the application of flying star with time aspect is unique and yet compelling in line with the scientific explanation but what make this methodology imperfect is the fact that it will only consider the Mountain Star 坐 (Sitting direction) and Water Star 向 (Facing direction) it never intended to consider the all 4 aspect of Mountain (龍) Sha (砂) Water (水) and Direction (向). Be it for Yang residential (陽宅) or Ying Residential (陰宅) flying star method is isolated to only the setting or orientation of the house and not the surrounding factor. For instance, the incoming and out going road in front of a house is the indicator of a water direction that directly impacting the house depending of the distance of such house and road. The flying star would never consider such factor.

The area of detection in flying Star Method it not as confine as in Xuan Kong Da Gua method. For every 24 mountains it consist of 2 ½ Guas (out of 64 Guas) this implying that one mountain which is 15 degrees while in each Gua is with 5 degrees, the range is much wider in one mountain and the energy concentrate is not as pure as in one Gua.

Try this one on for size some setting with Good Mountain and Good Water (到山到向) would ended up bad because of the Bad Gua energy at the same token some Bad Mountain and Bad Water setting (上山下水) would ended up good due to Kind energy. The confinement would frustrate Flying Star practitioners. Only those 64 Guas practitioners would complement such pitfall. The fact with many tombstones with Bad Mountain and Bad Water setting ended up with generation that is rich and famous is the vivid example of the failure of Flying Star model. This has also dampened the confidence of Flying Star practitioners and I was one of them until I learned the Xuan Kong Da Gua or the 64 Guas.

Let us trace back the history of Flying Star; the icon or pioneer of Flying Star is Shen Chu Ne (沈竹初). Shen had



borrowed a notebook, *Teacher' Note* (從師隨筆) from Jiang Yao (姜堯); it was believed that the notes were from his early Master. However, Master Jiang Da Hong (蔣大鴻) had denied the passing of the essence to Jiang Yao before the notes was created and led us to conclude that real essence of Xuan Kong Da Gua has never passed to Jiang Yao and therefore Shen Chu Ne later formed his Flying Star method were based on false or at least to my knowledge an incomplete set of Feng Shui knowledge.

Let me reiterate here that they are many countless evidences that some Good settings ended badly while some Bad settings ended good and the real problem is in the **Gua rather than the Star!**

Let us examine Taiwan most richest person Wang Yung Ching (王永慶) with his ancestor graveyard orientation in bad Mountain and Bad Water setting (祖墳上山下水), the tombstone setting was built in 1958 with orientation of Kang Mountain with Kap Direction (庚山甲向正封) which in flying star method would be detrimental to the younger generation! The fact that Mr. Wang became the richest person tells us that there is imperfect in Flying Star Model. To go on further the use of Xuan Kong Da Gua not only limited to Gua (卦) but Yao (爻) as well.

***NEVER EXPLAIN YOURSELF TO ANYONE  
BECAUSE THE PERSON WHO LOVES YOU NEED NOT HEAR IT  
THE PERSON WHO HATES YOU DOES NOT WANT IT***

**WHEN WE WAKE UP IN THE EARLY MORNING WE EITHER GO BACK TO DREAM OR WAKE UP TO CHASE THE DREAM**



*明玄空, 祇在五行中*

*This statement is telling us to totally know and understand Xuan Kong Gua essence is in the digesting the Xuan Kong Five element as in the Lok Shu and Her To numbers.*

**三般卦 Three General Guas**

*According Flying Star method, 1(Ham), and 4(Shun) and 7 (Dui) is a set of 3 General Gua, 2 (Kwan), 5 (Central) and 8 (Kan) is another while 3 (Chan), 6 (Kin) and ((Lei) is the third set of 3 General Guas. The disputes among many Feng Shui Schools (San Her, San Yuan, Flying Star and Xuan Kong Da Gua) are still unyielding till today! The Xuan Kong Da Gua believed that East, West and Parents Gua is the real 3 General Guas.*

*珠寶火坑? Jewelry or Fierily Pit?*

*Know the real essence is Jewelry or else is pitfall.*

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