Zi Wei Dou Shu

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The STARS in Zi Wei Dou Shu

The traditional Zi Wei Dou Shu chart is calculated using the Chinese Lunar calendar, determining the four pillars, which allows placement of the “King/Emperor” star. This King or Emperor star is “Zi Wei”, the most powerful ming energy and the pivotal point of which the entire chart is built around. In Taoist spiritual cultivation, the Zi Wei star has great significance and is considered the pathway to the highest spiritual realms. Take special note of where this star energy is in your chart.

Before beginning, it will be helpful to familiarize yourself with the placement of the main star energies in your life chart. Depending on your birth data, stars will be placed in one of twelve life palaces in your birth chart. The star(s) placed in your Destiny palace is referred to as your Ming Gong Zhu Xin or “Main Life Star” and specifies your personal characteristics and general luck in this life.

Here is an overview of the main star energies and a general description of each star energy.

4 Major IMPERIAL (ruling) energies are: “The Leaders”

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TIAN FU The VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

WU QU The COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

TIAN XIANG The PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star
4 Major MARTIAL (aggressive) energies are: “The Fighters”

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PO JUN The DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star
LIAN ZHEN The CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star
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DI JIE The INTERFERENCE (Calamity, Fate, Constant Interference) star

Below is a list of the major star energies we will use in Zi Wei Dou Shu. The significance of the 14 major stars will be explained in other sections of the library.

The 4 leading IMPERIAL (ruling) energies:

The Rulers

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star is THE leading energy of Chinese astrology and is the focal point of the Zi Wei Dou Shu astrological system. Where
it falls in your chart will be the most powerful, favored palace and decade of your life. Take special note of where this star is placed. Zi Wei is Authoritative, Pioneering, Conquering, Farsighted, and Hot Tempered. The Emperor star brings luck, wealth, authority, prestige, protection and rescue to the life palace in which it is placed. It displays all the qualities of a strong, wise, courageous monarch – a natural, pioneering leader who looks at the big picture. This energy is ambitious, demanding and royal. It’s imperial status, when placed in the Destiny palace, is ambitious and with favorable stars accompanying it produces virtue, leadership, and strong character. When it is found alone or accompanied by bad stars it can become an irrational, hotheaded and extreme energy. It is very lucky to find the Zi Wei star placed in your Career palace, as the individual may achieve greatness in their line of work.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) or the Heavenly Luck star represents great wealth, and is found in the Destiny of great company leaders and business entrepreneurs. This major prosperity energy quietly builds fortunes and represents guarding the treasury of the King. Tian Fu reveals a sophisticated and powerful woman. One who may also feel isolated at times and there are great dreams of accomplishment. Prosperity, possessions, preservation, caution, and integrity are the cornerstones of this energy. Found in Destiny it produces a careful and detailed individual whose parents and elders have played an important role in forming their character and personality. Where this star is placed is where you will amass substantial physical possessions and tangible assets. It suggests inheritance and benefactors. If in poor aspect or obstructed, it can represent the white-collar criminal or embezzler.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star represents authority and is a powerful leadership energy of the Imperial or royal group, responsible for entrepreneurial skills. This star indicates good luck with wealth, but also solitude, firmness, stubbornness even. Independent but impatient -- sometimes acting too quickly. A strong personality. The Dance/Commander star represents a decisive leader who figuratively leads his army into battle. It symbolizes wealth, leadership, entrepreneurial skills, handicrafts, and metals. Wu Qu” also called “Finance” and “Army General” indicates good luck, wealth, but also solitude, firmness, stubbornness even. It is an independent but impatient energy, sometimes bringing activity too quickly in the life palace where it falls. It reveals a strong personality when found in the Destiny palace.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star is the Emperor’s Minister, or General. It is a more passive energy than the other three Imperial stars, and prefers to stay in the background rather than be in the spotlight. It is a loyal and hardworking energy of support and assistance. Bearing
the seal of the Emperor, Tian Xiang endorses verdicts passed down. The outstanding feature is therefore responsibility, answerable to all endorsements it puts its seal on. This star shows where there will be a “Right hand Assistant”. Also called the “Mirror” star, where Tian Xiang is placed is where things occur in “Two’s” This star represents Repeating, Helpfulness, Responsibility, Influence and Embroilment. Whether it is influencing the good or becoming embroiled in the bad, when placed in the Destiny palace, it reveals an individual who gets involved.

4 Major MARTIAL (aggressive) energies are:

The Fighters

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star is the leading energy in the Martial group of stars. It’s key features are aggression and force; It is an ambitious, reckless, hasty energy, with organizing and ordering abilities. It is also known as the “Power” star or Seven Killings. When found in the Destiny palace, this conquering star does not make for a quiet life or tranquil living situation. It reveals clashes, power struggles and turmoil in the family of origin. It expresses an iron will, eager and conquering, a coolheaded strategist, the brain behind-the-scenes, and one to be reckoned with. The Seven Swords commands respect and can hold court alone in any life Palace. However, it brings obstinacy, uproars and rashness to the life palace where it is located. Sha Qi itself represents Severity, Strategy, Independence, and Aloofness. This, the most powerful of the Martial ‘fighting’ energies, reveals much turbulence, adventure, excitement and even danger where it is placed. Where it is placed indicates an area of our lives where we see things in black and white only, and where we will not compromise.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

Is a Martial fighting, aggressive energy Also called the “Ruinous” star or “Broken Army” it is an ambitious, intense, and authoritative force. A mover by nature, this star embraces new things and discards the old/obsolete. It breaks down, making way for, and building something new. Po Jun is a strong and aggressive star that shatters and builds back up. Po Jun can make a person tough to get along with if found in the Destiny palace. Guided properly, the person can learn to create a new, better structure. The DEMOLISHER represents “Out with the old, and In with the New,” Pioneering, Hope and Fiery passion. Supporting and protecting the Emperor, this star energy is constantly in the thick of battle. Po Jun charges forward and stands for great changes, uprooting, tearing down and re-building. A “hold-on-tight” and fasten your seat belt star. The life-palace where this star is placed experiences upheavals and a lot of re-organization. This energy brings much change throughout life as Po Jun shatters and breaks circumstances down in
order to rebuild and create a new, better structure.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star is said to be pure virtue or pure vice “wickedness or innocence”. It is a potent major Martial star, and reveals love affairs, aggression and power. It indicates either respectability, honesty and virtue; or on the contrary, debauchery and licentiousness. An “either or “black or white” star with no temperate middle zone. Lian Zhen is also known as the politician star and is one of the “peach blossoms” – those stars associated with romance, flirting and love affairs. If positively positioned, it can bring success in dealing with blood relations as well as others, if poorly positioned; it can represent being "too slick", problems with infidelity, gambling, or alcohol. LIAN ZHEN The Crimson Passion represents Blood Relatives, Emotions, the Arts, Politics, Privacy and femininity having to do with Yin, female energy. Where this “passion” star is placed in a chart, is where you can expect plenty of romantic drama.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

Is the Impatient and Hungry "Greedy Wolf" star - it can motivate you to get much done or make you very greedy and impatient wherever it falls. The APHRODITE star is also called the Flirting star or Opportunity star. It is an energy of extremes, and is the main energy of sexuality and even of danger. Love -- and problems linked with love occur where it is placed. It’s essence is indulgence, sensuality, and sensual magnetism. This energy seizes opportunities and where it appears indicates what area of life will experience relationship turbulence. This star suggests lavishness, sensual pleasures and seemingly exhaustive rounds of meetings and celebrating. It has been connected with fights, power-struggles and either romantic triumphs or painful failures in matters of the heart. Tan Lang represents Indulgence, Sensuousness, Physique and Divination. Those with this star in their Destiny palaces are full of sensual magnetism, artistic talents and eloquence. These souls love the arts, languages, good wine, romance, gaming and other pleasures in life. Interest in metaphysics, religion and spirituality. Can become frustrated with desires, impetuous.

The 6 Major PSYCHO-SOCIAL/LITERARY (humanitarian) energies are:

The Supporters

T’AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Status, Reputation, the Crowd) belongs to the Civil - Literary group of stars, and is a “public” and “in the limelight” energy. The Sun shows success and popularity in the life-palace where it is placed. Tai Yang bestows intellectual, literary, and public performance abilities. Placed in the
Destiny palace it indicates success with a crowd, being in the public eye, awareness and prominence. It is associated with pure male Yang energy, masculinity, openness, status and elegance. The Sun stands for all that is fiery, cleansing and positive. Elegant, expansive and expressive, where it is placed can reveal an area of life where we are boastful and blunt.

**JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star**

represents a “Great Door” as though “entering through an arch.” In the Destiny palace it reveals many changes in the life. This energy also represents “the mouth” and reveals a convincing orator and speaker. It is the astral signature of a “communicator”. Similar to Mercury in Western astrology, this star governs communication or how you use your "mouth". If well positioned, it gives gifts as an orator or public speaker. If poorly positioned, you can spend a lot of your life “with your foot in your mouth”. In the Destiny it reveals a talented and convincing speaker. It symbolizes litigation, privacy, caution and suspicion. Positively expressed, Ju Men provides good reputation and outstanding rhetoric or speaking abilities. Flanked by negative stars or the Obstruction catalyst, it reveals gossip, slander, or poor reputation. It is not thought to be an auspicious energy to find in the spousal palace where it indicates verbal controversy, arguments and disputes with the partner.

**TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISOR (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine)** the “Mercy” or “Secret” star represents strategic planning and innovative ideas. Pioneering, lateral movements, mechanics and agility are brought to the life Palace where this star is placed. It’s presence indicates movements – and speed. This star, also called the ‘celestial machine’ reveals that money is active, dynamic and moving. The rather inconsistent and constant movements inherent with this energy may cause some instability where it is placed. Tian Ji or “always moving” Motor represents active intelligence, but can be unstable because of it’s changeable nature. This star in the Destiny palace indicates someone who learns quickly and is a great negotiator. However, if located in your Spousal palace, it can represent instability in your marriage.

**The Adapters**

**T'AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)**

is a major PSYCHO-SOCIAL/LITERARY group energy and represents the Mother, the Wife, the Earth, but also Imagination, Sensitivity, and Intuition. It imparts spiritual gifts and a strong sense of the sacred. It represents the soft nest of comfort and abundance. The symbolism is similar to the Moon in other cultures; psychic skills, intuition and feminine traits. If the Moon falls in your Destiny
palace, it is said to make you very psychic with extrasensory abilities. Reproduction, Tranquility, and hidden Wealth are also gifts of the Moon. It reveals a strong connection with women and accumulates wealth quietly, discreetly or hidden from view where it is placed.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

Is the “relaxed lover of life” star-energy belongs to the PSYCHO-
SOCIAL/LITERARY Group and represents emotions, enjoyment and sensitivity. This star is gentle, fun-loving and concerned with humanitarian pursuits. This “Waif” energy is contented by nature, not competitive and is happy to let others shine. It is a gracious energy that leans toward spiritual subjects. This reveals one who will spend much time in idealistic contemplation and a contented dreamer he is likely to remain. This star represents emotions, enjoyment, sensitivity and building from nothing. Tian Tong (literally – heavenly harmony) is called the “Contentment star” and represents entertainment. It is a leisurely, joyous and peaceful star and those with it in their Destiny are frequently at ease. They see no meaning in antagonizing others and represent politeness and humility. This is the official star of leisure for the emperor, therefore if found in the Career palace, anything that concerns enjoyment, recreation, leisure or entertainment is highly favored. The Contentment star brings a love of luxury and the good things in life. It can indicate where you will have an easy time of things, and also where you will be a little lazy. It also indicates where you will daydream and romanticize life.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (Academic Blessings) star

represents protection, longevity, lateness, solitude, aging and litigation. It is a beautiful energy sometimes called the HONEST or blessing star. It symbolizes the elderly, medication, insurance, accountancy, numbers, and the earth itself. It also has a practical connotation of “roof and beams” (housing) earth and environment. The Scholar is a lucky star, upholding principles and orderliness. A star that turns chaos into order, it’s presence in the Destiny Palace ensures that major disasters and setbacks are averted or at least diminished and is the astral signature of great longevity. Tian Liang is a go-getter energy, but represents passage through challenging times before reaping the harvest. In the Destiny it reveals an individual who has the ability to turn bad things into good, but in order to do this, the bad must be experienced first in order to be changed. It is often found in the destiny palaces of religious leaders and can turn misfortune into good fortune. Those with Tian Liang in their Destiny enthusiastically help others, as an older sibling takes care of the younger ones. This is said to be the astral signature of a priest, judge, high ranking officer or public service official. Inspection, problem solving and longevity are the key words with this star.
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ZUO FU the LEFT ASSISTANT (AID, Deputy, Minister I) star

Brings Yang Earth assistance and enhances wealth and prominence. The Left Assistant star or Deputy I stand for honor, kindness and acceptance. It is a helper to the life palace where it is placed and always strives for the best – motivating the individual to reach for the stars. Always the optimist, this star can safely see its way through any crisis. It possesses great karmic wealth and brings relief and protection from the difficult stars or the obstruction catalyst.

YOU BI the RIGHT ASSISTANT (SUPPORT, Deputy, Minister II) star brings Yin Water which symbolizes a constant flow of assistance. YOU BI or SUPPORT star is a glowing energy with assistance and “Aid” qualities – “You Bi” concerns matters of the romantic kind and comes to the rescue in matters of the heart. It is most fortunate to find it in your Spousal palace. It supplies honor, kindness, and assistance in the life-palace where it is found.

TIAN KUI the STATUS (LAUREATE, Stardust, Angel I) star

Brings Yang Fire and assistance from benefactors, elders, superiors, and makes recognition possible. TIAN KUI the Status star is the “heavenly chief” or boss, the “head of the class” so to speak. It brings assistance and support and brings advisers, mentors and supportive persons. The entire life is enhanced by this star. Expect the appearance of helpful individuals. Where Tian Kui shines, luck seeks you out – a timely, helping hand. There is no need to look for these helpful people because you won’t be able to recognize them in the moment. You will only realize the Status star in retrospect.

TIAN YUE the REPUTATION (MEDAL, Delight, Angel II) star

Brings Yin Fire and opportunities stemming from rules, regulations, policies and authorities. Where Tian Yue is placed brings favorable contacts with the opposite sex and guides, protects and points one in the right direction under the guise of helpful individuals. The life palace where it is placed, suggests from where this assistance will come.

The major indicators of INTELLIGENCE and talent

WEN QU the ELOQUENCE (DISSERTATION, intelligence, Arts Minister) star brings Yin Water, natural talent, intelligence and indicates a more informal/untraditional education especially in metaphysics or spiritual subjects. Talent for speech, talking and verbal communication and may achieve fame utilizing these gifts. WEN QU often appears in the Destiny palaces of those with artistic abilities and highly developed senses. It indicates a great power of speech and communication and is energy of extraordinary intelligence. This artistic star applies to self-expression, music and the performing arts.
WEN CHANG the LITERACY (DISCOURSE, Literary Minister) star

brings Yang Metal, sophisticated social graces, and indicates a more formal/traditional education in time-honored subjects. Exceptional talent in writing and all of the written forms of art. There is the potential to become famous utilizing writing talents. WEN CHANG is a profound teaching and speaking energy. Discourse shows lively intelligence... lucid and clear... With the gift of persuasion and convincing speech. It concerns literary matters, public education, and the arts.

The 4 Life MILESTONES (The Signposts)

HONG LUAN The LOVER (Wedding, Romance) star
Indicates marriage, romantic associations, love and possible pregnancy. The LOVER is a milestone energy of love and romance, it. Every 12 years when this palace aligns in the original birth position, is when romantic turning points occur (betrothal, engagement or beginning of new, committed relationship) This enchanted star forms a pair with the Happiness/Joy (Birth) star.

TIAN YAO The ENCOUNTER (ROMANCE, Socializing) peach blossom star indicates enjoyment of the arts, and a knack for entertaining, networking and merriment. TIAN YAO is an energy of romance. An accidental encounter that sends the heart a flutter! It can mark the sudden arrival of a stranger who becomes the turning point in a once ordinary existence. However, at its core, Encounter deals out clandestine affairs, sprinkling chance encounters and frivolous romantic pursuits along its path. This, one of the 4 life “milestones” or markers, is an indicator of actual occurrences and reveals major catalytic events. The Life Palace where this powerful energy of romance is placed, suggests the decade when it will occur and the specifics surrounding the encounter.

TIEN XI The HAPPINESS (JOY, Birth) star indicates celebrations, great happiness and favorable activities. TIEN HSI is another “Milestone” energy indicative of major events – one’s marriage or an important Karmic relationship. The arrival of children, the “birth” of major events or turning points are revealed by which palace and decade this Milestones is placed.

TIAN XING The OPPOSITION (PUNISH, Sternness) star brings difficult, corporal situations, and “heavenly punishment”. Found in the Destiny palace it reveals an influential person with good leadership skills and fair-minded, yet can also feel alone and isolated at times. TIAN XING is a difficult “Milestone” revealing major events and turning points. The difficult OPPOSITION “Tian Xing” star is also called the “Stern” star or Punish and can indicate a great loss, death or catalytic event where the Self sees life in a different way. A new horizon that opens from adversity.

The main energy of TRAVEL, CHANGE & MOVEMENT

TIAN MA The STEED (Pegasus, Winged Horse) star brings pure Yang Fire, mobility,
Activity and action occur where it is placed. The STEED is a powerful stallion that flies across the sky with grace and fortitude. Placed in the Destiny it reveals a busy individual – in fact, the busier, the better. Tian Ma shines on bright achievers and where it is placed in the birth chart divulges where great changes, traveling, working abroad or definite forward movement will occur.

**The Main energy of MONEY**

LU CUN The TREASURE (COMPLETION, Abundance) star generates wealth in the life palace where it is found. This star contributes Yin Earth and literally means “keeping wealth”. It lends cautious and conservative money energy where it is placed. Lu Cun is a radiant, lucky energy that brings in financial and spiritual wealth and the ability to avert danger. A definite enhancer to any life palace, this star brings the good to new heights and thwarts the detrimental powers of dark stars. Where it is placed is an indication of added protection and prosperity. This is also a healing star – and the decade where it is active heralds a new beginning were past hurts or losses are finally put to rest.

The 6 SHA YAO - The DARK STARS, Harmful or Difficult energies: These 6 Sha Yao also called the six violence’s, hamper the major stars, and negate the positive effects of assisting energies. In certain situations, these can help to mitigate the negative impact of some of the more difficult Stars (such as Sha Qi, the Seven Swords) in a life palace. Where these Yao are located, indicates the period where you are prone to misfortune or untimely death caused by accidents or unexpected tragedies. From a positive perspective, they exist as a balancing factor and as a reminder of possible misfortune.

HUO XING The FIRE (Turmoil) star generates unfavorable events which tend to happen quickly. Its presence casts a dark cloud over the palace in which it is placed. When found in the Destiny palace, it reveals an intense personality, controlling and abrasive especially if accompanied by other negative stars. Yang Fire brings troubles into the clear and open. Found placed in the Destiny it can show a difficult childhood, parting from parents early or other events that occur suddenly.

LING XING The TURBULENCE (Siren, Thunder) star’s Yin Fire also brings troubles, but these quandaries are hidden or subjective in nature and felt by the individual inwardly. This “siren” star reflects unfavorable things which occur quickly and are hidden in nature. Sneaky and underhanded efforts may accompany this nasty little star. Found in the Destiny palace it reveals that the person does not have a peaceful childhood and will encounter many challenges in this life. One who possesses an intense personality and can be abrasive or controlling.

QING YANG the DESTRUCTION (Trouble, Lance) star is Yang Metal and brings problems that lead to failure. There will be matters that happen quickly and sabotage achievement where it is placed. These issues are in the open and can be predicted, but not avoided. QING YANG is also known as “Troublesome” or “Sheep blade.” Its name speaks for itself: weapons, fighting and injury. This dark star can bring life-threatening accidents or attacks. This destructive star represents problems that lead to failure, or issues that can
destroy achievement. This destruction is evident, rather than hidden.

TUO LUO the OBSTRUCTION (Worry, Armor) star is Yin Metal and represents problems which are hidden. It’s unexpected, and undetected nature causes internal worry that can only be felt by the individual. Obstacles, blockages and delays may cause additional difficulties. TUO LUO, also called the SPINNING TOP and Hidden arrows will try to turn a good reputation to gossip or mockery, so extreme caution is required where this star falls in the chart. Tuo Luo does not bring in danger of the life-threatening kind, but hurts through idle talk or gossip. Obstructions, blockages and delays are also found where it is placed. This obstruction star represents problems that are hidden, unexpected or undetected. Be cautious of quiet gossip or slander from within your own ranks.

DI KONG the VOID (Nullity, Misfortune, Abrupt Interference) star is wasteful and uses resources carelessly. This Yin Fire energy harms and wastes energy, produces unstable income and encourages bad expenditures. This is obviously an unlucky star to find in the wealth palace. The VOID is a dark star and brings with it at least one major heart-bending set-back in the palace where it is placed.

DI JIE the INTERFERENCE (Calamity, Fate, Constant Interference) star is causes loss in the palace where it is placed. This star wrecks destruction, uprooting and turbulence in the palace where it is placed. DIE JIE is also known as the Calamity, Fate or Robbery star and provokes crisis in the palace where it is found. Where this energy is placed is thought to be the reason for your present existence. This is the most powerful of the dark stars and wrecks destruction where it is found. The life palace in which it is placed is said to reveal a “…Boat in a hurricane.” This star wrecks havoc on the emotional Self. It brings great change and often, destruction, to the decade and life-palace where it is placed. The placement of Die Jie reveals where “constant interference” will occur.

The LIFE Palaces

The Zi Wei Dou Shu chart is ancient. It shows each decade of life in detail as various stars move in and out of 12 life houses or “palaces.” Each soul is born with a certain “Ming” - a class, a certain level in society and a certain “Yun” - the difficulties of life. Together “Ming Yun” makes up the individual Fate or Destiny. “Ming” is the life overview and does not change; Yun, however, fluctuates from childhood through old age. One of the 12 zodiac animal symbols (Earthly Branches) is also assigned to each of the 12 Life-Palaces and "flavors” both the decade and that specific area of life. From these 12 Palaces, together with major and minor stars, one can examine the fate (Ming Yun) and destiny (Tian Ming) of life.

Looking at your own chart, notice how the Zi Wei Dou Shu chart is plotted in a large rectangle (representing a rice field) divided into twelve houses or boxes (plots of land) these are called the 12 Life “Palaces” or “Quons”.
The Destiny or Ming, Life Palace is the most important and main focal point of a Zi Wei Dou Shu birthchart. It embodies the sum and substance of a person and discloses the individual's destiny. The Self, destiny, character, and one's likely fate are all found here. It divulges whether your general outlook, inborn capabilities, level of achievement and basic character is influenced by: The ROYAL (ruling) energies, the MARTIAL (fighting) energies or the CIVIL/LITERARY (public-spirited) energies. It also shows the life's scope of developments, the physical appearance, and natural abilities.

The Parents Palace reveals our parents, family backgrounds, elders, teachers, authorities, bosses, and in business - clients. The energies located in this palace describe the parents, their social situation, their harmony, and their links with the children. This palace is where one can see the relationship with their parents and with superiors in general. It indicates the prospect of inheritance and covers your parents' luck for good and for bad, the harmony between the two of them, and their longevity.

The Karma or Luck, Happiness Palace reveals the moral, spiritual, and emotional aspects of a person. This tells us whether we will live peacefully or not. The Karma palace is where we look to see our state of happiness, outlook of life, biases, and hang ups as well. Next to the Destiny house, this is the most influential of the life Palaces. It can improve a bad Destiny (or deteriorate a good one). This palace reveals one's inborn thinking, and describes your mental state of happiness. The Karma palace also reveals one's spiritual enjoyment, peace of mind, and how you enjoy life. This "Life Fortune Palace" is sometimes referred to as the “Happiness” or “Fook” palace, and is a looking glass into the soul, emotions and demeanor - the qualities we come into this life with, the constitutional condition.

The Property or Real Estate Palace reveals the property, inheritance, investments and standard of living you will have. Properties, Real Estate, and important assets such as your home, land, and any inheritance are indicated in this palace.

The Properties palace governs your living environment and home life whether good or bad as well as the characteristics of your living areas.

The Career or vocational Palace reveals the type of career that is most suitable for you. It also determines the amount of success you can expect from your chosen career. Your professional achievement, work environment, and success are displayed in the Career palace. This palace is studied in connection with the Destiny palace and can also indicate how you should develop your career, whether you are suited to work for others or be in charge of your own business. It indicates what type of career you should pursue and what sort of luck you can expect occupationally.
The Friends or Peers Palace reveals the kind of peers and colleagues you will have and whether they will be helpful to you or not. It also represents the relationship you have with your friends. Staff, close friends, colleagues, and people who work with you or for you are found here. This palace embodies all the intimates with whom you must deal with in this life and is also an important complement to the Destiny Palace. This palace is also where you can spot whether your friends and colleagues are loyal or if they will betray you. The stars found placed here will describe your friends or hired help.

The Travel or Others Palace reveals whether you will need to relocate to achieve success, and the travel you will undertake in your life. Journeys, voyages, change, and international matters are manifest in this life palace. This House explains your dealings with others, public relations or with foreign countries. It also shows your level of sociability and describes your external or public appearance.

The Health or physical body Palace reveals your general health condition and the kinds of diseases you will encounter. Your overall health, sickness, and longevity are also seen here. The Health palace is concerned with your health condition, physically and mentally, and the possibility of injuries caused by accidents.

The Wealth or Money, Prosperity Palace reveals your financial income and can predict whether you will have steady income, or encounter losses. This also tells whether income is from hard work or from other sources such as inheritance or windfall. Wealth, cash, income, luck with money, and lifetime fortune are all found in this life palace. This palace is also studied together with the Career Palace to find the way you should make your money, your wealth luck (strong or weak) and earning capacity.

The Children’s or Minors Palace reveals whether you will have children or not, your relationship with your children, your subordinates, employees and personal students. While this palace represents the relationship a person will have with his/her children, it is not only physical offspring, but figuratively speaking, “Brain-children” (i.e. “Ideas”). Information concerning minors, children, offspring, nieces and nephews and all of your descendants will be found in this life palace.

The Spouse or Marriage Palace reveals the character of the spouse and of your love relationships. This palace can also predict whether your marriage will end in divorce, and whether there will be affairs. Spouses, unions, and intimate relationships will be addressed in this palace. Your love affairs, married life, sexual behaviors and the number of marriages you will most likely have can also be found there. The stars present in this palace indicate what kind of person your spouse is and whether or not your
marriage will be successful and happy.

**The Siblings or Brothers Palace** reveals the relationship between you and any brothers or sisters. It also tells about the characters of brothers/sisters. Siblings, brothers, sisters, step brothers, business partners and your school peers are revealed here as well. This palace divulges the relationship with your siblings, your business partners, your schoolmates, and whether they will be helpful in your life or not.

Zi Wei Do Shu analysis uses these twelve palaces, and shows the positions of both beneficial and detrimental stars in each palace to predict an individual's most likely future and fate. The 12 animal signs have fixed positions in a Zi Wei chart. The location of the various palaces will differ based upon the birth information. Depending on the chart, the Tiger palace may correspond to the persons Siblings Palace or their Wealth Palace, depending whether the person is male or female, yin or yang.

A life palace is affected and influenced by the palaces directly adjacent to it, opposite to it, and in one of the harmonious trines below. When there are no major stars in a palace, the major stars in the palace directly opposite to it. The opposite palace is a mirror image of the palace being analyzed. These two palaces have the strongest influence on each other.

Interpretation begins with looking at where the Major influential stars are placed. Recognizing patterns i.e “trines” (separated by 3 palaces) are strongly connected and highly relevant to each other in the interpretation: The harmonious connected palace trines are:

- Destiny /Prosperity/Career palaces
- Minors/Elders/ Staff palaces
- Spouse/Karmic/Travel palaces
- Peers/Properties/Health palaces

The Palaces directly opposite to each another are interdependent and influence the other. These include:

- The Destiny and Travel palaces
- The Peers and Staff palaces
- The Spouse and Career palaces
The Minors and Properties palaces

The Prosperity and Karmic palaces

The Health and Elders palaces

When looking at your chart, notice what decade (life palace) you are currently transiting through. Each life-palace and decade brings a new beginning, the opportunity to change one’s way of life, to see things in different light. A change in decades can bring upheavals, but the middle of each decade is considered the pinnacle or high point of the period. The Palace corresponding to your chronological age, and the energies contained there are also very important to examine together with the Destiny palace itself.

In addition, one of the 12 Animal earthly branches is assigned to each of your life palaces. Below you will see how each animal “flavors” it’s particular palace. For example if in your life palace of Offspring/minors you find the Goat it indicates creative, gentle, and artistic children, yet they will tend to be lazy and difficult to motivate.

IF THE LIFE PALACE IS:

IN THE SIGN OF THE RAT (CONCEALMENT, CHARM, AND FRUGALITY) ELEMENT: +YANG WATER

IN THE SIGN OF THE OX (ENDURANCE, STABILITY, FAMILY, FIRM & COUNTRY) ELEMENT: -YIN EARTH

IN THE SIGN OF THE TIGER (NOBILITY, COURAGE, AND ACTION WITHOUT ANALYSIS) ELEMENT: +YANG WOOD

IN THE SIGN OF THE RABBIT (THE ART’S, REFINEMENT, DETACHMENT) ELEMENT: -YIN WOOD

IN THE SIGN OF THE DRAGON, (UNPREDICTABILITY, DRAMA, AND VITALITY) ELEMENT: +YANG EARTH

IN THE SIGN OF THE SNAKE (WISDOM, GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT, AND PHYSICAL BEAUTY) ELEMENT: -YIN FIRE
IN THE SIGN OF THE HORSE (DECISIVENESS, FREEDOM, AND SPEECH) ELEMENT +YANG FIRE

IN THE SIGN OF THE GOAT (ARTISTIC TALENT, PROPRIETY, BENEFACCTOR, WEALTH) ELEMENT: - YIN EARTH

IN THE SIGN OF THE MONKEY (YOUTHFULNESS, HUMOR, AND IRREPRESSIBLY) ELEMENT: +YANG METAL

IN THE SIGN OF THE ROOSTER (APPLICATION, RESOURCEFULNESS, CANDID SPEECH) ELEMENT: -YIN METAL

IN THE SIGN OF THE DOG (ANXIETY, WATCHFULNESS, AND LOYALTY) ELEMENT: +YANG EARTH

IN THE SIGN OF THE PIG/BOAR (RESIGNATION, CHIVALRY, PHYSICAL COMFORTS) ELEMENT: -YIN WATER

The CATALYSTS

In addition to the major stars, there are four powerful “transforming” Stars. These are the Life-Changing CATALYSTS that determine “What Is” and are significant keys to interpreting your birth chart. The Four Transforming Catalysts convert, and enhance the various stars attached in different ways. Three of the catalysts are helpful, but one is harmful.

POWER (shown as an arrow attached to a star ->) - Hua Quan “Transforms Authority” also called Influence, brings power and influence.
- Fire Element.
- Transforms into Authority.
- Brings authority, power, supremacy, leadership.

FAME (shown as a sun * attached to a star) - Hua Ke “Transforms Success” also called Fame, brings success and reputation.
- Wood Element.
- Transforms into good Name.
- Brings fame, reputation, self-satisfaction.

PROSPERITY (shown as a dollar sign $ attached to a star) -
Hua Lu “Transforms Fortune” also called the Flow Enhancer, and can help bring good luck with money and salary.
- Metal Element.
- Transforms into Riches.
- Enhances the flow of fortune, riches, luck etc.

OBSTRUCTION (shown as a square/block attached to a star) -
Hua Ji “Transforms to Trouble” also called Tribulation or the Cloud catalyst, is a very inauspicious star that transforms situations, stars, and life palaces negatively.
- Water Element.
- Transforms into Trouble.
- Negates effects of stars.
- Usually indicates obstacles, dangers, risks.

The Four Transforming Catalysts connected to the stars:

-> HUA QUAN “TRANSFORMS POWER” ALSO CALLED AUTHORITY, BRINGS POWER AND INFLUENCE. THIS CATALYST TRANSFORMS THE STAR IT IS ATTACHED TO INTO LEADERSHIP, A HIGH LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT, CLOUT, AMBITION, DETERMINATION AND INITIATIVE. IT BRINGS POWER, AUTHORITY, SUPREMACY, AND DIRECTION.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star

Power makes the quick-tempered emperor positively hot-headed. This is a stubborn energy and not one to bend, especially early on in life. The power catalyst attached to this potent star, produces a megalomaniacal greed for power. Great temperance will be required in order to achieve success.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star
The talent to create something from nothing as well as the drive to breakthrough barriers into new territory will be enhanced. The power catalyst attached to Po Jun creates a powerful desire to mastermind projects and launch new ventures.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

The power catalyst empowers the Commander and this suggests that you will take charge and have a firm hold of the reins in the life palace where it is placed. Reveals self-empowerment, quick reactions and intense responses.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

The ability to mingle socially and entertain is enhanced. Socializing, indulgence, sensuality, physical attraction, and metaphysics are key words where this catalyst is attached. Power comes from attention of opposite sex, meeting influential people and social networking.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISER (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

The positive characteristics of “movement” are enhanced and there will be better mobility, strategy, workings, and agility in the life palace and to the star energy where the power catalyst is attached. The Chief Advisor is intelligent and can learn vast knowledge and specialized skills. New ideas come quickly, but problem with too many choices creates indecision.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, leisure, unity) star

Enhanced bonding if placed in any of the relationship palaces (spouse, children, elders) Tian Tong’s abilities for building fortunes from nothing, is enhanced by the Power catalyst. This assures that the Contentment star is at ease and will have an aptitude for handling people and leisure activities of all kinds.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

The Moon is a wealth energy and the power catalyst boosts its money management abilities and reveals great success overseeing large sums of money. Power comes, in part, from female supporters and associations with women. Calm, composed and a good strategist, you plot for victory in a subtle way.

T’AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)
The Sun is an outgoing energy and the power catalyst boosts its status and reputation. Not good with tedious details you excel at managing the larger picture. The Sun with the power catalyst attached brings the public, crowds, and male supporters to your aid.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

Power to your communicative abilities produces an articulate master communicator, speaker or spokesperson. Also called the “Dimming” or gloomy star, Ju Men reduces others due to its controversial and argumentative nature. Found in one of the relationship palaces it reveals verbal censure and disputes.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

Power to the Scholar enhances protection, solitude, litigation and injury. This combination becomes the “Inspector”. Loyal, lonely and legal, the inspector examines matters and reports finding to the emperor. Being less rigid will serve you better. Focus on academic achievement, knowledge, and judgment.

* HUA KE “TRANSFORMS SUCCESS” ALSO CALLED FAME, BRINGS SUCCESS AND REPUTATION. PERSONAL DISTINCTION SHINES WHERE THIS CATALYST IS PLACED. IT ENHANCES RECOGNITION, STATUS, AND SELF-SATISFACTION. IT INFLUENCES HOW YOU PROMOTE YOUR IMAGE, ENHANCE YOUR STATUS, OR BOOST YOUR REPUTATION.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star

Talented, subjective, and isolated, the emperor star with the success catalyst attached, invites fame, recognition and celebrity through various types of ground-breaking organization and leadership. If accompanied by dark stars in the same life palace, this combination can indicate gaining popularity through misguided or unwise channels.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

The Commander will use fame to acquire wealth. The Success catalyst brings in this wealth and with wealth in place, both personal and professional success follow. Known for contributing to a fiery temperament, this combination produces a plainspoken, direct personality. Exercise tact in your communication with others.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISOR (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

The Chief Advisor’s fondness for strategy and action will be highlighted with the success
catalyst attached. Depending on the life palace where it is placed, this area achieves fame and success via new, novel or ground-breaking ideas. This combination reveals an intelligent, physically active fast learner.

T’AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

Success comes via the media, entertainment or the public. However, this may be an isolated type of success. It will benefit you to look closer at real benefits rather than the mere pursuit of reputation. Despite being popular with many, you will always chafe against rivalry and experience a certain amount of competition.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

Focus more on academic pursuits rather than material wealth or possessions. Academic success will bring subsequent material blessings. This is a very auspicious combination of energies and assures success in higher learning, knowledge and literary pursuits. This academic profile will promote your name, image and reputation.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

The palace Vault contains many resources and the success catalyst adds power and can create a financial wizard, especially when placed in the Wealth palace. This combination is indicative of success with money and an aptitude for financial topics.

WEN QU the ELOQUENCE (DISSERTATION, Arts Minister) star

The Success catalyst influences how one feels and takes action to promote their name, reputation and image. Attached to the Arts Minister, it reveals success due to a talent for talking, speaking (eloquence) and informal realms such as metaphysics, astrology and spiritual subjects. There is a potential for fame utilizing the voice with this star energy and transforming catalyst.

WEN CHANG the LITERACY (DISCOURSE, Literary Minister) star

This combination reveals a talent for writing and all visual forms of art. You have a more formal, rather than informal, scope of knowledge, skill and education. The success catalyst brings good luck in taking examinations. There is a potential to become famous with this special combination of star energy and transforming catalyst.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)
Success and reputation come from associations with females or feminine supporters. The Moon is a wealth energy and with this catalyst attached, fame brings prosperity. You will be well known within a close circle of friends, and you may use your intuition and psychic skills to become prominent.

$ HUA LU “TRANSFORMS FORTUNE” IS ALSO CALLED THE FLOW ENHANCER, AND CAN HELP BRING GOOD LUCK WITH MONEY AND SALARY. IT ENHANCES THE FLOW OF FORTUNE, RICHES, AND LUCK. IT ALSO TURNS UNFAVORABLE MATTERS FAVORABLE AND BRINGS GOOD FORTUNE AND GOOD LUCK WHERE IT IS PLACED IN YOUR CHART.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

The Demolisher tears down the old and rebuilds the new. With the wealth catalyst attached, don’t be afraid to discard anything that doesn’t work as success will result from innovation and restructuring.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

You have your own brand of craft or talent. You are an expert when it comes to putting plans into operation, and will be greatly rewarded financially for such. Take the reins of any project and see good results happen and prosperity come to the palace where it is placed.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

Brings monetary benefits, as well as enhanced passion/feeling to the palace where it is placed. Lian Zhen (concerning emotions) and the Fortune catalyst bring happiness i.e. emotional wealth. Blood relations or family members bring assets or introduce auspicious situations.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

Assures wealth if one becomes involved in socializing and activities connected with pleasure. Look for financial opportunities in networking, partying and social liaisons. Physical exercise, dance, physique and body-building also can bring financial rewards.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISOR (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

Ensures the free flow of career, business activities, volume and quality of work (but not necessarily great wealth). You are a good strategist and will gain financial security through lateral, crossover moves (rather than climbing the corporate ladder) in career or business.
TIAN TONG The CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

Brings great pleasure in life due to wealth, but it may not come from a large fortune or inheritance. Fortune stems from activities connected with enjoyment, entertainment, leisure or recreation of any type. The wealth catalyst uses OPM (other people's money) to quietly build it's own fortune from nil.

T'AI YIN The MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition) The fortune catalyst multiplies the Moon's wealth energies tenfold and accrues Fortune via activities connected with females. Fortunes can be gained by associations, businesses, trades or partnerships with women.

T'AI YANG The SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

The Sun symbolizes the crowd, the media, public matters and males; from these sources wealth flows. The level of wealth depends on the level of fame, status and reputation. The more famous and popular with the crowd one is, the more Fortune they will enjoy.

JU MEN The MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

Fortunes can be made with the voice, mouth or speech. Prosperity cannot come without competition or talking. Professions in law, sales, teaching or training others are favored financially. Jobs that entail a lot of speech, debate or conversation bring Fortune.

TIAN LIANG The SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

Heirlooms, estate in money or family business is indicated. Many obstacles must be overcome to achieve wealth and even then, problems may follow. Financial corruption looms with this combination and it is critical that one keep all financial transactions above board and beyond reproach.

D - HUA JI “TRANSFORMS TO OBSTRUCTION” ALSO CALLED TROUBLE OR THE VERY INAUSPICIOUS “CLOUD” CATALYST. IT CHANGES SITUATIONS, STARS, AND LIFE PALACES NEGATIVELY. THIS NASTY CATALYST TRANSFORMS INTO TROUBLE, NEGATES EFFECTS OF STARS, AND USUALLY INDICATES OBSTACLES, DANGERS, AND RISKS. THE OBSTRUCTION CATALYST STRIKES A BLOW TO THE LIFE PALACE WHERE IT IS PLACED AND TO THE STAR ENERGY TO WHICH IT IS ATTACHED.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star
In this placement the Commanders quick thinking lacks thoroughness. The Commander has his hands tied with the Obstruction catalyst attached and this combination is inauspicious for execution of plans and actions. There will also be dangers related to sharp Metals.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

Blood related diseases, the heart, gynecological disorders. Serious physical injuries with blood loss, as well as problems and disputes with blood relatives. Crimson Passion also governs the emotions and obstructed, reveals a broken heart in the life palace where this difficult combination rests.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

This star has to do with sensuality, socializing and vices. Obstructed, it can become self-indulgence and trouble with love affairs, compulsions and addictions. Having to do with socializing and hobbies, trouble and scandal come from these sectors. Placed in the Health palace, sexually transmitted diseases can be a result.

WEN QU the ELOQUENCE (DISSERTATION, Arts Minister) star

There will be a price to pay for errors in speech. Slander, arguments and endless complaints are the maladies that come with an obstructed Wen Qu. Failure is brought on by verbal arrogance or trying to impress others with your knowledge.

WEN CHANG the LITERACY (DISCOURSE, Literary Minister) star

Errors in the written word cause calamity. Libel, problems with legal documents, and difficulties regarding certifications, diplomas or licensing occur when the obstruction catalyst is attaches to Wen Chang. Double check all documents and contractual matters.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISOR (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

Impediments to movement, lack of mobility, and obstruction to the thought process is the result of this difficult combination. Long term plans fail to materialize. Losses and delays in travel plans, deliveries and communications. Bad wisdom and failure brought on by too many changes.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

The emotions take a devastating blow with the obstruction catalyst attached and life may
feel like an emotional rollercoaster. Mental stress can block enjoyment. Representing enjoyment, leisure and entertainment, watch out for disasters at play or vacationing. Amusement parks, fun activities and free time can put you at risk.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

This combination reveals emotional problems, self-imposed stress and inner turmoil. It is a very bad omen for wealth investments. The Moon, which favors income, is dealt a blow with the obstruction catalyst attached and devastates investments. Problems with women, as well as economic loss brought on by a female is also indicated.

T’AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

The SUN stands for crowds, the majority, and the public. An obstructed SUN indicates disapproval by the masses or crowd. The head, eyes and heart areas are all governed by the Sun. In eclipse, ailments with these areas will come to light. When an obstructed sun is placed in any of the “people” sectors – be cautious of males and of attracting disputes easily.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

Ju Men with Hua Ji can cause you to speak tactlessly - Ju Men represents the mouth and Hua Ji brings trouble to the mouth, thus problems with speech. Arguments, slander, law suits and suspicions are enhanced and losses may be undiscovered.

NOW, LET’S EXAMINE THE VARIOUS STAR PLACEMENTS AND THEIR MEANINGS IN YOUR CHART

The Self, Destiny, Life, Ming Palace

The focal point of a Zi Wei Dou Shu chart is the Destiny or SELF palace. This Destiny palace or “Ming Gong” reveals our pre-heaven nature (Xian Tian) – the personal specifications as determined by our “manufacturer”. This includes our inherent outlook on life, inborn capabilities, achievement potential and deep-seated character. We look to the Destiny palace to illuminate our life’s scope of developments, and natural abilities as the life path will be found here.

Depending on the date and time of birth, one (or more) of 14 major stars will end up in your Destiny/Self, Ming palace. The star energies placed there are your “Ming
Calculate your Zi Wei Dou Shu chart using the helpful software sent to you to see which star (or stars) reside in your Self, Destiny palace.

The first step of Zi Wei chart interpretation is determining what “soul group” you are a part of. These could be the Imperial (royal) group, the Martial (aggressive) group or the Psycho-social/Literary (humanitarian) group. This is determined by what stars are placed in your Destiny palace.

Yours is an “Imperial or Royal” destiny if Zi Wei- the Emperor, Wu Qu- the Commander, Tian Fu- the palace Vault, or Tian Xiang-the Prime Minister resides in your Self palace. These energies are found in the Self-palaces of the “Rulers” – those souls favored by birth to lead, to guide, and to be key figures in this life.

Yours is a “Martial” destiny if Tan Lang- the Aphrodite Star, Po Jun- the Demolisher Star, Lian Zhen- the Crimson Passion star or Sha Qi- the 7 Swords Star dwells in your Self/Destiny palace. These energies are the fiercest of Chinese astrology and are found in the Self-palaces of the “fighters” – those souls characterized by ambitious, aggressive, and authoritative action.

Yours is a Psycho-Social/Literary (humanitarian) destiny if Tai Yang- the Sun, Ju Men the Messenger star, Tian Tong- The Contentment star, Tian Ji The Chief Advisor, Tian LiangThe Scholar Star, or Tai Yin- the Moon is placed in your Destiny palace. These energies are found in the Self palaces of the “teachers” governed by intellectual, diplomatic, civil-literary humanitarian pursuits.

What does it mean if you have one of the following major ROYAL (ruling) energies placed in your Destiny palace?

**ZI WEI, the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole KING**

Represents Esteem

It can be lonely at the top, ask anyone with the Zi Wei “Emperor” star in his or her Destiny palace. Rulers and leaders by divine right, those with the Emperor star placed in this critical life palace are the movers and shakers of this life. The “King/Emperor” star represents luck, wealth, authority, prestige, protection and rescue. Those with this most powerful of stars in their Destiny palaces are fated to be amongst the “Royal class” - those souls favored by birth to lead and to guide in this life. This leading energy of Chinese Astrology indicates a sophisticated, thoughtful, responsible person. However, those with the Emperor ruling the Self may experience a feeling of isolation or loneliness in this life as well.

The Self is a strong individual with an expanded view on life, able to see problems and challenges from all angles. There is an excellent chance for fame and fortune.
This is the classic placement of the “wise King or Queen” – a person Destined to be in a position of authority and respect. This “King” of stars rules in the Destiny palaces of judges, magistrates, CEO’s, caretakers of society, and heads of state. The Zi Wei star reveals a soul who is authoritative, pioneering, conquering, and farsighted. Those with this royal destiny are leaders in every sense of the word. They hold influence and evoke respect.

TIAN FU the PALACE (VAULT, Treasury, finance minister)

Represents Virtue

This star in the Destiny is the astral signature of a kind, conservative soul who has chosen to obtain a peaceful life. Tian Fu (literally ‘Heavenly Luck’) is also known as the “Treasury Vault.” Finances play an important role in this life for better or for worse; however, it is characteristic of the placement that the individual will not lack for earthly possessions. Tian Fu placed in the Destiny reveals a conservative and grounded person who enjoys success in examinations, and will have every opportunity to obtain great wealth. This is mainly due to their careful, cautious and frugal nature. The parents and elders will have played an important role in forming the character and personality – this will ultimately bring success later on in life.

WU QU the DANCE (COMMANDER, Finance, music, military minister)

Represents Wealth

Ah, the power behind the throne! This major Royal star is the military minister or “Wu Qu” also called the “Commander”. It is the Leadership energy of the Royal group, responsible for entrepreneurial skills and reveals a Destiny of right hand to the powerful and influential. It indicates good luck, wealth, but also solitude, firmness, stubbornness even. This star placed in the Destiny Palace indicates an independent yet impatient personality who may tend to act too quickly. Nevertheless, its presence indicates a strong and resilient personality. Wu Qu represents a decisive leader who figuratively leads their army into battle. It reveals wealth, leadership, entrepreneurial skills, handicrafts, and metals. With Wu Qu in the Destiny, the physical Self, usually slightly built with a resounding, resonant voice. This individual will be an implementer, involved with the details of putting ideas to work.

TIAN XIANG the GENERAL (MIRROR, the Seal or Prime Minister)

Represents Authority

Tian Xiang or “Heavenly Assistant” provides support and backing to others. Bearing the seal of the Emperor, the Prime Minister endorses verdicts passed
down and the outstanding features of personality are therefore responsibility and influence. Also known as, the “Mirror” Tian Xiang in the Destiny Palace carries the connotation of two (2) i.e. being a twin birth, two sets of parents, duplicating, two professions, two marriages, etc. Events happen in two’s both positively and negatively during this lifetime. With this energy of duplication, one must be careful not to repeat past endeavors or mistakes – break out of this circle and you will move forward. This personality is cautious, methodical and recognized by the care and detail he/she applies to their dress, home and office. Responsible and interested in details others may have missed, those with Tian Xiang in their Destiny are upright and fit into everyone’s ideal of the big brother or sister. This helpful soul goes out of their way to help others. Whether it is influencing good or embroiled in the bad, this is a person who loves to get “involved.”

What does it mean if you have one of the following Major MARTIAL (aggressive, fighting) energies placed in your Destiny palace?

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS/the Marshal (the GENERAL, Power)

Represents Fighting

Bad boys and girls extraordinaire, danger is the middle name. Risk, turmoil and above all – supremacy is the lifeblood. Power, prestige and presence are the calling cards of this major Martial star and its powerful influence on personality. “Sha Qi” literally “Bad Qi” (pronounced ‘Chee’ - meaning ‘life force’) referred to as Reckless Power, or Seven Slayings. It is Yang (masculine) and is the leading star of the ambitious, reckless and hasty Martial group. -- Possessing an iron will and an aggressive character, the Seven Swords brings suspicion and obstinacy, yet fearsome efficiency. It indicates organizing and commanding abilities, but that is just the start. With Sha Qi, there will always be a certain amount of chafing against life’s grain.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER/forward general (PIioneer, Ruinous)

Represents Wastefulness

Brave, arrogant and dashing, those with Po Jun presiding over their destiny palaces reinvent themselves daily and change their life colors more often than a chameleon. Today’s project is not necessarily tomorrow’s passion, as the presence of “Po Jun” (also called “Demolisher” and “broken army”) represents “out with the old and in with the new”. Ready and willing to dissolve ties to make way for bigger fish to fry. Hope, pioneering and an impulsive temperament characterize those with Po Jun ruling their Self/Ming palace. This energy brings much change throughout the life and those with Po Jun running the show may try to “re-invent the wheel” so to speak. Po Jun shatters and breaks down in order to rebuild and create a new, better structure and those with this martial star in their destiny
palace are aggressive and love to take risks. These are not individuals who can tolerate a stagnant environment; and change just for the sake of change, may overstretch the resources. It will always pay to make a realistic plan and review well before taking on the next battle.

LIAN ZHEN the VIRGIN (CRIMSON, Passion star, Virtue or Vice)

Represents Confinement

Moderation may be sorely absent in the lives of those with Lian Zhen placed in their Destiny palaces. Lian Zhen “Wickedness or Innocence” is a potent major Martial star. It reveals aggression and power and indicates respectability, honesty and virtue; or on the contrary, debauchery and licentiousness. An “either, or” “black or white” star with no temperate middle zone. It is all or nothing with the VIRGIN star or “Crimson” which also represents blood relations, emotional issues, arts, politics, and privacy. One of the “peach blossom” stars, the Crimson Virgin is associated with romance, flirting and affairs. Expressed positively, it can bring success and popularity. If poorly positioned, obstructed or expressed negatively, Lian Zhen (sometimes called the politician star) may produce an individual who is “too slick” problems with infidelity, gambling or alcohol. Excesses may cause confinement.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY)

Represents Attraction Luck

Tan Lang has no trouble attracting playmates; in fact, those with this major martial destiny extrude sensuality like a play dough fun factory! Tan Lang in the destiny palace is a magnet to the opposite sex. Tan Lang offers that “certain something” to the personality – sexual pizzazz perhaps. The Pleasure star, APHRODITE (Opportunity) “Tan Lang” also called the “Flirting” star, Hungry Wolf or OPPORTUNITY is Major Martial energy of extremes. Tan Lang is the main energy of Love, and of sensuality however, because it is Martial, it is the energy of danger, love affairs, intense sensuality, love and problems linked with love. This energy also represents indulgence, sensuousness, physique, muscles and divination. APHRODITE in the Destiny reveals an individual who is curious, loves metaphysics and spirituality, and will have an appreciation for the arts, languages, good wine, romance, and sensual pleasures in this life.

What does it means if one of the following Major CIVIL/LITERARY (humanitarian, diplomatic) energies are placed in your Destiny Palace?

TAI YANG the SUN (Male Yang Energy)
Represents Status

If you are always on the go, outgoing in nature and popular, Tai Yang may be shining prominently in your Destiny palace. The SUN “Tai Yang” reveals a passionate and romantic nature and suggests a soul who is more of a visionary rather than performance oriented. Tai Yang reveals a powerful masculine presence, which is very blunt, generous and altruistic. The Sun, which imparts a popular and radiant personality, represents “the crowd” and being in favor with the populous. Whether male or female, those with Tai Yang placed in their destiny palace, were born to be in the public eye in some way. Chivalry, nobility and justice characterize those souls with Tai Yang in their Destiny Palace and women are especially competent and ambitious. Tai Yang is an especially good energy for legal professions, the broadcast industry, and any kind of publicity. Although those with this Destiny are able to gain prominence with ease, it will be to their advantage to look for real and tangible benefits rather than mere pursuit of reputation.

TAI YIN the MOON (Female Yin Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

Represents Wealth

Calm, composed and contriving with intuition bordering on the psychic, those with Tai Yin placed in their Destiny palace are subtle, deep and discerning. The MOON “Tai Yin” represents the mother, the woman, night, the earth, female Yin energy, imagination, sensitivity, intuition, reproduction, tranquility, and wealth. It imparts spiritual gifts; and reveals a strong connection with women (especially for men with the Moon in their Destiny). Tai Yin represents wealth, and imparts the ability to accumulate it quietly. Intelligent, well known and blessed with a first-rate social life, Moon natives enjoy the arts and spiritual subjects immensely. However, due to their extreme sensitivity, they can be susceptible to others, overly emotional, and easily influenced. These traits are enhanced when born at night.

TIAN TONG The CONTENTMENT star (Lucky WAIF, Unity)

Represents Blessings

The political, and civil minded star SERVITOR also known as the “Lucky Star” or “Heavenly Unity” belongs to the Civil- Literary Group and is characterized by intellectual, literary, administrative and diplomatic qualities. This humanitarian, peacemaker energy is one who brings Unity to others. The primary fault is unpredictability and a lack of perseverance. This “Waif” energy is a relaxed lover of life, contented by nature and is happy to let others shine. This is a gracious energy -- a learned and gentle soul leaning toward the arts and spiritual subjects. Goals and ambitions are accomplished through persuasion, reason, and teamwork. Tian Tong represents protection, longevity, and solitude.

TIAN LIANG the Inspector, HONEST (SCHOLAR, Blessings)
Represents Provision

Those souls with Tian Liang in their Destiny palace enthusiastically help others, as an older sibling cares for the younger ones. “Tian Liang” or the SCHOLAR is a power-hitter in the Civil/Literary group of stars. The SCHOLAR represents protection, longevity, lateness, solitude, control and litigation. It represents slow actions, older individuals, long-standing employees and associates who will be so for a lifetime. Friends are helpful and often older. Tian Liang is serious, responsible, disciplined, and a little sad. It often indicates difficult beginnings, great efforts and then success. This person has the ability to turn bad into good. However, this means that sometimes one must see bad things first; otherwise, change would not be possible. Good things tend to come later, after difficulties. There is a tendency to take on too much with this star in the Destiny. Few real friends in this life, but they are true and faithful. Many with this Civil-literary destiny become priests, judges, high-ranking officers or engage in some type of public service.

TIAN JI the MOTOR, Chief advisor (INTELLIGENCE, Mercy)

Represents Kindness

Tian Ji represents unity and friendship – the heavenly force that drives the cosmos. This star of “Intelligence” represents strategy, pioneering, mechanics and agility. Placed in the Destiny palace it reveals much movement in this life, changes of residence, traveling and new locations. Those with Tian Ji in their Destiny are many times the “power behind the throne”. When we pick a flower, we must not forget the humble bee who has prepared it or when we applaud a great singer, we must also remember the sound engineer and stage manager. Tian Ji reveals a soul who keeps everything and everyone “on track”.

JU MEN The GIANT GATE, Dimming star (MESSENGER, Gloomy)

Represents Dimness

The star GIANT GATE “Ju Men” means Great Door. It indicates that there will be many changes in this life as if “passing through a large arch”. This energy has a touch of mystery, and of the unusual. It represents the “mouth” and reveals a convincing orator/talker/spokesperson. The spoken word and verbal communication will play an influential role for better (eloquence, articulation) or for worse (misunderstandings, misspeaking, and gossip). Those with this star in their Destiny are consummate communicators and are ideally suited to careers in teaching, sales, politics, entertainment, and arguing the law (attorney). When Jun Men rules the destiny palace, prosperity does not come without competition and talking. Careers that rely on eloquence gain wealth. Be cautious and guard against arguments or being contentious.
In Addition:
Which of the twelve animal branch signs occupies your destiny palaces?

One of the twelve animal signs or earthly branches occupy each life palace. This flavors the Destiny palace and the animal sign placed here may differ from the animal sign of your birth year.

There are three directional groups, each containing four signs of the zodiac. Begin interpreting your Zi Wei chart by finding the animal sign that is placed in your destiny palace.

Group 1.) The four corners or “posts”: Monkey, Snake, Tiger, Pig

Each of these four branches resides in one of the four corners of a Zi Wei chart. They have to do with movement and those with their Ming Gong (destiny) in a post corner will be perpetually on the move. Each of these signs may also invite problems unnecessarily and the life path will be more chaotic.

Traits of the Monkey – ‘Shen’ when found in the Destiny palace:

Changeable –confident one minute, unsure the next, contradictory

Clever, witty and skillful

Moves with poise and grace – will excel at the performing arts

Lifestyle is capricious as well. Great gains, but also great losses, better to marry late in life.

Traits of the Snake – ‘Si’ when found in the Destiny palace:

Calm exterior, ambitious and tumultuous interior.

A perfectionist that can miss the main point by focusing on the details.

Is savvy in business, and prudent with money But can invite problems unnecessarily.

Ambitious, busy, hard-working, but can be lonely.
Traits of the Tiger – ‘Yin’ when found in the Destiny palace:

Generous, big-hearted, generates wealth more easily than others do and enjoys a wide circle of friends. Popular and admired

Can be found to be active, and always on the move. Able to endure hardships.

Tough, resolute, prefers life in the fast lane.

Does not like to be told “No”.

Traits of the Pig – ‘Hai’ when found in the Destiny palace:

Sensitive, compassionate and easily moved to tears by beauty and nature

Is a quick learner, serious, busy, hardworking, kind and gentle-hearted but prone to invite problems. Shares freely what they have with others

Group 2.) The four “directions”: Rat, Rabbit, Horse, Rooster

Each of these four branches reside in palaces associated with the four cardinal directions – North, South, East, and West. These are sometimes called the "Four Failures" as those with one of these “peach blossoms” placed in their destiny love palaces, love the social life, romance, drinking, gambling and overspending. The arts and entertainment field is where their charisma will help them succeed.

Traits of the Rat – ‘Zi’ when found in the Destiny palace:

Distinctive, strong willed, poised, smart and practical, with uncommon judgment.

Is by nature emotional, sensual and easily seduced.

Devoted and loyal to friends, fair, even handed and

treats others equally regardless of socio-economic class.

Traits of the Rabbit – ‘Mao’ when found in the Destiny palace: is often physically weak in younger years yet stronger in adulthood.

Sensitive, observant, clever, sees what others cannot.
Sociable and loves romance but can easily get involved in affairs of the heart.

Due to prior difficulties may be suspicious and cautious.

Can argue over trivial matters, has few to turn to, feeling isolated

Traits of the Horse – ‘Wu’ when found in the Destiny palace:
Is witty, friendly and stands out in a crowd with a sunny, talkative, personality.
Has a good chance to succeed financially in life if brought up well.
May be prone to be arrogant or flatter others he/she wants to please.
Can be lecherous and exploitive if brought up poorly.

Traits of the Rooster – ‘You’ when found in the Destiny palace:
Is dependable, hard working and observant.
Loves romance and can easily fall into affairs of the heart.
Strong personalities, acts independently and not open to suggestions.
May be arrogant which alienates others or causes failure.
Typically is dependent on self and solves problems independently.
Regularly enjoys travel, particularly to historical sites.

Group 3.) The four “Earths”: Dragon, Ox, Dog, Goat
Each of these four branches is associated with the earth element. They are called the “Four Graves” as earth is heavy and not easily moved or changed. Those with one of these “Earth nets” placed in their destiny are “stuck” easily and have difficulty with change as well. They must work harder than others and success comes when they can break out of their “nets”

Traits of the Dragon – ‘Chen’ when found in the Destiny palace:
Intelligent, clever at handling difficult situations, helpful

Courteous, good manners, tranquil in appearance.

Loves to mediate, balanced, impartial, relaxed, unhurried, a bit indecisive or too casual.

Can invite sorrows or disaster with few to turn to.

Best to move far from birthplace to develop and succeed.

Traits of the Ox – ‘Chou’ when found in the Destiny palace:

Stays to self, not easy to get to know, private, independent.

Takes on responsibilities without considering personal interest with a strong desire for praise, trusted and respected.

Quick to anger when crossed.

Better to leave birthplace early and develop elsewhere.

Traits of the Dog – ‘Xu’ when found in the Destiny palace:

Appears steady and tranquil externally, but prone to depression.

Needs much support and encouragement from loved ones.

Smart, hardworking, efficient, not afraid to fight for justice.

Needs prompting and external motivation to succeed, gets “stuck”.

Better to move far from the birthplace for success.

Traits of the Goat ‘Wei’ when found in the Destiny palace:

Appears shy, sensitive, easily irritated but actually quite strong inside.

Idealistic, but must push hard to achieve goals.
Can be too narrow-minded, black-white thinking and does not readily accept outside opinions or ideas.

May feel isolated, lonely or an “island unto oneself”.

Now, let’s move on to the other eleven palaces.

The Siblings, Peers, Brothers Palace

This palace concerns the relationship with your siblings. This is where we can look to find information on working partners, colleagues and fellow students, as well. The strengths and weaknesses of your rivals is also located in this palace.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star

Your siblings are helpful, but you may not get along with them because they will tend to be bossy or want to be treated like “the king” so to speak. Zi Wei reveals strong and dependable siblings, powerful rivals and prominent or high ranking colleagues. Your siblings will number between two and three, and they will tend to overshadow you or be more successful than yourself.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

This star reveals multiple siblings who are of some assistance, but not much support; these siblings may be favored by the parents. Business associates and rivals will see failures and the favored siblings could turn out to disappoint the parents. All in all, you will experience a harmonious relationship with your siblings and working partners.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

This star reveals strong and opinionated siblings with the personality of a “commander”. You will have few siblings and you will experience disharmony and disagreement with them. Business associates will be direct and straightforward, difficult to deal with at times, but able to produce swift and effective results.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star

This star placed in your Siblings palace indicates many siblings and is quite favorable unless the obstruction catalyst is attached or it is accompanied by dark stars. Amongst these many siblings are similar personalities or even twins. The Mirror stands for
duplicating or repeating and placed here reveals reunions with associates from your past who become your business partners.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

This martial, fighting star suggests few siblings and brings disharmony, jealousies and conflicts to this palace. You may feel very distant from your siblings who will be unable to communicate with you. Sha Qi reveals some challenging times and hard life lessons for the siblings.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

The oldest sibling will carry the heaviest burden with this aggressive martial star. There will be illnesses and possibly a wide age gap between siblings. This is a family of hot tempered rebels, and you will find yourself assuming a lot of responsibility early in life. This placement does not bode well for relationships between you and your fellow students, working partners and rivals. Battles may become bitter and relationships destroyed.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

This “wicked” star is a changeable one and indicates sibling who are sometimes helpful and sometimes not. Be cautious with this star placed in your Siblings palace as working partners will have tricks up their sleeves and could undermine you. Siblings can be at risk as Lian Zhen represents blood, indicating death or loss of a sibling at an early age. Sometimes this is through divorce or adoption.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

You should have harmonious relationships, but be wary of siblings or work associates feeling that they have an unquestionable right to the possession of your possessions or property. You will get along better with your siblings if you live separately otherwise you could have a difficult relationship. This is also an indication of half-brothers, step-sisters or a blended family.

T'AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

The Sun being a masculine energy points to brothers or male blood relatives who are significant in your life. Siblings or business associates will achieve success and be in the public eye in some way. The obstruction catalyst attached to the Sun is very bad and veils its energy. It would caution you regarding men, unscrupulous employees or male business associates.
JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

You must be wary of siblings, close peers or work associates engaging in slander, disagreements and gossip. Unfavorable relationships with siblings are often found with this placement. Ju Men brings problems and misunderstanding due to miscommunication, speech or verbal onslaughts.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISOR (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

You siblings will be on the move and will tend to come and go in and out of the family circle. There may be some behind the scenes scheming or underhanded trickery that comes from business associates or fast talking con men who are here today and gone tomorrow. There are generally few siblings with this star, they are intelligent, but there may be arguments between them. There are often more sisters than brothers with Tian Ji and it is a sign of a blended family of sibling from different parentage.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

Tai Yin being a feminine energy indicates sisters unless reflected from opposite palace of friends; then no blood sisters, but a female friend (sister-in-law, aunt, cousin) who is as close as a blood sister. This star is an indication of helpful, gentle siblings, who are financially well off and advantageous for you to associate with.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

Tian Tong placed in your Siblings palace reveals talented, peaceful and fun-loving siblings whom you may also be very close friends with. You have siblings who are relaxed lovers of life and happy to let you shine. This star describes your siblings and any business partners you might have as emotional, sensitive and able to build exciting projects from almost nothing. They may make a living involved in leisure, entertainment or some form of recreation.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

Tian Liang placed in your Siblings palace indicates that you will take care of your younger siblings like a parent. You may have many siblings and there could be a significant age difference between you and them. This star reveals favorable relationships with your siblings and that one of them may leave you an inheritance. In business, Tian Liang indicates older partners who pass down a legacy, practice, or business.
The Children, Minors Palace

The Children’s palace reveals the relationship with your children, subordinates, and your personal students. It also indicates “brain children” i.e. ideas, projects, and creative efforts.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star
Finding the Zi Wei star in your Children’s palace suggests that you will have few children and it will be more favorable for you to have them later in life. This star reveals active and intelligent offspring - more females than males – the boys may come along later. The children are strong and confident, but difficult to control because of their strong will.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star
Finding Tian Fu in your Children’s place indicates that you will have many children, forge a good relationship with them, and will have a strong influence on their lives. You enjoy a filial and stable bond with your offspring as well as your employees, if you are a business owner.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star
You will have few offspring, more than likely with your second spouse. Wu Qu in the Children’s palace indicates strong, confident children (and senior employees if in business). Your children will be very strong willed, have a mind of their own and may be a challenge to educate.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star
It will be better for you to have a daughter as firstborn. This ‘mirroring’ star of duplication and things that come in two’s, reveal the possibility of twins or a premature birth. This star suggests that you will have obedient, truthful and sensible children with whom you will be exceptionally involved.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star
You will have few children with extremely strong characters that will be difficult to control. Sha Qi is a risky energy to find in your Children’s palace as it can be assign of miscarriages or offspring that are born with birth defects or hereditary problems. Sha Qi suggests that you will have aloof children who hide what is going on inside of them. They will have many, sometimes hard, lessons to learn.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star
Po Jun placed in the Children’s palace indicates active, rebellious children. The firstborn will be the most difficult to raise and may be in poor health as a child, be scarred, marred, premature or endure some kind of unfortunate setback or blow. This “demolisher” star is unfortunately placed in this palace and reveals a “breaking” of pregnancy (infertility, miscarriage, abortion). The children’s relationships with each other may also be damaged.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

Your offspring will have logical and mechanical minds and enjoy taking things apart to find out how they work. They must be very cautious with fire and especially electricity. Children and employees will tend to be secretive and it will be imperative to keep an open dialog with them. Overall, you will have a positive relationship with your offspring.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

Finding the “pleasure” star in your Children’s palace can reveal a love child or offspring born out of wedlock. You will have two or three curious and capricious children who are charming and sociable. They must be cautious as this tendency could turn into a fondness for the night life, partying, drinking and gambling.

T‘AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

This bright and shining influence is a powerful energy to find in your Children’s palace. It reveals very active, helpful children (and employees) who will find themselves in the public eye and will enjoy a certain amount of recognition and fame. Physically, the Sun indicates difficult pregnancies with possible miscarriage or therapeutic abortions.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

Talkative children with advanced verbal skills who are difficult to communicate with. Sassy, impish offspring who like to talk back and challenge your authority. There will be much talking and many disagreements between you and your children. When other auspicious stars are present, your children will be linguistically endowed. However if this star carries the obstruction catalyst or is joined by dark stars, the opposite will be true and speech impediments or structural abnormalities of the mouth (harelip, cleft palate) may occur.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISER (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

This is not a pleasant star to find in this palace. Your children are forward thinking and smart, but may face danger of various kinds. Tian Ji is called the “heavenly machine” or
“motor” and brings great risk to the children from mechanized vehicles. Your offspring (whether physical children or metaphorical ‘brain children’) will come later in life and there will be many challenges with them.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

The Moon being a feminine “Yin” energy reveals female offspring, or primarily female children. Tai Yin reveals very favorable relationships with your children or employees if in business. The tendency toward daughters with Tai Yin placed in your Children’s palace is enhanced by the addition of wealth. Your daughters will be quiet, introverted and enjoy financial security.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

A very favorable relationship is in store for you with your children. At times, the lines separating you and your children may be blurry, and you could have more of a friendship with your offspring rather than adversarial parent. While your relationship with your children will be good, their health may be fragile.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

The presence of Tian Liang reveals gentle and supportive children who are intelligent, studious and will care for you in your old age. They will love the fine arts and may come along later in your marriage. Their maturity will surpass their age and firstborns are frequently daughters with this placement.

The Spouse, Relationship, Marriage Palace

This palace indicates whether you will enjoy a happy marriage or adversarial partnership. It also explains why some people marry many times, and some stay single for life. It describes your married life, indicates what kind of person your spouse is and reveals whether or not your partnerships are thriving. This house does not cover marriage unions only, but also significant romantic attachment in the life. If there are no stars found in this palace look to its opposite palace of Career.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star

Your spouse is the boss in your relationship and can be domineering. While responsible and a good partner they may not meet your emotional needs, but it will be very difficult (possibly impossible) for you two to part ways. There may be multiple marriages to the same individual.
TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

Your souse is good with the family finances. If the Zi Wei star is also present together with Tian Fu, it is an indication of a second marriage. Your later marriage will be happier than the first and you will share many interests in common with your spouse. This star suggests that your spouse will be conservative, traditional and guarded.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

Your spouse will be of slight or short stature, shy, and yet have a resonant, deep voice. Wu Qu describes your partner as difficult to communicate with and the relationship suffers from bickering, arguments and internal strife. This is an inauspicious placement as it generally points to a domineering spouse. It will be better for you to marry later on in life.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star

As matters come in two's or are duplicated with Tian Xiang, placed in your life palace of Spouse it is a clear indication of more than one marriage or significant relationship. There is a good possibility that you will marry an old acquaintance, your high school sweetheart, or someone from your hometown neighborhood.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

Sha Qi (literally bad qi or life force) is no friend to the relationship palace. It reveals that your spouse has a very strong personality and you marry them suddenly. This star also reveals that you put up a happy front for others that hides an inner discontent or unhappiness with your relationship. It describes your spouse as an independent, silent type who is hard to read. There will be many hard lessons to be learned in this palace.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

This is a rather disastrous star to find placed in your relationship palace. You and your spouse will have very little in common and divorce is almost imminent due to the “discarding the old for the new” that comes with Po Jun. There will be at least two marriages, one of which may be “unusual”

In some way (marrying a cousin, brother-in law, marriage for citizenship, arranged marriage, etc.) You will have rocky relationships especially early on in life.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star
Arguing, affairs and possible divorce bode poorly for relationships. Your spouse may be friendly one minute and pick a fight with you the next. Lian Zhen is an indication of a spouse who struggles with emotional problems, bi-polar disorder or other psychological disturbance. Abundant passion that cannot be contained causes relationship problems. A strong blood factor is at play with this star and it can reveal medical operations, bloodshed or accidents involving the spouse.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

T'an Lang also called the Flirting star, Opportunity or Hungry Wolf, is an energy of extremes, and is the main star of sexuality, danger, of love -- and problems connected with love. Where it is placed, reveals fights, power-struggles and either romantic triumphs or painful failures in matters of the heart. Placed here, it represents indulgence, sensuality, body physique and form. Full of sensual magnetism, your partner loves romance and this causes turbulence in your relationship.

T'AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

Passion can turn cold quickly with Tai Yang in your relationship palace. With this “public” and “in the limelight” energy, your spouse will have success and popularity in life and possesses a fair, energetic, and radiant personality. The spouse will be in the public eye in some way. Unless obstructed or surrounded by dark stars, the spouse will be benevolent, open, and elegant.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

This is an argumentative placement and describes your spouse as talkative, but having very little of substance to say. Communication difficulties cause marital strife and you will be drawn into arguments by your spouse. Ju Men is also called the “Gloomy” star and may lead to jealousy, slander, and fabrication. It can also represent Litigation, Privacy, and Suspicion if surrounded by dark stars.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISER (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

Tian Ji reveals the spouse to have a active mind and quick intelligence. It reveals an individual who loves to learn new things, but may lack perseverance. Eclectically talented in many trades, it describes your partner as highly intelligent but unstable. Much traveling with be required of the spouse and this may be a catalyst to the relationship ending, separation or divorce. This a very unstable energy to find in the Spousal palace.

T'AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)
T’ai Yin represents the mother, the wife, the earth, imagination, sensitivity and intuition. Your spouse will be distinguished by literary, reflective and feminine “yin” qualities. The Moon imparts spiritual gifts and describes your spouse as tranquil, graceful and wealthy. Placed here it reveals a supportive spouse who is financially fortunate or wealthy in their own right. There may be a significant age difference between you and your spouse.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

Known as the Lucky star or Waif, Tian Tong is a beautiful energy to have in this palace. It describes the spouse as contented by nature, one who goes through life like a happy-go-lucky adolescent. Non-competitive and always ready to start anew, they are happy to let you shine. This is a gracious, learned, gentle soul who leans toward the fine arts, music and spiritual subjects. One who will spend much time in quiet meditation and self-cultivation. They are a contented dreamer, emotional, enjoyable, sensitive, and able to build from nothing.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

The radiant star of Tian Liang achieves results with persuasion rather than with force. Your spouse may be much older than yourself and brings heirlooms, estate in money or a family business to your union. This individual is not one to toil or struggle and will display a certain degree of sophistication as they pursue the good, easy life. This star indicates longevity, but also loneliness. This is an individual who upholds principles and orderliness, employed in a career that requires frequent contact with the elderly, medication, insurance, accountancy, mathematics, or the armed forces.

Health, Physical body Palace

This palace describes and indicates the state of your physical body and health in general. It concerns your wellbeing, both physically and mentally. Hidden illnesses, to which you may be prone, are also found here; this includes physical impairments and internal disorders.

The Health palace is examined together in conjunction with the Destiny palace. This is a rare instance, and a favorable Destiny palace can supersede even the most dismal Health palace. On the contrary, if all stars in the Health palace are favorable and the Destiny palace is obstructed or filled with dark energies, you will lack the power to resolve disease. Both palaces must be used to pinpoint weaknesses and evaluate your overall health.

If the Destiny or Health palaces contain Sha Qi (7 Swords), Qing Yang (destruction), Tuo Luo (obstruction), Huo Xing (fire), Di Jie (interference), Di Kong (void), etc. they are weak
and poorly placed. You may suffer continuous health misfortune and illness with these stars. When interpreting the Health palace, stars represent body parts and the dark stars such as Huo Xing (fire) and Ling Xing (turbulence) represent illness.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star (Earth)

The Zi Wei star represents the head, the brain and the area between the eyebrows. With other favorable energies, it reveals very good health throughout your life. Obstructed or with dark stars also present, you may suffer diseases of the head, such as headaches, dizziness, a weak nervous system and insomnia.

Being of the earth element, Zi Wei may cause problems in your digestive system, spleen or stomach areas and you may experience indigestion, gastric reflux or other minor problems with digestion.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star (Earth)

There are usually only minor illnesses with Tian Fu, such as poor digestion or swollen legs. Tian Fu can spur stomach or digestive problems, possible rib injuries or lung weakness, but all in all, you will benefit from good health. There may be some circulatory problems when older, specifically, edema and swelling of the extremities. Found together with the Zi Wei star, it means that you are seldom ill and will enjoy excellent health.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star (Metal)

Your lungs and respiratory system will be weak if any of the dark stars are present, here or in your Destiny palace. Lungs, nose, face and teeth can all be at risk with this star. The Commander is connected with the Metal element and can reveal injuries by sharp metals or surgeries. Found together with Tian Xiang (the Prime Minister) hidden or disabling illness may surface.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star (Water)

With Tian Xiang, you could experience urinary system dysfunction, bladder disease, and maladies having to do with water (edema) pancreas (diabetes) or the skin surface (allergies, ringworm, psoriasis). With dark stars in tow, contagious, communicable or hereditary illnesses may surface.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star (Fire and Metal)

You will most likely have experienced many illnesses during your childhood. Diseases of the respiratory system, breathing difficulties or diseases of the lungs may also plague you.
Your colon, large and small intestines and rectal area are all susceptible to problems. Hemorrhoids, impotence, and frequent accidents are found with Sha Qi in the Health palace.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star (Water)

Po Jun brings misfortune and frequent illnesses during childhood. Diseases of the reproductive system such as miscarriage, irregular or painful menstruation and a host of genital-urinary problems are frequently seen. Disorders of the abdomen, kidneys and bladder can also afflict you. Po Jun reveals poor health and chronic or hidden illnesses that show up later in life.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star (Fire and Wood)

You will have many small health problems such as insomnia, blood circulation or heart problems later in life. The main thorn in the side with Lian Zhen, is psychological problems or ailments having to do with the emotions or nervous system. Diseases of the blood, fluids, mouth, teeth, tongue and lips are also frequently seen.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star (Wood and Water)

Representing love and problems with love, Tan Lang brings with it the potential for genital-urinary disorders and sexually transmitted diseases. Diseases of the gallbladder, liver, spleen and bile duct are also seen.

T’AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd) (Fire)

Tai Yang in the Health palace reveals problems with the head, eyes, heart or circulatory system. Surrounded by favorable energies, there will be very few illnesses or physical mishaps. Obstructed or accompanied by dark stars, the Sun becomes eye pain, injury or disease, head problems such as bleeding in the brain, diseases of blood qi (high blood pressure, heart disease) and conditions related to the blood vessels.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star (Water)

There could be problems in and around the mouth area. Diseases of the throat, digestive system, stomach, esophagus and duodenum are also possible. Frequent illnesses in childhood including, respiratory problems (lungs, trachea) and ear, nose and throat infections.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISOR (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star (Wood)
Tian Ji can reveal potential liver, gallbladder or nervous system problems. Alcoholism, emotional breakdowns, and ailments having to do with the limbs or extremities are frequently seen. If the obstruction catalyst is attached or if surrounded by dark stars, Tian Ji reveals being marred by a scar, most likely on the forehead. There is also the potential of hyperactivity, attention deficit disorder, learning disabilities due to injury and volatility of emotions.

T'AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition) (Water)

Tai Yin placed in your Health palace puts you at risk for diabetes, water swelling (edema), urinary system disease, kidney depletion, and yin disorders in women (miscarriage and infertility). Diseases of the head and eyes, such as myopia and retinal degeneration (especially the right eye) are also seen with this placement. Hidden or mysterious diseases of the reproductive, genital-urinary system, breasts and emotions (psychological disturbances) are particularly troublesome when Tai Yin is obstructed or met with the dark stars.

TIAN TONG The CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star (Water)

You will enjoy basically good health with the exception of heavy emotional/mental concerns. Obesity and weight related issues along with a tendency toward physical inactivity or lethargy is frequently seen with Tian Tong placed in the Health palace. The kidneys, bladder or urinary system may also be vulnerable if this star is obstructed or accompanied by other difficult stars.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star (Earth)

Spleen, liver, gallbladder, and digestive system may cause trouble. Tian Liang frequently brings small but chronic health problems, but impressive longevity, as well. Combined with dark stars it can indicate a brain tumor or other cranial disease, weak nervous system, cloudy head, and diseases of the elderly such as arteriosclerosis, heart disease and problems with mobility (arthritis).

The Travel, Others Palace

This palace represents the public, travel and foreign relations. It also reveals your level of sociability and describes your external or public relationships. This palace also indicates your fate while traveling, either for work or for pleasure. This palace shows if you would be more successful migrating or relocating to another country.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star
Traveling is favorable for you and could put you in touch with some very influential people. Others will assist you during travel and this placement indicates a turn for the better after migrating to a new location or foreign country. You will gain many friends and earn respect from others while on your voyages.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

Assistance is forthcoming when traveling or on the move. This assistance may be financial in nature as Tian Fu represents the palace treasury. You will feel equally comfortable at home or abroad. You may choose to invest your finances in overseas projects or open an offshore bank account.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

You must move away from your place of birth, or even your homeland, to earn any substantial wealth. Travel brings success but Wu Qu placed in the Travel palace also indicates greater effort required and hectic activities after moving to a foreign location.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star

Others enjoy traveling with you due to your personable and pleasant companionship. Tian Xiang makes for an agreeable life palace and you will have good luck overseas or in your dealings with foreign countries. Being a “duo” star of things that happen in two’s, you will not be one to stay long in one location.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

Indicates difficult changes and unlucky event that occur during traveling. Your success comes closer to your place of birth or hometown rather than away in a foreign land. Trade or business exchanges with other countries or oversees companies could end in disappointment or disaster. This an active and controversial energy revealing many difficult moves or changes in location.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

There is no rest for the weary with Po Jun in your Travel palace. Much action with little result when traveling and you will have to depend on a specialized skill or knowledge. Despite this, you will love to travel and may even decide to sell all of your possessions and relocate to a foreign land.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star
This could indicate an accident or bloodshed after migrating to a foreign land. Emotional attachments or issues involving blood relatives may surface. This combination of star energy and life palace may reveal illegal immigration or a problem with a foreign VISA.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

Your love of romance, excitement and adventure move you to new and interesting travels. This also reveals a love affair or marriage with someone from a foreign country or culture who has a divergent or dissimilar background from yours. Great pleasure is experienced overseas and others will assist you during travel.

T’AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

Success when traveling and better career achievement away from home. Fame, recognition and high status come to you after transferring to a foreign land. Your name will be etched on the hearts of many and your benevolence will be rewarded.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

Ju Men represents the mouth and in this placement suggests that others speak poorly of you overseas. You could experience slander, bad-mouthing and litigation after moving to another country. Gossip surrounds you when traveling. This triggers you to keep your activities hush-hush.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISER (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

Constant activity defines this star and placed in your Travel palace indicates that you will migrate to a foreign county and be kept mentally and physically on the go. You will have better luck moving far from your birthplace to make a living. Your restless nature will have no trouble with this traveling and you experience better luck when outside your usual residence.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

Women will assist you on your travels and you will love to stay out or travel at night. If migrating to a foreign land, tranquility will follow you. You will receive much assistance when traveling allowing you to achieve your goals and enjoy an abundant harvest. You will gain respect and a helpful benefactor overseas.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

This placement is an indication of a turn for the worse after relocating to a foreign place.
Watch for accidents or mishaps during recreation or at times of play. With dark stars accompanying Tian Tong in this palace, beware of vehicle accidents or injuries while on vacation. Despite this, you make friends easily while on your travels.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

Older or elderly people assist you when traveling. You gain respect overseas or while away from your normal place of residence. There would be a certain amount of turmoil if relocating a long distance or to a foreign place, but the move would be permanent.

The Friends, Staff Palace

This palace shows whether your friends and subordinates are loyal or if they will betray you. It can describe your friends or hired help. It also shows their relationship with you, and if they will help or hurt you. Your business partners, good or bad, can be determined with the stars placed in this palace.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star

You will have powerful, influential friends in high places. You assist them and in turn they are in a position to grant you many favors. This placement is also indicative of strong, competent, employees or partners.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

This is a sign of upright and honorable friends, some of which may be influential in society, powerful CEO’s or successful entrepreneurs. This placement reveals long-standing friends who are reliable and who you can count on to act in your best interest. What they lack in flexibility is made up for in loyalty.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

This placement reveals strong, confident friends, but obstacles, communication difficulties and challenges with them. You or they may behave too forcefully. Wu Qu is an auspicious star to find in this location if you are in business for yourself as it indicates vigorous employees who get things done. Be tactful with your friends to avoid isolation.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star

A favorable placement indicating supportive and involved friends. Your comrades are true peers, they are of similar age and share a similar background. As matters happen in two’s with this star, friends and staff perform duo roles. Be cautious of friends becoming two –
faced or a rivalry between two different groups.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

Friends and staff are strong and independent, but may possess dreadful tempers. These hard-headed individuals have powerful personalities and have hard lessons to learn in this life. You must be careful about associating with a wild group or bad individual and become a part of these hard lessons.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIioneer, Ruinous) star

Independent and rebellious friends, staff members and people under you. If you are a business owner with employees, beware of them undermining your company. Friends are wasteful of your resources and are many times troubled personally. You may have a difficult time making and keeping friends and tend to associate with problematic people.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

You will have many friends and effortlessly attract associates of the opposite sex. Your friendships will tend to be exciting or risky in some way and you will consider many of your blood relatives to also be your friends. Being too focused on passion could get you into trouble.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

Good friendships grouped by interests and from many different backgrounds. You will enjoy a lot of socializing and parting - having many acquaintances but few true friends. Friends of the opposite sex may have a sexual agenda and surreptitiously desire more than a platonic friendship.

T'AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

High profile friendships are indicated and you must guard against private information coming public via friends, employees or staff. Being in the open and public eye so much, you may also be the target of blame or become a scapegoat for others. There is a certain superficiality amongst your friends.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

Many arguments are in store with Ju Men placed here. Friends bicker amongst themselves as well as with you. Gossip, idle talk and backbiting are also revealed with this placement.
Slander, law suits and eloquent arguments are burdensome and friends may try to harm your reputation as well as your outlook on life.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISER (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

There will be many changes in your friendships, some occurring very rapidly. You will have numerous friends from many different backgrounds, but these associations will tend to be short lived rather than long term. Traveling, socializing and meeting new people appeals to you, as does any change in routine.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

Women and female friends will be of great importance in your life. In business it represents quiet, gentle employees who work for you in the background. The majority of your friends and staff will be women. With favorable stars placed in the same life palace, these friends help you; under the influence of bad stars or the obstruction catalyst, they do not.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

You will enjoy a myriad of friends, most of whom will be involved in a relaxed or leisurely lifestyle. Joyful social occasions plus interactions with interesting people from all walks of life, equal very pleasurable moments. However, if you are a business owner, Tian Tong is not so auspicious and indicates lazy or unmotivated employees.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

Your friends are helpful to you but will tend to be older. There will be a tendency with this placement for you to be a loner of sorts, prefer a lone wolf lifestyle and have few friends. However, these friends will have stood the test of time, be long-standing and will spend a lifetime with you.

The Career, Vocational Palace

This palace indicates how you should develop your career, whether you are suited to work for people or set up your own business. It indicates what kind of career you should pursue and what sort of achievement you can expect.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star

You work with powerful, successful and influential people. You hold down a job that requires self-sufficiency and independence of thought. Whether employed by a small
business owner or large company, you will have a say in the running of the business.

This can also be an entrepreneurial placement, and you may launch and manage your own business or even establish a global firm or multinational enterprise.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

A steady career path awaits you. You would be a good administrator, manager or director in business for any financial line of work. While work is steady, it can also lack a certain creative spark or become dull and under stimulating. This reveals one who is the boss or CEO. Success lies in secure and safe business operations.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

You will have a special set of skills or area of expertise. This star is found in the Career palace of engineers, mechanical and technical personnel and those involved in military service. You will be employed in an independent, self-directed position and will have a say in the running of the business.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star

Wealth is well within your grasp owing to a stable career; however, you may lack ambition. Interest is key to your work motivation and you may have two different vocations or dual incomes.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

A dramatic turn of events related to the work or career. A bad omen for high-risk businesses or any form of personal business financial speculation. People management is your strength, human resource fields or other interpersonal supervision is your forte. You seek positions of power and independence.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

Your career will be in a constant state of flux; being torn down and then rebuilt. Many changes will find you out in the forefront of innovations. Expect to wear many hats as circumstances change and your talent for pioneering is tapped.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

This is the sign/palace placement for a politician. You may find yourself called to be an officer, military, court judge, or elected official vocationally. Females will be extremely
successful in professions that require regular contact with men. You will achieve better success in a structured environment, stable profession or steady position.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

Career success comes by way of utilizing your extraordinary communication skills and charisma. Multifaceted, charming and adventurous, a career in the entertainment business could be quite successful for you. Pleasure trades, entertainment, people-oriented professions, or jobs working with the public suit you, as well.

T'AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

A career in the public eye is revealed by Tai Yang in the Career palace. This placement associates the profession with publicity, light, electricity, transmissions, or communications; even foreign political affairs. A high-profile profession, one in the limelight is indicated.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

You have the ability to start your own business from scratch. You will be drawn to careers where you use your mouth or voice such as public relations, marketing, or sales. Lawyer, radio announcer, teacher or any profession that relies heavily on speech is indicated.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISER (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

Much on the job traveling or frequent changes of residences due to job relocation requirements. A nine to five job would be disastrous for you and an avant-garde profession is a must. One might find you as an activist, futurist, artist, or even a religious leader (of a new sect of course). Premeditated planning and new ideas are your forte.

T'AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

Your career will involve females or women’s issues as the Moon is one hundred percent Yin. Being a wealth energy, you may be called to a career in finance, as well. Tai Yin, is a feminine, negative, night force energy and can also indicate working after dark, underground or on a late evening shift.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

You prefer easy, undemanding jobs in a casual or loose work environment. Careers that relate to recreation and enjoyment of any type will suit you well. Perseverance is the key to your vocational success. You may well hold down a job in the entertainment, art or
pleasure industries and would make a first-rate resort caretaker or travel agent.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

You will thrive vocationally, in a supervisory, planning or problem solving job, preferably in a special field of some kind. Careers in traditional jobs and services such as medicine, teaching and accounting are also favored. Management will be your best career path as will judicial professions of all types.

The Property, Real Estate Palace
This palace governs your living environment and how much property/investment/inheritance you are likely to own. It describes your living environment, whether good or bad.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star

With this placement you will prefer to live on high ground, at higher altitudes, in mountainous areas or on the top floors of a city high-rise apartment building. You can become very rich with assets and may inherit estate or property.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

You may own quite a few properties and have numerous types of real estate during your life. Tian Fu reveals that this will be very profitable for you. This star indicates large sized properties, inheritance and accumulation of tangible resources.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

You live in a residence of quality and will own several significant properties in your lifetime. The capacity to accumulate assets comes with this placement but it is quality not quantity that distinguishes this star from some of the other financial energies.

TIAN XIAN the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star

This star offers prosperity from inheritance and suggests two family homes. Residence is most likely a duplex style house, two storied home, or a residence that has two separate living areas. This star is very dependent on surrounding stars for better or for worse.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

This is a very unstable influence to find in your palace of Property. With other more
favorable stars present or with the Fortune catalyst attached, you could be very successful buying and selling real estate. The home is self-contained and freestanding, not an apartment.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

You will be happiest in a state-of-the-art, modern home with gadgets, computer or remote controls and the latest electronic devices. Capacity to own property later in life however, you may tear it down, unknowingly ruin it renovate it beyond recognition.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

Your assets are either up or down; you will experience wealth or bankruptcy possibly multiple times. There will be frequent moves and much work maintaining the property. You may live with blood relatives, especially female ones at some point in your adult life due to a downswing in luck.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

You could reside near a sports arena, fairground or entertainment establishment. In business, you could be very successful with socializing, entertaining, sports or any type of physical therapy. Mixing business with pleasure will be most lucrative for you and you have the ability to generate considerable wealth through your social network.

T’AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

You will prefer sunny or temperate climates and the home will be bright and sunny. Frequent moves and multiple living environments are often seen with the Sun placed in the Properties palace. Constant changes or shifting of circumstances prevent retaining property and assets.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

You reside on low ground, in a shady area or on the lower floors of an apartment building. The home may be near a courthouse, restaurant or pub, anything having to do with the mouth. There will be a preference for exciting, noisy or busy environments. Be cautious of lawsuits or verbal disputes on or about your property or home.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISER (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

Frequent moves are in store for you if Tian Ji is placed in your Properties palace. Traveling
and new locations are the norm with this star/palace combination. Much movement surrounds your home; you may live close to a busy road junction, train station or airport.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

Tai Yin in the Property palace reveals your preference for peaceful, quiet living arrangements with a tranquil lifestyle. You more than likely dislike living in a metropolitan area and prefer to live in the country or a quiet, hidden area.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

Property comes to you rather easily and you may receive a large sum of money, trust account, inheritance or property. You will be the most prosperous and productive in a peaceful environment. You may have experienced upheavals in your home early on in life.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

This star is a blessing to find in the life palace of Properties and it is a signpost to inherit property. You are also likely to remain in one house for a considerable length of time. The family home may be old or near a retirement home or hospital or older establishment.

The Karma, Luck, Happiness Palace

This palace reveals one's thinking and behavior. It describes your mental state of happiness, indicates the length of life spans. This Luck or “Happiness” palace, as it is sometimes called, indicates one's spiritual enjoyment and peace of mind. It reflects your emotions and external demeanor. This palace contains the emotional qualities we come into this life with – your inner constitution.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star

You may frequently feel lonely, isolated or misunderstood by others. You are an individual of high integrity, opinionated, forthright, fair and open-minded. You have a strong-will and are a contender with natural leadership abilities.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

You search for stability but experience constant turbulence and changes. Steady and forgiving mind however too many changes undermine this stability. You have an open mind, cheerful disposition and a positive outlook.
WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

This placement reveals that you will enjoy abundant material pleasures and make a lucrative living. Wu Qu represents wealth, leadership, trades & crafts and entrepreneurial skills. Success comes by means of these channels.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star

This placement reveals an upright individual who is sympathetic but tends to be idealistic and miss opportunities. A dual character struggles within and disturbing thoughts repeat themselves. Embroilment in conflict may be a common theme.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

You will enjoy hustle and bustle in all aspects of your life. An indication of inner turmoil and disquieting thoughts. You are active both mentally and physically with deep, even poetic thoughts. Living on a lonely battlefield, this placement brings isolation and a very challenging path in life.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

This symbolic “army breaker” reveals a busy, active individual who has revolutionary and inventive ideas to offer. You are a gallant and impulsive personality. Brave, arrogant and dashing, Po Jun produces a quick and decisive thinker.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

Representing opportunity, indulgence and sensuality, Lian Zhen in the Karma palace represents decadent pursuits. Gambling, drinking and carousing can lead to trouble. Preference for excitement creates a lack of focus and undisciplined thoughts.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

Representing pleasure, a materialistic, leisure oriented individual who can be philosophic, artistic and pleasure seeking. Flirting, creative thinking, and idealism pre-occupy the mind. Decadent pursuits and self-indulgence can lead to trouble.

T'AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

You enjoy romance, passion and intensity in all that you do. Benevolence, openness and status are key ingredients of your mental make-up. This placement makes for a better planner than implementer and you excel in macro management, leaving the details for
others to manage.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

Characteristic of suspicious thought processes and unsettling thoughts. A serious personality that tends to become depressed and worry about too many small matters. Distrustful character can lead to obsessive thoughts. Too many details create confusion, keeping things simple uncomplicates life.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISOR (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

Active or racing thoughts occupy your mind. You crave new knowledge, learning and uncovering primordial mysteries. There is a tendency to dabble in many fields and you gather a very eclectic arsenal of knowledge.

T’AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

You will have a talent and passion to pursue metaphysics and the full breadth of spiritual subjects. As a devoted student of the arts, religion, and spirituality both psychic and material wealth can be yours. You will spend much time in quiet contemplation.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

You can build from nothing. A calm exterior hides an emotional self. This placement produces a jovial, happy personality – as gentle soul who is happy to let others shine. Kindhearted and easygoing, you are a contented and good natured person.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

A spiritual, theoretical, extraordinary, classy and opinionated individual. Life is enjoyable in a large part because of your love for and enjoyment of the arts. You enjoy history, antiques, and learning about day gone by. You have been blessed with slow and deliberate ways and an extraordinary memory.

The Elders, Parents, Authority Palace

This palace tells of the relationship with one’s parents, mentors (teachers) or superiors. It indicates the prospect of inheritance and the harmony between you and them.

ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star
This star reveals well to do, financially comfortable parents. These opinionated, strong-willed and unyielding parents make you feel overpowered, overwhelmed or overshadowed.

TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star

Tian Fu reveals dedicated parents who leave behind an inheritance or legacy for you. The parents will have money as well as property and treat their children well. This star reveals a very auspicious and affectionate relationship.

WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star

There will be unfavorable relationships with parents and elders due to a lack of attention or separation. The parents will be strong-willed, unyielding, tough or severe.

TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star

The parents are prudent, stable and open to their children’s ideas. They provide a loving and supportive environment. A possible duplication of parents (two sets of parents or godparents)

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

Angry, hot tempered parents with a strong personality and iron will. This does not make for a quiet life or tranquil living situation. Sha Qi indicates clashes and power struggles, uproars and a controlling disciplinarian environment.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

Reveals unusual parents, who may be different from the norm. The parents are self starters, entrepreneurs or business owners who are very forward thinking, but the relationship with them is rocky. Po Jun tears down in order to rebuild, making this an inauspicious placement and may reveal squandering or wasting family wealth or inheritance.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

Masked by an outwardly cordial nature, parents or those above you will be hard to read. Parents are emotional, changeable and hard to understand or predict. A difficult relationship with blood relatives due to poor communication.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star
A good relationship even though parents tend to be selfish. Very complex family dynamics, possible oedipal complex with opposite sex parent. The relationship with the parents is not an easy one, especially with the mother.

T'AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

Indicates parents with an outgoing, energetic, and radiant personality. Placed in the Elders/parental palace it reveals that the father and male figures will have had a profound effect on the person. Much controversy surrounds the parents, elders, or senior employees.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

This star placed in the Elders palace reveals arguments with your parents or authority figures. Verbal activity is prominent in the family of origin as are unnecessary squabbles. Parents quarrel endlessly between themselves.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISER (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

Instability is brought to this life palace by the presence of Tian Ji. Much movement and activity is centered around the parents. Their life is not stable and too much change brings distractions and a restless mind.

T'AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

The moon being a feminine energy puts the emphasis on the mother when found in the Elders palace. Difficult or adverse stars in the same palace can indicate a rocky relationship with the mother or female family members. Denotes a lukewarm relationship with the female parent during influential years.

TIAN TONG the CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

This relaxed, peaceful lover of life represents emotions, enjoyment and sensitivity. Placed in the Elders palace it reveals clients, parents and those in a position of authority who are warm, loving & emotional, but their assistance to you is limited.

TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

Tian Liang represents the elderly, medication, insurance, accountancy, numbers, and the uniformed forces. It’s presence in the Elders Palace suggests a supportive environment
with a significant age difference between you and your parents or you were born late into their relationship.

**The Wealth, Finance, Prosperity Palace**

This palace is concerned with your level of income; whether you must work very hard for it or often have windfall fortunes. It describes your financial situation in general. This palace also indicates the way you should make your money, your wealth luck (strong or weak) and earning capability/capacity.

**ZI WEI the EMPEROR/ Purple Pole, KING star**

You possess power in financial matters and can generate wealth in a variety of ways. Easy money is likely, but it may be unstable – abundant one minute, abased the next. Generally, you will be well to do, and while not necessarily extremely wealthy personally; you will be drawn to careers in financial control and money management.

**TIAN FU the VAULT (Palace Treasury) star**

You have a tremendous capacity to generate wealth for yourself and for others. You could easily find yourself responsible for overseeing large sums of money. Significant wealth with other favorable financial energies (such as Wu Qu the Commander) however, if this star is obstructed or paired with dark stars; it can reveal legal problems surrounding the money.

**WU QU the COMMANDER (Armor Dance, music, finance) star**

Similar to TIAN FU the VAULT, the potential for great wealth is present with this star/palace combination. Wu Qu represents wealth, leadership, entrepreneurial skills, handicrafts and metals. It is through these channels that financial prosperity occurs. Momentous wealth when paired with other favorable financial energies (such as Tian Fu the Vault) or the Wealth catalyst.

**TIAN XIANG the PRIME MINISTER (Involvement, mirroring) star**
Depending on surrounding stars, auspicious financial events come in sets of two’s or doubles with this placement. However, the same goes for bad money events – they come in sets of two’s as well. Other stars in the same life palace or in the life palace directly opposite to this one (Karma will determine whether this is a positive or negative influence.

SHA QI the SEVEN SWORDS (GENERAL, Power) star

Sha Qi is a very powerful energy and bestows the ability to take risks. Found placed in your Financial palace, it encourages taking risks with money, financial speculation, stock trading, gambling and postulating monetary probabilities. Substantial wealth is possible with Sha Qi, but only if you avoid risky investments. The Seven Swords is the most powerful of the aggressive martial stars, and indicates disputes and conflicts brought about by earnings.

PO JUN the DEMOLISHER (PIONEER, Ruinous) star

Po Jun is known as the “destroyer”, and found in your Financial palace, suggests money comes and goes and you may have difficulty saving. Investment in new projects or businesses will be successful however, money is not stable and you will need to learn to manage it carefully and frugally. Positively, you are an exceedingly resourceful individual when it comes to creative ways to create fortunes.

LIAN ZHEN the CRIMSON PASSION (Virtue/Vice, Virgin/Villain) star

You deal with financial matters with blood relatives and these dealings are kept confidential. Trust accounts from litigation and legacies from inheritance occur frequently with this placement. Wealth is generated through struggle, competition and controversy.

TAN LANG the APHRODITE (Flirting, OPPORTUNITY) star

You love money but also love gambling, excitement and risk. Money comes to you easily from the opposite sex. There is the possibility of quick money or unexpected financial windfalls. Those of the opposite sex affect your money either positively or negatively, depending on the other stars present. With negative energies, money is lost gambling or by way of bankruptcy.
T'AI YANG the SUN (Male Yang + Energy, Reputation, the crowd)

There is no problem getting money to flow in with the Sun, the problem is keeping it. This is an extravagant energy to find in your Financial palace and you like to spend more than save. The more you make, the more you want to spend and this may be motivated by a desire for status and an affluent appearance. You could incur high expenditures due to others.

JU MEN the MESSENGER (GIANT GATE, Gloomy) star

Way of your voice, mouth or communication skills generates wealth. If surrounded by other positive energies, it gives gifts as an orator or public speaker and you earn money utilizing your communication abilities or speech. If obstructed or placed with negative stars in the same life palace it suggests wealth is blocked by “putting your foot in your mouth” slander, harmful gossip, or financial litigation.

TIAN JI the CHIEF ADVISOR (INTELLIGENCE, motor, heavenly machine) star

This is not an auspicious star to find in your Wealth palace, due to Tian Ji’s unstable and inconsistent nature. Money comes and goes, but its flow is sufficient for your needs. Money is active and constantly moving. You will earn your wealth working by yourself or in solo efforts. You learn quickly and are an excellent negotiator.

T'AI YIN the MOON (Female Yin - Energy, Emotion, Intuition)

The Moon (which is a major wealth energy anyway) in your financial palace indicates the potential for a limitless fortune. Calm, composed and clever, you have a natural talent for tucking away a nest egg and accumulating savings for future security. Compounded funds (which may be hidden) will be your primary source of fortune. You accumulate wealth quietly.

TIAN TONG The CONTENTMENT (Lucky WAIF, Unity) star

This “relaxed lover of life” will be content with whatever level of financial prosperity is at hand. Always happy to let others shine, you will not push yourself ahead financially at the expense of others. It is precisely because of this kind and altruistic attitude that fortune will shine upon you. You have the ability to start your own business from scratch and will be financially comfortable in old age.
TIAN LIANG the SCHOLAR (HONEST, Blessings) star

This problem-solving energy attracts tribulations and then proceeds to solve them. Unfortunately, bad times must be experienced before a turn for the better. Tian Liang placed in your Wealth palace indicates that you may be in a constant process of solving financial troubles. Greater effort is required in order to straighten out money issues. Disputes and unrest are brought about by earnings, inheritance, trust accounts or winnings.

Interpreting your Zi Wei Dou Shu chart

The focal point of a Zi Wei Dou Shu chart is the Destiny or Life palace. This Destiny palace or “Ming Gong” reveals our pre-heaven nature (Xian Tian) – the personal specifications as determined by our “manufacturer”. This includes our inherent outlook on life, inborn capabilities, achievement potential and deep-seated character. We look to the Destiny palace to illuminate our life’s scope of developments and natural abilities. Your life path will be found there.

Depending on the date and time of birth, one (or more) of 14 major stars will end up in your Destiny/Self Ming palace. The star energies placed there are your “Ming Gong Zhu Xin” or Main Life Stars.

Calculate your Zi Wei Dou Shu chart using the software sent to you, to determine which major star (or stars) reside in your Self, Destiny palace.

Write your Destiny stars here _______________________.

Write down which of the twelve animal signs occupies your Self palace (found in the lower right box) ___________.

The first step of Zi Wei chart interpretation is to determine what soul group or collective destiny you are a part of. Depending on the star(s) in your Self/Destiny palace, this will be the Imperial (royal) group, Martial (aggressive) group or Psycho-social/Literary (humanitarian) group. It is possible to have a mixed destiny of these three as well.

You have an “Imperial or Royal” destiny if Zi Wei - the Emperor, Wu Qu - the Commander, Tian Fu - the palace Vault, or Tian Xiang - the Prime Minister resides in your Self palace. These energies are found in the Self-palaces of the “Rulers” -- those souls favored by birth to lead, to guide, and to be key figures in this life.
You have a “Martial” destiny if Tan Lang- the Aphrodite Star, Po Jun- the Demolisher Star, Lian Zhen- the Crimson Passion star or Sha Qi- the 7 Swords Star dwells in your Self/Destiny palace. These energies are the fiercest of Chinese astrology and are found in the Self-palaces of the “fighters” – those souls characterized by ambitious, aggressive, and authoritative action.

You have a Psycho-Social/Literary (humanitarian) destiny if Tai Yang- the Sun, Ju Men the Messenger star, Tian Tong- The Contentment star, Tian Ji The Chief Advisor, Tian Liang The Scholar Star, or Tai Yin- the Moon are placed in your Destiny palace. These energies are found in the Self palaces of the “teachers” and peacemakers governed by intellectual, diplomatic, social humanitarian pursuits.

The EMPEROR, VAULT, COMMANDER, and PRIME MINISTER stars, are the most beneficial ones of Chinese Astrology. Where they are placed will be the most powerful and protected areas of your life chart.

The 7 SWORDS, APHRODITE, CRIMSON PASSION, and DEMOLISHER stars, are the most aggressive and complicated ones of Chinese Astrology. Where they are placed there will be fighting, difficulties, and power-struggles.

Next, notice where the four transforming catalysts are placed in your chart and which stars they are attached to. Power ___ Fame ___ Fortune ___ Obstruction ____.

After examining your Self palace, look to your life palace of Karma to establish a complete character profile. Self-palace + Karma palace = personality. Each palace represents a different area of life and is influenced by the star energies contained within it.

Each Palace in your chart also represents a specific decade. The ages that the decade transit occurs are in the top right hand box of each life palace. Start in your Self/Destiny palace and move through your chart, decade by decade, to see the various influences. Notice which palaces are in trine (separated by 3 palaces) with the others, therefore combining their energies.

To analyze wealth, comprehensive trends look to the combination of the Self, Career, Travel, Wealth and property Palaces.

To determine the best study courses, look to the Self and Career palaces.

Locate where the Four Life MILESTONES (The Signposts) are placed and in which decade they are active.
HONG LUAN The LOVER (Wedding, Romance) star

TIAN YAO The ENCOUNTER (ROMANCE, Socializing) star

TIEN XI The HAPPINESS (JOY, Birth) star

TIAN XING The OPPOSITION (PUNISH, Sternness) star

Finally, locate the 6 SHA YAO (Dark, Harmful, and Difficult) energies Huo Xing FIRE, Ling Xing TURBULENCE, Qing Yang DESTRUCTION, Tuo Luo OBSTRUCTION, Di Kong VOID and Di Jie INTERFERENCE. Make special note in what decade they are active and in which life palace these villains are placed.

Forecasting
In addition to the actual Chinese Natal Chart, which is fixed for life, there is a mobile (moving) part of your chart; a 10-year decade cycle (in blue) and an annual or yearly cycle (in red). By observing which life palace is transiting over your Self palace each year, as well as, where the 4 catalysts come to rest, will shine light on the year’s forecasts.

These moving “Transits” come back regularly over the positions they had originally at birth. These sensitive points reactivate the potentialities of the life-palace they pass through. They also raise obstacles, or urge us to iron out difficulties. Each of these energies move to a new position in ones chart each year. The decade (in blue) and yearly (in red) cycles are merely smaller cycles contained within the larger life cycles.

When I was trying to decide what birth chart to use as an interpretive example, I toyed with several ideas and finally settled upon who I would put on the hot seat. I found it only fair, after lending my analysis to thousands of charts over the years, that the scrutiny this time would be on me. The good, the bad and the ugly (so to speak). So here we go, I’ll try to be gentle on myself.

Shelly Wu
JANUARY 8, 1959, 10:31AM

EARTHLY BRANCH: DOG (XU)

HEAVENLY STEM: EARTH

BIRTH HOUR: SNAKE

MANIFEST AS: DOG ON THE MOUNTAINTOP

STEM: + YANG FEMALE

*LUCKY ELEMENTS: EARTH & METAL

UNLUCKY ELEMENT: FIRE

DESTINY: MIXED

IMPERIAL ROYAL & MARTIAL SOUL GROUPS

ZI WEI DESTINY PALACE STARS: THE COMMANDER (WU QU) AND APHRODITE (TAN LANG)
When there are none of the 14 major stars present, we must borrow stars from the palace directly opposite to the Self palace. The stars in the opposite palace become the resident energies of both palaces. This will be the case with any empty life palace or one that contains only minor energies.

No major stars in the Self palace is indicative of a “late bloomer”, one who doesn’t come into their own until midlife. (or at least after age 30). No major stars in the Self may feel emptiness, a frustration.

This is true in my case, so we look to my life palace of Travel/Others to find the major Destiny energies.

Present are two major stars, Wu Qu the Commander and Tan Lang Aphrodite.

The Commander (Wu Qu) is a major energy in the “Imperial” or ruling group of individuals and reveals a soul blessed by birth to lead, to protect, and to be a key figure in this life in some way.

Wu Qu is sometimes called the “military minister” due to the speed and quick thinking it contributes. It represents a decisive leader who figuratively leads their army into battle. It is a quick, intense and temperamental energy and the astral signature of an individual who feels the need to lead in some type of public service - involved in the nuts and bolts of implementing and putting ideas to work. This star forms the stubborn and tenacious side of my personality and makes me prefer to give the orders rather than to take them. It also allows me to get a large amount of work done in a small amount of time, when necessary. It contributes a competitive spirit and women with this energy in their Self palaces are generally very comfortable with as well as competitive in the company of males.

The Commander is the Leadership energy of the Imperial Royal group, responsible for entrepreneurial skills and reveals a Destiny of right hand to the powerful and influential. It indicates good luck, but also solitude, firmness, stubbornness even. This star placed in the Destiny Palace reveals that I am indeed an independent, yet impatient person who tends to act too quickly. Nevertheless, its presence indicates a strong and resilient personality. Physically, a small physical stature, yet a resounding voice is a distinctive trait of having this star in the Destiny palace.

Aphrodite (Tan Lang) is a major “Peach blossom” energy and the most powerful star of Pleasure and Romance. Those with Tan Lang in their Destiny palaces tend to be eloquent in speech, love to entertain lavishly and possess exceptional people skills. Making strong connections with others is this star’s forte. This is an indulgent energy of sensuality, physical love, socializing and enjoyment has the ability to captivate the opposite sex. It is the main culprit responsible for my unrelenting love life dramas. (Note: “The Karma
Sutra” chronicles my love life disasters in full, dismal detail.

Romance and sensuality cause trouble with Tan Lang in the Destiny palace and I am resigned to the fact that love and desire will be strong threads interwoven through my existence.

The more positive side of the Aphrodite star Tan Lang is it’s metaphysical callings. Religion, spirituality and free thinking also characterize those with Tan Lang in their Destiny palaces, as does the ability to detect minute psychological changes in others. Those with this placement often pursue astrology, divination or other spiritual arts. This has certainly been the case with me. TAN LANG Represents Attraction Luck and reveals an individual who is curious, loves metaphysics, spirituality, and will have an appreciation for the fine arts.

Crimson Passion in my Karma palace combined with the Aphrodite star in my Self, reveals an artistic personality.

The Reputation star, Tian Yue is placed in my Self palace and while not a major energy, combined with the Status star, Tian Kui opposite it, symbolizes the pen, or metal instruments like a trowel or ax. It is a literary, writing energy and combined with the next batch of stars present, begins to build a picture.

Tian Fu in my Career palace, Tian Xiang in my Wealth palace with Wu Qu and Tan Lang with the Fortune catalyst, Hua Lu attached in the Travel palace and Wen Qu the Eloquence star in my Karma palace reveal a housewife turned entrepreneur. This happens between ages 46-55 (see chart). I didn’t start my writing career until this time. That’s the good news.

To take a glimpse at the bad news, notice the Obstruction catalyst (solid square block) attached to the fast moving energy Tian Ji, the Chief Advisor placed in my Children’s palace. Tian Ji has to do with mechanized vehicles, fast movement, strategic or mobility impediments. With the Obstruction catalyst Hua Ji attached to it, my children’s lives were in danger. The presence of the two dark stars Tuo Luo and Di Jie also present in the Children’s palace added strength to an already risky situation. The fateful day happened on a hot August afternoon in 1988. My only son was hit and almost killed by a reckless driver obliviously speeding down our quiet residential neighborhood. After enduring a painful recovery, and with the help of his doctors, he has grown into a fine young man. After all, he WAS born into a year of the resilient, enduring Ox.

My Health, physical body palace contains Tai Yang, the Sun revealing weakness in my eyesight. I am, in fact, so myopic that my optical prescription produces what I call the “creature that ate Tokyo” glasses. I am very near-sighted and am completely dependent on
glasses or contact lenses.

In Zi Wei astrology just as in life, we must take the good with the bad. The Zi Wei (Emperor) Dou (Stars, constellations) Shu (System) can give us insight into what is likely to happen if we take a certain course of action. It can be a useful tool to advise us on the best course of action to take to achieve the ends we desire.

Once you learn the essence of each of the various stars and life palaces, you will begin to put together a comprehensive astral profile, of Fate, Destiny and how You fit into your universe.

I wish you the five traditional Chinese blessings of a long life, wealth, love of virtue, vital health, and a natural ending.

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