

## Four Pillars of Astrology and Feng Shui

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A few years ago I began studying the Four Pillars of Destiny as a way of providing another dimension to my Feng Shui consultations. Even though traditional Feng Shui is an extremely effective tool for helping people improve their health, relationships, career and financial prosperity, I sometimes felt as though I wasn't getting the whole picture and that there were other forces impacting on my clients lives.

Eventually this feeling led me to the Four Pillars of Destiny and also to my two remarkable and generous teachers, Mr. Vic Ketis and Master Raymond Lo. Their teachings have given me the skills and knowledge to interpret a person's hour, day, month and year of birth and use this information to reveal and understand aspects of their life such as health issues, financial potential, relationships and career paths. Combined with a Feng Shui analysis of a person's home or work environment, I found that the Four Pillars of Destiny provides a more complete and profound insight into the energetic dynamics which affect all our lives.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Four Pillars of Destiny, it is a complex and ancient Chinese system of fortune telling that is based on our birth data and the interaction of the five elements – Fire, Earth, Metal, Water and Wood. Through the study of these basic building blocks we are able to gain some insight into our own inner qualities and how they can influence our behavior, personality, relationships, health and career. Armed with this elemental understanding of our own nature, we are better able to determine our true abilities and potential and make more informed decisions to positively affect our own destiny.

Unlike Western Astrology, which is lunar based, the Four Pillars of Destiny is solar and based instead on the Hsia or Farmer's Calendar.

This calendar of elements reflects the influences of the four seasons and was first used during the reign of the Yellow Emperor around 2697 B.C.

This year is therefore generally accepted as the starting date for the Four Pillars of Destiny, which is also known 'Tzu Ping' meaning 'Water Balance', or 'Ba Tze' meaning '8 Characters'. This original system was then later modified in 900 A.D. into the form that we use today.

Altogether the Four Pillars of Destiny contains ten 'Heavenly Stems' and twelve 'Earthly Branches' and these Chinese Characters represent the Yin and Yang aspects of the five elements. They also relate to animals such as the Rabbit, Dog and Pig etc, but this is secondary to the elemental interactions in a person's birth data or 'Natal Chart' and whether they combine or clash with each other.

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The focus for this system is therefore primarily on the elements that were present on a person's day of birth, as these reflect the inherent characteristics of that person. We can then relate these elements to those that were also present during that same person's year, month and hour of birth and receive quite a complex view of other aspects such as personality, appearance, family dynamics, health and career potential.

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In addition to this, the Four Pillars of Destiny allows us to predict periods in our lives which may be more favorable or challenging. These 'Luck Pillars' can guide our decision making process and help us to determine whether we should proceed with expansion and new ventures, consolidate current projects or even pay more attention to certain aspects of our health and relationships.

By utilizing these insights into ourselves and our future, we can live with a greater awareness of the forces that are shaping our destiny and use them to ensure that our lives, and those of our clients and loved ones, are enriched with better health, greater prosperity and more personal harmony.

Therefore not only does the Feng Shui of our home or business affect the quality of our lives, but so too does our 'Man Luck' and our human destiny. Properly understood we can use this ancient Chinese metaphysical treasure, 'The Four Pillars of Destiny', to create positive change in all aspects of our lives. Try some for yourself and you'll be amazed at its accuracy and reliability.

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