Writing this Annual Cures Newsletter each year has become a labor of love, growing out of my own desire to know what to do, how to do it, and how best to assist my students and clients. Each year I read and compare several reports provided by other practitioners from around the world. Some are quite basic, and others are wonderfully rich in history and in the metaphysical underpinnings that, for me, give meaning to why we do, what we do.

All master practitioners emphasize that first and foremost a home or office must have good feng shui. Though placing Annual Cures will bring some short term results, there will be little long term benefits if the home or office is a feng shui disaster. You should also be aware that Annual Cures will not effect everyone the same.

There are a lot of variables to consider, primarily your innate constitution for handling health stressors, your karma with money that enables you to handle what could be financially challenging times, your relationship harmony based on how well you have resolved your relationship issues, and so forth. Good feng shui won't make a low IQ genius, but good feng shui will increase every student's ability proportionate to their capability.

Predictions can be made to what will generally effect the populace at large, but what kind of a year you will have is unique to you, and can be examined based on your birth information. This is something I have been doing since 1973 with Western Astrology. Others, trained in Vedic Astrology, Four Pillars of Destiny, and other systems of analysis, can also describe your future trends. As all systems are glimpses into the holographic whole, the guidance and insights should be similar in accordance to the skill of the reader.

When I do Future Forecasts, I think of it as similar to a Road Map indicating road conditions. If there is a 'bumpy' stretch ahead, it is best to slow down to avoid 'bottoming out' and putting a hole in our gas tank; or when conditions are favorable, we can put 'pedal to the metal' and zoom effortless and undeterred along our merry way. The concept is: forewarned is forearmed. Ideally, this should enable you to go with the flow as a co-creator of your destiny, instead of bouncing along totally unaware and out of control.

Solar and Lunar Calendars
Many countries in the Orient use two calendars. The Lunar Calendar is used for ceremonial purposes and, in the Stems and Branches 60-year calendar system, determines the Animal (Branch) and Element (Stem) of the year. It is this Lunar New Year which you are all familiar with from place mats at your favorite Chinese restaurant. This calendar begins on the second New Moon after the Winter Solstice, which this year falls on January 28. And then there is the Solar Calendar.

It is the Solar Calendar which is used in Xuan Kong (Time-Space) Feng Shui, especially when using the Flying Star (Fe Xing) method, that determines the important feng shui adjustments that are needed as the earth's magnetic field shifts at the beginning of each Spring.

The Chinese Solar New Year begins in the Orient on Feb. 3 or 4. In 2017, Feb. 3 is considered the beginning of Spring, as it is about mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox.

2017 – Year of Yin Red Hot Fire Rooster – Ding You
As the tenth animal sign in the Chinese 12-Sign system, Rooster Year people tend to be direct, punctual, loyal, communicators, independent, always busy and full of ideas. Their greatest weaknesses often are...
being hot tempered, egocentric, narrow minded, suspicious, and convinced they are always right, with a hefty dose of arrogance that can make them pathological liars in order to get what they want or to defend their self-image. Interestingly, the current president elect was born during a Rooster Year.

Signs favored this year are the Rooster’s friends Dragon, Snake and Ox with most other Animal Signs doing well enough, that is, if they do not let aggressive Rooster throw them off balance. Those who may not do so well are those born in Rooster, Rabbit and Rat Years. Of course, individual birth charts need to be considered.

If you were born in an Animal Sign that conflicts with the Rooster, it is recommended that you wear a protective amulet of either your Animal Sign friend, or one featuring a Pi Yao charm on a necklace, key chain, or hanging from your rearview mirror. Pi Yaos make great protectors, as they are loyal and will sacrifice themselves to protect the well-being of their owner.

In making Rooster Year predictions, consider the Rooster is Yin Fire (Branch) over Metal (Stem) year element, with Yin Fire being less stable with Metal Element continuing armed conflicts, fires and natural disasters. Financial markets may rise sharply first half of year and then crash second half with crises continuing until 2022.

For those who maintain steadiness, great progress can be enjoyed in industrious Rooster years, and there will be many innovations and scientific breakthroughs.

Xuan Kong Feng Shui - 2017 Annual Number 1

There are many approaches to feng shui. The first and most important is evaluation of the Landforms and Qi Flow to, through, and around a location — the subject of my book, Feng Shui Secrets: Improving Health, Wealth & Relationship Harmony (previously titled: Choose the Best House for You: The Feng Shui Checklist).

Many of you are familiar with the Bagua as a method of ‘mapping’ the home or office by designating certain areas as being a focal point for Abundance, Relationship, Career, and so forth, and is one of many ways to apply the Law of Attraction, in effect, turning the home into a Vision Board. In this system we place various items that symbolize the above mentioned aspirations.

A more traditional approach uses a compass to determine the magnetic field of a location as seen in cycles of 20-Year Periods. There are nine periods equaling 180 years. Since Feb. 5, 2004 until 2024, we are now in Period 8.

Within each of these 20-Year Periods, each year is also governed by an energetic pattern referred to as the Annual Number. The Annual Number for 2017 is #1. The #1 determines how the other numbers, representing various Elemental types of energy, or Qi, ‘fly’ according to the energetic sequence described by the Lo Shu Magic Square (above). It is these numbers, representing the Five Elements (Wu Xing) that determines which areas of the house may or may not be enjoying good fortune.

Maintaining Balance

Consider if you were to weigh something on a balance scale with one side being heavier than the other. You add a little counterbalance to one side or another and eventually bring the scale to equilibrium. Or like a shower faucet, if the water flow is too hot, add a little cold until it is just right.

Five-Element Theory – Wu Xing

• The Five Elements are not ‘things’ as much as processes, e.g. Wood is the process of growth – too much Wood Element, may be a business that has problems as a result of ‘growing too fast’.• Realize the numbers in the Lo Shu (to the right) are essentially a code for the Five Elements and their attributes such as: compass direction, body parts, personality types, kinds of career, seasons (colors), and so forth. The code is:

Water: dark colors, amorphous shapes, detailed patterns, water features, images of water.
Wood: green, columnar, stripes, items made of wood.
Metal: grey, white, metallic tones, circles and domes, items made of metal.
Earth: beige, earth tones, square, solids, items made of earth.
Fire: vibrant colors, triangles, candles, bright lights, lead-glass crystals.

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Now comes the Annual Elements with some bringing positive, and others bringing negative, influences. In some cases the balance is unaffected, and in some the balance is tilted radically askew.

It is this need to maintain equilibrium that dictates which remedies to apply to rebalance the negative ‘tilt’, and which enhancers should be considered to maximize the auspicious potentials.

By analyzing where these energies fall, using the Creative, Reductive, or Controlling Cycles according to Five-Element Theory, we can neutralize the negative energies and enhance the positive ones. Below is a description of what to do.

**NOTE:** As feng shui was developed by the Chinese over thousands of year, many of the solutions have Asian themes. However, you may substitute other items that you feel will achieve the same results.

It should also be understood that as feng shui has traveled from China to many new locales, different practitioners have developed differing methodologies to achieve harmonious results. Having learned their methods in some isolation from other practitioners, some feng shui experts may sound authoritarian about ‘how it should be done.’ Remember, no one gets 100% good feng shui, probably because no one system has all the answers.

Consequently, we in the Occident have a wonderful opportunity to hear what all teachers have to say, and to choose what we experience as working best for us. Try to be flexible during your learning process, do what resonates with your sensibilities, and do not follow any one method blindly. Most important, observe the results and modify accordingly.

**Empower Your Cures and Enhancements**

I am sure many of you reading this are already quite evolved in your own spiritual cultivation and maturity, and are quite capable to bless and energize your cures and enhancements by either placing on your home altar, or silently tuning in and seeing all items energized.

You can also energize each item by holding the item in the palm of one hand with the palm of your dominant hand over the item. Tune in, recite a prayer or blessing to “program” the item to fulfill its purpose - as they say, to “Anchor your Intention.” Wait until you feel the item enliven with the transference of Qi, then respectfully place it in the new location.

**Cleanse or Dispose of Old Cures**

Before the beginning of the Solar New Year on Feb. 4, cleanse all cures, such as Wu Lus (gourds), Pi Yaos (dragon-headed four-leggeds), Wind Chimes, and many of the other cures used the previous year. There are some practitioners who suggest all cures used the previous year should be disposed of, while others feel this is a bit extreme. Almost all practitioners agree, however, that it is best to completely dispose of Bagua Mirrors and Salt Water Cures (described below) as they are full of negative energy.

Some authorities suggest previous year cures should be cleansed by leaving them exposed to the Full Moon over night, others place them in direct sunlight for at least four hours. Some say you should sprinkle the previous year’s cures with Sea Salt. Cleanse according to your tradition.

**Installing Cures**

Once items are cleansed, they should be put in their new positions by Feb. 4. Some people put their cures into place before Feb. 4, but **anytime during the year is better than not at all.** Once cures are in place, it is said that it takes about a month for them to absorb any negative energy being generated by the negative numbers and to enjoy the benefits of the enhancements put into place to enhance the positive numbers.

But whatever you do, don't worry if your bed, front door, or office are in those areas considered “afflicted” this year. By placing your feng shui cures and enhancements in the right Sectors, you will bring balance to your home or office, so you can continue to enjoy good health, great prosperity, and relationship harmony.

However, if after placing the Annual Cures you begin to experience difficulties regarding finances, health, relationships, or any other area of life, remove, readjust, or add additional cures according to the suggested placement, and then observe again. Flying Star cures for the house are done once. Annual Cures are for short term results and might need adjusting.

**Note:** Consulting with a professional feng shui practitioner may be beneficial to evaluate the outside Landforms and the
Flying Star number combinations which were in effect when the home or business was built. If you would like to learn how to do a Flying Star analysis, my Tutorial for Using the Master Formula Study Guides, along with my three laminated Study Guides, will explain each formula needed, and how to interpret the results (see p. 15).

Work With Your Floor Plan and Use an Accurate Compass

As you read through the following recommendations, it may be easier to do so with an accurate floor plan of your home or office in front of you. You can divide the floor plan using the traditional 9-Box Grid method or the 8-Spoked Wheel method (as seen to the right) preferred by many modern masters. (See page 14 on how to place the compass directions on a floor plan using my perforated See-thru 8-Spoked Wheel Tracing Compass.) Whether using the Grid or Pie method, mark each sector with the appropriate compass direction, and then fill in the recommendations.

If you do not own a traditional lou pan (feng shui compass), any good handheld compass will do that has ALL 360° clearly indicated. (Avoid compasses with degrees in 2° or 5° increments and smart phone compasses).

The illustration above uses the 8-Spoked Wheel method, and is an example you might want to follow. This will assist you in making your shopping list. Then, when you gather your remedies, you will have a clear reminder as to where the cures and enhancers should be placed.

You can also divide a specific room or large space, such as your office or warehouse, and place remedies in the appropriate compass directions of a room.

Note: Cures listed are suggested choices. Use one or more. If you use one with no apparent result, add another. Cures can be put in the appropriate compass direction of the house, and or in the corresponding corner of any room, especially in one's office.

First, we will look at the inauspicious Stars which require cures to neutralize their potentially negative influences and which, if possible, you do not want to disturb with activity. If you can use another room, it is advised. If you need to use any of these areas, don’t worry! Just be sure to put the suggested cures into place and observe results, making appropriate adjustments as needed.

**K’un – 2 Black Earth in NW “Star of Illness”**

The first difficult number (Element) that needs reducing is the 2 Black Earth which this year is found in NW sector of the house. The #2 makes this an area of potential illness (especially stomach ailments), and misfortune in 2017. So take extra care to neutralize the #2’s potentially malicious influence.

As with 5 Yellow mentioned next, it is best if you do not have to use this area of the home. If you do have to use this area, be sure to use the cures listed below to neutralize their negative influences. If you are lucky to have a bathroom, utility room, or lesser used room in the NW no cure is needed.

**Wu Wang – 5 Yellow Earth in South “Star of Misfortune”**

With Annual Star 5 in the South this year, 5 Yellow (Wu Wang), considered malicious, as it is not associated with a gender or trigram, is somewhat strengthened by Earth Element associated with the NE. If possible, do not use any room in the South. If there is a bed or desk in this sector of the home or room, consider if you can relocate to a better sector, if not, trust your remedies to maintain harmony.

The following cures are recommended to protect prosperity, relationships and health: As ‘moving’ Metal reduces the
negative effects of the 5 Yellow Earth, a 6-Tube Wind Chime or a Pendulum Clock (with a metal pendulum) is placed wherever the 5 Yellow is found. You can also place a brass Five Element Pagoda in this area filled with earth taken from near the home or office to ‘lock’ the negative Earth energy up. Also place round, coin-shaped objects.

Other additional cures also recommended for controlling the negative influences of both 5 Yellow Earth and 2 Black Earth are as follows:

Cures for 2 Black and 5 Yellow:
- In both the NW and South, put 6-Coins tied together with a red cord to weaken #2 and #5 and to protect wealth, especially if #5 is at the front door. A Solid Brass Ingot, Brass Dragons, or a metal statue of Kuan Kung (Wealth God), can also be placed in either the NW and South to protect prosperity.
- If the #2 or #5 is in a bedroom, a small heavy Brass Wu Lu can also be placed next to the bed (larger the better). The Wu Lu’s nickname is ‘the Giver of Life.’
- Many practitioners feel the Salt Water Cure is the most effective cure for #2 and #5. Some practitioners use an open bucket, while others suggest a 12 to 16 oz. urn with a perforated covering. Whichever you choose, fill it 2/3 with rock salt and place 6 copper coins – traditional Chinese coins with heads facing up, and a silver coin (optional) on top (real copper and silver, not alloys). Then fill the urn with water. Though a Salt Water Cure for the home’s Flying Star Birth Chart can be covered with gauze or plastic wrap secured with rubber band or twine, and with holes large enough to allow the urn or bucket to “breathe” and yet not evaporate too rapidly, it is best to leave Salt Water Cures used for Annual #2 and #5 uncovered, so it can absorb ast much negativity as possible. Though this Cure can be placed out of view, DO NOT put in cupboard. Be sure to place a mat beneath to protect your furniture from the salt encrustation that builds around the outside of the urn.

At the end of the year this cure, urn, salt, coins and water should be disposed of by placing the old materials in a sack and dumping them in the trash. New materials should always:
- If the front door is in either the NW or South, a Bagua Mirror should be hung outside above the door to deflect the incoming Sha (“killing”) Qi. Other objects of metal, especially round in shape or metallic colors, should be placed near the front door. Oil the hinges and avoid slamming the door.
- As the Fire Element enhances Earth, avoid using bright lights, red colors, burning candles, or playing loud music. If there are already red colors in this area, either remove them, or add more Metal images or objects to maintain balance.
- If you have to work around the outside the home in the NW or South, hang a 6-Tube Wind Chime between that area and the house. If you are working on a larger area that includes the NW or South, do not be concern as long as the NW and South, is not the focal point.
- Use Metal Singing Bowls or Tibetan Tingsha (cymbals) once in awhile to disperse the negative energy of the 2 and 5.

Zhen – 3 Jade Wood in West “Star of Arguments”

Though the #3 is not a timely number, it is said to be usable in Period 8. Even so, it is still wise to be cautious, as #3 is not inherently a fortunate energy, and can bring short tempers, arguments, legal problems, divorce, and so forth. As with any negative influence, minimize use of this area and postpone remodeling.

Avoid placing any objects made of metal in this area as Metal destroys Wood. Avoid adding water or watery colors or symbols, as Water nourishes Wood. In fact, it is advisable to remove water features that may have been placed there in previous years.

It is best to reduced #3 Wood Element using the Fire Element, as Fire “consumes” Wood. So burn candles, use bright lights, hang a lead-glass Crystal Sphere, place accessories that are red, like Red Tassels, lamp shades, objects that are triangle-shaped, or even a red piece of paper. A Red Kuan Yin, representing peace and compassion, or a Red Laughing (Ho Tai) Buddha can be used to transform the negative Qi of #3 Jade Wood.

You can also put your 12-Coin Ball tied with a Red Ribbon in the West to guard against financial lost. If the West is the direction of your front door, hang a new Bagua Mirror over the door to deflect any negative incoming energy.
One of my most interesting new discoveries a couple of years ago was learning there are 60 Tai Sui with one Tai Sui who is in charge of all the others. This Tai Sui goes by the name Yin Jiao, who was the son of the evil King Zhou of the Shang Dynasty. Yin Jiao is usually depicted with three heads and six arms.

According to the Chinese calendar, each year is a combination of an Animal Sign and an Element, called Stems and Branches – 2017 is the Year of Ding You, the Yin Fire (Stem) Rooster (Metal Branch). As there are 12-Animal Signs and 5-Elements, it takes 60 years for the cycle to repeat with each year assigned a different Commander, or Lord of the Year, known in Chinese as Tai Sui, or in English, the Grand Duke Jupiter, each with their own characteristics, temperaments and abilities.

As Jupiter takes approximately a year to travel 30º and 12 years to complete one orbit around the Sun, it is the key to understanding everything from 12-Animal Signs, the 12-Double Hours of the day (ex.: 5pm to 7pm is Rooster hour), and the overall structure of the traditional Farmers’, (commonly referred to as the Hsia, or in modern Chinese, as the Xia), Calendar (12 Animals x 5 Elements = 60 years x 3 Grand Cycles is a complete 180 year cycle, or nine twenty-year Periods (in Chinese called Yun). We are now in Period 8 – 2004 to 2024.

As the Jade Emperor is the Ruler of Heaven, the year Tai Sui is the Ruler of Earth. Tai Sui is always located in the same compass direction as the Year Animal Sign, which this year is W2 (262.5º to 277.5º) the sign of the clever and showy Rooster, making the Tai Sui of 2017, Great General Tang Jie depicted holding a spear in his right hand representing his military prowess, who brought stability to the country by defeating bandits and terrorist. History also remembers him as kind and humble. Put the proper Remedies and Enhancements in place, and enjoy a year of progress, harmony and well-being. And hope that current national leaders emulate General Tang Jie’s finer qualities.
was the previous Reigning Period Star – 1984 to 2004. Since Period 8 began, Feb. 4, 2004, the #7 has declined in influence, becoming a negative influence representing violence and robbery.

If the #7 Star is in the kitchen, there needs to be caution against fires. So check smoke alarms and home fire extinguishers. If you have an office in the North consider moving it, or be extra careful to double check all legal agreements.

If your front door is located in the SW, be sure locks and security systems are working properly and put a new Bagua Mirror over the door. If your front door mat is red, you may want to replace it with one that is blue or other dark color. If you have a wind chime, it might be a good idea to remove it until Feb. 4, 2018.

To avoid Metal 7 danger Do Not add things made of Metal or Earth, as both nourish the negative Metal energy of #7. Blue and dark colored accessories, along with a bowl of clean still water with six coins or three pieces of “lucky bamboo” can be a calming influence to #7. My favorite is a Blue Rhinoceros figurine in the area of #7 Red Metal.

Next, we will look at this year’s Fortunate Stars which you want to activate in order to tap their potentially positive influences.

K’an – 1 White Water in Center “Star of Relationship”

This year the position of #1 Star is situated in the Center of the home. As the Center is the “Heart of the House”, placing Metal remedies in this sector will boost Water for prosperity and professional good fortune.

Then, to hold onto the money that comes in some authorities recommend a Bejeweled Dragon-headed Tortoise. Actually, any money enhancers or items made of solid metal should do the job: such as the 12-Coin Ball with a red tassel, a Brass Ingot, a 7-Tier Pagoda or a Gold Arowana Fish figurine, as Metal nourishes Water.

A Brass Wu Lou or other metal or round objects beside the bed will be beneficial. Blue, dark colored, or heavily patterned interior design touches are encouraged to stimulate the Water Element. Avoid adding Wood Element colors or shapes as these will drain the auspicious potential of Water Star 1.

Xun – 4 Green Wood in NE “Star of Intelligence, or Romance”

Given the prominence of the NE of the home, any enhancement placed here will boost opportunities for career improvement or travel, especially if the front door of house or office is situated in this sector.

Still water is an especially good way to attract prosperity, but the water must be kept clean, whether in a vase with fresh flowers, or with four Lucky Bamboo in the bowl. An office in the NE is especially auspicious for writers and other creative professions.

If the #4 is in the bedroom, use a wood Kuan Yin, relationship images like Mandarin Ducks, which mate for life, or a Dragon and Phoenix figurine will add romance and stability to relationships.

Avoid adding objects that are white or metallic tone in color, made of metal, or are round or semi-circular in shape, as Metal attacks Wood.

Avoid the color red, triangle shapes, or burning candles, as Fire reduces Wood. Either remove these items, or add additional dark, watery colors, and amorphous shapes to nourish 4 Green Wood in the compass direction it is visiting.

Placing a Crystal Globe on a desk favors travel, a 7-Tier Glass Pagoda, an Abacus, and or a Calligraphy Pen Set is excellent to benefit academic achievement as well as the creative professions. A Gem Tree with Blue or Amethyst Stones, a Green Jade Pagoda, or single quartz points can all energize #4 Wood.

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Qian – 6 White Metal in North
“Star of Heaven”

The sector with #6 is usually considered to be excellent for wealth and career success. Activate with fresh flowers and spending time in this area of the home.

Though you can strengthen the #6 with things made of metal, such as a Dragon-headed Turtle with a coin in its mouth, metal Dragons, or other metallic wealth images, you can also energize #6 with a lead-glass Crystal Sphere, or real Quartz Sphere or Geod. One or six Hollow Gold Ingots can be placed in the North to enhance #6 (light weight, non-metallic and gold color), 6 coins in a bowl of clear water, or a non-metallic Gold Buddha.

Do not burn candles, and avoid adding anything with the color of red or that is triangular shaped, as the Fire Element destroys Metal.

If the North is a bedroom, tone down #6 Metal with blue colored items, or with images of relationship harmony, such as depictions of two Mandarin Ducks or a Dragon and Phoenix.

Do Not, however, put a water feature with a water pump in the bedroom, (or any room that is located in the NE of the house, see page 9).

Gen – 8 White Earth in East
“Star of Wealth”

The #8 is most fortunate as it is the Reigning Star until Feb. 2024. This will bring great good fortune and career recognition, especially if your office or other frequently used room is located in the East of the home. If your front door is in the East, or if it is not a frequently used room, energize this sector with something that moves, like a kinetic sculpture, CD player, oscillating fan, or chiming clock. As always, keep the entrance way clean and clutter free.

Any additional enhancements should add an extra boost to finances and harmonious relationships such as a Wood Wu Lu tied with a red ribbon or specific Fire Element items such as a Cinnabar Egg or Red Laughing (Ho Tai) Buddha. Coin Swords, 8-Coins on a red string with a tassel, and so forth will stimulate the 8 White Earth to bring financial good fortune. Traditionally, prosperity symbols like a red Wealth God, 3-Legged Toad or Dragon-headed Tortoise with a coin in its mouth is placed in the sector occupied by the Wealth Star 8. Use one or more.

Using Eight Mansion Feng Shui, you can also place any prosperity symbol such as a real Quartz Crystal Sphere, Wealth Vase, Treasure Ship, or semi-precious stones, such as a Citrine Gem Tree in the Sheng Chi direction of your Life Gua (see my Master Formula Study Guide #1, see p. 15).

However, the very best wealth energizer is activity. Open windows and let fresh air in. Most important of all, every time you walk through a door or room in this area, think: ka ching!

If your bedroom is in the East, romance images such as a Dragon and Phoenix figurine, two Rose Quartz Hearts, or a pair of Mandarin Ducks will be beneficial for attracting a relationship and for maintaining relationship harmony.

Avoid using items made of metal (other than metal coins and other wealth symbols made of metal), as the Metal Element drains the Earth aspect of Wealth Star 8.

Three Killings (San Sha) in East & Year Breaker (Sui Po) in E2

Unfortunately, this year the #8 Star shares the East with San Sha, the Three Killings and Sui Po, the Year Breaker. However, neither the Three Killings or the Year Breaker should be a problem if the proper remedies are put into place.

Most of all, in contrast with sitting with your back to the 15º of the Grand Duke in the West (262.5º to 277.5º), it is best to sit facing the direction the Three Killings and Sui Po (82.5º to 97.5º) are occupying for the year, and thereby benefiting from having Tai Sui in the West.

This does not include occasional sitting, but those places that you frequently sit, such as at your desk or work station. If this is impossible to change the direction you sit, put at least two Qi Lin (also called Chinese Unicorns often sold in pairs) on your desk facing the Three Killings for protection from financial loss, sickness and arguments. I prefer three Qi Lin, which I purchased separately, and then placed on a teak wood display stand. Another good choice is to
use a combination of the Three Protectors (a Fu Dog, a Pi Yao, and a Qi Lin) with all three placed side-by-side and facing East this year.

Nevertheless, it is still best not to disturb this area with remodeling or other disturbances in the home or digging and making loud noises outside.

[For those who are curious how the Three Killings direction is determined, it is always in the Cardinal direction opposite the Year’s Animal Sign. As 2017 is the Year of the Rooster, which resides in the West. The Rooster is part of the Trinity of Friends, which includes Snake (SE3) and Ox (NE1). Of the three Animal Signs only the Rooster is in a Cardinal Direction, which is West. So the Three Killings in 2017 is located in the opposite Cardinal direction which is East.]

This is similar to the formula for determining your Peach Blossom or Flower of Romance direction to attract a loving relationship. [Send me an email and I will send you the specific formula.]

Likelihood – 9 Purple Fire in SE
“Star of Future Prosperity”

The 9 Purple Star is the “rising star” of Period 8, and, after 2024, represents the future prosperity and success of your business or career, and is called the Star of Future Prosperity. It is also referred to as the Multiplying Star, as it makes more of whatever it comes in contact with.

The #9 in the SE makes this a good area of the house for study or for a bedroom. If a bedroom, placing a Wood Kuan Yin statue here will enhance relationship harmony. It is also recommended to place healthy green plants, fresh flowers, or any other symbols of yin-yang harmony to empower relationships, as Wood nourishes Fire.

If your office is situated in the SE, for prosperity use red or purple objects, such as an amethyst geod, nine amethyst crystals, or Amethyst Gem Tree. A Scroll with Nine Fish or nine dragons all strengthen #9’s good fortune, while protecting it from negative Monthly Stars.

Avoid using items made of earth, that are square-shaped, or earth tones, as the Earth Element weakens Fire 9.

Water Placement in 2017

Throughout Period 8 (until 2024) Do Not place water features in the NE, even if this is the entrance to your home. Water features can be placed outside the home in the SW or East, unless the water feature placed in these directions will activate negative Flying Star combinations in those areas of the home or office.

If you are not sure how to calculate the Flying Star chart for your home, either consult with a feng shui practitioner in your area who is experienced, or contact me, and I will tell you what to send me so I can provide you with an evaluation.

As water can be placed rightly or wrongly based on other formulae, it is advisable to consult with a feng shui practitioner who has experience with Special Water Placement formulae as described in the “Dragon Water Classic.”

Preparing for 2017

Along with placing your energized Annual Flying Star Cures, the beginning of the New Year is a good time for a thorough spring cleaning of refrigerator, oven, behind furniture, and so forth. It is also recommended to put fresh paint on the front door, and change the welcome mat or other worn or chipped items if needed. If you could, collect and or pay personal debts. Remember to place flowers and bowls of fruit, especially oranges and tangerines, everywhere. Give children red envelopes with money inside. Open windows and welcome the New Year in.

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• Instructions •

#1. Using an accurately drawn floor plan, find the center of the house. This can be determined by drawing a line from corner to corner. If the house has an irregular shape, estimate what it would look like if it were square or rectangle (#1A).

#2. Find the mid-point of the Facing of the house and draw a line from the center through the mid-point of the Facing.

#3. Find the compass direction of the Facing of the house.

#4. Place the 8 ½ x 11 Perforated See-Thru 8-Spoked Wheel Tracing Compass over the floor plan. Align the center of the Tracing Compass with the center of the floor plan. Using a fine point red pen, put the point through the center perforation on the Tracing Compass and spin the compass until the degree determined by the compass reading in Step #3 is lined up.

#5. Now use the fine point pen and make a dot at each of the 8-compass directions, remove the Tracing Compass, and connect the dots. Write the compass direction outside the floor plan in each of the eight sections.

Now you have a clear idea where to place the enhancements and cures for the Annual Flying Star, or any other Compass School formula, such as might be indicated by the Flying Star number combinations based on Facing Direction and Construction Date (#6), or as required by the Special Water Placement Formulas (#7).

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This 8 ½ x 11 laminated card is an essential tool for any feng shui practitioner doing Flying Star or Eight Mansions Feng Shui. It has everything you need to do a thorough analysis. Both the Solar and Lunar Calendars with their change over dates, Animal Signs and Elements along with the Personal Trigram (Gua) Elements and Numbers all combined in one easy to read reference chart. Plus, the Best and Least Favorable Directions for each Gua Number and all the House Trigram charts are on one side. The reverse side features Flying Star Reigning Period, Annual and Monthly number charts, Lucky and Unlucky Numbers, location of the Three Afflictions, Zodiac Compatibilities, Ba-gua attributes, 24 Directions with degrees and Animal Signs and other reminders which should assist you in integrating Flying Star and other compass techniques into your feng shui practice. I am sure that the more you use this card the more ways you will discover this Study Guide can be used.

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In the previous issue of Maui Special Edition I introduced you to some basic concepts of feng shui (füng schway), the art of placement and design. In this issue I would like to share with you an astrological technique that is similar to feng shui called Astro*Carto*Graphy. Where feng shui concerns itself with creating harmony in the immediate home environment by removing obstacles, moving furniture and use of color and symbols, Astro*Carto*Graphy concerns itself to which locations on planet Earth are most harmonious for you to live.

Many of you are familiar with some of the usual ways astrology can be used in self-discovery, understanding relationships, and understanding the changes that happen throughout life (transits and progressions). An Astro*Carto*Graphy Map is a map of the world showing exactly where each planet was passing over at the moment of birth. Through my study of Astro*Carto*Graphy, I have found that different locations have different influence making it easier or more difficult to manifest goals and even to resolve personality and health issues.

Whenever someone is considering moving to a new location, the Astro*Carto*Graphy Map helps to determine the best location to move to. More frequently, I use this chart when an individual seems unhappy where they are and there is no other astrological reasons to explain why life has been so tough for so long. In this situation it usually turns out the individual is living on an unfavorable planetary line.

The planetary lines that are most favorable are Sun, Jupiter, Venus, Mercury and sometimes, the Moon. The lines that are most difficult are Saturn, Pluto, and sometimes Mars, Uranus and Neptune. Difficult lines can be used to advantage sometimes, and sometimes they are less difficult when combined with a more favorable line.

For example: a Saturn-line may be beneficial for helping some bring structure into their life but once they have their ‘act together’ the best advice is, “leave.” Living on a Saturn-line is much too depressive, burdensome, alienating, lonely and contractive in all areas. Pluto-lines can be even worse. Pluto-lines may begin with a wonderful high, even ecstatic highs, but in short time the crest of the wave gives out and there is a heavy fall. Again the advice is, “leave.” Briefly, Mars is too contentious, competitive and masculinizing in a negative sense. Uranus is too erratic, nerve wracking and unpredictable. Neptune is too wishy-washy and rarely sees manifestation. Both Uranus and Neptune may be more creative, spiritual or romantic when combined with a more favorable planet.

The favorable planets bring creativity, popularity, positive relationships, community of like-minded people, sense of well-being, great abundance, and an overall quality of life in how we handle our problems and enjoy our successes.

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So why would anyone choose anything less than the best planetary lines to live on? Karma of course. Lessons in life that need to be worked through. Where we live fits our patterns. For an individual who has been struggling for years living on a difficult planetary line, looking at an Astro*Carto*Graphy Map usually means they are ready to make a conscious choice to live a more harmonious and fulfilling life.

Of course it should be understood that changing the feng shui of your home or moving somewhere else on planet earth doesn't change your core issues – nor is it going to make a short person, tall, or someone with no artistic talent, an artist. However, it should be understood that by making changes on the physical, you set your intention to change on the spiritual. By moving furniture in your home or changing cities you could remove additional frustrations in resolving these core issues sooner, rather than later. For example: an alcoholic in recovery may find more of an inclination to back-slide in certain locations and more support to grow and change in another.

Likewise, it would be folly to think that just because you move to or live on your Venus-line, that relationships will be easy or that you will finally meet your soul-mate. Indeed, if you still haven't resolved your core issues of a need to be in control, or a victim-victimizer issues, or whatever issues you have that have made relationships difficult in the past, you will still have them even on your Venus-line. You may even have a relationship that ends in divorce. However, compared to a Mars-line even the divorce will proceed harmoniously, and you will at least part as friends. Whereas on a Mars-line, the relationship is more likely to end in bitterness and perhaps with a bitter court room battle.

For people who travel from location to location, there is another technique called Cyclo*Carto*Graphy. This is similar to a transit reading of the birth chart as it shows the changing energy. Former President Carter had Mars in Iran but it wasn't until Pluto went over Iran that this potential aggression exploded in the hostage controversy. Likewise, Pluto was transiting over Dallas at the time Kennedy was assassinated. For the rest of us mere mortals, the implications are the same. If you travel to a place during a poor transit, you are likely to experience some form of difficulty reflective of your core issues and evolutionary needs. I made the mistake once of traveling to an otherwise joyous Venus location, when Saturn was transiting over head, and found myself in a serious accident which put me down for three days. Timing can be important.

Unfortunately, not all astrologers, no matter how talented, have the certification training or experience in Astro*Carto*Graphy Map interpretation. Nor are the A*C*G Maps generated on home computers, as detailed as the professionally plotted 15” x 7 1/2” A*C*G Maps available at: www.astrocartography.co.uk. I have read the A*C*G Certification Course and have analyzed over two thousand A*C*G Maps, and can answer all your questions concerning where you live, and can help you find those locations that are best for you and your family.

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