



CLASSICAL FENG SHUI VS NEW AGE FENG SHUI

Classical Feng Shui

Originating in China, Classical (authentic) Feng Shui is an ancient Chinese metaphysical discipline whose philosophy can be traced back several thousands of years. Classical Feng Shui has been around since the Tang Dynasty (618 – 907). In ancient times, Feng Shui was a heavily guarded secret used by the Chinese emperors to maintain power over their dynasties and to increase their personal wealth. Today, many successful business people – many of them billionaires – both in the West and in Asia trust the wisdom of Classical Feng Shui consultants when designing office space, commercial buildings and residential housing. By improving the so-called “Earth Luck” of your place of work or residence, you are able to improve your overall destiny.

Classical Feng Shui is neither the art of placement, nor is it a religious practice. It is not necessary to follow a particular religion to understand and apply Feng Shui. Neither can it be called philosophy, since it encompasses many different schools of thoughts, as well as practical tools and calculation techniques. Asking someone if they believe in Feng Shui is like asking whether they believe in the weather – Feng Shui is a fact of life, whether you believe in it or not.

In China, success in life is always considered to be a combination of three interrelated factors:

- Heaven Luck
- Earth Luck
- Man Luck

Heaven Luck is the destiny with which every individual is born, it is beyond our control. Earth Luck is the Feng Shui potential surrounding

everybody. Man Luck is each individual’s personal responsibility to make the best of life’s opportunities. Feng Shui is therefore only one of three contributing factors – but rightly applied it can greatly enhance a person’s positive chances and opportunities in life.

Classical Feng Shui is generally used in three situations:



Remedy Existing Problems: Negative Feng Shui within a property, be it a residential or a commercial property, can lead to the accumulation of negative Qi, causing an imbalance of life energy that gradually fills our environment with stress and overall negativity. A Classical Feng Shui practitioner can detect the areas in your home or office that are impacted by these negative Qi flows and make recommendations to either minimize or neutralize the negative outcomes of this bad Feng Shui.

Enhancing Life Circumstances: Through the evaluation of your property, a Classical Feng Shui

practitioner can gauge the inherent Feng Shui potential of the property and detect whether it is prone to prosperity, wealth, harmony, or whether it is more likely to generate negative outcomes – such as sickness, legal problems, career issues, divorce, etc. With the use of this knowledge, the Feng Shui consultant can help clients enhance and strengthen the positive aspects of the property while at the same time offsetting potential negative outcomes.

Forecasting: A highly trained Classical Feng Shui practitioner is able to forecast future possibilities that lie within the Feng Shui setup of a property. By means of careful examination and calculation of the external and internal Qi flows, as well as the governing energy patterns of the property, a practitioner can predict the forces that impact which resident(s) of a property – and how. Predictions are usually made for a month or a year and will help the individuals to prepare for upcoming situations and take decisions accordingly.

All of the above is done by subtly influencing the Qi flow of the property. Shifting and/or adjusting certain areas of your home can help a great deal and realign the energy flow in such a way that it will benefit you. Date Selection and Bazi Astrology is combined with Classical Feng Shui to ensure that the right remedies are used at the right time and for the right person.

This stands in stark contrast to what new age “Feng Shui” consultants will recommend.

New Age “Feng Shui”

This version of “Feng Shui” is what is commonly understood as being Feng Shui but has, in fact, nothing at all to do with this ancient science. Proponents of new age “Feng Shui” will have you decorate your home in various colours depending on the sector and direction of a room, they will attach special lucky powers to figurines and gadgets – think lucky cats, fu dogs, Feng Shui water fountains, Feng Shui fish, Feng Shui plants, etc. Needless to say that all of this is nonsense and does not contribute to positive Qi flow within

your home but has at best only a placebo effect. At no point will they include Date Selection or Bazi Astrology, and their cures will all be “superficial” and simply decorative.

A new age “Feng Shui” consultant will likely not even know how to evaluate and analyse an external environment and will therefore resort to superficial, and therefore often inadequate, cures to remedy Feng Shui issues. In the best-case scenario, these so-called remedies won’t have any effect on you. But since the external environment is critical to Feng Shui remedies, when those externalities are being overlooked, then a remedy can have severe adverse effects on a client!

Chinese Metaphysics is a complex subject and I’m happy to have partnered up with Naari Magazine. Over the next few issues we will bring you a series of articles on the subject matter that will help you understand this science better and – most importantly – enable you to distinguish between real and fake Feng Shui.



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