

2009: The Year of the Earth Ox



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The year 2009, in feng shui and the Four Pillars of Destiny (*Bazi*) charts, does not start on New Year's Day, i.e. 1 January 2009, or the upcoming Chinese New Year that falls on 26 January 2009, the first day of the lunar calendar.

For the Four Pillars of Destiny or the *Bazi* reading purposes, the year of the Ox begins only at 0051 hours (120E) on 4 February 2009, when the animal sign changes from the Rat to the Ox. This day also marks the arrival of spring, called *Li Chun*, of the solar (*Hsia*) calendar. From my personal experience, however, most of us would relate the change in the animal signs with the start of a new lunar year and hence assume that the year of the Ox starts on 26 January.

We should be aware of the annual afflictions in *feng shui*, which are the locations of *Tai Sui* (Grand Duke), *Wu Wang* (Five Yellow) and *San Sha* (Three Killings). These three locations are occupied by harmful *qi* (energy) and hence any disturbances, in the form of vibration of the wall or the floor caused by renovations such as digging, knocking or drilling, within these afflicted sectors will bring bad luck, sickness and loss to residents of the building.

Tai Sui (Grand Duke) at the Northeast 1

For the year 2009, *Tai Sui*, a fictitious star corresponding to Jupiter, is located towards the first one-third of the Northeast, corresponding from 22.5 degrees to 37.5 degrees. As *Tai Sui* is one of the strongest *sha qi* (killing energy) of the year, do not disturb this sector.

You should also not sit facing the *Tai Sui* direction. Instead, sit with the *Tai Sui* behind you during any business negotiations. This way, you are making the other party confront the *Tai Sui*, and this will assist you.

To pacify the *sha qi* of the *Tai Sui*, place a pair of *pi yao* in this sector.

337.5 degrees to 22.5 degrees. Do not disturb this sector and avoid placing any items that are red in colour in this sector.

You should also refrain from lighting up an open flame in this sector, as the fire will strengthen the earth energy of the *Wu Wang*. To exhaust this earth energy of the *Wu Wang*, place some round, golden or yellow-coloured objects, such as gold-coloured CDs, in this sector. Alternatively, you can also place a traditional five-element pagoda in this sector.

If the main door of your house or your bedroom is located in the North sector, you should also be extra cautious during the month of July 2009. This is because the monthly star 5 is also located in the North sector. The double 5s located at the same sector can bring about serious misfortunes or disasters.

You should also exercise extra caution during the days when the star 5 moves to the North sector. The days for 2009 are 7 July, 16 July, 5 July and 3 August.

Important Note for the North Sector in 2008, 2009 and 2010

The North sector is afflicted for three years beginning 2008. It is occupied by *Tai Sui* in 2008, *Wu Wang* in 2009 and *San Sha* in 2010. Hence, for these three years, do not disturb the North sector with vibrations of the floor or walls. You should postpone any renovations of the North sector to 2011.

San Sha (Three Killings) at the East

San Sha is an annual affliction that, when disturbed, will bring injury, backstabbing and sickness. For the year 2009, the *San Sha* is located towards the East corresponding from 67.5 degrees to 112.5 degrees. Do not disturb this sector. Place three *Qi Lins* in this sector to pacify the *sha qi* of the *San Sha*. You should not sit with the *San Sha* behind you, but sit facing or confronting it.

Feng Shui Tips for 2010

The year 2010 is the year of the Metal Tiger. For the purposes of *feng shui* and *Bazi* readings, the year of the Tiger starts on 4 February 2010 at 0648 hours (120E).

Tai Sui for the year 2010 is located towards the third one-third of the Northeast, corresponding from 37.5 degrees to 52.5 degrees.

Wu Wang for the year 2010 is located towards the Southwest sector of any building that corresponds from 202.5 degrees to 247.5 degrees.

San Sha for the year 2010 is located towards the North corresponding from 337.5 degrees to 22.5 degrees.

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Wu Wang (Five Yellow) at the North

Wu Wang, the annual misfortune star, is one of the most deadly afflictions of the year. For the year 2009, the *Wu Wang* occupies the North sector of any building corresponding from

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