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Preface

To date, Master Andrew Tan has conducted more than twenty intakes of [Ba Zi] training courses. He has continuously updated his course materials to include the findings from his researches and precious feedbacks from his students.

Master Andrew Tan believes this book is useful to all Feng Shui enthusiasts and those who wish to gain the knowledge of basic [Ba Zi] analysis.

In this book, Master Andrew Tan has not only explained the [Ba Zi] knowledge in Chinese language to preserve the original text but also included the [Ba Zi] explanations in English. This book is written in such a way to provide an effective and efficient dissemination of all the relevant [Ba Zi] theories and applications to benefit those who read Chinese and/or English.

It is his hope that the mastery of Chinese Metaphysics reaches everyone so that each one of you can be a master too.

1. 子平八字命理学简介

Introduction of [Zi Ping Ba Zi] Destiny, Fate & Luck Analysis

通过人的出生时间(年, 月, 日, 时)来推算人生道路的变化

The destiny determination of a person is based on the date and time of birth.

四柱 Four Pillars	时柱 Hour Pillar	日柱 Day Pillar	月柱 Month Pillar	年柱 Year Pillar
十神 Shi Shen				
天干 Heaven Stem	干 HS	日元 Day Master	干 HS	干 HS
地支 Earth Branch	支 EB	支 EB	季节 Season	支 EB
十神 Shi Shen				

1.1 日历种类

Types of Calendar

根据月亮的算法有农历 (阴历)

A Lunar calendar is derived from calculations based on the Moon.

根据太阳的算法有公历 (阳历 / 西历), 节气历, 甲子历, 干支历

A Western calendar is derived from calculations based on the Sun, which is also known as a Chinese Season calendar, [Jia Zi] calendar or Stem and Branch calendar.

1.2 年，月，日，时，的关系

The Relationships between Year, Month, Day & Hour

年是地球绕太阳公转一周，由於地轴倾斜，所受太阳光的强度也不一样，因此地球一年里有春夏秋冬四季之分。

Year is derived from the time taken for the Earth to rotate around of the Sun, whereby the Earth takes a year to complete one rotation cycle. Since the rotation is made on a slant axis, different parts of the Earth receive different amount of lights from the Sun, causing the occurrence of four seasons, namely Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

月是将一年分为十二份，即十二月份，每三个月代表一个季节，四个季节刚好一年。

Month is derived from the year, whereby one year is divided into twelve divisions. The division makes up twelve months in a year. There is a season every three months, and four seasons make up a year.

日是地球自转一周，即为一个昼夜。

Day is the time taken by Earth to rotate around itself. This phenomenon gives us Day and Night.

时是将一日平分为十二份为十二个时辰。即一个时辰是现代用的两个小时。

Hour is derived from the day, whereby a day is divided into twelve divisions. This is known as [Shi Chen] and one [Shi Chen] is similar to our two hours.

木星绕太阳公转一周为地球年的十二倍，即十二地支。木星也是我们常提到的太岁。因为木星每一年所对地球的位置，会产生影响。

One rotation cycle that Jupiter makes around the Sun is equivalent to twelve rotation cycles that the Earth makes around the Sun. This is represented by twelve Earth Branches. Jupiter is also referred as [Tai Sui]. The direction of Jupiter relative to the Earth will tend to create some problems to people every year.

因此五大行星，水、金、火、木、土和地球每隔大约六十年便会同宫一次，即为六十甲子。

Due to the planetary movements around the Sun, Earth and five planets will return back to their original positions in every sixty years. This occurrence contributes to the establishment of sixty [Jia Zi].

1.3 命运的原理 The Principle of Destiny

以人出生的那一刻，即为地球和太阳与五行星的相对位置，所产生的能量，来推算人一生的命运。

The energy created from the positions of the Sun, Earth and five planets will be received by a person at the time of birth. This is interpreted using the year, month, day and hour, in order to predict the destiny of a person.

就是人的命运与天体有关，还包括了季节和昼夜，即为时空。

The destiny of a person is related to the Universe, our environment, including the season, day and night.

但并没有考虑人的出生地，国家，家庭和血缘，这些因素都会影响人的命运。

The destiny prediction does not take into account place of birth, country of birth, family background or family gene. Therefore, the predicted destiny may not be 100% accurate due to the effect of these factors.

八字论命没有百分之百准，除了以上之因素外，也受到了风水及人的道德影响，即为天、地、人。

Other factors affecting the accuracy of the destiny prediction include Feng Shui of the places where a person lives and works, his characters and deeds. These factors form the three important parts of the whole destiny concepts of Heaven [Tian], Earth [Di] and Human [Ren].

1.4 八字能算什么呢？ What can be achieved in [Ba Zi] analysis?

虽然八字论命，或用其他的方法，来推断我们的命运的准确性不能够100%的准确。

The [Ba Zi] or other prediction methods to derive our destinies are not 100% accurate.

但能让我们更好的了解自己的优点与弱点。善加利用优点，改善或去除弱点。

However, we can use [Ba Zi] to understand ourselves in details, even if we might afraid to admit our weaknesses or are not fully aware of our own personalities. This enables us to maximise our strengths and improve on or eliminate our weaknesses.

再把握命运的时机，趋吉避凶，知己知彼，百战百胜。

When we understand the progress of our lives, we can maximise the good opportunities and keep low profiles when times are bad, so as to avoid any misfortune.

算你一生什么时候行好运，什么时候行衰运？

To predict on your luck in this life.

算你的婚姻感情如何？

To predict on your marriage life.

算你的配偶是否能助你？

To predict on whether your spouse is helpful to you.

算你的子女与你的关系如何？

To predict on the relationships with your children.

算你的身体健康情况如何？

To predict on your health.

算你一生是富或贫或一生衣食无忧？

To predict on your wealth.

算你的事发展如何？

To predict your career prospects.

5 十神变通星 Ten Stars [Shi Shen]

5.1 十神的原理

The Principle of Ten Stars [Shi Shen]

十神的原理是从阴阳五行的生克，分类出一套算法。

只论天干，地支则论其所藏之天干。

分析十神，即是论命。

The relationship of the Ten Stars [Shi Shen] is derived from the Generating and Controlling principles of Yin Yang and Five Elements.

The Heaven Stem is used to derive [Shi Shen]. As for Earth Branch, [Shi Shen] is derived from its Hidden Heaven Stem.

The analysis of [Shi Shen] relationships is a process of predicting a person's life.

一个五行因生克会产生四种关系。

One element has four different relationships due to the Generating and Controlling processes.

例如以五行木为‘我’：

水生木，生我

木生火，我生

金克木，克我

木克土，我克

If self is a Wood, the element is me [wo].

Water generates Wood, referred as “generate me” [sheng wo].

Wood generates Fire, referred as “I generate” [wo sheng].

Metal controls Wood, referred as “control me” [ke wo].

Wood controls Earth, referred as “I control” [wo ke].

若再加上同我，木助木，那么一共有五种关系。

There are five relationships for each element. If Wood meets Wood, it is “same me” [tong wo].

因此以其他的五行为例，也只会这五种关系，这就是为何五行之理。

The above example is for Wood and the same concept applies to the other four elements.

四柱八字算命，以我为主，就是日柱天干，称日元或日主或天元。

The [Ba Zi], Four Pillars or Fate and Luck Analysis uses “me” [wo] as a reference to the Heaven Stem of a day pillar, which is also regarded as a self element or day element.

以下是十神之口诀：

生我者，正印偏印

我生者，伤官食神

克我者，正官七杀

我克者，正财偏财

同我者，劫财比肩

The formula to derive Ten Stars [Shi Shen] is as follows :-

The element that [sheng wo] “generates me”, is a Resource, which is subdivided into :

Direct Resource [Zheng Yin] or

Indirect Resource [Pian Yin]

The element that [wo sheng] “I generate”, is an Output or Intelligent, which is subdivided into :

Unconventional Intelligence [Shang Guan] or

Intelligence [Shi Shen]

The element that [ke wo] “controls me”, is an Authority, which is subdivided into :

Authority [Zheng Guan] or

Fighting Spirit [Qi Sha]

The element that [wo ke] “I control”, is a Wealth, which is subdivided into :

Direct Wealth [Zheng Cai] or

Indirect Wealth [Pian Cai]

The element that [tong wo] “same as me”, is a Competitor, which is subdivided into :

Friendly Competitor [Bi Jian] or

Unfriendly Competitor [Jie Cai]

生我者为印，印又分成正印和偏印。

凡异性相见，即阴阳相见，为正。

凡同性相见，即阴见阴或阳见阳，为偏。

The element that “generates me” [sheng wo] is a Resource.

A Resource is subdivided into [Zheng Yin] and [Pian Yin].

Direct Resource [Zheng Yin] arises if Yin meets Yang.

Indirect Resource [Pian Yin] arises if Yin meets Yin or Yang meets Yang.

例如：癸水生甲木，即阴阳相见，癸是甲的正印，甲是癸的伤官。

例如：壬水生甲木，阳见阳，壬是甲的偏印，甲是壬的食神。

Example: [Gui H10] Yin Water generates [Jia H1] Yang Wood. In this case, [Jia H1] is a self element and [Gui H10] is the Resource. When these Yin and Yang meet, it becomes a Direct Resource.

If [Gui H10] is a self element and [Jia H1] is the Output, when these Yin and Yang meet, it becomes an Unconventional Intelligence.

正星为：正印，伤官，正财，正官，劫财
偏星为：偏印，食神，偏财，七杀，比肩
总称十神。

Ten Gods [Shi Shen] are divided into two main groups :-

Direct Stars [Zheng Xin] with Yin meets Yang, are as follows :-

Direct Resource [Zheng Yin]

Unconventional Intelligence [Shang Guan]

Direct Wealth [Zheng Cai]

Authority [Zheng Guan]

Unfriendly Competitor [Jie Cai]

Indirect Stars [Pian Xin] with Yin meets Yin or Yang meets Yang, are as follows :-

Indirect Resource [Pian Yin]

Intelligence [Shi Shen]

Indirect Wealth [Pian Cai]

Fighting Spirit [Qi Sha]

Friendly Competitor [Bi Jian]

5.2 十神论命形象化

The Visibility of Ten Stars [Shi Shen]

例如以日元甲木，命中有辛，岁运有丁，若以阴阳五行论命，辛金克甲木，甲木生丁火，丁火克辛金，如此论断了一轮，还是不容易解读。

Example: Self element is [Jia H1] Yang Wood, and there is a [Xin H8] Yin Metal in the [Ba Zi]; this year is [Ding H4] Yin Fire.

By using Five Elements to analyse this [Ba Zi], it indicates that “Metal controls Wood and Wood generates Fire”. This is a poor visualization method.

如用十神论之，

甲日元，见辛，克我，阴见阳，为正星，即正官

甲日元，见丁，我生，阳见阴，为正星，即伤官

By using Ten Stars [Shi Shen] to analyse the [Ba Zi] :-

Self element [Jia H1] is controlled by [Xin H8]. When Yin meets Yang, it is a Direct Star, so [Xin H8] is an Authority [Zheng Guan].

Self element [Jia H1] generates [Ding H4]. When Yin meets Yang, it is a Direct Star, so [Ding H4] is an Unconventional Intelligence [Shang Guan].

因此甲日元有正官也有伤官，正官代表职业，伤官却是‘伤害’正官的，这就是所谓的〔伤官见官〕，以此论命为这一年，工作会有变动，事业不如意，严重者会失业和有官非。

For this case, [Jia H1] self element has Authority and Unconventional Intelligence. Authority represents career and Unconventional Intelligence represents harm. This can be interpreted as there could be a harmful event on the career [shang guan jian guan]. Therefore, the person's career is not so smooth this year as he may lose his job or face a legal dispute.

5.3 十神论命统一性 The Standardisation of Ten Stars

不同日元的五行，有不同的五行来生克，但关系却是一样的，例如：
The Generating and Controlling concepts of Five Elements produce the same result despite their elemental differences .

甲木日元克己土，为正财
乙木日元克戊土，为正财
丙火日元克辛金，为正财
丁火日元克庚金，为正财
戊土日元克癸水，为正财
己土日元克壬水，为正财
庚金日元克乙木，为正财
辛金日元克甲木，为正财
壬水日元克丁火，为正财
癸水日元克丙火，为正财

An example of a Direct Wealth [Zheng Cai] relationship :-

Self element [Jia H1] Yang Wood controls [Ji H6] Yin Earth.
Self element [Yi H2] Yin Wood controls [Wu H5] Yang Earth.
Self element [Bing H3] Yang Fire controls [Xin H8] Yin Metal.
Self element [Ding H4] Yin Fire controls [Geng H7] Yang Metal.
Self element [Wu H5] Yang Earth controls [Gui H10] Yin Water.
Self element [Ji H6] Yin Earth controls [Ren H9] Yang Water.
Self element [Geng H7] Yang Metal controls [Yi H2] Yin Wood.
Self element [Xin H8] Yin Metal controls [Jia H1] Yang Wood.
Self element [Ren H9] Yang Water controls [Ding H4] Yin Fire.
Self element [Gui H10] Yin Water controls [Bing H3] Yang Fire.

由此可见，阴阳五行有十种差别，但关系却是一致的。

This example has shown that the Yin Yang of Five Elements have ten different scenarios but only one type of relationship. Therefore, Ten Stars [Shi Shen] are ideal for standardisation.

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Case study: Erect the [Ba Zi] and [Shi Shen] Ten Stars for a Male born in 29 July 1928, morning [Zi E1] hour.