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Welcome to Pillars of Destiny

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Chinese "Pillars of Destiny" astrology is many centuries old and still practiced by the ethnic Chinese. I brings to us a complete and authentic way of seeing ourselves from a new perspective. I hope you enjoy your Pillars of Destiny report.

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History and Background

Chinese astrology/astronomy was practiced at least as early as the time of the Yellow Emperor (Huang Di), around 2700 BC to 2150 BC, during which time imperial astrologer/astronomers advised the emperor by observing and charting the movements of the heavens. Throughout history, Chinese medicine, astrology, and geomancy (Feng Shui) have been interdependent and practiced as one science called "Wu Shu" (the Five Arts) consisting of feng-shui, medicine, destiny, divination, and physiognomy. The Four Pillars are part of the 'Destiny' or Ming Xue studies.

Four Pillars (also called BaZi) translates as "the eight characters," which amount to four pillars of two characters each. These then are the "Four Pillars of Destiny," which are often just called the "Four Pillars" or "BaZi." BaZi can be traced back to the Period of the Tang Dynasty (618 - 906 A.D.) and most authorities credit Grand Master Xu Zi Ping as its founding father. BaZi or Four Pillars astrology is an authentic astrological tradition still practiced by many ethnic Chinese to this day.

Pillars of Destiny astrology should not be entirely new to those of us who live here in the West. The four pillars of destiny are none other than the year, month, day, and hour of birth of an individual or event, so this concept is not so very different from Western astrology astrological ideas, except that the actual methods of BaZi astrology can be quite different from what we use today here in the West.

If we had to sum up what BaZi or Four Pillar astrology is all about in a single word, that word would be "balance." It is pretty much axiomatic in Chinese metaphysical studies that nothing is good, of value, or "works" that is not balanced. Balance is the key to unlocking one's individual destiny as coded in the Four Pillars - the hour, day, month, and year of birth. Four Pillars astrology provides us with a unique viewpoint of our life, an alternate (but complementary) view from what our standard astrology provides.

The Pillars of Destiny

In Four Pillars astrology can see, there is one pillar each for the hour, day, month, and year of birth. While the popular newspaper style of Chinese astrology only concerns itself with the animal year of birth, for example the "Year of the Dog," there is much more to the Pillars of Destiny astrology than that. For example, the key to the chart is the Day Pillar, which is called the "Day Master," and is the most important focus for interpretation. The Day Master is similar to our solar birthday here in the West.

Four Pillar analyses involve relating the Day Master to the other three pillars. The Day Master represents what we would call the "Self" (Sun) and is basically either strong or weak, and it comes in various degrees of strength or weakness. A "Strong" Day Master is said to be independent and a "Weak" Day Master is termed interdependent.

In this report we will concentrate on the day pillar or "Day Master," as it is called. In Four Pillars astrology, the Day Master is always the key to the natal chart and, as mentioned, there are two main types of Day Masters, the Independent Day Master and the Inter-dependent Day Master.

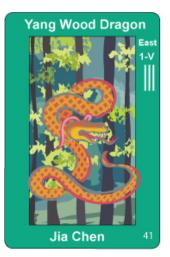
Yang Wood Day Master

You are a 'Wood' person and traditionally this means you are very upright and respectable, because wood is straight and usually somewhat unbending. This element is similar in some ways to the fixed signs in Western astrology, that is: somewhat fixed or set in your ways and you probably don't move around a lot. Like trees, you value your roots and tend to stay in the same spot. Your chosen path is one of steady progress and determination.

Wood people are often very career oriented, always seeking out the path that takes them onward or upward. Although you may tend to be very social, you may have trouble revealing whatever sensitivities you have inside. Remember, you are not always very flexible. In Western astrology, the element Wood has the attributes of the planet Jupiter.

As a 'Yang' Wood type, you like to be strict and serious, and may tend to be overly direct, often to the point of seeming offensive, although you never mean it. "Steady as she goes" is one of your mantras and you are reliable, always in it for the long haul. While you can at times be stiff and resistant to change, you will in time usually adjust to whatever comes your way (obstacles and all) and just continue on your path.

Your Day Master is very strong, probably too strong. In fact balance for you means, holding back some, toning down, and siphoning off some of that strength. Perhaps the last thing you need are friends just like you or things coming too easily for you. The more you can accept challenge and discipline, the better things will go for you. Don't take the easy way out.



Independent Day Master

You have what is called an strong or independent Day Master, and this suggests that you are capable and often prefer being your own boss and working on your own. You like being in charge and directing other people, although you are confident enough to take directions from those you look up to.

On the other hand, this is not to say that you are always a team player. You don't like to be just a face in the crowd and you don't need much mothering either.

Given a little autonomy and space, you can be very productive indeed. In fact, that is where you shine: given a task and left to your own devices to figure out how to get it done.

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Season of Day Master: Spring

Your Day Master season is Spring when the element Wood rules. This is probably too technical, but here is what the tradition has to say about each of the five elements in Spring:

Spring season celebrates the element Wood and marks is a time when this element is vibrant and at its strongest. Fire also is considered strong in Spring because Wood produces Fire and if Wood is strong, then Fire automatically is strong. Water however in spring is weak because Water is the Mother of Wood and in order for Wood to be strong, much Water has to be used to produce Wood. Metal is not strong in Spring because Metal controls Wood, but when Wood is very strong, it cannot be controlled. And last, Earth is weak in Spring because Wood controls Earth, and because Wood is at its strongest in Spring, it tends to over-control Earth, thus weakening it.



The Five Stars

The "Five Factors" or "Five Stars" as they are commonly called is the very heart of Four Pillar astrology as they define your relationship to the cycle of life. The cycle is endless, but that Five Stars or snapshots of that cycle are 'You and Companions', your Expression, Wealth, Influences on You, and your Resources (support system). We will go through them one by one.

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The Output Star

In Chinese astrology, the Output Star has to do with whether you are able to produce or do the things needed for you to be successful and just what kind of things those might me - the products you make, if any. This star is often used as one of the main indicators for the career and has a lot to say about the particular direction in life you take or whether you are waiting for something to fall into your lap.

As you might imagine, creativity and expression of all kinds can be found here, whether that be in the Arts (music, film, writing, speaking, etc.) or a physical product that you created. This star rules expression of all kinds, in particular creative expression.

Your strong Day Master indicates a favorable Output Star, signifying that you have the will and energy to actually do something on your own, independent of whether you have the backing and support of others. Your ability to express yourself in action and to put your ideas and plans into practice is a strong talent.



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The Wealth Star

Almost everyone is concerned with what their Wealth Star has to say. The Wealth Star covers not only what wealth we may accumulate but also our ability to create and hold onto wealth and property.

Having real wealth depends on the ability to control the factors that can make it happen and you have that control. Wealth and property are natural to you and should never be too much of a problem for you, for you have the strength to manage your assets.



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The Influence Star

The Influence Star, also called the 'Power Star' refers to all that controls or influences you and how you take to that control, whether you like guidance or find it intimidating. In astrological terms, we are talking about authority, and the rules and regulations of the planet Saturn. Your Influence star shows how you relate to authority.

You like and respect authority, those older, wiser, and more powerful than you. This is because you are naturally strong and guidance from someone you respect is something you seek out whenever you can. In fact, you do better with some rules and regulations to guide you than you would do on your own. You are strong enough and have confidence in yourself that outside authorities are accepted, even sought for.



The Friend Star

The Friends Star is pretty much straightforward; it refers to your friends and companions, co-workers, as well as your business partners. Here we learn how social you are and if you prefer the company of others to being on your own.

You probably tend to be a bit of a lone wolf, preferring to stand apart from the group, preferably as a leader rather than fit in and just go along with the crowd. You are naturally strong by nature and don't need the support of friends as much as many do. In fact, too much support just makes you arrogant and unbalanced. It may at times be painful to not have an adoring fan club, but if you are really honest with yourself, you would reject it anyway. You don't need the aggravation.



The Resource Star

Resources are your support system, that is: what you can draw upon and use to become stronger and achieve success. Resources are like the mother that feeds you when you are a child, but also like a mother, they help to shape and inform you, including education of all types. In astrology, this would be what we call the Moon, which refers to emotions, feelings, everything that comes from inside and from the past. Your need for support is what is in question here.

You may have difficulty getting all the support and breaks you need in life, but this is not something that should overly concern you because you are inherently strong by nature and don't really need that much help anyway.

If things come too easily for you, your tendency is to become lazy and self-indulgent, so having to make your own way is actually a better path to take. It makes you stronger.

Some people do better working against the grain and actually benefit from the opposition and clarity it can bring, while others thrive on cooperation and support from those around them. You are the first type and do better when opposed or challenged.

When it comes to learning and education, you tend to fall into the self-educated category, meaning you would probably rather learn on the job by hands on experience than go to school and study books. You learn by doing and prefer that.



Yin and Yang Polarity

A lot of attention is paid in Chinese astrology methods to the balance of the male and female forces, what is called "Yang" or male and "Yin" or female. The yang elements represent unchanging energy and sometimes brute force, while yin elements represent change and adaptability. When we add up the many yin and yang factors of your chart, here is the balance:

Yin Dominates: 7 to 6

Your approach to life in general and to solving problems in particular will from a "Yin" standpoint, which is working with existing problems as they are, manipulating them "as is" rather than trying to alter them or challenging them head-on. To use a martial art analogy, you prefer Aikido to Judo, meaning your skill is working with existing situations passively rather than confronting them actively. The word "passively" here does not mean lying down when problems arise, but rather facilitating and working through the situations instead of making them worse, redirecting energy in motion rather than getting in its way and opposing it.



Your Lucky Element

In Four Pillars astrology, balance in the Four Pillars chart equals balance in your life. These are considered identical. One of the main factors that need to be in balance are the distribution of the four elements: Metal, Water, Wood, Fire, and Earth. We can be unbalanced if we are missing an element or have it in small quantity, but we can also be unbalanced by having too much of any one element.

Whichever element we have the least of is termed our "Lucky Element" because whenever it appears in our life it brings our entire chart (and life!) into balance. A year, month, or day that contains our lucky element means a time of balance and thus progress, for in Chinese philosophy only balance brings fulfillment and forward motion.

Your "Lucky Element" is "Wood" and in your chart it is associated with what the Chinese call the "Companion" or Friend Factor, because it refers to friends, companions, and even in the not-sofriendly competitors and how we relate to them. It is with those closest to you and their camaraderie that you will find this element. As mentioned, this is also the element in shortest supply and thus most needed. When you encounter this element you achieve inner balance and your life blooms and moves forward. Without it, you can be at a standstill. How easy (or difficult) access to this element will be can depend on whether this is for you a Favorable or Unfavorable element.

The "Lucky Element" in your chart is one of your Unfavorable Factors, and this complicates things a bit. If you did not need this element, you naturally would tend to avoid this factor because it goes against your grain. However, you very much need to contact this element in order to bring the needed balance to your chart, that when balanced then moves the wheel of success forward in your life.

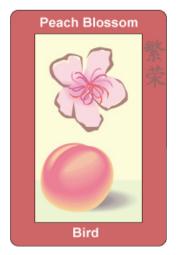


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Your Peach Blossom

Your Peach Blossom is the Bird. In China the blossom of the peach tree is associated with romance and movie-star qualities - charisma. If you have a strong Peach Blossom in your Four Pillars chart, you automatically are a magnet for the opposite sex. Of course everyone wants to know about the status of the Peach Blossom in their chart.

You don't have a Peach Blossom in your standard Four Pillars chart, so instant stardom is probably not on your horizon. However, it is probably worthwhile to keep your eyes open for your particular Peach Blossom, when it occurs in a Luck Cycle or in the year, month, or day columns. This will mark a time during which you can have that star quality.



Your Relationship Factor

Along with "Wealth," the most in-demand factors are those having to do with relationships, romantic relationships in general, and marriage in particular. While there are several indicators for a successful relationship, one traditional indicator is whether you are favorably or unfavorably inclined to having relationships of any kind.

You are one of the fortunate ones who have a "most-favored nations" status when it comes to relationships, whether they are love-oriented or otherwise. This gives you a head start in this department and suggests that you should be able to avoid or at least be able to negotiate the problems that most relationships succumb to. Relationships are natural to your approach to life.



Your Marriage Factor

Perhaps the main definitive measure of what we might call "marriageability" has to do with the Spouse Palace, which is connected to your Day Master. Forgive the jargon, but what it boils down to is whether your Day Master has an auspicious (favorable) factor built into it or not.

In your case, this factor is auspicious and very favorable as regards marriage in particular and relationships overall. This indicates that you and your partner have a good opportunity to share a loving and close relationship, one amazingly free of petty hassles and what not. This is not to say that your marriage will be all roses, but you have a much better than average chance to make it work.



Ten-Year Luck Cycle

Years From 2011 Through 2020

This time period could affect your will, Self, and all that this entails, self-confidence and self-consciousness, your persona:l everything. In astrology, this is similar to the Sun.

Aside from you, this may involve your siblings, friends and companions, sometimes even your competitors or rivals. If favorably placed, then you could have a strong drive for success, good self esteem, and tend to be gregarious. You may like to have your friends around you.

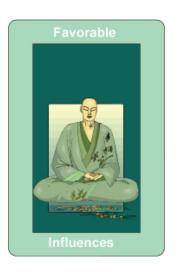
If unfavorably placed, you may find yourself on your own for a while and prefer your own company or at least end up that way, tending toward solitude. This time could also bring a lack of self confidence, ego problems, and loneliness.

Unfavorable Friends

Current Year Luck for 2012

The keynote for this time period has to do with control and influence, in particular those in authority that control or influence you and more importantly how you respond to that influence or control. If you can't react to authority in a positive manner (with all of its rules, laws, regulations, and what not), then this may indicate some rough going.

So this is about those who are in charge of you, and that includes the 'boss' or those with more clout in the workplace than you do, but it also can point to a mentor or elder who can serve to guide and teach you. In astrology, this would refer to the planet Saturn, the crater and controller of rules and regulations..



Four Pillars Follow-Up Reports

We hope you enjoyed your Pillars of Destiny Report, and you might also like to check out the following Chinese Pillars of Destiny reports from Astrology.com.

Ten-Year Pillars Luck Report

The Chinese 10-Year Luck Pillars are an essential part of Pillar of Destiny astrology going forward. Life is laid out in ten-year sections starting at birth and extending to over 100 years of age. Your current 10-year segment was very briefly detailed above, but you might like to check-out your complete 100-year luck pillars in our lifetime report, which provides in-depth detail on how each section of life relates to your natal Four Pillars astrology.

Year by Year Pillars Report

Also available is our year-by-year analysis of your Pillars of Destiny astrology. Available ten years at a time, our year-by-year report relates the current year to your natal Four Pillars astrology and details what you can expect each year. In addition, you get month-by-month comments, which makes planning events easy.

