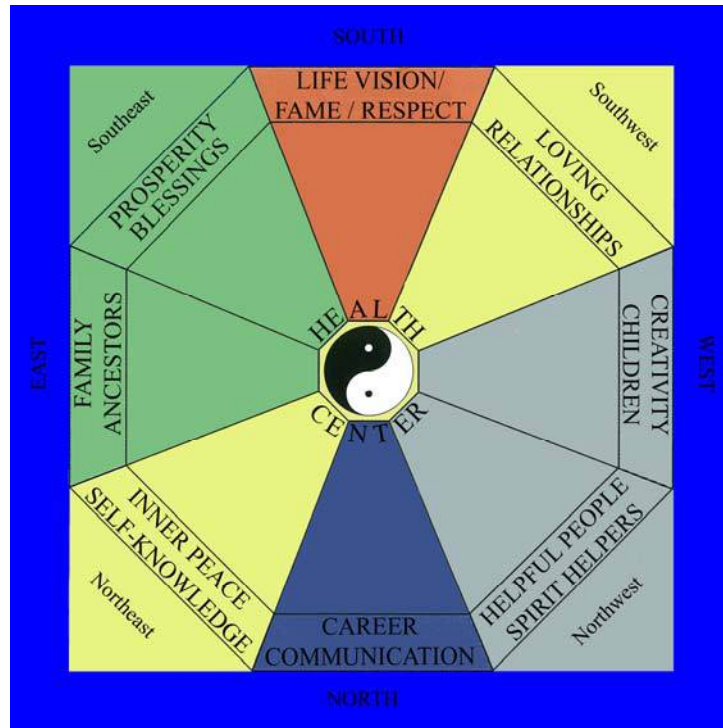


COMPASS SCHOOL

LIFE-THEME ORIENTATION



Compass directions determine where life-themes are located in The Compass School. There are eight compass directions around a central hub. The direction for each life-theme is the first thing noted on the In-Depth Correspondence of Life-Themes. So, if you're interested in using The Compass School and want to strengthen Career you'd look to the north part of the home/room/property and work with the water element to enhance Career & Communication. A fountain can strengthen this area by adding moving water. If you want to strengthen Family Relations you'd be working with the east part of the home/room/property and the wood element. Green plants or colors such as green or blue would strengthen this area. Each life-theme is awakened by an element or combination of elements and is linked to a particular compass direction.

ALIGNING THE DIVINATION BOARD FOR THE COMPASS SCHOOL

Always align the game board so that *Life Vision/Fame/Respect* point toward the **South** part of the property or room in question. Then, *Career/Communication* will point toward the **North** part of the property or room. Then all remaining life-themes and directions will become apparent to you and their positioning in the home/room/property. If you don't really have a sense of North or South but you know exactly where the sun rises then you can apply the board with the *Family/Ancestors* area in the East and then all the other areas will become clear. And if you really want to be specific you can use a compass to determine what direction each wall faces and then align the Divination Board accordingly.

| <u>Compass directions in degrees</u> | | <u>Corresponding Life-Themes</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| North | 337.5 – 22.5 | Career/Communication |
| Northeast | 22.5 – 67.5 | Self-Knowledge/Inner Peace |
| East | 67.5 – 112.5 | Family/Ancestors |
| Southeast | 112.5 – 157.5 | Wealth/Blessings |
| South | 157.5 – 202.5 | Life-Vision/Fame/Respect |
| Southwest | 202.5 – 247.5 | Loving Relationships |
| West | 247.5 – 292.5 | Creativity/Playfulness/Children |
| Northwest | 292.5 – 337.5 | Helpful People/Spiritual Helpers |
| The Center (of the home or room) | | Health/Healing |

Standing inside your home, squarely face one of its four main walls. Point the compass toward this wall and take the reading. If you know one wall's compass direction you can align the corresponding theme on the Divination Board to that direction and the other life-theme locations will become clear.

THE UNIQUE FLAVOR OR INFLUENCE OF YOUR FRONT DOOR

The position of the front door (main door) also reveals the unique life-theme that characterizes or flavors the home's energy or focus. For example, a home with a front door in the *Helpful People/Spiritual Helpers* (northwest) sector will encourage occupants to be Helpful People/Spiritual Helpers for others; they may be receptive to helpful spiritual energies as well. Someone with a front door that enters in from *Career/Communication* (north) sector will have these life-themes emphasized in their life. Someone with a front door in *Self-Knowledge/Inner Peace* (northeast) will have these themes emphasized. Someone with a front door in the *Prosperity/Blessings* (southeast) sector will tend to have these themes emphasized in their lives. This is why many Asian people search for a home with a front door located in the southeast part of the home. The front door influence does not necessarily indicate proficiency but a general focus in those areas.

The Compass School is a fascinating system and if you want to learn more try writers such as Lillian Too, Gill Hale and Master Lam Kam Chuen.

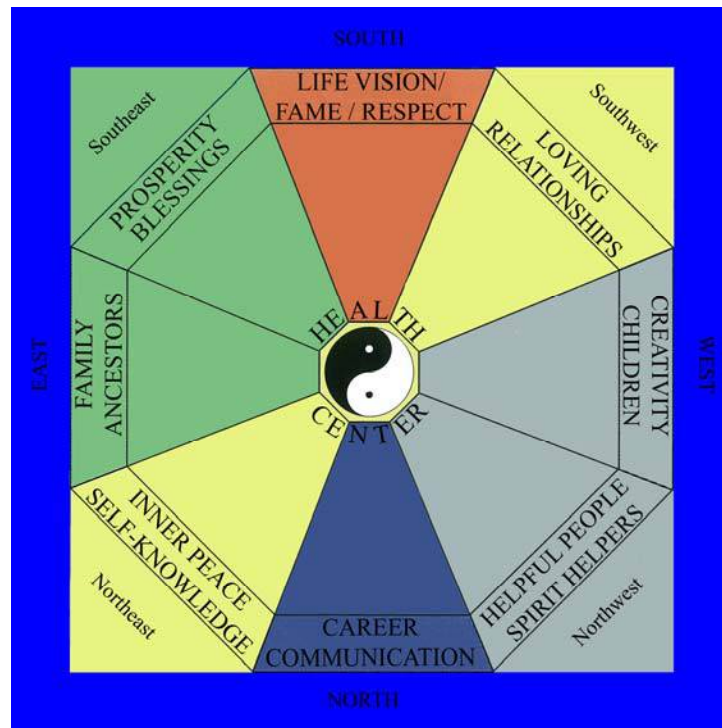
BLACK HAT SCHOOL LIFE-THEME ORIENTATION

“Three-Door Ba-Gua”

Upper

Middle

Lower



This image above shows the octagonal ba-gua, which is used like a compass in The Black Hat School of Feng Shui. This octagon is superimposed over a property, home or individual rooms to determine where life-themes originate in a space. In this system the doorway can only be in one of these three options: *Self-Knowledge/Inner Peace*, *Career/Communication* or *Helpful People/Spirit Helpers*. The three arrows show where the entryway (doorway) will appear using this system. **You will completely disregard compass directions when applying this system to a space.**

ALIGNING THE DIVINATION BOARD FOR THE BLACK HAT SCHOOL

In this system the door determines where the life-themes are oriented, not compass directions. Stand inside the front door of your home with the game board. Notice, the door is located on a wall and it will be either on the “lower left,” “center” or “lower right” of that wall. Determine which life-theme the door is located in and you’ll see where the other life-themes are located.

The other life-themes of the Ba-Gua travel into the space away from the front door. For instance, *Life Vision/Fame/Respect* is always at the far center wall from the front door. *Wealth and Blessings* are always in the upper left hand corner from the front door. *Loving Relationships* are always in the upper right corner from the front door. Remember, in this system the door can only be in the three positions as the arrows indicate. If you find that you’ve located your front door in the *Loving Relationships* sector (gua) then you’re not using the ba-gua correctly.

| <u>Position in Ba-Gua Octagon:</u> | <u>Corresponding Life-Themes</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Lower Front Center | Career/Communication |
| Lower Left Hand Corner | Self-Knowledge/Inner Peace |
| Middle Left Side | Family/Ancestors |
| Upper Left Hand Corner | Wealth/Blessings |
| Far Upper Center | Life-Vision/Fame/Respect |
| Upper Right Hand Corner | Loving Relationships |
| Middle Right Side | Creativity/Playfulness/Children |
| Lower Right Hand Corner | Helpful People/Spiritual Helpers |
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The Ba-Gua may be applied to the property (using the driveway or entryway onto the property as the door), to the whole home (using the front door), to each floor (using the entry at each level), and it may be applied to each individual room (using each room's door) within the structure to determine where the life-themes are located in each uniquely positioned space.

Later in this text I show how the Ba-Gua can be superimposed over the body and face to show what life-themes correspond with body parts. The Black Hat School is a fascinating system and if you want to learn more try writers such as David Daniel Kennedy, Thomas Lin Yun, and Sarah Rossbach.

The Compass and Black Hat Schools each have unique strengths and weaknesses. Enjoy what each school offers knowing that both add to your understanding of how energy is harmonized and life-themes represented in an environment.

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