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In many ways, life seems like a labyrinth which cannot be mapped or fully understood.

Many of us walk through life without a clear understanding of our impact on other people or the way things we do will impact ourselves. This lack of awareness can stunt our potential because we just don't know what we are doing, where we are going, or, if we know where we wish to go, how to get there.

Most commonly, people do not know what their purpose is. This stems from an inability to assess personal talents and abilities. The most successful people – the people who live up to the promise of their Destiny – live to their strengths. When someone has a clear picture of their strengths and weaknesses they would have a better shot at happiness and success. Furthermore, knowing what talents we possess helps us determine what we have to give to the world. The more we can give, the more value we possess in the eyes of those around us.

BaZi is something of a personal map for the labyrinth of life. It will help you to become the best possible version of you!

BaZi Astrology – The Map to Your Life

Your BaZi, or Destiny Code, describes your strengths and weaknesses. It can help you show you the maximum possible personal limits, based on what makes you, you. It dictates how far you can go in life, and what you can possibly achieve with the talent and potential you have been uniquely blessed with.

BaZi allows us to understand our Destiny and ultimately make better choices everyday. We can make a choice either to act upon life, rather than merely allowing life to act upon us.

Studying your BaZi Destiny Chart is similar to peeling an onion. There are many hidden layers of truth that you will uncover as you find out about yourself. By fully understanding your potential, you can both walk the shortest path to achievement and avoid dead ends in life that you are ill equipped to venture down.

BaZi can be used as a tool to:

A) Help us understand who we are.

- Understand our destiny
- Our character, personality, strengths, weaknesses
- Talents and abilities

B) Map of our life and Destiny.

- Events and circumstances that could benefit us
- Events and circumstances that could challenge us
- What lessons and insights we can gain from our experiences
- Help us grow
- Growth and progress leads us to happiness and fulfillment in life

When I speak of Destiny, it is easy to imagine that I mean a concrete series of life events over which you have no control. However, I believe that Destiny is not carved in stone. We all choose to either fulfill our Destiny or to ignore it and fail. Your BaZi chart can help you find your flow, allowing you to fulfill 100% of your potential.

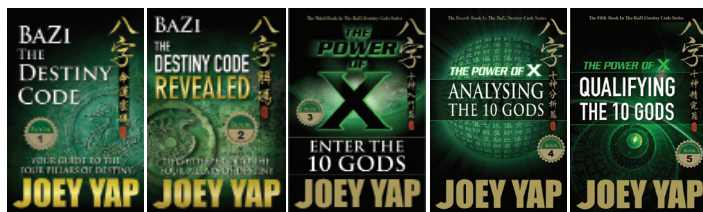
All of us have distinctive talents and capabilities. Recognizing this and knowing exactly what these are can allow you to supercharge your progress and achieve far more than you ever thought possible during your lifetime.

Understanding your BaZi chart, which reveals these distinctive talents and capabilities, is therefore the key to unleashing your innate potential.

So, what are the limitations?

If BaZi is so powerful, why hasn't it helped every person in the world to become wildly successful? While this is certainly possible, one reason is that BaZi Astrology is a complicated affair. I've spent two decades of my life studying and teaching it.

To help make the subject more accessible, I've written five key books on BaZi. Together, they form the **Destiny Code Series**.



This collection of books serves as an introductory platform on BaZi for students, practitioners or teachers to heighten their knowledge and widen their skill.

Another reason that BaZi cannot truthfully guarantee wild riches and success in stone is because we simply cannot control everything that happens to us in life.

We are at the mercy of circumstance and changing fortunes. Going through life is like riding the waves of the ocean; events rush in one after another. Some circumstances, or events are trivial and cause little or no impact to our lives. While others can drastically change the playing field and knock us for six. Think family deaths, injuries and so on.

The good news for BaZi students is that even in the worst circumstances, BaZi allows us to gain control.

With BaZi we can learn what our options are. By understanding our options, we can make better choices – instead of drifting aimlessly down the river, we can choose which fork in the river we wish to travel down. This is the way in which we can all design our own Destiny, no matter what.

The Next Level: BaZi In 2013 And Beyond

It has long been my mission to bring the art and science of BaZi to the masses.

In the course of my BaZi consulting practice over the last seventeen years, I've met with many professionals, leaders of nations and heads of multinationals. I've worked closely with some of Asia's biggest CEOs— people whose lives are interesting and inspirational. These clients lead and inspire thousands of people.

When it comes to BaZi, these busy high achievers are not interested in 'studying the technicalities' – they demand quick methods and fast results. They only want a system which gives them the ability to make split second decisions based on a person's personality and potential (the key information imparted by BaZi, and the information which is of great value in the corporate world!)

Corporate clients simply don't need a FULL "Destiny reading". They are more interested in people development, people management and personality profiling.

They need a tool to help them influence and lead others better.

This realization led me to do further research into the system of BaZi in an attempt to simplify and streamline the system for instant 'personality assessment'. I made it my goal to update BaZi for the modern world.

To this end, I eventually created the “BaZi Profiling System” in order to help people kick start the process of learning about the source of their true perceptions and what they can do to shift their lives for the better without the need to understand the technical aspects of BaZi chart reading.

This led me to another series of books focusing on personality profiling – which proved very popular among business professionals. For the first time, BaZi became widely accessible to everyone on Earth.

In my many years of BaZi teaching and writing, I have witnessed how the BaZi Profiling System helped thousands of people take control of their lives. Excitingly, the BaZi Personality Profiles are really just the beginning of the BaZi system, however.

What I offer you now is the next level of this profiling system. An advanced user level, if you may. Beyond BaZi Profiling is the traditional *Day Pillar analysis* – a method of reading I use whenever I do a career counseling with job seekers or corporate professionals. This technique is known as – the **60 Pillar Life Analysis** method, known in Chinese as “一柱論命法 *Yi Zhu Lun Ming Fa.*”



This book is intended for both the casual reader and professional practitioner. In this way, it has been written with the same mind set as one of my previous book on the Ten Stars of BaZi – *The Ten Gods*, which was a success with both of these demographics.

Before we go further, allow me to write a little about the history of BaZi so that you may have a base level of understanding before proceeding to... **A History to BaZi Methodologies.**

The current format of BaZi Astrology study was first introduced in the keystone reference of Zi Ping BaZi, by *Xu Zi Ping* 徐子平 (907-960), from the North region of the Song Dynasty 北宋. He was a famous author, with far-reaching knowledge in the field of Chinese Astrology that covered the Five Elements, the Ten Gods and various branches of the Chinese Metaphysical studies.

Later *Xu Le Wu* 徐樂吾 (1886 - 1949), a relatively recent scholar of BaZi, greatly contributed to the development of Zi Ping BaZi. His works include the ever-important *窮通寶鑑* *Qiong Tong Bao Jian* and *子平真訣* *Zi Ping Zhen Jue* that served as an important reference point, especially in the Pictorial Method (an integral part of this book), for all serious BaZi practitioners.

Xu Le Wu's publications of these classics have since become the ideal point of reference in the field – his ideas borrowed, replicated, and reproduced by subsequent practitioners of his time and even up until the present day. Unfortunately, in my humble opinion, many of the modern day authors may have missed some of the important nuances in his original work - and have taken some of his meaning almost too literally.

Zi Ping Cui Yan 子平粹言 was perhaps *Xu Le Wu's* final book, and I believe the author wrote this book with hopes of teaching his students the correct way to use the Pictorial Method and incorporate a deeper understanding of the Five Element Theory.

The ancient texts from this 60 Pillar Life Analysis Method book are mainly derived from the classic reference of *Di Tian Shui* 滴天髓. According to the legend, *Di Tian Shui* is written by *Jing Tu* 京圖, the Yi Jing practitioner of the Song Dynasty. In the early Ming Dynasty, it was further explained and annotated by *Liu Cheng Yi* 劉誠意, who is also known as, the famous scholar - *Liu Bo Wen* 劉伯溫.

The ancient practitioners and teachers of BaZi always referred to the '*Di Tian Shui* 滴天髓' as one of the essential references because they believed the information in this book would bring clarity and complete understanding to the learners of this art, if they were able to unlock the meaning within the pages. However, this proved to be quite a challenging task as the classics were written in language that is filled with metaphors and obscure meanings. This has been overlooked by modern day authors who read it literally.

With that said, I applaud the effort of Mr. Hung Hin Cheong, one of the most accomplished students of mine and a successful engineer and corporate manager, in translating ancient passages of the *Di Tian Shui* and

making the meaning clear and applicable to today's society. I've taken extracts from his excellent transliteration work and have included them in a section in this book.

Like *Xu Le Wu* 徐樂吾 (1886 - 1949), I realized today that there is a gap between the real science of BaZi and what was being offered or at least perceived in the mass market.

I also understand that another subtle problem facing BaZi today is the popularity of my very own Destiny Code series. I inadvertently created a breed of street-side practitioners who use my Destiny Code series of books. Of course, due to their lack of in-depth understanding of the concepts of the Five Elements and the Yin and Yang, some well-intended educators have merely taught their students the literal meaning of their readings; that is Jia being a big Tree and the Bing as the Sun. Serious practitioners know that the Pictorial Method drills far deeper than that. I hope this new book will help bring this notion to the general public and to the very same street-side practitioners!

At the end of it all, there are several ways to read a BaZi Chart. Each of these systems of analysis has its own benefits. By using these you will be able to look at a BaZi Chart from several different angles.

The Day Pillar Analysis

Using 60 Pillars Analysis in the BaZi system truly takes your BaZi reading to a deeper level. The most important part of the BaZi Chart for this purpose is the Day Pillar which contains the Day Master – an area of the BaZi Chart you will already be intimately familiar with after reading my BaZi Profiling or Destiny Code books.

The Day Pillar is perhaps the most important part of the BaZi Chart when it comes to discovering inner strength. Therefore, a more intricate understanding of the Day Pillar can allow you to greatly appreciate your talents and abilities. This insight can also help you learn how to become a better communicator, a better lover, a better friend, and find success in your life.

While I am a firm believer in positive thinking, I do not subscribe to the belief that we can simply ‘psyche’ ourselves into finding success or inner peace. I believe positivity is achieved when we are true to our nature. Our innate personality. By appreciating our born talents and capitalizing on them. By truly knowing who we are and becoming a better version of ourselves. I believe we can do this best through enhanced understanding of the BaZi 60 Day Pillars. Learning about the 60 Day Pillars is one way in which we can find our groove and begin climbing the mountain of progress – leading to fulfillment and happiness.

Advancing the Study of BaZi

Some of the more common, traditional ways of reading a BaZi Chart are as follows:

- The Strong Weak Analysis
- Useful God Analysis
- Auxiliary Stars
- Structural Analysis Method
- Five Elements Method
- Ten God Analysis Method
- Pictorial Method
- Na Yin Analysis Method
- Ascending and Descending Qi

My own practice of BaZi has grown over the years. Like any passionate student of BaZi, I first started out seeking revered BaZi masters for guidance and researched the ancient classics to uncover all the so called ‘secrets’ embedded directly or indirectly from the classics. I hoped to find things that had been lost in translation at the original source. Many ‘devotees’ (this is what I like to call the extremist researchers) keep digging into the past records and needless to say, most of them become what people would normally describe as the academic ivory towers.

I love the classics and I love pure research but I also like seeing the practical side of Chinese Metaphysics. I want to see it used and applied in the real world. I have found that BaZi has great utility in the business community where RESULTS are what count! (The fact my consulting firm continues to retain top corporate clients using BaZi Profiling in business is probably the best proof that it really does work wonders – if it didn't, we would have been shown the door long ago).

I've worked with the heads of businesses and leaders of nations and I can tell you for a fact – they are not interested in how well I can explain a theory or how well-versed I am in the history of BaZi. They want to know one, simple thing: how can I help them with their business. In other words, they say 'Show Me The Money'.

Over the years, I've come to realize that BaZi could be upgraded and re-packaged for the modern world. It could serve as the beating heart in a new, rapid deployment system for use in business and by people who want accurate results and answers without having to know how the system works or where it came from, necessarily. The 60 Pillars Life Analysis Method that I share with you in this book is an old method that I have brought firmly into the 21st century for today's practical world.

The methods presented here are based on *Xu Le Wu's* original Pictorial description of the Stems. I've taken the liberty to refine them and make the whole thing suitable for the modern audience.

As people continue to learn the BaZi and the tradition grows, there is no doubt in my mind that more of these old and new analysis methods will come forward.

The update and modification I've made also means that I have an additional method to share that is a total revolution to the modern BaZi system. This BaZi reading method is called the new Joey Yap's Pictorial Analysis Method and it is going to completely change the way that people learn BaZi. My goal is to present a comprehensive and wonderful system that is known as the BaZi, in a way that is more understandable and easily digested by the people who have a desire to learn its secrets.

The Pictorial Analysis Method is the next step in my passion project of bringing BaZi to everyone.

The Pictorial Analysis Method

The Pictorial Analysis Method I write of in this book is a shorthand that allows the reader to very quickly assess the 60 Pillars. It is one of the main methods I've used to deduce the meaning and attributes of each of the 60 Pillars. Now this does not mean this is the ONLY format, because we also take into consideration the Five Elements, the Ten Gods, the Twelve Growth and Birth Phases, the Auxiliary Stars and Na Yin components of each pillar. I've incorporated all these into some sort of a picture form for the pillar. Each of the 60 Pillars in this book has an associated picture. This concept relies heavily on the concept of Imagery or images, used as the backbone of Yi Jing (I-Ching), the book of changes, as well as a deep understanding of the Five Elements.

Why have I opted to use this picture-based system?

Learning the BaZi system in depth is a daunting task. This is why I created the BaZi 60 Pillars Analysis Method - in order to help make the system more understandable, palatable, and digestible from several different angles. Instead of reading and memorizing list after list of signs, elements, traits, and ideas, you can learn the BaZi system based off of images that represent the energy behind each of the 60 Pillars.

They do say that a picture paints a thousand words and I am a firm believer in the saying! Many history books as well as classic Chinese literature have used imagery to backup BaZi, just as I do here. In fact, the translations of

the specific meanings of the words connected to the BaZi reveal that each sign are called by names that suitably relate to a very specific, defined image. For example:

- Jia 甲 Wood – Big Tall Tree



- Yi 乙 Wood – Flower



- Bing 丙 Fire – Sunlight



- Ding 丁 Fire – Candle



- Wu 戊 Earth – Big Rock



- Ji 己 Earth – Soft Earth



- Geng 庚 Metal – Large Axe



- Xin 辛 Metal – Fine Jewelry



- Ren 壬 Water – Great Ocean



- Gui 癸 Water – Misty Rain



I have taken these specific and detailed translations and transformed them into a new way of learning, reading, and getting to the heart of the BaZi. The reason my picture-based system works so well is simple – humans are very visual. It is much easier for us to recall an image than it is words, ideas, or phrases. We even think in picture form. When we are working something out in our minds, imagery will form to help us sort out our issues. Pictures and simple imagery help us make sense of our lives. This is why, in my opinion, the Pictorial Analysis Method is so effective. It allows me to directly convey the essence of the BaZi message through imagery. These images are much easier to remember than words.

There are a number of things that should be discussed before the reader begins to use the Pictorial Analysis Method. Mostly, I wish to address the idea that these pictures should NOT be taken completely literally.

Consider the ever popular BaZi 101 remedy: Jia Wood 甲 = A Big Tree. In the ancient classics, for Jia Wood, a ‘metaphorical’ description is used to describe the Jia. The original author in the ancient classics was trying to portray the Wood of Jia Wood as having similar attributes to a tree.

The tree spoken of here is just a metaphor. One needs to think further, using the imagery of a tree only as a starting point, to grab the real meaning behind the picture. What the author was really saying about Jia Wood is that it embodies the idea of 'growth' (like a tree), it is about production and progress, it is about the starting of a journey or a cycle, etc.

Regrettably, some of my own students who have ventured out to start their own school of BaZi without completing their studies seem to have only taken the 'literal meaning' of the Pictorial Method with them. Some go all out to say that Jia is represented by the Big Tree and if one wants to enhance the element of Jia Wood, he or she is advised to wear green, or plant big trees in their residence. This concept has been taken out of context and is certainly not in line with my teachings or the teachings of this book. I'll say it again: think metaphorically, not literally.

I want to educate students and those that are interested in learning BaZi the correct way to utilize the Pictorial Method - the way I intend to teach in my previous BaZi Module 4 program - and rectify the problem of literal interpretation in BaZi overall.

Further Learning

To complete your BaZi study and practice, you must first know that the Pictorial Method is a very complex subject. A simple class that expands on this topic can go on and on for days. The reason for this is simple: it is important! If you are serious about solidifying your understanding of BaZi and the 60 Pillars Life Analysis Method in particular, then you need to go the distance. As such, I strongly encourage readers and practitioners to attend my learning programs and classes, to absorb knowledge beyond the pages, and to further their studies in an understandable and accurate manner with a qualified BaZi teacher or better yet, be your own teacher and invest time in studying the classics. Or perhaps, we can even meet in person in my yearly seminars so that I can exchange ideas with you on this wonderful subject called BaZi.

The Pictorial Method is not intended to be used in isolation.

Know that the Pictorial Method only gives a partial answer; it is but one part of the puzzle. The pictures do not necessarily correspond to a good or bad outcome. They are not meant to be taken at literal, face value – use them simply to get a gut feeling about the Pillar in question.

There is a danger that newer students will use the Pictorial Method as something of a crutch, ignoring the importance of the Five Elements in the process.

Remember, the pictures are to help you understand and interpret the meaning of the Pillar, and they do NOT replace the importance of the Five Elements or the Ten Gods in BaZi. BaZi is fundamentally a Five Element study, so bear this in mind. As such, Jia Wood, although a tree, is still fundamentally a WOOD element. It represents growth, progress, production and new beginnings. Though it may be painted as a big tree, it is still very much a WOOD element. Likewise, Bing Fire 丙 may be visualized as the bright and majestic sunlight Fire, but, in fact, this Pillar still belongs to the FIRE element.

Taking the method too literally may lead others to make the wrong assumption as pictorially Jia Wood (Tree) cannot produce the Bing Fire (Sun). This is where the over-simplification of Pictorial Method is evident, for it evokes possible misinterpretation. Jia, being Wood, can always produce Bing as it is Fire. Wood will always produce Fire. The condition, however, needs to be

considered. If the Wood is Wet, then producing Fire is difficult. However if the Wood is Dry, the Fire will be produced. You can judge this from looking at the Season or the surrounding elements. The pictures, in this case, help you visualize this.

One also needs to understand that to facilitate their BaZi knowledge, they need to incorporate the knowledge of the Five Elements, the Ten Gods, and the Twelve Growth Phrases, information that I have incorporated in the BaZi 60 Pillars Life Analysis Method series to provide a more comprehensive learning experience to students.

To The Critics

Of course, with a new way of doing things comes criticism. My attempts to expand the ancient teachings with this new system have not gone uncriticized. I accept this and I would even say I expected it! With any breakthrough system, there is going to be a certain amount of criticism. Great masters of the past like *Xu Zi Ping* 徐子平, *Li Xu Zhong* 李虛中, *Xu Le Wu* 徐樂吾, *Ren Tie Qiao* 任鐵橋, *Yuan Shu Shan* 袁樹珊 and *Wei Qian Li* 韋千里 were heavily criticized during their time. Their work is now accepted as ground breaking and progressive. I welcome criticism because I know and I trust that this expansion of the BaZi is going to help this system of Astrology thrive and help people to improve their lives. However, as I tell my students: There are no statues in this world that are erected in honor of a critic.

The BaZi 60 Pillars

What are the BaZi 60 Pillars?

There are 60 possible combinations of the Five Elements and their different polarities which make up the 60 Pillars. Each Pillar has its own Element and in this book you will find that each of these Pillars has its own pictorial representation, too. By seeing these images you will be able to remember the energies that are connected to the different Elements more easily. When you look at the image for each pillar you remember the name and energy behind that pillar. For example, instead of calling it a Wood Rat or a Wood Horse, you will see an image of the energy that equates to Wood Rat or Wood Horse.

Each book in the BaZi 60 Pillars series deals with one of the ten possible Day Masters. As such, one doesn't need to read all the 10 books in the series; only the one associated with his or her Pillar. Each one of the books is largely written with the Day Pillar in mind.

For the Month, the Year, or the Hour Pillar, readers need to make some minor adjustments on their own in order to derive meaning suitable for the reading represented by each Pillar.

These Pillars are made up of the Ten Stems and the Twelve Branches. Each of the Pillars has one Heavenly Stem and one Earthly Branch.

The Heavenly Stem

The Heavenly Stem is known as the prevailing Qi or surface Qi, located at the top of the Pillar. This refers to the external, publicly visible personality and traits of a person. Here we learn about the personality, traits, and outlook that an individual shows to the world. It is the characteristic, personality or outlook that your friends, family, acquaintances know.

There are ten Heavenly Stems in total; they are made up of the Yin and Yang polarities of the Five Elements:

- Jia 甲 (Yang) Wood
- Yi 乙 (Yin) Wood
- Bing 丙 (Yang) Fire
- Ding 丁 (Yin) Fire
- Wu 戊 (Yang) Earth
- Ji 己 (Yin) Earth
- Geng 庚 (Yang) Metal
- Xin 辛 (Yin) Metal
- Ren 壬 (Yang) Water
- Gui 癸 (Yin) Water

Earthly Branch

The Earthly Branch is the bottom of the Pillar. Think of the hidden roots of a tree. It is the foundation – where your Pillar rests - and therefore, it represents the foundation of who you are.

The Earthly Branch carries the Qi and is considered a stronger influence on an individual's life than the Heavenly Stem is, albeit one which is hidden to others. When we assess the Earthly Branch, we can get a glimpse into the real, secret and hidden attitudes and nature of a person.

The Earthly Branch plays an important role in BaZi analysis as it not only carry the force of time but also represent the seasons and tells us about the strengths of the elements in the Chart.

The Palaces

In the BaZi system the Earthly Branches are made up of Four Pillars. Each of the Pillars signifies a different aspect of your life. The Day Pillar is the most significant because it is made up of both the Heavenly Stem and the Earthly Branch and it is determined by your date of birth, also known as your Day Master.

The Four Pillars	
• Hour	
• Day	
• Month	
• Year	

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The Hour Pillar

This is the Pillar that is connected to your ambitions, hopes and dreams. This is the Pillar of inspiration and your inner personality. The Hour Pillar can also tell us about life in old age as well as relationships with children and subordinates.

Hour Pillar Breakdown	
<i>Conventional View</i>	- Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch : Children
<i>Life Path</i>	- Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch : Old Age
<i>Family Relation</i>	- Heavenly Stem: Son - Earthly Branch: Daughter
<i>Psychological Makeup</i>	- Earthly Branch: Entertainment and treatment of subordinates
<i>Psychological View</i>	- Heavenly Stem: Passion - Earthly Branch: Desire

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The Day Pillar

This is the Pillar that is determined by the Day Master. It is connected to your inner spirit and your soul. This reveals the way that you communicate with others and the world around you. It also describes physical health. Finally, the Day Pillar is representative of your connection with your spouse.

Hour Pillar Breakdown	
Conventional View	- Heavenly Stem: Self - Earthly Branch: Spouse
Life Path	- Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch : Mid Age
Family Relation	- Heavenly Stem: Self - Earthly Branch: Spouse
Psychological Makeup	- Heavenly Stem: Inner Spirit - Earthly Branch: Affinity
Psychological View	- Heavenly Stem: Personal view of life - Earthly Branch: Physical body

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The Month Pillar

This Pillar is connected to your ambitions. It will also offer insight on your character and your upbringing. It is also connected to the way you handle responsibility and your self control. It can also show you the effect your parents have had and continue to have upon your life. Finally, this Pillar governs your likely career success and/or your business achievements.

Month Pillar Breakdown	
Conventional View	- Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch: Parents
Life Path	- Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch: Youth
Family Relation	- Heavenly Stem: Father - Earthly Branch: Mother
Psychological Makeup	- Earthly Branch: Responsibility and self control
Psychological View	- Heavenly Stem: Ambition - Earthly Branch: Character and upbringing

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The Year Pillar

This is the Pillar that is connected to your overall gratitude for life. It can describe your morals and ethical integrity. It also describes the way you handle the important matters in your life. The Year Pillar is the cornerstone of your approach to family. It is connected to your relationships with your grandparents and your ancestors. In a modern context, The Year Pillar also represents one's social status and chosen circle of friends.

Year Pillar Breakdown	
<i>Conventional View</i>	- Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch: Grandparents
<i>Life Path</i>	- Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch: Childhood
<i>Family Relation</i>	- Heavenly Stem: Ancestor Home - Earthly Branch: Ancestor Tomb
<i>Psychological Makeup</i>	- Earthly Branch: Way of handling matters
<i>Psychological View</i>	- Heavenly Stem: Health - Earthly Branch: Gratitude, morals, and family

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The Hour Pillar and the Day Pillar are both connected to the internal side of your personality. These two Pillars represent your inner self that you keep hidden from others. Interestingly, these are the parts of yourself that you might not even be aware of. See if what you read rings true!

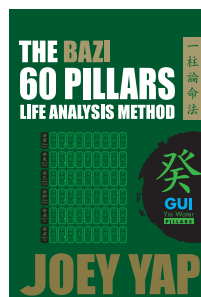
The Applications

As the BaZi 60 Pillars series is written in the context of the Day Pillar, some adjustments are needed in the event where the Month, Year or the Hour Pillar is read.

Before you begin your learning, you need to find out your own Day Pillar, by plotting out your personal BaZi chart (Go to www.joeyyap.com/bzchart). Look at the Day Pillar and find the correct book in the series that matches it. For instance, if your Day Pillar is Gui Wei 癸未, you will need to study the Gui 癸 (Yin Water) Pillar book. Similarly, look for the Ding 丁 (Yin Fire) Pillar book if Ding Hai 丁亥 is your Day Pillar.

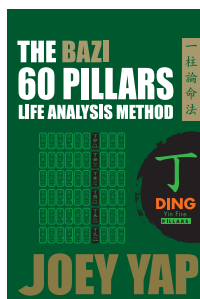
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The BaZi Chart above indicates that the Day Pillar is Gui Wei 癸未. Therefore, refer to the Gui 癸 (Yin Water) Pillar book to read the Pillar's analysis.



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	壬 甲 Ren Jia + Water + Wood 宮 DO 印 DR			藏干 Hidden Stems

The BaZi Chart above indicates that the Day Pillar is Ding Hai 丁亥. Therefore, refer to the Ding 丁 (Yin Fire) Pillar book to read the Pillar's analysis.



In this method, the Day Pillar is read as the primary Pillar of your life. It is placed up in front in the foreground with the most power, control, and influence in your life.

The remaining three Pillars; the Year Pillar, the Month Pillar, and the Hour Pillar, are all in the background. They will affect, support, and change the energy of the Day Pillar. Learning to understand the interaction between the foreground and the background will tremendously enhance the effectiveness of your readings.

The Format of this Book

There are five sections in each individual Pillar. This breakdown of information allows for systematic learning.

The subject of Chinese Metaphysics was founded on the principles of Yi Jing, based on the concept of Qi 氣 (Five Elements), Numerology 數 (methods, methodology, formulae), and Images 像 (The essence of the Pictorial Method). While the Pictorial Method references the third technique (Images), it shouldn't be applied or studied in a manner that is mutually exclusive of the other two.

Therefore these books are written to include these two aspects. At the same time, however, there's a dilemma that if I make the book too technical, students would have a hard time comprehending the information due to the lack of groundwork.

To make the information more accessible, I divided the book into five sections for each Pillar. The first section is written in layman style, with very basic character analysis and personality assessment. The second section and beyond drill in on the technical analysis and reveals some of the working behind the 60 Pillars, hopefully to pique your interest in furthering your study by researching on the more notable ancient classics such as *Qiong Tong Bao Jian* 窮通寶鑿, *Zi Ping Zhen Quan* 子平真詮, *Di Tian Sui* 滴天髓, *Zi Ping Zhen Jue* 子平真訣, *Zi Ping Jing Cui* 子平精粹.

Before Each Chapter

Several images that embody the many possible representations of the Pillar are presented in this section. This serves as a pictorial guide to help you better visualize each Pillar as you study.

1

First Section

**General descriptions of the Stems
(For all the Stems in a Pillar).**

This part gives an overview of each Stem, and provides you with a general impression before you delve deeper into the following sections.

2

Second Section

Classic Extraction from Di Tian Shui 滴天髓

This section is extracted from the works by Mr. Hung Hin Cheong, who spent countless hours translating the ancient texts of Di Tian Sui. The classical texts of Di Tian Sui provide a solid platform for any learner of BaZi of any experience level to begin and advance their knowledge in the field. The book of Di Tian Sui can be divided into two chapters: Tong Shen Lun 通神論 (The Theosophy) and Liu Qin Lun 六親論 (The Six Relations).

As a side note, in my opinion any serious students of BaZi should try to study and unlock the information in the Di Tian Sui on their own or with a qualified teacher. It is after all, the book of foundation in BaZi study.

3

Third Section

General Observation of the Pillar

Matters of marriage, career, wealth and family are expanded upon in this section. This section is mercifully written in a simple way, free from jargon and technical lingo. You can also look at the section on Famous Personalities where notable people with similar Day Pillar are listed. These famous case studies help better illustrate the information given.

4

Fourth Section

Technical Analysis

This section contains some technical aspects pertaining to this BaZi Pillar. It is necessary to have some prior knowledge on BaZi to fully grasp the content in this section.

5

Fifth Section

The 60 Pillars Unique Combination

Assess the likely outcome of different Pillars combinations; good or bad. You can also learn the specific structure name and advance your skills by understanding the analysis behind each combination.