The 5 Biggest Feng Shui and Vaastu Mistakes Most People Make… And How to Avoid Them!

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Stop letting money drain away faster than you can earn it! Act now to fix 5 common Feng Shui & Vaastu mistakes before they sabotage your prosperity -- and your life.

Feng Shui and Vaastu are not hobbies. Used properly, these ancient sciences can harness and deflect the powerful unseen energies flowing through our bodies and our environment. In fact, Feng Shui and Vaastu are so effective in attracting wealth and fortune and dispelling negative energies that for millennia these sciences were kept as the carefully guarded secrets of Asia’s most powerful rulers. Used properly, Feng Shui and Vaastu can profoundly change the course of a life, enabling people to channel prosperity, defeat competitors, and enjoy good luck at every turn. But used improperly, they have just as much power to unleash a tidal wave of negative energy that can derail every ambition. Because of their power -- and the deep knowledge and complex calculations involved -- the use of Feng Shui and Vaastu was guided by only by the most learned and respected masters. Until today.

Now, Feng Shui and Vaastu have found their way into mainstream Western culture. Everyone from interior designers to home organizers to Internet retailers promise that the secret to unlocking a new stratosphere of success and prosperity is as simple as uncluttering your space, hanging a windchime, and placing a Chinese frog statue on the upper lefthand corner of your desk. Suddenly, there are Feng Shui haircuts, Feng Shui fashion, Feng Shui jewelry, Feng Shui makeup, and the list goes on and on.

The trouble is that the popularized versions of Feng Shui and Vaastu are almost nothing like the authentic (or Classical) sciences that have flourished in East Asia for thousands of years. Not only have Feng Shui and Vaastu been grossly over-simplified, they have also been overlaid with superstition, cultural
rituals and spiritual beliefs that distort the authentic, timeless, and universal principles of these sciences. The result is that these untrained “New Age” practitioners are promulgating forms of Feng Shui and Vaastu that are not only diluted and cheapened, but actually quite dangerous. And that’s why you can’t waste a minute NOT reading further to discover five of the most-common mistakes that, instead of leading to wealth, can possibly lead instead to potential disaster.

First, Why You Should Listen To Me

Before we get started, let me tell you how I got into doing Feng Shui and Vaastu. About eighteen years ago, I had just gotten married and moved up to the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. My husband and I moved into a charming white house in Potomac, Maryland. However, it wasn’t long before everything started to go wrong in my life.

We were constantly arguing with each other. I got so depressed and was always fatigued – this was alarming because I’d always had so much energy and was always enthusiastic about life. It seemed like everything was going wrong in my life. Before moving to Washington, I had gone from being an award-winning television reporter to heading up investor relations for a major firm. Money had come easily and I’d accumulated a hefty investment portfolio. However, within less than 2 years of living in that so-called “charming” home, I lost EVERY PENNY of my money.

Everything in my life had gone so sour that I began to question whether these recent events were triggered by my move to this house. My husband thought I was just being superstitious. But I had a feeling there was more to it.
I have always been sensitive to the placement of objects and environmental energies and, having come from India, I knew of Vaastu. So I began reading every book I could get my hands on as well as studying with masters of several different schools of Feng Shui and Vaastu. However, when I applied what I’d learned to my house, I didn’t always get results – it was hit and miss. That is, until I began practicing authentic Classical Feng Shui. That’s when I began consistently getting the right results. I was so intrigued and fascinated by this science that I dedicated myself to years of study to gain the knowledge and learn from two Classical Masters whose knowledge comes directly from a lineage going back more than centuries.

Now, although many people “dabble” in Feng Shui, there are very few highly trained consultants who practice authentic Feng Shui. That’s because Classical Feng Shui is a science, not a hobby, and requires years to master the principles and calculations and apply them accurately. Unfortunately, the vast majority of so-called practitioners today have no real training. They take an afternoon course, print up business cards and tout themselves as practitioners. Are they trained in the same Feng Shui that emperors and kings guarded for thousands of years as a weapon for protecting their power and wealth? Is what they’ve learned in an afternoon or read from a book the same Feng Shui that carried the penalty of death if Masters were caught revealing its secrets to the “common man?” Of course not! Still, no form of Feng Shui should be taken lightly. In inexperienced hands, Feng Shui is at best just so much hocus pocus. But those same inexperienced hands can also unwittingly unleash a torrent of negative energy with the power to ruin a life.

And as a Classical consultant, I feel obligated to expose the bogus forms of Feng Shui being practiced today. My purpose in writing this report is to alert you to the worthlessness – and downright danger – of “New Age” Feng Shui and
help you avoid five common mistakes that can cost you absolutely everything. So if you’re ready, let’s get started ...

Wishing You Prosperity & Good Fortune,

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P.S. If you would like recommendations for applying Feng Shui or Vaastu to your own prosperity, success, health, or relationships, you can get started with a FREE consultation – read on for details.
Mistake #1 - Activating so-called “Wealth” corners

Careful! Putting a “money magnet” like a water fountain in your “Wealth” area just might attract legal nightmares, car accidents and financial ruin.

The Black Hat school of Feng Shui promulgates one of the dangerously over-simplified versions of Feng Shui I have warned you about. You see, according to the Black Hat school, every environment contains sectors that relate to specific purposes – wealth, fame, relationships, children, helpful people, career, knowledge and family. The location of these sectors is always the same, no matter what type of home or building you’re in, how it’s situated on its lot, or what kinds of energetic forces (roads, streams, mountains) are at work. To bring in wealth, you simply use a water fountain to activate that sector of the environment. Simple? Yes – dangerously simple. Here’s why.

The Black Hat school created the “New Age” Bagua with which you may be familiar. The Bagua is an eight-sided map labeled with each of the sectors. It is a one-size-fits-all map you position over your floorplan according to where you enter the room or building. The sectors are always in the same position with relation to the entrance. For example, the wealth corner is always located at the top lefthand corner of a building or a room. The fame area is always located at the top middle sector and the relationship sector is always in the far top right corner of a building or room. Black Hat practitioners then recommend that you activate or “cure” the energy in that room with the placement of symbolic objects. The problem is that this assumes that there is one – and only one – energetic pattern for every room or building in the world. In Classical Feng Shui, however, practitioners recognized more than 144 different energetic patterns for buildings. That’s because Classical practitioners recognize that the design of the building (or room), the energetic patterns of the people inhabiting it, and the
date when it was built and/or renovated have a profound impact on the influences at work in the environment. Just as the moon affects tides, planetary movements exert a pull on the energies flowing around us. To determine exactly what these positive and negative energetic influences are and how they interact, Classical Feng Shui and Vaastu practitioners use complex mathematical formulas to calculate the “natal chart” for both the environment and the inhabitants. The result is that for one person, the wealth area may indeed be the upper left corner of the home, but for another person – even one living in the same house – the wealth corner might actually fall in the lower right corner.

The Black Hat school’s over-simplified Bagua does none of this. And that’s where the danger arises. Suppose, for instance, you follow New Age Feng Shui and put a water fountain in the upper left wealth corner of your home or office area. You think you’re activating a flow of prosperity. But in reality, that might not be your wealth corner at all!

Let me give you a real world example. In doing a major renovation on their home, a family decided to try their hand at Feng Shui and enhance prosperity by building a beautiful koi pond and waterfall in their wealth area. But after the pond was completed, prosperity actually seemed to fade and the family quickly found themselves “drowning” in misfortune – multiple car accidents, legal nightmares, constant turmoil, frustrated ambitions …. The flow of bad luck was so sudden and so overwhelming that they called me in for a consultation. I saw the problem immediately: the area in which they had built the pond and waterfall was in the so-called wealth sector according to the Black Hat School. However, applying Classical School calculations, I saw that for these particular people, putting such a large area of flowing water in that sector badly unbalanced the energy, exacerbating accidents and legal troubles. The problem was intensified by the interaction of directional “unseen” energies, planetary influences, and natal charts — none of which were taken into consideration because the family
was simply following the Black Hat School guidance. As this family discovered, placing water in the wrong area of a home or building can trigger legal hassles, loss of funds, sickness, and go against the very intent of placing water there in the first place – that of increasing prosperity. Authentic Feng Shui, however, takes into account the uniqueness of each individual and the building they occupy, thus avoiding these types of dangerous “one size fits all” mistakes.

It becomes clear from this example that over-simplified Feng Shui can have disastrous consequences. These consequences are not related simply to wealth, either. In another case I was called in to “fix,” a couple had tried to use overly simplified Feng Shui to help them conceive a child. They had dutifully moved their bedroom to the “child” sector of the one-size-fits-all Bagua. Following the advice of not just one, but two New Age practitioners, they had imbued this sector with their intention by setting out baby trinkets and a picture of a baby. After two years of waiting, nothing had gone right ... but things had begun to go wrong. Finally, they called me for a consultation. I factored in the birthdates of the occupants, the date the house was built, and how it was sited on its property. My calculations revealed that the energetic makeup of the house itself revealed a pattern that would make it difficult to conceive a child. No amount of “intention” could overcome this pronounced flow of negative energy, but the use of a strong Classical Feng Shui cure could. Within two months, the couple conceived and the wife ultimately gave birth to a healthy baby.

Now let me say a word about the use of intention: positive thinking (like affirmations) and prayer are always beneficial. Classical Feng Shui, however, is a science and as such it does not require a belief in the power of intention. Simply carry out the recommendations of a qualified Classical Feng Shui practitioner and you will receive the benefit of energetic change.
The bottom line here is that using the one-size-fits-all New Age Bagua or Black Hat school quick-fix “cures” has enormous power to backfire on you by activating malevolent energies that literally war against your health, wealth, and relationships. This is why this form of Feng Shui is simply not used in Asia – and shouldn’t be used in your home or office, either!

What’s your wealth corner? Why not take advantage of my invitation for you to receive a **FREE** introductory consultation? (Read on for details)

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**Mistake #2 – Spending your hard earned money on Chinese good luck symbols**

*Careful! Your home can boast more trinkets than a Chinese gift shop and still be attracting bad fortune.*

Many Feng Shui books tell you that when you bring Chinese good-luck symbols into your home, you bring in good luck. And why have just a little luck?

You place a coin in the mouth of a statue of a three-legged frog with its mouth facing the front door and wait for money to pour in. You buy Fu Dogs or a lion statue to flank the door, too. Before you know it, you’re up to your eyeballs in artwork symbolizing different Gods, Chinese calligraphy and figurines of turtles, fishes, birds, lions, elephants, and every animal in the Chinese zodiac.

So why haven’t you seen a surge in your wealth?

Well, for starters, you’ve poured out so much money for all those trinkets! But the real problem isn’t how much you’ve spent, it’s what your money has
bought you: absolutely nothing. That’s because while good fortune symbols are an integral part of Chinese culture – and while many are linked to enduring folk remedies – they have NOTHING TO DO with authentic Feng Shui principles. So while these objects are beautiful, whimsical and (usually!) harmless, they should not be mistaken for serious Feng Shui remedies.

As in every culture, the Chinese surround themselves with items that are symbols and of good luck. For Americans, those symbols might be a “lucky” rabbit’s foot, up-turned horseshoe or four-leaf clover. In Chinese culture, good luck symbols include “double happiness” calligraphy and the mythical dragon. In trying to translate Feng Shui for modern times, these good luck symbols have gotten translated not as superstitions, but as actual principles. To understand how these mistakes happened, it’s important to remember that Feng Shui was traditionally a highly guarded secret. In order to safeguard the science and the lineage of authentic Feng Shui, the ancient Masters encrypted the principles in the form of classical poetry. It’s easy for modern scholars to stumble over the translation of these texts, creating inaccurate interpretations. Misinterpretation has resulted in folk remedies, superstitions and spiritual beliefs being mistaken for Feng Shui’s authentic, timeless, and universal principles.

That said, if looking at a statue or a frog with a coin in its mouth makes you feel good, then by all means, place it in your environment. But the statue will not change the energy in your home and thus has no power to bring you extra good fortune. That’s why Classical Feng Shui does not involve placing statues of frogs by the front door. Instead, it balances the “pull” of different elements (metal, wood, water, fire, and earth), planetary influences, geological forces, and personal energetic makeup to neutralize negative energies as it optimizes the positive life force flowing through a specific area at a specific time. It’s that science – rather than a superstitious symbol – that can be so powerful in bringing wealth flowing into your life.
Mistake #3 – Decluttering “cures” bad luck

Careful! Cleaning out the closet and dejunking the garage won’t keep you from going broke.

One of the biggest myths is that Feng Shui is simply about clearing away clutter. In fact, most of the popular pseudo-feng shui books are really just tools for decluttering and getting organized. Of course it is helpful to clear out junk, discard things you no longer use or love, and get rid of anything unfinished (and not likely to get finished). Clutter is “stuck energy” and having too much of it stuck in your house can lead to depression, put your life on hold, weigh you down, stifle creativity, and create disorganization and debilitating procrastination. And I guarantee that if you clear out clutter you will come into money, gifts, opportunities, or other good things. That’s because one of the laws of the universe is that nature abhors a vacuum and will do whatever it can to fill up that void or space. One of the fastest ways to get what you want in life is to “energetically” make space for it. Thus, clearing clutter will give you more space and it can work wonders in helping you attract what you desire.

However, authentic Feng Shui is much deeper than cleaning out your junk drawers. You can have a clean, spare and organized house yet it can still be full of unseen energies that will eventually cause miscarriages, bad health, financial setbacks, even adultery. I have seen beautiful and well-organized homes with not an ounce of clutter where the occupants still feel depressed, have legal and money hassles, and are always arguing. Remember, while clearing clutter is good, the real power of Feng Shui lies in clearing negative influences and rebalancing the flow to harmonize with your specific home and your specific energetic makeup.
If you’d like to learn more about your own energetic makeup, why not take advantage of my invitation for you to receive a **FREE** introductory consultation? (Read on for details)

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**Mistake #4 – Believing any home that doesn’t face east or northeast spells doom for your family.**

*Careful: According to Vaastu (Indian Feng Shui), beneficial energies flow from those directions, but your own ideal home might face a different direction.*

As a Feng Shui and Vaastu practitioner, I’m often called on to help clients who are considering a move to find the most auspicious home. Thanks to many of the Vaastu books on the market today -- and even some Vaastu consultants -- many clients come to me convinced that the only directions a house should face are north, east or northeast. Any other directions and the occupants are doomed and have “bad vaastu!” Again, this is pure nonsense and shows a lack of understanding of the science behind Vaastu.

While positive energies certainly emanate from the north, east, and northeast, it doesn’t mean that your house must face these directions. In fact, I had one client whose house faced east and it couldn’t have been a **worse** orientation for her. The fact is that your home doesn’t have to face one of the so-called “good Vaastu” directions for you to take advantage of the energetic rays coming from these directions. In other words, look for a home with plenty of windows located in the north, east and northeast areas.
In terms of authentic Vaastu, the correct direction for your own specific auspicious-facing house should be calculated from your birth chart. You see, your energetic compatibility with your house is determined by your “janma rashi” which is the position of the moon according to your vedic horoscope at the time of your birth. With this calculation, you might find that for your specific energetic makeup, your ideal home should face west. So, while choosing a west-facing home runs counter to those pop-culture Vaastu books, not only will you avoid doom, you’ll actually attract good fortune!

Other factors that are also critical in determining proper Vaastu are the topography of the land and the placement of the rooms in the home. So again, even if your house is facing one of the more auspicious directions – north, east, and northeast -- if the topography of the land does not harmonize with the natal chart of the home then the occupants can suffer from “bad Vaastu.” Another important factor is the directional placement of the rooms in the house. If certain major rooms – especially bedrooms, kitchens, doors, or a home office are not located in “ideal” directions of the house, then problems can also arise for the occupants.

Case in point: Just over the past year, I had three different Indian families contact me regarding problems they were experiencing in their homes. All three families said they thought they had followed Vaastu principles because they had followed the advice of popular books and bought or built their homes facing east or northeast. When I looked at the natal charts, however, I saw immediately all three men (all of whom were the primary breadwinners) shared a common fact: according to their moon signs, neither east nor northeast were favorable to their energetic makeup. In fact, these directions had profound potential to bring about ill luck and mishaps.
One family, for example, had suffered massive legal challenges after moving into their east-facing home. In addition, the directional layout of the rooms further compounded their problems. In the second family, the direction in which the land sloped around their northeast-facing house had the power to bring about serious relationship and health challenges which were already beginning to be felt. In the third family, the supposedly auspicious east-facing direction was no protection against “bad Vaastu” – since moving in, the wife’s business had fallen apart; her health deteriorated; her daughter was caught shoplifting; and she was considering thought of declaring bankruptcy. In each case, I was able to make recommendations and life for all families began to improve once again.

The point is this: no single direction is auspicious for everyone. Buying, building, or remodeling a home is a huge investment. Only by taking into account the energies influencing you, your home, and the property surrounding it can you be sure you’ll have an environment that supports you rather than working against you.

So, is east or northeast your most auspicious direction? Why not take advantage of my invitation for you to receive a FREE introductory consultation? (Read on for details.)
Mistake #5 – Using red to activate your fame and success

Careful! Are you sure you’re not actually inviting arguments and heart disease?

The Compass School is recognized by Classical Feng Shui and is very powerful – but only if the calculations are true to the authentic Compass School, and only if they are performed correctly. Once again, you must be on guard against the over-simplified “New Age” version that rigidly assigns life situations (wealth, relationships, fame for example), as well as elements and colors to each direction without taking into consideration any other factors.

For instance, according to this New Age Compass version, the north direction is associated with career; northeast is related to knowledge; east is family and health; southeast is wealth; south is fame; southwest is relationships; west is children and the northwest is helpful people. According to the Lo Shu Bagua used by the Compass School, north is associated with the water element. Because of this, many New Age Feng Shui practitioners will recommend that everyone should always put a water fountain or fish tank in the north part of their home to tap into “career” luck. This is devastatingly – dangerously – over-simplified. As we saw earlier in Mistake #1, putting water in an improper area without considering timing, unseen energies, or planetary influences can trigger car accidents, sickness, and loss of funds and go against the very nature of placing water there in the first place – that of increasing prosperity! The southwest area is associated with love and relationships according to the New Age Compass School. So if you’re looking for a new “love” to come into your life, practitioners of this school will tell you to place boulders in the southwest of your garden, or to place a pair of decorative geese or crystal hearts in the southwest area of your bedroom or home. This overly simplified new age version of the
original Compass School does not take into consideration the placement of elements according to the movement of time. For example, if you place those crystal hearts in the southwest of your house during a month with certain planetary influences, it won’t be love you attract, but instead the potential for sickness.

Untrained use of the Lo Shu Bagua can set these “everyone should always” traps in every area of your home! For example, if you’re looking for fame, then New Age Compass School practitioners might tell you to paint the south part of your home bright red because it is related to the fire element. But what about the interplay of energies and timing? What about the natal chart of you and your home? What about the surrounding property? All these factors can dramatically change the quality of the energy in that southern area. In fact, they can change the energy pattern so dramatically that instead of inviting fame and success, painting your southern room red could actually usher in arguments, eye ailments … even heart disease.

**Conclusion**

Every day, so-called Feng Shui and Vaastu “experts,” best-selling books and popular websites lead more and more people into making these five common – yet potentially disastrous -- mistakes. And that’s just the start! How many millions are blithely hanging wind chimes, growing bamboo, and tying Chinese coins together thinking these little gestures might pull in a little good luck?

We’ve seen that amateur application of Feng Shui and Vaastu is far from harmless. Both sciences exert profound influence on how the energies of the environment interact with the individual dwellings and the people who inhabit them. That’s why there is no “one-size-fits-all” answer for using these powerful
principles to improve your life. In fact, in the same way that practicing medicine on yourself is a bad idea, you can actually end up doing quite a bit of harm with “do it yourself” Feng Shui.

Here’s something else to think about: Feng Shui comes from the sister science of acupuncture. Both sciences are rooted in the I-Ching and they both use the five elements in diagnosing and treating energy patterns either in the body or in a building. “The beauty – and power – of both sciences is their ability to find the optimum energy flow for the individual being treated. You would never think of doing “do-it-yourself-acupuncture” on yourself. There are many variables involved in acupuncture as there are in authentic feng shui. And yet as people try to do feng shui on themselves, they could be actually be harming themselves unknowingly.

The good news is that in the hands of a skilled Classical practitioner, authentic Feng Shui and Vaastu can help you tap into the same principles for attracting wealth, health, happiness and success that were once the closely guarded secrets of ancient Asia’s most powerful emperors and kings.

If you’d like to learn more about how Classical Feng Shui and Vaastu can change your life, sign up now to receive “The Prosperity Report.” Published every other Tuesday, my newsletter brings you insights you can use right away to improve your luck, take charge of your destiny and optimize your health, wealth, and relationships. You’ll also be the first to learn about my upcoming workshops and teleclasses with additional insights for enabling you and your business to prosper.

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