

Feng Shui Research Centre Luó Pán User Guide

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The Hòu Tiān Bāguà Luò Shū arrangement gives us “The Magic Square”. A mathematical marvel that is also known as “the magic group of threes”. Using the numbers assigned by the dots, we get:

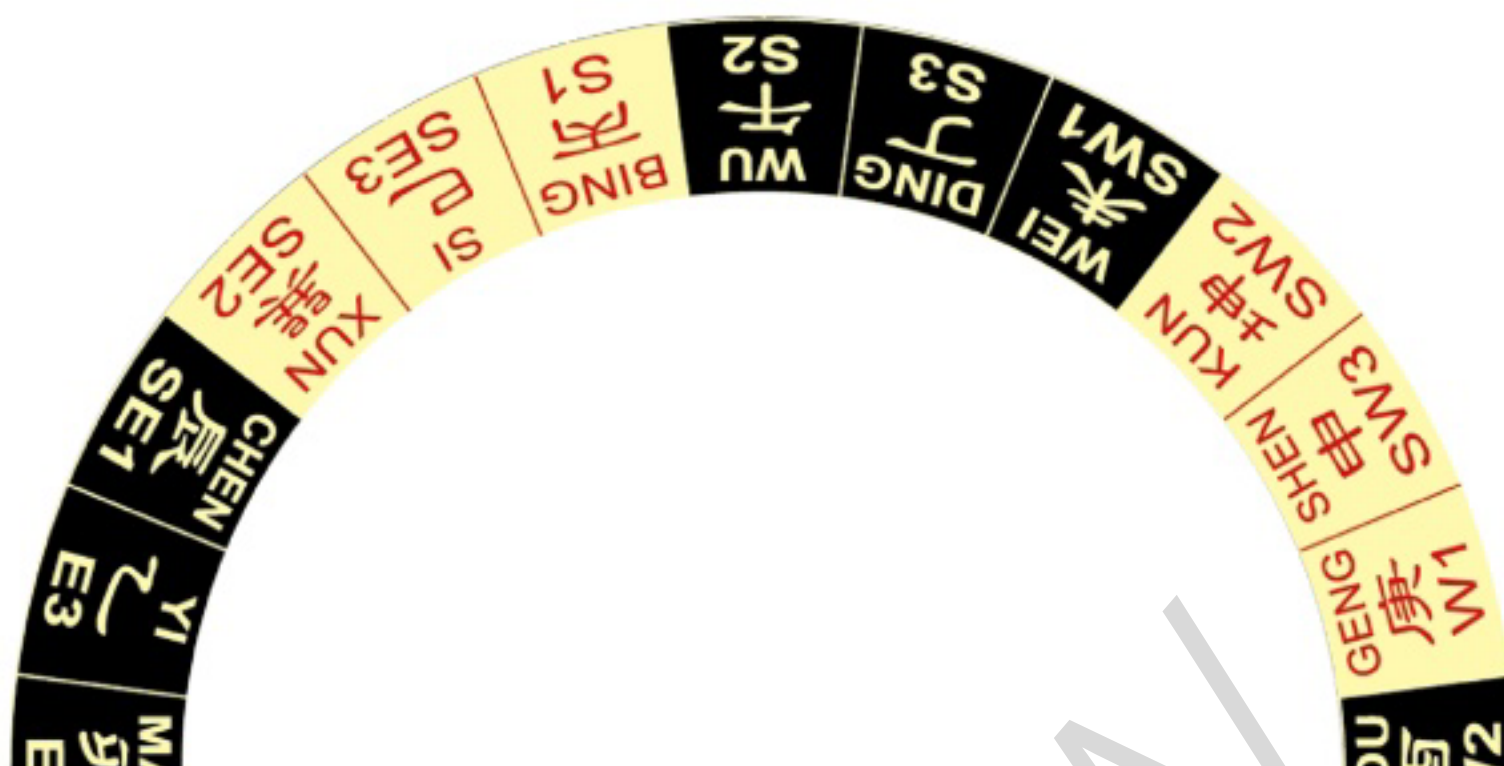
- ☒ Diagonal right $4+5+6 = 15$
- ☒ Diagonal left $2+5+8 = 15$
- ☒ Top row $4+9+2 = 15$
- ☒ Mid row $3+5+7 = 15$
- ☒ Bottom row $8+1+6 = 15$
- ☒ 1st column $4+3+8 = 15$
- ☒ 2nd column $9+5+1 = 15$
- ☒ 3rd column $2+7+6 = 15$

4	9	2
3	5	7
8	1	6

The Luò Shū stars Hòu Tiān Bāguà are more than trigrams. They are living representations of the Trigram’s essence. They are life like. They take on personalities with their own likes and dislikes, and they will try and influence you to be like them.

Their good qualities are normally found when the Qi is happy and supported. When not, they tend to show their bad side. Some common attributes of the Luò Shū star’s qualities as per the Yi Jing are as follows:

Luò Shū Number	Good Character	Bad Character
1	Wisdom	Separation & Divorce
2	Fertility, Good Health	Abdominal Disorder
3	Abundance of Wealth	Robbery, Lawsuit, Asthma
4	Academic Success, Romance	Adultery, Broken Family
5	Success, Great Wealth	Bankruptcy & Death
6	Authority, Dignity, Fame	Loneliness, Lawsuit
7	Speech & Healing	Fire, Theft, Destruction
8	Steady Progress in Wealth	Solitude, Injury to Children
9	Fame & Fortune	Eye Problems, Fire, Lawsuit



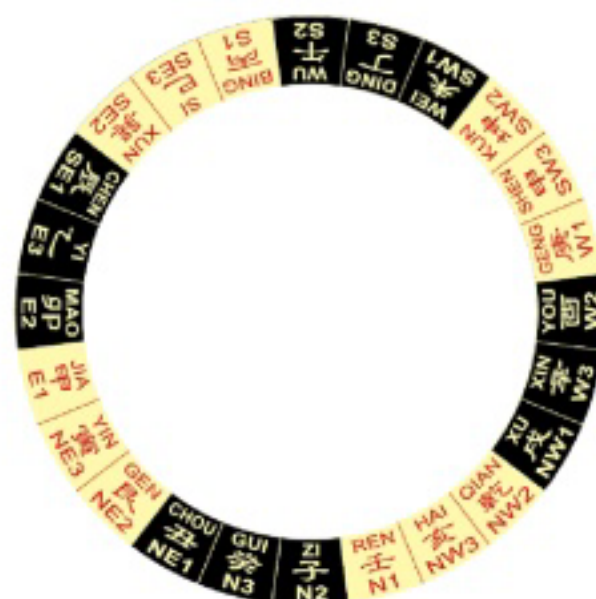
Ring 4 - 24 Directional Positions(二十四方位)

The 24 Directional Positions, commonly known as the 24-Mountains is the most widely used Ring on the Luó Pán. The Ring gets its name from its 24x15° segments.

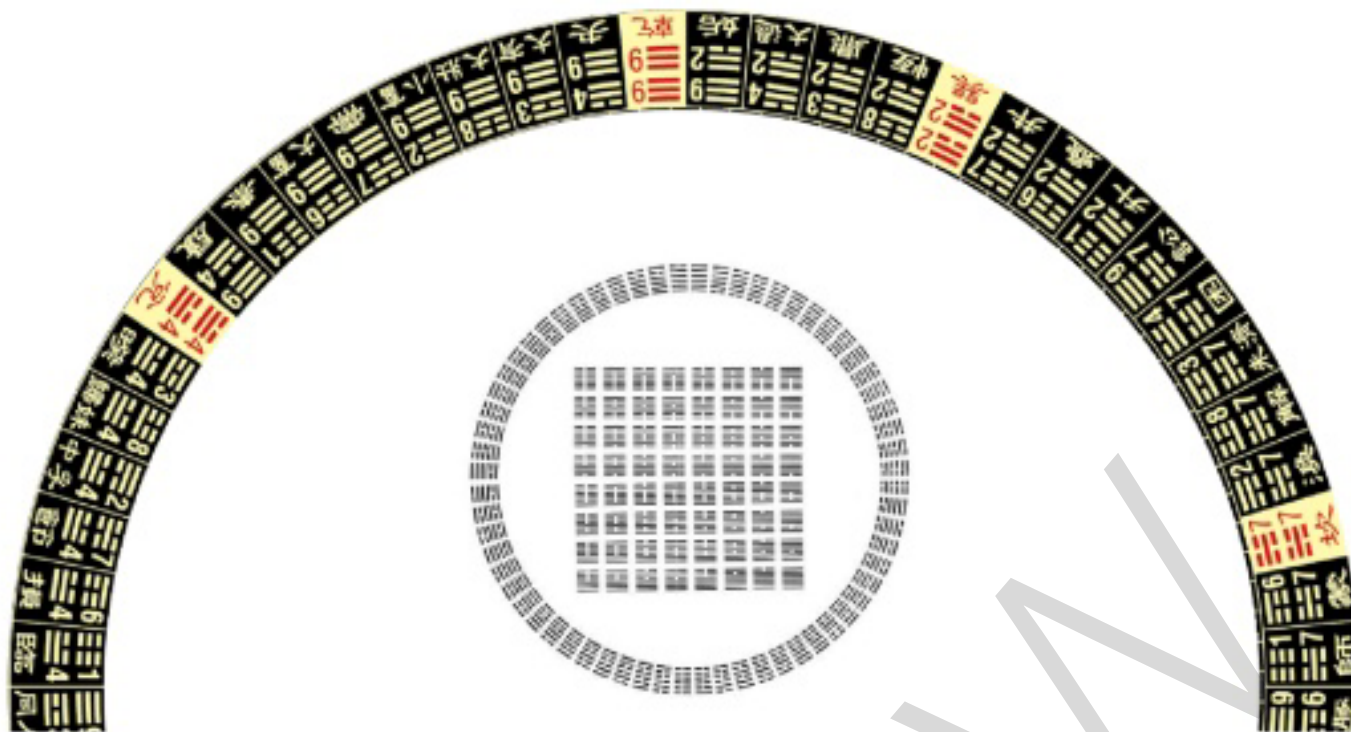
These segments are commonly referred to as “mountains”. While they are not real mountains they do represent the 24 directional Qì positions. The Feng Shui Research Centre is a Xuan Kong School and as such we have a Xuan Kong 3 cycle, (San Yuan), Luó Pán.

The Ring is comprised of a combination of the 12 Earthly Branches, 4-Trigrams, and 8-Heavenly Stems. Memorizing the sequence is not advisable. It is better to do by reasoning.

Start by fitting in the **4 sub-cardinal trigram** directions, Gen in the northeast, Kun in the southwest, Xun in the southeast, Qian in the northwest. Next, place **4 of the 12 branches in the cardinal directions**. Mao in the East, Wu in the South, You in the West, and Zi in the North.



Next place the **8 stems** by flanking the cardinal directions. Jia and Yi will flank cardinal branch Mao. Bing and Ding flank cardinal branch Wu. Geng and Xin flank cardinal branch You, and Ren and Gui flank cardinal branch Zi. Then fill in the rest of the branches in their proper order.



Ring 8 - 64 Xuan Kong Da Gua Hexagrams (玄空大卦)

This ring comes from the Circle Diagram developed by Fang Yuan Tu (方圓圖) and passed down to Shào Yōng (邵雍) by Chén Tuán (陳搏).

This diagram allowed the Dà Guà 64 hexagrams to be placed in a circular format. If we study the diagram, we see that there are 8 sets of trigram palaces.

Starting with trigram palace Qían on the top (south), and going anticlockwise, we have: 8xDui, 8xLi, 8xZhèn, 8xKun, 8xGen, 8xKān, and 8xXun. Each of the groups of 8 trigram are topped by the Hé Tú formation (9,4,3,8,2,7,6,1).

We use the Dà Guà hexagrams to read the intrinsic Qì or harmony of a location. The sitting and facing hexagrams will have the most influence on the basic human Qì of the house.

These hexagrams will also suggest the likely prosperity of the house when compared with the Dà Guà Period Ring. We need to keep in mind that these readings, like all formula, are always based on environmental compliance.

For Example:

Hexagram 92 (Qían sitting on Xun) Period 8 (Zhèn)

When timely: people have success due to diligent and skillful work. Husband and wife love each other. Business brings big profits and people are powerful.

Shuo Gua tells us that Qian is a ruler, and Xun is an entrepreneur, with the period influence of Zhen to bring success.