



Easy Interpretations - BaZi

"BaZi", the "eight signs", distributed over the "Four Pillars of Destiny", are the core of Chinese Astrology.

Here's some ways to simple interpretations, based on the example of well-known personalities,
Donald Trump / Harry – Meghan – Archie from the Sussex-Family,
to help you quickly make good use of it for yourself and for other people in your surroundings.

I wish you a lot of fun and inspiration with it.

When reading, please bear in mind that I originally wrote this text in summer 2020, then published it in German, and only now in spring 2021 the English version goes online.

The possibilities of interpretation and the application of the Four Pillars are very extensive.

The topics range from **Personality Analysis** to **Date Selection** (calculation of "favourable times" for private and business occasions) to **Feng Shui**.

In the following I give a few simple hints for interpretation, even for all three areas.

Hopefully you can find out more interesting things for yourself and other people - as well as about the "compatibility" of different people with one another.

Of course, there is much much more that would be important for a complete analysis, but this should only be a first introduction - and is still often very helpful, as the examples show.

If you want to "play" yourself, here you can download my

[Free software](#) [Easy Pillars](#)

There's also a short video available on how to use it technically.

If you would like professional advice, sure enough I'd be happy to hear from you:

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Please note that with the software as well as with the interpretations which follow, I have added eight more digits to the "classic" eight characters, which are less known but, from my point of view, particularly exciting. They are based on a system called "**Xuan Kong Da Gua**", which is mainly used for Date Selection and Feng Shui, but can also be extremely helpful for personality analysis.

See for yourself hereinafter, and:

Have fun with the "Four Pillars of Destiny", analysed here for:

Donald Trump, and then for:

**Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Duke and Duchess of Sussex,
with their wedding date and their son Archie.**



Donald Trump

As a first example, here are the "Four Pillars" of Donald Trump's date of birth, because we might all be able to judge his character a bit:

Donald Trump		14.06.1946 10:00	
energetic hour of birth 10:00	energetic day of birth 14.06.1946	energetic year of birth 1946	
Hour	Day	Month	Year
己	己	甲	丙
earth	earth	WOOD	FIRE
Snake	Goat	Horse	Dog
巳	未	午	戌
8	1	9	6
2	2	1	1

The "actual pillars" are the large bordered block in the middle.

They are also often referred to as a "chart" - and because it's shorter, I'll do that later too.

I will come to the small block below with the digits later.

The upper line of the pillars is called "**Heavenly Stems**" (or "**Stems**" for short - here from "earth" to "FIRE").

The bottom line of the pillars is called "**Earthly Branches**" (or "**Branches**" for short - here from "Snake" to "Dog").

So, these are the signs of the Chinese zodiac.

Above and below the English names are the Chinese characters as they are used by professionals.

And for the professionals among you, it should be said that you can change this in the software according to your own liking: the characters can be prominent in the middle, the texts may be small above and below (or even completely removed, or renamed). That would look something like this:

己	己	甲	丙
巳	未	午	戌



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The colours indicate which element (according to the Chinese convention) the respective character is assigned to ([water](#) / [wood](#) / [fire](#) / [earth](#) / [metal](#)). If an element is written here in small letters in English, it signals a “yin” quality, in large letters a “YANG” quality. The same applies to the “animals” below (i.e. yin stands under yin, Yang under Yang), but mostly they combine yin and yang in a specific form. You will find out a bit more about that in Archie's example.

What does that tell us now?

At first glance it can be seen that Donald Trump's chart is very one-sidedly dominated by “[Fire](#)” and “[Earth](#)”.

Well, nobody will be surprised, because he is known as a "fiery" person and his primary business is real estate, and that belongs to the element "earth".

Why he is successful with “Earth” is due to a special characteristic of his chart - for example Steve Jobs (founder and CEO of Apple) also had a lot of Earth in the pillars, but he still made his money with technology (Metal).

So, what's so special about Donald Trump's pillars?

Branches of the earth (signs of the zodiac) can combine with each other - and thereby strengthen the element of the dominant sign (underlined below):

[Water](#) Rat - Monkey Rat - Dragon

[Wood](#) Rabbit - Pig Rabbit - Goat

[Fire](#) Horse - Tiger Horse - Dog

[Metal](#) Rooster - Snake Rooster - Ox

(Right, there are no combinations this way for the element earth.

And also right: WITHOUT the dominant sign, (according to most teachers) the combination does not come about.

BUT: Another person or a suitable calendar date in life can complete the combination.

And lastly: Not all combinations possible may actually go through.)

In addition, such combinations strengthen the integration of different aspects of a personality, so it becomes “more consistent” in itself. Whether that also goes well with the “self-element” is another completely different question.

The stem of the day is known as the "self-element".

It is the "core" of the personality.

This is why this symbol is highlighted in colour in the charts (for Trump it is “yin earth”).

It is also important to note that in principle a connection/attraction can arise between two people, if such combinations between the characters of the two charts occur (see example below for the family). Whether this is "pleasant" or "challenging" in a specific case, and who's affected more this or that way, depends very much on the individual constellation.

In any case, when all three signs come together, the bond is particularly strong.



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Well, with Donald Trump we “only” have a fiery combination of Horse and Dog.

But that's not all, because there are other combinations that are rarer but all the stronger. For this, all THREE characters have to come together (not necessarily in this order, and not next to each other):

Water Pig - Rat - Ox

Wood Tiger - Rabbit - Dragon

Fire Snake - Horse - Goat

Metal Monkey - Rooster - Dog

These are the signs that are side by side in the zodiac, with the dominant sign in the middle.

Lo and behold, that also applies to Donald Trump.

The Earthly Branches of his pillars combine completely into fire:

Snake - Goat - Horse – Dog

This is really extreme, and there’s nothing more possible!!!

Let us now look at his "Self-Element" (the Stem of the Day of Birth):

“Earth” is nourished by “Fire”, i.e. Donald Trump is not only a strong personality because all Branches combine to form the same element, but because this one also supports his self-element as much as possible. No wonder then that he is so convinced of himself and does not tolerate anyone next to him or any contradiction.

But it gets even better.

Let's look at the second block with the individual digits.

8	1	9	6
2	2	1	1

This results from a method called Xuan Kong Da Gua, which has to do primarily with the trigrams and hexagrams of the I Ching (the Chinese Book of Wisdom / Changes, often used as Oracle but of enormous value beyond that). We won’t dive deep into this here, as we are only interested in a few special aspects, which may be important to decide for auspicious dates and favourable directions, but also are exciting for the personality analysis.

Here, too, there are combinations that are particularly important in the top line.

The most important combination is that of “10”, but “5” and “15” are also relevant.

What do we see?

At this level too, the “9” in the “Horse” pillar of the month combines with BOTH neighbours.

Now, it is exciting to note that the individual pillars also reflect specific topics of the person.

Hour	Day	Month	Year
Projects	Individuality / Relationships	Job / Work	Person overall



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So, for Donald Trump, virtually all “relationships” and his entire personality are in the service of the profession (the “Horse” is the strongest of the three characters).

And now let's go one step further:

Among the 64 possible hexagrams (associated with columns of the digits on top of each other) there are eight so-called "leaders".

These constellations are particularly "strong" and "self-determined".

Leaders are identified by:

Number "1" in the bottom line of the double numbers.

Oops, Donald Trump has TWO of them in his chart.

Well, throughout all this constellation, it is no wonder, that his ego is as it is.

All in all:

With a very simple analysis, we got a pretty good understanding of Donald Trump's character.

Of course, it will not be so easy for all people, but you will most certainly get one or the other indication of personality if you try it out for yourself, for people around you, and for the compatibility of family members and business partners .

The examples below will give you a bit more inspiration.

In general, however, it should be noted that there are of course not only "combinations " but also "clashes" and "punishments", and not only on the level of the "Earthly Branches" but also among the "Heavenly Stems". And in addition, one may also calculate **Luck / Fate cycles of 10 years** (which do NOT start with the birthday) that a person runs through in life, and they each have their own pillar that interacts with the main Four Pillars. This can lead to very exciting aspects and especially to understand (and maybe even forecast) very drastic changes in life. In the case of Steve Jobs, for example, it would be the BaZi justification for having his first job in the computer industry at the age of just ten.

But of course that takes us too far here. As I said, you can find out more personally in an [individual consultation](#). Please note, that **this technology can also be used to find out which future dates you are particularly compatible with and which are auspicious for you**, for example to get married or start a new business. And beyond all things based on the calendar, **your chart of birth is also a solid basis to determine good directions for you personally**, be it for bed, desk (whether "real" office or home office; and even at an immovable table you can still sit so as to face the favourable direction if you have an important phone call, for example), or for the cash register of a shop, etc.

But back to our example and the pure horoscope analysis:

There is another very simple and very useful system that I would like to draw your attention to:

The Earthly Branches can be divided into three categories:



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Starters: Pig - Tiger - Snake - Monkey

Enjoyment / Culmination: Rat - Rabbit - Horse - Rooster

Perseverance / Completion: Ox - Dragon - Goat - Dog

If you have several "starters" in the pillars, you should be good at starting new things.

Anyone who has "perseverance" in the pillars several times is good at persevering or ending successfully.

And of course this can also be related to the topics of the individual pillars (see above).

So, in principle, Donald Trump is primarily good at persevering and enjoying himself, but can also always start new projects.

And what could we recommend to him at the end of our short analysis:

In this case, unfortunately enough, nothing at all, because any advice would bounce off his ego anyway.

But in other cases there may be useful tips, as you will see in the next example below.

OK, I hope you have enjoyed this so far and enjoy experimenting yourself.

Therefore, at this point, once again, please let me reference my free software, where you can easily enter your date of birth and the corresponding chart will be displayed immediately.

[Free software](#) [Easy Pillars](#)

You can also set the software (by the way, this is the default setting when you start it up for the first time) so that the quality of the current date is displayed. You may then understand better, especially in combination with your own chart, why some things go better for you on some days and hours or are more difficult than at other times (subject to other influences, of course, from the private / business environment to the weather up to the position of the moon and the constellations of Western Astrology, which also has its justification and is often a good addition – you may watch my [video on Spring 2021](#) for example).

But I would like to give you a little more practice material here.

So, let's not look at an individual now, but at a prominent family:

**Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Duke and Duchess of Sussex,
with their wedding date and their son Archie.**

Here first of all are the charts, so you can have your own considerations before you continue reading:



Prince Harry Duke of Sussex		15.09.1984 15:20	
energetic hour of birth 15:20	energetic day of birth 15.09.1984	energetic year of birth 1984	
Hour 戊	Day 壬	Month 癸	Year 甲
EARTH	WATER	water	WOOD
Monkey	Rat	Rooster	Rat
申	子	酉	子
2	8	2	1
6	1	7	1

Meghan Markle Duchess of Sussex		04.08.1981 03:52	
energetic hour of birth 3:52	energetic day of birth 04.08.1981	energetic year of birth 1981	
Hour 丙	Day 甲	Month 乙	Year 辛
FIRE	WOOD	wood	metal
Tiger	Tiger	Goat	Rooster
寅	寅	未	酉
2	7	7	8
4	9	6	3

Marriage Harry & Meghan		19.05.2018 11:35	
energetic hour of birth 11:35	energetic day of birth 19.05.2018	energetic year of birth 2018	
Hour 甲	Day 辛	Month 丁	Year 戊
WOOD	metal	fire	EARTH
Horse	Pig	Snake	Dog
午	亥	巳	戌
9	7	2	1
1	7	8	6

First Blind Date
(Day unknown to me)

Month 乙	Year 丙
wood	FIRE
Goat	Monkey
未	申
7	8
6	4

Archie Mounbatton Windsor		06.05.2019 05:26	
energetic hour of birth 5:26	energetic day of birth 06.05.2019	energetic year of birth 2019	
Hour 乙	Day 癸	Month 己	Year 己
wood	water	earth	earth
Rabbit	Rabbit	Snake	Pig
卯	卯	巳	亥
1	8	8	2
4	7	2	2

And now some simple interpretations on my part:

I will start with a small overview:

Pay attention to the upper lines of the double numbers first.



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Only 4 of the 18 possible places contain a number that is NOT "2 - 7 - 8".

What does that tell us?

First of all, you already know that 2 and 8 combine to 10, so this indicates a particularly strong connection. The combination of 7 and 8 to 15 also applies, just a little bit weaker.

So that's what we find in all individual charts, and above all across all charts.

Consequence:

All three people are strong in themselves, and they are also very strongly connected to each other and to the dates of the meeting and wedding. So, at this level a great constellation for a permanent and happy family.

But a little note on the side:

The digits can also be assigned to elements, and if two columns have the same element in the upper digit, they are also highly compatible with each other. The following applies:

Water 1 - 6

Wood 3 - 8

Fire 2 - 7

Metal 4 - 9

With Meghan, Harry and Archie we almost only find fire, and also the supporting wood: also an extremely good and harmonious constellation.

While we're with the elements, let's take a look at the elements as they are shown directly in the Four Pillars:

Obviously, Meghan lacks water - which Harry has in abundance.

Conversely, Harry lacks the fire, which Meghan does not have in abundance but at least she has it.

At this level, the two complement each other perfectly.

It should be noted on the side, that "hidden" they both have the "missing" element. As already mentioned, there are also combinations within the Heavenly Stems, and they bring the two exactly what they lack "openly". In other cases, the so-called "Hidden Stems" in the Earthly Branches can also take care of this - here they are of no use in this regard. And you see: there is a lot more that is interesting and important, but would go beyond the scope at this point.

Finally, let's look now look at the data a little bit more in detail with what we know so far:

"Ladies first," so let's start with

Meghan:

ALL digits without exception combine to 10 or 15.

Accordingly, she is an extremely strong personality, even though she has no "leader" in her chart.



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The strongest combination is from her overall personality to the projects, not (as with Trump) to her profession. So she was able to put her profession on hold in favour of marriage (which is also a form of “project”), but most likely will pursue it pretty soon again, because the “Goat” in the month signals “perseverance”.

And why was she successful as an actress? I would assign this activity to “water”, and thus it is the perfect balance of the elements in her chart (and in connection with Harry's water no longer that important). Apart from that the “Yang Fire” in her “Hour Pillar”, in relation to the “Yang Wood” in her “Day Pillar”, suggests activity as an artist.

Harry:

He has TWO combinations to 10, AND also has TWO “leaders”, so he is a very very strong leader.

With the “starter” Monkey in the hour, he has already implemented this in many successful initiatives. But he also has THREE “enjoyments” in his pillars, which signals a bit of the dissolute life he was known for before marriage.

And because he is so strong, he was not really interested in the comments in the media until the wedding (after that he also had to take care of his wife and child) - and ultimately not the reactions to his withdrawal from the obligations of the Royal Family .

Wedding:

Although the date was certainly set by other framework conditions and was not freely chosen by the two, it fits perfectly, as already explained above. In addition, the date has ALL the elements plus “start - enjoy – persevere” in a balanced mix. So, this could also indicate a permanent bond.

Archie:

You already know: combinations to 10, plus the double combination “Rabbit - Pig” - he will be able to withstand the strong parents. Especially since he is strongly connected to BOTH via combinations, as you can now understand for yourself. In this way, he will also remain a strong bridge between the parents, even if there should ever be tension between the couple.

But can he be “strong” if he only has “yin” in his pillars? Is Archie going to be gay?

On the one hand, of course, a “yin” personality can also be “strong”, but it may be expressed differently than in a “Yang” personality. Second, in general, “extremes” can also turn into the opposite, i.e. it remains to be seen how his life will really develop. And third, especially in Chinese, nothing is purely “black and white”. On the one hand, the “Rabbit” is also often referred to as the “moon rabbit” and is considered to be very sensitive and intuitive. On the other hand, in the Organ Clock of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) it stands for the meridian of the large intestine - and that is “Yang Metal” (no, no typo, not “Wood ” but “Metal”, not “yin” but “Yang”.) That is the underlying reason why “rabbit people” can be very clear, assertive and decisive. Just think of the possibility that someone could be totally nice in one situation, and be very tough in another one. It is not for nothing that the “Rabbit” is sometimes also called “Cat” in literature: mostly cuddly, but with sharp claws. Therefore, despite the very strong parents, I'd say that Archie will be able to go his own way.



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Advice for the family:

So, is “everything okay” for this family?

Well, there is one point that I would consider the "Achilles' heel": "Perseverance".

Only Meghan (with the “Goat”) has an Earthly Branch in this regard, neither Harry nor Archie. So, the entire perseverance of the family is practically on her, and even worse, that’s in the pillar of her profession. Phew, regardless of all other positive constellations, that could turn out to be difficult in the long run. Though by now I’d like to add that it might be considered as kind of stroke of genius that in the fall of 2020 the couple made a long-term deal with Netflix.

So what else would my recommendation be:

“Perseverance” is a theme of the “Earth”, and that element should and certainly could strengthen this family. It starts with preferring not to live in a high-rise apartment but in a house with a garden and generous access to this garden, including pleasant places to stay there. This can be supplemented with a decidedly cosy interior of the house, perhaps with a fireplace and lots of pillows as well as flowers, and by no means soberly functional (metallic cool). The sectors of the domicile that are assigned to the earth from the point of view of the compass are also especially important: the south-west (which also is connected to "relationship" in general), the north-east, and above all the centre.

Yes, and with that we have already made the connection from the horoscope to Feng Shui.

That is the particularly nice thing about Chinese Astrology that it is based on the same basic principles as Feng Shui, so that very practical recommendations for action can be derived from the theoretical analysis. And it applies not only to life in general but also to private and also business rooms (if relevant), from the general design to the alignment of essential elements, from the house as a whole to the bed and desk, further on to the direction and design of the entrance, last not least for a shop or a restaurant to the positioning of the cash register.

If you would like to know more specifically in one area or another, might be interested in a personal consultation, I would of course be happy to hear from you (see below).

In any case, I would like to thank you if you have read this far, and I wish you all the best, and perhaps you get some further inspiration by using my

[Free software Easy Pillars](#)

And if you liked the software and/or these interpretations, please recommend both.

Best regards, and maybe see you soon.

Yours

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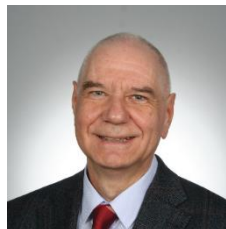


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P.S.:

Fate sometimes goes strange ways, so even if it may sound crazy:

If someone reads this and has a direct line to Meghan & Harry, I would be very happy if I could support the family with the design or construction of a new home according to Feng Shui (my English is fluent, and I have also been to California several times.)

P.P.S:

For the professionals among you, here is the reference to my high-end software:

[Mystro - My own Astro & Feng Shui](#)

BaZi - Date Selection - Feng Shui: everything seamlessly integrated.

Standard evaluations are quick and easy, and there are many options for going in depth.

Interactive "play" on the floor plan is fun, and also great to achieve the best possible results (also on the touchscreen).

And of course, this software is also the efficient basis for my own consultations.