Chinese Symbols

GOOD FORTUNE SYMBOLS

 Good Feng Shui is associated with certain objects because of their colors or the material from which they are made, or because their name in Chinese is similar to desirable conditions, such as tranquility or longevity. Having this objects in your home, or hanging a painting on the wall depicting these objects, will help to bring good fortune

Chinese Symbolism

- Wealth, symbolized by gold, antique coins, lush trees (jade and money trees) and the presence of clean, clear and rippling water.
- **Wisdom** is represented by the elephant, which is regarded with great respect in many Asian countries.
- C Longevity and good health, represented by bamboo, peaches, pine trees, and cranes, which are often depicted in Chinese art.

FOUR CELESTIAL ANIMALS

THE DRAGON
THE WHITE TIGER
THE TURTLE
THE CRIMSON PHOENIX

The Green Dragon

The dragon sites imbued with the dragon's cosmic breath are areas of abundance and prosperity.

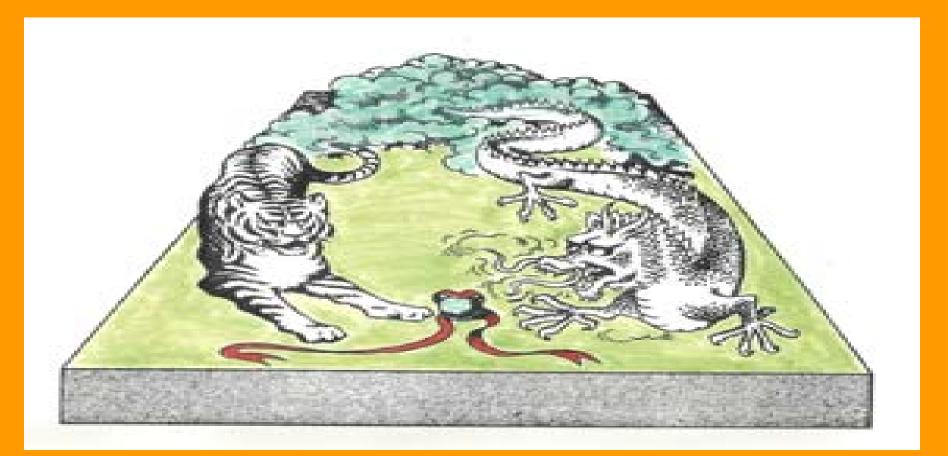
In landscape Feng Shui, the green dragon is ideally placed on the east, or on the left side of the house looking out from the front door.

The White Tiger

In landscape Feng Shui the White Tiger is usually placed on the west, or on the right-hand side of the house.

• The tiger must not be disturbed or activated, since this would transform it into a malevolent creature.

Green Dragon & White Tiger



The Yellow Turtle

The turtle provides the solid support; it is symbolized in landscape, by protective hills behind a house.

The Crimson Phoenix

C The crimson phoenix represents the fire energy of the south and symbolizes a footstool, signifying a life of leisured ease and happiness.

Chinese Symbols

BALANCING YIN AND YANG

The figurines of Chinese gods provide symbols of health, wealth and prosperity.

C THE DRAGON is the principal symbol of Feng Shui. The spirit, or cosmic breath, of the dragon is believed to influence natural forces intangible in the environment, which translate into auspicious and inauspicious luck.



• Two principles central to Feng Shui:

- Concept of the cosmic breath or Chi

- Five Elements and their relationships

Basic Principles and Symbols in Feng Shui

^C Important <u>symbols</u> in Feng Shui:

- the Pa Kua or Bagua (Life Desires, Best Directions, Flying Stars)

- Eight trigrams of the I Ching (Where the Bagua comes from)

- Lo Shu magic square (Where the all Flying Star formulas come from)

The Lion

CTHE LION is the symbol of protection and stands on guard at the entrances to all of the main galls of the Forbidden City. Many temples and homes also display pairs of these protective lions.

Bagua Mirrors

- It should always be placed outside buildings to deflect harmful Chi. It should never be placed inside a dwelling and should always be used with great care as it is a very powerful symbol. To be defensive means taking steps to protect the home and workplace against bad Feng Shui; to be aggressive mean taking active steps to encourage good Feng Shui. Even if ill fortune does befall you, the effects are mitigated.
- C Always use Bagua mirrors with respect and place them with love. Never wish ill fortune on your neighbors.

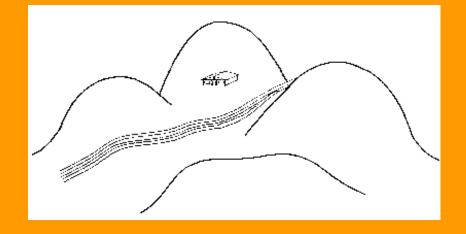
SYMBOLS OF LANDSCAPE FENG SHUI

C All the references to celestial animals are purely symbolic. Dragons and Tigers are the hills and mountains, or contours in the undulating landscape, as are the Turtle and the Phoenix.

THE SYMBOLS OF LANDSCAPE FENG SHUI

The dragon "hills" must always be slightly higher than the tiger's hills and dragon must always be to the left of you (or in the east) while the tiger must be on your right (or in the west).

THE SYMBOLS OF LANDSCAPE FENG SHUI



C The ideal landscape location, with hills exhibiting dragon, tiger, turtle and phoenix-shaped contours. The four celestial animals should all be positioned correctly, relative to each other.