

## HOME & LIVING



### Feng Shui and Karma

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Early in my Feng Shui schooling, I learned that your home mirrors your life. Very simply, if there is a lot of clutter in your home, your life will probably be one of confusion, indecisiveness, and exhaustion. However, I was skeptical about the correlation between a new home and a client's long-standing issues. Being a very rational person, my initial reaction was, "What if a client had financial trouble before they moved into a home that has a missing Wealth corner?"

I found I wasn't the only one who pondered this question, as my colleagues also revealed their skepticism. The professor's response was enlightening as well as inspiring, for it brought full circle what I've learned about in my esoteric studies. "Karma," he said. Yes!

When we have a karmic situation (recreating similar circumstances until we can work past them), we are drawn to those circumstances, again and again. According to Herman Kuhn, quoting from Tattvarthasutra, he describes karma as "a mechanism that makes us thoroughly experience the themes of our life until we gained optimal knowledge from them and until our emotional attachment to these themes falls off."

So, if you have karma with finances, you will subconsciously connect with a property that has issues with the Wealth area of the Bagua. Unaware of this connection, you may purchase this house and continue your pattern of financial trouble.

I have seen this pattern oftentimes with my clients. Not only will they move into a home that exacerbates their current problems, but there are repeating patterns within their homes, and sometimes workspaces.

For example, one client asked me to help with her marriage. After a time of trying to work through their differences with each other, they had finally gone the traditional route of marriage counseling, but to no avail. When I surveyed their property, I noticed that the property line sliced through the "Partnership/Romance" area, cutting most of it out. In addition, the room in their house that represented "Partnership/Romance" was unusable because it was filled with clutter—the husband's clutter! And if that wasn't enough, their master bedroom was symbolically disconnected from the rest of the house. Their relationship was weakened by the lack of support in the property and the positioning of the bedroom, and was stuck (clutter in Romance). Once I gave them cures for each of these areas, things started moving in the right direction.

Using a Feng Shui consultant in your home or workspace will help create awareness of how your current challenges are linked to your environment. You can then make Feng Shui adjustments to improve the energy. Or, better yet, use a consultant when you are ready to find the most harmonious home or workspace, freeing you to move beyond any barriers! The International Feng Shui Guild ([ifsquid.org](http://ifsquid.org)) is a great resource to find a professional Feng Shui consultant that will help you in your home or workspace.

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