

Feng shui can CORRECT VAASTU FAULT

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What the erudite vaastu pundit A P Velayudhan wrote in DNA Property's December 25 is-

sue about vaastu and feng shui is not a charitable opinion.

He is right when he says commercial gimmicks deployed in the name of vaastu correction are despicable. Where he is wrong is the role played by feng shui in balancing vaastu.

As a practitioner of feng shui for a long time and with a considerable number of satisfied clients, I want to say that feng shui is a science - it is a clear methodology based on the principles of yin and yang, the five elements and the use of direction to tap into qi (which is simply the natural energies found in the environment).

It involves using directions to tap into the prevailing qi of the environment. The factors considered when consulting any property are the time, the residents, the directions and location of the property.

Feng shui is about tapping, making use of the correct qi in the environment, thus maximising the potential of the environment around your property to improve your quality of life. There are many positive improvements that feng shui can bring to a person's life but there are limitations, when the environment around the property, main door position, bedroom position etc cannot be altered or changed to meet the formulas based on the direction taken and person's date of birth just like the vaastu guidelines.

According to feng shui, each house is unique based on the year when it is built, directions, landforms, external features, and each person is unique. There is no general rule like north-facing or east-facing. It does not work like that for each person. We take the date of birth of the individuals, construction year, or any recent renovations, directions, external forms into account and check how far the house is favourable for the person, be it rented one or owned house. Based on the direction taken, the good and bad sectors are calculated and we check how far the main door, kitchen



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and bedroom, toilet and other internal rooms are positioned and affecting the individual.

In cities, where high rise buildings, apartments, condos are more than stand-alone homes, applying feng shui starts from selecting the apartment, unit, its location, directions, and interiors. There are many challenging limitations that high rise apartments or individual houses pose when you can't renovate extensively or there is less space in which to make changes such as using different rooms. Feng shui solutions are provided by altering the qi path inside the flat, correct facing in the bedroom, checking the fire mouth of the stove - to name a few.

Feng shui has been commercialised like everything else. Velayudhan is right in saying fixing a small objects in plastic, mirror, crystal, is a dishonest way of fleecing pliable clients. Certain approaches in new-age feng shui are considered rather dangerous, for example, like placing an aquarium in the north or in east, as a water feature is not really needed for every house. When it is wrongly positioned, then one has to face its negative con-

sequences.

The best cure is using natural qi through alignment, changing directions or making use of strategic positions of your house, office, room, bed or desk. At the most minimal, feng shui requires either a directional or locational change, and improving a situation often requires altering the qi path by moving things around. Feng shui is not just the art of placement, which many people think. In fact, it is much more than that. But not many consultants follow the traditional or the classical feng shui and when solutions provided using the so called feng shui objects like buddha, three legged toad, feng shui plant, mirrors etc one cannot expect any result, they think feng shui is not working, without realising that they are not following feng shui.

The challenge that achieving good vaastu or feng shui poses, is one of the reasons why people opt for new age feng shui. It is human nature to hope for the best and certainly, it's easier to believe that the qi of your house can be fixed with an item or an object than to accept that your house has certain limitations when it comes to feng shui. No one likes to be told that the place they are living in is 'limited'. The conventional reaction is always "can't you just fix it to make it better?" Unfortunately, feng shui is not a Band-Aid or plastic surgery.

Correcting vaastu is therefore possible. It is better we keep off the area we have not acquired expertise and concentrate in where we have the knowledge.

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