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## Finding What's Missing This Spring

As we anticipate this time of new beginnings, warm weather and light, many of us still feel

that some aspect of our lives is incomplete, or another way of putting it is that 'something is missing'. The ultimate truth is that we are all complete and infinite beings. Yet day to day we forget this truth and often feel that we're lacking in some way. May be it is a life partner, a particular opportunity, our finances or health are not where they should be. Many factors contribute to every condition but where we live (and work) is

certainly one of them. As you may already know, when applying the

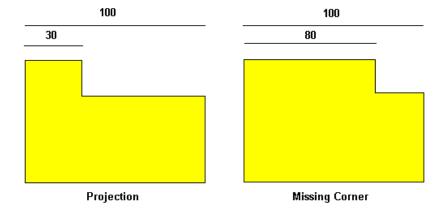


bagua or feng shui template to an environment (be that a building or an individual room),

there is often what's referred to as a 'missing' area. On a floor plan this looks like an indentation in the whole shape or perhaps one side is shorter than the other. In an apartment the closet or bedroom of one unit usually creates a 'missing area' in another unit. One school of thought says, that if you're under the roof of a building that is 'complete' (a whole shape) that your unit doesn't have anything missing. But as we are subject to what is closest to us, if our own environment is 'incomplete', it is probably having an influence on our life. This is due to the fact that when 'chi' or energy is not able to nourish an an area of the bagua, sooner

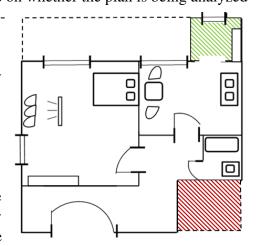


or later this may reflect in the corresponding area of your life. With architecture getting more innovative the floor plans of newer buildings may be puzzled together, creating even more 'missing' areas. The good news is that all of the situations mentioned here have the potential of creating 'projections' or extended areas in your environment, which offer a boon to your feng shui. In addition feng shui adjustments can be designed to amend 'missing' sectors.



So how do we figure out if an area is missing or projected? The "half rule" as shown in the diagram above indicates the following: 1. If the projected part is less than half of the entire length of its side, it is called a PROJECTION. 2. If the projected part is more than half of the entire length of its side, it is called a MISSING CORNER. Now determining which sector or 'gua' is missing depends on whether the plan is being analyzed

by compass directions or the Black Hat methodology—which organizes the bagua from the main or front door. I use both methodologies to determine the best adjustment of a particular area. The adjustment may be a mirror, plant, a particular piece of art, lighting, color or some combination of these. Analyzing my client's situation, and how a missing area may be influencing their life, along with their taste and budget, determines what I recommend. In the floor plan to the right the green area is a projection and the red is missing. Since in this example we do not now the compass directions, lets orient the bagua from the front door. Thus, the missing (red) area above



represents: the males members of a household or lack thereof, benefactors, the ability to be focused, have support in life, travel, the lungs, skin, large intestines, head and neurological systems - to name a few of the associations. I may recommend a mirror on the wall to the right of the door to 'extend' the area or give the sense of more space. I then intend that chi fill that space with what is 'missing' in the life of the person living there. If this were a free standing structure, I may suggest an outdoor light directed to 'fill' the missing area. This is not an easy subject to address in a few words but as it is an important component of feng shui and I wanted to address it, as spring is a time to fill the voids in our lives with new life! If you have a question about your environment, please write or call and we can discuss your options for a consultation. In addition, I will be teaching this very subject and so much more next month - see below!

Wishing you a new season with nothing missing! Judith



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