

# Chapter 2

## Use the IAA Site Calculator to see your 4 Pillars

Step One is to find: <https://www.mantakchia.com/inner-alchemy-astrology-2/>  
Fill in your data, by scrolling down on the 4 Pillars: Year, Month, Day, and Time – adjusted to solar time if possible. And click on ‘calculate demo chart’.

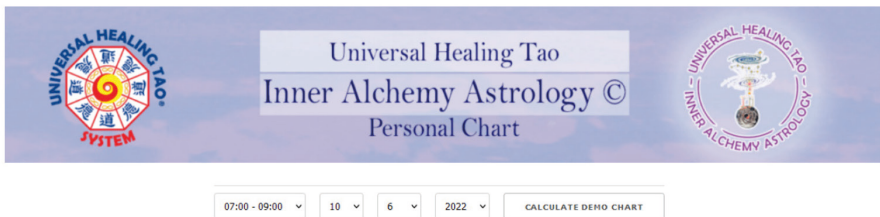


Figure 2.1a Inner Alchemy Astrology Website Calculator

The demo chart is free and demonstrates what the IAA chart can offer, and there is already much useful information in it. Another use of this calculator is to be able to see the energies of a moment in time in the past and future. If you want to check out which elements are abundant when you are launching a new business for example, and you know what elements are favourable to the work, to you and fellow business partners, then you can use this information.

Calculations are based on the Chinese Solar Year which starts around the 4<sup>th</sup> of February of any year. The program will decide the Chinese year for you. People with birthdays between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to the 5<sup>th</sup> of February have often been looking at a year animal based on the lunar or Western year and could be surprised to find themselves with a different animal.

The lunar year is the ‘Chinese New Year’ which is celebrated in China and Chinese districts all around the world, with dragon and lion dances, firecrackers, special food and little red envelopes containing money and it is somewhere between the 20<sup>th</sup> January and the 20<sup>th</sup> February according to the first new moon. But it is the Solar New Year which is used in Astrology and Feng Shui calculations.



Figure 2.1b Calculated Demo Chart – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Water Tiger Year 2022

If you do not know the time that you were born, then you cannot access the information of the Fourth Pillar (read from right to left; it is the hour pillar – the time of your birth). In that case estimate the time from what, if anything, you know and realize that there could be an inaccuracy on that pillar.

Possible indicators of your time of birth are whether you are a ‘morning’ person or ‘night’ person. Someone born in the night, is usually more awake later than someone born in the day, who could be an ‘early bird’. You could try doing two different charts to see the difference between say 14:00 and 05:00 to give yourself an idea of what difference this information makes to your overall element make-up. However, the most important information for you is on the other three pillars, so these should be correct to benefit from the chart.

You can order a complete chart on this page, for a small fee, which gives you a lot more specific information, but to start with you can learn a lot from this simple version. We will refer to features in the complete chart in Part Two of the book.

This chart is your astrology birth chart, expressed in the Yin and Yang of the 5 elements. It represents the energy that you were born with. This energy can be interpreted in terms of health, wealth, emotions, personality, the family around you and your interaction with Society. To learn to make interpretations for yourself, the

minimum of knowledge you need is an understanding of the Five Elements and Yin and Yang. We do not need to know the gender of the person for the simple chart, later we will see how male and female charts have different luck periods.

Calculations for both astrology and Feng Shui are extremely complicated and it is not necessary to learn how to do them for yourself at this level. Computer programs offer us valuable short-cuts. Note that the current IAA charts might not give the same percentages as in our past versions. If you have an older chart, your birth energy did not change but the IAA programme has been highly tuned to give as accurate as possible a picture. Due to the difficulty of calculating this, there are very few Chinese Astrology charts which will attempt to suggest percentages and we will not give a full explanation in this book.

	HOUR	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
STEM	Yang Water	Yin Earth Day Master	Yin Water	Yin Fire
BRANCH	Monkey Yang Metal Yang Earth Yang Water	Buffalo Yin Earth Yin Water Yin Metal	Buffalo Yin Earth Yin Water Yin Metal	Ram Yin Earth Yin Fire Yin Wood

Figure 2.2a Natasha: born January 1968

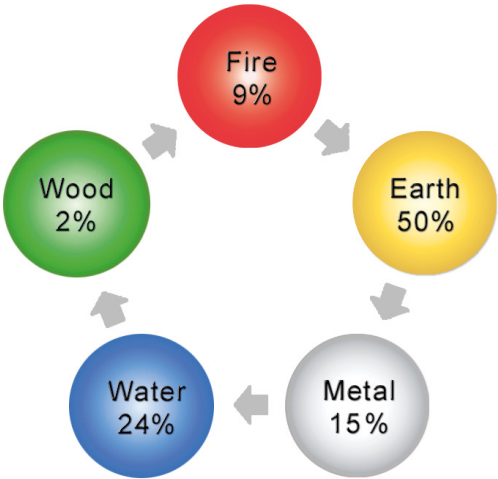


Figure 2.2b This represents the percentages Natasha has of each of the Five Elements, from her birth chart

The program will also translate the above data to give you a breakdown of your elemental make-up, and it is expressed in percentages to give you a clearer image.

## Find your Day Master

The first thing to do with your chart is to find your Day Master, so called as it is from the Day Pillar. In fact it is the upper, heavenly stem part; it is also ‘You’ or your self element. Find your Day Master and refer to the 5-element pictogram where you will see your Five Element composition expressed in bubbles, with the percentage next to it. Examine the element marked Self which is your Day Master, and you will see if it is strong or weak; the size of the bubbles on your chart indicate the strength of the elements, as do the percentages.

Look also at the element bubble preceding it: this is what nourishes you, and so a strong element here will make your Day Master stronger. Notice the arrows between the element bubbles showing the feeding cycle.

From the previous example, Figure 2.2a and 2.2b, looking at the mention under Day, and the upper line, we see that Natasha is an Earth Day Master, in fact Yin Earth. From the ‘bubble’ diagram, figure 2.2b, we can see that she has a very strong Earth element, 50 %, and we would refer to her as a Strong Earth person. The element which is nourishing her, Fire, is not very strong, but already her own self is strong.

	HOUR	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
STEM	Yin Wood	Yin Fire Day Master	Yin Metal	Yang Earth
BRANCH	Snake Yang Fire Yang Earth Yang Metal	Rooster Yin Metal	Rooster Yin Metal	Monkey Yang Metal Yang Earth Yang Water

Figure 2.3a Pilar: Female, born September 1968