

FEATURES

FACING UP TO TRUTH
IN CHOOSING A MATE

A man with high cheekbones has position and is a good provider. A woman with a long face and flat cheekbones is submissive. The face is all revealing and one choosing a mate or a partner may take heed of what the shape of each feature represents according to the ancient Chinese art of appearance analysis.

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a long, deep and flaring philtrum means a good old age



FINAL PART

THE art of appearance analysis is full of advice for both men and women in choosing the right mate. Look at the eyes, the shape of the nose, the cheekbones and the lips.

Will one enjoy a good old age and, if a woman, will she have an easy delivery? All this and more is revealed in the philtrum.

Mr Li Heng Li, a Taiwanese expert in the five skills of Tao, had a class of 26 Malaysians and Singaporeans eagerly examining one another's faces as the lesson progressed from the eyes downwards.

The Eyes

A dark eyeball denotes intelligence and kindness. "If a person's eyeball gets smaller and smaller as he grows older, it means he is getting more and more knowledgeable. That is why a child usually has large eyeballs. As he grows older, his eyeball grows smaller and he's not so innocent any more. If a man has more white than black, he's probably very fierce, so be wary of him," says Mr Li.

If you are choosing a business partner, don't choose one with a lot of white in his eyes — you can be taken advantage of.

If the wave of the eye ends in a curve and with lines at the end, it is a fish tail eye and it has something to do with husband and wife relationship. The person with such a shape of eye is more dependent emotionally. He or she is likely to fall in love and get married earlier.

The wave of the eye for women is usually longer than that for the men. Career women usually have a shorter wave.

If the distance between the eyes is close, the person is practical, rational more decisive but more egotistic too. He does not show his feelings.

If the eyes are wide apart, it shows an open-minded, far-sighted person who is also understanding. "If your mother or an elderly person constantly fusses over you, look at the distance between their eyes. If it's narrow, be patient and understanding," says Mr Li, giving an example of how appearance analysis can be put to good use.

Cheekbones

Never argue with someone who has prominent cheekbones and straight eyebrows, he will never give ground.

A career woman usually has high cheekbones. The same cheekbones on a man is position. Such people are usually good at taking care of money. If they are men, they are good providers.

For a man, if the left cheekbone is lower than the right, he spends money on himself. If the right cheekbone is lower, he

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would mean that you have a good relationship with your children. If it's shallow and short, forget about having a big family for your children will not take care of you. A philtrum that is narrow at the bottom but flares up at the top for a woman shows difficulty at childbirth.

Lips

Thick lips show an emotional person who is not very good at talking. Thin lips belong to someone who talks a lot (though he knows little).

The upper lip shows how you are outside and the lower lip how you are inside. It is best to have a thinner upper lip and a thicker lower lip. A person with too thin upper lip, is full of emotions but cannot express them.

A person with a thin lower lip is rational; thick lower lip emotional.

Someone with a big mouth is not necessarily "loud". He is straightforward and suitable for work in the mass media. A person with a small mouth is cautious and emotional.

If you are in the habit of tilting your mouth, do it in the right direction. For women it is the right, for men, the left.

Door Teeth

The more teeth you have, the more intelligent you are. This certainly gives new meaning to our wisdom teeth! The door teeth in front should not be too small or big. If you have a gap in between the teeth, better patch it up. It means you cannot develop your intelligence and it is bad for your luck — money will flow away.

Tongue

A sharp and long tongue belongs to a talkative person who can express himself well. If you have a thick tongue, you are more emotional and cannot express himself.

Shape of face

The Chinese associate the different types of faces with the five elements:

- Square — metal
- Long, oval — wood
- Square, big and solid — earth
- Triangular — fire
- Round — water

A square face denotes a good career, guts and stubbornness. A woman with such a face will never listen to men.

A person with an oval face is kind but it is best that she does not spend on others but keep her money.

Though a round face "is not very good to look at", according to Mr Lee, for a woman, it means prosperity and good luck. She will also bring luck to her husband.

Teacher
with a
Taoist
purpose

WHEN Li Heng Li was born, his father had already charted his future for him. An expert in the five skills of Tao — Sun, Yi, Min, Pa, Sheng — meditation, medicine, fate, astrology, geomancy and human appearance analysis, the elder Mr Li had named his son according to I-Ching principles.

The name forms the hexagram "Ming". Chee Mong in Chinese means he will help cultivate people's intellect, so teaching would be the career for him.

It was not a coincidence then that Mr Li Heng Li should be our teacher and lecturer in the five days of the 26 of us — five men and 21 women — were initiated into the skills of Tao.

As a child he had been chosen, from among seven family members, to be his father's pupil. As a precocious nine-year-old, he was being introduced to the Tao philosophy by his father, though he still went to school like the other kids. At 14, he was already teaching his father's pupils, most of whom were much older than him.

Scientific
backing

Such seriousness of purpose is not apparent on first meeting Mr Li, 33. He "dresses like a playboy", according to him, (in bright-coloured sweaters and vests) and drives a car worthy of



□ The thrust of Chinese sword play — Mr Li Heng Li dips into a graceful stance.



□ Mr Li the teacher: He is working towards his goal of setting up a Taoist university.

into English and other languages.

With support, he says that he would be able to contribute even more of his knowledge.

(Those who are interested in helping with the translation work can contact Mrs Geraldine Tay, a Malaysian reflexologist who arranged the classes for us there. Tel 7170150).

What about people who may misuse such knowledge? This was his reply: "A lot of killers use knives to kill people but is the knife guilty? If not, what's the purpose of keeping all the knives? In I-Ching and Tao, it is

get impatient with people who think I am God and can perform magic."

Asked whether the lo-ching, a Chinese compass used in geomancy, and which we were told could bring favourable influence to one's dwelling could be termed as superstition, he says: "The main purpose is using it as a compass; the favourable influence is only a side interest."

He terms superstition as "taking the human as God and expecting miracles from him."

Purify
the spirit

lung places. Even the "fancy" car is not to impress but to serve the purpose of conveying him, at high speed, safely to his various destinations. Doesn't he yearn for the pleasures of ordinary mortals?

"I have done all the things expected of a young man such as disco, dating, playing mahjong, football and ping-pong. Now I have an ideal and I'm working towards it."

An expert in Taoist kungfu, Mr Li attempted to teach us some simple exercises to "purify the spirit and bring us closer to Nature." He demon-