

**Question Three:
How can we know
the future, and
know the unknown?**

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The desire to know . . .

**. . . and the problem of the
unknown.**

**IF YOU COULD KNOW THE
FUTURE . . .**

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE
TO KNOW?**

THINGS WE MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

- the future of our life on earth**
- our life beyond the grave**
- who to marry**
- what job to take**
- what is happening to friends
we do not see, or to our
ancestors**
- remember what we forgot**
- future stock prices, winners,
gambling numbers**
- who stole our things**
- the will of God for our lives**

HOW CAN WE KNOW THE FUTURE?

DISCERNING THE FUTURE

1. Divination:

- determining supernatural causes.
- foretelling the future.

2. Omens:

- signs of supernatural presence.

3. Ordeals:

- physical tests: poison, water, fire, hot metals, boiling liquids.
- contests: duels, representative contexts.

4. Conditional Curses:

5. Dreams, Visions, Trances, Prophecies:

6. Inspiration and Possession:

TYPES OF DIVINATION:

AEROMANCY - observing ripples in water.

ALECTRYOMANCY - of serving rosters
in a circle.

ANGANG - seeing a person or animal on
a journey.

ASTRAGALOMANCY - casting bones.

AJGURY - watching the flight of birds.

BENGE - giving poison to chickens.

BOTANOMANCY - watching leaves blow.

CLEOMANCY - reading pebbles thrown
on the sand.

GEOMANCY - reading cracks in dried mud.

HARUSPICATION - reading animal entrails.

LITHOMANCY - reading rock formations.

NECROMANCY - communicating with the
dead (eg. 1 Sam. 28:7 ff).

ONEIROMANCY - interpreting dreams.

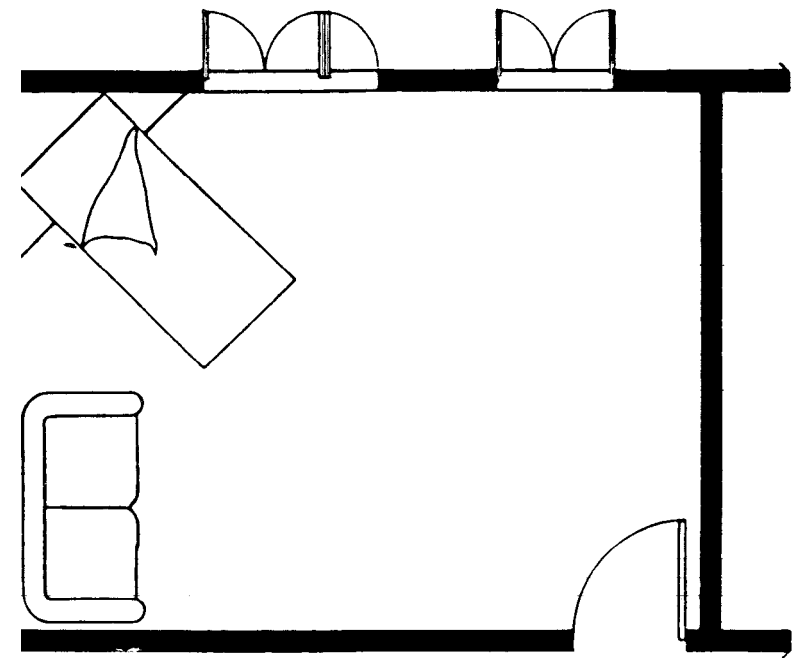
FENG-SHUI (Geomancy)

- THE EFFECT OF
LANDSCAPE ON:
 - * Graves (Yin habitations)
 - * Buildings (Yang habitations)

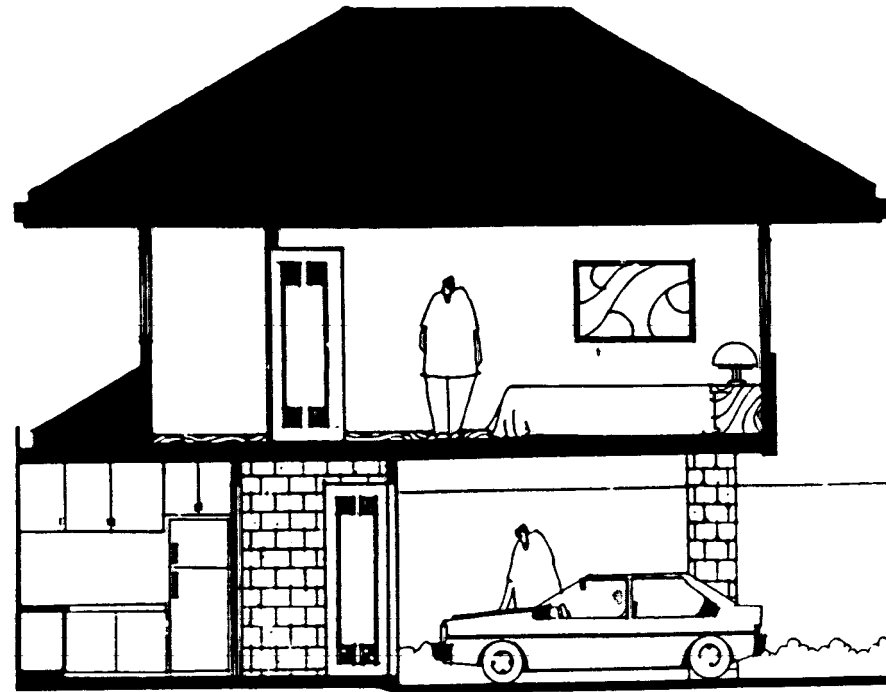
- BUILDINGS PLACED SO THAT
"WINDS AND WATERS" ARE
FAVORABLE HAVE:
 - * Good fortune
 - * Riches
 - * Rank and status
 - * Progeny

- GRAVES PROPERLY PLACED
BENEFIT THE ANCESTOR

GOOD FENG SHUI

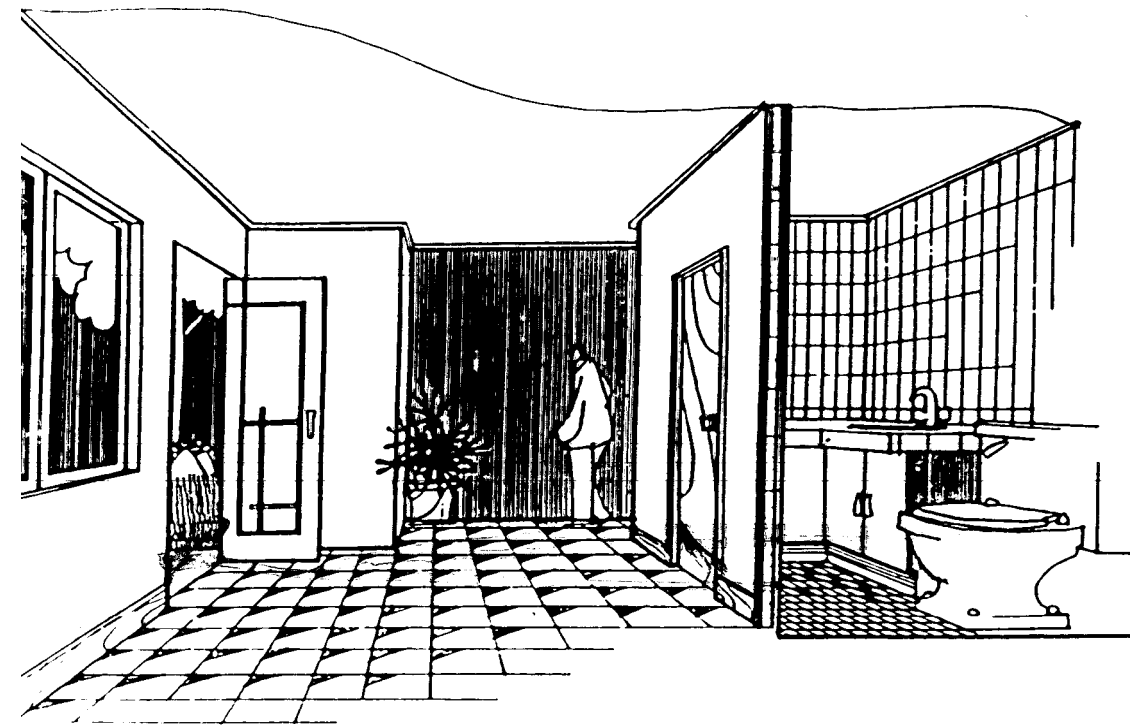


(Fig. 160) A bed placed diagonally across a corner.

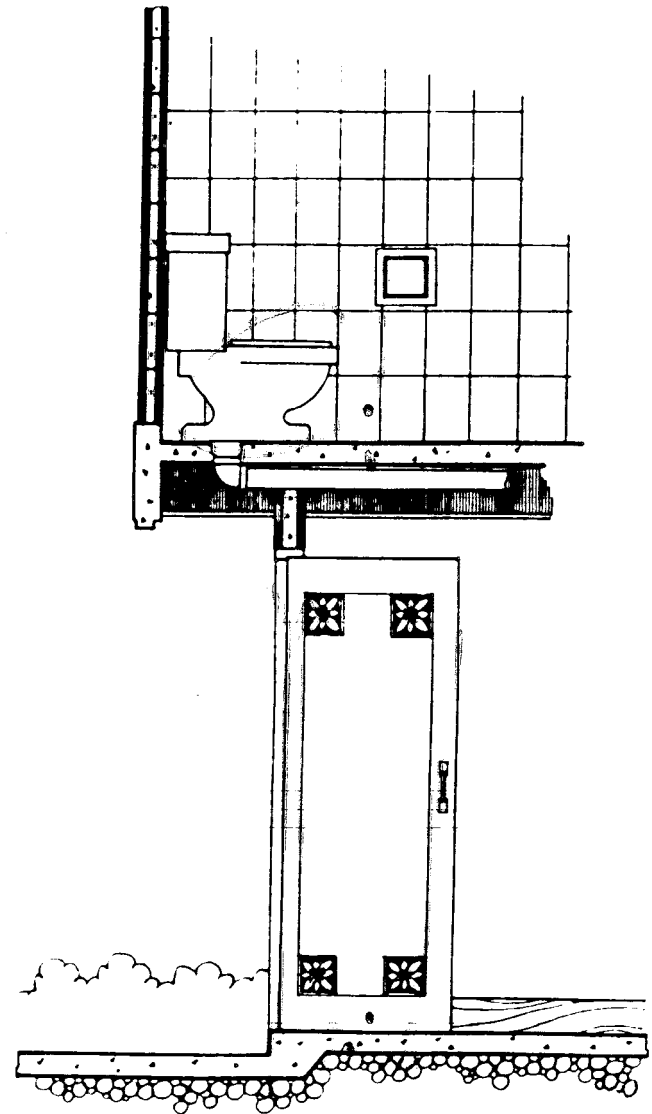


(Fig. 174) A garage beneath a bedroom.

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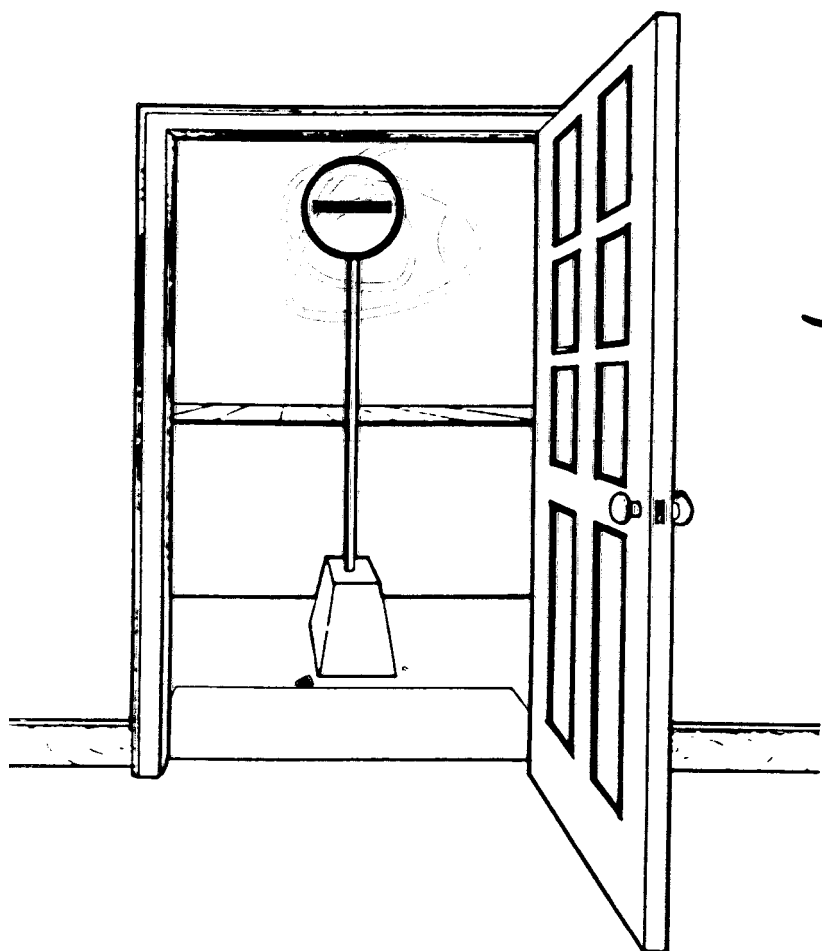


(Fig. 94) The main door opens to a toilet door.



(Fig. 95) A water closet above the front door.

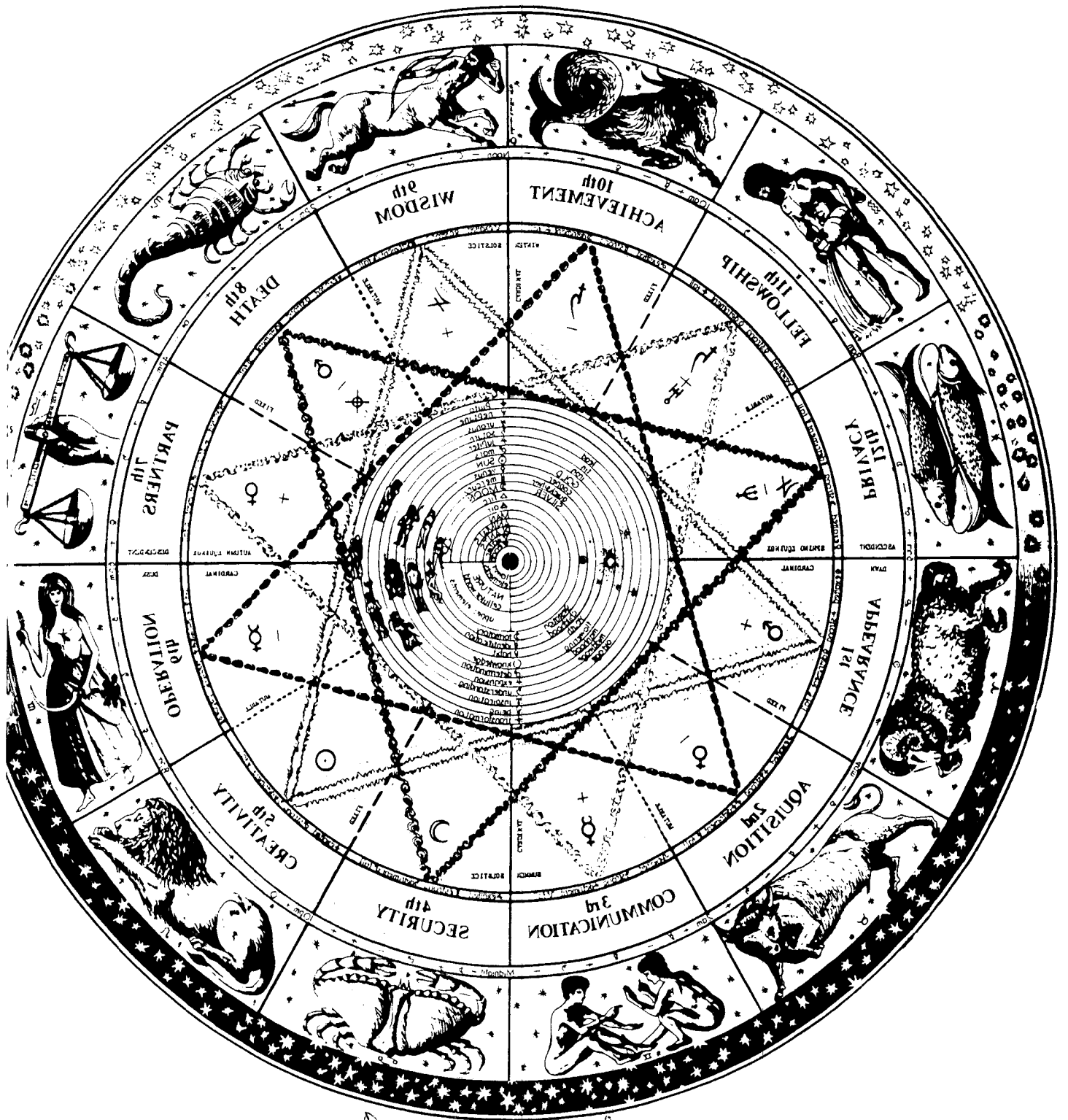
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(Fig. 58) A street sign in front of the main door.

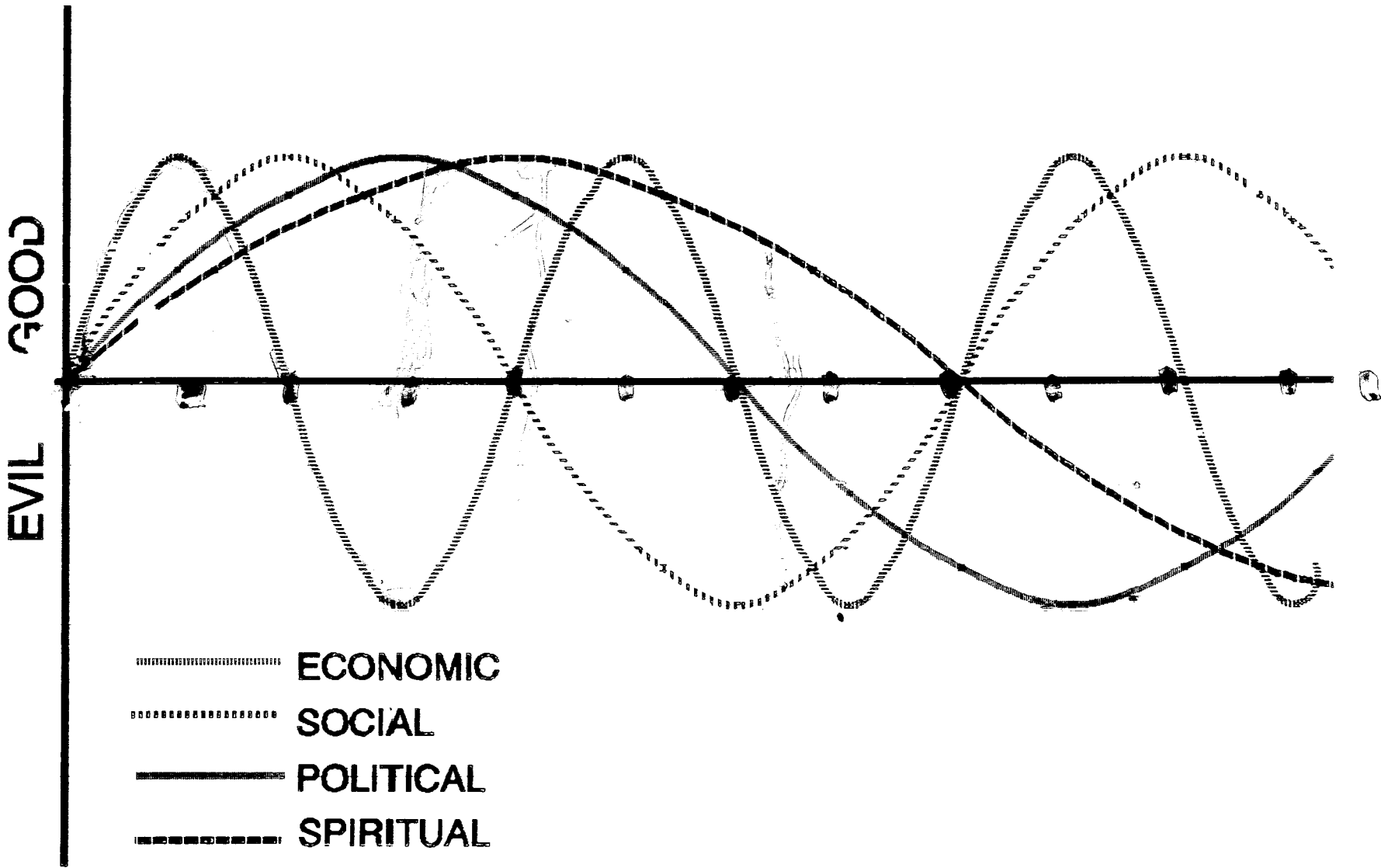


(Fig. 63) A funeral parlor fronting the main door.



Resignation = 12 house number - 8

ASTROLOGY



SUPERNATURAL GUIDANCE:

1. To Determine a Course of Action.

- marriage
- going to battle
- planting crops
- building a house
- business venture
- going on a trip

2. To Select Someone for Office.

3. To Avoid Future Danger.

- omens
- palmistry
- astrology
- necromancy

4. To Determine a Guilty Party.

- duel
- oaths, curses
- ordeals, contexts
- physical contests

5. To Diagnose a Disease or Cause of Misfortune.

6. To Gain Gnosis or Supernatural Knowledge.

A THEOLOGY OF GUIDANCE

1. *MISCONCEPTIONS:*

- we must guess God's will
- God has only one plan for our life
 - we are God's stewards, not his accountants.
 - God always has a 'best plan for us when we turn to him, even after our failures.

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE CALL OF GOD

- 1. We must guess his will.**
- 2. If we get out of God's will
we are in his second, third,
. . . best will of God.**
- 3. God calls us simply to
obey his commands to us.**

2. NATURE OF GOD'S CALL:

- General Call:
 - God call all of us to minister to a lost and broken world
- Specific Call:
 - to a specific ministry
 - to a specific place
 - for a specific time

3. Discerning the Call:

3.1 Guidelines:

- Scripture
- reason-conviction
- community of faith
- circumstances
- timing

3.2 Acting:

- be sure you are willing to do God's will when he makes it known to you.
- pray and come to a decision
- act, knowing that God will let you know if the decision is wrong.

PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S CALL

- 1. God calls us to be his followers--**
 - we must decide now to do his will when he makes it known to us.**
 - he does not show us his will as one option we may want to consider.**
- 2. When we are willing to obey him, he shows us his will.**



3. God calls us to be stewards, not accountants.

- he has given us:

*** Scriptures**

*** minds and convictions**

*** other Christians**

*** circumstances**

*** Holy Spirit**

- we are called to use these to decide.

4. We then pray for God to lead us. We do not need to guess God's will. He will open or close the door to our decision.

5. When the door remains open, we can step out boldly, even though the way ahead is not always clear.

- God has promised us his Spirit and power to do his will.

“Teacher, we need meat for our families.

To be successful, should we go North or

West? Should we go tomorrow or the

next day? How do we get an answer

from our new Christian God?”