



DIRECTIONS

Directions were always important to humans since ages. Places, where there were no signs, especially in sea journiys, knowledg of directions was very useful. Because of these knowledge of directions sea, air and journiys in deserts was possible. Because of the knowledge of directions, Geography, Astrology and other like subjects could study formation of solar system and galaxies. Directions are useful to animals and birds too as for humans. Birds, who fly to thousands of kilometers, reach their destinations without losing sense of direction. Birds and animals in search of food go to various places in the jungle but return to their original places. All these phenomenon show that directions are very useful for all the species on the Earth.

All the directions of the nature are fixed. All the cycles of nature are cycle in nature. Thus, after a particular time they will occur again. Sunrise, Sunset, Seasons etc. are also natural phenomena, which occur again and again after a specific time. The day these cycles will repeat after a stipulated time, place & directions of their occurence are also fixed. Sun will always rise from the East direction only and set in the West. All these natural phenomena make an impact on human lives. Moreover, these cycles also follow the specific directions. Therefore, humans will definitely get affected by directions. All these directions have a profound effect on human lives.



To know more about the direction their details should be known. In Vastu there are 8 directions. Out of these four are cordinal directions. These cordinal directions are:- (1) East (2) West (3) North (4) South

The rest four are sub-cordinal directions, which are formed by the combinations of these four cordinal directions. They are: (1) North-West (2) North-East (3) South-East (4) South-West.

All the eight directions i.e. the four cordinal and four sub cordinal directions have a specific effect in Vastu Shastra. These are the foundation stones of Vastu. Based on directions, only the placement in Vastu of bedroom, kitchen, toilets, place of worship, etc. are decided.

(1) North Direction

As per Vastu, North is the direction of Land Kuber. Kuber is the God, who controls prosperity & wealth. Therefore, Northern part of a house is treated to be a place, which will involve a lot of wealth and prosperity for the residents. *Diti, Aditi, Sarp, Soma, Bhallat*, etc. are the other Gods in North direction other than *Kuber*. To get prosperity in life the Northern part of the house should be open and airy. The construction in Northern part of the house should also be low in height as compared to other directions. There should be no blockages here. Due to openness & airiness in Northern part, Lord Kuber will bestow



blessings and prosperity for the residents.

If there are blockages in the North direction or it is higher than any other part, then the possible effects of Northern direction will not accrue in that house. North part of a house should be more open and airy compared to the Southern Part. If a house is facing North direction then more open space in the North for verandah should be kept. The main door of this house should be bigger. This house will accrue positive effects. Guest room can be made in the Northern part of the house.

If there is a big house or building in the Northern part of a house, then it will stop the positive effects coming to the house. But, if there is more open space like playground, river, sea, etc. in the Northern part of the house, then the house will receive immense wealth. The North direction in a house is also related to mother. This site is the direction related to females. More open space in North is good for ladies of the house. But if North is blocked, the ladies in that house will get negative effects.

(2) North-East Direction

North-East angle of a house is related to health, wealth and source of prosperity. It is called as 'Eesarya' (prosperous) in Vastu. Lord of Lords is the owner of this direction. To bestow positive effects, North-Eastern part of a house should be kept light and no heavy objects should be placed over here.



For bestowing the possible effect of Lord Brahma that part should be as lightest as possible.

North-East direction is important because of the combination of magnetic rays of North and Solar rays of the East. To get the auspicious effects of the combined effect of the North and East direction, North-East should be kept open. With keeping more open space in North-East, it should also be kept lower in level compared to other parts.

With lower levels in North-East, occupants will attract good health, wealth and long life. If this part of the house is higher than other part's occupants will face financial trouble and illness. Toilets and store room should not be constructed in this direction. The North-Eastern part of a house belongs to water element. Thus water storage is an ideal situation here. But this water storage should be underground and not overhead. If in a plot, North-Eastern corner is missing or cut, then constructing house in such a plot will invite many evils. In these houses, people will always suffer from chronic illness, short lines, financial troubles etc. Especially, the men and the male children are most affected.

(3) East Direction

East direction is treated to be an auspicious direction. This direction belongs to God Indra. God Indra is the symbol of prosperity, thus this direction brings prosperity. There should be open space in the East direction of a house and



there should be no blockage. If Eastern part of a house is open then more solar energy and light will enter. Favourable results can also be achieved by keeping lower level in Eastern direction. If Eastern portion of a house is higher then it will reduce the flow of energy and solar radiations. Prosperity also cannot enter easily in such a house. Therefore, resident of this house will always face negativity in their lives. This direction is also related to forefathers and parents and it is also a source of male children.

Any blockages in this direction shall cause troubles for males of the house. It may also stop birth of male child to the householders. If leaving more space in East is not possible then more number of windows, doors, ventilations, etc. should be present here. By doing these measures positive effects of East direction can be sought. Other Gods in the Eastern portion are *Eesh*, *Jayant*, *Surya*, *Satya*, *Akash*, *Agni*, etc.

(4) South-East Direction

This portion is situated between South and East direction. Lord Agni (Fire) is the Lord of this direction. This portion indicates health of the residents. Out of five elements, element fire is situated in the South-East direction. In this direction, fire related places like kitchen, etc. can be constructed.

Fire and water elements are opposite in nature, therefore in South-East corner placement of water body will cause negative results. Thus, in this corner



water tanks etc. should not be placed. If the South-Eastern portion of a house is larger than the South-Western corner and higher than North-Western and North-Eastern corners, then it will bring auspicious luck to the residents. But if it is larger than North-Eastern and North-Western portions, then it may cause robbery, fires etc. or residents will be always fearful of such incidents. In this corner of the house performing Yagya and fire related prayers will be favourable.

(5) South Direction

Lord *Yamraj* (God of death) is the God of this direction. This direction is related to crops, animals, peace and prosperity. Leaving minimum open space in South direction will bring all the auspicious results in all aspects as above. Southern corner of a house should always be higher than Northern. Minimum doors and windows should be kept in this direction. If the house is facing South then making more windows in North and keeping less open space in Southern portion will bring auspicious results.

South direction is related to ladies. If Southern direction is proper as per Vastu then in such places women will feel very comfortable. Ladies related organisation or ladies operated organisation in this direction will be favourable for them. Lord of South direction is Lord *Yamaraj*, who is the God of death and destruction. Other Gods in this direction are *Pusha*, *Vithath*, *Grihshakt*, *Gandharva*, *Bhrigraga*, *Mriga* etc.



(6) South-West Direction

South-West direction is between the Southern and the Western directions. In Vastu this angle is also called as Nairutya. Pitra is the Lord of South-West direction. This portion is related to behaviour, character, long life and quarrels. In this direction any kind of auspicious work should not be performed. To get favourable results of this direction big and heavy objects should be placed here. If this portion is kept open then negative results will occur. Out of five element, this place belongs to element Earth. Therefore, this direction should be highest and heaviest in comparison to other directions.

(7) West Direction

West direction indicates name and fame. In Vastu, the Lord of the West direction is God *Varuna* (God of Water). *God Varuna* causes rains and is the master of element water. Rains have always been beneficial for the existence of living beings on this planet. Thus, West direction open doors of development for humans. But if in West direction the constructions are not on the basis of Vastu principles then unfavourable results will occur for the residents. Western portion of a house should be higher. Also less space should be left vacant in West direction, if more space is kept open and it is less higher than other directions then it will result in less name for the residents, especially the males. Males may also become unethical and unstable.



According to Vastu, if West is higher and heavier then it will result in favourable results for the residents. Success and prosperity will always be there in such properties. Residents will get prestige and their business and industries will also develop. Ladies will also get positive effects. Other Gods of this direction are *Shesha, Varuna, Pushpelata, Sugriva etc.*

(8) North-West Direction

North-West angle is situated between North and West direction. According to Vastu, North-West belongs to element air. This angle is called as Vayavya in Vastu. Air is must for all living organism. Thus, this portion should be open and airy. Land Vayu is the end of this direction. This angle is related to business, industries, friendship and mind. If favourable results of North-Western portion occurs then growth in business and mental peace will be always there and residents will develop friendliness.

(9) Patal (The lower regions/underworld)

Patal is the directions of ground. Patal means below the ground. The elements below the ground make on effect on its resides. Sometimes while sleeping on a place one can feel, fear, bad dreams, uncomfot etc. These are because of the elements in patal. This are because of the elements in patal. This elements mankan effect till second-third level.



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(10) Sky

Sky means the direction of upper side. How much sky is open to building. How Sunlight comes to the building. How much the shadow of any three ple or any other building comes on the building. All this things matters on the Vastu of any building.

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EXERCISE-3

Choose correct answer

1. Which is the place of water element in Vastu ?
 - a. North-East
 - b. South
 - c. West
 - d. South-East
2. To get the auspicious result of North direction, which of the following condition is required ?
 - a. North should be lower
 - b. North should be open
 - c. Absence of big building in North
 - d. All of the above
3. Which is the Agneya (fire) angle ?
 - a. North-West
 - b. South-East
 - c. North-East
 - d. South-West
4. Who is the Lord of the West direction ?
 - a. Lord Brahma
 - b. Lord Varuna
 - c. Lord Indra
 - d. None of the above

Mark True or False

5. Five elements are present in the creation of universe.
6. Five elements have no significance in Vastu.
7. Universe came into existence after a big explosion called Big-Bang.
8. Storage of water in South-East corner of a house is very auspicious.
9. We have to face natural disasters because of imbalance of five elements in environment.
10. In Vastu Shastra, mainly eight directions are studied.