

## Feng Shui and other socially accepted means of polytheism

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The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: Whoever lets superstition stop him from doing something has committed an act of shirk. (Ahmad 7045)

Shaykh Uthaymeen said: Every person that relies on a means which the legislation of Islam did not make as a means, then indeed he has committed minor Shirk. But if he believes that this omen or thing is the doer of the action in and of itself without Allah, then he has committed major Shirk, because he has made this thing a partner with Allah. (Collection of Fatawa and treatises volume 9)

**Feng shui:** To believe that harmony and balance result from the manipulation and channeling of nonphysical forces or energies called chi, such can be done by means of the proper placement of physical objects in the home or business.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and number 13:** Judas was allegedly the 13<sup>th</sup> guest at the Last Supper and it is erroneously believed that Jesus was crucified on a Friday. Consequently the number 13 is seen as unlucky therefore some planes don't have a 13<sup>th</sup> seat and hotels and building don't have a 13<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Opening an Umbrella Inside:** Umbrellas were originally invented as protection from the sun; opening one inside was an insult to the sun god

**Knock on Wood:** The origin of this superstition dates back to a time when some cultures believed that gods lived in trees. To ask the gods for a favor, people would lightly tap the bark of the tree.

**Crossing fingers:** Christians who would cross their fingers in order to invoke the power associated with the cross for protection.

**Walking under a ladder:** Ladders were seen as a triangle of life; therefore walking under a ladder would upset the evil spirits

**Stepping on a crack:** Cracks in sidewalks, floors and soil signaled gaps in the boundaries between the earthly realm and the metaphysical realm

**Karma:** Karma is a major aspect of Hinduism and Buddhism. It states that karma was created as a divine system of justice that is self-governing and infinitely fair. It automatically creates the appropriate future experience based upon the energy a person gives out through thoughts, words and actions. It can extend into the next life through reincarnation.